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Bob Schieffer, alumnus and moderator of CBS' "Face of the Nation," and Gwen Ifill, moderator and managing editor of PBS' "Washington Week," share a laugh during the fifth annual Schieffer Symposium in the Brown-Lupton University Union Ballroom on Wednesday evening.

## Panelists acknowledge media bias

*Bloggers' accountability must be stressed as industry changes, journalists agree*

By Callie Mason  
Staff Reporter

Alumnus and host of CBS' "Face the Nation" Bob Schieffer said he could not imagine a country without a newspaper in front of a sold-out crowd at the fifth annual Schieffer Symposium in the Brown-Lupton University Union Ballroom on Wednesday night.

This year's Symposium focused on the economic crisis, the media coverage of President Barack Obama's performance and the future of journalism.

The panelists included David Brooks, a columnist for The New York Times; Gwen Ifill, moderator and managing editor of PBS' "Washington Week" and author of "The Breakthrough: Politics and Race in the Age of Obama;" Trish Regan, Emmy-nominated correspondent and co-anchor of CNBC's "The Call;" and Mark Shields, a nationally syndicated columnist and a commentator on PBS' "The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer."

The symposium started off with a discussion about how well Obama has handled the problems during his first months in office.

Shields said Obama is managing things well and that his political skills are the reason why.

Schieffer said that while he was moderating the final presidential debate he noticed that Obama stayed composed throughout.

"He is one cool customer," Schieffer said.

On the topic of how well the media are doing to cover the Obama presidency, every panelist agreed that there is some form of bias, regardless of whether it is conscious.

Ifill said in a press conference held before the event that the me-

dia are obsessed with whatever makes the most interesting story.

"The press is obsessed with everything he says and everything she wears," Ifill said of Obama and his wife, Michelle.

Shields said the media have a tendency to favor the winner in any campaign.

Brooks said the majority of the people he works with are in favor of Obama.

"Among my colleagues, 90 percent vote democratic," Brooks said.

Brooks went on to say that even if journalists are not aware of their biases, they have them. However, he said he believes the press is being fair in covering Obama and that most reporters are committed to journalism, not personal politics.

Shields said he doesn't think Obama is getting a free ride, but part of problem is that Republicans are currently voiceless.

The future of journalism was also a topic of concern.

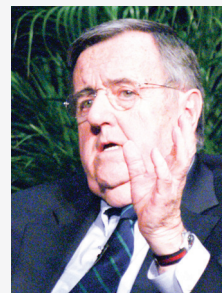
"It seems like it is about a paper a week now," Schieffer said, in reference to the newspaper industry crisis.

The immense use of the Internet and the progression of technology is the primary cause of the concern for the future of journalism, the panelists agreed.

"Online blogs and such have taken over," Brooks said.

Schieffer said the main problem with the Web is that there is no editor and anyone can post anything they want regardless of whether he or she is informed about the topic.

Ifill said some reporters use the Internet as their outlet, and that it is not the panel's intent to condemn all bloggers, but standards are necessary.



"People choose 'I like' over IQ when people decide what candidate to vote for."

**Mark Shields**  
columnist  
and PBS commentator



"We have to tackle one problem at a time, and the most important thing to do is solve the financial crisis."

**Trish Regan**  
correspondent  
and CNBC co-anchor



"We (the media) never do a perfect job and never satisfy everyone."

**Bob Schieffer**  
alumnus and host of CBS' "Face the Nation"



"The only way we have to gauge a presidency is how the president behaves before."

**Gwen Ifill**  
moderator and PBS' "Washington Week" managing editor



"They just cut our pay 5 percent, so now I'm at a buck 29."

**David Brooks**  
columnist,  
The New York Times

### ADVISING

## Problems attributed to student negligence

*Officials call reports of graduation delays overblown*

By Katie Ruppel  
Staff Reporter

Junior music and Spanish major Janie Bergamasco said she has had a few problems with advising at the university.

Recently she wanted to change to a double major, but when she asked for advice, she kept being referred to different people, she said.

"It took a semester to finally happen when all I needed them to do was click a button that says I now have a double major," Bergamasco said. "I think there needs to be more general advisers to help people keep up with graduation."

According to a survey of graduating seniors from 2007-2008, 9.5 percent of students said they had delayed graduation because they were misadvised.

Cathy Coghlan, assistant director of Institutional Research, said not all graduating seniors responded to the survey - only about 60 percent did, and there is not a way of knowing the particulars of their reasons for delayed graduation.

"Students self-report that they have been misadvised," Coghlan said. "What we don't know is how well the students prepared for their advising sessions: did they go in and ask questions, did they do some self-preparation before that, did they have a clear idea of what they wanted to major in?"

Andie Piehl, assistant to the dean of the College of Fine Arts, said she requires students to file for their degree plans at 54 hours and their intent to graduate form at 96 hours in order to ensure she can catch any glitches early enough to prevent delayed graduation.

She said in the past four semesters she cannot recall more than one or two students who were not able to graduate on time because they were not enrolled properly, and in those cases, it was the student's mistake and not the adviser's.

"I would be shocked if there were actually 9.5 percent of students that weren't well advised in our college," Piehl said. "We do have faculty that are not as good at advising as others, but when we encounter a student who is having a problem with their adviser, we have another person in every department that we can send them to."

Lynn Cole, assistant dean of undergraduate programs for the Neeley School of Business, said the school has professional advisers working full-time to help students with the core curriculum, business school curriculum and the graduation requirements.

She said that often students perceive a miscommunication as being misadvised.

For example, Cole said if an adviser puts down a humanities course and the student selects a class that was not in that category, the student will interpret it as being misadvised.

Cole said all advisers document their

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### ECONOMY

## Obama: Other countries must do more to spur growth

By Steven Thomma and Julie Sell  
McClatchy Newspapers

LONDON — President Barack Obama heads into a global economic summit on Thursday warning that the world can no longer depend on the U.S. to be the consumer-driven engine of economic growth and that other nations will have to step up and do more.

"The world has become accustomed to the United States being a voracious consumer market and the engine that drives a lot of economic growth worldwide," he said Wednesday. He cautioned that the U.S. eventually will have to scale back



Obama

its appetite for the world's goods to pay the bills for all the stimulus spending it's doing.

"If there's going to be renewed growth, it can't just be the United States as the engine," he said. "Everybody is going to have to pick up the pace."

Outside, in the streets of London, violent protests erupted as thousands vented their anger over lost jobs and what they decried as the excesses of capitalism.

The global leaders gathered here, however, focused on how to spur

ward. One key debate heading into the summit's main working session Thursday was over how much more each government should spend to stimulate its own economy.

The U.S., the United Kingdom and China favor huge government stimulus programs, while France and Germany emphasize tough new regulations.

French President Nicolas Sarkozy and German Chancellor Angela Merkel arrived in London on Wednesday, vigorously pushing for more regulation.

"We do not want results that



A protestor sits next to a placard during a rally in central London's financial district Wednesday. Some 4,000 anarchists, anti-capitalists, environmentalists and others clogged the streets ahead of the G20 leaders' summit in London on Thursday.

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### CORRECTION

A photo caption in Wednesday's edition misspelled the last name of Bob Schieffer.

### PECULIAR FACT

MILFORD, Conn. — It's no April Fools joke. The baby bunny really does have two noses. A Connecticut pet shop worker found the nosey bunny in a delivery of 6-week-old dwarf rabbits that arrived at the Milford store last week.

— Associated Press

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## NEWS

# Study: Tech field offers job security

By Elise Ackerman  
San Jose Mercury News

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Despite layoffs at tech stalwarts like Google, IBM, Microsoft and Electronic Arts, the impact of the recession on the tech industry is likely to be far less severe than on other areas of the economy, recent labor statistics suggest.

That's good news for California, which has close to 1 million high-tech jobs, according to TechAmerica, an industry lobbying group that released a report Tuesday on the high-tech economy.

Last year, as the recession took hold, the tech industry as a whole added 77,000 jobs, while the private sector as a whole lost 800,000 jobs, according to the Cyberstates 2009 report.

Gains in the software industry alone, which added 86,200 jobs, more than made up for job losses in manufacturing and communications, which together cut 36,000 jobs. Indeed, even in the fourth quarter 12,600 jobs in software opened up, according to the Cyberstates 2009 report.

Josh James, director of research for TechAmerica, said data showing how many tech jobs were lost or gained last year in California was not yet available. There is also no data for the first three months of this year.

Figures from the Bureau of Labor Statistics for February show that tech continued to escape the brunt of the financial collapse, despite extensive business with Wall Street where some financial firms have gone belly up or are severely cutting back on spending. U.S. unemployment rates for computer and math-related professions rose from 2.8 percent in 2008 to 5.4 percent in 2009. Likewise,

unemployment for architecture and engineering occupations rose from 2.3 percent in 2008 to 5.4 percent in 2009.

In contrast, unemployment for farming, fishing and construction industries was about 23 percent in February 2009. Unemployment was 13 percent for maintenance jobs and 11 percent for food preparation jobs, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

A preponderance of those kinds of jobs has raised the unemployment level in California to more than 10 percent, economists said.

Jeffrey Michael, of the University of the Pacific Business Forecasting Center in Stockton, noted that business investment did not fall off until late 2008, which indicates that most job losses in tech are probably still ahead.

"There's no place to hide," said Stephen Levy, director and senior economist at the Center for Continuing Study of the California Economy. But while Levy and others expect layoffs at tech companies to continue next year, they say the reductions will not come close to the devastating numbers of jobs lost during the dot-com bust.

The stimulus bill, which will direct tens of billions of dollars in spending toward initiatives involving e-health, broadband deployment, green technology and research and development, is expected to be a bonanza for tech firms. Earlier this month, the California Budget Project estimated that the state could receive more than \$3 billion in funding for health information exchanges, electronic records and other e-health projects.

"The hope is that we will be in recovery in 2010, and once we are in recovery, Silicon Valley should do very, very well," Levy said.

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advising sessions in order to catch mistakes.

"If we do make a mistake that is going to delay someone's graduation, we are going to fix it," Cole said. "For instance, if we've advised them to take a course that turns out is not offered the last semester they will be here, we will look for a substitution for that course."

Dick Rinewalt, associate dean of the College of Science and Engineering, said advisers keep records at each advising session so if a student does complain about being misadvised, they can look back and see if the adviser or the student made the mistake.

He said 9.5 percent seems very high and would estimate only a third of that in the College of Science and Engineering.

"Anything greater than zero is a problem," Rinewalt said. "But perfection is impossible."

Ranae Stetson, an associate professor of education and faculty adviser, said the first step in ad-

vising is an initial interview with the student to get to know him or her personally and what he or she wants to ultimately do.

She said new advisers sit in on sessions in order to get hands-on experience and every session is recorded so that if a mistake is made, the adviser can accept responsibility.

"There will always be glitches because we are humans, but we try to minimize those mistakes by being as clear about a student's career goal as possible," Stetson said. "The way I want to look at it is if over 90 percent of students are getting accurate advising, then that's pretty awesome."

Paul Carpenter, a Brite Divinity student, said that although he was not advised at the university as an undergraduate student, he understands why students would report being misadvised.

"Students often use advisers as scapegoats," Carpenter said. "When life is hard and complex, it's a human tendency to point outside of ourselves to lay blame. Life's hard, you gotta blame somebody."

# Negligence in hospitals cause of many deaths

By Lauren C. Williams  
Capital News Service

WASHINGTON — Nearly 100,000 Americans die each year from a disease scientists have a cure for, said Dr. Peter Pronovost, Johns Hopkins University professor.

This "cure" isn't found in a pill or medical therapy, but in a safety program for medical professionals that ensures safe practices through checklists and measuring hospital-acquired infection rates.

Pronovost and other health care professionals testified Wednesday before the U.S. House Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies on how to combat hospital-acquired infections, also known as health care-associated infections, in the United States.

The panel told Chairman David Obey, D-Wis., Tim Ryan, D-Ohio, and ranking member Todd Tiahrt, R-Kan., the large number of deaths from these preventable infections each year could be curbed with a change in hospital protocol.

"We need to make doggone sure that every single person that walks into a hospital knows what the infection rate is," Obey said.

There are an estimated 1.7 million infections each year in U.S. hospitals resulting in 98,987 deaths each year, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

This is six times more than the number of people who die from AIDS-related diseases each year, Pronovost said.

"The disease is real, the disease is deadly and the disease is costly," said Pronovost, director of

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have no impact in practice," Merkel said at a London news conference with Sarkozy. "We want the kind of results that are really an outcome and change the world."

Sarkozy repeated his demand for the creation of a new international financial regulator. Both also called for increased registration and transparency of hedge funds, as well as a list of tax havens.

"I have confidence in Mr. Obama; I'm sure he will help us," Sarkozy said. He added, however, "It's today and tomorrow — after tomorrow, it's too late."

Obama said that the U.S., Britain, France and Germany were all in broad agreement on the need to stimulate their economies and better regulate financial systems. The differences between countries, he argued, is "just arguing at the margins."

Mindful that many countries attending the summit blame the financial centers of New York and London for the mess, Obama conceded the U.S. share of responsibility.

He added, "I'm less interested in identifying blame than fixing the problem."

Outside, in the streets, an estimated 4,000 demonstrators virtually emptied a swath of The City — London's financial district — on Wednesday, and by late afternoon a mob attacked a branch of the Royal Bank of Scotland, a British bank that was nationalized with taxpayer funds late last year.

Riot police were called in after demonstrators, many wearing black bandanas to cover their faces, broke windows of the branch, which was closed ahead of the march, and entered it.

Protesters also climbed onto the roof of the Bank of England, Britain's central bank. By mid-afternoon, police had arrested at least 23 people, the BBC reported. Separately, Scotland Yard reported arresting 11 people on suspicion of possessing police uniforms after they were found traveling in a renovated armored personnel carrier.

Further protests are expected Thursday.

# 20 percent of Medicare patients readmitted soon after discharge

By Deborah L. Shelton  
Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO — One in five Medicare patients are readmitted to the hospital within 30 days of being discharged — and one in three are back within 90 days — in large part because they lacked a primary care provider, according to a new national study released Wednesday.

More than half of the non-surgical patients in the study had not seen a doctor prior to being re-hospitalized.

The study, published in this week's New England Journal of Medicine, put the cost of the readmissions at \$17.4 billion, a significant amount of the \$103 billion paid by Medicare to hospitals in 2004, the most recent year figures were available.

The five most common medical conditions requiring readmission

were heart failure, pneumonia, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, psychoses and gastrointestinal problems. The five most common surgical procedures were cardiac stent placement, major hip or knee surgery, vascular surgery, major bowel surgery and other hip or femur surgery.

The study analyzed hospital data for almost 12 million patients enrolled in the Medicare fee-for-service program between Oct. 1, 2003 and Dec. 31, 2004.

Readmission rates rose over time: 19.6 percent of patients had to be hospitalized within 30 days of discharge, 34 percent within 90 days and 56.1 percent within a year. Rates also varied by state, ranging from 13 percent in Idaho to 23 percent in the District of Columbia.

Having to be readmitted to a hospital so soon after being discharged can be emotionally

devastating for elderly patients, especially when it could have been prevented, a study co-author said.

"A lot of these patients come into the hospital extremely sick, sometimes near death, and when they recuperate and leave the hospital they don't want to return," said Dr. Mark Williams, chief of hospital medicine at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine. "It's very frustrating and scary, especially for elderly patients with multiple medical problems. Every hospitalization takes its toll."

Seventy percent of the patients admitted after surgery suffered from a medical problem such as urinary tract infection or pneumonia.

The vast majority of those readmitted returned through the emergency room, which could be a contributing factor to ER overcrowding across the coun-

ty. A number of factors might be contributing to the high readmissions rate. Many patients do not have a primary care provider or can't get an appointment right away, Williams said. Some may not be able to afford their medications or are not taking them as prescribed.

The vast majority fell through the cracks between hospital discharge and outpatient care, Williams said.

Elderly patients today typically are sicker than those hospitalized in years past and suffer from multiple chronic illnesses.

"Additionally, there is significant pressure in a lot of hospitals that are filled to capacity to move patients to the outpatient setting as quickly as possible," Williams said. Ten years ago, patients were hospitalized about seven to 10 days on average. Today it's more like four days, he said.

"There is significant pressure in a lot of hospitals that are filled to capacity to move patients to the outpatient setting as quickly as possible."

Mark Williams

chief of hospital medicine at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine

"These high rates may result, in part, from inadequate coordination of care and poor discharge planning, since half of the patients who were readmitted within 30 days had no ambulatory visit before the re-hospitalization," wrote Dr. Arnold M. Epstein, in

an editorial that accompanied the study. Epstein is chairman of the department of health policy and management at Harvard School of Public Health.

"Although some patients may have been in close contact with doctors by telephone, these figures still raise questions about transitions between hospital and ambulatory care and complement a substantial body of other evidence that shows suboptimal coordination of care at the time of discharge," Epstein wrote.

Williams said the current health financing system rewards hospitals for "doing things" instead of preventing them.

To help prevent re-hospitalizations, he said health providers need to focus on preparing the patient and caregivers for the transition to home and on coordinating follow-up care with primary care physicians. Medicare and other insurers pay for readmissions except for those within 24 hours of discharge, which likely contributes to lack of the effort to decrease them, he said.

"We don't pay hospitals enough so that pharmacists, nurses and physicians can educate patients about their medications and treatment so they don't get readmitted," he said. "We need to shift from paying for quantity of care to paying for quality of care."

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*The Skiff View*

## Advising problems not just students' doing

Graduating on time is a concern for most college students, and receiving proper advising is one of the best ways for students to ensure that they do.

However, about one in every 10 students reported being misadvised to the point of delaying graduation, according to a survey among graduating seniors from 2007-2008.

Being misadvised is not only frustrating, but it can also be expensive. Consequences range from simply taking a class one doesn't need or isn't interested in to having to enroll for an extra semester or longer in order to meet graduation requirements.

Some universities have hired full-time professional advisers to prevent this from happening. Although the Neeley School of Business has, other departments have not. And in the university's current atmosphere of budget tightening, it is not likely that the university soon will.

So what can be done to decrease instances of misadvising?

Though it's easy for students to complain that their advisers are completely at fault, there are steps students can, and should, take to have more successful advising sessions. For example, they should always go to their advising session with a list of classes they want or need to take as well as a list of questions and concerns they have.

They're called advisers for a reason; they assist students in making decisions, they don't do all the work for them.

On the other hand, many students have voiced concerns about their advisers' not always knowing what they are doing, and their concerns should not be discounted.

Some majors and departments have a more complicated set of requirements than others, and in this case, advisers should be better trained.

Fault may also lie with the university itself because of the overly complicated core curriculum.

The university should look at the problem holistically and work toward either educating students and advisers or simplifying the system for everyone.

*News editor Logan Wilson for the editorial board.*

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

## Big-government express already losing steam



E. THOMAS MCCLANAHAN

President Obama is a man in a hurry. He knows that time is not on his side. He will never be as powerful as he is now, and his opposition — the leaderless GOP — will never be as weak.

So he pushes hard to win acceptance of as much of his agenda as possible, but the inevitable erosion has already begun.

Last month, his approval rating was in the mid-60s. Now it's in the high 50s. Last week a Zogby poll had him at 50 percent.

A couple of recent polls showed that Republicans are even or slightly ahead in the generic vote for Congress. U.S. News & World Report's Michael Barone figures the GOP isn't doing better. Rather, the Democrats are doing worse.

The fraudulent stimulus package — much of which was loaded up with non-stimulus social spending — probably has a lot to do with it.

But perhaps what worries many voters most is the promiscuous overreaching on display. What we're watching is an astonishing power grab.

The White House has announced that it wants the government to regulate executive pay at financial companies, even those that haven't taken bailout money.

The Environmental Protection Agency wants to tell every business how much carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases it can emit.

And on Capitol Hill, House Democrats have been talking about using the budget reconciliation process to ram through a makeover of our health care system.

Using this sort of conduit for health care reform would be an outrageous abuse of a process designed not for major policy changes, but for budget and tax issues. Something as big as health care reform

requires a broad consensus, but in the Senate it would need only 51 votes.

Meanwhile, Obama continues to engage in a weird sort of disconnection as he promotes his \$3.6 trillion budget.

Passing the budget, he said during his news conference last week, is essential. Why? Because the budget would reform health care and education, and transform our patterns of energy use.

Yet as several bloggers have pointed out, if health care reform is some sort of economic tonic, why has the current crisis also swept European countries, which went through health care reform years ago?

Then there's his energy plan, which calls for a cap-and-trade scheme that would squeeze \$646 billion out of the economy in eight years and no doubt permanently damage our manufacturing economy. Obama aide Jason Furman recently told a meeting of Senate staffers the costs could perhaps triple the initial estimate.

Obama said it was time for "serious efforts" to reduce the federal deficit, but his budget does the opposite. According to the Congressional Budget Office, Obama's would increase the public debt by \$2.3 trillion more than the White House estimates.

Even Alice Rivlin, Bill Clinton's former budget director, says Obama's budget would "raise deficits to unsustainable levels well after the economy recovers."

A sign of where we may be heading came last week, when a British government bond auction failed to draw enough buyers to fully subscribe an issue of 40-year bonds. In the United States, demand for a new issue of 5-year notes was unexpectedly weak — a jarring signal from investors that demand for public debt has limits.

Obama, unfortunately, seems determined to test the limits.

*E. Thomas McClanahan is a member of the Kansas City Star editorial board. This column was distributed by McClatchy-Tribune Information Services.*

### CORRECTIONS

An editing error in Wednesday's issue misrepresented the opinion of the writer, Shane Rainey. The writer intended to criticize the administration of President Barack Obama, not Gen. David Petraeus, in the handling of the War in Afghanistan.

Two articles in Wednesday's edition, about teaching assistants and authors of a medical journal, had swapped headlines.



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

## FAFSA flaws part of larger governmental mismanagement



MICHAEL LAUCK

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid form has gotten a lot of media attention lately regarding needed improvements, but it's not reasonable to expect any government program to run efficiently.

The university's director of financial aid, Michael Scott, said in a Skiff article Tuesday this week that there were problems with the length, redundancy and inefficiency of the FAFSA system.

When I first read this story, I thought, "Whoa, we have an administrator named Michael Scott? How cool is that?"

The second thing that came to my mind was that even though students and financial officers have said that we need to make changes to the FAFSA to make it more efficient, the truth is that it's never going to happen.

First, I point to other government things that are inefficient. Tax return forms, traffic, our public school system, the post office, the Department of Motor Vehicles and countless other things. Almost anything the government touches, seems to become unbearably inefficient. We should not be surprised that the FAFSA follows the exact same route.

Second, the government has no incentive to make these programs better. Sure,

**Almost anything the government touches, seems to become unbearably inefficient.**

we could vote the people in charge out but we have done that for decades now and nothing seems to change.

My parents have as many waiting-in-line stories as I do about the DMV. The FAFSA may be improved for a while but then it will get out of date again and people will begin to have more complaints.

It's great that the government provides this service to campuses around the nation to determine how much a student's

family can contribute. Something can also be said for the fact that it helps some families pay for college. However, I do not believe most people are getting a good deal with the FAFSA.

My family's income hinders me from getting scholarships, but what the FAFSA fails to consider is that I have a disabled brother who requires a lot of medical attention. I am sure other students are in a situation like this as well. It's insane that the government gets to decide who is more worthy to get money to go to school simply based on a few numbers.

Government is a good resource when it serves its intended purpose of protecting citizens' rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness like the Founding Fathers thought it should. It's only when government tries to force its happiness on us that things really get messed up.

Let's stop looking at ways that we could fix government and government documents and re-evaluate whether we need government to provide these services at all.

*Michael Lauck is a freshman broadcast journalism major from Houston.*

## Ship appropriately remembers Sept. 11

In a moving gesture to commemorate those who lost their lives in the attacks of Sept. 11, the finishing touches are now being applied to a new battleship named the USS New York. The ship was made from more than 24 tons of steel that was salvaged from the remains of the Twin Towers.

The completion of this ship should serve as a source of pride for all Americans.

The plan began with George Pataki, the former governor of New York. Pataki wrote to the secretary of the Navy shortly after the attacks and requested that a naval ship built to fight in the war on terror be named the USS New

York.

The ship, which is scheduled to be commissioned this fall, will carry a fully-equipped battalion and more than 700 Marines, according to the USS New York Web site.

Sept. 11 is a day that affected us all. It was the darkest day of our generation. But it reminded us not to take our lives and our freedom for granted. It reminded us to love our neighbors and it gave us an opportunity to show our strength, compassion and resolve.

The USS New York rose up from the rubble to become a symbol of beauty and strength just as the American people did. And it could

not have a more fitting mission. The ship's motto, emblazoned on the side is "Strength Forged Through Sacrifice: Never Forget."

Glenn Clement, a paint foreman who worked on the USS New York said in an Associated Press story, "It would be fitting if the first mission this ship would go on is to make sure bin Laden is taken out. He came in through the back door and knocked our towers down and the New York is coming right through the front door, and we want them to know that."

*Margaret Foland is a junior theatre arts major from Arlington.*

## Increase in charitable giving a blessing

The Salvation Army has rolled out its red kettles for holiday fundraising since 1891. But it has never had a year as successful as 2008. At a time when need was skyrocketing, so was generosity.

Donations across the country reached \$130 million, up 10 percent from 2007. That's the biggest single-year jump since 1997.

"The American public is obviously very generous," said Melissa Temme, national public relations director of the Salvation Army. "When they're presented with the struggles of their neighbor — even when they're struggling themselves — they give."

Yes, the economy had an impact. More people went online to contribute to the red kettle fundraising than ever before, but the average gift fell. While people may not have been able to help as much as they used to, they still gave what they could.

Cashless kettles contributed to the fundraising success. A pilot program instituted in Texas, Colorado and, at the last minute, Southern California, allowed givers to use a credit card at the kettles. The Salvation Army doesn't yet have final numbers on how much cashless kettles contributed to the overall donations, but

Temme said that, at a minimum, the publicity from the cashless kettles raised awareness of the need.

The news wasn't all good. The Salvation Army keeps money in the communities where it is raised. And some of the places where the need is greatest — such as Houston, Detroit and Las Vegas — were slammed by a shortfall in donations.

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Rosson Crow, *Bucket of Blood Saloon Destroyed by San Francisco Earthquake of 1906, 2006* (detail). Oil and acrylic on canvas. 108 x 108 inches. Courtesy of the artist and Honor Fraser Gallery, Los Angeles. Photograph by Joshua White.



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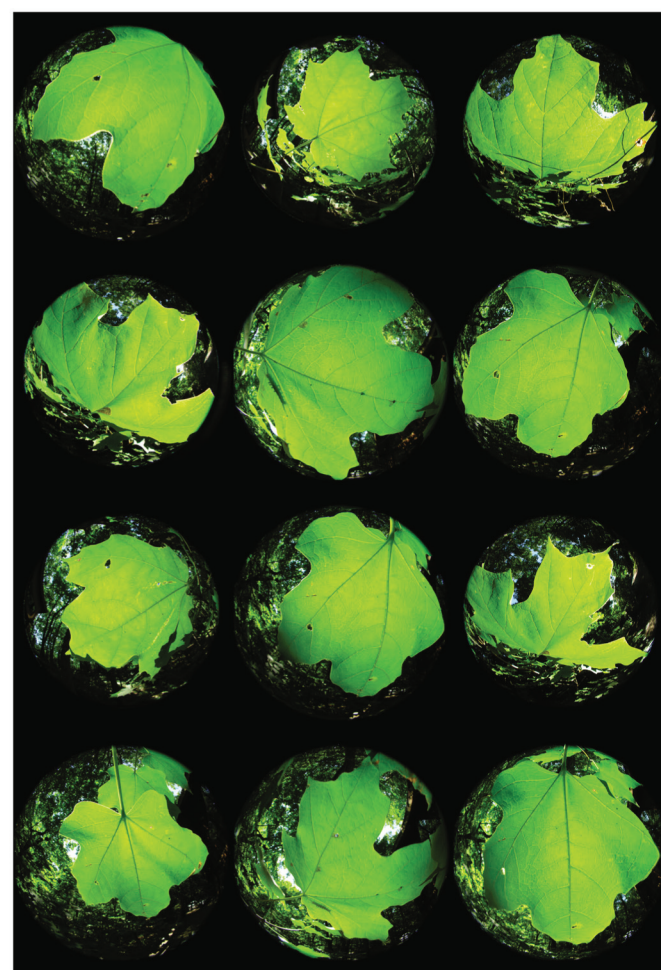
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## NEWS

## Expert offers tips to work fitness into daily life

By Julie Deardorff  
Chicago Tribune

When you can't get to the gym, exercise the way our ancestors did: Move throughout the day.

At first, this might feel inconvenient and bothersome. But real-world fitness — walking, standing, raising and lifting grocery bags, cutting vegetables or climbing stairs — isn't just cheaper than going to a health club. It's easier to incorporate into your daily life and works the body naturally.

After all, we're not doing ourselves any favors when we run hard on a treadmill for 30 minutes and sit in a chair the rest of the day, said obesity expert Dr. James Levine, who directs the Active Life Research Team at the Mayo Clinic. Instead, we should be in constant motion, using our own body weight and gravity to burn calories and build strength.

"The western exercise ethic has tried to get in control of the body, when the body is just fine and capable of responding to regular activity," said naturopath and personal trainer Mark Vella, the author of several books on anatomy and strength training. "It's like trying to think to grow or make your heart beat. Your body will do it if you give it what it needs."

That means we need to stand when we could sit and walk when we could stand, said Levine. When motion becomes a habit, you can add leg lifts while talking on the phone or squats against a bus shelter. Soon, you'll be able to squeeze fitness out of ordinary moments, from sunrise to sunset. Here are some ways to get started:

**In bed: 6 a.m.** Before getting up, pull your right knee up toward your chest to help warm up a stiff lower back. Switch legs and then pull both legs in. Hold each position 30 seconds. "A bit of side rocking mobilizes the sacroiliac joint," Vella said.

**In the bathroom: 7 a.m.** In the shower, fold forward to release tight hamstrings, calves and hips, keeping your knees slightly bent. Forward folds can also help with fatigue, anxiety, headaches and insomnia. Towel dry your hair and use a manual toothbrush.

**Taking the train: 8 a.m.** Walk or bike to the station. Take the steps two at a time, and if the train isn't there, pace back and forth on the platform. On trains and buses, stand and try to balance without holding a strap or handrail to work the core stability muscles and help prevent lower back pain.

**At your desk: 9 a.m.** Stand while listening to phone messages or checking e-mail; it burns three times as many calories as sitting. Also do several sets of Kegel exercises, which consist of contracting and relaxing the muscles that form the pelvic floor.

**At a meeting: 10 a.m.** Work your abdominal muscles by tensing them and

counting to 20, 30, or 60, said Dr. David Katz, director of the Yale-Griffin Prevention Research Center in Derby, Conn. "You can selectively tense muscles in your legs as well while driving or flying," said Katz.

**Feeding the parking meter: noon.** To lift your butt, brace the toe of your left shoe up against the base of the parking meter and keep the heel planted on the ground, said Tina Vindum, founder of Outdoor Fitness. Lace your fingers around the pole (navel height), hook your right foot around your left ankle and lean back. Press up through your left foot, raising your tailbone about 3 inches. Repeat.

**Waiting in line at the post office: 1 p.m.** Stand in "mountain pose," a balance posture. Think about evenly pressing your body weight onto the four corners of your feet: big toe, little toe, inner heel and outer heel, wrote Sage Rountree in "The Athlete's Guide to Yoga" (VeloPress, \$21.95).

**In the office: 2 p.m.** Use the printer

farthest from your desk. Schedule "walking meetings" rather than sitting ones, suggested Levine. Take stairs instead of elevators.

**Picking up children: 3 p.m.** While driving, "you can work your whole upper body — biceps, triceps, deltoids, pectorals — by tensing your arms against the steering wheel in various ways," said Katz. You can also do this while pushing a grocery cart.

**At the playground: 4 p.m.** Hang from the monkey bars (or find a tree) to release the kinks and tension. Run, jump, dodge, crawl and climb with your kids, all motions that our bodies learned — and loved — decades ago.

**Winding down: 6 p.m.** On days when she can't work out, Elizabeth LaPlante of Mt. Prospect, Ill., will do 50 squats while holding her son James (50 pounds) or daughter Mary Catherine (42 pounds). "I kiss and hug them after 10 reps to keep me going," she said.



ERIC PAUL ZAMORA / Fresno Bee via MCT

Partygoers arrive at a home in central Fresno, Calif. where a birthday party that was advertised on MySpace.com was being held on March 13.

## MySpace increases party-going

By Doug Hoagland  
McClatchy Newspapers

FRESNO, Calif. — First they click. Then they party.

Hundreds of teens in the Fresno area log on to MySpace every weekend to read party invitations posted for all to see. They then flock to houses, warehouses and fields for music, dancing — and other things parents might not be happy about.

"We don't look for it. It's just there coming at us," said Miguel, 19, who started looking for parties on MySpace when he was 16. He declined to give his last name. "What else is there to do but party hardy and shake my fanny all night?"

Some party organizers present themselves as ambitious entrepreneurs supplying a service and making an honest buck. Authorities, however, worry about the potential for violence and fire hazards at overcrowded parties. And residents near party sites fret about their neighborhoods being overrun by loud, out-of-control teens.

Internet party notices are the 21st century equivalent of fliers stapled to telephone poles and bulletin boards. However, there's one huge difference.

**"With MySpace, you can put a flier right into someone's living room where their other friends are into the same music, and it's going to spread the word from there."**

**Brice Marsh**  
manager of Turfeazy and Young D

MySpace, a wildly popular social networking Web site, is reported to have more than 100 million monthly active users. Throw in text messages — available to anyone with a cell phone — and digital devices can with dizzying speed summon people to a party.

Up to 1,000 young people recently showed up for a party in a warehouse near downtown Fresno that could hold 179 safely. Someone was charging an \$8 admission

at the door. Two rival gang members argued, and gunfire erupted, police said. No one was injured. However, 20 to 30 Fresno cops had to flock to the site to handle a boisterous crowd that spilled onto streets.

That party was advertised on MySpace, said Brice Marsh, manager of two Bay Area rap artists, Turfeazy and Young D, who performed at the party.

"With MySpace, you can put a flier right into someone's living room where their other friends are into the same music, and it's going to spread the word from there," Marsh said.

Organizers use computers to generate flashy — and some would say offensive — notices about parties. For example, "Slutty Saturday!" was the headline on a MySpace invitation to a Feb. 21 party in Fresno. The party advertised having beer ("3Kegz") and other alcohol described as "Licker." The notice also used crude terms for male and female anatomy to refer to men and women.

The MySpace notices don't give the locations for parties, but provide a telephone number to call for directions.

Organizers post the notices in MySpace's bulletin section and on their MySpace pages, effectively sending notices to a network of MySpace "friends" — people they may or may not have met, who in turn send it to their friends, and so on.

"The power of word of mouth is multiplied by thousands when it comes to MySpace and text messaging," said Fresno musician Eric Rose, who performs under "(TILDE)E.ROSE(TILDE)."

Partygoers aren't the only ones making the digital journey to the Web site, though. Police go there, too.

Fresno Police Chief Jerry Dyer said after the warehouse party that his department monitors MySpace and other Internet sites to shut down some parties before violence occurs. But police miss some. Deputy Chief Robert Nevarez said: "It's just a vast network, and it's impossible to be able to monitor it completely."

Party organizers know what police are doing, and at least one organizer said it's caused him to rely more on text messaging.

"MySpace is burnt," said an organizer who identified himself as

Paul Gonzales, 26, of Fresno. "A lot of cops are hitting our parties. We're going to be one step ahead of them. They can't find your text messages."

That point underscores how many of the parties advertised on MySpace have an underground status, with organizers trying to operate out of the view of authorities. They generally don't get the permits that the city requires of anyone holding a party open to the public, Nevarez said.

Both police and fire officials say the unregulated parties can be dangerous.

"We know that gang members often surf the Internet, and when rival gang members show up at the same location, it's a recipe for disaster," Nevarez said. "Things get heated and the next thing you know, you have a fight that turns ugly fast."

People do shoot guns at parties, but it's not always because one person wants to harm another, said Anthony Huerta, 19, of Fresno, who works parties as a DJ known as "DJ Bashed."

"Shooting is our way of saying, 'Everybody leave,'" Huerta said.

Fire officials worry about party organizers allowing too many people into too-small spaces.

Buildings without adequate fire exits, emergency signs showing those exits and clearly marked exit pathways pose "extreme hazards" should a fire break out, said Fresno Fire Department spokesman Ken Shockley.

Homeowners also can feel their safety is threatened when hundreds of young adults — alerted by a MySpace notice — show up in their neighborhood for a party. That happened about 11:30 p.m. on a recent Friday in west-central Fresno. A party was held at a vacant house looked after by a young caretaker, neighbors said.

As teens parked cars along the street, a vehicle recklessly was spinning circles in a nearby church parking lot. Two teens from Kerman standing under a tree in front of the house said they learned about the party through a text message.

A resident in her 60s, who didn't want her name published because she fears retaliation by teens at the party, said she felt "very vulnerable" as the crowd showed up in her neighborhood.

Police broke up the party.

## Bad economy could affect accuracy of census in 2010

By Andres Viglucci  
and Lesley Clark

McClatchy Newspapers

MIAMI — There is no more long form. The 2010 Census motto: "Ten questions, 10 minutes."

Federal head-counters hope that streamlined questionnaires mean more people than ever will mail back completed forms when the constitutionally mandated, once-a-decade census begins in earnest a year from Wednesday.

That could save big money, because sending enumerators out to knock on doors costs hundreds of millions of dollars. And it could help ensure greater accuracy for a decennial count that is believed to miss millions of people, mostly ethnic and racial minorities.

But there is nothing simple about trying to count every single one of the 306 million or so people residing in the United States, especially in the case of "hard to count" populations — immigrants, Hispanics and blacks, among others.

The unwinding economic crisis threatens to make a difficult job even harder. Millions of people — foreclosed on, out of work — are expected to be displaced from homes and communities, on the move and hard to pin down when census time comes, federal officials and advocates say.

"That is a huge challenge for what is a household-based operation," said Terri Ann Lowenthal, an analyst who works with The Census Project, an organization that promotes policies to ensure an accurate count.

This week, the Census Bureau undertook two major efforts designed to pave the way for next year's count. About 140,000 canvassers armed with handheld devices fanned out to verify millions of addresses. And the bureau launched Census Partnership, a \$600 million

multilingual outreach and publicity campaign that will use thousands of organizations, news outlets, schoolchildren and recognized minority leaders to spread the word about the census.

The count is the basis for apportioning seats in Congress and dividing up \$300 billion in federal funds for states, counties and municipalities.

National Spanish-language broadcaster Univision has jumped in. Its executives promise an unusually broad range of census-themed ads and programming — from census public-service spots by soccer sportscasters to writing census-themed storylines into popular telenovelas.

Voto Latino, a national group that has waged successful voter registration drives, will turn its attention to the census, said Maria Teresa Petersen, its executive director. In some cases the group

**"We need to create the buzz in the barbershops, in the beauty parlors ... get the ministers speaking from the pulpit."**

**Karen Love**  
first vice chairwoman  
of National Newspaper  
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will reach out to teenagers who are often the translators for their parents. She said the group also will enlist the help of Hispanic DJs and rappers.

Karen Love, first vice chairwoman of the National Newspaper Publishers Association, which represents about 200 black newspapers, said many blacks are leery of

someone knocking on their door. "We need to create the buzz in the barbershops, in the beauty parlors ... get the ministers speaking from the pulpit," she said.

Studies show that 18 percent to 20 percent of the population is "cynical that this is a good thing to do," said Arnold Jackson, the bureau's associate director for the census, at Monday's partnership launch in Washington, D.C.

Minorities are especially hard hit by the economic crisis, making them potentially harder than ever to count, advocates say. That chore is further complicated by the presence in the country of record numbers of immigrants, legal and illegal, speaking many languages other than English, and with little knowledge of the census.

Mistrust spawned by immigration roundups and other enforcement actions means many immigrants are leery of contact with the government, advocates and officials say — even though census responses are strictly confidential and can't be shared with anyone in government, "even the president," said Census Bureau spokesman Raul Cisneros.

The Government Accountability Office has been voicing concerns about the Census Bureau's readiness, especially after technical problems forced abandonment of a plan to send out census counters with handheld computers for the first time, and cut short a critical 2008 run-through.

The technical glitch led to the resignation of the bureau's director — a permanent replacement has yet to be named — and the census counters will be armed with only paper next year. But Census Bureau officials insist they will be ready, thanks in part to an additional \$1 billion from President Barack Obama's economic stimulus package.

## BASEBALL

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catcher Jim Pharr, who was filling in for the ejected Holaday, a chance to win the game.

Pharr flied out to left, but with no outs it was enough to bring Featherston home to give the Horned Frogs the walk-off win.

Featherston said he thought the fight in the eighth gave the Horned Frogs the momentum to come back in the ninth, and may give them motivation for the rest of the season.

"After that whole ordeal broke out, I think it sparks you a little bit," he said. "That really can change a season around, and I think that's what it's going to do."

Head coach Jim Schlossnagle also gave praise to his team for the way they've practiced.

"We had the best practice we've had probably in two years here Monday," he said. "I think that really helped Carruthers, really helped Featherston."

This was the fourth game of a seven-game home stand for the Horned Frogs. Their next game will be Friday when they host the conference-leading New Mexico Lobos in a three game series. They will then go on the road to play Texas and UT-Pan American before returning home for a game against Texas Tech on April 13.



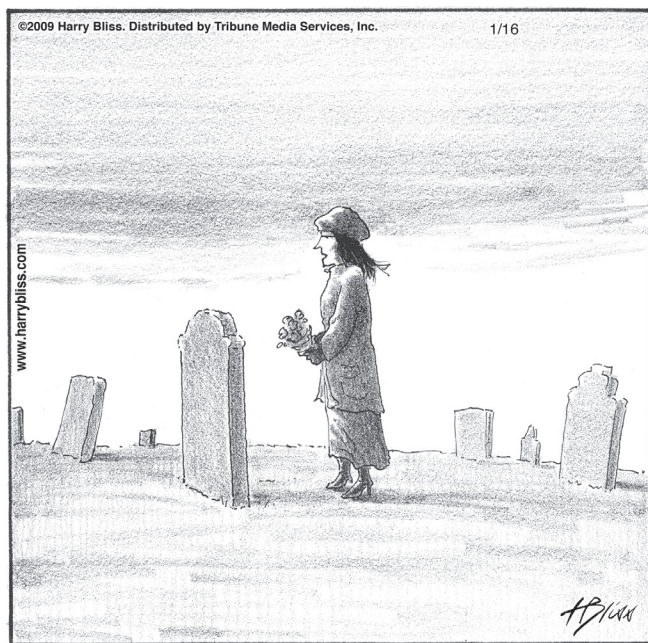
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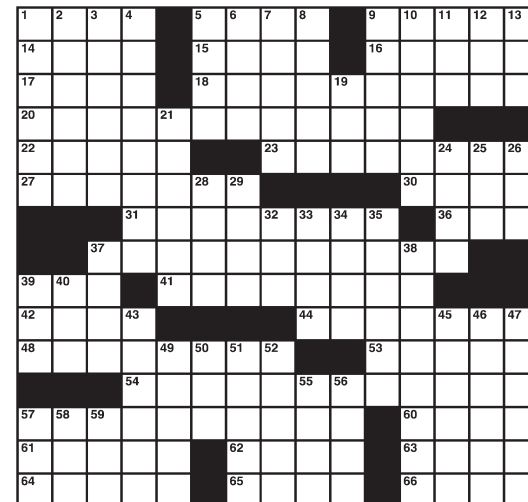
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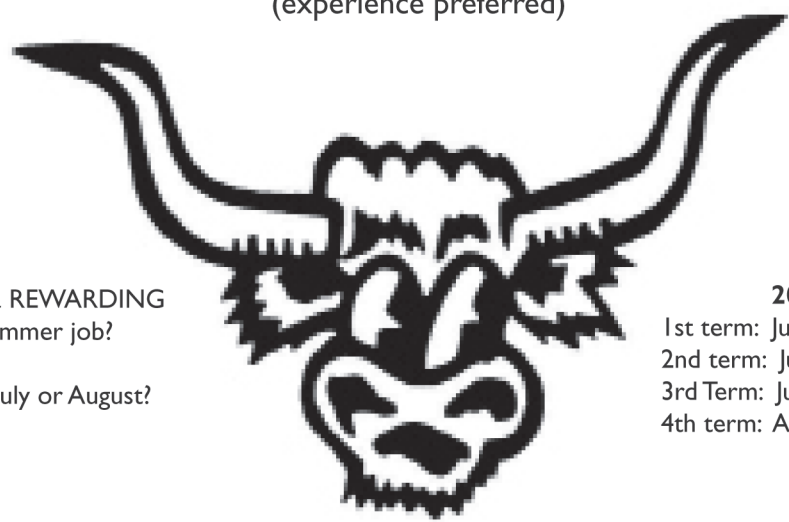
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## Has the NCAA Tournament lost the luster it once had?

*Dominance of powerhouse teams just the way the cookie crumbles*

*Lack of close games, dominance of top programs tarnishes tourney*



DAVID HALL

Some say the NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament has grown tired and boring since only highly ranked, marketable teams make it to the Final Four every year. Fans will inevitably gripe and whine about how boring it is since North Carolina and Connecticut are in final rounds for the umpteenth time while their beloved Southeast Arkansas Tech Muskrats are left out of the tournament for the 28th year in a row.

However, there are two important differences separating the powers-that-be from the never-wills: money and previous success. The tournament has and always will be like this.

For example, North Carolina has a good basketball program and has since the 1960s. Therefore, North Carolina sells a lot of jerseys to middle school-aged wannabe gangsters who live in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Thus, North Carolina can use the proceeds to build a sweet training gym with massage robots and high-protein supplements that taste like candy instead of recycled Sudanese sewer waste. For that reason, good players want to play ball in Chapel Hill. The cycle repeats itself ad infinitum.

What does a school like Cleveland State have to offer? A gym built next to a smelting plant that has been out of business since 1972? A scenic view of where Drew Carey used to live before he moved to California to host "The Price is Right" and dine on sushi with supermodels? No wonder players choose the high-profile schools.

One could argue that a good coach could put a program full of mediocre players over the hump, but still, the money and prestige will win out. Fans at UConn have no problem paying the big bucks for a coach given the past successes of the Husky basketball program. Fans at Binghamton would. If a coach catches fire at a small school, he'll be snatched up by a more wealthy program faster than you can say "Lindbergh baby."

The Cinderellas have no choice but to go home before midnight and let the rich kids have their party.

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MICHAEL CARROLL

The NCAA Tournament will wrap up when the final horn sounds at the championship game in Detroit on Monday, and I won't be missing it one bit.

The tournament just doesn't seem to keep and maintain my attention — or even attract it at all — like it used to. In fact, I can't remember the last year I was completely immersed in March Madness action.

The problem doesn't lie within the tournament's format, but rather in the lack of entertaining, hard-fought, down-to-the-wire games. Parity in college basketball has become almost nonexistent.

I don't mind the presence of powerful programs — some schools just pour more resources into their basketball programs than others. Teams like North Carolina, UConn, Duke and Kansas will almost always have a team worthy of competing for a national title. That's just the way it is.

But powerful schools aren't to blame for the downfall of the tournament, and I really don't mind when they advance into the final rounds. But too many games aren't even close. Several games this year have been over by halftime. No one wants to watch that.

### The lack of competitive, entertaining games is painfully evident.

Out of the 61 games played thus far in the 2009 tournament, only nine of them have been decided by three or fewer points. Even more interesting is the fact that 39 of the 61 games have been decided by 10 or more points. The lack of competitive, entertaining games is painfully evident.

Even the NBA's recently implemented rule requiring players to participate in at least one year of college hasn't helped with the slumping tournament scene.

The Final Four is coming, yet all we keep hearing about this week is coaching changes, most notably Memphis' John Calipari departing for Kentucky after the Wildcats fired Billy Gillespie following two turbulent seasons. People are acting as if basketball season is already over.

I find it hard to blame them though, because it feels like this year's NCAA Tournament never even got started.

Sports editor Michael Carroll is a news-editorial journalism major from Coppell.

BASEBALL • TCU 2, UTA 1

## CLOSE CALL



Freshman infielder Taylor Featherston attempts to steal third base during the first inning of the game against UTA on Wednesday evening. The Horned Frogs topped the Mavericks for the second time this season, winning 2-1.

ASHLEY LEWIS / Staff Photographer

## Ninth-inning heroics propel team

By Jordan Smith  
Staff Reporter

A close game against cross-town rival UT-Arlington became heated late Wednesday night when a scuffle broke out in the eighth inning and both teams rushed the field. One player was ejected from each team, but the Horned Frogs went on to win 2-1 in the bottom of the ninth.

The Horned Frogs improved to 16-9 with the win, their second against the Mavericks this season.

Sophomore Greg Holle had an outstanding performance, going seven and two-thirds innings and giving up only one run on three hits.

Senior outfielder Chris Ellington stretched his hit streak to 10 games with a double to right field in the bottom of the fourth.

The Horned Frogs scored in the sixth when senior second baseman Ben Carruthers scored on a Matt Carpenter grounder up the middle.

The game was delayed for a few minutes late in the night when, with two outs in the top of the eighth in a tie ballgame, UTA junior Tim Steggall ran home on an infield hit but was stopped by a collision with catcher Bryan Holaday that ended the inning. The players exchanged words, and although no punches were thrown, both teams rushed home plate. The dust up lead to

both Holaday and Steggall being ejected.

Sophomore reliever Trent Appleby held off the Mavericks in the top of the ninth, though, giving the Horned Frogs a last chance to win the game.

The Horned Frogs began the ninth in dramatic fashion — swinging away. Freshman shortstop Taylor Featherston led off with a base hit to right, followed by a Carpenter sacrifice bunt. An off-balance throw to second by the Mavericks advanced Featherston to third.

Ellington stepped up to the plate but was walked to load the bases. That gave sophomore

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## Browns' Stallworth charged with DUI manslaughter after incident

By Jennifer Lebovich  
McClatchy Newspapers

MIAMI — Miami-Dade prosecutors on Wednesday charged Cleveland Browns wide receiver Donte Stallworth with DUI manslaughter, alleging the football player was driving drunk on the morning of March 14 when he struck and killed a pedestrian on Miami Beach.

Blood tests revealed Stallworth had a blood alcohol level of .126 after the 7 a.m. EDT crash, according to documents filed in the clerk's office Wednesday.

Stallworth, 28, who has cooperated with authorities since the crash, is expected to surrender to authorities on Thursday morning.

Stallworth's attorney, Christopher Lyons, declined to comment.

DUI manslaughter is a felony that carries a minimum of four years to a maximum 15 years in prison.

Stallworth's bond will be set at \$200,000 and will allow him to live in both Florida and Ohio, where he lists a Cleveland address, according to court documents.

Stallworth's whereabouts before the crash — including a visit to a swanky South Beach club — and his conversation with cops at the scene were detailed in an arrest warrant filed by Miami Beach police Detective Kevin Millan.

Here is Millan's account of what happened on the morning of March 14:

Stallworth had been drinking at Club Liv at the Fontainebleau on Miami Beach before leaving to go to a home in Miami, where he arrived around 6:15 a.m.

It's unclear if the home is Stallworth's residence. Stallworth owns

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**Donte Stallworth**  
Cleveland Browns wide receiver

two condos in downtown Miami and one in Midtown Miami, property records show.

An hour later, he drove his black Bentley east on the MacArthur Causeway, where he struck Mario Reyes, 59.

When police officers arrived, Stallworth was standing outside his car, which has Tennessee license plates. He told them he had been driving the car and that "I hit the man lying in the road."

The officer smelled alcohol on his breath and described Stallworth's eyes as "bloodshot and watery."

A blood sample was taken from Stallworth and forwarded to a lab at the University of Miami, where results showed his blood alcohol level was .126.

Stallworth later told police at the Miami Beach police station that "he had time to honk his horn and flash his headlights" to warn Reyes, who was not in a crosswalk.

Reyes was taken from the crash scene to the nearby Ryder Trauma Center with injuries to his head, chest and stomach. He died shortly after arriving to the hospital.

He is survived by his wife of almost 20 years, Catalina, and the couple's 15-year-old daughter, Daniela.

A few days after the crash, Stallworth, through the Cleveland Browns organization, issued a statement expressing his condolences to the Reyes family.

"My family and I are grief stricken over the tragic accident which occurred Saturday on Miami Beach where Mario Reyes sadly lost his life," Stallworth said in the statement. "My thoughts and prayers are with the Reyes family during this incredibly difficult time."

Conditions of Stallworth's bond, detailed in court documents, will allow him to live in Florida and Ohio. Before traveling between the two he must tell the court; for other travel he has to get permission.

He also will have a curfew between midnight and 6 a.m. and will not be able to drive.



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