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During the halftime show of the football game against BYU, people wearing the TCU Frogs for the Cure T-shirt came onto the field to help promote breast cancer awareness.

# Campus unites for awareness

#### **By Madison Pelletier** Sports Editor

The TCU community and Susan G. Komen for the Cure Greater Fort Worth Affiliate brought together purple and pink in the sixth annual Frogs for the Cure event.

Breast cancer survivors, students, faculty, staff members and alumni gathered at last Saturday's game against Brigham Young University to spread breast cancer awareness across the TCU and Fort Worth communities. Before the game, breast cancer survivors were invited to a pre-game tailgate sponsored by TCU and Komen for the Cure.

Ruby Sellers, coordinator of the survivor tailgate, said that the survivor tent is a way to encourage survivors to keep fighting for the cause. Sellers started volunteering for Komen for the Cure after her mom was diagnosed with cancer three years ago.

'I realized that doing this nonprofit and doing

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### Colleagues remember professor for spirit, creativity

### By Amelia Wenzel

Staff Reporter

The TCU flag will be at half-staff today in memory of associate professor of graphic design Pat Sloan, who passed away Sunday evening after battling lung cancer.

Professor and Coordinator of Graphic Design Lewis Glaser, who knew Sloan for years through the graphic design program, said she was a tremendous teacher who students loved.

"She was very positive and never had a bad thing to say, at least without offering some constructive feedback and reason for saying it," Glaser said.

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### INITIATIVE

Officials will continue to implement the Vision in Action program.

According to Sloan's personal biography on her design website, she founded Pat Sloan Design, which was recognized for its creative and innovative approaches to visual communications and had extensive background in both print and interactive media.

Glaser said Sloan started working at the university part time and as a visiting designer in the graphic design program. She was asked to join the staff at the last minute several years ago after a professor decided to not return.

"She said, 'Yes I'd be glad to, anything you need.' That was the way she always was," Glaser said. "She was very positive and never had a bad thing to say, at least without offering some constructive feedback and reason for saying it."

### Lewis Glaser

Coordinator of Graphic Design

Sloan never said no to any of the many favors the graphic design program had asked of her over the years, Glaser said. He said she was a great practitioner as well as teacher and re-

### TOMORROW

A new program at the university is designed to train upperclassmen to mentor freshmen. ceived every level of professional acknowledgement available, from local to international, for her work.

"She was never one to settle; she really pushed herself," Glaser said.

According Glaser, Sloan was recognized in Communication Arts Magazine and Graphis, and she was a member of New York Type Directors Club. She also served as senior art director for Pier 1 Imports.

Glaser said she brought her professional knowledge into the classroom and that she was an outstanding designer. He said she just

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INITIATIVE

### Program to continue, change

### By Rebecca Jeffrey

Staff Reporter

Vision in Action, a program designed to implement changes and development in the university, is undergoing revision, the provost said.

If approved by the university's board of trustees, the program will continue plans for renovating buildings on campus and create official university promise and commitment statements, Provost Nowell Donovan said. Other proposed changes include revisions to the university vision and values statements.

Donovan said VIA was responsible for the transformation and internal and external improvements made by the university.

According to the VIA progress report 2005-2010, internally, university scholarship support doubled through VIA. The number of students who received scholarships increased by almost 1,000, and diversity on campus increased from 14 percent to 18 percent.

Donovan said that externally, VIA has been responsible for the extensive construction, renovation and overall transformation of the campus.

He said one of the most significant things produced out of VIA was the construction and renovation of buildings and residence halls on campus. One accomplishment was the high sustainability standard the new buildings were built to, he said.

After the initial five years that VIA was meant to last, Chancellor Victor Boschini and Donovan decided to continue the program and revamp it to meet the university's changing needs, Donovan said.

"No plan lasts forever without re-examination, and so we call it Vision in Action the sequel," Donovan said.

Donovan said one of the less tangible programs developed through VIA was the Strategic Initiative Fund, a monetary fund designed to jump-start the initiatives of VIA. He said professors come in with bright ideas, and the committee responsible for handling the funds chooses which programs to support.

"It's really like venture capital for academics," he said.

Donovan said the main goal behind the SIF was to insure that there was funding to support the planning and implementation of new endeavors.

According to the assessment and final results documents, in the last five years, the SIF granted almost \$8.4 million to 61 projects, including the Child Development Institute and the TCU Purple Bike Program.

According to the SIF current results document, SIF programs have brought in about \$7.5 million to date.

The two programs that had the highest revenues were the Child Development Institute, headed by Karyn Purvis and David Cross, and the TCU–Oxford Sustainable Futures Initiative, headed by Michael Slattery, according to the Assessment of VIA document.

Donovan said the continuation, revision and progress report of VIA and SIF are pre-

liminary reports until the material is presented and accepted by the university trustees. If the information is accepted, it will be released and available to view online.

### Proposed revisions to Vision in Action's five cardinal principles:

**1.** Recruit and retain students, faculty and staff who can achieve their full potential at TCU

**2.** Design a vibrant learning community characterized by distinctive curricular, co-currcular and residential programs

**3.** Sustain an environment in which rich personal interaction is enhanced by outstanding facilities and appropriate technology

**4.** Accelerate the university's connection with the greater community of Fort Worth, Texas, the nation and the world

**5.** Couple wise financial stewardship with a well-planned entrepreneurial approach to academic opportunities

# Pick up a Skiff!



### Week of science comes to campus

**By Allie Garner** Staff Reporter

CHEMISTRY WEEK

The university's Chemistry Club is bringing the American Chemical Society's National Chemistry Week to TCU.

Kayla Green, Chemistry Club's sponsor and assistant professor of chemistry, said the club is new and has about 30 members. The organization is dedicated to sharing chemistry with the campus, community and eventually the world.

To celebrate National Chemistry Week, there will be a periodic table of cupcakes in the chemistry library on Tuesday in Sid Richardson Hall. On Wednesday, there will be flubber-making at the library mall, and on Thursday, the club will have a fundraiser with Chick-fil-A. The club will sell Chick-fil-A sandwiches for \$3 each at the library mall to raise money for tutoring underprivileged students for the TAKS test.

The club members spend their Satur-

days working for the philanthropy, tutoring children to prepare them for the TAKS test. Green said the club hoped to perform magic shows for the children in the future.

### **Chemistry Week events**

**Tuesday:** Periodic table of cupcakes in the chemistry library at Sid Richardson Hall. All day, visitors welcome.

Wednesday: Flubber making at the library mall from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

**Thursday:** Fundraiser selling Chick-fil-A sandwiches for \$3 at the library mall. A portion of proceeds will go toward tutoring underprivileged students for the TAKS test.



### University alumna killed in open gunfire in Guatemala

#### By Andrea Drusch News Editor

TCU alumna Jennifer Anne Prentice Alvarez was one of three people killed by open gunfire in Guatemala City, Guatemala Friday, according to Siglo Veintiuno, a Guatemalan news site.

Prentice, 28, was a 2007 graduate, Magna Cum Laude in International Economics and Sociology and a Guatemala native.

According to ElPeriodico, a Guatemalan news source, Prentice returned to Guatemala after graduating from TCU and studying for her doctorate at the London School of Economics and Political Science on a merit-based scholarship from Fundación Guatefuturo, a foundation that awards scholarships to Guatemalan students.

Director of International Student Services John Singleton wrote in an e-mail that Prentice had been a great student and had given the university a unique perspective on being Latin American within the context of both cultures.

"She was part of a broader community of Guatemalan families that have sent their children to TCU, and we are both saddened for the Prentice family's loss and grateful for all they have given to us," he wrote.

According to Siglo Veintiuno, Prentice was eating in a restaurant in Zona Viva, Guatemala City when armed men exited their vehicles and opened fire on the restaurant. Prentice died the next morning. In addition to the three deaths, nine people were injured.

The Zona Viva is one of several affluent districts in Guatemala City, professor Michael Dodson, university expert on Central American politics, said. He said gang activity is uncommon in those districts and that it was unlikely any gang was based out of that area.

According to Siglo Veintiuno, the National Civil Police chased and captured the two suspects; however, the investigation is still developing.

During her senior year at TCU, Prentice won three awards at the AddRan Festival of Undergraduate Scholarship and Creativity for her papers on Latin American economics and human trafficking.

The funeral was held Monday at Las Flores Cemetery in Guatemala City.

# Gift tax subject of ongoing debate

### Jim Kuhnhenn

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Donors to nonprofit groups that are spending millions on political ads this election have escaped public scrutiny because their donations don't have to be disclosed. But can they escape a hefty tax bite?

That's a new question raised by lawyers familiar with nonprofit tax law and by at least one group that advocates for public financing of elections.

At issue is whether contributors to politically active tax-exempt nonprofit organizations — many of them donating in six- and seven-figures — have to pay the 35 percent gift tax on their donations. It is a murky area of the law and the Internal Revenue Service has not offered any instruction.

But the question adds yet another dimension to what has become a dominant theme in this election: The role of outside groups, mainly allied with Republicans, that have wewighed in with ads attacking Democrats in Senate and House contests across the country.

"It's a matter of where the absence of guidance from the IRS means more gasoline on the fire," said Marcus Owens, former director of the IRS exempt organizations division. Democrats and the Obama administration have pounced on the ability of these groups to keep their corporate or individual donors out of the public eye. They've also questioned whether any of the money used for political activity is from foreign

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#### **Marcus Owens**

Former Director of the IRS Exempt Organizations Divisionww

sources, a suggestion the groups adamant-ly deny.

On Monday, Campaign Money Watch, a project of Public Campaign Action Fund, planned to send letters to five Republicanallied groups that are incorporated as nonprofits under Section 501 (c)(4) of the tax code and to the U.S. Chamber of Commerce asking whether they advise their donors to pay the gift tax.

"I don't think these organizations want to be on record helping their donors get away with not paying taxes," David Donnelly, the director of Campaign Money Watch, said Sunday.



The Skiff View

# Caution should accompany changes

nyone raised in the South, or anyone raised with common sense, for that matter, has probably been advised that "if it ain't broke, don't fix it."

Luckily for the university student body, our administrators have stepped slightly outside the boundaries of this advice when approaching proposed changes to the Vision in Action program.

In the five years since VIA was implemented, school officials say it has met and exceeded its goals. Campus renovations? Thanks, VIA. Internal scholarship support? The VIA lent a proverbial hand to that area, too. But Provost Nowell Donovan and Chancellor Victor Boschini aren't stopping there.

If proposed changes are accepted, VIA will continue as an initiative with different goals. Students, faculty and staff could see a change in the university's "vision and values statements" through the VIA "sequel," as Donovan called it.

As an academic institution, our university displays this information on pamphlets, in e-mails and on the official TCU website. The mission and vision of the school are based on principles that play a role in a multitude of happenings on campus. Changes to these fundamental guiding factors could change what it means to be a student here and, not to be overlooked, what it means to earn a degree here.

A stagnant, changeless plan is rarely a good one, but if university officials are looking to change things, they should proceed with caution.

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### Customers turn to Internet to voice complaints

### Sammy Key

Unhappy customers are finally being heard and listened to — through the Internet, that is.

For too long, giant companies have had the power to silence customer complaints by simply dismissing them. That is no longer the case, as power has abruptly shifted into the hands of the customer who uses the Internet — our generation's biggest tool for broadcasting information.

Witty, sassy and unsatisfied customers are now grabbing hold of the megaphone that social media gives them to voice their opinions — and rightfully so. Businesses must now learn to track their products' complaints and praises through the multitude of posts on social networks.

An example of this is in the case of Dave Carroll and his broken, \$3,500 guitar. Carroll reached maximum frustration as United Airlines baggage handlers broke his precious instrument through their careless tossing.

The company denied Carroll compensation for his guitar. He then turned around and cyber-smacked them a new one by posting a music video on YouTube about his experience.

His music video, "United Breaks Guitars," has received more than 9 million hits. In addition, one of his follow-up videos reporting on the lack of progress has received more than 1 million views.

In Carroll's first follow-up video, his lyrics speak to United Airlines, claiming that he would be satisfied "if you'd just come to your senses, accept the consequences of you letting a certain baggage handler smash my property." He goes on to state the amount his guitar repairs will cost as well as the name of the employee with whom he is frustrated and who has ignored him. Following with no less drama than expected, Carroll's second music video ends with a van labeled "United" driving over his guitar, reversing and driving over it again.

Responses to Carroll are numerous on YouTube, Facebook and Twitter. This trampled guitar episode demonstrates just how much damage a single person can whip up against a company if he or she is willing to put in the creativity and the time.

A plethora of other examples exist, including the outrage against the noisiness of the SunChips compostable bags. Some consumers commented that the new bags were not good for the environment as they produced "noise pollution." The results of the complaints? Frito-Lay's removal of the bag from shelves. What ultimately will come from the recent computer conversations is better customer service. Companies are now forced to realize that customers can and will take a stand and will communicate their strong opinions via the Internet. Companies should be aware of the new online critiques and consider them a positive tool to better understand their customers' desires and evolve their products and services.

I recall several years back when a friend's mom was essentially cheated by her electricity company. She emailed dozens of her friends to no longer use the company's services. This woman also contacted the local company and told them what she was doing. They ultimately refunded all of her money.

This new approval and disapproval system of the Internet is taking the mom's outdated phone-a-friend system to a whole new dimension. The more interaction there is between consumer and company, the more motivation to better the product. All in all, this phase has the potential to advance America's production quality to an all-time high.

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### Film fails to meet standard



**Geovanny Bonilla** 

For nearly a decade, the term "jackass" has been synonymous with the pop-culture phenomenon that depicts a band of reckless individuals who have disregarded the boundaries of physical and mental health for the sake of humor. In the process, they have provided viewers everywhere with hours of gut-wrenching laughter (along with the not uncommon squirm of disgust).

Having turned the comedy world upside down with their brand of idiotic, lowbrow, yet entirely entertaining comedic style, the show has become immortalized as part of this generation's identity and sense of humor.

After three seasons, various spin-offs and two and a half films, the continued popularity of the show has culminated in the newly released "Jackass 3D," the third installment to the franchise. The entire crew is back for the film, including renowned members Johnny Knoxville, Bam Margera and Steve-O. New to the film however is the inclusion of 3-D technology which gives the audience an in-depth and grossly authentic feel to the hilarity that ensues within the film.

In classic "Jackass" structure, the film is a 90-minute collection of clips ranging from practical jokes, dangerous stunts, disgusting acts and potentially-offensive displays to the tune of the unmistakable chuckle/ cackle/giggle combination of Knoxville and company. For the tried and true fan, the film is everything you'd expect when these pranksters come together. Throughout the film, the crew, to our amusement, suffer from each other's constant bombardment of crotch kicks, boxing glove punches and practical jokes involving bodily fluids.

For the strong of stomach, repulsive and downright disgusting acts of stupidity are a guarantee, though I would encourage all

who are to experience the movie to pass on the popcorn (or any food for that matter). The daredevils endure an obscene amount of pain throughout the film by man and machine alike to ensure laughter for moviegoers across America. It is evident in this third installment, like the ones before it, that the crew put blood, sweat and tears (literally) into the production to provide its authentic brand of comedy.

Although laughs are guaranteed, the film is a step behind of the previous films and shows, which seemed to have had more energy and flare in their execution of these stunts.

The film, though enjoyable, falls short of the trademark "Jackass" standard. Although laughs are guaranteed, the film is a step behind the previous films and shows, which seemed to have had more energy and flare in their execution of these stunts. Perhaps age (and maturity) has finally reached the crew, along with a long career of pain and harm to the body, resulting in what felt like an almost "burnt out" feel to the movie.

In their desires to go beyond previous stunts, the film seems to push its crew to the limit, who seem as though they are simply lacking the capabilities they had at the pinnacle of their popularity. Though the 3-D technology adds a compelling new perspective to the films, nostalgia ultimately seems to carry the crew through the final hurdle. In remembrance of this past decade for "Jackass," a heartfelt tribute in the closing credits to the cast and crew throws its fans back into the beginning and glory days of the show.

Though the film is a dignified, worthy and enjoyable addition to the franchise, "Jackass 3D" lacks the youthful "spunk" that gave the franchise its trademark style of humor.

Geovanny Bonilla is a senior political science and philosophy double major from Carrollton.



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### America a 'giant salad bowl'



### **KC** Aransen

There is a rising fear among Americans: a fear of their neighbors to the south coming into their country and taking what Americans believe to be rightfully theirs.

It seems as though many Americans not only fear thievery, but also fear an invasion of the unknown — a fear which seems to have come with every major immigrant movement in our history.

Even so, Americans never seem to want to put an end to the old adage about America being a "giant melting pot." In order to validate this expression, we must be willing to continue opening our arms and our hearts to those from other countries who are often less fortunate than we are.

Just as it is inscribed on the Statue of Liberty — "Give me your poor, your tired, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free" we as Americans must be open and willing to accept and to help those who come to America for a new life.

During periods of increased immigration throughout America's history, many citizens of our country have expressed widespread hatred and xenophobia towards these people.

For example, during the potato famine in Ireland, many Irish immigrants came and the country was gripped with an intense fear and hatred toward these individuals.

Just as there were rules and laws barring the hiring of Irish laborers and immigrants in the 1800s, we now have laws against hiring those without specific permits to work. The problem with this permit-based, legal way of entry into the United States is that it takes many years to legally immigrate on anything less than a work visa — which is fairly difficult to get by itself - and after going through the proper channels, it can take upwards of 20 years to become a citizen.

The logical question that should be asked here is why anyone would rather immigrate legally and go through years and years of hardship and bureaucracy, when they can come illegally and make a better life for themselves.

It seems that xenophobia drives Americans' push for stricter immigration laws and regulations. One modern example would be Arizona governor Jan Brewer's comments made in June equating illegal immigration with the potential spreading of beheadings and criminal behavior. These comments are similar, in many ways, to the virulent anti-Irish sentiment expressed during the late 1800s and early 1900s and they have had a dangerous effect on our society.

While many still identify America as a 'giant melting pot" in which all cultures and ethnicities are welcomed, accepted and — in many cases — absorbed into our own culture, given the current circumstances, a more appropriate adage may be a "giant salad bowl." Though all are eventually, begrudgingly allowed, they never truly seem to mix.

> KC Aransen is a sophomore psychology major from Arlington.

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something that makes a difference in the world is more rewarding than making more money," Sellers said.

Breast cancer survivor Ella Horne said the tailgate is a great way to spread the word about breast cancer and meet others who had been through the same thing. Horne said Frogs for the Cure was a great opportunity for the public to get involved and support those affected by breast cancer.

"You know, it's a very emotional and cheerful moment. Everyone is sharing their story," Horne said.

Sellers said the goal of Komen for the Cure was to stress the intensity of breast cancer. Every three minutes a woman is diagnosed with breast cancer and every 13 minutes a women dies with breast cancer, she said.

"Basically today is just about celebrating life and celebrating the awareness," Sellers said.

Seventy-five percent of the money raised through Frogs for the Cure went to women affected by breast cancer in Tarrant, Parker, Johnson and Hood counties, and the other 25 percent goes directly to research, Sellers said.

"We're racing for the cure and it is going to happen one of these days," Horne said.

According to a press release, there were over 1,200 participants in the halftime show.

The halftime show was highlighted by a production that features clips that included 40 different campus groups and TCU alumnus Tim Halperin, according to the Frogs for the Cure website. Halperin wrote and recorded the song "We Fight Back," which is sold on iTunes, and 70 percent of the proceeds benefitted Komen for the Cure.

Two-year breast cancer survivor Grace Gray has attended Frogs for the Cure football game and tailgate for three years. She had just finished undergoing chemotherapy when she attended for the first time.

### "We're racing for the cure and it is going to happen one of these days."

Ella Horne Breast cancer survivor

"It was very emotional for me...it is incredible to be surrounded by so many survivors," Gray said.

Early detection is the most important thing to spread to students and the Fort Worth community, Gray said. The university's participation is one way to spread the word to those that don't know who all is affected by breast cancer.

"I don't want anybody to have to go through what I had to and I hope at some point we find a cure," Gray said.



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had the right temperament to help people. She kept working not because she needed money or felt pressure, he said, but because she enjoyed teaching and loved helping people.

Sloan taught fewer classes this semester and stopped teaching about two weeks ago, Glaser said.

Pat Sloan's husband, David Sloan, said she was full of life and was a very creative, imaginative person who was serious about her teaching. He said the private ceremony will not be a ceremony focusing on her death.

"We are going to have a celebration of life because that's what she would want," David Sloan said.

Glaser said there will be an obituary in Tuesday's Star Telegram. A more public service will be held in the future, but no formal plans have been made yet.

Glaser said the graphic design program was asking anyone who knew Sloan or would like to post a comment or picture to visit the program's Facebook page or e-mail them to Lewis Glaser at L.Glaser@ tcu.edu.

#### HEALTH CARE

### Democratic candidates step out with TV ads in favor of health care bill



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In this Nov. 4, 2008 file photo, Rep. Stephanie Herseth Sandlin, D-S.D., speaks in Sioux Falls, S.D. It happens so rarely, it makes news: A few Democratic congressional candidates have dared to run TV ads praising President Barack Obama's divisive health care overhaul. And it won't stop on Nov. 2. It's a political issue the Democrats will have to keep addressing in the next Congress and on into the 2012 campaign.

#### By Rricardo Alonso-Zaldivar Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — It happens so rarely, it makes news: A few Democratic candidates have started to run television ads daring to defend President Barack Obama's health care overhaul.

Most Democrats are trying to avoid campaigning on what should have been the party's signature issue, but the lonely bunch who've stuck their necks out may finally be hitting on a message. Some are using constituents to vouch for specific benefits that only recently took effect, changes whose poll-tested popularity isn't in question.

The argument won't stop on Nov. 2. Democrats will have to keep defending the health care law in the next Congress and on into the 2012 presidential and congressional campaign. And they badly need to find their voice with a message that can connect with middle-class voters.

"One thing has helped them," said Celinda Lake, a Democratic pollster. "On Sept. 23 a bunch of benefits went into effect, and Democrats had something real to talk about as opposed to theoretical. If they don't talk about it, they'll get attacked, so they might as well put out their own point of view."

The law's big coverage expansion to more than 30 million uninsured people doesn't come until 2014, along with a complete ban on insurers turning away those with medical problems. But people now renewing their plan for next year are already starting to see some benefits, including preventive services without copayments and coverage for young adults up to age 26 on a parent's policy.

There's no authoritative tally of the ads run by Democrats on health care, but a rough count suggests that those who voted against the law are advertising it more than those who supported its hard-fought passage. At least a dozen Democrats have taken pains in their ads to remind constituents that they voted "No."

Rep. Gene Taylor, D-Miss., labeled the plan "Obamacare," adopting the disparaging term Republicans are fond of. And Rep. Mike Ross, D-Ark., has a new ad that says "he stood up to (Speaker Nancy) Pelosi and Washington insiders and voted against their health care overhaul."

Still, at least seven Democrats have run ads in favor of the new law. Most are in competitive races, and more are cropping up.



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In this Thursday, Oct. 7, 2010 file photo Anna Chapman, left, a Russian national who was deported from the U.S. this summer for alleged spying for Russia. Anna Chapman is the most famous of the Russian sleeper agents.

## Officials: spy scandal will not damage U.S.-Russian relations

By Simon Shuster Associated Press

MOSCOW (AP) — President Dmitry Medvedev bestowed the country's highest state honor Monday on the Russian sleeper agents deported from the United States as part of the countries' biggest spy swap since the Cold War, the Interfax news agency reported.

The awards were handed out at a Kremlin ceremony less than four months after the exchange, the agency quoted Medvedev spokeswoman Natalya Timakova as saying. No other details on the ceremony were available and Kremlin spokespeople were not immediately reachable.

In June, 10 Russian agents who infiltrated suburban America were deported in exchange for four people convicted in Russia of spying for the West.

The spies received a hero's welcome in Russia, with Prime Minister Vladimir Putin leading them in a patriotic singalong in July.

The most famous of the agents, Anna Chapman, visited the Baikonur cosmodrome in Kazakhstan this month for the launch of a Russian spaceship, fueling her celebrity in Russia and abroad.

Chapman was in Baikonur ostensibly as the new celebrity face of a Moscow bank.

FondServisBank, which works with Russian companies in the aerospace industry, said it had hired Chapman to bring innovation to its information technologies.

It did not escape Russians' attention that the initials of the bank, FSB, are the same as Russia's main spy agency.

Although Russia has now reportedly given the spies the country's top state honor, the U.S. court complaint against the flame-haired Chapman and her alleged cohorts described their many spying blunders, leading to some embarrassing coverage for Russia's Foreign Intelligence Service in the Western press.

Putin, who served as a spy in East Germany before going into politics, said in July that he had met with the spies to celebrate their return and warned that the "traitors" who exposed them could end up "in a ditch."

Russia and the United States have both said the spy scandal would not interfere with the improving tone in their relations.

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### SCIENCE **Obama: Projects a testament to potential**

**By Darlene Superville** Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — A device to discourage texting while driving. A self-powered hydroelectric water purification device. A test of whether foam really is the best material to pad the inside of a safety helmet.

These projects weren't put together by some of the country's best scientists, but were assembled by up-andcomers who won a range of science, technology, engineering and math competitions. They brought their projects to a science fair at the White House on Monday.

President Barack Obama reveled in it. He spent nearly an hour viewing 11 science projects on display in the State Dining Room, ranging from cancer therapies to solar-power cars, water purification systems and robotic wheelchairs. And he intensely questioned the presenters.

"It's hard to describe just how impressive these young people are," Obama, who is emphasizing math and science education, said afterward at a reception. Their work "is a testament to the potential that awaits when we inspire young people to take part in the scientific enterprise."

Obama, who shows a personal fas-

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cination with science, said these victories often go unnoticed.

'You know, when you win first place at a science fair, nobody's rushing the field or dumping Gatorade over your head," said Obama.

"But in many ways, our future depends on what happens in those contests, what happens when a young person is engaged in conducting an experiment or writing a piece of software or solving a hard math problem or designing a new gadget," he said.

Associated Press writers Julie Pace and Erica Werner contributed to this report.

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Obama talks to Tristan Evarts, second from left, of Londonderry, N.H., and pretends to be eating while using a steering wheel to detect distracted driving during a display of science projects at the White House in Washington Oct. 18.



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### TERRORISM Men involved in NYC terror plot convicted

### **By Tom Hays**

Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK (AP) - Four men snared last year in an FBI sting were convicted Monday of plotting to blow up New York City synagogues and shoot down military planes with the help of a paid informant who convinced them he was a terror operative.

The sting never put New Yorkers at risk. But the defendants "thought this was real — real bombs, real missiles — every step of the way," Assistant U.S. Attorney David Raskin said during closing arguments.

A jury in federal court in Manhattan deliberated eight days before finding alleged mastermind James Cromitie and three codefendants guilty of charges including conspiracy to use weapons of mass destruction and conspiracy to acquire and use antiaircraft missiles to kill U.S. officers and employees.

Cromitie and David Williams were convicted of all eight counts, while Onta Williams and Laguerre Payen were convicted of seven of eight counts. Sentencing was set for March 24, when the defendants could face up to life in prison.

Afterward, U.S. Attorney Preet Bharara in a statement called homegrown terrorism a "serious threat" and added: "We are safer today as a result of these convictions." He said the defendants agreed to plant bombs and use missiles "they thought were very real weapons of terrorism."

Defense lawyers said they will appeal.

"This is a miscarriage of justice — just like the whole trial and case," said Susanne Brody, who represents Onta Williams.

The lawyer for Payen, Samuel Braverman, said his client was "stunned."

The trial featured 13 days of testimony by undercover informant Shahed Hussain, who met Cromitie at a mosque north of New York City. Prosecutors also relied on hundreds of hours of video and audiotape of the men discussing the scheme at the informant's home, handling fake weapons - even praying together.

The defense sought to diminish the tapes' impact by calling them a "movie written, produced and directed" by the FBI.

### PET HEALTH Technology improves outlook for disabled pets

### By Tom Breen

Associated Press Write

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) - When Beverly Tucker's dog Tobi ruptured a disc in his back, the veterinarian gave her a stark choice: expensive surgery with little chance of success, or euthanasia.

Like a growing number of pet owners, Tucker opted for a third choice thanks to medical advances and shifting attitudes about animal care. She bought a wheeled cart specially fitted for Tobi's hind legs, restoring mobility to her paralyzed pooch.

'I would never have my dog put

down," Tucker said. "Our option was the wheels, and we're going strong ever since."

Pets with disabilities ranging from spinal injuries to deafness still struggle more than healthy counterparts, but their futures are no longer as grim as before. An industry catering to owners of disabled pets has sprung up, offering everything from carts to chiropractors specializing in canine spines.

Even in an economic slump, people are willing to pamper their pets.

Total spending on pets has grown each year since the recession began, rising from \$41.2 billion in 2007 to an estimated \$47.7 billion this year, according to the American Pet Products Association.

The pet business has evolved greatly, especially over the last five years," said Leslie May, founder of industry consultant Pawsible Marketing. "When people think of pets as family members, they look for resources to meet their pets' needs."

Animal health specialists, rescue volunteers and medical supply makers all say they've seen a growing willingness in the American public to adopt or care for pets with ailments that once would have certainly been euthanized.



In this Thursday, Sept. 30, 2010 photo, Mary Dow, a volunteer with Independent Animal Rescue in Durham, holds a rescued cat named Sage in Chapel Hill, N.C. Sage is missing a leg due to an amputation.



### **S**ports

### RUTGERS FOOTBALL

### Coach stays mum about player



**RICH SCHULTZ** / ASSOCIATED PRESS Rutgers defensive end Eric LeGrand holds up the ball after recovering a fumble against Norfolk State.

### By Tom Canavan

Associated Press

Khaseem Greene stood in the hospital room of paralyzed Rutgers football teammate Eric LeGrand over the weekend and didn't do much talking. It was hard for the safety to see his roommate laying in a bed at the Hackensack University Medical Center unable to move from the neck down after being injured making a tackle in a game against Army on Saturday.

For Greene and several of his teammates, it was better just to let the junior defensive tackle rest.

"I just told him I loved him and stay strong," Greene said Monday as Rutgers' players talked for the first time about the horrific injury. "He's a strong kid, a fighter, and we believe in him. That's pretty much the main thing."

There has not been much medical news about LeGrand since the university announced Sunday that the Avenel resident who grew up 15 minutes from Rutgers Stadium suffered a spinal cord injury.

Coach Greg Schiano said Monday that he will refrain from giving daily medical updates but will provide information when appropriate. He would not directly comment when asked if LeGrand has experienced any feelings in his extremities or moved any toes or finger since the injury.

"Here's the situation: This is going to be a long, long hard road back and there's going to be speculation and a lot of friends and people who care," Schiano said during his weekly conference call.

### SPORTS TV

### Dispute interrupts programming

#### By Andrew Vanacore AP Business

NEW YORK (AP) — The dispute between Fox and Cablevision that left 3 million cable subscribers in the New York area without Fox programming over the weekend has stretched into its third day.

Fox, owned by owned by News Corp., and Cablevision Systems Corp. said talks Monday morning did not bring a new agreement on how much Cablevision will pay to carry the network.

The dispute has led to the highest-profile blackout over broadcast fees in years, leaving Cablevision subscribers without access to Sunday's New York Giants game. And with the next round of talks planned for Tuesday, fans of "House," the medical drama that's among Fox's highest-rated shows, will likely miss the latest episode Monday night.

This type of fight has become more common. Broadcasters want more money from cable and satellite providers so they don't have to rely as much on advertising, which, as the recession illustrated, can be a volatile source of income.

Cablevision and other subscription TV

providers have resisted paying higher fees. The blackouts that sometimes result have started to draw attention from law-

makers and consumer advocates. Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., who chairs the Senate Commerce Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, and the Internet, pledged to introduce legislation intended to prevent broadcasters from pulling a signal when a retransmission agreement expires without a new one to take its place.

New Jersey's U.S. senators, Frank R. Lautenberg and Robert Menendez, sent a letter to Federal Communications Commission Chairman Julius Genachowski calling on the FCC to help speed negotiations.

"We are deeply troubled that consumers are repeatedly being used as pawns in these programming disputes," they said.

Cablevision spokesman Charles Schueler again called for binding arbitration to settle the dispute, a step Fox has resisted.

"When broadcasters like News Corp. remove their signals, they hurt viewers in an attempt to gain business leverage," Schueler said in a statement.

AP Technology Writer Joelle Tessler contributed to this report.

### Weekend Recap

### SOCCER

The TCU soccer team came away short on Saturday in overtime against conference rival Utah, losing 3-2. The Horned Frogs kept pace with the Utes the entire match. Junior forward Jordan Calhoun was strong on offense with five shot attempts, two of which were on goal. With only seconds left in the game, however, Utah forced overtime and scored the game-winning goal. TCU is now 7-8-1 for the season and 1-3-0 in conference play.

### VOLLEYBALL

The TCU volleyball team suffered a loss to Wyoming on Saturday. The Horned Frogs fought back and forth with the Cowgirls with eight ties and five lead changes in the second set. However, Wyoming was able to take the victory in three sets. Senior Christy Hudson and junior Jordan Raines had eight kills each, while sister duo Irene and Kristen Hester each had six. With the loss, the Frogs are now 12-8 overall and 3-3 in conference play.

### **CROSS COUNTRY**

Both the men's and women's cross country teams traveled to Fayetteville, Ark. this past weekend to compete in the Chile Pepper Festival. The Horned Frogs had individual successes on both sides Saturday. On the women's team, sophomore Agnes Kemboi took the ninth spot in the 5K with a personal-best time of 17:13.11. This is the third time in the past four races that a Horned Frog placed in the Top 10 in the festival. For the men's team, senior Festus Kigen placed 13th in the 10K. For final team finishes, the men's side took 18th and the women's team came in 12th.

### RIFLE

The Horned Frog rifle team continued its undefeated season with a victory Saturday against UTEP. The Frogs set the aggregate school record with a 4,687-4,600 win over the Miners. In the smallbore competition, sophomore Sarah Beard took first place, tying her personal-best score of 585. For air rifle, sophomore Sarah Scherer finished on top with a score of 595. Her score was just one point under her personal best.



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### Tomlinson puts up pair of TDs, Coleman strong on defense

#### Name: LaDainian Tomlinson

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Tomlinson

Rushing Attempts: 16 **Rushing Yards: 55** Rushing Touchdowns: 2 Receptions: 2 Receiving yards: 12

#### Tomlinson continued to defy his age in yet another good game Sunday. His 55 rushing yards may not seem like much, but the two touchdowns he scored came at crucial moments late in the fourth quarter and won the game for the New York Jets. The Jets first tied the game at 17 with about eight and a half minutes left in the game. After a field goal by Denver kicker Matt Prater, the Jets marched down the field and LT scored on a 2-yard run, which would ultimately be the game-winning score, put the Jets up 24-20 with under two minutes left.

Next Week: Bye week

#### **Name: Jason Phillips**

Position: Linebacker Current Team: **Baltimore Ravens** Outcome of game: New England 23, Baltimore 20

#### Name: Aaron Brown Position: Running back



Phillips

Phillips did not accumulate any stats this weekend, but saw some playing time on defense against the New England Patriots. He showed poor tackling when he was unable to wrap up wide receiver Wes Welker on back-to-back plays in the second half.

Brown hopes to return from his finger injury this week, and if he does, it will be interesting to see whether he vies with Kevin Smith for the backup role in Detroit.

Judge Howell is a sophomore broadcast journalism major from Plano.



#### Name: Drew Coleman

Position: Cornerback Current Team: New York Jets Outcome of game: New York 24, Denver 20 Tackles: 5



Name: David Hawthorne

Position: Line hacker Current Team: Seattle Seahawks Outcome of game: Seattle 23, Chicago 20



Hawthorne

Hawthorne started for the Seahawks against Chicago this week, but he did not accumulate any stats. Despite that, he constantly applied pressure to opposing quarterback Jay Cutler and helped the rest of the Seahawks defense keep the Bears in check.

makers on defense back from injury.

Next Week: Bye week

Next Week: Hawthorne will face NFC West foes Arizona. It will be up to the defense to contain the Cardinals offense that ranks near the bottom of the NFL in both passing and rushing yards.

#### Name: Daryl Washington

Position: Linebacker Current Team: Arizona Cardinals Outcome of game: Bye week



Next week the Cardinals take on the Seattle Seahawks who have been lackluster on offense this season. However, recently-acquired Marshawn Lynch has already brought new life to the Seahawks offense as he ran for 44 yards and a touchdown this week against the Bears. Washington will need to step up and have a good game for the Cardinals to win at home.

#### Name: Jerry Hughes

Position: Defensive End Current Team: Indianapolis Colts Outcome of game: Indianapolis 27, Washington 24



Hughes was inactive for the fourth game this year. This is pretty unexpected for the first-round draft pick. Though some make the argument that the current Colts starting defensive ends, Dwight Freeney and Robert Mathis, didn't have much playing time during their rookie seasons, neither were inactive for any games and they both played in the first half of their respective rookie seasons. It will be interesting in the coming weeks to see if Hughes sees playing time on the defensive side of the ball.

#### allowed an opposing offense to score more than 24 points in any game this season and have been able to keep its opponents to 20 points or less in all but one game this season. This week the Jets



# **SPORTS**

Garv Patterson discusses the game against Air Force at the TOMORROW weekly press conference.



MATT COFFELT / MULTIMEDIA EDITOR

Redshirt freshman Josh Boyce dives for extra yards while being tackled during the game on Saturday against BYU. The Frogs went on to win 31-3, narrowly missing a third shutout for the season.

### BYU stifles normally strong run game, TCU goes on to win

**By Marshall Doig** 

News Editor

When the BYU defense stifled the normally prolific TCU run game on Saturday, the Horned Frogs' passing game and defense picked up the slack to extend No. 5 TCU's school record to 20 consecutive regular season victories.

The 31-3 win over the Cougars improved the Horned Frogs' record to 7-0 overall (3-0 Mountain West Conference) for the second straight season and extended the team's home winning streak to a school record of 18.

Even though the Cougar defense held the Frogs to a season-low 108 yards rushing, the TCU defense kept the Cougars (2-5, 1-2 MWC) from gaining any momentum by allowing BYU only 147 yards of total offense. It was the third straight game in which the defense allowed fewer than 200 yards of total offense.

"There's some pride about what we've done [on defense]," TCU head coach Gary Patterson said. "I thought they had more purpose today going on the field than they did last week [against Wyoming]."

After a slow offensive start, quarterback Andy Dalton threw two touchdown passes near the end of the second quarter to give the Frogs a 17-0 halftime lead. He threw two more in the second half, marking the third time in his TCU career that he threw for three touchdowns in a game.

Dalton, TCU's all-time leader in completions, also threw his 700th career completion with a first quarter pass to Bart Johnson.

Two of Dalton's touchdowns went to freshman wide receiver Josh Boyce, who finished the day with a career-best eight receptions for 127-yards. Boyce's eight catches were the most in a game for a TCU receiver since Donald Massey caught eight against BYU in 2006.

"[Boyce] has done a great job. He's a really

explosive player," Dalton said. "Getting him the ball, he can make some big plays, and he did that [Saturday]."

On defense, the Horned Frogs shutout streak of 175 minutes ended when BYU's Mitch Payne kicked a 27-yard field goal with 1:14 left in the third quarter. That field goal also meant that the defense gave up its first points in MWC play this season.

Safety Tejay Johnson, who caught his second interception of the season in the third quarter, said that there was always room for the defense to get better even after its fast start in conference play.

"I feel like we have grown and improved tremendously [since the start of the season], and we're starting to really hunt together," Johnson said. "It's just been a great progression, and I feel like we still have room to grow to get to where we're going."

TCU will face Air Force this week at home. The Falcons (5-2, 3-1 MWC) were ranked No. 23 before losing 27-25 to San

Diego State (4-2, 1-1 MWC) last Saturday. Air Force ranks first in the nation in rushing and will go up against the highlyranked TCU defense.

"Preparation for Air Force is always going to be different than preparing for any other team just because they do run the triple [option] that most people don't run these days," Johnson said. "Our coaching staff did a great job with just preparing us and coming up with a game plan."

Patterson said the most important part of TCU's next three games, including a trip to UNLV and No. 9 Utah, was to just find a way to win. He mentioned Air Force's rushing game and ball possession as key factors against the Falcons.

"Air Force can run the ball all day long if you don't stop it," Patterson said. "And if we don't control the ball and score more points than what we did [against BYU] and how we did things, then we're gonna be in a lot of trouble."