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FAIRFIELD, Conn. — Police in Connecticut say they had ample warning of a bank robbery because the two suspects called the bank ahead of time and told an employee to get a bag of money ready.

— The Associated Press

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Mostly Sunny
Tomorrow: Sunny
70 / 51

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CAMPUS LIFE

MEAT 'N' GREET



From left, Student Development Services administrative assistant Laura Shaw, TCU Police Officer Pam Christian and hall director Libby Woolvorton serve hot dogs to senior music major John Stone at "Hot Dogs for Top Dogs," a faculty and staff meet-and-greet event in front of the Mary Coats Burnett Library on Wednesday afternoon.

CHANCE WELCH / Multimedia Editor

STUDENT TALENT

Buzz grows for campus musician

By Paige McArdle

Staff Writer

A 7-year-old brown-haired boy took the stage, anxious to perform his first solo. The boy's parents had been told that their son had a great ear and could carry a tune, but they weren't sure what to expect as their second-grader began to sing "Star Light, Star Bright."

More than a decade later, Tim Halperin looks back on his debut performance and laughs, remembering how he felt like a girl as he strained to hit the high notes that were just out of his developing vocal range. His father, Howie Halperin, tells a different story.

"We were flabbergasted," he said. "We were just surprised he could stand up in front of all these people as a second-grader with no fear."

Now, 22-year-old Halperin has released two CDs, has eight songs on iTunes and has played numerous concerts. His fan base has expanded from an Omaha, Neb., elementary school gym to college campuses throughout Texas and Arkansas.

With the help of three guitarists and a drummer, the senior can croon out a tune that causes him to be mistaken for singer-songwriter Ben Folds. Halperin's music show-



Courtesy of SHAILEY ROE

Senior marketing major Tim Halperin performs at the coffee shop Common Grounds in Waco on Feb. 14. Halperin has been performing throughout Texas and Arkansas promoting his most recent album, "Make or Break."

cases piano playing skills that show hints of his primary influences of Folds and Coldplay, but he sets himself apart by creating a hybrid of ballads and up-tempo songs with a hint of what he refers to as "funky jazz."

Halperin and his four-man band have become familiar enough to college students that crowds now sing along at local shows.

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Upcoming Tim Halperin Shows

TCU Spring Show,
headlining artist TBA
When: April 16
Where: Campus Commons

Delta Jamma
When: April 22
Where: The Aardvark

BOOK SIGNING

Bounty hunter highlights faith in book

By Wyatt Kanyer

Staff Reporter

As the saying goes, a dog's bark can be bigger than its bite. Students at the university said they think the "Dog" coming to campus today fits that adage's description.

Duane "Dog" Chapman, the bounty hunter-turned-television personality, will sign copies of his new book, "Where Mercy is Shown, Mercy is Given," today at the university bookstore. Although he seems to have a rough exterior on television, a synopsis for his book describes Chapman as a hard-working man of faith who acknowledges his flaws and "has been through the fire again and again, and come out the stronger for it."

Taylor Witt, event coordinator at the bookstore, said the staff does not

expect Chapman to present a speech during the hour and half he will be signing books. Witt said staff members will hand out about 1,000 tickets to those awaiting Chapman's arrival.

Even though Chapman will probably not give a speech at the event, the bookstore's staff is looking forward to his appearance, Witt said.

"We haven't had a large number of these types of events," she said. "We've had a couple, but nothing as big as this."

Amber Orebaugh, a senior general studies major, would like to see Chapman speak because, she said, he works hard and demonstrates a genuine concern for those he encounters.

"He gets a lot of criminals off the streets, and he really cares about them," she said.

Orebaugh said she thinks Chapman could impart lessons of equality to those who attend the book signing and could teach others not to judge so quickly. Because Chapman is a prominent public figure, his appearance

Duane "Dog" Chapman Book Signing

When: 6 p.m. tonight
Where: TCU Barnes & Noble

on campus could contribute positively to the university's public image, Orebaugh said.

On his A&E television series, "Dog the Bounty Hunter," Chapman often hunts down criminals with arrest warrants and attempts to impart wisdom after apprehending them. Many times, he uses his personal experiences to teach criminals life lessons.

Omni Bush, a sophomore biology major, said she thinks Chapman's desire to help criminals is important in their recovery process.

"If we don't facilitate (criminals) back into the country, they'll commit more crimes," Bush said. "If you don't give them positive guidance, they'll be negative."

HEALTH INSURANCE

Officials review overhaul effects

By Marshall Doig

Staff Reporter

The university will work with benefits consultants to determine the effects the recently passed health care reform legislation would have on faculty and staff members' health insurance plans, a human resources official said.

It is too early to determine what effects, if any, the legislation will have on employees' plans, said Tracy Thompson, benefits manager for the human resources department. The bill was signed into law by President Barack Obama on Tuesday.

Thompson said she did not think there would be a huge impact on the university, but added it was still too early in the process to make any definitive evaluations.

Employees' health care plans are provided by Collegiate Association Resource of the Southwest (CARES), but employees are not required to have health insurance or adopt a university plan if they do not have one, Thompson said.

Under the new legislation, businesses with more than 200 employees would be required to provide health insurance to their employees automatically, but employees would be able to opt out of the plan.

Thompson said she did not yet know what the effect of that provision would be on the university or its

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COMMUNICATIONS

Speaker: Internet access a necessity

By Thomas Koenig

Staff Reporter

Free access to information is a growing need for the nation's changing society, said Alberto Ibarguen, president and CEO of the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation.

"We need to be a leader in broadband access to all Americans," Ibarguen said.

Ibarguen spoke to more than 100 students, faculty and staff Wednesday afternoon as the Schieffer School of Journalism's Cecil H. and Ida Green Visiting Chair for 2010. He previously served as publisher for The Miami Herald and El Nuevo Herald in Miami. The Knight Foundation provides grants for journalism efforts that promote community information and may lead to transformational change, according to the organization's Web site.

Ibarguen said the country needs to utilize new technology to spread information access to people throughout the country, no matter their location, wealth or age. Today's technology changes are comparable to the invention of the printing press in the 1400s and the spread of radio in the 1930s, he said. Both of the



Ibarguen

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The musician said he is still getting used to the recognition and recalls the first time a fan approached him on campus with a chuckle. On his way to his introductory marketing class in fall 2009, he was approached by a female student who blurted out, “I love your music!”

Halperin muttered back a quick and awkward “thank you” before continuing on to class, where he recounted the story to his friend and senior finance major Bobby Weinberg. Confused, Halperin told Weinberg he was just confronted by a “creeper.”

Weinberg said he laughed off his friend’s response to the fan and offered an alternative explanation.

“Tim, we need to get this through your head,” Halperin said he remembered Weinberg saying. “They’re not creepers; they’re fans.”

Acoustic guitarist Riley Kiltz said that as Halperin gains fame, the last thing the band has to worry about is Halperin getting a big head. The sophomore finance major, who has been playing with Halperin for a year and a half, said the shaggy-haired lead singer isn’t fazed by girls who swoon over his jagged chin-strap beard, baby blue eyes and suave-sounding voice. He is too goofy to become overconfident, Kiltz said.

“Tim’s made some seriously awkward comments while he’s on stage,” Kiltz said. Although Kiltz becomes rosy-cheeked at some of Halperin’s on-stage antics, he said he admires the way Halperin stays true to himself while performing.

“That’s just Tim — he really

doesn’t hold back anything,” Kiltz said.

Even in his teen years, before Halperin had really begun to develop his own style, his Westside High School choral director, Doran Johnson, said a certain honesty came out in his songs.

“I think Tim’s greatest strength is who he is as a person, and I think that comes alive in his music,” Johnson



Courtesy of CAROL HALPERIN
Tim Halperin sings a solo in 2003 as a freshman at Westside High School in Omaha, Neb.

said. “He’s very approachable as a person, so his music is very approachable and draws you in as a listener. It’s like a comfy chair-you just want to hang out in it.”

Maddison Grigsby, a senior international finance major and fellow Westside graduate, agreed with her former choral director, saying Halperin’s music reflects his genuine character and passion.

“He’s the first one to reach out to people if they’re not included,” Grigsby said. “He’s

very confident in who he is... that comes out in the way he treats people.”

Grigsby said she’s really seen Halperin develop the most during the past couple of years. He’s finally come into his own style and a confidence in it, she said.

Halperin has noticed the change in his music as well. His most recent work, the three-song EP, “Make or Break,” which was released in October, shows the progression of his songwriting.

“It will still take a long time to develop...my voice and how I write music, but I think I’m starting to find that,” Halperin said. “Coming up with ways to express emotion in music is not getting easier, but I’m getting better at it, I think.”

Kiltz said his band mate’s devotion to writing lyrics that stay true to his emotions makes him stand out among other singers who don’t have the same personal attachment to their songs.

“They’re not just words that rhyme,” Kiltz said. “It’s actually what his heart’s telling him.”

Halperin is currently touring sorority houses throughout Texas and Arkansas in an attempt to build a stronger regional fan base.

Halperin traveled to five different college campuses in the past three months, playing his music and promoting his most recent album, “Make or Break,” to sororities. He decided to pursue what he refers to as the “sorority tour” after getting a positive response from university chapters that he played at before big shows.

The tour has led to local show offers in Austin, College Station and Waco and he

hopes it will continue to open doors for him as he pursues music after graduation in May.

Although Halperin’s parents support his decision, they still remind him with e-mails and articles from time to time that pursuing music over a business career has its risks. In the end, Halperin decided to stick to his true passion: music.

“The practical side of me has always held on to business,” Halperin said. “This year I’ve just really learned through playing a lot of shows and really going after it and growing...that it’s my true passion.”

The four years he put into preparing for a career in marketing will not go to waste. Halperin said earning a living off music is almost like starting his own business and will require many of the skills he learned at the Neeley School of Business.

Grigsby said she has noticed a difference in her old show choir friend’s ability to successfully market himself. Halperin actively uses social media to interact with fans and encourages those he meets to download his newest EP for free on the Internet.

Choosing music over a marketing job may not be the safest bet, but Grigsby believes that Halperin has what it takes to stand out in the industry.

“I think a lot of people are talented and good, but they don’t have the drive and determination that he has,” Grigsby said. “If anyone’s going to make it, it will be Tim because he’s got the heart to do it and the talent.”

News Now reporter Matt Syme contributed to this report.



CHANCE WELCH / Multimedia Editor
Schieffer School of Journalism director John Lumpkin hands Alberto Ibaguen, president and CEO of the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation, a plaque commemorating his work in the print industry before his speech in the BLUU Ballroom Wednesday afternoon.

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innovations were originally seen as threats to the traditional news system of the time, but ended up enhancing the spread of information, he said.

Coming to speak at the university was important because of the school’s potential to have an affect on the new age of media, he said.

“I think it’s at a school like this that we’ll begin to figure out how to deliver news and information on digital platforms in an effective and efficient way,” Ibaguen said.

Seventy-eight percent of adults are Internet users, while just 67 percent of American homes have access to broadband, Ibaguen said.

Ibaguen often referred to South Korea, one of the world’s leaders in broadband access, but said the much larger size of the United States and the cost to spread the information are big barriers. Mobile phones, tablets and social media will start to play an even larger part in the fast-changing world, he said.

Olivia Stribling, a sophomore strategic communication major, said the information about the lack of broadband access was startling.

“I didn’t realize how few people did have access,” Stribling said. “As college students, our scope is kind of skewed a little bit. We think because we have this technology, everyone else has this technology.”

At the event, Ibaguen was also honored with the Schieffer School’s Ethics Award. John Lumpkin, director of the Schieffer School, presented the award to his friend for national leadership and journalism efforts.

Tommy Thomason, former director of the Schieffer School of Journalism, said the award was given for Ibaguen’s decades-long commitment to ethical decision-making.

“We’re looking at people who have a career of decades where you have a commitment over time to ethical decision-making, and that’s what we had with Alberto,” Thomason said. “When you look at his career with Knight and his career at The Miami Herald, especially, he brought about a real culture of ethics.”

The Miami Herald won three Pulitzer Prizes during Ibaguen’s

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Alberto Ibaguen
former publisher
of The Miami Herald

tenure, and El Nuevo Herald won Spain’s Ortega y Gasset Prize for excellence in journalism, according to the Knight Foundation’s Web site.

Ibaguen said the country will always need storytellers, and the business of journalism will continue to play a huge role.

“I’ve never enjoyed something as much as I enjoyed the roller coaster of the three newspapers I worked at and loved,” Ibaguen said.

Lumpkin said Ibaguen also declined the school’s honorarium fund and had it be donated to the school’s scholarship fund instead.

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uninsured employees.

“Once we understand it all and our consultants have given us their input, we will certainly communicate to faculty and staff any changes and any way that this might impact them,” she said.



Mary Jo Hatch, CARES executive director, echoed Thompson’s evaluation in an e-mail.

“It will take us some time to understand exactly what the legislation means for us,” Hatch wrote. “We are working with our benefits consultants and legal advisers to understand the complete health care reform legislation package and its implications for our covered members.”

Hatch wrote that CARES provides health care for 2,400 employees of TCU, Austin College Sherman and the University of Dallas combined.

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The Skiff View

NIU progressive in counseling provision

At Northern Illinois University, school officials and staff members have taken extra steps to ensure the well-being of students directly affected by a campus shooting in 2008.

The Office of Support and Advocacy was created to provide assistance to the 157 students enrolled in a geology class where five students were killed by a gunman in February 2008, as well as the roommates and close friends of the five students who died, in addition to students in the immediate vicinity of the classroom where the shooting occurred.

The office offers support that extends beyond counseling. Each semester it e-mails professors asking them to be extra sensitive to the needs of these specific students. It's not a request for special privileges but for awareness and understanding. The office also provides tutoring and has helped injured students with hospital and insurance paperwork. Virginia Tech also has a similar program.

Though schools can only hope they would never have a need for such a service, NIU should be commended for its efforts to protect the emotional and mental well-being of particularly vulnerable students. It is to be hoped that other schools affected by large-scale tragedies, such as a campus shooting, follow in NIU's footsteps if their resources allow it.

Editor-in-chief Julieta Chiquillo for the editorial board.

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

Health care law generates more problems, solves few



MICHAEL LAUCK

Come on. You knew this was coming sometime. If you've ever read my column, you could probably infer that I would be displeased with the health care reform bill that just became law. Rather than get all upset about it, I've decided to approach this matter somewhat rationally and give you a few reasons why it's a bad idea.

1) Health care is NOT a public good. To put it another way, say your neighbor gets murdered. You have an incentive to hire a police force to catch his murderer because you might be next. Therefore, it is reasonable that government provide services like a police force because there are spill-over benefits associated with them. However, if your neighbor breaks his arm, you wouldn't care what he does because this doesn't affect you. You may want to help him pay for his medical bills, and you could, but you shouldn't be forced to pay for his medical bills, which is what I believe the health care "reform" does.

2) People may not necessarily want health care. Politicians have not even considered the possibility that people who don't have insurance simply may not want it. This seems even more plausible when considering that Medicare and Medicaid cover the elderly and the poor. Who else is there that should be covered with taxpayers' dollars? Speaker of the House Nancy

Pelosi even talked about how this bill continued the Founding Fathers' idea of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness (Actually, she misquoted it the first time, perhaps showing her unfamiliarity with the document.) Forcing people to buy a good they may not want kind of violates that whole liberty thing.

3) More insurance is the problem, not the answer. Having someone else pay for your health care bills creates nasty incentives. Forcing insurance companies to cover people with preexisting conditions will only raise premiums sky-high. Obama said the other side has come up with no solutions. That is a complete and utter lie. Many have suggested getting rid of tax incentives or buying insurance through an employer. That way, people can go out and buy the health insurance plan for them. They will be more sensitive to cost and quality, so more competition will arise and prices will dramatically fall.

In an interview with Bret Baier, Obama said that those who voted for the bill supported health care reform and those who voted no opposed it.

Nobody is against health care reform. It is simply the way that one goes about it that makes the difference. Obama sounded like former President George W. Bush with the whole "you're either with us or against us" and the outrage that followed that comment.

I've been told Obama was supposed to usher in the era of change. Instead, this health care bill is the perfect example of how much of the same old politician Obama truly is.

Michael Lauck is a sophomore economics from Houston.



Nate Beeler is the editorial cartoonist for The Washington Examiner.

Discrimination outdated in 2010



CHRISTI ALDRIDGE

A lawsuit is pending over a Mississippi student who wanted to take her girlfriend to the prom and prompted the school to cancel the entire event rather than deal with allowing the couple to attend. Students are in an uproar over not being able to have their senior prom, and now the American Civil Liberties Union has gotten involved as well.

I think it goes without saying that this is utterly ridiculous. In a time when we are passing laws for gays to marry, seeing same-sex couples become parents and raising our kids without prejudice, this is a travesty indeed.

I wonder what would have happened had this young woman simply shown up to the prom with her girlfriend on her arm. Would school officials have kicked her out? Either way the school would be looking at a lawsuit. These are important times, and each case can be a landmark one.

A memo was reportedly sent out to students on Feb. 5 stating that their prom dates had to be of the opposite sex. The ACLU says this action violates the students' rights to "freedom of expression." The superintendent said the decision to make students bring opposite-sex partners was to protect the students' safety and well-being. Since when it is unsafe for a lesbian couple to attend the prom?

We live in a world where things happen that we may not like. However, that doesn't give others the right to say we can't do or say certain things, wear certain clothes, or date certain people. That is a threat that shouldn't be pulled. Are school officials going to say people of certain religions can't attend the

prom? Certain political parties? Specific ethnicities? Who gets to make that call and why?

This is 2010, and barriers are being broken all the time. This should be another one that gets demolished. The kind of prejudice being perpetuated against this young

The kind of discrimination that is being perpetuated against this woman by these superiors is just not right.

woman by these school officials is just not right. We hear horror stories about the way gay kids are treated and bullied at school. Why not let these students know that everyone isn't against them, that it's OK to be who they are? How many Lifetime movies about homosexual teenagers being bullied and even killed will it take? How many news stories about teenagers committing suicide or refusing to go to school because of the way they are treated are necessary?

Who is really affected if this young woman brings another young woman to the prom? It

probably would have caused a lot less attention than a federal lawsuit!

A federal judge heard the case on Monday and ruled that although the young woman's rights were violated by prohibiting her to bring a girl to the prom, but he said he couldn't force the superintendent to hold the prom. However, the case will go to trial, and it is to be hoped that there is a result before the scheduled prom date of April 2.

The principal of the school claims he has been "bombarded" with e-mails that have been largely critical of the school's behavior, according to The Associated Press. This outrage should be an indicator of how ridiculous many people think this situation is. I'm sure most students would rather have their prom than let the school superiors make some ethical point that will likely be missed in all the hoopla.

At least the students know that it's wrong to advocate this type of discrimination, and it should be a lesson to the school board, as well. Gay teenagers have enough to deal with on a daily basis. Their lives shouldn't be made even harder.

Christi Aldridge is a senior strategic communication major from Hillsboro.



ROGELIO V. SOLIS / The Associated Press
Sarah Young of the Mississippi Safe Schools Coalition, center, walks with Constance McMillen, right, an 18-year-old senior at Itawamba County Agricultural High School, and her father Michael McMillen, left, on Monday.

QUICK NEWS

Kremlin source: US, Russia agree on arms treaty

MOSCOW (AP) — The United States and Russia have reached an agreement on "all documents" necessary to sign a new nuclear arms treaty, a senior Kremlin official said Wednesday, and the White House said the two nations are "very close" to signing it.

Czech officials announced that Prague will host the signing of the new U.S.-Russian treaty to reduce long-range nuclear weapons that would replace the 1991 Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty. They did not give a date.

President Barack Obama spent an hour Wednesday briefing Democratic Sen. John Kerry, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and Sen. Richard Lugar, the committee's ranking Republican. Both would play major roles in Senate ratification of the emerging treaty.

NFL passes player safety rules

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — NFL players should be safer during games thanks to several rules changes passed at the league meetings. They also might be playing longer in regular-season overtimes.

The NFL passed rules Wednesday to further protect defenseless players, including ball carriers who lose their helmet during a play. Seven of eight overall rules proposals were adopted, then several owners said they also expect the modified overtime for the playoffs that passed the previous day to be revisited in May to include the regular season.

"It's a better system, so why not have a better system every game?" Philadelphia Eagles owner Jeffrey Lurie said of expanding the new OT rule that allows a team losing the coin toss and allowing a field goal on the first series to then get a possession.

Greyhound passenger busted, \$500,000 in cocaine

SHERMAN, Texas (AP) — A tip from a Greyhound bus driver about a suspicious man led Sherman police to \$500,000 worth of cocaine in the passenger's unmarked suitcase.

Sgt. Bruce Dawsey says an officer was waiting at the bus stop Tuesday when the northbound vehicle arrived from Dallas.

Dawsey says 12 pounds of cocaine turned up in the lining of the man's suitcase, after he consented to the search.

The suspect, who listed an Austin address, was in custody facing drug possession charges, plus was on an immigration hold for allegedly not being in the U.S. legally.

Officials with Dallas-based Greyhound say their bus drivers are trained to look for suspicious behavior. Police say the driver noticed the man as his luggage was being loaded.

French ambassador asks Texas to halt execution

PARIS (AP) — France's ambassador to the U.S. has asked Gov. Rick Perry to pardon a Texas death row inmate married to a Frenchwoman.

Hank Skinner faces execution Wednesday night in Huntsville for the killings of his then-girlfriend and her two adult sons in 1993 in Pampa, Texas.

French Foreign Ministry spokesman Bernard Valero says "our ambassador in Washington has asked the governor of Texas to pardon Skinner" or to suspend the execution and heed Skinner's request for further investigation.

Skinner maintains his innocence. Valero told an online briefing that President Nicolas Sarkozy has offered "France's support" to Skinner's wife, Sandrine Ageorges-Skinner.

France is firmly opposed to the death penalty.

GOP files ethics complaint against Demo White

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Democratic gubernatorial nominee Bill White is facing GOP allegations that he failed to report \$83,000 of income to the Texas Ethics Commission.

The ethics complaint was filed Tuesday by the Republican Party of Texas.

White spokeswoman Katy Bacon told the San Antonio Express-News the money did not have to be reported as "occupational income" because it was deferred compensation. Bacon says the holdings were discussed on White's financial statements.

White's 2009 income tax return, which he released last week, shows he had almost \$660,000 in adjusted gross income. White's 2009 return indicated \$83,677 in deferred compensation from when he was CEO of the Wedge Group, prior to becoming mayor in 2004.

NEWS

HEALTH CARE

Threats surround reform

By Emily Wagster Pettus
Associated Press Writer

Unrest over sweeping federal health care legislation has turned to vandalism and threats, with bricks hurled through Democrats' windows, a propane line cut at the home of a congressman's brother and menacing phone messages left for lawmakers who supported the bill.

The FBI is investigating the instances, which include shattered windows at four Democratic offices in New York, Arizona and Kansas. At least 10 members of Congress have reported some sort of threat as of Wednesday, and no arrests have been made.

The brick flung through the window of a county Democratic Party office in Rochester, N.Y., over the weekend had a note attached: "Extremism in defense of liberty is no vice," roughly quoting 1964 Republican presidential nominee Barry Goldwater.

A New York congresswoman whose office window also was smashed with a brick accused the Republican leadership of failing to denounce attacks against lawmakers who supported the legislation. The vandalism was at Democratic Rep. Louise Slaughter's district office in Niagara Falls early Friday, two days before the House passed the health care overhaul bill.

"It's more disturbing to me that Republican leadership has not condemned these attacks and instead appears to be fanning the flames with coded rhetoric," said Slaughter, a key supporter of the bill.

House Republican leader

"That's not the American way. We need to take that anger and channel it into positive change."

John Boehner
House Republican leader

John Boehner of Ohio said in a statement that while many Americans are angry over the bill's passage, "violence and threats are unacceptable."

"That's not the American way," Boehner said. "We need to take that anger and channel it into positive change."

The FBI and Capitol Police were briefing Democratic lawmakers on how to handle perceived security threats, said House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer, D-Md. Those who feel they are at risk will be "getting attention from the proper authorities," Hoyer said, declining to say whether any are receiving extra security. Normally only those in leadership positions have personal security guards.

At a news conference in Washington, Hoyer said people have yelled that Democratic lawmakers should be put on firing lines and posters have appeared with the faces of lawmakers in the cross hairs of a target.

While not directly criticizing Republicans, Hoyer said that "any show of appreciation for such actions encourages such action."

Gun imagery was used in a posting on the Facebook page of Sarah Palin urging people to organize against

20 House Democrats who voted for the health care bill and whose districts went for the John McCain-Palin ticket two years ago. Palin's post featured a U.S. map with circles and cross hairs over the 20 districts.

Some of the anger over the bill spilled over in a flood of obscenity and threat-filled phone and fax messages to the office of Rep. Bart Stupak, D-Mich. His office released some of the messages it has received since the health care bill passed, declining to add further comment.

"I hope you bleed ... (get) cancer and die," one male caller told the congressman between curses.

A fax with the title "Defecating on Stupak" carried a picture of a gallows with "Bart (SS) Stupak" on it and a noose attached. It was captioned, "All Baby Killers come to unseemly ends Either by the hand of man or by the hand of God."

The vandalism and threats surprised a researcher at a think tank that monitors extremist groups.

"I think it is astounding that we are seeing this wave of vigilantism," said Mark Potok of the Alabama-based Southern Poverty Law Center.

In Virginia, someone cut a propane line leading to a grill at the Charlottesville home of U.S. Rep. Tom Perriello's brother after the address was posted online by activists angry about the health care overhaul. Perriello also said a threatening letter was sent to his brother's house. The FBI and local authorities were investigating.

CALIFORNIA



ERIC RISBERG / Associated Press
A grower holds a marijuana plant being grown for medical purposes inside a greenhouse at a farm in Potter Valley, Calif. in May 2009. California voters will decide whether to legalize recreational marijuana use for adults after a petition to include the initiative in the November ballot was certified.

Voters to decide on marijuana

By Cathy Bussewitz
Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — California voters will decide whether to legalize recreational marijuana use for adults, after the secretary of state on Wednesday certified the initiative for the November ballot.

It would become the first state to legalize recreational marijuana if the proposition is approved. Marijuana use is legal for medicinal purposes in California and 14 other states, but the drug is illegal under federal law.

Secretary of State Debra Bowen certified that the petitions seeking to place the question on the ballot had more than 433,971 valid voter signatures, the minimum number

needed to qualify.

If approved, the initiative would allow those 21 years and older to possess up to one ounce of marijuana, enough to roll several marijuana cigarettes. Residents also could cultivate the plant in limited quantities.

Local governments would decide whether to permit and tax marijuana sales.

"The tide has turned," said Dan Newman, a strategist with the campaign backing the measure. "The combination of the broken budget and dysfunctional cannabis laws have created the perfect storm for this initiative to pass in November."

Opponents refer to marijuana as a gateway drug, meaning its use is believed to lead young people to try other, harder

drugs. They worry that legalization would persuade more people to try it, worsening the nation's drug culture.

"How can our kids say no when the adults around them are saying yes?" asked Aimee Hendle, a spokeswoman for Californians for Drug Free Youth.

Stephen Gutwillig, California director for the Drug Policy Alliance, said certification of the ballot initiative marks a watershed moment in the decades-long struggle.

"Banning marijuana outright has been a profound disaster, fueling a massive, increasingly brutal underground economy, wasting billions in scarce law enforcement resources and making criminals of countless law-abiding citizens," he said.

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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.

See Friday's paper for sudoku and crossword solutions.

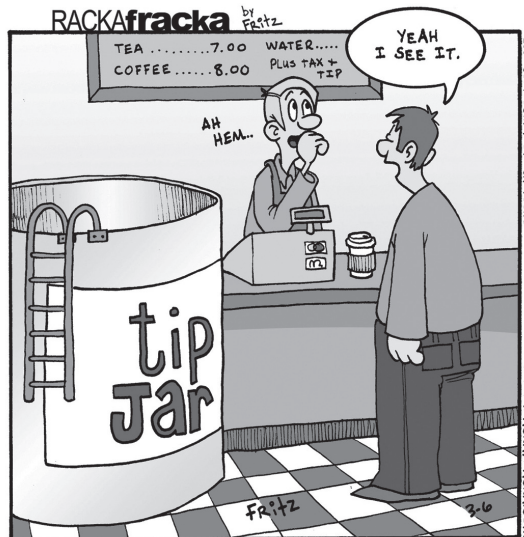
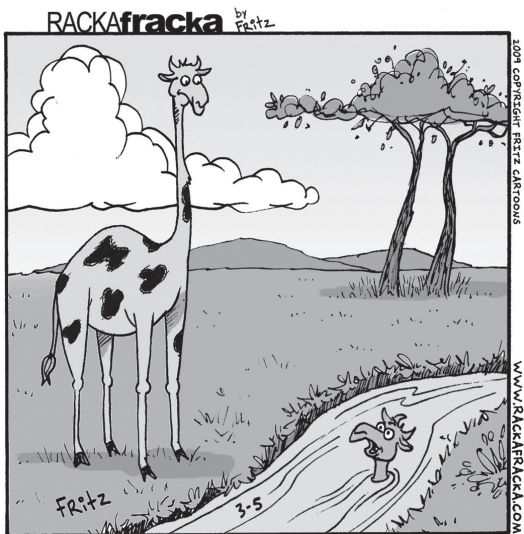
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- 5 Dishonorable types
- 9 Gets off the road, in a way
- 14 Spear or pepper follower
- 15 End of grace
- 16 Sound portion
- 17 On the briny
- 18 Pro ____
- 19 Spills carelessly
- 20 CCCC?
- 23 Amount consumed
- 24 Yokel
- 25 Bird was one, briefly
- 27 Hemingway's Santiago, in the story's title
- 32 Pontificate
- 35 Jessica of "Good Luck Chuck"
- 38 Relieve
- 39 AAAA?
- 42 "Get outta here!"
- 43 Coward of the stage
- 44 Clarifying words
- 45 Inchoon native
- 47 "____ never work!"
- 49 Deli option
- 52 Hunk
- 56 TTTT?
- 60 Santa ____: Silicon Valley city
- 61 Fuzz
- 62 DEA agent's discovery
- 63 Big jerks
- 64 Ocean predator
- 65 Penultimate fairy tale word
- 66 Used up
- 67 ____do-well
- 68 Information ____

DOWN

- 1 Valuable violin
- 2 Like baked dough
- 3 Prepared to speak to a tot, maybe

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By Jeff Chen

- 4 Overhead projection?
- 5 Monopoly
- 6 Eastern nurse
- 7 Discourage
- 8 Messy situation
- 9 Many a Matisse
- 10 Doozy
- 11 It's added to natural gas
- 12 Use a rag on
- 13 Coast Guard pickup
- 21 Olympic event since 1968
- 22 Wolf pack member
- 26 Poi essential
- 28 At an impasse, as the Senate
- 29 Medieval club
- 30 More than wonders
- 31 Egg site
- 32 Trans-Siberian Railroad city
- 33 Moneyed, in Madrid
- 34 Banned apple spray

Wednesday's Puzzle Solved

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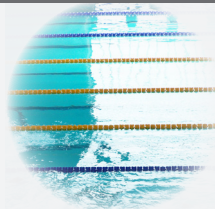
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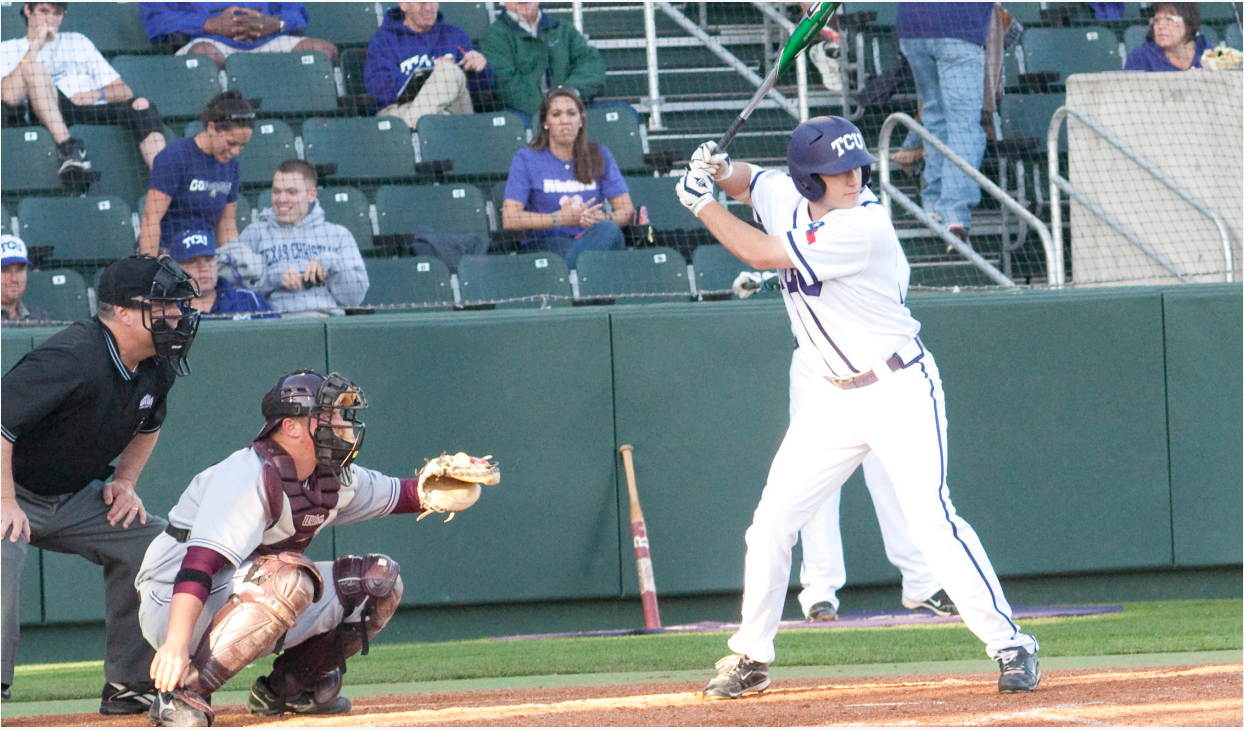
SPORTS



Sophomore Edgar Crespo heads to the 2010 NCAA Men's Swimming and Diving Championships. Tomorrow

BASEBALL

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Sophomore Jason Coats steps up to bat in the Horned Frogs' 4-0 win over Texas State on Tuesday night.

PAIGE McARDLE / Staff Photographer

Baseball teams faces weekend series at AFA

By Parker Fleming
Staff Writer

The No. 5 Horned Frogs will travel to Colorado Springs this weekend to face the Air Force Falcons. The Frogs (16-4) are looking to keep their success rolling this season as they face some conference play.

The Falcons have struggled this season, losing 16 of 21. Air Force is on a four-game losing streak coming into the TCU series.

The Frogs lost two straight for the first time this season earlier in the week, against

Brigham Young and Dallas Baptist, but rebounded strongly in their 4-0 victory over Texas State on Tuesday. They will try to continue that rebound, ironing out their mistakes on the practice field, said head coach Jim Schlossnagle.

Schlossnagle also said the Frogs are "trying to increase their fielding percentage," a reflection of the team's work for improvement after a poor outing in the field against BYU, where the team committed three errors that led to four unearned runs.

The Horned Frogs have had

a few unexpected players step up and contribute this season, Schlossnagle said. He specifically pointed out sophomore Taylor Featherston's hard work in the cages to spark his offense. Featherston is batting .298 with 17 hits and 8 RBIs, and he is working to improve on that as he recovers from an injured thumb.

Schlossnagle also commended sophomore Brance Rivera as someone who "has been a great highlight for [the team]." In the past 13 games, Rivera batted an outstanding .471.

Redshirt senior Paul Ger-

rish made his first start of the season Tuesday night against Texas State and boasts a 2.35 ERA. The Frogs shut out Texas State, with Gerrish allowing only six hits, striking out two in five and two-thirds innings.

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FOOTBALL

Signee adds depth at QB

By Sara Humphrey
Staff Writer

With 18 new recruits added to the football team's roster for the 2010 season, one stands out among the rest. Allen High School quarterback Matt Brown verbally committed to the



"My goal in anything is to win, and I feel like TCU definitely has the opportunity to win."

Matt Brown
signee

is important to him as well.

"I really like to go fishing and be with my family and stuff, so to be able to have a second chance and be able to do that is really cool," Brown said. "Everyone who has been to all my football games since I was little will get to come out and watch me still."

Brown plans to red-shirt his first year, gain weight and learn the offense as best as he can, he said.

"I know Andy Dalton is going to be there and going to be the starter no matter what, and he deserves it," Brown said. "He is a really good quarterback but that next year I would like to get the chance to compete."

Brown said he likes the team's fearless attitude.

"The thing I like about coach Patterson, or the vibe I get from him, is that he is not scared of anybody," he said. "He will play anybody - Texas, USC, Florida, he doesn't care who it is."

Brown said he hopes to eventually take the team to the national championship, he said.

"My goal in anything is to win, and I feel like TCU definitely has the opportunity to win," he said.

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