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TCU alumnus LaDainian Tomlinson was let go from the San Diego Chargers.

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Rumors and speculation surround TCU's place in the Mountain West Conference after the Big Ten and Pac 10 conferences announced that they are looking to expand to 12 teams, with TCU possibly moving into an open spot in the Big 12.

AD: Conference rumors untimely

By Chris Blake
Staff Writer

After the Big Ten and Pac-10 conferences announced they were each looking to expand to 12 teams, talk of realignment started to sprout up all over the place. TCU Athletics Director Christopher Del Conte said any rumors of the university changing conferences are premature.

"I think people are growing weeds to pull; this is just the time of year where people are out looking at things and conjuring things up and this kind of took on a life of its own in the media," Del Conte said. "It's great water cooler conversation, but we've had no conversations on the athletic director side about any of that stuff."

Del Conte said the conference has not held a meeting of its athletic directors and a meeting would not take place until May.

According to reports speculating realignment, Texas and Missouri are possible targets of the

Big Ten, which could open a spot in the Big 12 for TCU. BYU and Utah are rumored to be targets of the Pac-10.

Mountain West Conference Commissioner Craig Thompson told ESPN.com last week that he is concerned about the future of the conference.

"It is important to be cognizant of the changing landscape. We are continuing what has been an ongoing process of evaluating our options," Thompson said. "However, we are not going to overreact to rumors and speculation."

In light of the numerous reports that it would seek to expand, the Pac-10 Conference released a statement to address the rumors.

"The Pac-10 will be proactive in analyzing if expansion of the membership at some point would be in the best interests of the conference," according to the statement. "We are in the early stages of that analysis and it would be premature to speculate at this point on any future plans we might pursue."

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Craig Thompson
Mountain West Conference Commissioner

Similarly, a Big Ten representative wrote in an e-mail that the conference had no further comment on expansion other than the statement it sent out in December. The statement was issued after a meeting of the Big Ten Council of Presidents/Chancellors (COP/C) Dec. 6.

"The COP/C believes that the timing is right for the conference to once again conduct a thorough

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BRITE

Officials meet to negotiate payment

By Marshall Doig
Staff Reporter

Despite financial disagreements between Brite Divinity School and the university, the institutions will not split up, officials from both parties said.

Brite and university officials will meet today to negotiate costs the university said Brite owes TCU, said Brite President Newell Williams.

Brite paid the university \$1.04 million this year, Williams said, but he did not say how much the university charged Brite for the next contract year, which is the amount being negotiated.

The university determined Brite's costs to be \$2.13 million for next year, more than double the previous payment, according to a Jan. 31 Fort Worth Star-Telegram article citing a confidential source familiar with the negotiations.

Williams said Brite and the university have an agreement that allows Brite to repay the university for allowing Brite to use university facilities and services, such as the upkeep and maintenance of the Moore Building, purchases of religious books for the library and Brite students' use of the University Recreation Center. The agreement is effective until June 1.

Chancellor Victor Boschini wrote in an e-mail that the two institutions would never split, noting that it was "totally impossible" for them to do so.

"As I have said many times before, Brite and Texas Christian University are inextricably tied, and in a good sense,"

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SGA

Students to host town hall meeting

By Jennifer Ivy
Staff Reporter

Student Government Association representatives said they hope students attend the first Student Relations Town Hall meeting tonight at 7 p.m. in the student organizations area of the Brown-Lupton University Union so they can measure interest in SGA initiatives.

The SGA's Student Organizations Committee formed the monthly meeting to hear the opinions from the student body and provide direct feedback to questions, SGA Student Relations Committee Chair Myra Mills wrote in an e-mail.

"We really hope the students will take advantage of getting to talk with peers about ideas and issues in a face-to-face atmosphere," Mills wrote.

Christina Durano, SGA Student

Student Relations Town Hall Meeting

When: 7 p.m. tonight
Where: Student Organizations office in the BLUU

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CORRECTION

An article in Thursday's issue misidentified freshman Jennifer Villyard as an early childhood education major. She is a pre-business and political science major.

CLARIFICATION

In the same article, a direct quotation that was attributed to Villyard should have made clear that some of the information came from a telephone interview with her and some from an e-mail message.

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A new book about settling for "Mr. Right Now" undermines the actual feelings of chemistry and love necessary to a successful, lasting marriage.

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PECULIAR FACT

KATMANDU, Nepal — A man who is only 22 inches tall left his home country of Nepal on Sunday in a quest to be recognized as the world's shortest man. Khagendra Thapa Magar is traveling to Europe to campaign for the Guinness World Record title.

— The Associated Press

TODAY'S WEATHER



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COLLEGE OF FINE ARTS

Exhibit showcases student artwork

By Ashley Freel
Staff Reporter

Wandering around the Cross/Talk student art exhibition, sophomore Spanish major Betty Gerecht said she had no expectations for her first visit to a Cross/Talk exhibition. She said she was drawn to an oil painting of a headless woman in a dress. The harsh brush strokes provided texture, and the pastel colors caught her eye.

The painting Gerecht saw is titled "Speechless" by Casee Safford, a junior psychology major and painting minor.

"Speechless" and more than 100 other works are available for viewing until Friday at the 19th annual Cross/Talk exhibition held in the Moudy Art Gallery. The exhibition is an all-student art competition separated into graphic and studio art. The winners for each category were announced Feb. 15.

The "Palindrome" poster series by Katelyn English won for graphic design; "The Property of a Lady and a Gentleman" by Nate Glaspie and "Parts of You, Parts of Me" by Harmony Padgett won for studio.

Prizes included a check for \$100



ASHLEY FREEL / Staff Reporter
Harmony Padgett stands in front of her work "Parts of You, Parts of Me." Padgett's work won for best studio work.

for graphic design and \$100 gift certificates to Asel Art Supply for both studio winners.

For her second appearance in Cross/Talk, English, a senior graphic design major, said she is excited for the win and proud of her work because it took a lot of time to create the concept and come up with the palindromes.

The "Palindrome" series is an advertisement for an English lecture on palindromes, which are words or phrases that are spelled the same way backward and forward.

Polly Niccoli, a senior graphic design major, said that while choosing a favorite piece was difficult because

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OPINION

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The Skiff View

Town hall venue allows for ample input

Members of the Student Government Association are going beyond the call of duty and making access to representatives easier than ever by hosting a Student Relations Town Hall meeting tonight in the Brown-Lupton University Union at 7 p.m.

Their efforts to hear student input should be commended by all in the campus community. Representatives are already fairly accessible, as students can contact representatives in person or by e-mail to provide suggestions or raise concerns. SGA also hosts Improve TCU Day, which allows for students to write down their suggestions and concerns on notecards or posters that are made available across campus.

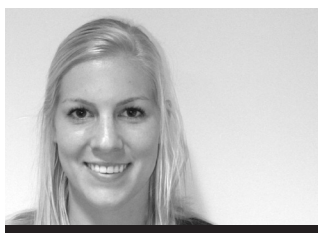
By hosting a town hall-style meeting in addition to the other points of access they already provide, SGA representatives are taking initiative and showing a willingness to serve their constituents to the best of their abilities.

Students should take this opportunity and run with it. SGA members are obviously open to hearing and considering student input, so students would be wise to take advantage of the meeting.

Managing editor Logan Wilson for the editorial board.

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

Program will give students a head start in the college game



COURTNEY BAKER

Growing up attending a public school, I often found myself bored and frustrated when another movie was put on to entertain the class while we wrote down definitions from a textbook. A new program is being proposed that will help students who are more mature and intelligent to stop wasting their time and start working on their higher education credits.

A handful of schools in eight states will allow students who have completed 10th grade to take a series of tests to get their high school diplomas. Once the students get their diplomas, they can immediately sign up for classes at a local community college for their first two years for free. I think that this is a great idea for high school students who often doodle on their notebooks because they are not being academically challenged.

The proposed program is not just for students who want to get on with their education and start their careers at an earlier age. Most importantly, it is aimed at having students master basic requirements and at reducing the number of high school graduates who need remedial courses when they enroll in college. According to an article in *The New York Times*, more than one million college freshmen across the United States must take remedial courses. This can result in people spending

more time and money than they planned for, which I think is a huge waste in today's economy. Many students actually end up dropping out before they earn their degrees.

"That's a central problem we're trying to address, the enormous failure rate of these kids when they go to the open admission colleges," Marc S. Tucker, president of the National Center on Education and the Economy, a Washington-based nonprofit, told *The New York Times*.

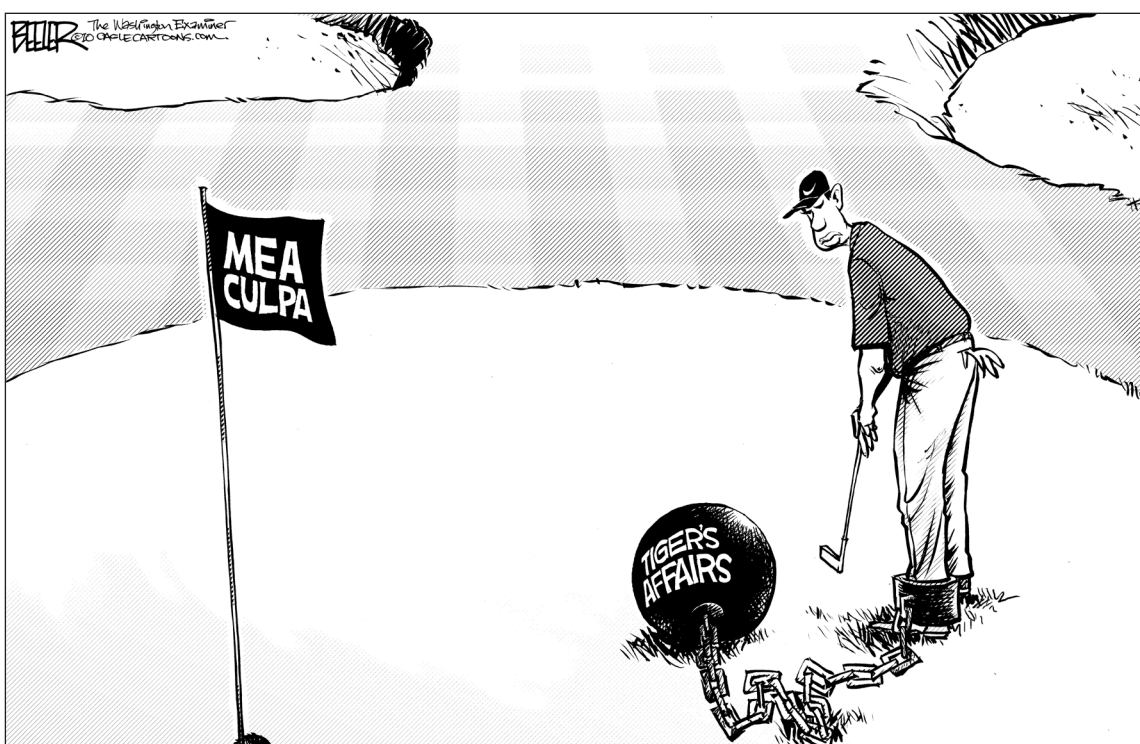
I think this is a problem because the percentage of high school and college dropouts is on the rise in America. Also, how are people supposed to earn good, stable jobs when they are not educated at a higher level?

Some experts and parents raise the question about the maturity and experience level of the students who are thinking about graduating early.

"Not every 16-year-old is ready," said Meg Turner, principal of the Buncombe County Early College in Asheville, N.C., which is already trying the program. "Younger students, their brain development is different," Turner said, according to ABC News.

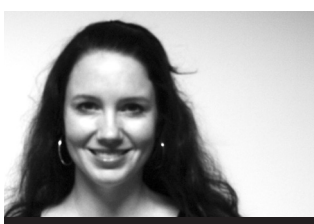
However, I believe that the students who want to graduate early should have to get permission to get their diplomas and enroll in community college classes. Some teenagers might not be ready to go on. If that is the case, then their parents can discuss whether or not they should wait and gain more maturity before attending college. With parent approval, I think this will be a more controlled way of allowing students to expedite their education and avoid unnecessary classes.

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Nate Beeler is the editorial cartoonist for The Washington Examiner.

Settling in marriage unacceptable



CHRISTI ALDRIDGE

Lori Gottlieb, an author and commentator on NPR, has come up with a controversial theory. She presents this theory in a new book titled "Marry Him: The Case for Settling for Mr. Good Enough." Not very appealing, is it? The more I read about this book and about Gottlieb herself, it became even less so.

Gottlieb is a single woman who says she threw away perfectly good relationships in her 20s, only to end up alone in her 30s, according to *The Atlantic*. Gottlieb states that as women hit their late 30s and early 40s, possibilities for good husbands simply dry up. She is suggesting that instead of holding out for Prince Charming, we accept a guy who isn't exactly everything we want, even if he is smelly or unattractive.

I think it's an insult to a partner to only consider him "good enough." I realize that as women we grow up watching Disney movies and have seen "Pretty Woman" and "The Notebook" too many times, but I think she is not giving women enough credit with these ideas. We know Mr. Right isn't going to ride up on a white horse. Most women would just be happy to find a man they can enjoy being with and can see having a family with someday.

Gottlieb seems to relay the message that marriage is the end-all and be-all of a woman's life. Interestingly enough, she herself decided to have a child with the aid of a sperm donor after giving up on finding a husband to have biological children with. Is she bitter about this? Perhaps.

This is 2010, and many women

Even in this day and age, the strongest, most feminist women are depicted as desperate and needing a man.

now have fulfilling careers, lots of friends and many other exciting things going on in their lives. The notion of having to find a husband to be happy seems antiquated and outdated. Should a woman be so desperate to couple up that she ends up with a man who would rather watch TV than talk to her or has horrible kids from a previous marriage? According to Gottlieb's essays, this is what settling is all about.

Settling is unfair to both partners. While I don't advocate waiting forever for some fairy-tale guy who meets a whole list of qualifications in your head that could never be realistically met, I think it undermines the actual feeling of love and chemistry if you just marry your best male friend or partner with a gay man, a la "Will and Grace," as Gottlieb talks about in her book.

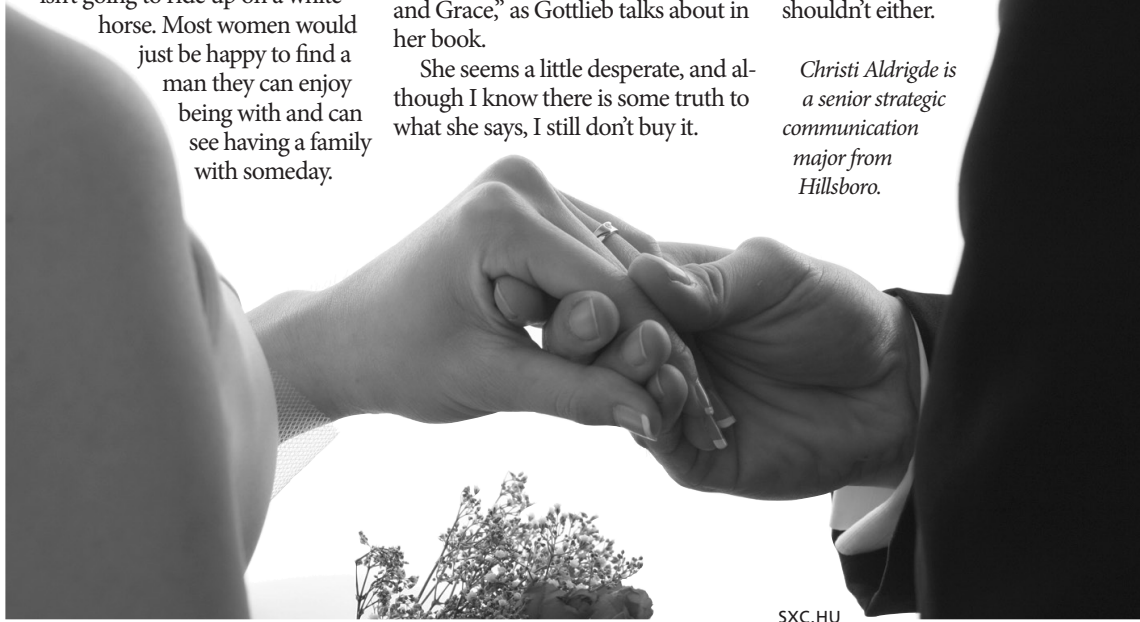
She seems a little desperate, and although I know there is some truth to what she says, I still don't buy it.

We all know that our marriage prospects are limited as we get older, but Gottlieb says if we wait too long these men will become "damaged goods." This seems really unfair because we all know the divorce rate, and as you get older there's a higher chance you could end up with a man that has already been married and has children. These men shouldn't be discounted.

I'm wondering if the media has made it seem not cool to be single. Even in this day and age, the strongest, most feminist women are depicted as desperate and needing a man. Even some of the most beloved single characters, such as Liz Lemon from "30 Rock" and Miranda and Samantha from "Sex and the City" don't want to end up alone. I remember an entire episode of "Sex and the City" being about ending up an "old maid" and how undesirable it is.

Bridget Jones was afraid to end up single; she might die alone and get eaten by dogs. This may seem humorous, but is it really reflecting women's desires to settle for any man since being alone is so unfathomable? This book is feeding into those fears and that desperation. I think ending up alone might just be preferable to living with a man I don't enjoy or am not attracted to, and no, I will not date a guy who doesn't like horror movies or read. Call me picky, but I won't settle for less than that. You shouldn't either.

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QUICK NEWS

Iran: work on 2 new enrichment sites to begin soon

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Iran said Monday it plans to build two new uranium enrichment facilities deep inside mountains to protect them from attack, a new challenge to Western powers trying to curb Tehran's nuclear program for fear it is aimed at making weapons.

Ali Akbar Salehi, who is also Iran's vice president, said Tehran intends to use its more advanced centrifuges at the new sites, a decision that could add to growing concerns in the West over Tehran's program because the technology would allow Iran to accelerate the pace of its program.

The two plants are among 10 industrial scale uranium enrichment facilities Iran approved construction of in November, a dramatic expansion of the program in defiance of U.N. demands it halt enrichment.

NATO airstrike kills at least 27 civilians

KABUL (AP) — A NATO airstrike killed at least 27 Afghan civilians, officials said Monday, in the third coalition strike this month to kill noncombatants and draw a sharp rebuke from Afghanistan's government about endangering civilians.

The top NATO commander, U.S. Gen. Stanley McChrystal, apologized to President Hamid Karzai for the Sunday airstrike, which occurred in the central Afghan province of Uruzgan.

The Afghanistan Council of Ministers strongly condemned the airstrike, calling it "unjustifiable."

NATO confirmed that its planes fired on what it believed was a group of insurgents on their way to attack NATO and Afghan forces, but later discovered that women and children were in the vehicles.

Hutchison says Perry cronyism affects universities

HOUSTON (AP) — U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison is again accusing Gov. Rick Perry of promoting cronyism in the state's colleges and universities.

Hutchison, who's challenging Perry in next Tuesday's GOP primary, says he's been appointing regents and others whose loyalties are to him and not to the schools.

She used a Houston campaign stop Monday to repeat her refrain that Perry created a culture of cronyism in Austin that has affected the state's higher education system.

Former Texas Tech regent Windy Sitton and ex-Texas A&M University President Ray Bowen have said Perry meddled by demanding that regents and others he appointed be loyal to him.

Perry's campaign denies the claims.

Toyota receives grand jury subpoena for documents

NEW YORK (AP) — Toyota said Monday it received a subpoena from a U.S. federal grand jury seeking documents related to unintended acceleration in its vehicles and the braking system of its Prius hybrid, indicating a criminal investigation of its safety problems has begun.

The Japanese automaker also said it and its U.S. sales affiliate received the subpoena and a document request from the Los Angeles office of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. The SEC is seeking documents related to unintended acceleration and Toyota's disclosure policies and practices, Toyota said.

The subpoena means a criminal investigation is under way, said Peter Henning, a law professor at Wayne State University and a former Justice Department and Securities and Exchange Commission lawyer.

Gasoline heading above \$3 a gallon by this summer

NEW YORK (AP) — Retail gas prices likely bottomed out last week, and they're again headed to above \$3 a gallon this summer, experts said Monday.

Pump prices typically rise this time of year as refineries switch to a more expensive grade of gas. But this year, prices are increasing after millions of Americans received pink slips and kept their cars in the driveway.

"If you look at demand, it's just abysmal," said Fred Rozell, retail pricing director at Oil Price Information Service.

What's pushing prices higher isn't American consumption. It's the crude oil that's used to make motor fuel, Rozell said. Crude is an international commodity that's become ever more expensive as demand grows in China.

NEWS & SPORTS

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several pieces were created by her classmates, she loved the Palindrome poster series.

Lewis Glaser, a professor and coordinator of graphic design, said this is a strong show with many more entries than in previous years.

Glaspie, a graduate student, entered his screen print on an image from an auction catalogue for his first showing in Cross/Talk. He said he was grateful for the win.

Padgett, a graduate student, appeared for the second time in Cross/Talk with a painting

based off of live figure drawings. Winning the competition with a very generous prize was wonderful, Padgett said.

"(The painting) was done in multiple sittings in front of multiple different models," Padgett said.

Christina Rees, curator of The Art Galleries at TCU, said she was pleased with students' artwork.

"There are some pieces in the show that are just very, very strong...I think Nate Glaspie's piece is great...Harmony's painting is great," Rees said. "As far as graphic design goes, I really like the Palindrome series."

Cross/Talk Student Art Exhibition: 2010 Winners

Graphic Design: The "Palindrome" poster series by Katelyn English

Studio Art: "The Property of a Lady and a Gentleman" by Nate Glaspie and "Parts of You, Parts of Me" by Harmony Padgett



ASHLEY FREEL /Staff Reporter

Senior graphic design major Katelyn English's "Palindrome" series won for best graphic design. The series was used to advertise an English department lecture on palindromes.

TOMLINSON

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million bonus in early March, which all but guaranteed he would be cut loose as his role diminished on a team that thrived with a pass-happy offense.

L.T. wasn't immediately available for comment. He said after the Chargers' play-off loss to the New York Jets that he felt he could still play for a few more seasons.

Team president Dean Spanos met with Tomlinson on Monday and informed him of his release.

"This is a part of the business that I hate, and it's particularly hard when you're dealing with someone I consider a

friend," Spanos said in a statement. "Change involving great players is never easy. I respect L.T. as much or more than any player I've ever known. And no one appreciates his contributions to this organization more than I do. That is why this is such a difficult announcement for me to make."

Tomlinson ranks eighth on the all-time rushing list with 12,490 yards. His 138 career rushing touchdowns rank second, and his 153 total touchdowns rank third.

He was the NFL's MVP in 2006, when he set NFL single-season records with 31 touchdowns and 186 points. Tomlinson won the NFL's rushing title in 2006 and '07.

Coming off a 1-15 finish

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Dean Spanos
Chargers president

in 2000, the Chargers held the No. 1 pick overall in the 2001 draft. They sent that pick to the Atlanta Falcons for a package that included the fifth pick, which they used to select Tomlinson. The Falcons took Michael Vick with the top pick.

RUMORS

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evaluation of options for conference structure and expansion. As a result, the commissioner was asked to provide recommendations for consideration by the COP/C over the next 12 to 18 months," according to the statement. "The COP/C understands that speculation about the conference is ongoing."

The statement went on to say that the Big Ten would not issue any further statements and that no action is expected by the COP/C "in the near term."

A major motivator in changing conferences for any university could be monetary.

The bulk of the BCS money is distributed among the six conferences that are automatic qualifiers: the ACC, Big East, Big Ten, Big 12,

Pac-10 and SEC. Following the 2009 season, each school in the SEC and the Big Ten received a share of the \$22.2 million per conference because the conferences had two schools each in BCS games. The schools in the other four conferences received \$17.7 million to split amongst themselves.

Meanwhile, the five non-AQ conferences, encompassing 52 teams, split \$24 million with TCU and Boise State. The number is only as high as it is because two non-AQ schools, TCU and BSU, were selected for a BCS game.

Aside from BCS money, television contracts are another major source of income the big six conferences have. According to the conference Web site, the Mountain West's TV deal with CSTV, now CBS College Sports, pays it \$120 million over 10 years.

MWC Associate Commissioner for Communications Javan Hedlund wrote in an e-mail that the conference's contract with Versus could not be released.

By comparison, the SEC's television contracts with CBS and ESPN will pay the conference more than \$3 billion over the 15-year life of the deal, according to Sports Illustrated. The Big Ten has a 10-year \$1 billion contract with ESPN on top of the 25-year \$2.8 billion deal with the conference's own network. The Big 12 will bring in \$480 million over eight years in a contract with ABC/ESPN, plus \$78 million in a deal with Fox Sports Net.

If the Pac-10 and the Big Ten expand, it could cause a domino effect in the Big 12 and Mountain West.

Staff writer Josh Davis contributed to this report.

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HEALTH CARE

Obama presents new plan

By Ricardo Alonso-Aldivar
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Making a last-ditch effort to save his health care overhaul, President Barack Obama on Monday put forward a nearly \$1 trillion, 10-year compromise that would allow the government to deny or roll back egregious insurance premium increases that infuriate consumers.

Posted on the White House Web site, the plan would provide coverage to more than 31 million Americans now uninsured without adding to the federal deficit. It comes just four days before Obama's one-of-a-kind, televised health care summit with Democrats and Republicans.

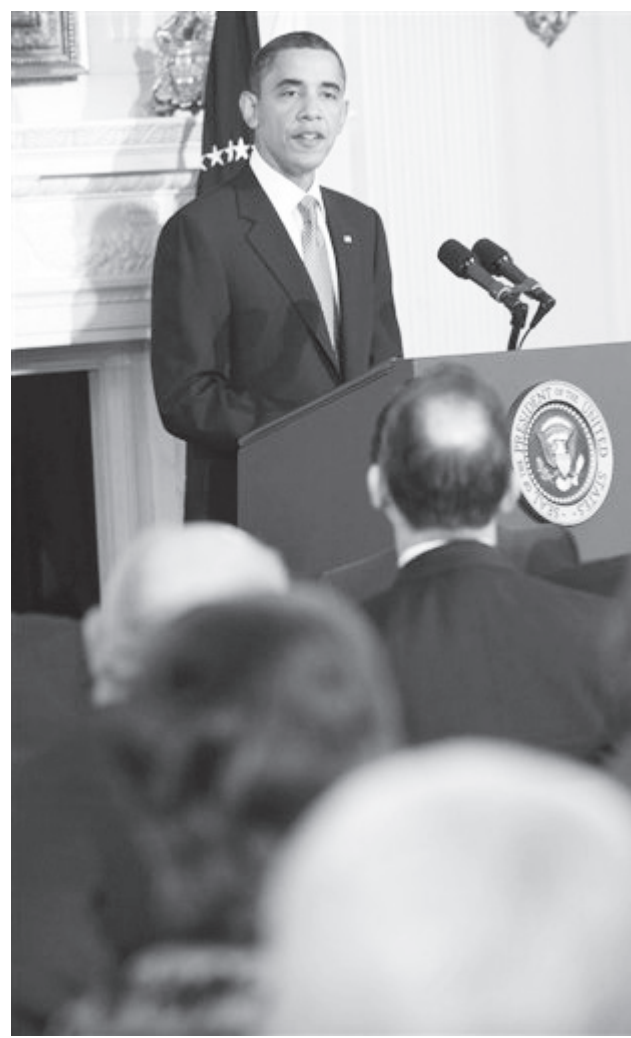
Even with the latest changes, it's highly uncertain such an ambitious proposal can get through Congress. Republicans are virtually all opposed, and some Democrats who last year supported sweeping health care changes are having second thoughts in an election year. After a year in pursuit of what was once his top domestic priority, Obama may have to settle for a modest fallback.

Weeks ago, the president and congressional Democrats were on the verge of an historic step — a long-sought remake of the nation's health care system after a half-century of unsuccessful attempts by scores of politicians. Then Republican Scott Brown stunned Washington with an upset win in the Massachusetts Senate race, denying Democrats their 60-seat majority and reversing any political momentum.

Determined to avoid facing voters empty-handed, Obama offered a fresh proposal based on Democratic-passed bills.

The plan conspicuously omits a government insurance plan sought by liberals and viewed as a non-starter by conservatives and some congressional moderates. It includes Senate-passed restrictions on federal funding for abortion that have been adamantly opposed by abortion foes as well as abortion rights supporters.

The new White House plan



PABLO MARTINEZ MONSIVAIS /Associated Press
President Barack Obama speaks to members of the National Governors Association on Monday in the State Dining Room of the White House in Washington.

would give the federal government the power to regulate the health insurance industry much like a public utility. The Health and Human Services Department — in conjunction with state authorities — would be able to deny substantial premium increases, limit them or demand rebates for consumers.

Obama, who deferred to Congress on the specifics for more than a year, has finally put forward a detailed plan of his own. By and large, it follows the bill passed by Senate Democrats on Christmas Eve, with changes intended to make it acceptable to their House counterparts.

It would require most Americans to carry health insurance coverage, with federal subsidies to help many afford the premiums. Insurance companies would be barred from denying coverage to people with medical problems or charging them more.

The plan dramatically scales

back a Senate tax on high-cost health insurance plans objected to by House Democrats — and labor unions. Instead of raising \$150 billion over 10 years, it would bring in just \$30 billion, the administration said. A Medicare payroll tax increase on upper-income earners would help plug the revenue gap. For the first time, Medicare taxes would be assessed on investment income, not just wages.

Like the Senate bill, the Obama plan would create competitive insurance markets in each state for small businesses and people buying their own coverage. But it would strip out special Medicaid deals the Senate bill granted to certain states, including Louisiana and Nebraska, that have drawn public scorn.

Estimated to cost about \$1 trillion over 10 years, Obama's plan would be paid for by a mix of Medicare cuts, tax increases and new fees on health care industries.

ETC.



Today in History
On this day in 1836, the siege of the Alamo began in San Antonio.
— The Associated Press

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A: A pork chop.

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NFL LT LET GO



San Diego Chargers running back and TCU alumnus LaDainian Tomlinson celebrates his first-quarter touchdown against the Dallas Cowboys Dec. 13. MCT

By Bernie Wilson
AP Sports Writer

SAN DIEGO (AP) — TCU alumnus LaDainian Tomlinson was released Monday by the San Diego Chargers, end-

ing a brilliant nine-year run in which he became one of the NFL's greatest running backs. The move had been expected for some time. Tomlinson, who turned 30 last summer, was injured early in the 2009

season and finished with 730 yards on 223 carries for an average of 3.3 yards per carry, all career lows. Tomlinson was due a \$2

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Women back at DMC

By Kim Burdi
Staff Writer

After suffering a tough loss on the road to San Diego State University, TCU women's basketball will return to Daniel-Meyer Coliseum and try to continue their home-court success tonight against UNLV.

Last week, the SDSU Aztecs took control of the game with an intense pace from the start, leading to an uphill battle for the Lady Frogs. Falling 84-61, the loss snapped a four-game winning streak. As a result, TCU has dropped out of the Associated Press Top 25 rankings.

The Lady Frogs' next conference opponent, UNLV, poses a new threat at the DMC. The teams last met in January and the game ended with TCU winning 81-61 on the road. Trailing by seven points at the half, TCU used aggressive performances on both the offensive and defensive ends of the court in the second half for the victory.

To TCU's advantage, UNLV is struggling, holding a 12-15 record with a 5-8 mark in conference. With 20 consecutive wins in the DMC, the team is looking to add another to its longest home victory

streak in team history. TCU is now tied with Brigham Young University for the lead in the MWC with a 9-3 record. Out of the four teams not far behind TCU, Utah poses the biggest threat with a 7-5 mark in conference play with four games left to go.

TCU vs. UNLV

When: 6:30 p.m. tonight
Where: Daniel-Meyer Coliseum
Follow the action on The Mtn.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Men's team heads to UNLV

By Ben Wertz
Staff Writer

The Horned Frogs (12-15, 4-8 Mountain West) look to bounce back Wednesday night on the road against a strong but inconsistent UNLV team.

TCU lost its earlier meeting with the Runnin' Rebels 79-70 on Jan. 23. UNLV shot nearly 60 percent from the field in that game, and is averaging 74 points per game this season. The Frogs were within two with 1:05 left, but were unable to get any closer.

But lately, UNLV (20-7, 8-5 Mountain West) has been pretty inconsistent. It had a five game winning streak from late January through early February, but then lost three games in a row before dismantling Colorado State

on Saturday 70-39.

After TCU's game on Feb. 16., in which they lost against San Diego State, head coach Jim Christian said he was not pleased with his team's effort.

"They looked like a bunch of little kids playing men," Christian said.

During practices this week, the main focus has been on defense, toughness and intensity. Sophomore guard Ronnie Moss said the last few practices have been some of the team's best this season.

"If we play great defense, we have a chance to win," Moss said.

Moss led the Frogs with 15 points against the Aztecs and has scored in double figures in seven consecutive games.

UNLV's junior guard

Tre'Von Willis leads the Rebels with an average of 18 points per game. He scored 30 points in the last meeting with the Horned Frogs and is in the running for Mountain West Conference Player of the Year.

A win for the Frogs would give them some confidence heading into the final games of the season. UNLV has an 11-3 record at home, but TCU has won two road games in a row.

TCU vs. UNLV

When: 10 p.m. Wednesday
Where: Thomas and Mack Center in Las Vegas
You can follow the action live on The Mtn. or KTCU FM 88.7 "The Choice."



Olympics Update

The U.S. furthered its lead in overall medals during the weekend bringing the total count to 24. The U.S. is followed closely by Germany, which has 21 medals to date.

On Friday, the men brought in two medals in the super G (super giant slalom) event. Bode Miller clutched the silver followed by Andrew Weibrecht with the bronze.

Saturday proved even more successful with medals in three different events. Shani Davis won a silver in the 1500-meter speed skating event while Apolo Ohno got the bronze in the 1000-meter. On the slopes, Lindsey Vonn brought home the bronze in the women's super G.

Miller earned another medal Sunday, this time a gold, in the men's super combined.

Medals



Gold



Silver



Bronze

BASEBALL

Frogs sweep Sam Houston State in opening series 3-0

Rachel Wilson
Staff Reporter

The Frogs kicked their season off to a solid start and are now 3-0 after a weekend series against the Sam Houston State Bearcats.

The No. 11 Frogs scored 31 runs on 40 hits in the series.

Friday night showcased first-class pitching from juniors Steven Maxwell and Trent Appleby and sophomore Eric Marshall, which led to a 4-0 victory for the Frogs.

Saturday's game debuted freshman pitcher Matt Purke, who threw in the low- to mid-90s throughout his time on the mound. Plenty of runs early on in the game helped him relax and gave the Frogs their second win 12-7.

Sunday rounded the weekend

off with the first three home runs of the season from junior Jerome Pena and sophomores Bryan Holaday and Matt Curry.

Sophomore pitcher Kyle Winkler said the Frogs' lineup this year does not have any give in it. "The big thing was whether or not we were going to hit this year," Winkler said. "I can definitely tell we're going to be able to hit with anybody on this team."

Head coach Jim Schlossnagle said this weekend was not representative of the kind of team Sam Houston has, and it remains to be seen if the Frogs will stay this strong all season.

"I like our team, but we've got to see how we handle adversity," he said.

Freshman Josh Elander said this next week of games against Baylor and Cal State Fullerton

will be a challenge, but he said he is glad to have started the season well.

"It gives a lot of confidence going into next weekend where we play Cal State Fullerton, who's always a national powerhouse," Elander said.

The Frogs will play Baylor tomorrow at 3 p.m. before heading to Cal State Fullerton for a three-day weekend series. The Cal State Titans are ranked in the top five in all four major national polls.

TCU vs. Baylor

When: 3 p.m. Wednesday
Where: Waco, Texas
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Junior Steven Maxwell pitches in TCU's 4-0 win against Sam Houston State on Friday night. Maxwell had six strikeouts until he was relieved in the fifth inning. MARSHALL DOIG / Staff Photographer

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