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Student advances to become one of 250 choices for Charlie Sheen's intern.



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The TCU Cheerleaders entertain the crowd at the TCU vs. OSU game at the beginning of last season in Cowboys Stadium in Arlington.

Captain: Ban on basket toss holds back squad

By Natalie Smith
 Staff Reporter

Because the university prohibits TCU's cheerleading squad from performing a specific stunt, the squad feels its chances to advance at this week's National Cheerlead-

ing Association national competition will be hurt, the squad's captain said.

TCU cheerleading captain Ellie Spencer said cheer squad members were very excited to go to nationals for the first time in years but worried they will not place

because they are unable to use basket tosses in their routines.

Basket tosses are stunts in which one cheerleader, known as the flyer, is thrown into the air and is caught by team members on the ground, Spencer, a senior

strategic communication major, said.

"I know our team has the talent to make it to finals, but the fact that we aren't allowed to do basket tosses, which is eleven points of our final score, will be the reason we don't," Spencer said.

Director of Athletics Media Relations Mark Cohen said due to health and safety concerns the TCU cheerleading guidelines prohibit the use of basket tosses. Cohen declined to comment about the specific health concerns basket tosses

raised.

Spencer said TCU will not let the squad perform with basket tosses because it is dangerous and could hurt members of the squad.

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Seventh annual Schieffer Symposium to feature notable journalists.



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SGA approves its budget for the 2011-2012 academic year.



CAMPUS

Students to play hide and seek for record

By **Bryn Zimmermann**
Staff Reporter

The classic game of hide and seek may take on a whole different meaning at TCU on Friday.

TCU Programming Council members said they are hoping to break the Guinness Book of World Records current record for the largest game of hide and seek ever played in the world. Students have a first-hand chance to be part of breaking the record.

Michael Drozd, a freshman business major and creator of the event, said he was excited his idea is now becoming a reality.

"I was sitting at home over Christmas break trying to think of something fun to do over the semester," Drozd said. "I saw a bunch of other schools have been breaking world records and I thought we could do it too."

Drozd decided on breaking the hide and seek record because it seemed possible to accomplish. He said playing the game would build a community with students and provide them with a fun activity at the same time.

Brad Thompson, student activities and marketing coordinator, said he couldn't

wait to see TCU break a world record.

"We thought it would be a really good idea. Just attempting to break a world record is always exciting, so we decided to just give it a try. It will be a fun event, just having a bunch of people playing hide and seek in the rec after hours," Thompson said.

Drozd said TCU would need 185 people to break the record. He said that there were around 130 people signed up, and he hoped that more would sign up this week.

"We are doing pretty good right now," Drozd said. "We have a lot of people signing up so I think that we are going to break it pretty easily."

Drozd said if TCU breaks the record, the university will receive a certificate from Guinness World Records that says TCU owns the new record. Drozd said TCU will be on the official website that will include a picture of all the participants.

Thompson said the record will be verified after TCU submits a video recording and pictures from the event. He said that witnesses of the event will also have to sign statements validating the record.

Drozd said a link was sent out via e-mail to the whole student body to access if they wanted to sign up. He said that the link will hopefully be sent out again before the end of the week.

Freshman philosophy major Taylor Qualls said she couldn't wait for the event because it's something that everyone could do together. She said she didn't know of any other university that has previously tried to break the hide and seek record. It would be a chance for anyone interested to be a part of something big, she said.

"I think seeing everybody come together and work toward something is awesome," Qualls said. "We will be able to say 'hey, we came together and were able to break a record.'"

Largest Game of Hide and Seek

When: 9:00 p.m. Friday

Where: TCU Recreation Center
To sign up, visit <https://programmingcouncil.wufoo.com/forms/lets-break-a-world-record-hide-and-seek> and fill out the information.

SCHIEFFER SYMPOSIUM

Panelists on campus today

By **Chelsea Katz**
Staff Reporter

The seventh annual Schieffer Symposium on the News will allow those in the TCU and Fort Worth communities to see respected journalists as real people, Director of the Schieffer School of Journalism John Lumpkin said.

"It brings the top journalists in their fields to the TCU campus for the benefit of the students, our faculty and the surrounding Fort Worth community," Lumpkin said.

He said the symposium is Bob Schieffer's personal project, and TCU is able to get so many "prestigious journalists" to come because of Schieffer's influence and reach. The event is an opportunity for students to see these journalists in person and to see them discuss a range of subjects.

"They get a personal, first-hand look at the people that they only see on television or read in newspapers or on the Internet," Lumpkin said. "They see them as real people, and they see them interact on a range of subjects in an academic forum with one of the best moderators that you can find."

Bob Schieffer, a 1959 TCU

graduate, will act as host of the event. Schieffer serves as a moderator on CBS' "Face the Nation" as well as CBS News' chief Washington correspondent. The panelists will include Joe Scarborough and Mika Brzezinski, host and co-host of MSNBC's "Morning Joe," Arianna Huffington, co-founder and editor-in-chief of "The Huffington Post," and Brit Hume, senior political analyst on the FOX News Channel and regular panelist on "Fox News Sunday."

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This is the first time the symposium will not include anyone from the three networks of ABC, NBC and CBS. It is also the first time none of the panelists are national correspondents or known columnists for big

newspapers, Lumpkin said. Lumpkin said there is close to 1,000 people expected to attend, and tickets sales will continue through noon Wednesday.

Schieffer and the panelists will be available for group interview from 5:00-5:30 p.m. Interviewers will answer questions in the Schieffer School HD news studio on the first floor of Moudy Building South.

Seventh Annual Schieffer Symposium on the News

When: 6:30 p.m. Wednesday

Where: Ed Landreth Auditorium

Featuring: Bob Schieffer, Mika Brzezinski, Arianna Huffington, Brit Hume and Joe Scarborough

To purchase tickets online, visit schiefferschool.tcu.edu. Tickets are \$20 for the public. TCU students may attend for free with a valid student ID, but must RSVP at schiefferschoolsvp@tcu.edu to reserve a seat.

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Senior strategic communication major Courtney Collings said, "The university Athletics Department is basically handicapping us from placing well because they won't let us throw basket tosses."

Spencer said to be approved to go to nationals and receive a bid, cheerleading teams have to either go to the National Cheerleading Association camps and perform a routine or send in a video to the NCA showing their skill set.

Lindsay Shoulders, the squad's head coach, said after it submitted an audition video, the squad will go to nationals for the first time in a few years and will compete along with 277 squads. The audition video consisted of filmed segments of stunts, running tumbling, standing tumbling, jumps and pyramids, Shoulders said.

At the four-day competition, the squad will specifically compete against 10 other teams in the All-Girls 1A Division, Shoulders said. The squad will practice today and then compete Thursday through Sunday in Daytona, Fla.

"It is an honor to do something we have not done in five years," she said. "It is an honor for me as a coach and for the girls."

In preparation for nationals, the team has had additional practices since the fall along with its normal schedule. Shoulders said the squad held tryouts in January to fill four new spots for nationals.

Leading up to the event, squad members spent the first few days of spring break having two-a-days and then performed at Southern Methodist University in the Daytona Nationals Preview over the weekend with other colleges, which included Stephen F. Austin, Oklahoma State University and


Trinity Valley, she said.

Shoulders said along with extra practices, the squad has been fundraising for the competition and has raised about \$15,000 to pay for transportation, living and NCA fees.

Collings said the squad held cheer camps throughout the year to raise the money. It also asked people to donate, and it held events at Old Rip's and received a percentage of the restaurant's daily sales.

Spencer said all teams compete Thursday to try to make the finals on Friday. On Saturday, each squad splits and forms new squads, showing off their talents and skill levels on the beach, she said. The events on Saturday are not for any awards.


Shoulders said the squad does a game-day oriented cheer at the beginning of its routine and then once the music starts, the routine is filled with a multitude of skills within a two-minute time period.



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GIVING BACK

Hunger Week gathers more than 14,000 cans of food



KATIE SHERIDAN / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Students work on a can replica of famous architecture in Spain for the KanStruction event in the Brown-Lupton University Union.

By Audrey Swanson
Staff Writer

Canned food drives and fundraising efforts for last week's Hunger Week accumulated more than 14,000 cans of food and \$3,000 for the Tarrant Area Food Bank, Rev. Angela Kaufman, minister to the university, said.

Officials of last week's 29th annual Hunger Week at TCU said they were pleased with the outcome of the events.

Kaufman said 13,000 of the total number of cans collected were donated from Albertsons alone, to be used in Kanstruction last Monday. Also, the money was raised through the sales of Hunger Week T-shirts and donations received at tables and buckets all around campus over the duration of the week, she said.

For those involved, however, the week was not solely about the numbers, said Rev. Jeremy Albers, associate chaplain of Religious & Spiritual Life Office.

"I'm always amazed to see the different passions of different groups that come to partner with Hunger Week to bring about awareness and to fight hunger both locally and globally," Albers said.

Rev. Jacob Hofmeister, another associate chaplain, said with the help of Disciples on Campus, Greek Week, the Interfaith Community, TCU

Leaps, the athletic department and outside contributors like Albertsons and Ol' South Pancake House, Hunger Week was a campus-wide event that spread awareness even to the extended Fort Worth community.

Kaufman said Community Involvement and Service Learning hosted the "Sustainability and Social Justice" lecture Thursday night, which featured keynote speaker Robert Egger, founder of the first community kitchen. The presentation attracted many social service workers from the community, she said.

Another audience was attracted during Hunger Week's sporting events, Kaufman said. Sunday's baseball game, themed as Kid's Day, raised awareness for a particularly unique crowd, Kaufman said.

Director of Athletic Marketing Jason Byrne said families from the entire community came to watch TCU's baseball team. Game attendees were also educated on local and global hunger issues by visiting education tables set up at the ballpark and watching TCU baseball players talk on the big screen about the efforts Hunger Week was making, he said.

He said TCU Athletics as a whole strived to be more involved in the promotion of the week. A total of five baseball games, as well as the

spring football game, made use of their revenue to educate attendees on what Hunger Week was all about and how they could help, Byrne said.

"We're trying to figure out better ways to cross-promote and help elevate the efforts by so many," Byrne said. "It's been a nice opportunity for us...especially anytime we can help promote the goodness being done on campus."

Albers said he hoped the effects of the events would go beyond just last week.

"While Hunger Week is only one week long, I hope that the activities and events create enough awareness that inspire other people to be advocates in their own community and the world throughout the year, not just one week a year," he said.

Kaufman said, "Hunger Week is supposed to be an instigating, initiating experience where it gets people thinking about what we spend, what we eat, what other people eat, the resources other people have. It's part of a life-long effort."

She said that T-shirts are still being sold for \$10, with all proceeds given to Tarrant Area Food Bank, and canned food can still be dropped off until the end of this week. Shirt purchases and food drop-offs can both be made at the Religious & Spiritual Life office in Jarvis Hall.

SGA

House passes \$640,000 budget

By Bryn Zimmermann
Staff Reporter

A bill to establish the Student Government Association's budget for 2011-2012 was passed Tuesday night in the House of Student Representatives.

After making a correction to a typo in the bill, the House tabled the bill and was able to pass the budget with a majority vote.

Brent Folan, student body treasurer, said the budget for 2011-2012 was the largest in the history of SGA. The total budget was \$640,000.

Folan said there were some new areas where money would be allocated in the budget. He said the executive cabinet and the Crew, TCU's student programming, would be working together to produce a spring concert next year. Other highlights include a new program for freshmen called Frogs First.

Brett Phillips, SGA adviser, said Frogs First would be a program that promotes team building in first year students. Money allocated to the program would include social events, supplies for leaders, food and T-shirts.

Ryan Hoff, a senior finance and political science double major representing the Neeley School of Business, said he wanted to remind the House to make sure they felt the money was allocated in the best way before voting.

Student relations commit-

tee chair Dalton Goodier said although everyone might not be completely happy with the budget, it was well done and suggested to go forward with it.

After House members found a mistake in the bill, Dane Thompson, a chemistry major and College of Science and Engineering representative, suggested to table the bill in order to fix the error. The error read "preparation" instead of "compensation." Once fixed, the bill passed with a majority vote.

A bill to support the Japan disaster relief efforts of the student body was also passed. The bill allocated the rest of the emergency funding money for the semester, around \$500, to the cause.

Co-author of the bill Lizzy Caudill, the elections and regulations committee chair and president of the Alpha Phi Omega service fraternity, said if the money was allocated to APO it would give the student organization an opportunity to promote awareness of the Japan disaster across the TCU campus.

Pearce Edwards, APO vice president, said the money would also go to care packages for the disaster victims. Packages would include essential items like toothbrushes and toilet paper. APO would encourage students to purchase items for the packages, as well as raising overall awareness by selling disaster relief T-shirts and organizing

a free benefit concert.

Trevor Melvin, the House parliamentarian, said he was concerned about the potential of a "slippery slope" when giving money to a non-profit organization. He was also worried about an incorrect interpretation the charitable contributions clause.

Caudill said the bill was legal because the money would be allocated to the APO student organization, not directly to Japan disaster relief. She also said APO is a community service organization does not take money and give it to any venue. She said the organization would use the money to promote awareness of the Japan disaster to the TCU community.

The bill passed with a majority vote.

In other news, the Activities Funding Board Members were announced to the House. The new members are Hannah Kunnemann, Moriah Sallis, Lauren Sharp, Topper Sheehy and Jeff Tushaus.

Student Government Association Budget Fiscal Year 2011-2012

Total Income:	\$640,000
Total Expenses:	\$640,000
Executive Branch:	\$195,755
Legislative Branch:	\$65,345
Programming:	\$378,650
Judicial Branch:	\$250
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Fall 2011:	\$130,000
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PERSPECTIVES

The Skiff View

Banning toss unfairly handicaps cheerleaders

Rose Bowl champions, College World Series finalists and now, competitors in the National Cheerleading Association national competition. TCU athletes can do it all; everything except a basket toss, that is.

Basket tosses, a stunt in which a cheerleader is thrown into the air and is caught by team members on the ground, has been deemed too dangerous for TCU cheerleaders by the university athletics department. The stunt, which many competitive cheerleaders have practiced since they were five-year-olds, counts for 11 points of the final score in the competition.

After months of hard work and preparation, including creating a video audition tape, it's disappointing to the squad and their supporters to hear that they will have to perform with a handicap. Would any other sport be held to such a standard, knowing that it would inhibit its chances of performing well in a national competition?

TCU cheerleaders go through a rigorous selection process. Most of them have been cheering since before they could cross the street by themselves. There is no reason to believe that these student athletes wouldn't be able to safely perform the same stunts other squads across the nation have been doing for decades.

It's unlikely that the university has scrutinized the inherent risks of playing football or baseball and ruled out everything that could result in injury, otherwise Andy Dalton would be wearing a belt with little red flags, and Matt Purke would have to don full-body chain mail. University athletics should take off the kid gloves and allow cheerleaders to perform the stunts necessary for the competition.

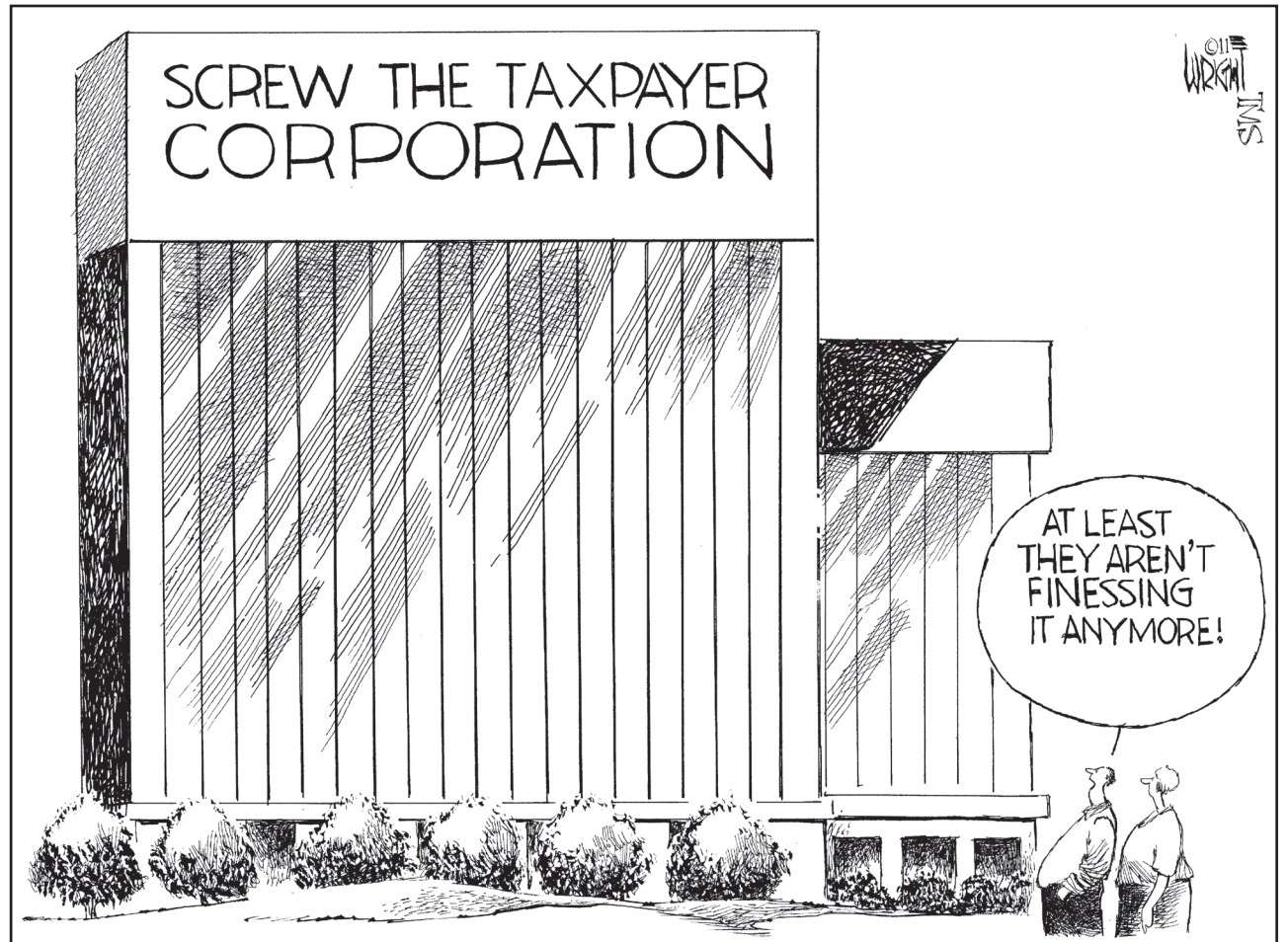
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Perceptions of body weight unhealthy



KC Aransen

As obesity is rising in the United States, so is the misconception about body image. According to a March 23 article from *USA Today*, a study done by Columbia University Medical Center shows that mothers who are obese or overweight tend to not view themselves as so, and if their children are overweight or obese these mothers also see their children as being of normal weight.

This study had its participants — 80 percent of which were Hispanic, while the rest were Asian, African-American or Caucasian — look at different silhouettes of women and children and then had them tell the researcher which of the silhouettes they most identified with. The study included true-to-life statistics, with 66 percent

of mothers being obese or overweight and 39 percent of children being too heavy.

The study showed 82 percent of obese women underestimated their weight in response to the silhouettes, and 43 percent of overweight women did the same. Along with this, 86 percent of obese children underestimated their weight, while only 15 percent of children of a normal weight did this. Almost half of the mothers thought their overweight children were a healthy weight, but 41 percent of children thought their mothers should lose weight.

By not accepting your real weight, you aren't allowing yourself the ability to change.

According to Nicole Dumas, who led the study, these misconceptions may stem from the increasing normality of overweight and obese Americans.

Because childhood obesity is such a large problem in America, this lack of reality when dealing with one's true

weight shows how people really don't want to deal with it. Weight can be a fairly touchy subject. The problem with viewing oneself as being more slender than one actually are is that one are lying to yourself. By not accepting one's real weight, one isn't allowing oneself the ability to change. When news programs show studies on obesity, it doesn't mean people will link these stories to their own weight.

To really combat this issue, doctors need to step up in letting their patients know exactly how much they weigh and where they are on the Body Mass Index scale. Coupled with this, doctors should tell their patients what a healthy weight is and how they can really achieve this weight. Pediatricians should do the same with the mothers of their patients. If doctors let their patients know what a healthy weight is and give them the steps to achieve that weight, then hopefully these unreal body perceptions can become more of a reality as patients begin taking care of themselves.

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PERSPECTIVES

Abercrombie bikinis send terrible message to young girls



Chancey Herbolsheimer

Summer is approaching, and females everywhere are scrambling to find the perfect swimsuit to accentuate the body they have shamelessly dieted for. This year, however, retailers are targeting an age group that is better left alone.

According to a March 25 article from FoxNews.com, Abercrombie Kids, a division of Abercrombie & Fitch dedicated specifically to youth ages 8 to 14, began marketing the “Ashley” Push-Up Triangle

bikini, complete with thick padding to enhance breasts. After public outrage, according to the article, the company announced on its Facebook page it would change its marketing strategy to “padded” and agreed it was best suited for girls 12 and older.

In a culture that is already saturated with messages of inadequacy, these young girls are being fed the idea that their bodies are not up to par.

This is not the first time the company has angered consumers. In 2002, it began offering thongs with the words “eye candy” and “wink wink” printed on the front in

children’s sizes. Groups spoke out in anger and called for a boycott.

Abercrombie & Fitch is known for its sexualized images, but now the company is crossing the line.

In a culture that is already saturated with messages of inadequacy, these young girls are being fed the idea that their bodies are not up to par. They have no use for breast-enhancing swimsuits — the average age a girl hits puberty is 12. The company is selling sex to girls that aren’t even developed physically. The goal of these swimsuits is simply to make young girls appear older than they actually are, and they are being made into a sex objects before they have reached adulthood.

The sexualization of teens has been an issue for years, but now it is beginning to affect younger girls.

Los Angeles-based psychologist Dr. Nancy Irwin said in the article that such a bikini could pave the way for sexual promiscuity.

If we are teaching girls to base their value on their bodies, they will undoubtedly carry that belief into their teenage and adult years. This will lead to long-term issues with self-esteem.

A report released by the American Psychological Association (APA) in 2007 defined sexualization as “occurring when a person’s value comes only from her/his sexual appeal or behavior, to the exclusion of other characteristics, and when a person is sexually objectified, e.g., made into a thing for another’s sexual use.”

Research found the sexualization of girls led to emotional and

self-image problems, could cause eating disorders and depression, and suggested it could prevent girls from developing a healthy self-image.

Opponents may argue the trend is harmless because girls are just trying to feel pretty or be fashionable. But no matter which way you put it, the goal of these bikinis is simply to make young girls appear older. Girls between 8 and 14 have no business attracting males by wearing push-up bikinis.

Parents are key in this battle. They must teach their children to value their bodies and not allow them to succumb to pressure to grow up before it is time.

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Apple needs to be more transparent in iPhone app guidelines



Emily Atteberry

Angry Birds. Words With Friends. Urbanspoon. There’s no denying it — our society loves apps. They’re useful, educational and entertaining. But not all apps are so harmless and innocent.

Take, for instance, the Baby Shaker, a game whose goal is to shake the iPhone fast enough to make an infant stop crying. When a player “wins,” the baby dies. Immediately after Apple was alerted to this app’s existence, Apple removed it.

How about the one like “PhantomAlert” or “Trapster0,” which let users upload known police checkpoints so drunk drivers can avoid them? That app was deleted, also.

Clearly, these were awful apps that had no place in Apple’s App Store, which currently offers more than 350,000 apps for download, according to Apple.

The word “censorship” does not immediately register when one considers Apple’s actions on the aforementioned applications. But that’s what it is — censorship. So, what else is Apple censoring?

Just plain stupid apps, too, like “I am Rich,” which had no purpose other than to show others you could afford its hefty \$999.99 price tag. Eight stupid people bought this app before Apple pulled it.

Apple also does not allow pornography, which is actually somewhat surprising, considering the potential revenue.

“Right” and “wrong” get murkier, however, when one considers the app by Exodus International. It aimed to “cure” homosexuality and offered Bible scriptures, testimonials and stories. Don’t get me wrong — this app is

downright offensive.

But some people, unfortunately, would not even blink an eye at an app like that. They don’t find it offensive — they find it as their religious perspective.

“Right” and “wrong” get murkier, however, when one considers the app by Exodus International.

And what about atheists, who claim a Bible app is offensive? Everyone has different religious beliefs, and there will always be dissidents.

One must also consider religion’s controversial sister — politics.

According to an April 26, 2010 article from *Wired*, Apple decided to remove a political cartoon app by Mark Fiore, won has won a Pulitzer Prize. Apple’s reasoning? “It ridicules public figures.” Well, that’s the point. It’s a political cartoon. After massive backlash, Apple reversed its decision and the app is now back on the market.

The more thinly you slice the issue, the more difficult it becomes. Why is it so difficult to tell how an app could get

banned? The lack of transparency in Apple’s policies.

At the moment, Apple’s only official standard for content is found in the user agreement, which states “Apple’s reasonable judgment may be found objectionable, for example, materials that may be considered obscene, pornographic, or defamatory.”

I don’t mean to say that I believe there should be apps for condoning drunk driving or shaking a baby to death. But apps that are ideological in nature, whether they are offensive or not, simply can’t be censored.

At the risk of going off on an Orwellian rant, the repercussions of Apple censoring political matters could be grave. Do you really want Apple controlling what news you do and do not receive via iPhone app? Do you really want Apple to shape your opinions for you?

Sure, it’s not 1984, but it is 2011, and it’s time Apple writes up clear and specific guidelines for content regulation.

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In this Thursday, March 10, 2011 photo, Color co-founder Bill Nguyen holds up his Apple iPhone with photos of himself using the Color application as he poses with staff members at the company’s offices in Palo Alto, Calif.

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POLITICS

Republicans announce budget plan that calls for \$5 trillion in cuts

By Andrew Taylor
Associated Press

House Republicans set up a politically defining clash over the size and priorities of government Tuesday, unveiling a budget plan that calls for both unprecedented spending cuts and a fundamental restructuring of taxpayer-financed health care for the elderly and the poor.

The plan would slash federal spending by \$5 trillion or more over the coming decade. It would leave Social Security untouched but shift more of the risk from rising medical costs from the government to Medicare beneficiaries. It also calls for sharp cuts to Medicaid health care for the poor and disabled and to food aid for the poor.

Dubbed the "Path to Prosperity," the proposal by House Budget Committee Chairman Paul Ryan, R-Wis., also calls for dramatically overhauling the complicated and inefficient U.S. tax code. It would scrap numerous tax breaks and loopholes in exchange for reducing the top income tax rate for both individuals and corporations from 35 percent to 25 percent.

Democrats launched a furious counterassault on the health care proposals.

"They're ending Medicare as we know it. They take away the Medicare guarantee for seniors," said Rep. Chris Van Hollen, D-Md. "All the risk of increased costs will be borne by seniors."

A Congressional Budget Office analysis released late Tuesday also showed Ryan's budget would leave in place roughly \$500 billion in Medicare cuts that were part of President Barack Obama's new health care law. Republicans blasted those cuts in their successful campaign to take back control of the House. A spokesman for Ryan said the savings would be plowed back into Medicare.

But the GOP budget would also repeal Obama's plan to gradually close the Medicare prescription drug coverage gap, known as the "doughnut hole."

Despite its huge cuts, Ryan's plan still can't claim a balanced budget by the end of the decade because of promises to not increase taxes or change Medicare benefits for people 55 and over. After six years, annual deficits are projected to fall to the \$400 billion range, enough to stabilize the nation's finances and prevent a European-style debt crisis that could force far

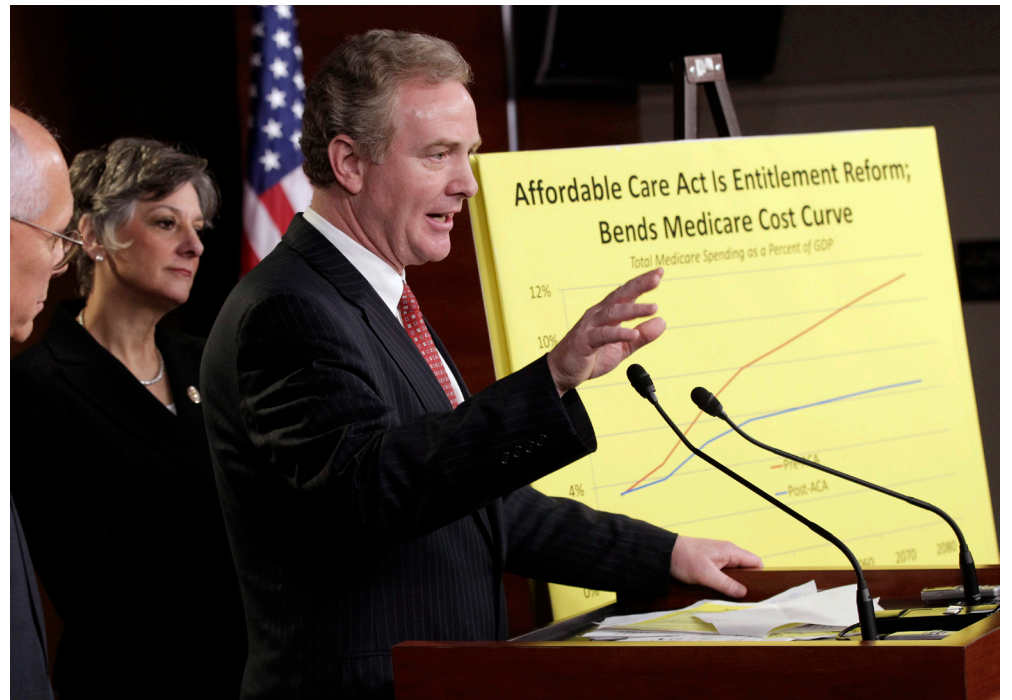
harsher steps, Ryan said.

Under the arcane congressional budget process, the GOP plan is not actual legislation. It does provide a theoretical basis for action, but with Democrats controlling the Senate, the GOP plan serves more to frame the debate heading into next year's election than represent a program with a chance of passing Congress and becoming law.

"For too long, Washington has not been honest with the American people. Washington has been making empty promises to Americans from a government that is going broke," Ryan said. "The debt is projected to grow to truly catastrophic levels in the near future, leading to an economic collapse and a diminished future."

The GOP plan would still add \$5 trillion to the deficit over the coming decade, though it promises to reach so-called "primary balance" by 2015, meaning that the budget would be balanced save for interest payments on already accumulated debt. The national debt now exceeds \$14 trillion and the White House projects this year's deficit at \$1.6 trillion.

Democrats said the GOP plan focused its cuts on se-



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Rep. Chris Van Hollen, D-Md., the ranking Democrat on the House Budget Committee, speaks at a news conference to counter claims made earlier by the Budget Committee's Republican chairman, Paul Ryan of Wisconsin.

niors and the poor to pay for continued tax cuts enjoyed by the wealthiest.

"Everyone agrees we must cut spending and tighten our belt, but House Republicans have chosen to do so on the backs of America's seniors, not the oil companies making record profits and getting tens of billions in taxpayer subsidies," said Rep. Steve Is-

rael, D-N.Y. "Forcing seniors to pay higher health costs is not the right way to balance our books and it's not the only way to do it."

Ryan's plan would produce a \$995 billion deficit next year, compared with the \$1.1 trillion projected in Obama's budget proposal. Republicans moved quickly to advance it, scheduling committee action

on Wednesday and a vote by the full House for next week.

The GOP plan stands in stark contrast to Obama's February budget, which attracted criticism for failing to address federal health care programs whose costs are far outpacing other inflation. Obama's law expanded coverage to about 30 million people who don't have it now.

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CAMPUS

University senior advances in competition for 'winning' intern spot

By Crystal Galvan
Staff Reporter

From the 81,000 people that initially applied to be Charlie Sheen's intern, TCU senior Mike Vosters has advanced to the competition's third round with 250 remaining candidates.



Vosters

Vosters, a marketing major, entered the competition through Twitter in March to become Sheen's summer intern. The winner will work with Sheen and his social media campaigns in Los Angeles for eight weeks, Vosters said.

Vosters entered the contest at the suggestion of his friends, he said.

Although the duties of what the intern would do for Sheen are still vague, Vosters said he is sure he will be able to contribute a few things to Sheen's career.

"I could bring success, and I think there will be a lot of winning," Vosters said.

The competition was split into rounds, with each one becoming progressively more difficult, he said. Round one consisted of sending in a tweet-length statement explaining why he should be Sheen's intern. In the second round, Vosters was required to send in a résumé, he said.

"Every round gets a little more serious and a little more cutthroat," Vosters said.

"I think if anyone could go to L.A. and do social media for a celebrity, it could be [Vosters]."

Brittany Walker
Senior marketing major

The third round asked how the candidate would raise money for natural disaster relief, he said. Instead of only making a hypothetical plan to raise money for Japan, he set up a PayPal account and began collecting funds. Within 48 hours, he raised almost \$650 for Japanese tsunami relief, he said.

"I was actually able to pres-

ent results, rather than just ideas for how to raise money," Vosters said,

The next round is still unclear, he said, and he is waiting to hear what the next round will consist of.

Senior marketing major Brittany Walker, a friend of Vosters, said she believed Vosters' prior experience will give him the edge he needs in the competition.

"He has a lot of social media experience, he's very outgoing, and he gets along with a lot of people," Walker said. "I think if anyone could go to L.A. and do social media for a celebrity, it could be [Vosters]."

Vosters said he worked as a part of "Team Tim," a group of students who helped promote alumnus Tim Halperin in his American Idol campaign. He said he also worked with Red Bull and an ad agency in New York.

"He's constantly promoting himself and all the places that he's done business for," Walker said,

Vosters does not only have the experience, but he also has the dedication needed for

Mike Vosters // Web Trends Forward Thinking

Tsunami Relief from a #TigerBloodIntern

[ANNOUNCEMENT] I'm raising money for Japanese Tsunami Relief - a) because its a great cause and b) in hopes of becoming Charlie Sheen's Intern. If you support Japan, Charlie Sheen, or me - you should donate. Even a dollar will go a long way.

A few days ago, I was informed that I had advanced to Round 3 in the application process for becoming Charlie Sheen's #TigerBloodIntern, and that I had to respond to the following question:

"If you were the Social Media Director for a major humanitarian aid organization, how would you create awareness and raise money via social media in the aftermath of a global disaster?"

Instead of just sending in my answer, I figured I'd go ahead and just do it. Click the button below to give a donation for Tsunami Relief in Japan - 100% of the proceeds will be donated to the American Red Cross. Donations will cease at the end of the day on March 25th.



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this opportunity, she said.

"He just puts his heart into everything he does," she said.

Stacy Grau, associate professor of professional practice in marketing, has taught Vosters and has worked with him in the Neeley Scholars program. Grau said she believed Vosters will also bring tenacity to the competition.

"He's really entrepreneur-

ial and definitely sees the big picture, so I think that those are huge advantages for him," Grau said.

The competition will provide Vosters with exposure and an interesting story that will help him stand out when applying to other jobs, Grau said. The competition will also serve as a learning experience even if he does not

win, she said.

Through this competition, Vosters said he has appreciated the support that people have provided.

"The support of the TCU community in general has been huge," he said. "There is no better feeling...[than] to know that the people around me actually really care and are there for me."

REMEMBRANCE

Ipser remembered as great friend

By Caitlin Cockerline
Staff Reporter

Edward Anthony Ipser was known by others as a "good neighbor and a great friend," his daughter Mary-Margaret Walker said. Ipser was an active member of the TCU community for many years and received his MBA from TCU in 1975. Ipser passed away after suffering a heart attack on March 21 in the University Recreation Center while he was checking his blood pressure, according to medical examiner reports. Walker confirmed the information.

Ipser's three children, Edward Ipser Jr., Jennie Lee Ipser, and Walker all graduated from the university. Edward Ipser's wife, Annice Ipser, worked in the Religion Department at TCU for 23 years and continues to stay involved in the TCU community, Walker said.

"[Edward Ipser] was the person that anyone called when they were having a crisis or needed something," she said.

Edward Ipser was a founder and a member of the University West Neighborhood Association because he believed the community and TCU should work together since they are so close to one another, Walker said. Members of the UWNA said Edward Ipser will be greatly missed and he always had a smile for those he met, she said.

"[Edward Ipser] was the person that anyone called when they were having a crisis or needed something."

Mary-Margaret Walker
Daughter of Edward Ipser

Edward Ipser's great-niece, Cynthia Teja, currently attends TCU and is pursuing an accounting undergraduate degree. The lived with Edward Ipser and Annice Ipser and continues to reside with Annice Ipser in their home close to campus. Edward Anthony Ipser and Annice Ipser have

lived on Stadium Drive on the corner of campus since 1968, Walker said.

Walker said she was glad to know that her father was in a place where he could be well-attended to quickly.

TCU theater professor LaLonnie Lehman said she remembered Ipser as a good family friend and longtime neighbor. She described Ipser as quiet, laid-back and that he always kept his family first no matter what in any given situation.

"His commitment to the community he lived in was important to him," Lehman said. "He was active politically on the local level. He was always informed on things that were going on in the community."

Lehman said that Edward Ipser acted as a role model for both her kids as well as his own. Walker also said her father was a mentor to her and continued to be a mentor to Teja years later.

"He was very impressive in a lot of ways...he will be always dearly missed," Teja said.

NATIONAL

Bristol Palin earns \$262K for teen pregnancy work

By Rachel D'Oro
Associated Press

Tax documents show unwed mother Bristol Palin earned more than \$262,000 for her role in helping raise awareness for teen pregnancy prevention in 2009.

The most recent data for The Candie's Foundation that's posted online by research firm GuideStar shows compensation at \$262,500 for the now-20-year-old daughter of former Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin, the 2008 Republican vice presidential nominee.

Bristol Palin was 18 when she was appointed as a teen ambassador for the New York-based foundation in 2009, months after giving birth to son, Tripp. She and the 2-year-old boy's father, Levi Johnston, are no longer together.

Palin family attorney John Tiemessen and foundation officials did not immediately return calls for comment Tuesday.

Palin, who still works for the foundation, told The As-



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In this July 25, 2009, photo, Bristol Palin holds her and Levi Johnston's son Tripp Johnston at the governor's picnic in Anchorage, Alaska.

sociated Press last year that girls would think twice about having sex if they knew how tough it is to be a mother.

"I don't think anyone re-

alizes how difficult it really is until you actually have a screaming baby in your arms and you're up all night," Palin said.

WEIRD NEWS

Associated Press

Toads on the move again in Philadelphia

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Warning: Amorous Amphibians Ahead.

Toads heeding the call of the wild are migrating and a group of Philadelphians is again shutting

down a road to help them on their way.

For the third year a group of volunteers is closing down Port Royal Avenue in the city's Roxborough neighborhood so the toads don't get squished on their way to a reservoir where they mate.

Toad Detour head Lisa Levinson is asking motor-

ists using other streets to be on the lookout, too. She tells KYW-TV that one car can kill hundreds of the libidinous toads.

Michigan couple to walk more than 2,000 miles for wedding

CANTON TOWNSHIP, Mich. (AP) — A Michigan couple is planning quite a wedding march: More than 2,000 miles before getting married this fall near Las Vegas.

Joseph Crist and Laura Brunett tell Detroit television station WJBK that they plan to leave around the middle of the month for Las Vegas and a wedding at Lake Mead.

The 24-year-olds from Wayne County's Canton Township met in middle school. They say they got the idea for the trip from a book checked out from the library titled "The Lost Art of Walking."

Crist says it's a "crazy" idea to make the trek.

They say it will help prepare them to spend a lifetime together as a married couple.

Police: Pa. man complained over prostitute theft

LANCASTER, Pa. (AP) — Police say a central Pennsylvania man called police after he gave a prostitute \$25 but didn't get what he'd paid for.

Lancaster police say the unidentified man contacted their department

Thursday to complain that a prostitute had taken the money and left.

When officers arrived at the scene they told the man he could be prosecuted for his actions. Police say the man then decided he would prefer police not investigate further.

Lt. Todd Umstead tells the Intelligencer Journal/Lancaster New Era that the department had received a similar complaint in the past.

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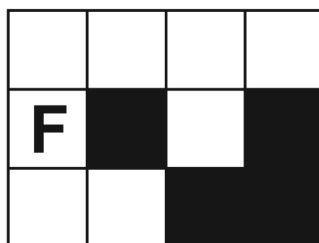
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"King Of Tonga"

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How to play:

Spell the phrase in the grid above it, writing each unique letter only once. The correct solution will spell the complete phrase along a single continuous spelling path that moves horizontally, vertically and diagonally. Fill the grid from square to square - revisiting letters as needed to complete the spelling path in order. Each letter will appear only once in the grid.

Tuesday's Solution



"The Al Thani"

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Sample



"Freeze"

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Directions

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

See Thursday's paper for sudoku and crossword solutions.

Tuesday's Solution

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NATIONAL NEWS

Associated Press

Obama: Budget deal close, shutdown disruptive

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama, showing growing impatience, said Tuesday it would be “inexcusable” for lawmakers to fail to fund the government through the end of the year in order to avoid a shutdown.

“We are closer than we have ever been to an agreement. There is no reason why we should not get an agreement,” Obama said following a White House meeting with congressional leaders.

Appearing before reporters at the White House, Obama said that House Speaker John Boehner and Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid were to meet on Capitol Hill later Tuesday to continue negotiations. If that meeting does not produce an agreement, Obama said he would summon the pair back to the White House Wednesday.

“Myself, Joe Biden, my team — we are prepared to meet for as long as possible to get this resolved,” Obama said.

In a statement following the private White House

meeting earlier Tuesday, Boehner had said there was no deal. And he warned that House Republicans “will not be put in a box” of accepting options they refuse to endorse.

“Myself, Joe Biden, my team — we are prepared to meet for as long as possible to get this resolved.”

Barack Obama
President

Boehner has proposed an agreement that would keep the government running for one more week and slash another \$12 billion in spending. Boehner has already orchestrated action by Congress to pass a pair of stop-gap bills, so far cutting \$10 billion from an estimated \$1.2 trillion budget to fund the day-to-day operations of government through Sept. 30.

Space junk threatening space station, 3 residents

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — A small piece of space junk drifted danger-

ously close to the International Space Station on Tuesday, prompting NASA to order the three astronauts to seek shelter in their attached capsule.

Mission Control gave the order after determining there was not enough time to steer the orbiting outpost away from the space junk.

The debris — about 6 inches — is from a Chinese satellite that was deliberately destroyed in 2007 as part of a weapons test. It was projected to pass within three miles of the space station, warranting a red threat level, NASA’s highest.

Just last Friday, the space station had to move out of the way of an orbiting remnant from a two-satellite collision in 2009.

Debris is an increasingly serious problem in orbit, because of colliding and destroyed spacecraft. At 5 miles a second, damage can be severe, even from something several inches big. Decompression, in fact, is at the top of any spacefarers’ danger list.

More than 12,500 pieces of debris are orbiting Earth — and those are the ones big enough to track.

Mission Control notified the crew of the latest threat



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House Speaker John Boehner of Ohio follows a staff member as he walks past media after a closed conference meeting on Capitol Hill in Washington, Tuesday, April 5, 2011.

Tuesday morning, a few hours after the risk was identified.

The three crew members are Dmitry Kondratyev, the station’s Russian commander, American Catherine Coleman and Italian Paolo Nespoli.

The orbit of the space junk is extremely erratic, and there’s quite a bit of atmospheric drag on it, said NASA spokesman Josh Byerly. Experts monitored the debris into the early afternoon, to determine its exact path, and later told the crew that they might not have to close

themselves off in the Soyuz spacecraft. The threat level, however, remained red.

USDA: Delay in meat sales could prevent recalls

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Obama administration is aiming to prevent meat recalls by withholding meat and poultry products from grocery store shelves until government testing is complete.

The Agriculture Department proposed rules Tuesday that would force companies to delay shipments to

consumers until government inspectors have released tests on the meat. The department’s Food Safety and Inspection Service has inspectors in all meat plants that sample for E. coli and other contaminants.

Currently, products that are sampled can be shipped before testing results are known, though many companies already have procedures in place to hold the meat. The agency said at least 44 recalls between 2007 and 2009 could have been prevented if the rule had been in place.

TEXAS NEWS

Associated Press

Texas death row inmate gets reprieve

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) — The U.S. Supreme Court blocked the first scheduled execution of a Texas death row inmate using a new drug cocktail on Tuesday, although the proposed lethal mix was not mentioned in the court’s decision to reconsider the merits of the condemned man’s appeal.

Cleve Foster was to have been executed hours later for the 2002 slaying of a Sudanese woman in Fort Worth — the first Texas execution since the state switched to pentobarbital in its three-drug mixture. The sedative has already been used for executions in Oklahoma and Ohio.

On Tuesday morning, the high court agreed to reconsider its January order deny-

ing Foster’s appeal that raised claims of innocence and poor legal help during his trial and early stages of his appeals.

Foster’s lawyers also have argued that Texas prison officials violated administrative procedures last month when they announced the switch to pentobarbital from sodium thiopental, which is in short supply nationwide. Foster’s lawyers contend that the rules change in Texas required more time for public comment and review. Lower courts have rejected their appeals and attorneys had planned to take their case to the Texas Supreme Court.

Alamo’s future put in hands of Texas lawmakers

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The embattled caretakers of the Alamo say they’ll implore lawmakers to leave the most revered landmark in Texas in

their hands.

Leaders of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas said Tuesday they plan to attend a House committee meeting taking up several bills that could weaken the Daughters’ control over the historic 1836 battle site.

The meeting is set for Wednesday at the Capitol. One proposal gives the Texas Historical Commission more control of the state-owned shrine.

The Daughters have managed the Alamo for more than a century. But Texas prosecutors are investigating the group following allegations that financial bumbling and mismanagement have put the future of the Alamo at risk.

Senate passes bill restricting HOA powers

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The Texas Senate has passed

a bill to curtail the powers of homeowners’ associations.

The bill would make it harder for an association to foreclose on a homeowner for not paying dues and fees. Sellers of property within a homeowners’ association would also have to disclose to new buyers any obligations due to the association.

Dallas Sen. Royce West authored the bill and said it was necessary to protect homeowners from abuses. If the bill passes the House and is signed by the governor, the law would also restrict homeowner associations from foreclosing on military personnel serving overseas.

Presently a homeowners’ association does not have to notify a property owner of an outstanding debt and allows for a rapid home foreclosure. West said the bill would level the playing field.

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OPINION

Rangers finally step into DFW spotlight



Patrick Burns

It's finally happening. After years of lingering in the shadows, the Texas Rangers have now become a main attraction for sports fans in the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex.

In their dominating opening series sweep against the Boston Red Sox, the defending American League champions not only set records on the field but also set some records in the stands. Through four games into the 2011 season, the Rangers have drawn 182,446 people to Rangers Ballpark in Arlington — an average of more than 45,000 per game, or 90 percent of the capacity for the ballpark. That's better than the New York Yankees and St. Louis Cardinals — two of the most storied and most famous franchises in baseball. And against the Seattle

Mariners — on a Monday night, no less — the Rangers managed to bring more than 38,000 people into the ballpark to watch the team win its fourth straight game. Pretty good for a team that looked to be heading nowhere but the cellar of the AL West as recently as 2007.

Rangers pitcher Darren Oliver wrote on his Twitter account that he was impressed with the turnout.

"Over 144,000 fans came out to the ballpark this weekend! If that doesn't get [you] jacked up, nothing will," Oliver tweeted.

The change in attendance began last year when the Rangers had their best regular season in more than a decade. And after winning a playoff series and advancing to the World Series, Rangers management saw a fan base become excited about baseball for the first time in what felt like ages.

Granted, some of these new fans were what you would call "fair-weather" or "bandwagon" fans or people who only root for a team when they are playing well and winning games by the

bunches.

I normally loathe the fans who jump on the bandwagon after others had to suffer through years of terrible baseball like I and other diehard Texas Rangers supporters had to endure, but I don't think these people will be jumping off during hard times in the future. After visiting with these new fans to the season, I encountered people who, after becoming interested during the 2010 season and the playoffs, wanted to learn more about the Rangers and to become passionate and knowledgeable fans. It showed this weekend.

In years past, games against the Red Sox or other major-market teams would be full of obnoxious Red Sox fans, and good luck getting them to tell you any of the names of the players.

Not anymore.

This year, any chant Red Sox fans tried to start were drowned out by "Let's go Rangers" or the sounds of fireworks exploding in the sky after one of the many Rangers home runs. Saturday's game was the first time



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Texas Rangers' Nelson Cruz rounds second following his solo home run in the fourth inning against the Seattle Mariners in a baseball game in Arlington, Texas, Monday, April 4, 2011.

I'd been to a game during the regular season that had a playoff-like atmosphere.

We've seen this occur in waves in the past in the Metroplex. This was Dallas Cowboys country for four decades — and it may, in fact, still be during football season — but the Cowboys haven't won a Super Bowl since the 1995-96 season, and there has been a sporting shift in Dallas-Fort Worth ever since.

DFW went crazy for

the Dallas Stars in the late 1990s after the Stars won the Stanley Cup in 1999 — which happens to be the last championship brought to the area by a professional team in North Texas. We saw it after the Dallas Mavericks became relevant again in the early 2000s on the play of future Hall of Famer Dirk Nowitzki. Mavericks fans, however, have grown wary of their team after 11 straight 50-win seasons and no champion-

ship banners to hoist in the American Airlines Center to show for it.

With the NFL in a lockout and the NBA likely heading for one after the end of the basketball season, the Rangers will get their turn in the spotlight as the No. 1 team to watch in the area. It's about time.

News editor Pat Burns is a senior news-editorial journalism from Plano.

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MEN'S GOLF

Hoge wins tournament, team finishes fourth

Staff Report

Senior Tom Hoge posted his second career collegiate victory Tuesday while leading the TCU men's golf team to a fourth-place finish at the Morris Williams Intercollegiate at the University of Texas Golf Club.

Hoge, who entered the day with a two-stroke lead at 1-under par following Monday's opening two rounds, shot a final-round 74 to finish the event at +2. He held off Stanford's Andrew Yun (+3), who placed second following a final-round 69.

The victory marked Hoge's first since he won the 2008 Columbia Invitational during his sophomore season. He also became the first Horned Frog to capture an individual championship since sophomore teammate Daniel Jennevret won The Pres-

tige at PGA West in the Fall 2009.

Hoge's solid play helped the Frogs continue their own late-season surge as a team. The squad, which placed fourth or better for the third consecutive event at +52 overall, improved its case for a berth in next month's NCAA Regionals. TCU finished behind only Texas (+40), Texas Tech (+42) and Arkansas (+48), each of which own top 20 national rankings, while the squad managed to defeat four other rated teams, including No. 16 Stanford (+57).

Also garnering a top 10 individual finish for TCU was junior Johan de Beer, who tied for 10th at +10 following a final-round 73. TCU plays next at the Navy Spring Invitational April 16-17 at the U.S. Naval Academy Golf Course in Annapolis, Md.

Final Team Results (14 Teams)

1. Texas – (+40; 296-304-292-892)
2. Texas Tech – (+42; 314-296-284-894)
3. Arkansas – (+48; 308-296-296-300)
4. TCU – (+52; 300-301-303-904)
5. Kent State – (+53; 314-307-284-905)

Tcu Final Individual Results (81 Competitors)

1. Tom Hoge, TCU – (+2; 73-68-74-215)
- 10 (tie). Johan de Beer, TCU – (+10; 73-77-73-223)
- 30 (tie). Eli Cole, TCU – (+18; 76-78-77-231)
- 48 (tie). Scott Roudebush, TCU – (+22; 78-78-79-235)
- 62 (tie). Daniel Jennevret, TCU – (+26; 80-79-80-239)
- 62 (tie). *Matt Johnson, TCU – (+26; 84-81-74-239)

* - playing as an individual only; does not count toward team score

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Frogs' win bittersweet as Rivera streak ends at 27



Alex Apple

For those that know of junior right fielder Brance Rivera's tremendous character and exuberance, tonight's win for TCU was somewhat bittersweet as Rivera's hitting streak came to an end.

Rivera's hit streak stood at 27 games before he went 0-for-4 tonight vs. Luis Flores of UT-Pan American.

"I just didn't feel that [strong] at the plate tonight. It was just one of those nights," Rivera said. "I feel blessed. It was a fun ride, and this just means that I am going to have an even stronger second half."

Rivera had a hit in every game this season before tonight. During the 27-game hit streak, Rivera had 14 multiple-hit games with nine two-hit games, four three-hit games, and one four-hit game.

However, in two of Rivera's last five games, he had needed his final at-bat to extend his hit streak. Thirteen times he led off the game with a hit.

Former Frogs excel in opening week of MLB play

Three former TCU pitchers were in action throughout the last 24 hours in Major League Baseball. Former Frogs Jake Arrieta of the Baltimore Orioles, Andrew Cashner of the Chicago Cubs, and Sam Demel of the Arizona Diamondbacks are all pitching for their respective teams.

In Arrieta's first start for the Orioles Monday, he pitched six innings while giving up just one run and getting the win for Buck Showalter's undefeated Orioles. Arrieta pitched for the Frogs from 2004-2007 and was managed by Jim Schlossnagle.

"You definitely feel like a proud papa," Schlossnagle said. "The last 24 hours have been really special. We came close to having three pitchers get wins in the bigs."

Schlossnagle's enthusiasm and joy over the success of his former players was evident. Arrieta was one of the first dominant pitchers to come through TCU in the Schlossnagle era. He is what Schlossnagle likes to call a "program player." He left the program better than he found it and was a star for the Frogs every year he spent in Fort Worth.

Cashner of the Chicago Cubs made his first professional start Tuesday. Cashner pitched 5 1/3 innings tonight for the Cubs before leaving

due to shoulder tightness. He allowed just two hits and one run in his 5-plus innings.

"You just hope Cashner is alright after leaving the game, and he would have gotten the win if [the Cubs] had not blown the lead," Schlossnagle said.

The Montgomery native came to TCU from Angelina Junior College. Cashner was drafted four times before he finally turned pro after being drafted in the first round by the Cubs in 2008. He was rated as the 95th-best prospect in baseball before the 2010 season, and he has a unique opportunity to make an impact with the Cubs in the starting rotation.

The third Frog to see action was Demel who pitched in relief for the Arizona Diamondbacks. Demel was drafted by the Oakland Athletics in the third round of the 2007 draft after several seasons at TCU. He had been drafted in 2004 by the Rangers before opting to attend TCU to play for Schlossnagle.

Demel earned his third MLB win Tuesday pitching for the Arizona Diamondbacks. He pitched 1.2 innings of scoreless relief.

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TRACK & FIELD

Frogs start competition at Texas Relays today

By Emily Agee

Staff Reporter

The Horned Frogs will compete in the nation's second-largest track meet beginning Wednesday at the University of Texas. The 84th Annual Clyde Littlefield Texas Relays will be held through Saturday.

More than half of the members of the men's and women's track & field teams qualified for the event.

Freshman Jake Rossmango will compete in Section B of the men's 3000-meter steeplechase, and senior Jeff Pels will compete in the 1500 meters, while sophomore Kelly Dawson will represent the women's team in Section B of the 1500 meters. Junior Jack O'Brien and senior Sean Zurko will run the 800 for the Frogs, while freshman Agnes Kemboi will wrap up Wednesday evening in the women's 5000 meters.

Freshman Lavon Collins and senior Jordan Pitts will compete in the men's 400-meter hurdles Thursday.

Coming off a personal-best performance in the men's 400 at the Annual Bobby Lane Invitational in Arlington on April 2, senior

Mychal Dungey will compete in the 4x200 relay and the 1600 sprint medley.

In the field division, sophomore Cameron Tabor also had a first-place day at the Bobby Lane Invitational. He threw a personal best in the men's discus with a throw of 175-4. Tabor will compete in the men's discus throw at the Texas Relays.

Fresh from breaking the school record in the women's 400-meter dash, senior Jessica Young will be busy at the Texas Relays. She will participate in the 100-meter dash, the 4x100-meter relay, the 4x200-meter relay and the 4x400-meter relay. Young ran the 400 in 52.27 seconds at the Arizona State Invitational on March 26. The previous school record was held by Nathandra John at 52.31 seconds in 2006.

Frogs in the rankings

-Young is the fastest woman in the country in the 100 meters with an 11.14 mark while also holding the third-fastest time of 52.27 in the 400 meters.

-Sophomore Charles Silmon holds the eighth-fastest time in the nation in the men's 100 with a 10.25 and is ranked No. 17 in the 200 meters with a time of 20.82.

-O'Brien is ranked No.

11 in the men's 800, while Zurko is not far behind with a No. 15 ranking.

-One week into the outdoor track season, TCU is at the top of the Mountain West Conference rankings in 13 events.

Dungey wins MWC weekly honors

Dungey was selected the Mountain West Conference Co-Men's Outdoor Track & Field Athlete of the Week. Dungey ran a personal-best 46.59 in the 400, second overall behind former Frog Lewis Banda.

84th Annual Texas Relays

When: Wednesday-Saturday
Where: Mike A. Myers Stadium, Austin

Cost: Admission free Wednesday and Thursday. Friday and Saturday tickets are \$10 for general admission or \$15 for reserved seating.

Tickets can be purchased in advance at texasboxoffice.com or at the Mike A. Myers Stadium Box Office during the event, or call the UT Athletics Ticket Office at 800-982-2386 or 512-471-3333.

On GoFrogs.com: Follow live results or get Twitter updates by following @TCUTrackField.



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Sophomore Josh Elander dives back to first to avoid being picked off against UT-Pan American on Tuesday night.

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Frogs set to run in the 84th annual Texas Relays.

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The shift has begun: Dallas/Fort Worth is Rangers Town.



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Junior Taylor Featherston dives back to first base to avoid being thrown out by UT Pan American catcher Mike McCarthy. The Frogs won 2-0 and face the Broncs again tonight at 6:30 p.m.

BASEBALL

Miller leads No. 15 TCU past UT-Pan American

By Ryne Sulier
Sports Editor

UT-Pan American notched eight hits off No. 15 TCU, but Frogs' junior pitcher Erik Miller (1-5) pitched seven scoreless innings and a UTPA error and an RBI double from sophomore third baseman Jantzen Witte was enough to give TCU a 2-0 victory Tuesday evening at Lupton Stadium.

"All I told the team was to have a really great season you gotta win games in a variety of ways," head baseball coach Jim Schlossnagle said. "And all I know is three weeks ago these were the games we were losing."

Broncs' starting pitcher Luis Flores (0-2) only allowed four hits and one earned run in the loss in eight innings pitched, but Flores hit five TCU batters as UTPA fell to 9-9 on the season.

"[Flores] did enough to keep us off balance," Schlossnagle said. "I thought our pregame

batting practice, all of our workouts prior to the game was all good. If you're sitting in the stands, [it might] make you think we're lackadaisical...but it's a crazy game."

TCU freshman pitcher Andrew Mitchell finished the game for TCU (19-9), throwing the final two innings, notching his second save of the season.

Frogs' junior right fielder Jason Coats started the bottom of the second inning with a lead-off bunt single down the third base line. Witte flied out to left field for the first out of the inning, bringing senior second baseman Jerome Pena to the plate. With a 1-2 count on Pena, Coats reached second on an error from Broncs' first baseman Angel Ibanez.

TCU sophomore catcher Josh Elander hit a RBI single to center, bringing home an unearned run to put the Frogs up 1-0. Senior first baseman Joe Weik followed the scoring play with a walk to put runners on

first and second for sophomore designated hitter Kyle Von Tungeln.

Junior right fielder Brance Rivera struck out to start the third inning — his first of three strikeouts on a 0 for 4 evening. Rivera couldn't extend his 27-game hit streak.

Elander did a somersault to record the second out of the fifth inning on a sky-high pop up from designated hitter Colton Van Komen. Second baseman Roger Bernal singled to right to extend the inning for UTPA but Miller struck out de la Rosa — Miller's third "K" through five innings of work.

With one out in the top of the sixth, Broncs' first baseman Alex Carnall hit a single to left to put two runners on with Ibanez at the plate. A soft grounder to Pena to set up a Frogs' double play to get Miller out of the sixth unscathed.

Flores hit two of his five batters in the sixth inning with a balk on a 1-2 count to Pena

sandwiched between the errant throws. Flores then loaded the bases after nicking Pena. With Flores displaying erratic command, he coaxed an infield pop fly from Elander to keep the game at 1-0 going in to the seventh.

Vincent Mejia singled to center to start the seventh inning. UTPA right fielder Stuart Macinnes popped out to Witte for the first out of the inning and the Frogs turned their second double play of the game on a grounder from Van Komen to Witte to end the top of the seventh.

"With Jantzen and Featherston and Pena and Joe we're very confident when the balls on the ground with a runner on first," Elander said. "We expect a double play, and it's nice to see them continue to do that game in and game out."

Miller's night would end after seven innings. Freshman Andrew Mitchell came in for Miller, who allowed seven hits

and no runs on four strikeouts in a 90-pitch effort.

"Having five games this week, we needed a starting pitcher to go and be out there for a while, and I needed [Miller] to go at least seven, and he did a great job of that," Schlossnagle said.

With two outs in the bottom of the eighth inning Witte busted the game open with an RBI double off Flores to extend the lead to 2-0 for TCU. Pena flied out to center to end the scoring drive, but an extra run would bode well for the Frogs, who are currently 1-7 on the season in games decided by one run.

Mitchell finished the game for the Frogs, earning his second save of the season on one hit, a walk and two strikeouts.

"It's a big difference pitching down a run, then it is up a run, and [Mitchell's] had some opportunities to pitch," Schlossnagle said. "It's a lot different when it's on the line, so I'm glad he got that one out of the way too."

Rivera's hit streak ends at 27

Junior right fielder Brance Rivera struck out three times on a 0 for 4 day at the plate. His day at the plate didn't seem to keep him down, however.

"It was a fun run, I feel very blessed, I had a lot of good games seeing the ball well," Rivera said. "This is baseball though. I'm not gonna let it get me down, I'm just gonna look forward to an even better second half?"

Up next

TCU will play its second-straight game against the Broncs tomorrow at 6:30 p.m. Kyle Starratt (0-0, 4.85 ERA) is slated to face UTPA's Kyle Kotchie (0-1, 4.85 ERA).

The Frogs continue Mountain West Conference play with a three-game series against New Mexico after the UTPA game. The UNM series will conclude TCU's 13-game homestand.