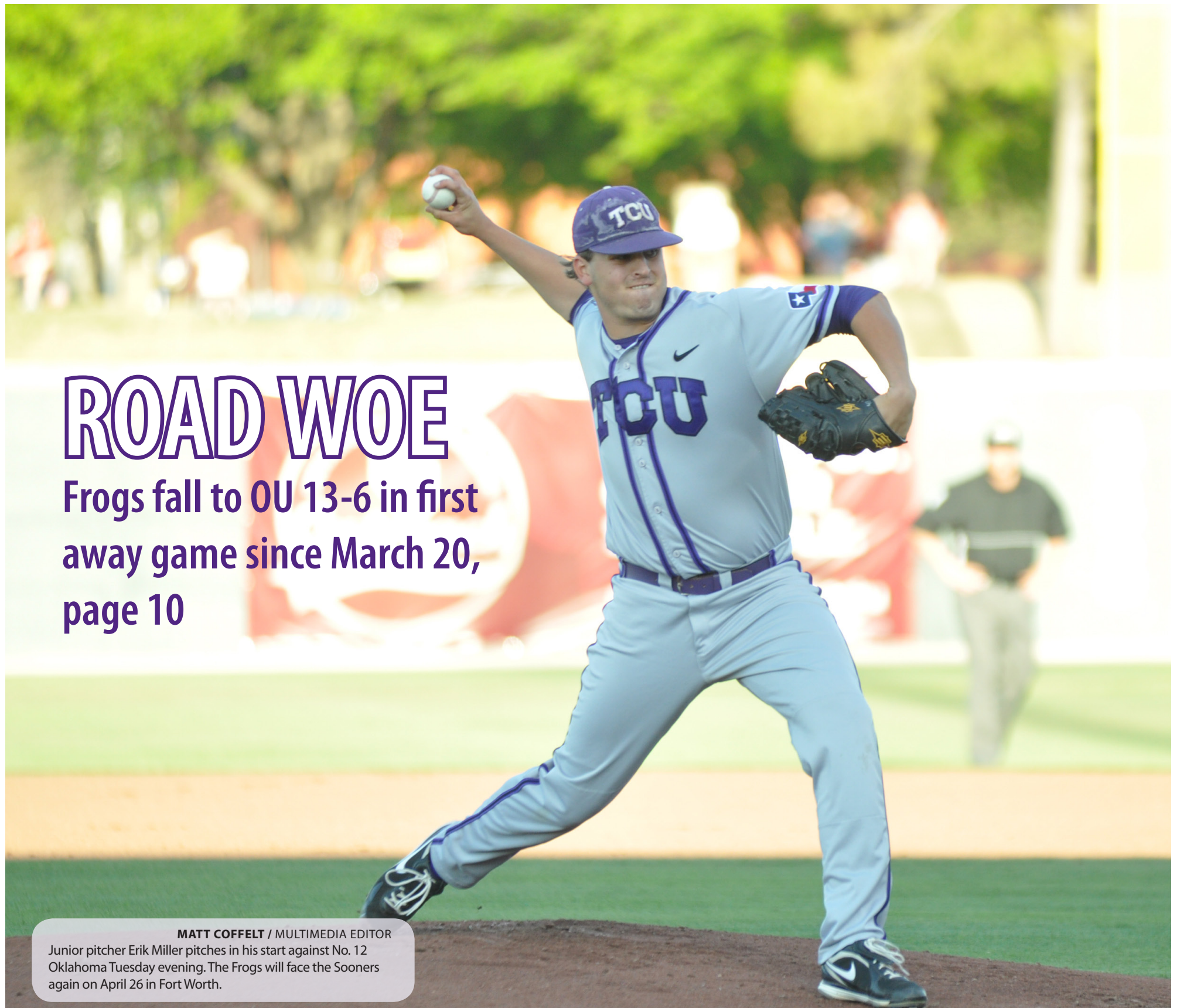




ACADEMICS 2

Student receives full two-year tuition scholarship for fiction writing.

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ROAD WOE

Frogs fall to OU 13-6 in first away game since March 20, page 10

MATT COFFELT / MULTIMEDIA EDITOR

Junior pitcher Erik Miller pitches in his start against No. 12 Oklahoma Tuesday evening. The Frogs will face the Sooners again on April 26 in Fort Worth.

THEATRE 3

Theatre TCU's "Spike Heels" opens Thursday.



ENTREPRENEURSHIP 6

Freshman's childhood interest in baking turns into a profitable business.



LIBERAL ARTS

Sophomore earns two-year scholarship for writing excellence

By Ashley Monismith
Staff Reporter

Sophomore Bill Hamlett received a big surprise — one in the form of a full two-year tuition scholarship and a chance to meet best-selling novelist Sandra Brown.

Hamlett, a writing major, won the 2011 Sandra Brown Excellence in Literary Fiction Scholarship, an award given to an English or writing major who demonstrates academic excellence and significant potential as a fiction writer, according to the award's website.

Hamlett said he found out about the scholarship when he first came to TCU and prepared to apply in the middle of his sophomore year. He said he started working on his 50-70 page portfolio of fiction, an essay about himself and two letters of recommendation.

According to the website, the portfolio must contain samples of fiction short stories or a piece of a longer work and a piece that discusses the student's writing, goals and interests. In addition, recipients must maintain a 3.0 GPA or better and remain active in TCU's literary culture.

Phone calls and emails

to the English Department were not returned by time of publication.

Hamlett said he did not take a creative writing class before applying for the award. Instead of writing fiction in his free time, he read books.

Kelli Trapnell, a senior writing major and the 2009 scholarship winner, said the scholarship began two years ago when Sandra Brown's husband, Michael Brown, wanted to do something special for her birthday. Michael Brown decided to create a two year full-tuition scholarship for one student in his wife's name, she said.

According to the award's website, she has authored over 70 fiction novels, 58 of which have appeared on the *New York Times* best-sellers list. She attended TCU as an English major and later received an honorary doctorate from the university.

Trapnell said she had the opportunity to study abroad without the financial burden of having to pay about \$60,000 for her junior and senior year.

Travis Freeman, a junior English major, said he was in the process of transferring from Austin Community College when he first found out about the schol-

arship. By applying for the scholarship and winning in 2010, he said he met and expanded his network with TCU professors and faculty.

"The English Department faculty has been enormous in encouraging and assisting in the continuation of my writing ambitions," he said.

Hamlett said talking to English professors helped him in the scholarship process as well. He discussed ideas and topics with English professors and his friends to help guide him when writing, he said.

Trapnell's networking with Sandra Brown helped reassure her that writing was the correct career path to pursue, she said. Sandra Brown gave Trapnell confidence and insight into the publishing world, Trapnell said.

"I was worried about the future," she said. "And then I thought I could actually do this."


Hamlett believed the scholarship also helped boost a student's confidence, he said. "[For writers] it's very difficult to be recognized," Hamlett said.

Trapnell recalled a few words of advice Sandra Brown gave her: Keep writing no matter what.



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Sophomore Bill Hamlett poses with best-selling novelist Sandra Brown after winning the Sandra Brown Excellence in Literary Fiction Scholarship,



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SGA

Paschal's student council visits campus to experience collegiate government

By Bryn Zimmermann
Staff Reporter

Members of Paschal High School's student council joined the Student Government Association meeting Tuesday night to learn how student government works at the collegiate level.

SGA opened the majority of the meeting for a question and answer session, as well as a mock demonstration of how the House process works.

Speaker of the House Andrew Pulliam said he was excited for students at Paschal to have an opportunity to see how student government functions at this level. He encouraged the students to ask any questions they

had about SGA.

Caroline Wiersgalla, vice president of external affairs, said TCU and Paschal would be working closely together in the future. Using a joint effort, they plan to focus on the community around Fort Worth. The two student governments hope to conduct events at both Paschal and TCU, she said.

Dalton Goodier, student relations committee chair, encouraged all of the Paschal students to attend "Cirque du Frog" after the meeting. The event put on by Frog Aides would be a great example of members of SGA in action, he said.

In other news, "A Bill to Support the TCU Tau Beta Sigma Chapter to

their 2011 National Convention" was tabled to the finance committee until next week.

Student Body President Jackie Wheeler said elections for House representatives will begin today on my.tcu.edu. Elections for House speaker and committee chairs would take place the following week.

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LEGISLATION

Texas lawmakers back off concealed carry on campus

By Jim Vertuno
Associated Press

Two months ago, Texas looked ready to allow concealed handguns in college classrooms. Lawmakers lined up to sponsor a bill, pistol-packing Gov. Rick Perry supported it and gun control activists had all but conceded defeat.

Then students and administrators from the state's universities mobilized in opposition, swaying two Democratic lawmakers who had supported the bill. Without them, the bill's sponsor hasn't had enough support to get a vote in the state Senate. Two attempts in the past week have failed, and the measure is now struggling to survive in a state that usually embraces guns and their mythical connection to the old West.

The effort to allow concealed handgun license holders to bring their weapons into college classrooms turned into a national issue after a gunman killed 32 people at Virginia Tech in 2007, the largest mass shooting in modern U.S. history. Supporters said they wanted to give students a chance to shoot back.

But dozens of states — including Texas — rejected bills allowing concealed carry on campuses before Republicans swept elections in November and gave the measures new life. Arizona recently passed a bill allowing license holders to carry handguns on campuses, although not in classrooms.

Still, for supporters like the national group Students for

Concealed Carry on Campus, Texas remains the big prize. Early signs the bill would pass there captured the attention of the international media, which could not resist the state's larger-than-life reputation and frontier image.

Texas is where concealed handgun license holders are allowed to skip metal detectors in the state Capitol, and Perry made headlines for shooting a coyote while out on a morning jog last year. State lawmakers are now considering a bill that would exempt them from bans on carrying guns into churches, sporting events and nursing homes.

Hearings on the measure were dominated by powerful testimony from supporters who had been raped or assaulted on campus and by opponents who survived the shootings at Virginia Tech and the University of Texas in 1966, when sniper Charles Whitman killed or wounded dozens of people.

Hundreds of current students turned out for Capitol rallies, saying they didn't want to take a test sitting next to someone who might be carrying a gun.

They got a big boost from the nine-campus University of Texas System when chancellor Francisco Cigarroa wrote a letter to Perry and lawmakers telling them college officials worry guns will lead to more campus violence and suicides.

Two Democrats who had supported the bill, Sen. Eddie Lucio of Brownsville and Sen. Mario Gallegos of Houston,

withdrew their support last week.

Gallegos, whose district includes the University of Houston, said he has been swamped with "thousands" of calls over the past week from students and parents who oppose the bill. He said he also heard from college officials complaining they will face sharp increases in liability insurance.

"I lost sleep over this," Gallegos said. "I've come to that reality with my community: They don't want guns on campus."

Lucio withdrew his support last week, accusing bill sponsor Sen. Jeff Wentworth of going back on a promise to give him more time to talk with officials at UT-Brownsville in his district. The university wants to exempt college campuses that have grade schools, a change Wentworth said he won't accept.

Senate rules require a bill to have the support of 21 senators in the 31-member chamber just to come up for a vote. Without the two Democrats, Wentworth is at least one vote short, but he vowed Tuesday to be aggressive in trying to pass the bill.

The slim margin has set up the likelihood of political gamesmanship over the next few weeks. The 21-vote rule is really a two-thirds rule. If Wentworth sees opponents are out sick or attending business outside of the chamber and the numbers are in his favor, he could try to call it up for a vote without warning.

"I'm here," Wentworth warned. "All the time."

FINE ARTS

Theatre TCU presents 'Spike Heels'



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The cast of "Spike Heels" in a promotional shot: Collin Duwe as Andrew, Danielle Martin as Georgie and Brice Barnard as Edward.

By Brett Anderson
Staff Reporter

Theatre TCU will feature the play "Spike Heels" this week, a show about a young woman trying to find her place in a world dominated by men, production director Claire Parker said.

"[Spike Heels] is about the struggle that young women have to find a way to be powerful and assert themselves, without it being about wearing short dresses and spike heels," Parker said.

Parker said "Spike Heels" is the most contemporary

piece the theatre department is producing this year. She said the play is risqué, but realistic.

"It really talks about the issues and the lifestyle of our generation," Parker said. "I love this play because I feel like I actually know all these characters."

The play is rated R for language, according to the TCU events website.

Parker said the play will be empowering and funny to the audience, but with some sad parts.

Four Theatre TCU students would make up cast,

Parker said. Cast members are Brice Barnard, Katie Caruso, Collin Duwe, and Dani Martin.

Theatre TCU presents "Spike Heels"

When: 5:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday, 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday

Where: Hays Theatre in the Walsh Building

Tickets are \$5 for TCU students, faculty and staff, \$10 for public. For tickets, call the TCU Box Office: 817-257-8080



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State Sen. Jeff Wentworth holds up three fingers toward the president's desk, as he is just short of the votes needed to allow concealed handgun licensees to carry their pistols on public colleges and in university buildings in Texas.

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PERSPECTIVES

The Skiff View

With greater speeds come greater risks

A bill that would boost some Texas highway speed limits to 85 mph passed in the state House last week, while a similar bill is being considered in the state Senate.

Proponents of the bill say the boost in speed would help commerce by reducing the time it takes to travel through less-populated areas. Those who oppose the bill factor in concerns like unsafe driving, underdeveloped roads and untrained drivers.

Those concerns are valid ones. Texas already has more than 500 miles of highway with a speed limit of 80 mph. Adding more and increasing the speed limit means that most drivers would creep above the 85 mph limit anyway.

I once was in a car accident at 60 mph. The front half of my car was torn off, and the back half was crumpled almost to the hood. I can't imagine how badly a car would be torn up if the wreck occurred at 85 mph.

If the speed limit is going to increase, safety factors cannot be underestimated. Engineering evaluations are needed to determine if those roads could handle the higher speeds.

A few more dollars in commerce would be a short-term boost to the state's economy, but the potential for loss of life and serious injury is a concern that cannot be overlooked.

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Review ★★☆☆

'Source Code' original work, solid film



Marshall Doig

When watching Duncan Jones' *Source Code*, it may feel like it is a mashup of several films — "Groundhog Day," "The Matrix," "Murder on the Orient Express," and "Inception," for example — but fortunately, it does enough to make sure it is able to stand on its own as a solid, thought-provoking and emotionally affecting film.

The movie opens with Army Capt. Colter Stevens (Jake Gyllenhaal) waking up in the body of another man on a Chicago-bound train, which blows up eight minutes later. Stevens wakes up again in a chamber where he finds out his mind is being inserted into

a computer program called Source Code, which allows him to relive the last eight minutes of another person's life in a simulated reality.

The military is using the program as an intelligence gathering experiment — in this case, to find out who blew up the train and to prevent a subsequent, more widespread attack. Stevens' mission is to find out who the bomber is and provide the intelligence that will prevent the second bombing from happening.

Of course, it isn't as straightforward as it sounds — Stevens' emotions get in the way of the mission. He becomes attached to one of the train's passengers (played by Michelle Monaghan), he longs to call his father to let him know he's in the U.S., and he becomes increasingly frustrated with the lack of answers about his involvement in the program.

Beginning scenes play out slowly and lead the audience to anticipate answers just as

much as Stevens does, but the film soon finds a balance between parsing out enough information during breaks between action scenes.

The Source Code program seems just like a video game — Stevens can be endlessly reinserted into the program and has an endless number of lives. As a result, it's difficult at times to feel any real suspense about the events that happen in the program because none of them are real anyway — at least in "Inception" there was the possibility one of the dreamers could get stuck in limbo.

Also, the real-world possibility of the second attack would feel totally absent if it weren't for the urgency of Capt. Colleen Goodwin and Source Code creator Dr. Rutledge (convincingly acted by Vera Farmiga and Jeffrey Wright, respectively) in their conversations with Stevens between his Source Code insertions.

One of the film's themes is about having closure, even if it's artificial, as Stevens calls his father while inside Source Code. Even then, though, the film's ending calls into question the program's artificial reality and ties up the loose ends while leaving plenty of room for debate about how "real" the world of the program is.

Unfortunately, the score almost damages the film's most emotional scenes. It sounds too conventional, and it comes dangerously close to making the movie feel that way, too. But strong acting and directing help "Source Code" overcome the mediocre score for a satisfying finale.

Parallels can be drawn from "Source Code" to many other films, but the strength of its acting, story and production make it stand out as an original, refreshing work.

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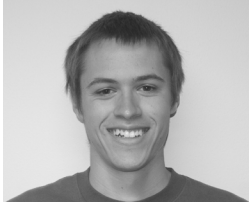
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PERSPECTIVES

Should Texas adopt highest speed limit in the country?

Yes, it will save time and will help drivers stay focused on the road



Austin Sandford

Hearing the news that a bill passed in the Texas House last Wednesday allowing the Department of Transportation to have the power to raise the speed limit on highways to 85 mph was, for me, long overdue.

I will admit it, I speed, and, according to a research study done by the TomTom GPS company, so do 61 percent of Americans.

Time is valuable in our society, and Americans are willing to do what they need to do to maximize that time. The study also showed that 71 percent of Americans change their route depending on road conditions or time to navigate the fastest route.

Increasing the speed limit will make this easier. It will also allow people to get where they want to go and to pay more attention to the vehicles around them while also allowing them to spend less time staring down the same patch of road watching for cops.

But not everyone believes that increasing the speed limit is a good idea. Many are against the bill, believing the measure will result in more crashes and increased aggression of drivers who will drive dangerously with the new speed limit. While increased speed could cause more dangerous crashes, there is evidence showing that an increased speed limit is not directly related to causing crashes.

According to the Association of British Drivers, studies have shown that countries with the highest speed limits actually have some of the lowest crash rates. The ABD instead points to distracted drivers or drivers that have not been adequately prepared for highway conditions as the cause for most accidents, which would correlate heavily with the National Safety

Council's finding that 28 percent of traffic crashes in the United States are caused by drivers using cell phones — the equivalent of 1.6 million crashes per year.

The most important consideration involved in raising the speed limit is that an increase in speed limit does not mean that drivers have to drive that fast or that they will at all. Research done by Parker & Associates for the Federal Highway Administration shows that when increased speed limits were posted, there was only a minor increase in speed, with an average increase of only 1.5 mph.

Allowing for an increased speed limit will result in some increased speed by those who have the reason

or desire to drive faster, but for people who are not as time constrained, there will not be as much incentive to speed.

The question of whether to increase the speed limit seems silly when looking at the data. There will always be a slow lane, and always the option for drivers to slow down to take a rest. Smart drivers who are looking for an increased speed, but know to be careful and slow in certain areas, will spend less time watching for cops and more time keeping their eyes on the road.

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PRO CON

No, safety is too big a concern, and drivers aren't responsible enough



Bailey McGowan

Speed limits in Texas could be increased to as fast as 85 mph on sections of I-10 and I-20 in West Texas.

The proposed bill passed through the Texas House as a part of a larger transportation bill. The Texas Department of Transportation would be authorized to raise speed limits in designated lanes

and stretches of roadways after engineering and traffic studies are conducted.

Texas might be known for making everything bigger, but a high speed limit should not be one of our famous features, or infamous in this case.

The proposed speed limit increase would give Texas the highest speed limit in the nation with Ohio coming in second with its 80 mph limit on certain portions of I-15. While roadways under consideration for this increase are straight with a long line of vision and in mostly rural areas, it is still reckless to think people are responsible enough to handle 85 mph.

Even with perfect conditions, the idea of traveling

that quickly is dangerous. There is no such road that is perfectly paved, that is wide enough, that is straight enough and immune to all Texas weather.

The biggest factors surrounding highway deaths are alcohol and speeding. In 2009, 74 percent of all fatal rural car crashes were by those traveling at speeds of 60 mph or higher.

How can drivers assume they have enough control of their vehicles to handle such a speed? People exceed speed limits all the time, but that doesn't make it right to do so. Nor should one consider legalizing such drastic speeds in response.

In our society, we've subscribed to the idea that our plans and schedules are more important than the law and than the person next to us. For instance, one would rather text while driving instead of putting the phone down and driving safely to one's final destination.

It is straight-up selfish to travel at speeds that quickly. Not only are you causing potential harm to yourself but also to your passengers and other drivers on the road.

The only way to make sure you reach your destination in a timely manner with your personal schedule is to leave with plenty of time to reach that destination. It should never be acceptable to use such extreme speed simply because a seemingly safe roadway exists in a rural area that is often one stretch of a longer road-trip.

There will be inquires into the engineering and traffic conditions on the specific roads this bill is considering for increased speed limits. In a perfect world, it would make sense to increase the speed limit on these roads simply because there isn't a high possibility of accidents or fatalities.

Unfortunately, this is not a perfect world, and there is no such thing as a perfect roadway.

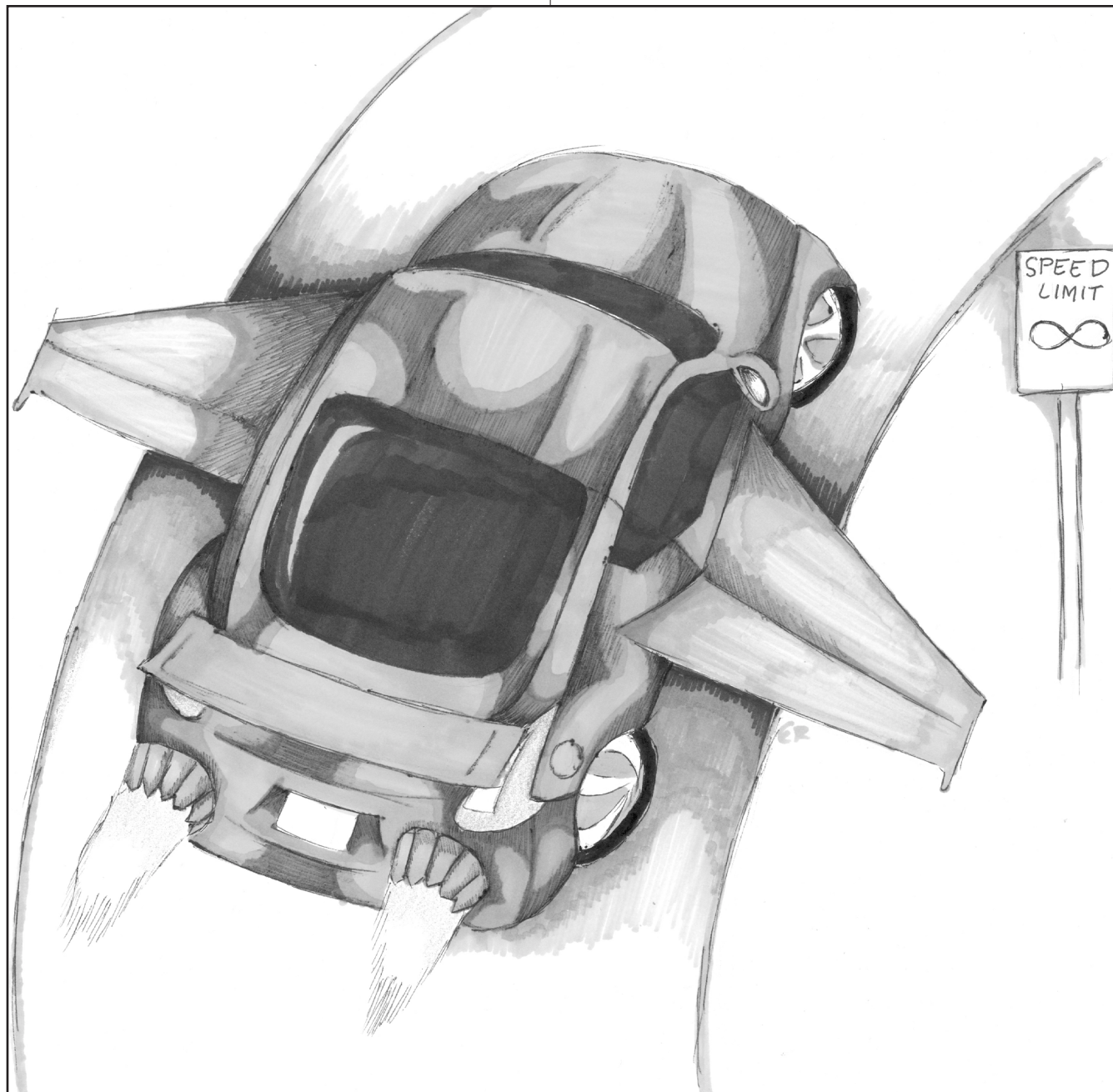


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ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Student turns vision into sweet success

By Katie Vance
News Now



McBay

While many students are checking Facebook during class, Gabrielle McBay is busy looking up cookie recipes.

McBay, a freshman business major, turned her love of baking into sweet profit when she started her own baking company, Crumbs by Gabrielle.

"Crumbs by Gabrielle is like my baby," McBay said. "I started [baking] when I was really young in the kitchen with my mom."

McBay said that as she got older, she had more questions about cookies, recipes, and what baking does to the batter. She started researching different recipes and had her first cookie "debut" at one of her friends' sixth grade birthday parties.

"After that, everyone was asking for them and wanting to try them," McBay said.

She said her favorite part of baking was seeing a person's reaction to her product.

"I love seeing people react to that first bite," McBay said. "That's why I started Crumbs,

because I love seeing people happy."

But when McBay first started baking for friends and classmates, she was not trying to make a profit — she gave her sweets away for free. It was not until Trez McBay, Gabrielle's mother, told her that she would not buy any more ingredients that Gabrielle decided she had to start charging.

"Gabrielle has a good heart," Trez McBay said. "But she would use whatever was in the house...then when I needed flour or sugar, it was gone."

In 2008, McBay went to a convention and spoke to celebrity chef Gerry Gavin, best known for his television show "Turn Up the Heat with G. Gavin," about how she could expand her business. That is where she got the advice to make a website for her company, crumbsbygabrielle.com, so she could sell her product to more people.

"That's kind of how it took off from just a hobby to an actual business" McBay said.

McBay said she made more than \$5,000 in her senior year of high school, but that she has had to decline some orders since coming to college to keep up with all of her classwork and extracurricular activities. She said prioritizing was the most difficult thing about go-

ing to school while running a business. She said she now focuses more on special events like birthday parties and has done events for the Neeley School of Business.

"In high school, I had to sacrifice, but it was nothing compared to being in college," she said.

McBay has been featured in an article by Forbes online, was a finalist in the TCU Youth Entrepreneur of the Year Awards, and was named 2010 Black Enterprise Teenpreneur, all before finishing her freshman year at TCU. McBay said the connections and exposure from the awards and articles have really helped her business grow, and requests for orders have increased since coming to TCU.

"My favorite cupcake is the purple velvet," McBay said. "It's a TCU twist to the red velvet, so it's a pretty big hit."

McBay said she was considering going to culinary school after graduating from TCU, but said she would have to find a way to go to school and maintain her business.

As far as her dreams for the growth of her business, McBay said she hoped to someday open a cookie lounge called Elle's Café, short for Gabrielle, where people could enjoy homemade sweets, coffee, music and poetry.

CAMPUS EVENTS



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Students watch as an acrobat performs during Tuesday's "Cirque du Frog," an event staged by Frog Aides. The event featured music, food and balloon animals.

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CAMPUS

Holocaust survivor shares story about time in concentration camp

By Cathy Pham
Staff Reporter

Holocaust survivor Max Glauben said he believed Holocaust survivors were left behind to tell a story.

Glauben shared his story Tuesday night and included memories of concentration camps and his moment of liberation, at TCU's annual Holocaust Museum. Hillel, the organization for Jewish campus life at TCU, has organized the museum for four consecutive years.

A press release for the event defined the Holocaust as the genocide of approximately 6 million European Jews by Nazi Germany during World War II. Other victims of the Holocaust included Soviets, the Roma, the disabled and political or religious dissidents, according to the release.

Glauben recalled the conditions and trials he lived through when he and his family were transported to the barracks of a

concentration camp in the Warsaw Ghetto.

"Conditions were real bad because we didn't have any water, and there were all kinds of diseases imaginable to man," Glauben said. "If a person was allowed to live in the Warsaw Ghetto, he would get a ration of 180 calories a day."

"The brutality of the commander determined how we were treated in the camps."

Max Glauben
Holocaust Survivor

Since Glauben was extremely mechanically inclined, he was put to work as a pattern maker and was transferred to different German concentrations camps regularly, he said.

"The brutality of the commander determined how we were treated in the camps," he said.

Glauben was separated from his mother and brothers early on, and later lost his father when he was singled out with 12 others to be shot.

Glauben said after being in the hellish Flossenburg concentration camp in Germany, he was liberated with eight other children by the U.S. Army on April 16th, 1945.

He was put in a displaced persons camp, and said it was like being in heaven because he received food, clothes and shelter.

"I got food and became a human being again after being treated like an animal," Glauben said.

Laura Kelly, a junior education major, said she attended the event because she went on a Holocaust trip when she was in high school. She had seen all the camps and wanted to hear a survivor's story.

Kelly said the topic that stood out to her the most about Glauben's talk was that his skill in machinery saved his life.

INTERNATIONAL

Obama: US not leading Libyan effort

By Matthew Lee
and Raf Casert
Associated Press

Despite rebel setbacks and an increasingly public rift with NATO allies, the U.S. will stick to its plan to remain in the back seat of the Libya air campaign, the Obama administration insisted Tuesday after three weeks of air missions that have failed to turn the tide against Moammar Gadhafi.

France's defense minister declared that without full American participation, the West probably would not be able to stop attacks by Gadhafi loyalists on besieged rebel cities.

U.S. officials said they were comfortable with their role and had no plans to step up involvement, even as British and French officials said Washington's military might was needed to ensure the mission's success. The Americans said NATO could carry out the operation without a resumption of the heavy U.S. efforts that kicked it off last month.

"The president and this administration believes that NATO, and the coalition of



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Libyan women flying pre Gadhafi flags take part in an anti Gadhafi rally and supporting France for its position in the current conflict, in Benghazi, Libya Tuesday, April 12, 2011.

which we remain a partner, is capable of fulfilling that mission of enforcing the no-fly zone, enforcing the arms embargo and providing civilian protection," White House spokesman Jay Carney told reporters.

"The U.S. has not abandoned this operation by any means," State Department spokesman Mark Toner said. "We still are offering support where we can. I don't think it's correct to say that there's somehow discord in the alliance."

The public complaints of Britain and France, however, contradicted that position,

and U.S. officials contended privately that some in Europe appeared to be backing down on pledges to take the lead in the operation once the opening phase was over. The administration had not wanted to keep a primary role after that point and had made its participation in the NATO mission contingent on having only a supporting function afterward.

At the State Department, spokesman Toner said President Obama had been clear that the U.S. "role would diminish as NATO stepped up and took command and control of the operation."

TEXAS

Perry visits West Texas counties devastated by wildfire damage

By Betsy Blaney
Associated Press

Gov. Rick Perry took to the air Tuesday to survey some of the ravaged counties of West Texas devastated by wildfires that have blackened tens of thousands of acres, destroyed dozens of homes and left one firefighter critically injured.

Perry flew in a plane over fires still burning in the rolling plains of Stonewall County with state emergency management chief Nim Kidd before appearing at a news conference at a Texas Forest Service command center in the town of Merkel in Taylor County.

Perry, who grew up near the Stonewall County fire, said that even as firefighters gained the initiative on some of the biggest fires, "Our experience tells us that we have a long way to go."

"The threat of wildfires is one we've lived with consis-

tently for months, and I urge Texans to continue heeding all warnings from fire and local officials and to take whatever precautions necessary to minimize the risk of wildfire."

State crews are supporting local efforts to fight 14 major wildfires in 19 West Texas counties. He said that every year, his team gets "a little better at dealing with natural disasters." But he appealed to Texans "to continue to be very cautious" with fire.

Nearby Tom Green County has lost 11,000 acres to the flames, while nearly 17,000 acres have burned in Midland County and more than 103,000 acres in Stonewall, Knox and King counties. Another blaze that erupted in Presidio County destroyed 40 homes in neighboring Jeff Davis County over the weekend.

Firefighters got the 108,000-acre Presidio County fire 60 percent contained Tuesday.

Before going to West Texas, Perry prefaced a speech to a free enterprise group in Dallas with praise for firefighters.

"Our state is really blessed to have brave men and women who never hesitate to run toward great danger that others are fleeing," Perry said.

Perry on Sunday renewed a disaster proclamation for 249 of the state's 254 counties, making them eligible to request government assistance as needed to respond to wildfires. The governor's initial proclamation was Dec. 21, but was renewed on Jan. 19, Feb. 17 and March 18, as extreme wildfire conditions and the drought lingered.

In February 2010 officials declared a severe two-year drought in Texas over and rainfall continued throughout the summer over most of the state. But beginning in late summer, early fall last year, the tap shut off and drought began to set in.



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In this April 11, 2011 photo, Isaiah Martinez stands in the rubble of his great-great-grandparents' home in Fort Davis, Texas. Powerful winds sent walls of flame through parched ranchland in and around the West Texas communities of Fort Davis and Midland, incinerating more than 60 homes this weekend.

WEIRD NEWS

Associated Press

Demoted Ohio senator moves out on his boss

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — A state senator in Ohio who's sore about being demoted has decided he can no longer live with his boss, the Republican Senate president. The Columbus Dispatch reports Republican Sen. Bill

Seitz (syts) of Cincinnati has moved out of the Columbus condominium he shared with President Tom Niehaus (NEE'-hows) of New Richmond, down the Ohio River from Cincinnati.

Seitz says he can no longer afford the "high-priced digs" since Niehaus last week took away his chairmanship of the Senate's Government Oversight and Reform Committee.

Niehaus said he made the move because Seitz was preparing a substitute version of a bill without letting the sponsor know.

Seitz also had ruffled GOP feathers by opposing the bill that became Ohio's new collective bargaining law, which limits the union rights of public employees.

Police: Duo stole tools, tried to sell to victim

YORK, Pa. (AP) — Police say two people swiped tools from a central Pennsylvania

home then unwittingly tried to sell them back to their owner at his place of employment.

West York Police say the victim was approached by two people at a service center March 24 trying to sell him some tools. The victim thought the toolbox looked familiar and went home to find he'd been robbed.

Police tell The York Dispatch they soon arrested 34-year-old Cody Lee Littrell, of Hanover, and 32-year-old Rebecca Erinn Dice, of Dillsburg. Both face charges

including theft and receiving stolen property.

Littrell is free on bail. A phone number for him could not immediately be located Tuesday. Dice remains behind bars.

Cooking oil dump gives RI city eau de french fries

CRANSTON, R.I. (AP) — Some 30 gallons of used cooking oil has been spilled over several streets in a Rhode Island city, leaving behind the smell of french fries.

Cranston Deputy Fire

Chief Keith Newman told WJAR-TV that the soybean oil was kept in 5-gallon containers that apparently fell off a truck Monday. Firefighters found the containers in four spots around Cranston.

The cooking oil was spilled along an entire block of one street, a mess left for environmental officials to clean up.

Newman told The Associated Press that his clothes smelled like french fries after he got back to the fire station.

The fire department is searching for the driver who made the mess.

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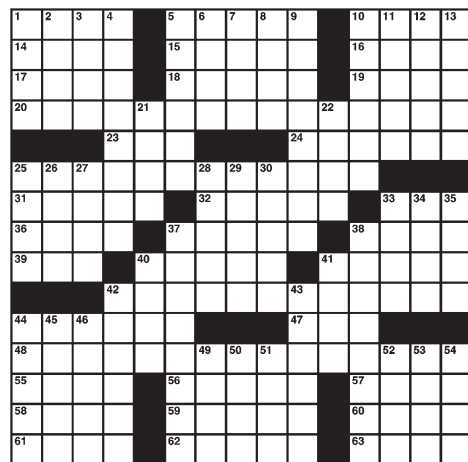
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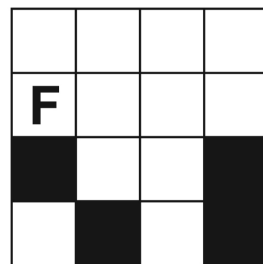


By Michael Blake 4/13/11

Tuesday's Puzzle Solved

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"Tokyo Fashion Week"

Difficulty ★★☆☆☆ (80pts)

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.

Sample



"Freeze"

Tuesday's Solution



"Burberry Coat"

Difficulty ★☆☆☆☆ (20pts)

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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

6	5	9	8	7	4	3	1	2
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5	2	1	9	8	7	6	3	4
9	3	6	1	4	2	8	5	7

NATIONAL NEWS

Associated Press

Space shuttles going to museums

CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida (AP) — NASA's three remaining space shuttles will go to museums in Cape Canaveral, Los Angeles and suburban Washington when the program ends this summer, the space agency said Tuesday.

The announcement came on the 30th anniversary of the first space shuttle flight and the 50th anniversary of man's first journey into space.

Shuttle Atlantis will stay in Cape Canaveral at the Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex, just miles from the pair of launch pads where it was shot into space. Endeavour is headed to the California Science Center, miles from the plant where the shuttle was built; and Discovery's new home will be the Smithsonian Institution's branch in northern Virginia.

The Smithsonian is giving up the prototype Enterprise, which NASA said Tuesday will now go to New York City's Intrepid museum. Enterprise was used for test flights in the 1970s.

"For all of them, take good care of our vehicles," said NASA Administrator Charles Bolden, a former astronaut, as he choked up.

"They served a nation well, and we at NASA have a deep and abiding relationship and love affair with them that is hard to put into words."

Twenty-one museums and visitor centers around the country put in bids for the spaceships. NASA is giving shuttle simulators and other parts to some of them.

From the International Space Station, American astronaut Catherine Coleman told space center workers at the ceremony that the retirement of the space shuttle program should not be viewed as an end.



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In this Oct. 12, 2002 file photo the space shuttle Endeavour sits on the launch pad at the Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral.

Budget tricks helped Obama save programs from cuts

WASHINGTON (AP) — The historic \$38 billion in budget cuts resulting from at-times hostile bargaining between Congress and the Obama White House were accomplished in large part by pruning money left over from previous years, using accounting sleight of hand and going after programs President Barack Obama had targeted anyway.

Such moves permitted Obama to save favorite programs — Pell grants for college students, health research and "Race to the Top" aid for public schools, among others — from Republican knives, according to new details of the legislation released Tuesday morning.

And big holes in foreign aid and Environmental Protection Agency accounts were patched in large part. Republicans also gave up politically treacherous cuts to the Agriculture Department's food inspection program.

The details of the agreement reached late Friday night just ahead of a deadline for a partial government shutdown reveal a lot of one-time savings and cuts that officially "score" as cuts to pay for spending elsewhere, but often have little to no actual impact on the deficit.

As a result of that sleight of hand, Obama was able to reverse many of the cuts passed by House Republicans in February when the chamber approved a bill slashing this year's budget by more than \$60 billion.

TEXAS NEWS

Associated Press

National budget deal would free up money for Texas

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — A deal on the federal budget would remove the strings attached to \$883 million in stimulus funds for Texas.

If passed into law as expected later this week, the bill would remove a requirement that Gov. Rick Perry use the funds to supplement existing school spending rather than just replace state funds in order to balance the budget.

U.S. Rep. Lloyd Doggett, D-Austin, said in a statement released Tuesday that he hoped lawmakers would use the money to fill an \$8 billion gap in schools funding over the next two years. Overall, Texas faces a \$27 billion budget shortfall in order to maintain the current level of services.

"Removing all accountability on Governor Perry's use of \$830 million of federal aid to education by repealing the 'Save Our Schools' Amendment is one of many unwise concessions made to Republicans to avoid their threatened government shutdown," Doggett said. "If this federal money is added to the funding for our schools contained in the State Senate Finance bill, our purpose can still be achieved."

Perry has blasted Doggett for attaching strings to the federal stimulus money and Texas Republicans made repealing the amendment a priority.

The Texas-specific provision required that Perry promise the state will maintain certain education spending levels through 2013 in order to get the funds. Perry complained the Texas Constitution prohibited him from committing to future state spending. Texas applied for the money anyway, but was rejected and later filed suit against the Department

of Education.

Democrats in Congress said they put forth the provision, which also bypassed state lawmakers and sent the federal aid directly to school districts, because of the way Texas handled federal stimulus dollars in 2009. Texas lawmakers used \$3.2 billion in federal stimulus money to replace state money and ended the legislative session with billions in the state's Rainy Day Fund.

That led to an even bigger budget shortfall this year. Texas lawmakers have proposed tapping \$3.2 billion from the Rainy Day Fund, but still are billions short in funding public education.

Texan treasures collection of Civil War items

WHITE SETTLEMENT, Texas (AP) — This week's 150th anniversary of the opening salvos of the Civil War at Fort Sumter is history that Ray Richey can light a fuse to — literally.

After all, he might be the only man in America who's building an addition to house five Civil War artillery pieces.

He has also collected locks of hair from Confederate Gens. Robert E. Lee and Jeb Stuart, Union Gen. Ulysses Grant's ceremonial sword,

a Rebel soldier's blood-stained Bible, bullet-pocked battle flags and an arsenal of weapons on display at his nonprofit museum in White Settlement.

"He has the world's finest Civil War collection. It's truly amazing," says Don Frazier, a history professor and Civil War expert at McMurry University in Abilene. "It's as good as the visitors center at Gettysburg."

Richey, 55, "absolutely hated" history when he was growing up in Wichita Falls, but a visit to the Smithsonian 25 years ago opened a window to the past that he jumped through.

Richey and his wife, Judy, soon started buying antiques to accessorize their home. But when he went to a Civil War show in Virginia to find a musket and sword to decorate his office, he was a "goner."

"I saw all this cool stuff, and I couldn't believe it. It just whacked me upside the head," said Richey, who owns an oil and gas company he started in 1978.

"Fanatical" is how his wife laughingly describes it, but that fervor has resulted in an extraordinary multimillion-dollar collection that the couple shares at the Texas Civil War Museum, a 15,500-square-foot facility that opened in 2006.

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OPINION

New bats make college more like pros



J.D. Moore

Throughout the season, college baseball players and coaches have said new bat rules invoked by the NCAA have dampened the game by reducing home runs and shortening the game.

The NCAA conducted intense research to examine comparisons between this season and the past season to see whether the bats were holding offenses back. The research confirmed an assumption as fact: Offensive slowdowns are evident across the entire league.

The NCAA's findings demonstrated that the overall batting average has dropped from .301 to .279 across the league, the pitchers' league earned run average dropped from 5.83 to 4.62 and shutout games jumped to 444, up from 277 at this time in the past season.

Additionally, college baseball teams are hitting half as many home runs and averaging a run less per game halfway through the season — hitting 0.47 home runs per game and scoring 5.63 runs compared to 0.85 home runs and 6.98 runs at a similar point this past season.

In the case of the No. 12 TCU Horned Frogs, their statistics are down as well. This past season, the Frogs had all but one starting player hit a minimum of .313. This year, TCU has returned all but two starters, but only four starters are hitting more than .300.

"We gotta find a way to swing the bat and win," TCU head coach Jim Schlossnagle said in March. "Whether we are using these bats or a newspaper, we gotta find a way to do it."

TCU had an average of 8.4 runs per game this past season. This season, TCU averages just more than six runs per game.

With these new statistics, the numbers show that the players have something right. It's not just a psychological issue. The new bats have dropped down the offensive impact of college baseball teams.

What remains to be seen is whether this change is a good thing for college baseball. From what has been seen so far, the changes seem to be something good for the sport.

The new metal bats are designed to perform more like wood bats. They have shrunk the sweet spots of the bats, which are designed to decrease the speed of the ball off the bat, meaning lower power numbers and less offensive glamour. While fans may not be seeing the power offensive performances they've been used to at

the college level, keeping the offense in check speeds up games and restores integrity to the game.

Besides, some players are excelling like never before with the new bats. TCU junior right fielder Brance Rivera started the season with a 27-game hitting streak. He leads the team with seven home runs and a .383 batting average, both career highs. While offensive numbers are down as a whole across the league, certain players are adapting and using the bats to their advantage.

If that wasn't enough, safety has definitely improved at the college level. The reduced speed makes the game safer for pitchers and infielders because the transfer of kinetic energy is slowed down when contact is made with the ball. Pitchers and infielders have a better chance to react, instead of being sitting ducks to the receiving end of a composite bat line drive.

With these new bats, the college game has begun to evolve to become like the professional game. Yet, with the ways the NCAA has implemented these new rules, college baseball is still unique. The ping of the bats, although at a different frequency, are still present at every ball game. As of now, it remains a good thing.

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BASEBALL

Frogs fall to Oklahoma, 13-6

By Ryne Sulier
Sports Editor

NORMAN, OKLA. — Someone forgot to check the tires before No. 12 TCU traveled across the Red River for TCU's first road game since March 20.

The wheels came off the bus, and No. 14 Oklahoma (25-8) tallied 12 hits while TCU committed four errors as OU routed TCU 13-6 at L. Dale Mitchell Park.

"We got to understand how we lose games, it's real simple," head coach Jim Schlossnagle said. "You look at the scoreboard [and] you have to recognize that when you play bad against anybody you're not going to win, when you play bad against somebody good you're gonna get beat bad, and that's what happened."

Frogs junior starting pitcher Erik Miller (1-6) notched the loss as the Frogs fell to 22-11 on the season, and OU improved to 18-3 at home.

Sooners starting pitcher Jordan John (3-0) would strike out six batters in three innings pitched for the win.

In the first inning, OU shortstop Caleb Bushyhead bunted runners to second and third base for the first out of the inning, and catcher Tyler Ogle knocked an RBI sacrifice fly deep to center field to put the Sooners up 1-0.

Frogs sophomore catcher Josh Elander then committed a throwing error to third base to bring home the second run of the inning for the Sooners.

Senior first baseman Joe Weik knocked a ball off the right field wall just over the glove of OU right fielder Cody Reine for a double in the third inning. With Weik on second and one out, junior right fielder Brance Rivera struck out swinging for John's sixth strikeout of the evening.

On a 2-2 count, sophomore third baseman Jantzen Witte knocked a light bloop to shallow center for an RBI double to cut the Oklahoma lead to 2-1.

Junior shortstop Taylor Featherston hit John's next pitch into center, setting up a play at the plate as Witte rounded third. Ogle tagged Witte high in a close play to end the inning.

Ogle hit an RBI single to Featherston in the third inning — the run was unearned as



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Senior Joe Weik attempts to tag an Oklahoma runner out at first base as the runner dives back.

Featherston let the ball get into center field for an error.

OU first baseman Cameron Seitzer knocked a ball into the right field gap to bring home Ogle, bringing the Sooners' lead to 4-1.

With four hits allowed, Miller's night would end after 2 2/3 innings pitched.

"We had guys go to the mound completely out of character, and [freshman pitcher Andrew] Mitchell's never gone out and not thrown strikes," Schlossnagle said. "And I don't know why that is, and it's disappointing."

With freshman pitcher Stefan Crichton on the mound, OU third baseman Garrett Buechele hit an RBI single to right field, bringing OU's lead to 5-1.

TCU junior designated hitter Zac Jordan doubled down the left field line to start off the top of the fifth inning, but with runners on second and third base, OU's Bobby Shore struck out Witte and Featherston. TCU would strand eight batters on the evening.

"What we didn't do a good job of is sticking to our plan, which is hitting the ball in the middle of the field, line drive or on the ground, and we popped out too much tonight and struck out," Witte said.

The top of the sixth was indicative of TCU's entire night at the plate: junior left fielder Jason Coats followed up a walk to start the inning by getting picked off at first by Ogle. The Frogs would strike out 11 times in the game.

Mitchell loaded the bases in the bottom of the sixth inning, and Oklahoma converted the suicide squeeze on an RBI bunt from center fielder Chris Ellison.

OU left fielder Casey Johnson then smacked an RBI dou-

ble to left field to put the Sooners up 8-1 with one out.

In 34 1/3 innings pitched before coming into the game, Mitchell had allowed just two earned runs. He gave up three earned runs in the sixth.

Frogs freshman pitcher Nick Frey couldn't stop the bleeding, giving up the first home run of the evening to Ogle to put OU up 9-1 in the seventh inning.

With one out in the top of the eighth, Coats singled to left field to put runners on the corners. Elander hit a sacrifice fly RBI deep to left field to cut the Sooners' lead to 9-2.

With TCU already flat entering the bottom of the eighth, the tires popped. Four unearned Sooner runs were scored on two throwing errors from Witte and Frey to bring the OU lead to 13-2.

Witte tied a school record in the top of the ninth inning by hitting his third double of the night, which knocked in two RBIs to bring the score to 13-4.

With runners on second and third, Featherston hit a sacrifice fly RBI for another TCU run. Coats hit an RBI single to continue the two-out rally, bringing the score to 13-6, but Elander struck out looking to end the game.

"Look at the scoreboard — we had one less hit than they did, but they beat us by seven," Schlossnagle said. "So walk five [batters], [make] four errors...whether it's Oklahoma consistently here for the last five years or it's anybody else, you're not going to win any games that way?"

Up next

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SPORTS

MLB

Hamilton may be sidelined eight weeks with broken arm

By Noah Trister
Associated Press

Texas slugger Josh Hamilton is expected to miss six to eight weeks after breaking his upper right arm on a head-first dive into home plate Tuesday, a daring dash the AL MVP later called "stupid."

Hamilton tried to score from third on a foul popup near the Detroit dugout in the first inning. Third baseman Brandon Inge and catcher Victor Martinez both chased the ball, leaving the plate unprotected.

Inge made the catch, then tossed the ball to Martinez, who scampered back in time to tag Hamilton.

"It was a stupid play," Hamilton said. "The whole time the ball was in the air, the coach was yelling, 'Go, there's no one at home,' and I was thinking, 'I don't want to do this, something is going to happen.'"

"But I listened to my coach," he said, referring to third-base coach Dave Anderson. "It was way too aggressive. Maybe if they had both been closer to me, but they had a perfect angle to cut me off, and the only way to avoid a tag in that situation is to go head first."

Hamilton slid headfirst earlier in the inning on an RBI triple. The Tigers wound up winning 5-4.

Rangers general manager Jon Daniels defended Anderson's decision to send Hamilton.

"We play an aggressive style of baseball. The chances of getting hurt on that play are minimal."

Jon Daniels
Rangers General Manager

"We play an aggressive style of baseball," he said. "The chances of getting hurt on that play are minimal."

The AL champion Rangers, off to a 9-2 start, said Hamilton has a non-displaced fracture of the humerus bone at the top of his arm, just below the shoulder. He isn't expected to swing a bat for a month.

The fracture was small enough that it wasn't detected on an X-ray, but Daniels held a conference call about two hours after the game with results from an MRI exam.

"Obviously, he's a big part of our club," Daniels said.

"We built the club to deal with something like this."

Texas manager Ron Washington was actually giving Hamilton a breather Tuesday by making him the designated hitter instead of starting him in the outfield. Washington said before the game he planned to give Hamilton the day off entirely on Wednesday.

Now Hamilton's headed to the disabled list, and Daniels said the team will probably call up Chris Davis from Triple-A Round Rock.

Hamilton missed most of the final month of the regular season last year with two broken ribs after he made a catch, then rolled his ankle and stumbled hard into the outfield wall at Minnesota. He was back in time for the postseason and helped Texas reach the World Series.

Hamilton hit .359 with 32 home runs and 100 RBIs in 2010. He's hitting .333 this season.

In 2009, Hamilton was limited to 89 games when he had two stints on the disabled list after separate wall-crashing catches.

The Rangers gave him a \$24 million, two-year contract in February, avoiding arbitration.

OPINION

Frogs fail road test at Oklahoma



Ryne Sulier

"Boom" went the No. 12 Horned Frogs after their first road game since March 20. No. 14 Oklahoma, as it normally does at L. Dale Mitchell Park, blew up TCU 13-6 — the game was even uglier than the scoreboard indicated.

Worse for head coach Jim Schlossnagle's club, the hits were about even: 11 for TCU and 12 for OU. Four errors and eight runners stranded for TCU, coupled with five walked batters, were an equation for TCU's seventh straight loss to the Sooners.

"Whether it's Oklahoma consistently here for the last five years or it's anybody else, you're not going to win any games that way," Schlossnagle said.

TCU can't take too much solace in losing to a fellow 2010 College World Series team, especially after laying duds to Houston Baptist — which was the Huskies' first win of the season — a loss at UT-Arlington and a home loss to New Mexico.

"My freshman year I was a redshirt, so I didn't travel here [to play Oklahoma]," sophomore third baseman Jantzen Witte said. "But last year was definitely a similar game to this. The good thing is at the end of last year we ended up in Omaha, so we're trying to do the same thing here."

This year, the Frogs are making a case for an early NCAA Regional exit before they have a chance to win another College World Series berth.

Following a 10-3 home stand, TCU climbed the weekly college baseball rankings, but the team has been glaringly inconsistent throughout the season.

When the Frogs play badly, bad teams beat them, and when the Frogs play badly, good teams wallop them. When the NCAA selection committee selects Super Regional locations, the Frogs may not have a top 15 road win on their résumé.

Next Tuesday, the Frogs will find themselves in College Station playing No. 5 Texas A&M. The Frogs must take care of business at San Diego State this weekend and show up against a top 10 Aggie team.

If the Frogs can't notch some quality wins down the remaining stretch of the

regular season, their best-case scenario will be a Super Regional date in Austin at UFCU Disch-Falk Field; their worst-case scenario will be an NCAA Regional exit.

Frogs see seven OU pitchers

Eleven pitchers took the mound in a ball game that took 2 hours and 58 minutes, and seven of those pitchers came from the Oklahoma bullpen. Sooners head coach Sunny Golloway pitches by committee, and the Frogs saw his style in full force.

"I'm sure he's trying to win the game," Schlossnagle said. "And I'm sure he's trying to get guys work when the game's out of hand. But I don't know his club."

OU starting pitcher Jordan John was on a limited pitch count but went a solid three innings, allowing one run on four hits with six Ks. TCU junior starting pitcher Erik Miller couldn't match John's outing — it's safe to assume Miller wasn't on a limited pitch count after being pulled in the second inning after four runs had scored. Miller fell to 1-6 on the season with a 4.94 ERA.

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Texas Rangers' Josh Hamilton reacts after being tagged out at home plate in the first inning of a baseball game in Detroit, Tuesday, April 12, 2011. Hamilton left after his first at-bat with a strained right shoulder.

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Sophomore Soren Goritzka returns the ball during a singles match earlier in the season. The Frogs face SMU at home at 6 p.m. on Wednesday.

MEN'S TENNIS

Frogs welcome Mustangs for rivalry match

By Kylie Osterloh
Staff Writer

After winning two conference matches in a row, the TCU men's tennis team (9-12) will face Metroplex rival No. 61 SMU (16-6) this evening at home.

The Frogs hold a record of 25-28 versus the Mustangs in series history. The two teams last met in April 2010 at SMU, which ended in a 4-3 Mustang victory.

"We don't like each other too much," head coach David Roditi said. "It's a little rivalry between Fort Worth and Dallas, and we expect a lot of people to come out."

SMU has won 13 of its last 14 matches, losing only to No. 23 Notre Dame on the road earlier this month. The last win for the Mustangs came Monday versus UC-Santa Barbara by a score of 4-3.

Leading the Mustangs with only three singles losses on the season is No. 39-ranked Artem Baradach. Baradach is also part of the No. 68 doubles pairing with teammate Gaston Cuadranti.

Regardless of SMU's successful season, the Horned Frogs enter the mid-week match with a positive attitude after their recent 5-2 victory over New Mexico.

The Frogs finished strong in singles play against the Lobos, winning five of six singles matches. TCU's doubles teams struggled, only winning one out of three doubles matchups.

TCU's No. 34 senior team of Emanuel Brighiu and Christopher Price suffered a doubles defeat against New Mexico but Brighiu said he is still excited about the team's win.

"It feels good to go with the win into playing SMU; I think we have a good

chance of beating them," Brighiu said. "They're a good team, but keeping our focus and taking care of what we can control on the court is a key factor of our games."

Price has won seven consecutive singles matches and is unbeaten in the Mountain West Conference with a record of 5-0 in conference play.

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A live band will provide entertainment prior to the game, and Salsa Limon will provide free tacos to those in attendance of this evening's match.

Up Next

The Horned Frogs' match against SMU marks the second-to-last home match of the season. The last home match is at noon Sunday versus No. 52 UNLV and is also the last regular season match. TCU will then travel to Fort Collins, Colo., for the Mountain West Conference Championships on April 27-30, followed by the NCAA Championships beginning May 13.

Staff reporter Emily Agee contributed to this article.

TCU vs. SMU

When: 6 p.m. today
Where: Bayard H. Friedman Tennis Center