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Students use the social media to stay updated on UT gunman incident.

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Official: campus on heightened alert after UT incident

By David Stein and Christa Acuna
Staff Reporters

Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Don Mills said the university was on heightened security alert Tuesday because of an incident at a University of Texas at Austin library.

According to a UT Austin alert update on the campus website, a suspected gunman fired shots on the UT Austin campus before he was found dead on the sixth floor of the Perry-Castañeda Library from an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound.

Mills said campus police were at a heightened awareness because of the potential for copycats, but no current threat had been identified on campus.

In the event of the sighting of an active shooter on campus, TCU Police have been trained to isolate the shooter while taking precautions to ensure that no other individuals would be locked in with the shooter, Mills said.

"I know that after the Virginia Tech shooting we talked about it, and that's when we made sure our officers were trained and ready to stop a shooter," Mills said.

TCU Chief of Campus Police Steve McGee said TCU Police were prepared and trained to respond to active shooters. He said TCU Police had plans in place regarding how to respond to a situation such as the one on the UT Austin campus.

Students gather on the University of Texas campus in Austin, Texas, Tuesday Sept. 28, 2010 after a gunman fired shots on campus.

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Trial in former student's lawsuit against TCU starts Monday

By Kerri Feczko
and Amelia Wenzel
Staff Reporters

The lawsuit filed by a former student against the university for allegedly mishandling a 2006 sexual assault case is set for trial at 11 a.m. Oct. 4.

The personal injury lawsuit filed by the plaintiff, who is identified by the initials K.S., against the university cites negligence on behalf of the university and its staff. The

lawsuit names Chancellor Victor Boschini, Provost Nowell Donovan, head football coach Gary Patterson, former basketball coach Neil Dougherty, Dean of Admission Ray Brown, former Athletics Director Daniel Morrison, Director of Athletic Compliance Kyle Brennan, Gayle Boydston, the then Kelly Center Coordinator, and Sexual Harassment Officer Susan Adams.

The plaintiff stated in her original petition that the defendants did not "exercise ordinary care in the hiring

of competent faculty and staff" and the defendants "owed a duty to the students on campus to recruit and properly supervise all student athletes."

According to the reply filed by the university in response to the plaintiff's suit, the previous criminal history of the suspects was not indicative of potential sexual assault.

The university's reply to the plaintiff's claims stated that "She [plaintiff] seeks to argue claims of negligent admission and negligent

discipline. These claims are not in this case nor are they viable claims under Texas law."

In *Boyd v. Texas Christian University*, a 1999 case brought against the university after an altercation that involved student athletes with a fellow student, a trial court found the "university did not owe any legal duty to the student to supervise or control the athletes."

According to the plaintiff's lawsuit, various administrators attempted to cover up the alleged assault by

informing her that it would be "a lot easier for [her]" if she just kept quiet." The plaintiff also cites that the university did not take the necessary measures to prevent the assault, including "knowingly and/or negligently recruiting athletes with known histories of sexual misconduct and criminal misbehavior."

The plaintiff said she was drugged and assaulted in Moncrief Hall in October 2006, resulting in a permanent

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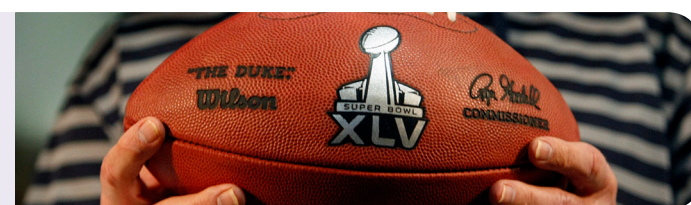
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New restaurant coming to Fort Worth in 2011.



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Senior talks about internship with Super Bowl Host Committee.



RESTAURANTS

California chain comes to Texas

Whitney Gipson

Staff Reporter

In-N-Out Burger, a well-known West Coast hamburger chain, has at least one student enthused about its upcoming arrival in Fort Worth.

Sophomore strategic communications major Hanna Raine said she was beyond excited that In-N-Out Burger was coming to Fort Worth.

"It is definitely one of the traditional things that you have to see when you're in California," Raine, who is from California, said. "The fact that it's coming here is pretty cool."

According to the restaurant's website, In-N-Out Burger is a private, family-owned company that has been around the West Coast for 62 years. The chain was California's first drive-thru hamburger stand.

Kirk Williams, senior vice president of development for the central region at Cypress Equities, said the chain planned to expand to Texas in the second quarter of 2011. Current locations of In-N-Out Burger include California, Arizona and Nevada.

Maddy Schwan, sophomore early child development major, said when she first came to Fort Worth, she was upset because there was no In-N-Out Burger. Schwan said she would try to get her friends to the restaurant when it opens.

Williams said the Tarrant County location will be at the northwest corner of West Sev-

enth Street and Currie Street.

He said In-N-Out chose the West Seventh Street location for its proximity to downtown, to the university and for the other dynamics of the west side.

Williams said it will be one of In-N-Out's first locations in Texas.

The restaurant will be adjacent to a Wendy's down the street. The Wendy's daytime manager declined to comment on the arrival of In-N-Out Burger.

Assistant professor of criminal justice Johnny Nhan said one of the first places many tourists in California go once they get off the plane is In-N-Out Burger.

According to the In-N-Out website, its menu has barely changed since opening in 1948, and everything was still made fresh to order.

Nhan said, "In-N-Out has a simple menu, and what's good about it is that all the ingredients are fresh."

He said In-N-Out also customized its menu upon request.

According to In-N-Out Burger's website, In-N-Out is all about making its customers happy, so it provides a hidden menu in the way some customers like their burgers prepared. The hidden menu includes grilled cheese, protein and animal-style burgers.

"There are different variations of the burger," Nhan said. "There's like [an] unlimited amount of patties you can add to it."

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS

UT gunman worked alone

By Kelley Shannon

Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — A student wearing a dark suit and a ski mask opened fire Tuesday with an assault rifle on the University of Texas campus before fleeing into a library and fatally shooting himself. No one else was hurt.

The shooting began near a fountain in front of the UT Tower — the site of one of the nation's deadliest shooting rampages more than four decades ago, when a gunman ascended the clock tower and fired down on dozens of people.

Within hours of Tuesday's gunfire, the school issued an all-clear notice, but the university remained closed, and the area around the library still was considered a crime scene.

"Our campus is safe," school President Bill Powers said.

Austin Police Chief Art Acevedo expected the school to be "completely open and back to normal" by Wednesday morning.

Authorities identified the gunman as 19-year-old Colton Tooley, a sophomore math major. Police declined to speculate on his motive. Tooley's parents did not immediately respond to a message left by The Associated Press.

Tooley's high school principal in Austin described him as an excellent student who excelled in every subject.

"All of us in the Crockett High School community are shocked and saddened by today's tragedy at the University of Texas," said principal Craig Shapiro. Shapiro's prepared statement said Tooley, a 2009 graduate, was remembered by teachers as being "brilliant," "meticulous," and "respectful."

Police investigators went in and out of his family's home in a middle-class Austin neighborhood Tuesday afternoon carrying bags and boxes. There was no immediate word on what was in the containers. A neighbor said police arrived at the home about three hours after the campus shooting.

The 50,000-student university had been on lockdown while officers with bomb-sniffing dogs carried out a building-by-building manhunt.

After the gunfire, authorities searched the campus for a possible second shooter, but eventually concluded Tooley acted alone. Confusion about the number of suspects arose because shots were fired in multiple locations, and officers received varying descriptions from witnesses, campus police Chief Robert Dahlstrom said.

Before reaching the library, Tooley apparently walked for several blocks wearing a mask and dark clothing and carrying an automatic weapon, witnesses said.

Construction worker Ruben Cordoba said he was installing a fence on the roof of a three-story building near the library when he looked down and made eye contact with the suspect.

"I saw in his eyes he didn't care," Cordoba said.

The gunman continued down the street, firing three shots toward a campus church, then changed direction and fired three more times into the air, Cordoba said.

A garbage truck driver leaped out of his vehicle and ran away, as did a woman carrying two babies, Cordoba.

"I'm not scared, but I was scared for the people around me," he said.

Randall Wilhite, an adjunct law professor, said he was driving to class when he saw "students start scrambling behind waste-baskets, trees and monuments," and then a young man carrying an assault rifle sprinting along the street.

"He was running right in front of me ... and he shot what I thought were three more shots ... not at me. In my direction, but not at me," Wilhite said.

The professor said the gunman had the opportunity to shoot several people, but did not.

Police said it was unclear whether Tooley was targeting anyone with the AK-47.

Oscar Trevino, whose daughter works on campus, said she told him she was walking to work near the library when she heard two shots behind her. She started to run and fell down. She said she later heard another shot.

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Randall Wilhite

UT adjunct law professor

"She's freaking out. I'm trying to calm her down. I've just been telling her I love her and relax, everything's fine," Trevino said.

Acevedo said officers were able to track the gunman's movements with the help of students who "kept pointing in the right direction."

The police chief said he believes Tooley ran into the library as officers closed in on him, then shot himself in the head on the sixth floor. Police did not fire any shots, Acevedo said.

Powers credited the school's crisis-management plan and social networking for quickly warning students, faculty and staff. The university's text messaging system reaches more than 43,000 people, he said.

Laura Leskoven, a graduate student from Waco, said she was in a media management class when she received a text message from the university saying there was an armed person near the library. For the next 3½ hours, Leskoven and about 30 of her classmates sat in a locked conference room trying to keep tab on events through Twitter, blogs and text messages.

"We were kind of shocked," Leskoven said. "Our professor said, 'Well, we need to get upstairs' because we were on the first floor of the building."

Student Joshua Barajas said he usually is in the library in the mornings but was delayed Tuesday when he made a rare stop for coffee.

"These little mundane decisions could save your life. If I hadn't stopped for coffee — and I never stop for coffee because it's \$4 — I could have been in that building," Barajas said. "It's creepy. I don't even want to think about it."

On Aug. 1, 1966, Charles Whitman went to the 28th floor observation deck at the UT clock tower in the middle of campus and began shooting at people below. He killed 16 people and wounded nearly three dozen before police killed him about 90 minutes after the siege began.

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Social media helped spread message

By Jennifer Iller
Staff Reporter

As students started their Tuesday morning, many checked their cell phones, Twitter and Facebook accounts. What they found was news of a shooter on the campus of The University of Texas at Austin.

Colton Tooley, a sophomore mathematics major, began firing an AK-47 assault rifle on the UT campus yesterday morning, according to a brief released by UT.

Students who had signed up for campus alerts received warnings of the gunman through text message, a siren and a loudspeaker system, according to the brief.

But since UT students are not required to sign up for the service, many took to social media to find news and stay updated.

"I think students are more likely to get up first thing and check Twitter and Facebook than turn on the news."

Marissa Chaney

Junior communications studies major

UT student Matt Portillo, a senior rhetoric and writing and music production major, said he found out about the shooting through a text message from an unknown number.

Portillo said he later learned about most of the story through tweets by *The Daily Texan*, UT Austin's campus newspaper, and the university.

Another UT student, John Ramsey, president of the University Residence Hall Association at UT and sophomore accounting major, said a lot of people used Facebook and Twitter to let off-campus students know what was happening.

In Fort Worth, junior Marissa Chaney was also keeping up with the breaking news through social networking.

"I think students are more likely to get up first thing and check Twitter and Face-

book than turn on the news," Chaney, a communications studies major, said.

Chaney said she learned of the event through friends' Facebook statuses. She said she follows news organizations on Twitter, so she confirmed the news through their tweets.

However, many students questioned the validity of tweets.

Ramsey said he relied more on official university statements rather than social media because he felt that the university's comments would be more reliable.

TCU student Jill Cox, a senior film-TV-digital media major, received the news through a text message from her brother Taylor Cox, a UT freshman. She said if she were in his situation she would be more likely to rely on the university website to avoid rumors.

Lisa Albert, university director of communications, said if a shooting were ever to happen on campus, TCU ALERT, the university's mass notification system, would distribute messages through text, e-mail, and phone.

People would also be able to check the university's website and listen to a recorded message line, or check the university's official Twitter or Facebook page.

"Whatever is going on the website and TCU ALERT will be echoed on social media sites as well," Albert said.

She said the social media pages are controlled by university personnel, so any information going from those sites would be the official university message and information.

Students relied heavily on social media to stay updated on the situation, both to receive and respond to the news.

Cox said she regularly checked Facebook and live blogs on news websites. Both Portillo and Ramsey said they checked social media to receive news as well.

Many students offered prayers to those affected via Facebook, while others created fan pages for Tooley.

Posts appearing on these fan pages included such phrases as "Are you kidding me? I thought I had at least 2 more lives!!!" and "We lost to UCLA?! F--- this! I'm outty!"

Many of the pages have since been deleted from Facebook.

alleged that she was lured to Taylor's dormitory on Oct. 13, 2006 to receive money owed to her. She alleged that she was given a Gatorade laced with a drug that rendered her in states of semi-consciousness to unconsciousness for several hours, during which the plaintiff was forcibly raped by Taylor, Jones and Behling, according to the lawsuit. As a result, the plaintiff said that she was infected by the Herpes virus.

The plaintiff's original petition states the damages sought by the plaintiff including medical and tuition costs, the value of her scholarship that she was unable to maintain following the alleged assault and those sustained by physical and mental distress.

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He also said immediately entering the building to neutralize the threat and contacting local jurisdiction for help were two ways he planned to respond in case the same emergency were to occur on campus.

"We are looking for suspicious people and things like this constantly," he said.

He said the TCU Police team also relied on students, faculty, staff and resident assistants to identify somebody acting suspiciously.

"Our goal at TCU is to try to get to the people before they get this far along where they think there's no other way out but to use a gun and either kill themselves or other people."

Steve McGee

TCU Chief of Campus Police

He said the best way to prevent an active shooter was to get troubled people help before it came to that point.

"Our goal at TCU is to try to get to the people before they get this far along where they think there's no other way out but to use a gun and either kill themselves or other people," he said.

Mills said when there was a close connection like the one between some university students and those at UT Austin, they increase awareness and alert levels.

He also said students would be notified of such an incident through TCU ALERT, a system that sends e-mails and text messages to students when they need to be notified of something immediately.

Mills said incidents like this were the reason the university wanted everyone to sign up for TCU ALERT and not just for weather alerts.

"We want to be sure, when we do use TCU ALERT, it's something people will look at," Mills said.

Director of Communications Lisa Albert said students should utilize other forms of communication from the university besides TCU ALERT.

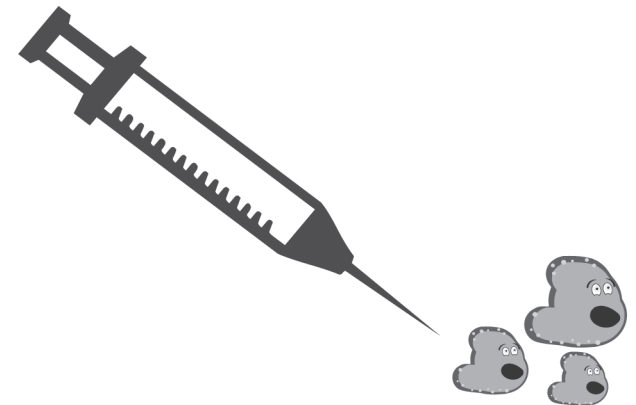
"I think it's important for students to know that while they would get text messages in a situation like that. We encourage them to rely not only on that, but also on the website, recorded information line and the various sources of ways that we communicate," Albert said.

The university also posts information to its website, Facebook and Twitter.

In the instance of a shooter, Mills said it was best to dial TCU Police because they are trained to deal with the situation.

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The Skiff View

Planning ahead ensured campus safety

One of the worst scenarios for any university to face is having a shooting or a gunman on campus.

Unfortunately, The University of Texas at Austin experienced that very occurrence Tuesday morning. A gunman fired shots on campus and in the Perry-Castañeda Library and eventually killed himself. Fortunately, no one else was injured.

The response of UT to quickly warn students to either stay away from campus or lock themselves in their dorms was appropriate and commendable. It shows that universities have learned from such incidents as the Virginia Tech shooting in 2007 and the UT clock tower shooting in 1966.

In TCU's case, university officials said Tuesday that the university was on heightened security in case of copycats, and they outlined the procedures that would be used if such an incident occurred on the TCU campus.

It is good to know that the university has not waited to create a plan for a potential shooting.

If executed properly if the situation ever called for it, the university's plan, which includes warning students via TCU Alert and other social media, should do its job of keeping students, faculty and staff safe.

Again, that's a comforting thought, because it would be much worse to have no plan and to have an incident occur than to have a plan that never needs to be carried out.

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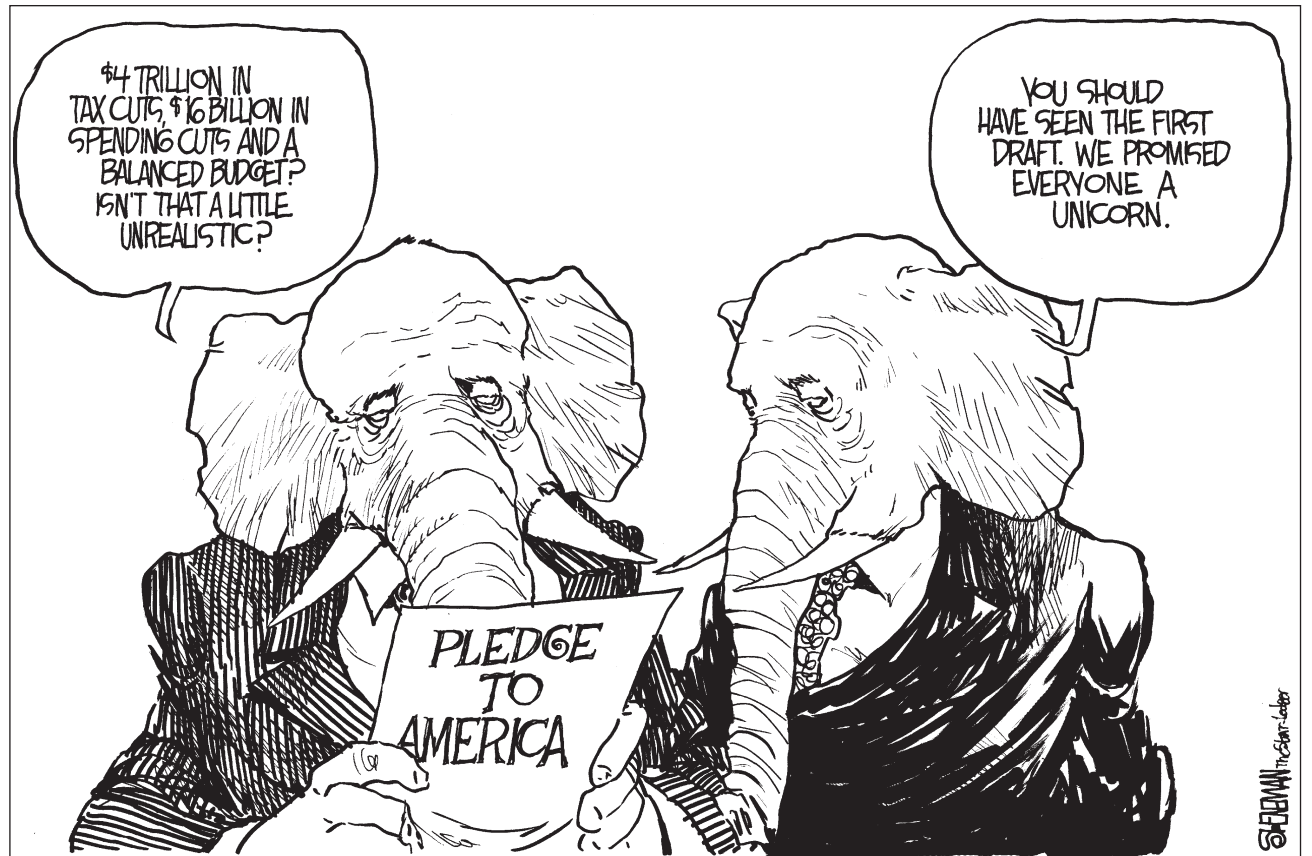
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Contrary to idea, inequality exists



Jordan Rubio

The United States has always prided itself as a place of equality, a place where a person could arrive, regardless of his or her background, work hard and make an economically sound life for him or herself and family.

Indeed, equality and social mobility comprise a huge part of the "American Dream" and contribute heavily to the allure America has to immigrants. Yet this is not so anymore. Studies have shown that inequality in the United States is growing.

Corresponding with this increase in inequality is an increase in between the rungs of the social ladder. It is becoming harder for people to move up and down the social ladder, thus resulting in less social mobility.

Despite the recession, we are one of the richest countries in the world. However, the poverty rate has climbed to its highest point in 15 years, with an astounding 43.6 million Americans in 2009 (a rate of 14.3 percent) living

below the poverty line of \$22,050 for a family of four, according to the U.S. Census Bureau website.

Some critics will point to that rate and talk about the recession, or claim that poor families are having more children than well-off families, skewing the statistics. But this does not diminish the fact that nearly 44 million Americans are living in poverty, and 77 percent are living paycheck to paycheck, according to a 2009 survey by CareerBuilder and Harris Interactive.

The middle class is rapidly shrinking, and the wealthy are only getting wealthier. We must act to balance out this inequality to maintain the "American Dream" of equality, however dim it may be now.

Too much inequality leads to a larger poor majority with little hope of ever advancing and making a better life for themselves. A small affluent minority would hold enormous power and wealth would transfer down through rich families.

In essence, if income inequality is allowed to grow even more, those unfortunate enough to be born into a poor family will have little hope of ever making a better life for themselves. Those born into a rich family would inherit financial prosperity and leverage based on the sheer lucky stroke that they were born into a rich family.

This goes against the American

ideal that you can change your lot in life no matter the situation you were born into. If allowed to go unchecked, income inequality could lead to old European-style serfdom where a larger, heavily poor working class has little chance of progressing while the "nobility", the very wealthy, maintain their wealth and power.

The top one percent of Americans now make up about 24 percent of the national income, according to a 2009 report by Emmanuel Saez using 2007 estimates. That's nearly one-fourth of the national income fostered in a relatively small group of Americans. This disparity in income is staggering.

There will always be inequality when it comes to income and it would be foolish to think otherwise. Inequality in its current state in the United States must be dealt with, or the country risks the chance of being divided into those who have obscene amounts of wealth and those who labor fruitlessly with little hope of advancing. I am not advocating radical, Marxist income redistribution, but something must be done to combat the rising inequality and poverty in this country. Income inequality is one of the problems facing America in the 21st Century, and the growing number of those living in poverty reflects that trend.

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PERSPECTIVES

Tea party a political force to be recognized



Alex Apple

The political “party” getting the most attention right now is not the Democratic or Republican Party. It is the tea party. The tea party, which stands for “Taxed Enough Already,” has shaken up the political culture in America. The Democrats see it as a microcosm of how the Republicans are becoming more and more radical and out of touch with regular people. The Republican Party sees it as a fringe conservative group that could help but will probably hurt the GOP in November.

Both parties ought to see the tea party for what it is: a force. Tea party backers are building a coalition to get their message out and effect some real change in Washington. But what will that change be?

The tea party lists major goals on its

10-point “Contract From America” that it encourages congressional candidates to follow. These goals include balancing the federal budget, ending runaway government spending and stopping the tax hikes. The bottom line is that all of these goals are easier said than done. In reality, these are promises that cannot easily be kept, and Washington is becoming more and more polarized because of groups like the tea party.

The tea party, with the zero to seven representatives political experts estimate that it will send to Washington after the election, will not be any more effective than the Republicans were when they made the Republican Contract with America in 1994. In 1994, the Republicans took control of Congress and promised to shrink government, and they also promised to push for term limits for representatives and senators. They did not shrink government, and 16 years later most of those people still remain in Congress.

It has become popular for candidates to run against big government. Candidates preach on the campaign trail that govern-

ment has overstretched its limits and has become out of touch with the American people, but when the candidates get into office, the last thing they want is to reduce the power of their office. With such an ambitious agenda in mind, the last thing that the tea party will deliver on will be shrinking the size of government.

Both parties ought to see the tea party for what it is: a force. Tea party backers are building a coalition to get their message out and effect some real change in Washington. But what will that change be?

The Republican party has a unique opportunity to win up to 45 seats in the House of Representatives, according to many political experts, and so far it is not capitalizing as much as it should be. It is letting the extremists of the tea party take over, and the GOP has presented few details about its “Plan for America.”

One of the proposed ideas by the Re-

publicans and tea party this year has been a program called “YouCut.” According to a *Politico* article titled “GOP ‘Pledge:’ tax and spending cuts,” this is a program that allows citizens to vote online for programs they think should be cut. Also according to the article, “Republicans say they want to alter the way Congress does business by encouraging lawmakers to read bills before they get a vote and ensuring legislation adheres to the Constitution — a role generally reserved to the courts.”

If the legislative branch takes over roles of the judicial branch, the “Plan” will not reduce big government. In fact, it changes checks and balances that have existed since the Constitution was written.

The tea party movement is sweeping America, and the greatest part of the American political system is when people are upset with politicians, they can sweep them out of office. Voters should just be careful about who they are sweeping in.

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Texas needs new leadership, not more Perry



Shane Smith

The Associated Press reported last week that Republican gubernatorial candidate Rick Perry released a statement that he will not debate Democratic candidate Bill White prior to the Nov. 2 election. Perry made it clear that he will not debate White because White never released his tax return information prior to the deadline Perry set.

In all honesty, both candidates are attempting to look the most ethical, but in this case both men lose. Perry is painting White as unethical because he will not release his tax information. However, state laws on ethics do not require any candidate to provide tax returns to the public. White is not acting unethically, but Perry is acting like a bully by side-stepping a debate before the election.

The Texas gubernatorial race looks to be one of the most competitive in years. Perry has been in office for a decade, and many Texans feel it is time for him to go.

Last week’s Rasmussen Reports survey found that 48 percent of Texans are looking to re-elect Perry, while 42 percent planned to vote for White.

The gubernatorial race in Texas will be a nail-biter, as the undecided voters could end up giving the edge to White, especially with Perry’s recent decision to not debate — a move that makes him appear to be intimidated.

However, it is critical to note that 6 percent of those surveyed were undecided and 3 percent were for other candidates. The gubernatorial race in Texas will be a nail-biter, as the undecided voters could end up giving the edge to White, especially with Perry’s recent decision to not debate — a move that makes him appear to be intimidated.

School districts across the state are cutting back because of Perry’s lack of investment in education. School districts in Texas currently have higher debt than any other state, and Texas schools rank 44th in per student expenditures.

According to a recent Texas A&M University report, under Perry, Texas loses \$5.4 billion to \$9.6 billion annually due to the high rates of dropout students. In addition to these terrible statistics, Texas teachers are paid \$6,000 below the national average.

Perry has been in office for a decade, and these are the education results. White plans to help school districts across the state, while Perry has made it clear through previous decisions that he is not standing up for education.

White has proven his commitment to education through his years in public service. White grew up in a household where both his mother and father worked in education. As mayor of Houston, White implemented successful programs to improve graduation rates. White’s wife founded the Houston A+ Challenge, which raised over \$90 million that went to help improve Houston public schools.

I might cast my first vote for a Democrat in this election, as I find Perry to be past due to exit the office of Texas governor. Perry has a decade under his belt, and now Texans need to see someone else take hold of the reins.

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Junior art history major Hannah Kunnemann presents movies at the Frog Films competition. Competitors produced film entries with the theme "A Clean Slate" and had to include the word "Boschini," a shot of Frog Fountain and had the theme "A Clean Slate."

CONSUMERS

Economy fears on the rise

By Anne D'innocenzio

AP Retail Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Americans in both the living room and the boardroom are growing more fearful about the economy, creating a Catch-22 for the job market: Shoppers won't spend until they feel more secure, and business won't hire until people start spending.

The eroding views were revealed Tuesday by two separate surveys, one that found everyday Americans are increasingly pessimistic about jobs and another that found CEOs have grimmer predictions about upcoming sales.

"The economy is stuck in an unvirtuous cycle," said Mark Vitner, an economist at Wells Fargo. "Consumers are waiting for more jobs to be created, and businesses are waiting for consumers."

The monthly consumer confidence index from the Conference Board, a private research group, fell to 48.5 in September, its lowest point since February and down from 53.2 in August. Economists surveyed by Thomson Reuters were expecting 52.5 for September.

It takes a reading of 90 to indicate a healthy economy — a level not approached since the recession began in December 2007.

Meanwhile, a poll by Business Roundtable, an association of CEOs of big companies, found two-thirds of chief executives expected sales to grow over the next six months. That's down from 79 percent in June.

Causing uncertainty for both groups, Vitner says, are the Nov. 2 elections, when voters worried about increasing deficits and the economy's slow recovery will decide whether to keep Democrats in power in Congress.

The Federal Reserve's efforts to pump up the economy and lower the unemployment rate, stuck at almost 10 percent, have fallen

short. Fed chief Ben Bernanke has signaled that the Fed is prepared to take new action if things get worse, but there's no easy solution.

Some companies that had big rounds of layoffs during the worst of the recession, such as drugmaker Bristol-Myers Squibb Co., are still trimming work forces to bring down costs.

The CEO survey suggests companies will be wary about adding workers into 2011. Only 31 percent of CEOs said they expected to increase their payrolls in the next six months, down from 39 percent in June, which was the best reading since before the recession.

The recession is technically over — a panel of economists declared this month that it lasted 18 months and came to an end in July 2009 — but Americans are just as downbeat as they were a year ago.

Consumer confidence "remains quite grim," Franco said. "There's been no consistency and no momentum."

While unemployment is the biggest factor in depressing Americans' moods, they're also dealing with tight credit and depressed home values. Home prices ticked up in July for the fourth straight month, helped by the now-expired home credits, but many cities are bracing for declines in the year ahead, according to the Standard & Poor's/Case-Shiller 20-city home price index.

The declining confidence came as stocks staged a rally in September, putting the Dow Jones industrial average ahead for 2010. Tuesday's report made investors jittery, but major indexes broke even as traders were encouraged by a flurry of corporate deals.

The consumer confidence index was based on a random survey mailed to 5,000 households from Sept. 1 to Sept. 21.

AP Real Estate Writer Janna Herron and AP Business Writer Tali Arbel contributed to this report in New York.



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Frog Feature

Getting to know Britanni Johnson, a senior political science major.

By Lindsay Medina

Staff Writer

Senior Britanni Johnson didn't have time for a boring internship where she only shredded paper and answered phones, so she managed to acquire an internship at the North Texas Super Bowl XLV Host Committee. With past experience working a lead role in the video game *Borderlands*, the political science major says she is keeping her options open.

How did you find out about the internship?

"Well, at the time, I knew I needed to be looking for [an] internship before I graduated, however I did not want an internship where I would be shredding papers all day, so I was keeping an eye out for something different. I found out about it when I watched a special about the volunteer manager, Amanda Whitelaw, on the news one night, I was so blown away about how young Amanda was when she started working on Super Bowl XLIII. How she was able to take on such a big role at a young age and is now asked to work on other Super Bowls as [a] result. So after the story aired, I called up the Fort Worth office and asked if there were any more internship opportunities available. At first they didn't know if they were even going to take on part-time interns. However, after a few weeks and interviews, I got a phone call asking if I wanted to be an intern."

What was the most exciting thing you did while participating in the internship?

"Helping putting together the Sting concert, trying to fulfill Sting's requests, driving around DFW for three days trying to find three dozen black hand towels. He really wanted those hand towels. And ultimately meeting all the interesting, influential people that have to do with the host committee like Troy Aikman, Emmitt Smith, Bill Lively, Roger Staubach, Jerry Jones and family."

Borderlands (video game) How did you get involved with that?

"One day sophomore year I went to an audition at SMU Guildhall, and I had no idea what it was for. After auditioning, I got a phone call to come to Gearbox Software's office in Plano for a second audition. Five auditions later I get a phone call saying I got the part as a lead role, Guardian Angel, in the video game *Borderlands*. So, I spent a large part of

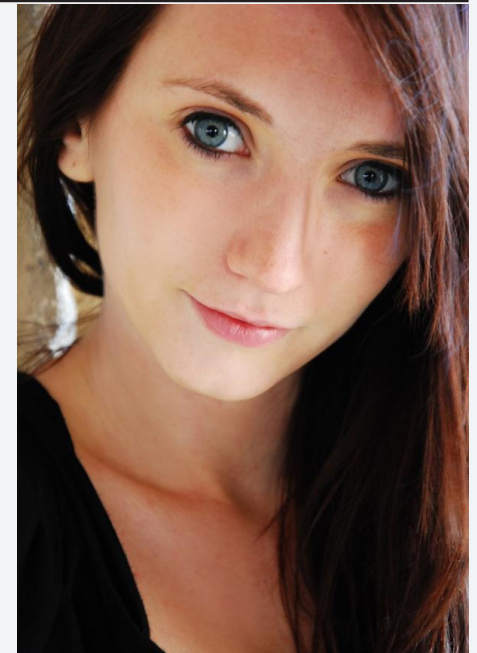
sophomore year at Gearbox Software developing this character and filming for the game. Even with interning at the Super Bowl, this would have to be my most exciting point in my life just because I got to see behind the scenes of how a video game was made, and the decision making process, then see the game be so successful and sell 3 million units worldwide."

Do either of these ventures relate to your major?

"Well, *Borderlands* doesn't, however the Super Bowl Host Committee does in part because of the contract and community outreach work that I do."

Do you plan on pursuing a career in the video game industry?

"A career in the video game industry would be very interesting and it's one of the ones at the top of my list. I guess you could say I'm a jack of all trades, but a master of none. I want to do it all, and that's how I've been since as far as I can remember. I would love to pursue a career



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as a producer in the video game industry, but I spread myself thin and want to do so many things in life. I haven't really concentrated on one thing that I absolutely love. So right now I'm looking at the video game industry, intelligence or energy policy."

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FIND YOUR PLACE IN COWTOWN

Check out the Skiff's Guide to Fort Worth special section Friday and see what cowtown has to offer.

REALITY TV

Financial pressure caused 'Kitchen Nightmares' chef's suicide

By Beth DeFalco
Associated Press Writer

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) — A New Jersey chef who described "overwhelming" personal debt when he was featured on Gordon Ramsay's "Kitchen Nightmares" show jumped to his death from the George Washington Bridge.

The body of 39-year-old Joseph Cerniglia was found floating in the Hudson River on Friday. Grace Burgess, a spokeswoman for the New York City medical examiner's office, said the office on Tuesday ruled Cerniglia's death a suicide.

Cerniglia owned Campania in Fair Lawn, N.J., which he bought in 2006. In 2007, the debt-ridden Italian restaurant was featured on Ramsay's show.

During the broadcast, Cerniglia estimated

he owed purveyors about \$80,000.

"I'm financially in trouble. The debt of the restaurant alone is overwhelming," he said. "My personal debt — wife, kids, mortgage — that's a lot of debt."

His wife added, "If this business fails, we will lose everything."

"Why did you become a chef-owner if you haven't a clue how to run a business?" Ramsay asks him on the show.

A self-taught chef, Cerniglia worked for the famed New York-based Gallagher's Steakhouse chain for a decade, where he became the executive chef.

Jim Edwards, the culinary director at Chef Central in Paramus, was a close friend for the last seven years. He last saw Cerniglia three weeks ago and said he seemed his cheerful self.

"He was always very creative and upbeat. He had a very infectious smile and a way of making you feel at home."

Jim Edwards
Culinary Director at Chef Central in Paramus

"He never gave the outward appearance that there was anything bothering him," Edwards said. "He was always very creative and upbeat. He had a very infectious smile and a way of making you feel at home."

"It's very tragic, whatever it was he couldn't overcome," Edwards said. Edwards said his friend benefited from be-

ing on Ramsay's show and said he thought it portrayed him in a favorable light overall.

"I thought he fared well," Edwards said. "I was never at the restaurant when it wasn't packed."

Cerniglia is the second former contestant on a Ramsay television show to commit suicide. The other was a former contestant on Ramsey's "Hell's Kitchen" chef competition.

Calls and e-mails sent to Ramsay's publicist in London were not immediately returned Tuesday.

Cerniglia leaves behind his wife and three sons, ages 13, 11 and 9.

The family is holding a private funeral service on Wednesday for Cerniglia in Wayne, where he grew up. Relatives declined to talk about him Tuesday when reached by The Associated Press.

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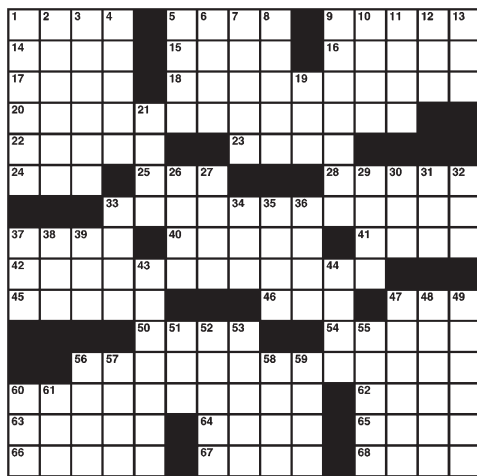
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By Dan Naddor

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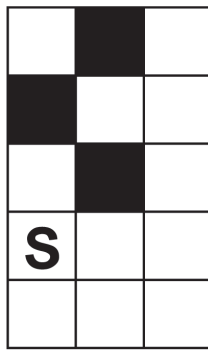
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"Shrimp Cocktail"

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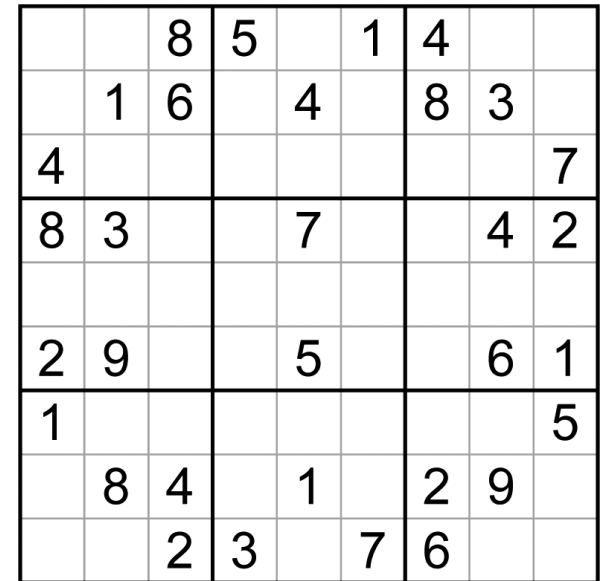


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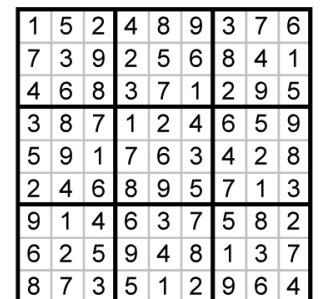


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Tuesday's Solution



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OIL SPILL

Possible settlement talks begin

By Dina Capielle
Harry R. Weber

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — BP and the Obama administration are discussing a possible settlement over fines for the company's massive Gulf of Mexico oil spill in an effort to avoid a costly legal fight that would delay that money from reaching the affected states, a congressman said Tuesday.

Rep. Steve Scalise, R-La., told The Associated Press that members of his staff got information about the talks while working on oil spill-related legislation he is proposing. Scalise said the goal of the talks between BP PLC and the government is to reach a deal instead of having to fight it out in court.

He said the two sides appear to be at odds over whether BP should be considered grossly negligent for the spill, a finding that could mean higher fines. There was no immediate comment from BP or the Justice Department.

Scalise made his comments to AP after appearing at a news conference with Navy Secretary Ray Mabus, who was in New Orleans to discuss his report recommending that a significant portion of the possible fines for companies involved in the spill be placed in a fund for Gulf restoration. He said it would be up to Congress to determine how much of the fines to set aside.

An April 20 rig explosion in the Gulf killed 11 workers and led to 206 million gallons of oil spewing from BP's undersea well.



AP PHOTO/CHARLES DHARAPAK

Navy Secretary Ray Mabus, tasked by President Barack Obama to develop a long-term Gulf Coast restoration plan in the wake of the BP oil spill, is interviewed by the Associated Press at the Pentagon, Thursday, Aug. 26, 2010.

POLITICS

Bill punishing outsourcing companies blocked

By Stephen Ohlemacher
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate on Tuesday blocked tax legislation that would have punished U.S. firms that export jobs. But the political symbolism of trying to save American jobs, not passing a bill, was the Democrats' closing argument on the economy in the waning weeks of the congressional elections.

Republicans complained that the vote used a serious subject — economic recovery — to score points with voters five weeks before the balloting in which all 435 House seats, 37 Senate seats and the Democratic majority are on the line. The bill in question, Republicans said, would make U.S. companies less competitive.

"The liberal Senate leadership has brought forward a politically motivated bill that will never become law," said Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah.

But majority Democrats, now without their original plan to close the campaign with a middle class tax cut, sought to convince voters that the bill showed off their commitment to supporting the nation's economic recovery.

"This is part of the continuing focus on

jobs," Sen. Debbie Stabenow, D-Mich., told reporters.

The bill failed, 53-45, to attract the 60 votes required to advance. Four Democrats and one Independent joined Republicans to block its progress.

"The liberal Senate leadership has brought forward a politically motivated bill that will never become law."

Orrin Hatch
Republican Senator from Utah

But debating it and forcing senators on the record was the Democrats' point.

"We're just a few weeks away from an election," said Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill. "I wish this election would be a simple referendum on the debate we're having on the floor of the Senate right now."

The bill at issue in the Senate would exempt companies that import jobs from paying the 6.2 percent Social Security payroll tax for new U.S. employees who replace overseas workers who had been doing similar work.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Book reveals long history of AA

By Leanne Italie
Associated Press Writer

In 1939, about 5,000 copies of a book offering hopeless drunks a spiritual path to recovery through 12 steps was released by a fledgling fellowship of alcoholics.

They called it "Alcoholics Anonymous: The Story of How More Than One Hundred Men Have Recovered From Alcoholism."

Sales were dismal at first, but interest picked up in 1941 with help from a story in The Saturday Evening Post and grew into a recovery revolution for everybody from over-eaters and the over-sexed to gamblers and shopaholics.

More than 27 million copies of the so-called Big Book in more than 50 languages have been sold, but little was known about how the manual where none had ever existed was conceived. Did AA's co-founder Bill Wilson, a fallen New York stockbroker, really write much of it himself with the help of early adherents?

Turns out the group's bible was heavily vetted, as reflected in a working manuscript to be published Friday for the first time. Called "The Book that Started it All," the document is filled with crossouts, in-

serts and notes, presumably based on feedback sought from about 400 hand-picked outsiders who included doctors and psychiatrists.

Some of the edits made it into print, especially in early chapters for fragile readers. Many others were rejected as the still-anonymous personalities behind the notes fretted over how to handle God and religion, a Higher Power "bigger than ourselves" and the influence of the Oxford Group, a religious movement embraced by Wilson and his fellow founder, Ohio physician Bob Smith, but later considered a preachy hindrance in working with problem drinkers.

"The goal was to increase the likelihood that there would be fewer distractions and fewer reasons for throwing the book across the room," said Fred Holmquist, a student of AA history and director of the Lodge Program for the treatment program Hazelden.

It's a rare glimpse into the inner-workings of an organization that was shrouded in mystery (some early members wore face masks when speaking in public) but remains the dominant force in addiction recovery.



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ANALYSIS

Rise to success similar for TCU and Boise



Tori Cummings

After Boise State's 37-24 win over Oregon State, it has become clear that it will remain the mid-major favorite over TCU this season, barring a Broncos loss.

BSU has become college football's BCS darling. Its epic 2007 Fiesta Bowl win over Oklahoma, coupled with its 17-10 win over TCU last year, has catapulted the Broncos into the national spotlight.

Living in Boise my whole life, I have seen BSU grow up into the team it is now. It is hard to remember now that BSU had a very embarrassing 48-13 loss to Georgia in 2005, just one season before beating Oklahoma in the Fiesta Bowl.

In fact, 2005 ended up being a disappointing season for BSU. The Broncos lost a conference game to Fresno State and ended the season with a 7-1 conference record and had to share the conference title with Nevada.

Now it seems that the Broncos will never lose. They play in a weak mid-major conference, but they may play for a national title this year. How is that fair to a team like TCU, which plays in one of the best mid-major conferences and has also had notable success?

It all comes down to timing and being

in the right place at the right time. Over the past four years, BSU has had three undefeated regular seasons and two perfect seasons. This is what has earned the team respect. It has proven that it can beat whoever is put on its schedule. That's what has gotten the Broncos to this point.

After watching TCU beat SMU this weekend in a game that should have been a blowout, I couldn't help but recall a similar game by the Broncos. In 2006, BSU beat San Jose State 23-20 by kicking a field goal at the end of the game. All I could think about was how bad this win looked on its resume when it was trying to bust the BCS that year.

Surprisingly, BSU didn't fall at all in the polls that weekend. No one noticed how poorly BSU had played against a bad Western Athletic Conference team, it only mattered that the Broncos won.

Winning earns respect and rankings. TCU dropped one spot in the polls after last week's SMU game to No. 5, but the Frogs are still respected because they are winning.

BSU will be taking Utah's place in the Mountain West Conference next season. If both TCU and BSU have stellar seasons this year and enter next fall's game in Fort Worth undefeated, the game will have huge BCS implications. The winner will ride into the future as the king of the mid-majors while the other team will have to wait another season to prove its worth.

TCU will benefit from all the success BSU is having, but this is not obvious yet. The Horned Frogs may have to suffer through watching BSU get all the mid-



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Boise State's Kellen Moore (11) hands the ball off during the first half of an NCAA college football game against Oregon State on Saturday, Sept. 25, 2010, in Boise, Idaho.

major glory this season. Has BSU earned respect? Yes. The Broncos have proven they can win against poor to good competition on a regular basis. Does BSU deserve to be No. 3 in the nation? Absolutely not. It's sad but true: TCU must continue to win every game it plays just to be in position to

receive the respect and ranking it already deserves, but the Horned Frogs won't get that respect and ranking unless BSU falters.

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NFL

League in talks to extend season

By Howard Fendrich

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The NFL and its players' union discussed a proposal to change to an 18-game regular season during a bargaining session Tuesday.

The league and the NFL Players Association issued a joint statement about the meeting, saying that negotiations "focused on several matters," including the longer regular season, a rookie wage scale and improvements for retired players.

"Both sides look forward to continuing these discussions and reaching a new collective bargaining agreement," the statement said.

Tuesday's talks took place in Washington, where the NFLPA has its headquarters.

The current collective bargaining agreement expires in March, and NFLPA executive director DeMaurice Smith has said he believes owners are preparing for a lockout.

League owners and NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell want to expand the regular season from 16 games to 18, and cut the pre-season from four games to two. Indianapo-

lis Colts President Bill Polian said Monday he thinks such a switch is a "fait accompli;" the union has not said it wants to make a change.

Goodell has pointed out that the league does not need approval from the players in order to extend the regular season.

The players currently get 59.6 percent of designated NFL revenues, a number agreed to in the 2006 CBA. The owners say that's too much, arguing that they have huge debts from building stadiums and starting up the NFL Network and other ventures, making it impossible to be profitable.

The NFL generates nearly \$8 billion in revenues annually, with about \$1 billion going to operating expenses. The owners get about 40 percent of the rest, but they want about \$1.3 billion more before the players get their cut, and they'd like two more regular-season games to get more money out of the networks for everyone.

Players have said they won't agree to a new deal that amounts to a pay cut. Smith has been warning players since he took office in early 2009 to put aside money in case of a work stoppage.

SPORTS

OPINION Hockey an exciting, fulfilling game for fans from any climate



J.D. Moore

When my older brother surprised me with Dallas Stars tickets this weekend — for a preseason game, no less — I dropped all of my plans and made sure I could go.

Why? The logic, at first, defies natural explanation. I was born and raised a resident of Hawaii, I'm currently going to school in Texas and I passionately hate bitterly cold weather. Why is it then, that I refuse to give up an opportunity to go see a Dallas Stars hockey game?

It's because I've discovered that hockey is an awesome and very overlooked sport.

There is a certain electricity in the air for hockey that you can't get in other sports. In every game the action is always fast-paced and constantly moving, every play is big, a score can happen at any moment and there are always players willing to deal out big hits. While fighting is generally frowned upon in most sports, hockey not only allows fistfights, but fans expect and encourage such behavior. On top of all that, this sport was made by Canadians. Is there really anything else that

someone could add to hockey to make it any more magnificent?

Last Friday's game between the Stars and the Colorado Avalanche was a great example of why hockey is one of my favorite sports and should be followed by more people. Combined, Colorado and Dallas took 56 shots on goal during the game and had 11 power plays. Every hit against the Plexiglas literally rattled the arena and thrilled the crowd. To my complete enjoyment, a couple of fights broke out too. The second period fight between Stars right wing Brandon Segal and left wing Cody McLeod greatly entertained me, but I still give major kudos to Stars defenseman Stephan Robidas for dumping a Colorado player up and over the wall into the Stars bench to start a fight near the end of the third period. When can you ever see that in a baseball or football game?

Even when fists weren't flying, you could tell by player reactions when tension and momentum was building on the ice. At any moment, you could expect a player to slam an opponent to the ground with a vicious body check or anticipate seeing a brawl going down between two players. The air gets thin and your heart starts pumping faster. With bated breath, you hope that the pressure explodes with an awesome bang. This kind of thing is a thrill you can only get in a hockey match.

As if I haven't mentioned enough, the sheer speed of the players on the ice and the 90 mph



TONY GUTIERREZ / ASSOCIATED PRESS

Dallas Stars left wing Brenden Morrow (10) controls the puck up the ice as St. Louis Blues center T.J. Oshie, left, rear, and center Patrik Berglund of Sweden, right rear, give chase in the third period of an NHL preseason hockey game Saturday, Sept. 25, 2010, in Dallas.

slapshots are more than enough to give you adrenaline usable for the next 48 hours. In every hockey game that I've been to, I've either been sitting on the edge of my seat or standing and cheering. You just never know what's going to happen, but you know that it will be great.

Every person needs to go see at least one

hockey game in their lifetime. In the times that I've gone, I've always walked away with extreme satisfaction, regardless of the outcome on the scoreboard. If this thin-blooded Hawaiian can love hockey, I promise that you will too.

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Boise State is getting more attention in football this season. **Page 10**



JASON PAN / WEB EDITOR

Red-shirt freshman Waymon James scores against SMU Friday.

Patterson: Each conference game a unique challenge

By Chris Blake
News Now Sports Director

Head football coach Gary Patterson spoke about his team's chance to play for a national title at this week's press conference, a subject he usually avoids.

"I think I have a lot more argument this year (than last year)," Patterson said. "If you can get through the kind of schedule we have and still win at Utah, even though you still have a game left, I think you have an argument."

Patterson also talked about his team's resilience in Friday's win at SMU and the challenges the fifth-ranked Horned Frogs will face during conference play.

Though the Frogs fell behind the Mustangs 17-14 early in the third quarter Friday, Patterson said having a number of veteran players on the team helped the team to keep its composure.

"After it was all said and done, I really have to give my kids a lot of credit," Patterson said. "They didn't play with a lot of emotion. They really kind of got hit in the mouth and they

found a way to win."

After escaping Gerald J. Ford Stadium with a win and finishing their non-conference schedule with a 4-0 record, the Frogs finish out the season with all Mountain West Conference opponents. Patterson said each conference road game will present an individual challenge.

"When you go to somebody else's house you have to take ball games," Patterson said. "Every road game we have left will be a tough road game for different reasons."

He said this weekend's game against Colo-

rado State will challenge the Frogs because it is the first conference game. UNLV will present the first late-night game starting at 10 p.m. CT. Utah will intimidate the Frogs because they have not won at Rice-Eccles Stadium, and the New Mexico game will fall two days after Thanksgiving.

The Horned Frogs dropped from fourth to fifth in the Associated Press Top 25 poll. TCU will open its conference schedule Saturday in Fort Collins, Colo., when it takes on Colorado State at 1:00 p.m.