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Obama talks to student journalists about the future.

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MIGHTY MASCOT

Two horned frogs, much like this one, may soon make a home at the university.
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University soon to house live horned frogs

By Whitney Gipson
Staff Reporter

Permits from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department are the only thing standing between the university and two live mascots next semester, a student said.

Senior political science major Preston Patry said he has tried to get live horned frogs on campus since his freshman year.

Last spring, he helped pass a resolution in the House of Student Representatives to gain support for the initiative. Then, in last Tuesday's Student Government Association meeting, the House passed a bill providing \$20,000 to make it happen, Patry said.

The university must now wait on an educational display permit approved by Texas Parks

and Wildlife. According to the TPWD website, the permit is required in order to hold or collect protected wildlife. The educational display permit is only issued to educational institutions and only if the display is used to deliver educational messages about the species and its conservation concerns.

Patry said the horned frogs will be donated by Texas Parks and Wildlife, and the \$20,000 will be used to feed and house the horned frogs. The ones the university will receive were rescued from people who held them without proper permits.

"The frogs are not endangered, but it is illegal to have these reptiles without it," he said.

Speaker of the House Andrew Pulliam said SGA was excited about being able to provide students with live mascots.

Patry said both horned frogs are male and would be able to cohabit, but the university would provide two different viewing sites. One frog will be housed in the Brown-Lupton University Union by the information office, and the other will be housed outside the University Recreation Center near the pool, he said. The two reptiles will be split from each other and would alternate between the outdoor and indoor habitats.

Patry said Texas Parks and Wildlife officials recommended the horned frogs have an outdoor natural environment in order to receive direct ultraviolet rays from the sun.

Lee Ann Linam, Texas Parks and Wildlife program adviser, wrote in an e-mail that the university needs to provide the horned frogs with about 100 harvester ants per day.

Patry said the university plans to get these ants from the same source as Fort Worth Zoo.

Linam wrote that the horned frogs would feel more comfortable if there was a base of sand and a container that provided temperatures ranging from 70 degrees to 95 degrees. The container would need to make the horned frogs feel secure from exposure to people. Horned frogs tend to stress, so they would need screening for walls and plenty of hiding places, she wrote.

Patry said he was working with TPWD to make sure the habitats were done correctly.

No names have been decided, but Patry said there would likely be a student body vote to determine them.

"I feel Addy and Randolph would be the best bet though," Patry said.

CORRECTION

The full name of the Andrews Institute is the Andrews Institute of Mathematics & Science Education.

CLARIFICATION

A headline in Friday's paper implied that criminal charges had been filed when they had not.

A headline in Friday's paper did not refer to the men charged with the crimes, but to statements made by police.



BUSINESS

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One university student stands to win big in an entrepreneurship contest.

HIGHER EDUCATION

Obama: higher ed key to economic recovery



PETE SOUZA / OFFICIAL WHITE HOUSE PHOTO

President Barack Obama participates in a conference call with college newspaper reporters in the Oval Office, Sept. 27, 2010.

By Amelia Wenzel

Staff Reporter

President Barack Obama said improving higher education was the most important step Americans could take in building back a stronger economy and competing on a global level in a conference call with college and university student-journalists Monday.

In a single generation, America has fallen from first to 12th in college graduation rates for young adults, Obama said. He said he believed the key to economic improvement and the nation's success was a strong higher education system.

"Countries that out-educate us today are going to out-compete us tomorrow," Obama said.

During last year's State of the Union address, Obama proposed that by 2020, America would be No. 1 in the world for college graduation rates again. He said his administration was taking three steps to help bring America back to No. 1.

Obama said the first step in reaching his goal of the best higher education system was making college more affordable. He said his administration had changed how federal student loans are administered and is redirecting money to students. He said he was tripling the investment in college tax credits for middle-class families, simplifying financial aid forms and increasing funding for Federal Pell Grant Program awards.

Obama's second priority was making sure higher education was creating a workforce for new jobs in the future. He said community colleges were going to play

a large role. He also mentioned the first-ever White House Summit on Community Colleges, which would be led by Jill Biden next week.

"That way, stakeholders are going to be able to discuss how community colleges can make sure we've got the most educated workforce in the world in relevant subjects," Obama said.

Obama said more than one-third of America's college students do not earn a degree after six years. This is why students are the most important role in the third part of his education strategy, he said, because America needs more students to complete college.

"Obviously it's up to students to finish, but we can help remove some barriers," Obama said.

He said he has proposed a college access and completion fund that would "develop, implement and evaluate new approaches to improving college success and completion, especially for kids from disadvantaged backgrounds."

Obama also spoke about the Small Business Jobs and Credit Act that he signed into law Monday. The law creates a \$30 billion resource to give more lending to small businesses by community banks. He said the bill will provide small businesses more incentive to invest and gives tax breaks and financing.

Obama also wanted to remind young Americans that they need to stay informed on the stances of their congressional and senate candidates for this midterm election. He said democracy is not a "one and done" proposition, but that it would take sustained involvement and engagement in order to see change.

BASEBALL

KinderFrogs benefits from event

By Nathan Wall

News Now

Five hundred people packed into the Omni Hotel ballroom in Fort Worth Monday afternoon to hear Chuck Greenberg and Nolan Ryan, new owners of the Texas Rangers, talk about the team's season to date and their recent acquisition of the ball club.

Ryan and Greenberg were present as part of the TCU Legends Speaker Series to benefit TCU's KinderFrogs School and TCU baseball. Traci Larrison, senior account executive for the TCU ISP Sports Network and coordinator of the event, said the KinderFrogs program was a school on campus run by university students and educators that was geared toward helping children with learning disabilities. The proceeds from the event's ticket sales and impromptu auction went toward helping more children attend the school.

"Today we were able to donate about \$13,400 to the KinderFrogs program, and that helps to pay for families to send their children there," Larrison said. "It's a high quality program, but not every family is able to afford it, so hopefully we helped send a few more kids to school."

Ryan and Greenberg were not the only recognizable faces in the crowd at the lunch.

Ashley Melnick, a senior broadcast journalism major who was crowned Miss Texas 2010 in July, lent her voice to the day's event by singing the national anthem.

Melnick, whose platform as Miss Texas was to raise awareness for autism, said she was a bit star-struck to share the stage with

someone as high-profile as Ryan. She said she attended the lunch and sang the national anthem because of what the KinderFrog school represented to her on a personal level.

"It's a personal thing for me because my brother has autism," Melnick said. "KinderFrogs is a stepping stone for those who have disabilities and really helps them get a head start in being able to go into normal schooling and to just have a better opportunity in the future."

Fort Worth Mayor Mike Moncrief, who showed his support for the Horned Frog football team by wearing a TCU football hat during his speech, said he was pleased with the support the city of Fort Worth showed for the KinderFrogs school. He hoped the money raised would help maintain the excellence of the program.

"I think Kinderfrogs, while it's not that large in number they serve, it's the quality of their services not only to the children themselves, but to their families," he said. "So it's a family service and one that gives young people an opportunity to succeed. Throw some blocks for them and give them a chance in life they might not otherwise have."

Some of the items up for bid included Rangers tickets, signed hats and jerseys, a box at the ball park for 20 plus people and a signed, digitally manipulated picture of Ryan punching Dallas Mavericks owner Mark Cuban in the face, in reference to Cuban's unsuccessful attempt to outbid the Greenberg-Ryan group for ownership of the Rangers earlier this year.

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GREEN BUILDING

Expert: wind turbines an option

By Allie Garner
Staff Reporter

Texans like to be number one, and Director of the TCU Institute for Environmental Studies Michael Slattery said they can be in the advancement of wind power turbines.

The Brite Divinity School and Texas Impact, a statewide interfaith organization, brought in six speakers Monday to discuss the ways the faith-based community could contribute to the clean energy movement.

Clergy members, leaders of congregations and various academic professionals met for nearly five hours in the Dee J. Kelly Alumni Center to discuss Texas' energy sources, energy and the economy and the responsibility the religious community has to these issues.

Slattery was just one of the speakers from different backgrounds and areas of study brought in to speak to the group. While Slattery said he was not religiously affiliated, he said he understood the importance of Texas having clean energy.

Slattery's presentation focused on the possibility of wind turbines creating energy across Texas. He told his audience that if Texas was its own country, it would be fourth in wind power production behind China, Germany and Spain.

He said the focus on alternative energy sources is due to the rising air quality issues in North Texas and the area of Houston. Slattery said one wind turbine could provide energy to 300 to 400 homes.

Another topic of discussion was conservation across the state, featuring David

Wogan, graduate research assistant at the University of Texas at Austin.

Wogan said Texas was still moving forward with fossil fuels and the best way to save resources was through simple conservation.

The event ended with a discussion moderated by Tim Hessel-Robinson, the Alberta H. and Harold L. Lunger assistant professor of spiritual disciplines and resources. The group discussed ways religious leaders could respond to conservation issues.

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Bee Moorhead
Executive Director of Texas Impact

Executive Director of Texas Impact Bee Moorhead said that along with Christian Life Commission, the Brite Divinity School and Texas Impact were working together to hold a series of these events to bring the faith community to the public's discussions about energy.

"In Fort Worth we work very closely with Brite, and we have a number of speakers from Brite and TCU including people from University Christian Church," Moorhead said. "It's been a very close collaboration," Moorhead said. "It's been great and we've been really appreciative of Brite's leadership."

POLITICS

Privacy groups condemn new policy

LOLITA C. BALDOR
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Obama administration is pushing to make it easier for the government to tap into internet and e-mail communications. But the plan has already drawn condemnation from privacy groups and communications firms may be wary of its costs and scope.

Frustrated by sophisticated and often encrypted phone and e-mail technologies, U.S. officials say that law enforcement needs to improve its ability to eavesdrop on conversations involving terrorism, crimes or other public safety issues.

Critics worry the changes are an unnecessary invasion of privacy and would only make citizens and businesses more vulnerable to identity theft and espionage.

The new regulations that would be sent to Congress next year would affect American and foreign companies that provide communications services inside the U.S. It would require service providers to make the plain text of encrypted conversations — over the phone, computer or e-mail — readily available to law enforcement, according to federal officials and analysts.

The mandate would likely require companies to add backdoors or other changes to

the systems that would allow a wiretap to capture an unscrambled version of a conversation.

Those affected by the changes would include online services and networking sites such as Facebook and Skype, as well as phone systems that deliver encrypted e-mail such as BlackBerry.

"The way we communicate has changed dramatically since 1994, but telecommunications law has not kept up. This gap between reality and the law has created a significant national security and public safety problem," said Valerie E. Caproni, the FBI's General Counsel.

She said the changes would not expand law enforcement authority and would involve legally authorized intercepts on calls or e-mails sent by terrorists or other criminals. The changes would allow companies to respond quickly to wiretap requests from local, state and federal authorities.

The New York Times first reported Monday about White House plans to submit the new bill next year.

Law enforcement is already able to monitor regular telephone conversations.

"In the old days, the technology was simple to wiretap," said cybersecurity expert James Lewis, a senior fellow at the Center for Strategic and International Studies.

BUSINESS

Segway owner drives off cliff, dies

By Gregory Katz
Associated Press Writer

LONDON (AP) — All police found at the bottom of a cliff was a man's body in a frigid river and a Segway, the two-wheeled electric device that was supposed to revolutionize personal transport.

It was Jimi Heselden, a one-time laid-off coal miner turned self-made millionaire who had bought the Segway company only 10 months earlier. He apparently fell to his death while riding one of the sleek black-and-silver scooters. Authorities said Monday his body was found in the River Wharfe at the base of a 30-foot cliff.

Details remained sketchy — police say only that the death was not suspicious, meaning foul play is not suspected — but the incident seems certain to raise fresh questions about the safety of the Segway, which is banned on British motorways and in some U.S. cities because of safety concerns.

A witness reported seeing a man fall Sunday over a 30-foot drop into the river near the village of Boston Spa, 140 miles (225 kilometers) north of London. The remote, heavily forested area, not far from Heselden's country estate, is popular with hikers.

A family spokesman released a statement saying the "exact circumstances of the accident are still being clarified and will, of course, be the subject of an inquest." The family "has been left devastated by the sudden and tragic loss of a much-loved father and husband," the spokesman said.

Somber family members visited the accident site Monday — placing wreaths — but they asked for privacy.

Heselden, a high school dropout who went on to make a fortune developing a blast wall system used to protect troops in



ANDY PARASKOS / ASSOCIATED PRESS
Jimi Heselden, 62, a British businessman who last year bought the company that makes the two-wheeled Segway personal transporter, has died in an accident on one of the vehicles.

Iraq and Afghanistan, never abandoned his gritty roots. He used his money to help people in the working-class area around Leeds where he grew up, earning folk hero status there.

The 62-year-old Heselden had bought control of the Bedford, N.H.-based Segway in December.

The company's unique two-wheeler was introduced with much fanfare in 1999 by its American founder, Dean Kamen, as a means of transport that was more protective of the environment than other scooters and automobiles. The company claims the Segway is 11 times more efficient than the average American car. It can be used indoors because it has no emissions, making it popular with some police departments and private security firms, who use it to patrol indoor malls.

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PERSPECTIVES

The Skiff View

Live horned frogs a good campus addition

The university is getting two live horned frogs to have on campus. The House of Student Representatives has allotted \$20,000 to take care of the little lizards, which will be available for viewing in two locations on campus. The displays will offer educational messages about the unique species and conservation efforts as part of the university's educational display permit from Texas Parks and Wildlife.

TCU will finally join other universities with living mascots, such as LSU with its tiger, Baylor with its bear and Georgia with its bulldog. It's about time. Students and fans can finally see what animal their beloved SuperFrog is based on, and they'll have a great learning opportunity, too.

But SGA and the university should take precautions to ensure that students use this opportunity and that it is money well spent. TCU students aren't exactly known for their overwhelming attendance to school-sponsored events, even when they are put on as a response to students' requests. The SGA tailgates have been canceled due to lack of attendance, and past speakers at the university have been met with few students in the audience. Let's just hope the horned frogs do not suffer the same fate.

So long as students recognize this great opportunity that is being provided to them, these new horned frogs will be a great addition to the TCU family.

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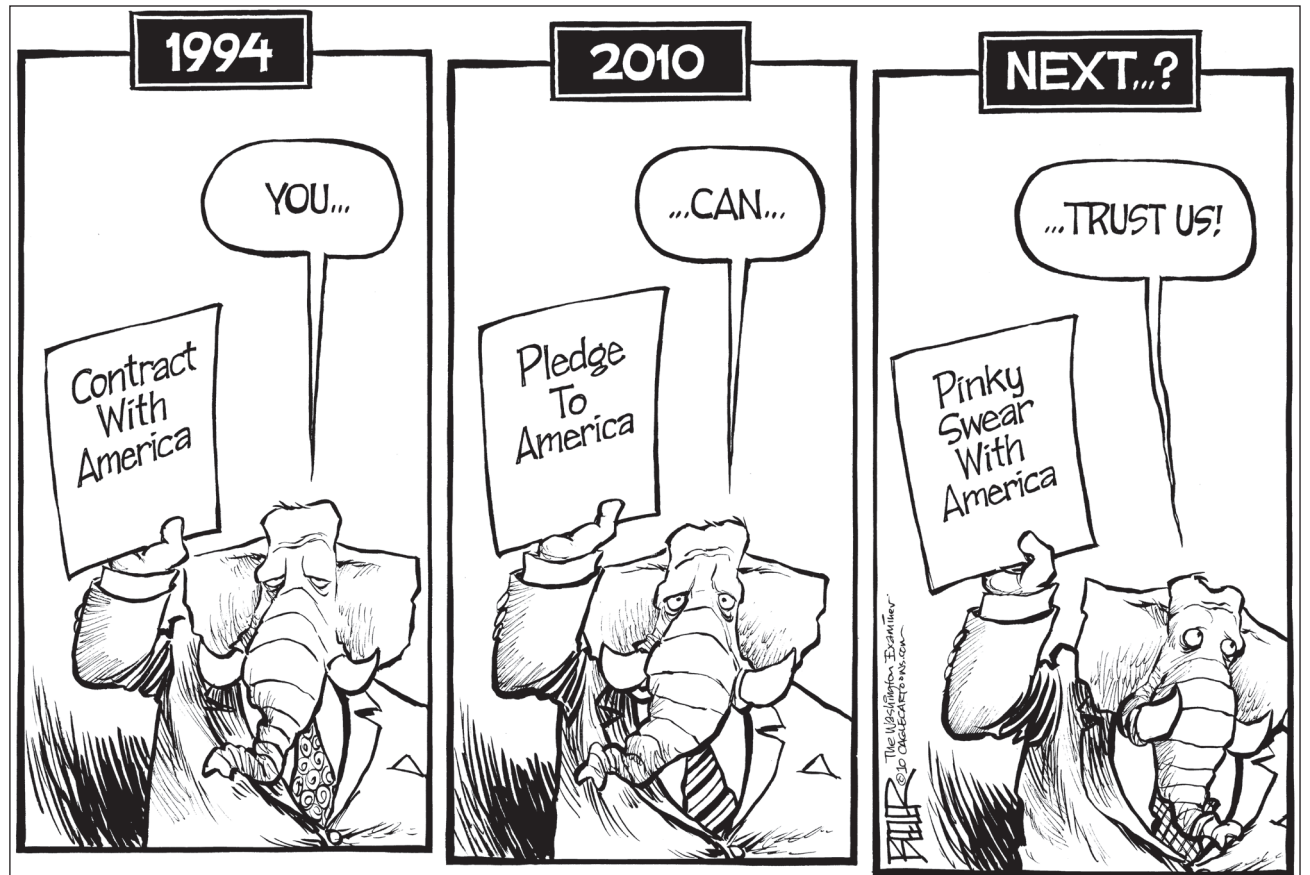
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Teachers already well-off in salary



Michael Lauck

It seems logical that people believe things only if the evidence tells them so. But in my experience, this is not the case. People mostly only believe what they hear on TV from wackos like Dr. Oz, old wives' tales from their moms or just talk amongst their friends. That's fine. People don't have the time to look at every single thing they hear to make sure it's true. Other times, it can create problems.

Take teachers' salaries, for instance. It's pretty much understood that teachers are underpaid and educate our children for little money. Or is it?

To answer the question, let's understand what the word "underpaid" means. If by it, a teacher means, "I wish I made more money," then we are all underpaid, including you, me, your engineering professor and

Warren Buffett. It's no secret that we all would like more money. Some occupations, like teaching, can disguise this by saying they are "underpaid" instead.

Let's also take a look at the statistics. The U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics lists the average salary of a teacher, kindergarten through secondary school, at a range of \$47,100 to \$51,180. According to a report by John Stossel, titled "MYTH: Teachers Are Underpaid," the average American's wage is \$7,000 less than this.

Think about the benefits of being a teacher. The job comes with benefits such as health insurance and a hefty retirement, two things not taken into account most of the time. Teachers also get summers off. This means they only work 10 months out of the year with some holidays still sprinkled in. In fact, Stossel's report found that teachers get paid more by the hour than chemists, physical therapists and psychologists.

There are a lot of unseen benefits to the job. Think back to when you were in school. How many times did you have a substitute? Probably quite a few. Teaching is a very flexible job and allows a person to miss a lot of days

without missing out. My mother, in fact, missed a whole year of teaching due to a pregnancy and was able to return to her job immediately.

Some of you may be saying that this is still too low. Why can't we pay those who educate our future even more? Well, if you ask any teacher, he or she will tell you the same thing: "I didn't get in it for the money."

Teachers may think that this helps their cries for higher wages, but it actually hurts it. Jobs that people like tend to not pay well because people are so willing to do them. Teaching is no exception. The satisfaction of helping a child learn a new concept is one that is very rare in an occupation today. I would much rather do that than sit in a cubicle all day and listen to a boss who doesn't know what he's talking about.

Lastly, I just want to say that I hold nothing against teachers. I've had many great teachers in my life, and some may have deserved more than they were paid. These nice thoughts, however, don't change the fact that it is clear that teachers are pretty well-off in terms of salary.

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PERSPECTIVES

Politics muddy finance reform



Pearce Edwards

On Sept. 23, *The New York Times* published an article critical of a nonprofit group called Americans for Job Security. AJS functions as a front group for a network of mainly anonymous politicians and consultants who wish to take advantage of campaign finance standards that allow unlimited contributions through nonprofit organizations.

A group shuttling money anonymously to political campaigns unquestionably harms free speech, as the donors and mechanisms by which money transfers between parties have little accountability. Unfortunately, the Supreme Court ruling leaves the door open for such exploitation.

However, the Supreme Court ruled in January that nonprofit organizations retain the right to donate unlimited funds to campaigns. A dilemma now results: How can the rights of these organizations and their members balance with Americans' interest in a transparent and egalitarian government?

The basic claim behind the Supreme Court's decision in *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission* was that monetary donations are a form of political speech. For this reason, the use of money in elections must hold to the judicial standard of strict scrutiny, which says any government action restricting free speech must further a "compelling interest" and be "narrowly tailored" to do so. The Supreme Court found the government unable to prove a strong and focused interest to outweigh the

use of nonprofit money in politics. Therefore, the legality of campaign donations from nonprofits has to be recognized.

Yet the challenge presented by *The New York Times* remains valid. The front group, AJS, with only one employee somehow managing up to \$7 million annually in donations, as they did in 2004, needs more regulation and oversight from the government. A group shuttling money anonymously to political campaigns unquestionably harms free speech, as the donors and mechanisms by which money transfers between parties have little accountability. Unfortunately, the Supreme Court ruling leaves the door open for such exploitation.

The compromise lies in the disclosure of campaign contributions. The government has a much more compelling case with disclosure to pass the standard of strict scrutiny used by a libertarian-leaning Supreme Court. Requiring full disclosure of nonprofit donors parallels with the general idea that when delivering most any other form of political speech, the audience knows the identity of the speaker.

Furthermore, disclosure would combat and reduce corruption by allowing government access to donor records. Next, disclosure would truly make nonprofits advocacy groups, as manipulative donors would shy away. Finally, disclosure would promote a uniform standard across nonprofit groups, increasing the equality before the law valued so highly in the United States legal system. Through these compelling interests, stringent disclosure requirements would pass the Supreme Court muster.

Nothing is simple in American politics, however. On Friday, a Democratic Senate bill with disclosure rules failed to win any GOP votes. Why? The measure exempted major labor organizations from stricter disclosure, and was ripe for GOP election year politicking. A path to bipartisan campaign finance reform remains open, but real world politics continue to muddy the waters. No waters will clear in this heated and changeable electoral season, and so the campaign finance debate will continue.

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your view
What do you have to say?

Female view needed in article

To the Editors of the *Daily Skiff*:

I was initially surprised to see a Perspectives spread in Friday's *Daily Skiff* on such a controversial, but very important, issue such as crisis pregnancy centers. However, I was extremely disappointed with what I read for two reasons.

I would like to know why *Skiff* editors decided to give this particular opinion piece to two male writers rather than female writers. I am not trying to argue that males should not have an opinion on the subject of abortion or pregnancy clinics, because they should. But when publishing a perspectives piece on an issue that is largely female oriented and one that deals in the rights and emotions of pregnant women, what then is gained by running the opinions of two men who will never know how it truly feels to be frightened by the prospect of pregnancy and the extreme distress that pregnancy centers can cause by pushing an agenda on an already vulnerable woman? *The Daily Skiff* could have chosen to give this story to at least one female writer and given the perspectives a little more credibility.

I was also extremely offended by Mr. Smith's assumption that he somehow not only knows what it might be like to walk into a pregnancy center, but also the assumption that women are not already aware of the realities of their situation. This is the same sexist reasoning that continues to promote the idea that women cannot make decisions for themselves. How easy do you think it is, Mr. Smith, to not only seek help from strangers, but to just get up and walk out if approached with an agenda? How can you, Mr. Smith, possibly think that the gravity and seriousness of pregnancy and abortion are lost on a woman? No one, in this day and age, is unaware of the consequences of abortion, and not one female ever makes that decision lightly. I, also, very much doubt Mr. Smith's accusation that abortion is encouraged at a Planned Parenthood center. This, to me, sounds like the

ignorant assumption that respecting an individual's reproductive options means actively encouraging a very serious and traumatic procedure. I also was upset with Mr. Smith's argument that anyone who disagrees with Oklahoma's bill forcing women to watch an ultrasound right before an abortion needs a reality check. Perhaps it is you, Mr. Smith who needs a "bold punch of reality" about what it is really like for a woman who, under the burden of an unwanted pregnancy, is forced to look and listen to the fetus that the woman knows she cannot possibly support in the way a child should be. This is psychological torture if I'm not mistaken.

Perhaps it is you, Mr. Smith who needs a "bold punch of reality" about what it is really like for a woman who, under the burden of an unwanted pregnancy, is forced to look and listen to the fetus that the woman knows she cannot possibly support in the way a child should be.

I am sincerely disappointed in the actions of the *Daily Skiff* to not only run solely male perspectives on an issue of women's reproductive rights, but also to run articles that, in the end, were not evenly matched in content on the issue of crisis pregnancy centers. I applaud Mr. Varano's piece for taking a more unbiased stance on the issue and raising legitimate ethical concerns about the way pregnancy centers conduct business. Shame on you *Daily Skiff* and writer Shane Smith, for being carelessly insensitive to this issue and for the offensive and ill-informed assumptions that were printed in what I had considered to be a respected newspaper. I hope to see better from you in the future.

Sincerely,
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ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Student to compete for business award

By Jennifer Iller
Staff Reporter

Senior Brent Skoda could be a lot richer come November.

Skoda, founder of Collegefitness.com, is looking to muscle out 29 other student entrepreneurs at the 2010 finals for the Global Student Entrepreneur of the Year Awards in Kansas City, Mo.



Skoda

If Skoda succeeds, he will win a chunk of the \$150,000 in cash and donated services and the title of Global Student Entrepreneur of the Year.

Skoda, a senior general studies major with a business emphasis, qualified for the finals when he won the Southwest Regional Champion title on Sept. 11 in a regional competition held in Phoenix, Ariz.

He said the monetary awards he received were nice, but the opportunity to represent the university and the United States was most exciting.

According to the Entrepreneurs' Organization website, the organization grants Global Student Entrepreneur Awards to students who attend a recognized institution, own a for-profit business, are principally responsible for its operation and have been making money for six consecu-

tive months.

The last Horned Frog to win the Global Student Entrepreneur of the Year award was Adam Blake in 2005 for his real estate business, B & B Acquisitions.

Brad Hancock, director of the Neeley Entrepreneurship Center, said Skoda has been supported and mentored by Neeley professors and faculty, but he initiated participation in the program himself.

Hancock said Skoda was a great example of a student entrepreneur but that Skoda was not a student in the business school.

"Entrepreneurship is not limited just to people who are majoring in business," Hancock said. "Entrepreneurship comes from all across the TCU campus."

David Minor, William M. Dickey Entrepreneur in Residence, said university student participation in the GSEA is a "pretty regular occurrence."

He said Skoda's success in the competition will give the university and Skoda's business more exposure as well as solidify the university's reputation as an exceptional institution.

Skoda was a finalist last year as well but didn't receive an award. After a year of cultivating his business, Skoda said he thought he definitely had an opportunity to win or finish among the top three this time.

Minor worked with Skoda in an in-



COURTESY OF BRENT SKODA

Brent Skoda, senior general studies major, far right, stands with fellow competitors at the Southwest Regional portion of the Global Student Entrepreneur Awards.

dependent study to help him advance his business and help him polish his skills for this year's competition.

Skoda created College Fitness after he transferred to the university and realized that the majority of students didn't know how to work out.

He took what he had learned as a Division I baseball player at Wright State University and applied it to his business concept.

"The balance of school and a business is a challenge," Skoda said. "But it

helps keep me on my toes."

Skoda said he's able to tie his school and business worlds together by applying class concepts to the real world, which helps him more than anything.

According to the website, College Fitness is a multimedia-based social network that gives members access to a fitness video library and helps them maintain a healthy lifestyle.

The website offers an iPhone application for fitness on the go, a workout generator for a personalized workout

and a FitFile to keep track of it all.

Skoda said the site contained all original content created by himself and his employees.

"It's difficult to stay on top of new technology and trends," Skoda said. "But it's also very rewarding to see an effort to fight obesity in America come from a vision to a reality."

If he wins, Skoda said he'll invest the money into his business to improve its marketing initiatives.

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Commission: public confidence low

By Dina Cappiello and Seth Borestein
Associated Press Writers

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Obama administration's repeated low estimates of the huge BP oil spill undermined public confidence in the government's entire cleanup effort, leaders of a White House-appointed commission declared at an investigatory hearing Monday. One likened the mistakes to Custer's disastrous decisions at Little Big Horn.

Federal officials botched the government's response, a local official and government and university scientists contended as the commission focused on the questions of who was in charge and how much oil spewed out of the well into the Gulf of Mexico.

Eventually, U.S. officials said the spill was about 60 times bigger than originally estimated. Instead of 42,000 gallons a day, the volume of leaking oil was closer to 2.4 million gallons a day.

"It's a lot like Custer," said panel co-chairman Bob Graham, a former Florida senator and governor, referring to the battle that

killed George Armstrong Custer and wiped out most of the Army's 7th Cavalry in 1876. "He underestimated the number of Indians on the other side of the hill and paid the ultimate price."

And who was in charge? Billy Nungesser, president of Plaquemines Parish, one of the coastal areas most affected by the spill, referred to another famous leader, this one fictional.

"It became a joke," he told the commission. "The Houma command was the Wizard of Oz, some guy behind the curtain."

Mistakes in the information that was being given out sapped confidence in the government on the issue, Graham and co-chairman William Reilly said at a news conference. Reilly described "repeated wrong numbers" on the amount of oil that was spilling.

Retired Adm. Thad Allen, in charge of the government's response, told commissioners that the low estimates didn't hamper government efforts to deal with the spill. But Reilly, former chief of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, said he had trouble believing that, that it contradicted common sense.

MLB Man convicted of murder in Angels pitcher's death

By Amy Taxin

Associated Press Writer

SANTA ANA, Calif. (AP) — A jury convicted a drunken driver of murder Monday in the deaths of promising rookie Los Angeles Angels pitcher Nick Adenhart and two of his friends.

Andrew Gallo, 23, held white rosary beads and occasionally looked up at jurors as they returned convictions on three counts of second-degree murder and single counts of drunken driving, hit-and-run driving, and driving under the influence of alcohol and causing great bodily injury.

Gallo, who had a previous DUI conviction, was led away in handcuffs and briefly looked over his shoulder at sobbing relatives of the victims who had gathered in the Orange County courtroom.

"What this case has shown is that the accelerator, the gas pedal on an automobile in the wrong hands is as dangerous as the trigger on a gun," Nigel Pearson, the father of 25-year-old victim Henry Pearson, said outside court. "And in the wrong hands, it can devastate the lives of many, many people."

Gallo faces 50 years to life in state prison at his scheduled sentencing on Dec. 10.

His attorney Jacqueline Goodman said Gallo would appeal.

"I think it's tragic," she told reporters. "I think there's been a miscarriage of justice."

Prosecutors said they charged the case as a second-degree murder instead of the lesser charge of manslaughter because Gallo had a previous DUI conviction, had specific knowledge of the dangers of drinking and driving from his own experience, and had signed a court form from the earlier case saying he understood he could be charged with murder if he drove drunk again and killed someone.

To win a murder conviction, prosecutors had to show Gallo acted with implied malice, intentionally drove drunk, acted with a conscious disregard for human life, and knew from his personal experience that he could kill someone.

Adenhart, 22, died just hours after pitching six scoreless innings in his season debut. Pearson and Courtney Stewart, 20, also died in the April 9, 2009, collision in Fullerton. Passenger Jon Wilhite was severely injured.

Orange County District Attorney Tony Rackauckas said it was the 11th DUI-related murder conviction in the county since 2008.

"People are dying here," Rackauckas told reporters. "We want to get the message out there as well as we can that people will be prosecuted for murder when they engage in this type of conduct."

Jurors, who began deliberations Thursday, said they had intense discussions and were well-aware that Gallo had not only ruined the lives of the victims' families but

also his own.

"It was emotional," juror Beth Smith said after leaving the courtroom. "I think a lot of us lost sleep over this."

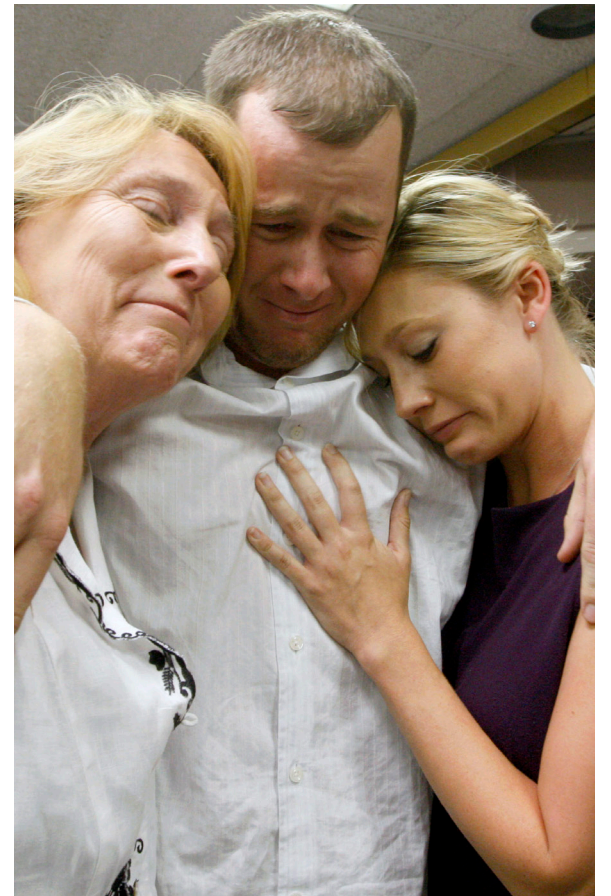
Her eyes welling with tears, Stewart's mother said she felt relieved to finally have a verdict.

"It won't bring Courtney back, but I know she's looking down on us and she's happy," said Carrie Stewart-Dixon, who wore a pink and white bracelet bearing her daughter's name. "It was justice for the kids — and all our families."

Prosecutors alleged during the two-week trial that Gallo, whose blood-alcohol level was nearly three times the legal limit, spent hours drinking beers and shots with his stepbrother at three different bars before running a red light and T-boning the car driven by Stewart.

Prosecutor Susan Price told jurors that Gallo had been repeatedly warned by friends, family and court officials about the dangers of drinking and driving, but his arrogance and need to party prevented him from learning the lesson.

Gallo's attorney said her client believed his stepbrother was his designated driver and only drove after his stepbrother became too intoxicated and asked him to take the wheel. By that point, she argued, Gallo was too drunk to realize the consequences of driving drunk.



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Areta Pearson, left, and her daughter Jessica Pearson, right, hug Jon Wilhite, 24, at news conference after jury convicted a drunken driver of murder in the deaths of promising rookie, Los Angeles Angels pitcher Nick Adenhart and two of his friends at a Santa Ana courthouse on Monday, Sept 27, 2010.

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POLITICS

Debate still at center of Perry, White political discourse

By Juan A. Lozano
Associated Press Writer

HOUSTON (AP) — Texas Democratic gubernatorial candidate Bill White said Monday that since Gov. Rick Perry refuses to debate him, he'll spend 25 days between now and the Nov. 2 election asking questions he would have posed to his opponent at such a forum.

At a campaign stop in Houston, the city's former mayor posed his first query: whether Perry would accept responsibility for job losses, having 1 million unemployed Texans and having unemployment rates higher than three neighboring states. The 25 days of questions will correspond to Perry's 25-year career as an elected official.

"We are going to ... challenge Rick Perry to answer the questions that he wants to duck during debates," White said, speaking at the workshop of a small Houston company that

manufactures and services hydraulic drilling equipment. "If you are taking credit for the gains in employment when our economy was strong, are you accepting responsibility for unemployment when our economy is weak?"

Mark Miner, Perry's spokesman, said White has no one to blame but himself for there being no debates between the two candidates and countered that Texas has flourished economically thanks to the governor's policies of low taxes, less regulation and tort reform.

Perry and White could not come to terms on a debate before the election. The sticking point: White did not agree to a request from Perry for White to release all tax returns from his years in public service.

White has dismissed Perry's allegations that he is hiding something by not releasing all his returns and said the Republican governor doesn't want to debate him because he's afraid of answering tough questions about his job perfor-

mance, including a projected multibillion-dollar state budget shortfall.

"Going around asking himself questions is not going to improve the quality of life for one Texan," Miner said. "There is a reason Texas is better off than most other states in the country. That's because of the leadership of Gov. Perry. There would have been a debate if Bill White had just come clean and released his tax returns."

The Texas jobless rate rose from 8.2 percent in July to 8.3 percent in August. But the rate remained below the national figure of 9.6 percent.

According to poll results released this weekend, Perry has 46 percent support to 39 percent for White among likely voters.

The perception that Perry has helped the Texas economy appears to be working in the governor's favor, according to the poll, which was conducted for Texas' five largest newspapers.

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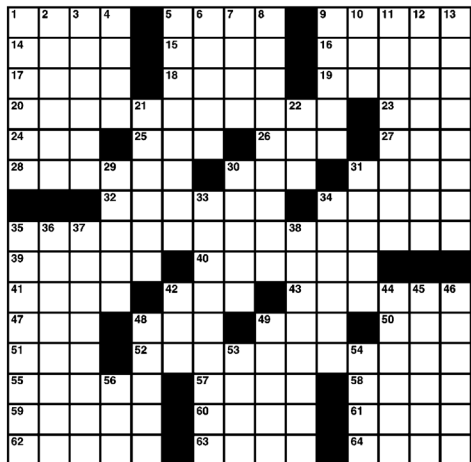
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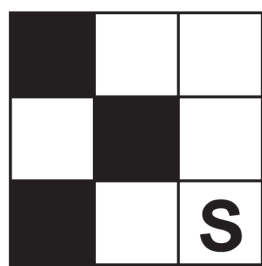
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"Freeze"

Friday's Solution



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

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Friday's Solution

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EDUCATION

Obama: US needs longer school year, better teacher performance

By Erica Werner

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Barely into the new school year, President Barack Obama issued a tough-love message to students and teachers on Monday: Their year in the classroom should be longer, and poorly performing teachers should get out.

American students are falling behind some of their foreign counterparts, especially in math and science, and that's got to change, Obama said. Seeking to revive a sense of urgency that education reform may have lost amid the recession's focus on the economy, Obama declared that the future of the country is at stake.

"Whether jobs are created here, high-end jobs that support families and support the future of

the American people, is going to depend on whether or not we can do something about these schools," the president said in an interview on NBC's "Today" show.

U.S. schools through high school offer an average of 180 instruction days per year, according to the Education Commission of the States, compared to an average of 197 days for lower grades and 196 days for upper grades in countries with the best student achievement levels, including Japan, South Korea, Germany and New Zealand.

"That month makes a difference," the president said. "It means that kids are losing a lot of what they learn during the school year during the summer. It's especially severe for poorer kids who may not see as many books in the house during the summers, aren't getting as many edu-

cational opportunities."

Obama said teachers and their profession should be more highly honored — as in China and some other countries, he said — and he said he wanted to work with the teachers' unions. But he also said that unions should not defend a status quo in which one-third of children are dropping out. He challenged them not to be resistant to change.

And the president endorsed the firing of teachers who, once given the chance and the help to improve, are still falling short.

"We have got to identify teachers who are doing well. Teachers who are not doing well, we have got to give them the support and the training to do well. And if some teachers aren't doing a good job, they've got to go," Obama said.

They're goals the president has articulated in the past, but his ability to see them realized is limited. States set the minimum length of school years, and although there's experimentation in some places, there's not been wholesale change since Obama issued the same challenge for more classroom time at the start of the past school year.

One issue is money, and although the president said that lengthening school years would be "money well spent," that doesn't mean cash-strapped states and districts can afford it.

"It comes down to the old bugaboo, resources. It costs money to keep kids in school," said Mayor Scott Smith of Mesa, Ariz. "Everyone believes we can achieve greater things if we have a longer school year. The question is how do you pay for it?"

NORTH KOREA

Kim Jong-Il's son promoted to army general



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In this photo released by China's Xinhua News Agency, students rehearse at Kim Il Sung Square on Monday, Sept. 27, 2010, in Pyongyang, North Korea. North Korean leader Kim Jong Il promoted Kim Jong Un to the rank of general in the Korean People's Army.

By Kelly Olsen

Associated Press Writer

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — North Korean leader Kim Jong Il promoted Kim Jong Un to the rank of general in the Korean People's Army, the state news agency reported, the clearest signal yet that the younger Kim is on track to succeed his father in ruling the impoverished country.

Kim Jong Il issued an order handing six people — including son Kim Jong Un — the rank of general, the Korean Central News Agency said in a dispatch published early Tuesday. Also promoted was Kim Kyong Hui, which is the name of Kim Jong Il's sister. Her name was listed ahead of Kim Jong Un's in the report.

The report came hours ahead of the start of the country's biggest political meeting in three decades and amid intense speculation that Kim Jong Il's youngest son and sister could be given key posts at the gathering.

It marks the first time that Kim Jong Un's name has appeared in official media.

It is widely believed that the ruling Workers' Party meeting, which was set to take place later Tuesday, may pave the way for Kim Jong Un to become his father's successor. Some experts also said that Kim Kyong Hui might also get a prominent party job to oversee a transfer in case the leader dies before the son is ready to take over.

U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Kurt M. Campbell said in a conference call that Washington was "watching developments carefully" and was working to interpret the announcement's significance.

The question of who will take over from Kim Jong Il, who rules with absolute authority but is believed to suffer from a host of ailments, is important to regional security because of North Korea's active nuclear and missile programs, and regular threats it makes against rival South Korea.

Many delegates to the party meeting arrived in Pyongyang on Sunday by train and the city was festooned with flags

and placards announcing the event, footage shot by video news service APTN showed. "Warm congratulations to the representatives meeting of the Workers' Party of Korea!" read one poster.

Kim Jong Il took control of North Korea when his father, the North's founder Kim Il Sung, died of heart failure in 1994. He has reportedly groomed third son Kim Jong Un as his heir to power.

A South Korean newspaper reported Monday that the younger Kim was chosen as a military delegate to the conference. The party central committee then put out internal propaganda proclaiming him to be Kim Jong Il's sole successor, the Chosun Ilbo newspaper said, citing a source in North Korea that it did not identify.

Still, some experts said Kim's son may not be ready to officially debut as a successor, which could make the 68-year-old leader promote his sister to a prominent position to help Kim Jong Un eventually run the North.

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ANALYSIS

How some former Frogs are performing in the NFL

LaDainian Tomlinson

Position: Running back
 Current Team: New York Jets
 Outcome of game: New York 31 – Miami 23
 Rushing Attempts: 15
 Rushing Yards: 70
 Rushing Touchdowns: 1
 Receptions: 3
 Receiving yards: 18

Going into the year, it looked as if Jets running back Shonn Greene would be getting the majority of the carries. However, after the first three games, it is looking more and more like Tomlinson fits the Jets' offensive style more than Greene. LT got more carries than Greene and was able to produce with his opportunities. Tomlinson's 4.7 yards per carry were about a yard more than Greene's 3.6 yards per carry. His sole rushing touchdown came late in the game and extended the Jets' lead to eight, ultimately putting the game out of reach.

Drew Coleman

Position: Cornerback
 Current Team: New York Jets
 Outcome of game: New York 31 – Miami 23
 Tackles: 1
 Interceptions: 1

Not a huge statistical game for Coleman, but a late interception sealed the win for the New York Jets. Miami, down by eight, drove down the field and got within striking distance of potentially tying the game. On fourth down, Dolphins quarterback Chad Henne looked for tight end Anthony Fasano in the back of the end zone but ended up being picked off by Coleman. Jets quarterback Mark Sanchez was able to run out the clock on the next play by kneeling it to end the game.



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Falcons running back Jason Snelling (44) carries Cardinals defender Daryl Washington (58) on his back in their NFL football game at the Georgia Dome in Atlanta, Sunday, Sept. 19, 2010.

David Hawthorne

Position: Linebacker
 Current Team: Seattle Seahawks
 Outcome of game: Seattle 27 – San Diego 20
 Tackles: 9
 Forced Fumble: 1

Trailing by three to the Seahawks, the Chargers marched down the field and were threatening to score in the red zone until Hawthorne forced Chargers fullback Mike Tolbert to fumble and turn the ball over. This turnover maintained a Seattle lead and helped the Seahawks expand their lead on their next offensive possession. His nine tackles, second on the team, slowed the Chargers' high-powered offense enough to earn Seattle's second victory of the year, going to 2-1 overall.

Daryl Washington

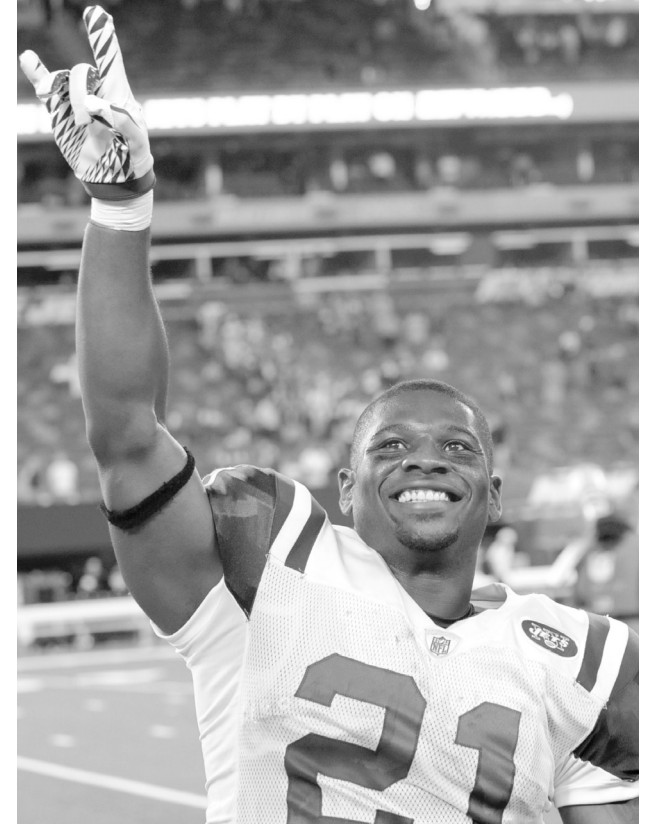
Position: Linebacker
 Current Team: Arizona Cardinals
 Outcome of game: Arizona 24 – Oakland 23
 Tackles: 4

With players leaving during free agency and offseason injuries occurring, the Cardinals have had to rely on Washington to fill at least one of these holes on defense. So far he has stepped up to that challenge and performed nicely. Washington has developed into one of the young leaders on the Cardinals' defense. Four tackles against the Oakland Raiders may not sound like much, but his 20 in the first three games have kept opposing offenses in check and helped the Cardinals go 2-1 on the season.

Jerry Hughes

Position: Defensive end
 Current Team: Indianapolis Colts
 Outcome of game: Indianapolis 27 – Denver 13

So far, Hughes has had a disappointing start to his rookie season. The Colts' first round draft pick has hit a roadblock in his progression, as he is labeled the third to fourth string defensive end on the Colts depth chart. With starters like Dwight Freeney and Robert Mathis, Hughes was not projected to get much playing time. Situational play, however, especially in pass rushing situations, was expected of Hughes. It will be interesting to see if Hughes will be able to take his game to the next level or if he will pan out.



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Jets running back LaDainian Tomlinson smiles and points after the Jets defeated the New Patriots 28-14 in an NFL football game in East Rutherford, N.J., Sunday, Sept. 19, 2010.

Jason Phillips

Position: Linebacker
 Current Team: Baltimore Ravens
 Outcome of game: Ravens 24 – Browns 17

Phillips was a standout linebacker at TCU, so it's a surprise that he has not done much to this point in his career. The Ravens drafted Phillips because of his tenacious style of play, but his skill has not progressed at the speed Baltimore would like. During the preseason, he was evaluated as having exceptional skills defending the run but being atrocious defending the passing game.

Stephen Hodge

Position: Linebacker
 Current Team: Dallas Cowboys
 Outcome of game: Cowboys 27 – Texans 13

Currently on the physically unable to perform (PUP) list because of a knee injury, Hodge is out for at least the first six games of the season. With the depth the Cowboys have at linebacker, Hodge is not expected to have a huge impact in Dallas. He has been regarded as a much-liked player and has contributed to special teams, though.

Aaron Brown

Position: Running back
 Current Team: Detroit Lions
 Outcome of game: Vikings 24 – Lions 10

A third string player is nothing glamorous, but Brown might see more playing time with a new foot injury to rookie star Jahvid Best. Brown has already moved ahead of previous starter Kevin Smith on the depth chart.

Judge Howell is a sophomore broadcast journalism major from Plano.

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SPORTS

SOCCER

Lady Frogs lack aggression

By Ryan Osborne

Staff Writer

The TCU women's soccer team outshot Texas State 25-10 on Friday but lost to the Bobcats 3-0 Sunday afternoon in front of 2,265 fans at Garvey-Rosenthal Stadium. The loss was the fifth time the Frogs have been held scoreless this season.

The storyline of the game was TCU's lack of aggression in the first half. The Frogs didn't take their first shot of the game until 10 minutes in and only took seven shots the entire half.

The Bobcats were even less aggressive but were extremely efficient, scoring two goals in the first half off only five shots.

Texas State got the scoring started early when Britney Curry broke through the TCU defense and tapped the ball into an open net in the second minute. TCU had several chances to tie the game shortly afterward, with the first coming in the 10th minute when senior Jackie Torda missed a shot wide right.

Four minutes later, sophomore Kim Castleberry had a one-on-one opportunity about eight yards out, but Bobcat goalie Lauren Frazier stopped the shot.

Texas State extended its lead in the 28th minute when Taylor Person scored on another open net opportunity. During the rest of the half, the Bobcats continued to slow the pace of the game, keeping TCU from gaining any momentum, and went in at halftime with a 2-0 lead.

Texas State started the second half with a quick goal from defender Taylor Kelley. Kelley's goal was an unassisted strike from about 20 yards out that was just high enough to get over the arms of TCU goalie Kelsey Walters but just low enough to get under the crossbar.

The 3-0 deficit seemed to loosen up the Frogs a bit, as they started to be more aggressive and take more shots.

In the 57th minute, TCU had several shots on goal, and three minutes later, midfielder Alex Mechalske had a corner kick that almost headed in the goal. But the Frogs couldn't capitalize on either of these and never had a viable chance to score the rest of the game.

The loss dropped TCU to 5-5-1 on the season. The Frogs will be back in action this Friday when they open up Mountain West Conference play at San Diego State. The Aztecs are 3-7-3 on the year.

COWBOYS

Dallas avoids 0-3 start with win

Stephen Hawkins

AP Sports Writer

IRVING, Texas (AP) — A 1-2 record has never looked so good for the Dallas Cowboys.

It is certainly much better than the doomsday mood that could have engulfed the Cowboys for two weeks without that victory going into their bye weekend.

"Obviously we were off track, but I think it did give us some spark for us to win that game," offensive guard Leonard Davis said in a still-subdued locker room Monday, a day after winning 27-13 at Houston. "Yeah, there is some sense of relief."

The Cowboys avoided their first 0-3 start since 2001, and their first three-game losing streak under coach Wade Phillips, by finally Sunday looking like the team that went into this season expected to be one of the NFC's best.

Dallas had a turnover-free game on offense, with Tony Romo throwing two touchdown passes to oft-criticized receiver Roy Williams. The defense had four sacks and finally forced some turnovers for the first time this season, with two interceptions and a fumble recovery.

"It's a relief, it's excitement, it's all in one," safety Gerald Sensabaugh said. "It's great to see us our team play like that. We did great in all three phases. We put up a lot of points, had a lot of stops, played some sound football."

Last season, the Cowboys went into the bye week after a 26-20 overtime victory at

then-winless Kansas City. That made Dallas 3-2 instead of 2-3 for an extra week. The Cowboys won five of their next six games after their break and went on to win the NFC East title.

This time, they avoided being winless for an extended period.

"Obviously you feel better going into a week after you get a win," Marcus Spears said. "At the end of the day, you're 1-2. That's not the prettiest record, but it's a step in the right direction."

Despite two losses, the Cowboys are within one game of NFC East-leading Philadelphia (2-1) while division foes Washington and the New York Giants are also 1-2. There are still 13 games left in the regular season.

The victory for the Cowboys came after some inspirational words the night before the game from special teams coach Joe DeCamillis, who is still recovering from the broken neck he sustained when the Cowboys' practice facility collapsed during a rookie minicamp in May 2009.

"I wasn't big on speeches last week, but Joe D was talking about when the facility collapsed and he was under the rubble and he had to make a decision whether he wanted to live or die. He didn't want to die. He basically had to do whatever he could to live," Sensabaugh said. "He made the game situation like that. We are 0-2, we are falling behind and if wanted to live we had to go out there and play like we wanted to. We had a lot of guys playing with a lot of fire. ... We were a totally different team."

Weekend Recap

VOLLEYBALL

The TCU volleyball team lost to San Diego State this weekend in five sets. Senior Christy Hudson gained double-digit statistics in three categories making her only one of four players in the program's history to do so. With the loss, the Horned Frog's season record stands at 9-6 and 0-1 in conference play.

CROSS COUNTRY

The TCU women's cross country team finished 6th this weekend at the Cowboy Jamboree in Stillwater, Okla. The team claimed its highest finish since 2006 with 179 points. Sophomore Agnes Kemboi led the team placing third overall, the highest a member of the TCU women's team has placed since 2000. The men's cross country team nabbed 11th place with 265 points. Senior Festus Kigen paced the team with a 12th place finish in the men's 8K. Host of the Cowboy Jamboree Oklahoma State took first place in both the men's and women's categories.

TENNIS

The men's tennis program competed in the HEB Baylor Invitational over the weekend. In men's doubles Sören Goritzka and Cameron Nash claimed three victories to make it to the final round of the tournament, but lost to Auburn's doubles pair Tim Hewitt and Lucas Lopasso. Goritzka also appeared in the singles competition advancing to the quarter finals. TCU doubles pair Slah Mbarek and Daniel Sanchez opened the weekend taking the win over the No. 5 ranked doubles team from Auburn, Tim Puetz and Alex Stamchev.

GOLF

The TCU men's golf team is currently competing in the PING/Golfweek Preview at the Karsten Creek Golf Club in Stillwater, Okla. On day one of the tournament the Frogs finished 11th with a score of 312. Sophomore Pontus Gad led the team with a score of 2-over-par and finished eighth. On the second day, the team fell three spots to 14th and Gad dropped to 45th place shooting an 8-over-par 80. Senior Tom Hoge shot 78 which was the team best. The final round of the tournament will conclude today.

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FOOTBALL

Former Horned Frogs are getting playing time in the NFL.

SPORTS

RECAP

Find out how the Horned Frog teams played this weekend in the weekend recap.

FOOTBALL POLLS

AP Poll

1. Alabama
2. Ohio State
3. Boise State
4. Oregon
5. TCU
6. Nebraska
7. Florida
8. Oklahoma
9. Stanford
10. Auburn

USA Today

1. Alabama
2. Ohio State
3. Boise State
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5. TCU
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7. Florida
8. Oklahoma
9. Wisconsin
10. LSU



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Tejay Johnson scores a touchdown during the fourth quarter of the game against SMU Saturday.

Frogs and Horns drop, Ducks move up

By Madison Pelletier
Sports Editor

The Horned Frogs moved down in ranking to No. 5 in both the USA Today and AP polls after defeating the SMU Mustangs 41-24 in the Battle for the Iron Skillet Friday night.

The University of Oregon jumped the Frogs in both polls after defeating Arizona State 42-31, while the University of Texas dropped 14 places to No. 21 in the AP poll after losing to UCLA 34-12.

The top three teams, Alabama, Ohio State and Boise State, have been consistent in both polls the whole season. The other non-automatic qualifying school in the Top 5 besides TCU is Boise State. Boise stayed at No. 3 in the rankings after defeating Oregon State 37-24 on Saturday.

Head Coach Gary Patterson said he looked at the rankings each week because

Athletics Media Relations Director Mark Cohen puts the rankings on his desk before he arrives at work. In response to whether the Frogs would drop in ranking after their performance Friday night, Patterson said he has no control over the rankings, especially now that he isn't part of the voting process anymore.

"I haven't had any luck controlling the pollsters, AP or (USA Today) Coaches, since I started," Patterson said. "The only thing we can control is if the end of the season we have an argument if we're still undefeated."

Patterson said he is going to worry about taking the team to 5-0 and then to an undefeated season, and he doesn't have the control over the rest of it.

Senior wide receiver Jeremy Kerley said that the polls take care of themselves and that the team can only control the game, not the rankings.

The cross-town rivalry was played in front of 35,481 fans, the largest crowd at Gerald J. Ford Stadium. The Frogs were winning going into halftime, but came out in the third quarter to increase the lead.

The Frogs had a short week to prepare for the Mustangs after taking down in-state rival Baylor the week before. Patterson said the Frogs took the Mustangs' best shot and ended up coming out with a win.

"That was an emotional rivalry," Patterson said. "We played them back-to-back, Baylor and SMU."

TCU senior quarterback Andy Dalton came into the game against the Mustangs after a strong performance against Baylor last week, but during the first half he threw an interception and several incomplete passes.

In the Frogs' first drive Dalton threw two incomplete passes, the same amount he missed during the entire game against Baylor. The scoreless first drive broke the Frogs' streak of

earning touchdowns on the first possession of the past two games.

SMU running back Zach Line was a powerhouse for the SMU offense and was able to push through the TCU defense early on in game. The Mustang offense kept pushing through the Frogs, which gave SMU the first touchdown of the game early in the first quarter.

Sophomore running back Ed Wesley took a tackle by the Mustangs during the second quarter and was out for the remainder of the game with a concussion. Red-shirt freshman running back Waymon James entered the game in place of Wesley and finished the game with two touchdowns.

Patterson said James came out and accomplished what he wanted back-up players to accomplish.

"Every year I talk about when guys have to come in and play, back-up guys, that's how you win championships," Patterson said.