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STUDY BREAK



Katie Hittle, a freshman graphic design major, catches up on some reading Tuesday on a bench behind Jarvis Hall.

LAUREN RAUSCH / Staff Reporter

Site to aid employees with daily commute

Ride Share aims to match up faculty, staff in carpool groups

By Yusi Cheng
Staff Reporter

Dusty Crocker, an assistant professor of professional practice in art, had to replace what he calls his "gas burner," a Ford Explorer, with a smaller sport utility vehicle, in order to get better gas mileage on his car.

Crocker lives 30 miles away from the university and has noticed cars driving the same direction to school with TCU parking stickers during his morning commutes.

"I have asked casually just to see if some other professors can carpool with me," Crocker said.

A solution to his problems is in the works.

Beginning Thursday, faculty and staff will be able to contact each other and make carpool arrangements through a program called Ride Share, an official for the human resources office, said.

Travis Reynolds, a business systems analyst for the human resources office, said Ride Share is an online community tool faculty and staff can use to post a request for ride sharing.

The university has no plans for students to use this Web site now, Reynolds said.

Pat Jolley, director of compensation for the human resources office, said the technology resources staff suggested using SharePoint, a software that acts like a bulletin for people to post messages and share information with one another.

"It is like a central point for people to communicate with each other," Jolley said. "The idea is very simple."

Reynolds said faculty and staff can enter their zip code and type a message, which might include the hours they are interested in carpooling with others as well as their contact information.

Jolley said the human resources office has talked to several people and organizations on campus, and the topic of having a medium for carpooling came up several times.

"Reading what other universities and other companies are doing, we see that carpooling is being encouraged," Jolley said.

Several Web sites serve similar functions to Ride Share for people to post carpooling information, such as PickupPal.com and eRideShare.com.

Jolley said the human resources office has contacted some people to show them how to get into the program.

"We want to hear their feedback first to see what people think of it," Jolley said.

Sign Up To Carpool

Faculty and staff can go to myshare.tcu.edu/ridesharing to post ride sharing messages. Faculty and staff will receive e-mails today regarding the information on how to log into the Web site.

MILLER SPEECH AND HEARING CLINIC PROGRAM

Bilingual clinic one of few in nation

By Jackie Rodriguez
Staff Reporter

For most people, it takes a lot of time and work to become fluent in a second language.

For some, it takes a brain injury. TCU speech pathologist Maria Munoz knows a case.

"A student of mine had a brother who had a traumatic brain injury, so one day the mom walks into the hospital to see her injured son and realizes he's speaking French," Munoz said. "The funny thing is he wasn't fluent in French. He'd

studied it a little in high school and college, but he wasn't fluent."

The university's 30-year-old bilingual speech pathology training program aims to help people like him.

The adult bilingual clinic in Miller Speech and Hearing Clinic is one of the few programs in the nation that offers bilingual training in speech language pathology, Munoz said. The clinic focuses in the Spanish language, she said.

Munoz said she has seen many cases in which a brain injury has impaired a person's ability to speak. Cases in which a person becomes able to speak another

language are unusual but not rare, she said.

According to the Miller Speech and Hearing Clinic Web site, services for patients offered at the clinic include assessment and treatment for those who have language disorders and whose language has been impaired by dementia or aphasia. Aphasia is a language disorder resulting from neurological injury such as a stroke, caused by a blood flow to the language area of the brain, Munoz said.

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT

House grants treasurer more authority

By Matt Syme
Staff Reporter

Student Government Association House representatives butted heads with one another in Tuesday's meeting over a bill that would shift authority from the president to the treasurer in appointing the Activities Funding Board.

The bill, which was approved after a lengthy debate, was introduced at Tuesday's meeting to redefine how the AFB's members would be appointed and how openings on the board would be filled. The bill proposed that the members of the board be appointed by the student body treasurer with the consent of the House of Representatives. Currently, the board members are appointed by the president and two permanent members.

The Finance Committee elected to vote on the bill during the House meeting with the intent to move the bill to the House for a vote in the same session.

The bill passed in the committee and was presented to the entire House.

Some representatives challenged whether it was necessary to update the funding board. They said the authority to appoint should stay within the president's power.

A heated discussion arose that prompted Justin Brown, student relations chair, to motion to send the bill back to the finance committee, but the motion was ruled out of order by the speaker.

Neeley School of Business representative Marlon Figueroa wrote an amendment to create an appointing board, but his proposal was considered unfriendly by the Finance Committee. Figueroa then retracted his motion to amend.

Another amendment was written by College of Communication representative Joey Parr that stated in the event of a tie in the appointing, the chair of the board and the co-programming chair should vote to break the tie. With that

amendment attached, the bill was submitted to the House for a voice vote, in which votes are not formally counted, and passed with four abstentions.

Treasurer Jacob Barnes was satisfied with the bill's passing and said it will be easier to pick people who are more qualified for the position.

Bills that passed unanimously during the meeting are "A Bill to Assign Responsibility for Updating the SBC," which assigns the task to the speaker of the house, and "A Bill to Delineate the Duties of the Student Relations Committee."

"A Resolution to Support the Revision of TCU's Course Policy" also passed unanimously. The resolution supports the review and possible revision of the university's policies regarding scholarship requirements and retaking classes.

Because of time constraints, two bills and a resolution were allocated to be discussed in next week's meeting.

Talent show new part of annual event

By Lauren Rausch
Staff Reporter

Programming Council will incorporate new events into Family Weekend with the TCU Stars talent show and a lecture series.

Danae Spencer, Programming Council member and Family Weekend director, said SGA Adviser Kim Appel suggested making the performance part of Family Weekend because of its success last year.

TCU Stars was started last year by junior music major Christa Bentley and junior music education major Claire Stewart as a fundraiser for the professional music fraternity Mu Phi Epsilon and the Music Educators Organization.

"Claire and I took it on ourselves because we thought it would be a great way to get students involved and would be fun to watch talented people perform," Bentley said.

The show will feature stu-

dents with various talents including a singer-songwriter, pianist, bagpiper, comedian and dancer. Last year's winner, senior social work major Sawyer Powers, will return to baton twirl. The talent show will begin at 6:30 p.m. Friday in the Brown-Lupton University Union Ballroom and will include dinner. Families must have preregistered for tickets, which has now ended.

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Family Weekend Schedule

Thursday 7:30 p.m. TCU Stars talent show performance for students, PepsiCo Recital Hall	Saturday 7:30 – 8:30 a.m. Fall Breakaway 5K run, Garvey-Rosenthal Soccer Stadium 9 – 11 a.m. "Inquiring Minds Want to Know" parent information session, Brown-Lupton University Union Ballroom Noon – 2 p.m. Tours of new buildings on campus, University Union 3 p.m. Pre-game meal,	Campus Commons 5 p.m. TCU vs. San Diego State Football game, Amon G. Carter Stadium
Friday 5 – 6:30 p.m. "Last Lecture" Series, Ed Landereth Auditorium 6:30 p.m. Dinner and TCU Stars talent show, Brown-Lupton University Union Ballroom		Sunday 10 a.m. – Noon Farewell Brunch, Campus Commons 1 p.m. Senior Ring Ceremony, Campus Commons 3 p.m. Ice Cream Social, Campus Commons

NEWS

Despite trend, admissions not scanning social networks

By Logan Wilson
Staff Reporter

The university has no policy regarding admissions officials looking at applicants' social networking Web sites despite an educational service company's report that one in 10 admission officers from the nation's top universities are doing so.

Kaplan Inc., a test prep and admission advising company, surveyed 320 admissions officers from the country's top 500 universities as compiled by U.S. News & World Report and from Barron's Profiles of American Colleges. The participants were surveyed by telephone in July and August, according to a Sept. 18 press release from Kaplan.

Raymond Brown, dean of admissions, said the university has no policy regarding the use of an applicant's social networking site, such as Facebook or MySpace, as a tool during the admission process. Kaplan reported that a majority of the schools surveyed have no official policies regarding the use of applicants' social networking Web sites.

Among other reasons, it just isn't practical, Brown said.

"It's impossible to manage that type of activity with the size of our applicant pool," Brown said. "Anyone who does that has an awful lot of time on his hands."

He also said the one in 10 figure seems too high.

"I'm pretty plugged into this topic and I'm very plugged into this business, and no one is doing that routinely," Brown said.

James Atwood, assistant to the dean of admissions, said he has never viewed an applicant's Facebook or MySpace page.

"We selectively offer admission to those students we feel are personally and academically qualified to be here," Atwood said. "In that regard, we make our decisions primarily on evidence from schools and students that presumably is secure and accurate."

Although university admission officials don't generally look at applicants' Facebook or MySpace pages, Brown said if something on an applicant's Web page is brought to the attention of admissions officers, they will inspect it.

Kedra Ishop, associate director of admis-

sions at the University of Texas at Austin, said the school's admission policies only address what admissions officers can look at during the decision-making process. Looking at an applicant's social networking Web site is not prohibited, she said.

"We believe that our applicants are pursuing admission to UT-Austin based on a desire to become part of our student body," Ishop wrote in an e-mail. "In doing so, we give as much respect to them as they do to us and focus our attention on their accomplishments, skills and the many other tangible facets of their academic, work and civic lives. We don't interview applicants' friends to determine if they are admissible. Likewise, we don't visit their electronic social networks."

Admission officials at Baylor University and Rice University also said they do not use social networking sites as a resource tool during the admission process, although both have no policy prohibiting admission officers from doing so.

Lauren Randle, a junior political science major, said she thinks it isn't fair for admission officials to look at applicants' Facebook or MySpace pages.

"I don't think peoples' social lives affect their academic abilities," Randle said.

Liz Slagle, a sophomore political science major, disagreed and said what is posted voluntarily on the Internet is available to anyone, including admission officers.

"I think if you as a student are worried about what is on there, you should just privatize your settings," Slagle said.

Kaplan reported that 38 percent of admissions officers surveyed said looking at applicants' social networking sites generally had a negative impact on their evaluation. However, 25 percent said doing so generally had a positive impact, according to the release.

Kaplan also conducted surveys among admissions officers at law and medical schools. Admissions officers at 15 percent of law schools and 14 percent of medical schools surveyed reported having visited applicants' social networking sites during the admission decision-making process, according to the press release.

Chicago tavern hangs nude portrait of Palin

By Emma Graves Fitzsimmons
Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO — There's been no shortage of takeoffs on Sarah Palin lately, from television skits to action figures, but Bruce Elliott has gone one step further than most. He has taken off her clothes.

Elliott, whose wife, Tobin Mitchen, owns the Old Town Ale House in Chicago, painted a nude portrait of the Republican vice presidential nominee and hung it above the bar, where it's now a prime attraction among his display of more than 200 celebrity portraits and other racy art.

Palin became Elliott's muse after he saw her on TV.

"I've been following her religiously," he said Monday at the bar. "I had never heard of her before, like everyone else. I find her bizarrely fascinating, even though I pretty much despise everything she stands for."

Despite their political differences, Elliott admits to a bit of a crush on the Alaska governor. He began painting her smile and trademark glasses, he said, before filling in the details: a gun, red high heels, polar bear rug, rugged



KUNI TAKAHASHI / Chicago Tribune via MCT
Bruce Elliott, owner of Old Town Ale House in Chicago, poses at the bar in front of a painting of naked Sarah Palin painted by Elliott on Monday.

Alaska landscape and a scared moose. His daughter, who looks a little like Palin and does a great impression of her, served as model for the governor's body.

Since Elliott, 68, hung the portrait Thursday, it has been a steady draw at the dive bar, which is a popular spot for

Second City comedians to grab beers and play pinball after shows. But after the image hit the Internet on Monday, interest exploded.

"We got a bunch of people in tonight," Elliott said. "They're coming to take pictures with their camera phones. The photo is all over the place."

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There will also be a showing of the performance for students at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the PepsiCo Recital Hall. Tickets are \$5 and can be bought at the door.

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"It is uncertain why some bilingual patients are able to communicate in one language more effectively than the other after acquiring aphasia," Munoz said. "We don't know if it's an inhibition issue, where the brain is inhibiting one language or if it's an overactivation issue, where the brain is overactivating one language, or if it's a switch in the brain. We just don't know for

certain, that's why we need more research."

Christopher Watts, chair of Harris College's Department of Communication, Sciences and Disorders, said the adult bilingual clinic is unique.

"What sets us apart from similar clinics and communication disorders programs in the state and the nation is we are one of the few clinics which actively seeks to work with clients who may not speak English as a first language," Watts said.

Graduate student Monica Davila, a student in speech pathology, said she enjoys training to work with bilingual adults at the clinic.

"The main reason I chose to come to TCU was for the bilingual program, which not many graduate schools offer," Davila said.

Having bilingually trained pathologists is important because of cases in which bilingual patients have lost the ability to speak one language but can still speak the other, Munoz said.

However, only few speech pathologists are bilingually trained,

and even fewer are trained to work with adults because more pathologists are trained to work with children given legal mandates in the education system, she said.

Munoz said the staff at the clinic, which includes her and four students, evaluates the needs of the patients to get them to communicate in whatever way they can.

The adult bilingual clinic is still in early development, Munoz said. The clinic is available to adult patients aged 42 to 72, she said.

Currently, the clinic is treating one adult patient, but the staff aims to treat at least eight more, she said.

"What I'm hoping comes out of the clinic is data that helps us to know what to do to maximize sessions for our patients," Munoz said.

The adult bilingual clinic will also provide evidence-based research to the speech pathology community, Munoz said.

"We'll be able to learn more about what treatments work best for patients," she said.

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The Skiff View

Discretion important on social network sites

A job applicant can have an outstanding resume, chat through a prime interview and look so professional that even Donald Trump would be envious. But if he or she looks like a fool on Facebook, all that hard work could be kissed goodbye.

Although TCU admission officials do not check potential students' social networking Web sites, graduate schools and future employers do. One in 10 admission officers from the top universities in the country are surfing the Web, scoping out students' profiles and gaining access to their private lives. Sites like Facebook left 38 percent of the officers saying the sites left a negative impression in evaluations.

It's important that students remember to watch what they put up on these social networks. Everyone is entitled to having their own private social lives, but there are no policies that prevent the head honchos who hold students' futures in the palms of their hands from stumbling across a profile or a picture. Future employers and schools want to associate themselves with people who have personality and a reputable academic standing. So, with that in mind, students need to take action and find a way to better portray themselves online, in case they fall victim to a random Facebook hunt.

Instead of worrying about this "invasion of privacy," students should take advantage of this stalker-like admission screening. Not only will employers and universities have a chance to learn about a student through essays, applications and interviews, they'll get an extra resume online. It's an opportunity to express yourself and show who you really are outside of the workplace. Where one door closes, another opens.

Opinion editor Patricia Espinosa for the editorial board. The Skiff View represents the collective opinion of the editorial board.

Definition of 'green' best left to individuals

GRETCHEN WILBRANDT

I thought I knew nature. I grew up in a rural area on a large patch of land and thought I had it covered: the birds, bees, deer, coyotes, frogs, turtles, a few ponds, lots of trees and a huge garden.

My perception was absolutely wonderful, until this past weekend. Led by our fabulous professor, 13 eager-minded students headed out in to the "bush" for three intense but enriching days to begin our collection of wetland invertebrates.

Wow, did I have a wake-up call. I had been experiencing nature by what I had seen with my plain eyes. Creatures and plants had presented themselves to me, but now I was seeking out insects. I was looking for their defining characteristics, looking for their habitats, learning about what makes all these critters function, and here I was exploring the same distinctiveness about myself.

I was in search of a specific definition to join these creatures, yet I realized the individuality of each one.

And then at some moment jumbled among all the collecting and categorizing, I was hit with the understanding of uniqueness in human experience and how we personally define our perceptions of nature.

Within these personal definitions is where I find it hard to place the environment. Each one of us has a different relationship with the earth.

Thus, how can we collectively work toward "sustainability," "green-ing," and "climate change?" Lately, I have discovered how different my perception of sustainability is compared to many students.

It is not my idea is superior, it just works best for me and my place in life.

For example, I find it appalling that people will buy shirts not made of organic or recycled cotton, yet display a recycling symbol. I could even carry it out as far as to say I find it ridiculous people even buy new shirts at all as the carbon footprint of a product that isn't manufactured locally is astronomical.

Aspects of our society shock me, and I understand my views can be a bit extreme at times, but this is why I'm alright with a variety of personally-explored definitions.

I accept and encourage other ideas of "green" as long as they are honest efforts and work for the individual.

Now when a campus starts throwing out themes and goals with environmental terms, I get in a tizzy. Many students get upset and start throwing stones at the administration, but we all must realize a "green year" for the university might mean something different; they have had different experiences with nature. This doesn't excuse TCU from meeting the needs of the students, it just means we must be patient but persistent with our requests.

As we all stress and value different points of importance, it is essential to realize we must work together to achieve feasible goals within a certain amount of time. When we find ourselves isolated in our personal definitions and ideals, we lose the ability to create positive transformations.

Today, I may not win my battle in persuading the university to buy local or fair trade produce, but perhaps I can help a friend establish a sound, student-led recycling program.

Gretchen Wilbrandt is a junior environmental science major from Woodstock, Ill.



Robert Slack is a sophomore theatre major from El Paso.

The economy is in peril, thanks to a timid Congress

FRED GRIMM

Such a fine day for an apocalypse. Gray sky. Rainstorms roiling across South Florida. Thunder claps that sent my dog cowering under the desk.

Then Congress, in a burst of populist self-destruction, sent me cowering like a canine.

My initial inclination was to suspend my column, go back to bed and stay there until someone fixes this mess. But I'd develop bed sores before we get leadership with the courage to buck the angry masses.

Maybe I can say the forbidden words, given that I'm not running for office. We're cooked.

And what a spectacular act of self-immolation. The U.S. House of Representatives, voting 228 to 205, killed the bill designed to resuscitate our moribund financial markets Monday. Frantic lobbying by the president and party leaders and the super duo from Treasury and the Federal Reserve failed to persuade enough members of Congress to buck popular opinion.

It didn't matter that without massive government intervention, the nation's lending mechanisms might seize up like an old clunker's transmission. South Florida, with a real estate and construction industry utterly dependent on free-flowing lines of credit, might as well convert those half-empty condo towers to recession-proof enterprises. Think high-rise prostitution.

Economists had warned that Congress had to pass this package. Just had to. When it didn't happen, the Dow reminded Congress why and plunged 778 points.

But that angry, amorphous creature, the public, couldn't abide the notion of rescuing Wall Street, even if it was in their own self-interest. It was as if passengers on a sinking cruise ship refused to launch the lifeboats — not if it meant saving the damn crew who got us into this fix.

The congressional e-mail on the bailout must have been ferocious. My own in-basket roiled with resentment and expletives and terms like "damn thieves"

and "hell no" and "let them bail themselves out of jail."

Of course, we send folks to Washington with the vague hope they'll hang tough even against a storm of wrong-headed public opinion. But with an election five weeks away, they might as well have been down there cowering with my whimpering mutt.

Politicians no longer tell us anything we might not want to hear. Did you notice that during Friday night's debate, neither presidential candidate dared to admit that, thanks to the financial meltdown, there'd be no money to pay for nifty campaign promises like healthcare reform? Because we're cooked.

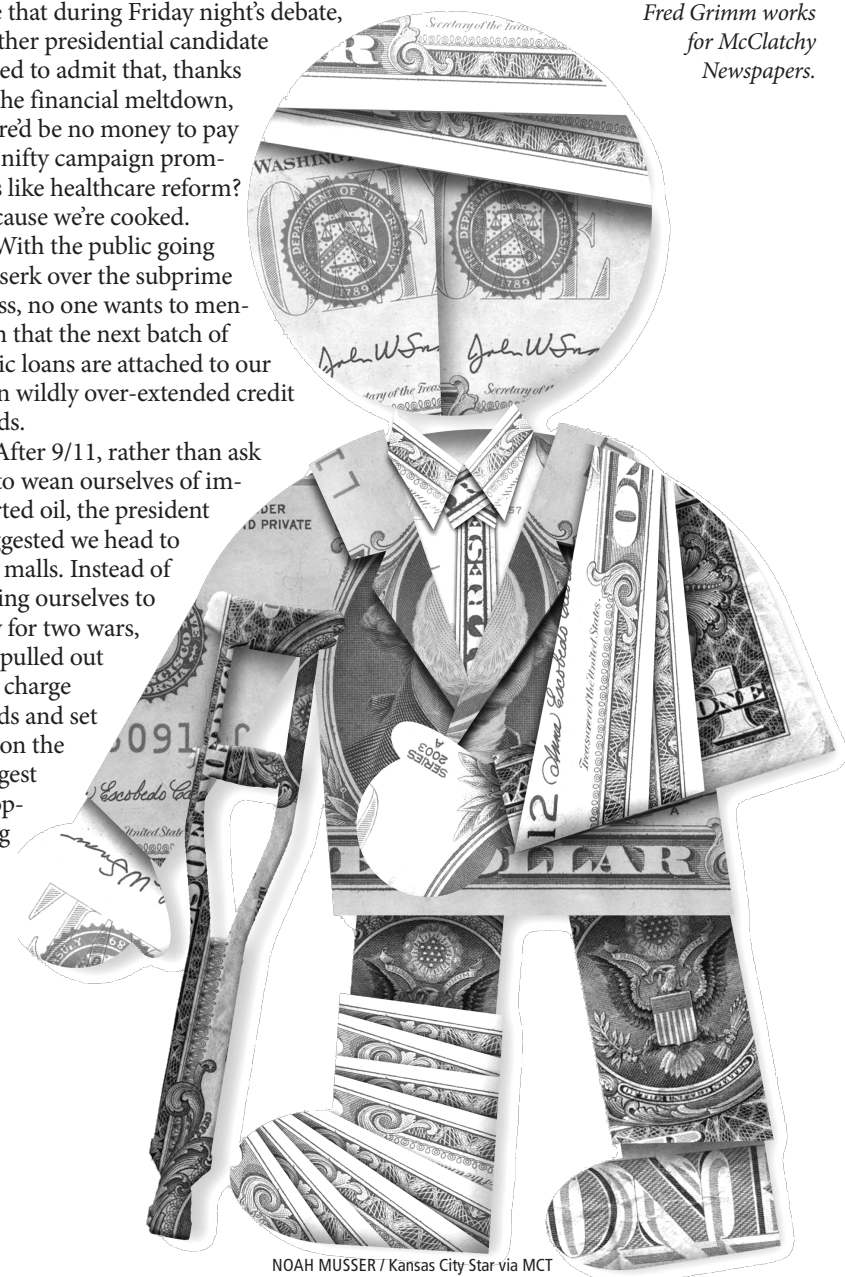
With the public going berserk over the subprime mess, no one wants to mention that the next batch of toxic loans are attached to our own wildly over-extended credit cards.

After 9/11, rather than ask us to wean ourselves of imported oil, the president suggested we head to the malls. Instead of taxing ourselves to pay for two wars, we pulled out the charge cards and set off on the biggest shopping spree in world history, buying up iPods, flat-screen TVs, gas-devouring SUVs and houses beyond our means.

Maybe no one noticed the debt disaster festering on Wall Street because we've all been playing the same game, running up personal indebtedness and federal deficits like crack addicts at a pawnshop.

And now we're cooked.

Fred Grimm works for McClatchy Newspapers.



Women should be embraced as church leaders

CHANEL FISHER

Gospel Today Magazine was pulled off the shelves of LifeWay Christian Bookstores last week because of this month's cover image, according to a story in the Atlanta Journal-Constitution. The Fayetteville, Ga.-published magazine featured five women pastors on its cover. The bookstore chain owners, the Southern Baptist Convention, took issue with this image.

It is disappointing that the gender bias in ministries is still raging.

Published for nearly two decades, Gospel Today is the largest and most

widely-distributed urban Christian publication in the nation with a circulation of 240,000. The magazine's publisher, Teresa Hairston, told the Journal-Constitution, "We weren't trying to pick a fight. We just did a story on an emerging trend in a lot of churches."

Nationally, the Southern Baptists have adopted statements discouraging women from being pastors, but their 42,000 U.S. churches are independent, and a few have selected women to lead their congregations. The denomination was organized in 1845 in Augusta, Ga.

Southern Baptist policy says the office of pastor is reserved for men only, according to its interpretation of the New

Testament. When asked for an explanation of why LifeWay made this decision, Chris Turner, a spokesman for LifeWay resources, told the Journal-Constitution, "It is contrary to what we believe."

In a released statement, Pastor Sheryl Brady, one of the featured pastors on this month's cover, said, "I find it disappointing that we haven't progressed beyond this gender bias in ministry." I agree.

Women have been the backbone of the church since before Christ. Why should today be any different? Women today shouldn't be exempt from leader-

ship roles in the church any more than Deborah was exempt from being a judge over Israel (Judges 4-5).

In the statement, Brady went on to say, "To deny Gospel Today the right to journalistic expression is a scary infringement for most Americans." As a journalism major, I can attest to that statement. LifeWay pulling Gospel Today from its shelves is reminiscent of a similar incident that occurred in the early 1940s. William Randolph Hearst, the greatest newspaper baron in history, nearly stopped distribution of the film Citizen Kane because the title character's life was based on his own.

Pastor Bill Sanderson, a loyal supporter of the Southern Baptist Convention, said in a statement, "We go by Scripture and what the word of God teaches." Sanderson added, "A man holds the position of pastor not a woman."

"You can't tell me I'm not a pastor," Brady said. "I'm a shepherd of these people."

With more than 120 stores nationwide, LifeWay's decision to pull Gospel Today from its shelves could deliver a serious financial blow to the magazine.

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NEWS

Professor comments on economy

By Chance Welch
Staff Reporter

Adam Schiffer is an assistant professor in the political science department. He has a master's degree in political science from Arizona State University and a Ph.D. in political science from the University of North Carolina. His expertise is American political behavior and public opinion, among other topics.

Q: The House plan for a \$700 billion bailout of the U.S. financial system failed. Why do you think it failed?

A: The approximate reason for the failure was that they couldn't muster enough Republican votes. What was fascinating about the voting patterns is that there was a correlation between whether the member was up for a tough re-election battle and whether he or she ended up voting for the bill. Those in tight races voted overwhelmingly against it, but those who are retiring or those who are considered to have safe seats voted for it. The obvious problem was that it was unpopular among citizens, and only those who felt that they wouldn't be held accountable by their constituents felt the latitude to vote for it. The reports were coming from Congressional offices that the letters were running approximately 100 to 1 against the plan. This was being egged on by talk radio, and some of the cable networks trying to whip people up in a populist frenzy. Another big problem is that for all intents and purposes, we don't have a president right now. A new Gallup poll came out saying that Bush is sitting at a 27 percent approval rating, so he has lost all moral authority over the bully pulpit and was unable to corral his Republican caucus. Take the most important bills in his first term for example, whether it's going to war or the Medicare prescription drug plan, he was effective at twisting arms and getting people behind it even if they were

skeptical about it.

Q: John McCain supported the House resolution. The talk of him suspending his campaign, do you think that backfired on him?

A: Yes. We don't know for sure how close they were to an agreement before he came in, but it sounded as though they were making good progress. But once he swooped in and tried to save the day — he was well intentioned, but he did end up injecting presidential politics into this delicate process. Obama then felt he had no choice but to participate as well, and it became McCain versus Obama. When you need people to come together like this that could conceivably cut across party lines, you don't want to have presidential politics, which is the clearest division along party lines which we have to interfere in that.

Q: With the presidential candidates getting involved in this crisis, there's a lot of talk about a bipartisan effort to get this passed. Do you think many politicians are going to be facing a lack of voter confidence?

A: It's a good question. It depends. Again this bill was overwhelmingly unpopular so in a lot of ways some vulnerable House members may have saved themselves from defeat by voting against it, but does this contribute to the overall sense that Congress can't get anything done? Yes. Studies show that people want the parties in government to come together, and they get very frustrated with the government when they see partisanship standing in the way of cooperation, especially on issues they deem to be important like this one, so that could have a negative effect, but I don't know if it will ultimately trickle down to individual House races.

Q: So you don't know if the implications will be far reaching into the presidential election?

A: It might. It's what we call a "priming effect." Even if the issue itself doesn't necessarily sway people one way or another, just talking



ADAM SCHIFFER

CHANCE WELCH / Staff Reporter

about the economy as opposed to the other issues may help one of the candidates. In a year like this when the incumbent presidential party is blamed for the bad state of the economy, whether fairly or not, any talk of the economy will help the "out party," meaning Obama. That's why you see McCain being desperate to talk about anything other than the economy, whether it's foreign policy and his undeniable credentials in that area or Obama's weaknesses, his inexperience or alleged shady connections, the Republicans really don't want to talk about the economy. As long as that is dominating the headlines, even if they're not directly blamed for it, history has shown that the public will blame the president's party in the fall for a bad economy.

Q: If a resolution gets passed, do you think there will be a solution to this proposed by the government?

A: They're going to try again, but at this point it's hard to say if they'll be able to come up with anything. Somehow they have to find a way to reconcile the public not wanting to bail Wall Street out with the House Republicans wanting more of a free-market solution and the Democrats wanting the government to have more of an active role, to take ownership and an equity stake in these failing companies to get a return on the taxpayers' money we might have to spend. Those are pretty profound gaps to fill so there's a greater chance of

getting something done if there's a sense of urgency that the economy will collapse if nothing is done. The longer they go on with this and the economy doesn't collapse ... to the degree that it goes on for a couple of weeks and perhaps stabilizes then, that will make it harder to claim that there's an urgency that transcends public opinion or the usual Democrat and Republican differences.

Q: Do you think if this stretches on, it might possibly become an issue in the presidential election? What are McCain and Obama's stances on this issue?

A: It already is an issue in the presidential election with each candidate blaming the other for injecting partisanship into the process, which is kind of funny. The thing that will keep it from being a wedge issue between the two of them is that it sounds as though they aren't that far apart. They both favor a bailout reluctantly, and they both want certain provisions in it to protect the taxpayers and homeowners, to punish Wall Street, so I don't think they are far enough apart on it that it will be a critical issue, but again, as long as it's discussed, it's there in the background. They'll have to answer for it at the debates. I'm sure they'll have to answer for it in Thursday's vice presidential debate, so it is and will continue to be an issue in the campaign, but just not something that separates the candidates clearly.

Officials seek to tweak failed bailout proposal

By Mark Silva and
Christi Parsons
Chicago Tribune

WASHINGTON — With the White House and congressional leaders struggling to resurrect a the nation's struggling financial markets, they are searching for ways to sweeten the deal for reluctant lawmakers.

The idea of boosting the cap on federal bank deposit insurance has gained some momentum, with both candidates for president — Democrat Barack Obama and Republican John McCain — propose lifting it to \$250,000. The Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. insures individual bank deposits up to \$100,000.

House Minority Leader John Boehner, who urged fellow Republicans to support the \$700-billion bailout for banks and other financial institutions that the House rejected on Monday, suggested somewhat derisively that the Republicans had promoted that idea of higher FDIC coverage in the talks.

"The presidential candidates' support for increasing the FDIC cap is welcome news," Boehner, R-Ohio, said Tuesday. "Increasing the FDIC cap is a proposal put on the table by House Minority Whip Roy Blunt and House Republicans but ruled out by Democrats during the negotiations that led to yesterday's unsuccessful vote."

Meanwhile, public support for the Bush administration's proposed rescue plan has softened, according to a survey that started before the measure's collapse on the House floor Monday and ended as stock values plunged after.

Tuesday, the Dow Jones Industrial Average jumped 485.21 points, or 4.7 percent, to 10,850.66. It gained back more than half of Monday's 777-point decline.

Just 45 percent of those surveyed nationally by the Pew Research Center support a govern-

ment plan to invest or commit billions to secure financial institutions, and 38 percent opposed it in the poll taken Saturday through Monday. That was down from the 57 percent support voiced in a Pew survey conducted Sept. 19-22, when 30 percent said it was the wrong thing to do.

Nevertheless, President George W. Bush called on Congress to approve the plan when it returns to Washington this week — the Senate in session on Wednesday, but the tabled bill awaiting a new look in the House on Thursday.

"I recognize this is a difficult vote for members of Congress," Bush said from the White House Diplomatic Reception Room on Tuesday. "Many of them don't like the fact that our economy has reached this point, and I understand that. But the reality is that we are in an urgent situation, and the consequences will grow worse each day if we do not act."

"We're at a critical moment for our economy, and we need legislation that decisively addresses the troubled assets now clogging the financial system, helps lenders resume the flow of credit to consumers and businesses, and allows the American economy to get moving again."

For their part, the presidential candidates prefer the term "rescue" to "bailout."

As they offer their sales pitches on the campaign trail, both are trying to help pass the \$700 billion proposal to calm the markets and free the flow of credit, without becoming targets for potential political backlash.

As he campaigned on the University of Nevada campus in Reno, Obama argued that what's on the table is a "rescue plan" that the American economy needs.

"Nobody's in favor of a bailout," he said. "But this is not a plan to just hand over \$700 billion of your money to a few banks on Wall Street."

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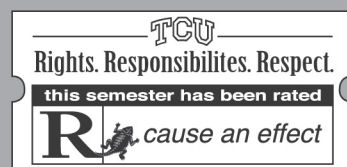
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REVIEWS



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Politically laced 'Eagle Eye' should please action lovers

By Shane Rainey
Staff Writer

As a senior in high school, I wrote my research paper on George Orwell's 1984, which explores the idea of "Big Brother" and the principle that someone is always watching. If "Eagle Eye" had come out a couple of years earlier, I would have written the paper on it instead of the book.

For 45-minutes of this film, I was fooled into thinking the movie was being directed by Orwell. However, executive producer Steven Spielberg and director D.J. Caruso have constructed a largely seamless movie addressing several emotionally-charged topics while being somewhat intellectually stimulating, overwhelmingly farfetched and exceedingly liberal.

Shia LaBeouf stars as Jerry Shaw, your everyday "average Joe" who walks to his apartment one evening to find a prodigious amount of illegal weapons and explosives. After receiving a mysterious phone call from a woman telling him that he has been "activated," he sets off on a Bourne Ultimatum-like chase across the country with complete stranger Rachel Holloman, played by Michelle Monaghan, in order to accomplish the movie's political agenda.

Without disclosing any major plot elements, suffice it to say that there existed several underlying themes anchored in policies implemented by our current president and his administration,



Shia LaBeouf and Michelle Monaghan work together in "Eagle Eye."

the Patriot Act being one of them. This whole film addresses the idea of unchecked government running rampant and becoming "destructive of these ends" as described in the Declaration of Independence.

Left-wing propaganda aside, I thoroughly enjoyed this movie, and being a huge LaBeouf fan doesn't hurt either. The film was about 50 percent predictable and 87.4 percent farfetched and fabricated, just like that percentage. However, if intense action is a forte of yours, as it is mine, then this movie will leave you grasping for air upon its climax. Vigorous chase scenes are stacked upon CGI effects added to violent car crashes and enormous explosions to make the admission ticket well worth the money.

Many people undoubtedly will

think the plot was predictable and the movie an astounding disappointment. I disagree. This film was supposed to be over the top and painfully implausible, just as it was meant to be entertaining with an implicit agenda. The plot was meticulously intricate, which kept me guessing for a long time and grasped my attention until the exhilarating climactic crescendo.

"Eagle Eye" is definitely not a "Dark Knight" caliber summer blockbuster. However, despite being hopelessly paranoid at times, it combines a well-thought story line with intense action and suspense to be a decent movie, which I enjoyed watching. In essence, you will either enjoy "Eagle Eye" or you will not, and as a famous person once said, "there is no middle ground."



Anna Torv and Jonathan Jackson come together in Fox's new sci-fi show, "Fringe," which plays on 8 p.m. Tuesdays.

'Fringe' entertaining but may not last long

By Valerie Hannon
Features Editor

Television networks have always seemed to have a strange love affair with science fiction. They love adding new sci-fi shows every year, then cancelling them unless they don't immediately draw "Heroes"-size audiences, blaming it on the writers for not hooking viewers fast enough.

NBC's decision to cancel the under-promoted "Journeyman" last season and yet keep "Lipstick Jungle" is an example of such a decision that still makes me want to scream and throw things in the general direction of my screen.

This season Fox brought us "Fringe." The show has an edge already in this year's crowded crop in it is the latest product from the fertile mind of J.J. Abrams, of "Lost" and "Alias" fame.

"Fringe" has many of the same idiosyncrasies of those previous works (I find it a bit humorous that you can tell the especially creepy moments are coming when you hear composer Michael Giacchino's screeching violins of doom.) However, the pilot was missing what made the previous shows so enjoyable while they were keeping us gripping the couch cushions.

Like the best sci-fi shows, "Fringe"

may be depicting non-ordinary events, but it clearly hits on our very real anxieties. This is evident in the pilot when in the opening minutes, a chemical agent turns the skins of passengers on an international flight into translucent goo. The rest of the pilot doesn't offer too many more bright spots.

Unlike "The X-Files," which was able to offset its grim proceedings with the unmistakable chemistry between David Duchovny and Gillian Anderson, the stars of "Fringe" don't seem too enthusiastic about their jobs yet.

Australian newcomer Anna Torv is a blander version of Jennifer Garner in "Alias" with none of the spunk that makes us fall in love with Torv's character, FBI agent Olivia Dunham, like we did with Sydney Bristow.

Jonathan "Pacey" Jackson comes off a little better but still doesn't convince as supposed bad-boy Peter Bishop. Only John Noble ("Lord of the Rings") shows any kind of spark as mad scientist Walter Bishop, and it's probably no coincidence that he gets all the best one-liners.

The second episode I saw, which was the show's third, seems to do a better job. Unlike the gory pilot, the plot about a bus full of frozen passengers and a possible psychic was a little more, um, "crowd-pleasing."

What do you think?

Which new show can absolutely not be missed? Did our favorites like "Grey's Anatomy" and "The Office" come back strong? E-mail your thoughts to features@dailyskiff.com, and it may be used in a future story. Please include your classification and major in your message.

The attempts at levity hit a little better (one of Walter's lines made me crack up for the first time with this show), and the actors, especially Torv, seemed a little more relaxed.

Still, like "Lost" as of late, "Fringe" confuses mystery with deliberately withholding any explanations. And please, J.J., lose the cheesy 3D lettering that introduces each location. I can just see the "Madtv" parody now where someone whacks their head on one of those monstrosities.

Despite this, "Fringe" has a promising concept, and by the end of the season, should turn out to be a pretty darn good show if it keeps improving at the current rate.

Let's just hope there is a full season; with network TV's fickleness toward sci-fi, that's not always a guarantee.

Coen bros'. 'Burn After Reading' offers 'Fargo'-like offbeat humor

By Chance Welch
Staff Reporter

When they're not filming grim dramas like "No Country for Old Men," the Coen brothers usually fall back on screwball comedies like "O Brother, Where Art Thou?"

"Burn After Reading" seems to find a balance between the two, reminding me most of the Coens' "Fargo" and their shaggy dog story, "The Big Lebowski."



George Clooney stars in the Coen brothers' latest film, "Burn After Reading."

The latter film had a quest that seemingly led nowhere. Here the quest leads nowhere but leaves a trail of bodies.

But that doesn't keep audiences from having a good time along the way. The movie is laugh-out-loud funny in several parts, mostly with Brad Pitt's character.

Most of the laughs come from a place of anxiety, as if the audience didn't know whether to laugh or cringe.

The opening act is a little slow, but once you get used to the off-beat rhythm of the movie, the events start to snowball from a dark comedy to a bleak farce by the last scene.

When the lights come on, you might be scratching your head at what just happened. I had the same response after watching "Lebowski," and if that film's rabid cult following is any indication, "Burn After Reading" will have a better second life on DVD.

Mini Cooper S. nice ride despite its miniflaws

The Rating

Interior: 3.5/5
Exterior: 4/5
Value and Fuel Economy: 4.5/5
Fun: 5/5 "Just take one for a test drive, you will understand why."

By Greg Laver
Staff Writer

WHEEEE!

This is what you will say every time you drive a Mini Cooper S. The whole car just feels like the coolest gadget in the world, except this gadget can do 0-60 in under seven seconds and can get more than 30 miles per gallon.

This was something I had been looking forward to, I thought, as I drove over to Moritz Mini of North Arlington. I was on my way to see Phil Pattengill who would get me into what is widely referred as one of the most fun cars to drive. Not just for the money, but just a good drive period. Boy does it deliver. The Mini in both its past form and its modern form is a great drivers' car and makes it very easy to ignore its few flaws.

The first issue to take care of is to dispel the commonly held belief that a Mini is a woman's car. Yes, they are cute I suppose, but even if you are a man, a Mini is quite a cool car, especially if its an S model or the new John Cooper Works version. This is of course reinforced by the car's performance.

To make the common reference, driving a Mini S does feel reminiscent of driving a large 170 horsepower go cart. It is truly brilliant. However, its ride does have a problem or two.

First is just that it is a sporty car. The ride is quite firm and you will feel it when the road is rough. This is not a problem to a driving enthusiast, but it is more of something to take note of

if you are just planning on very smooth drives everywhere you go.

Second is the torque steer, which is just bad enough to possibly drive you into a tree if you accelerate without paying attention; but to a Mini enthusiast the torque steer just adds to the playful character of the car. So the Mini is playful or potentially dangerous, but at least you have six airbags.

The rack and pinion steering gives it a very communicative and heavy feel, and lets you know what your tires are doing on the road. Once you exit out of a turn then you get to use another highlight of the car.

The turbocharged engine is a joy to drive and it is just fantastic when you feel that power hit down low in the rev range. There is only a small amount of turbo lag, but that is what a gearbox is for. Just downshift and the power is right there.

With hope, you will be able to control your acceleration enough to look around at the cars retro interior. While it is all a matter of taste, myself and my co-test drivers loved the styling.

It must be said though, that there are a few things that take getting used to. You can tell the mini is a driver's car because in front of you is only a tachometer and a small digital speedometer. The larger speedometer is mounted in the center console, with the radio or navigation unit inside of that. I personally do not like this because the digital readout jumps up and down as you accelerate as opposed to smoothly count up, and then to look at the actual speedometer you must

take your eyes off the road. Then of course you get to the actual radio controls, which are a little complicated, and unless you have the navigation unit, the iPod integration is very difficult to manipulate. The rest of the interior is good with a quality finish.

The best thing about the Mini Cooper S, other than the driving dynamics and the interior, is the exterior styling. The car is all character. There is nothing else like it, and that is a rare occurrence in the automotive world. There are tons of customizable options from performance to extra lights to give the car that rally look.

Together, the car exudes character, and I adore that. It is just such a unique experience that is unlike any other car. Just take one for a test drive, if you are in the market, and realize you do not need much storage space; the Mini Cooper S is a hard package to beat.

Final thoughts: I really like the Mini. It is a quality product that maintains a balance between performance and economy. However, it is a very hard car to recommend to someone. It is a very personal decision, the car is expensive, and lacks much practicality, but if you do not need storage space, and accept the price. You get a great vehicle that even comes with BMW's brilliant warranty.

One note though if you do buy the car. Be careful when walking around the rear end. The center mounted twin exhaust pipes protrude out from the bumper and have caused serious burns to people who accidentally walk into them after driving.

NEWS

Amish pave way for solar energy

By Fabian Loehe
The Philadelphia Inquirer

PHILADELPHIA — On the porch of a white Lancaster County farmhouse set between corn and soy bean fields, an Amish woman makes apple sauce the old-fashioned way: She crushes them in a manual press. Chickens run across the yard. A long line of laundry dries in the sun.

But at her husband's dairy equipment shop next door, the scene is quite different. Energy-saving fluorescent bulbs light the basement. And wiring has just been installed to run heavy machinery off the sun.

Despite their reclusion from the modern world, the plain-living Amish are leading the way when it comes to embracing solar energy.

On rural back roads where plain-clothed Amish still drive their horse-drawn buggies, small black-and-purple panels have sprung up on barns and houses. They twinkle in the sun, charging batteries that once got their power from diesel generators or gas-powered machines.

The Amish shun any connection to the outside, including the nation's power grid, to run their buggy batteries, electric fences, refrigerators and sewing machines. But, within their religious framework, using the sun to charge their batteries is acceptable, at least for some purposes — explains Donald Kraybill, an expert on the Amish at the Young Center for Anabaptist and Pietist Studies at Elizabethtown College.

"It's like tapping into God's grid instead."

Ben Zook, 25, saw the light seven years ago, when he decided to sell solar panels instead of making cabinets.

"I believed that I could make a living out of electricity," said Zook, who was raised Amish. "But what I didn't imagine was that solar would become almost a mainstream thing the world talks about."

"My total business doubled last year, mostly because of the Amish," said Zook, who owns Belmont Solar in Gordonville, Lancaster County. "It's a pretty rapid growth rate."



Elam Beiler, right, works on a wind turbine in September in the back shop of his Advanced Solar Industries business, which sells a lot of solar panels, like the 1.6 kilowatt panel at left, to the Amish community in Ronks, Pa.

Elam Beiler has been selling solar products for 15 years, but saw business jump by 30 percent in the last two.

"It becomes more popular with the way the fuel prices go," said Beiler, owner of Advanced Solar Industries in Ronks.

Fed up with gas prices, non-Amish customers are also hungry for solar. Last year, his business was 20 percent non-Amish. This year, it grew to 40 percent and he expects it will be 60 percent next year.

Another reason for the shift is that the Amish generally buy small systems, costing \$3,000 to 4,000 while a large non-Amish package could cost up to \$500,000, he said.

Among those who are enthusiastically, though cautiously, turning to solar is a Ronks, Pa., hardware store owner who — along with muckrakes, clotheslines, gas lamps, push mowers and Kick Horse Feed Additive — now sells solar-powered garden lights and fence chargers.

"Some years ago people frowned" at solar power. "But now they see it as a necessity," said Esh, who asked that his first name not be used.

Esh for 15 years has used solar power to run his cash register and key-cutting machine. But this

summer, he upgraded from four smaller to six larger panels. His new paint-mixing machine, for one, needed a lot of energy.

"It would be very expensive to run the diesel (generator) all day long. And electricity prices are going to go through the roof in the next two years," he explained.

At his home among the bucolic green hills of Ronks, Esh's two buggy horses, Prince and Razor, graze by a neat barn whose roof is adorned with solar cells connected to an energy converter in his garage.

A cord from the converter runs to a battery beneath the black buggy parked there. Running off the battery are the carriage lights — bright LED bulbs — charged enough for a night trip.

Esh's two daughters, school teachers, use solar power for copy machines at home, he said.

"Where it has really changed is that homeowners have it now, too," he said.

While the Amish are more liberal about using electric power for work than in their homes, the shift is causing gray areas to emerge.

"The Amish decide on whether to adapt to a new technology based on two implications: their separation from the world and the impact on the community," said Kraybill, the professor.

To protect their community from the influence of the outside world, the Amish sometimes wait for a bishop council meeting before installing special solar

equipment.

The Amish fear becoming too materialistic and worldly, which is why they do not use solar to power batteries for iPods, TVs, laptops — but do use them for water pumps, washing machines and battery-powered floor lamps.

"I could run a Game Boy on the same power I run the refrigerator," solar vendor Beiler explained. "But it's hard to maintain your culture if you have a TV. Then your kids are worshipping the latest rock star. Eventually, it would erode our culture and ultimately destroy it."

Instead, his children — three girls and three boys — play hide-and-seek in the garden or throw a ball around.

And, as he stood in front of his buggy, with its LED lights, he said he had no intention of getting a solar car some day.

"If we would introduce cars to our society, we would not have a community for very long. It would rip our family apart."

Beiler recalls that once or twice people in the community cautioned him about the direction of his solar business. But so far the church has not interfered. Beiler knows the line he is not willing to cross — installing electricity in his house. That could lead to excommunication, he said.

"That's definitely not something I would want," he said. "I am a firm believer in our lifestyle. It's an idea that has worked for centuries and I don't see a reason to change that."

Groups push to boost ex-felon voting rights

By John Gramlich
Statenline.org

WASHINGTON — Hoping to boost voter turnout in a historic presidential election year, civil rights groups and other advocacy organizations are trying to get as many ex-felons as possible to cast ballots in November. The groups, ranging from grassroots get-out-the-vote organizations to the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, are working to identify and register thousands of citizens with criminal records — many of them minorities — who may not know they are eligible to vote under often-complicated state voting laws.

Both in little-contested states such as Texas and in perennial presidential-election battlegrounds such as Ohio, activists are knocking on doors trying to find former prisoners and inform them of their voting rights, visiting state prisons and jails to speak with soon-to-be-released inmates and helping to register those who are interested and allowed to vote.

Looking beyond November, the American Civil Liberties Union is waging a broader campaign to persuade state legislatures to do away with so-called felony disenfranchisement laws, which keep an estimated 5.3 million Americans with felony convictions from the polls, including 2.1 million who no longer are in prison.

Only two states — Maine and Vermont — allow incarcerated felons to vote, according to a March analysis by The Sentencing Project, a Washington, D.C.-based organization that opposes voting restrictions on ex-felons. Voting laws in the rest of the states vary widely for those no longer behind bars. Eleven states restrict ex-offenders' voting rights even after their sentences are served: Kentucky and Virginia bar almost all ex-felons from going to the polls, unless they petition the governor to restore their rights, while nine states either ban some ex-felons from voting or have waiting periods before they can vote again. In addition, 35 states prevent parolees from voting, while 30 ban those on probation from casting ballots.

The ACLU this month filed a federal lawsuit claiming that elections administrators in Mississippi are ignoring a provision of the state constitution allowing some former felons to vote for president and vice president, even if they are banned from voting for other political offices. The organization is pursuing a separate legal challenge against Alabama.

"Once you get change in a couple of states, you can leverage that in other states," said Laleh Ispahani, senior policy counsel with the ACLU in New York. Besides seeking changes to allow more ex-felons to vote, she said, the group also is pressing states to pass laws to guarantee that felons are notified of their voting rights before leaving prison. North Carolina approved such a law last year.

Still, efforts to restore voting

rights to those convicted of felonies are controversial.

"If you're not willing to follow the law, then you can't claim a right to make the law for everyone else. And of course that's what you're doing when you vote," said Roger Clegg of the Center for Equal Opportunity, a conservative think tank in Falls Church, Va.

The subject of ex-felon voting has been politically and racially explosive in the United States since the disputed 2000 presidential election. Then-Texas Gov. George W. Bush carried Florida by 537 votes amid claims of widespread voting irregularities, including allegations that minority voters were turned aside from the polls after being falsely identified as ex-felons.

Conservatives have charged that efforts to get former felons on the voter rolls are thinly disguised attempts to help Democrats at the polls and, this year, to help Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama win the White House. Studies have shown that former felons tend to lean Democratic.

Race also plays a major role in the debate. The NAACP and others claim that felony disenfranchisement laws unfairly target African-Americans, who are incarcerated at higher rates than other ethnic groups. But conservatives say the laws are racially neutral.

"There is a higher proportion of men in prison than (there are) women," Clegg said. "That doesn't make these laws sexually discriminatory."

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Roger Clegg
Center for Equal Opportunity

The governors of the three states widely considered to have the toughest felony disenfranchisement laws in the nation — Florida, Kentucky and Virginia — recently relaxed some of their rules or simplified the process for restoring voting rights. That has led advocacy groups to launch new efforts to register ex-felons in those states, potentially bringing tens of thousands of new voters into the political process.

The Sentencing Project estimates that at least 16 states have eased voting restrictions on former felons since 1996. Other states, however, have toughened their rules. Voters in Massachusetts and Utah, for example, have stripped felons of their right to vote while behind bars, leaving Maine and Vermont as the only two states to allow those currently in prison to vote.

McCain and Obama have been noticeably absent from efforts to increase voter turnout by restoring the vote to ex-felons. Reflecting the sensitivity of the debate, political experts say the two candidates do not want to be seen vying for the votes of former convicts.

A development in the battleground state of Pennsylvania last month seemed to confirm that suspicion. After advertising on an Obama campaign office window in Pottstown, Pa., that "felons can vote," campaign workers quickly removed the sign for fear it sent the wrong message, according to local media reports of the incident.

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friendship Christian and Crean share.

"A lot of times coaches talk it's usually an informal process [of scheduling games] that becomes more formalized through a contract," Kull said.

Kull or Monaco would not confirm if Christian had talked or will talk to other coaches about possible games in the future.

Logistics aside, Kull said this is great exposure for TCU.

"Certainly being on ESPN and playing an opponent like Indiana in an atmosphere like [Indiana's] is something our kids will look forward to," Kull said.

Kull said for more TCU exposure in the future, he hopes TCU will play good name-recognition opponents that will attract a crowd, are beatable and are played here at TCU.

"There's a scheduling philosophy out there, a plus-minus system," Kull said. "If you get a plus-plus game, say Nebraska, you know Big 12, good name-recognition, but also somebody we could potentially beat. A plus-minus might be a North Carolina or a Duke. Very good opponent name-recognition, but maybe not a game we could win."

Kull said it was too early to tell what kind of game Indiana will be for the Horned Frogs.

Andrew Ryan Wong, a junior from Rancho Cucamonga, Calif., said a game of this magnitude is overdue.

"I will be telling my family and friends back home that [TCU will] be on [ESPN]," Wong said. "I'm not sure what my homework situation will be at that time, but I will be watching the game."

Wong said he is looking forward to this season.

"I think we'll make it to the NIT tournament," Wong said. "However, I am fully open to being proven wrong and making it to the NCAA tournament."

Christian's first contest as head coach is against Lithuania Christian University in an exhibition game Nov. 3 at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.

TCU vs. Indiana

What: TCU vs. Indiana
Where: Bloomington, Ind.
When: Dec. 10, 8:00 CT
TV: ESPN 2

When film lost Newman, hockey lost Reg Dunlop

By Mark Herrmann
Newsday

Now this is a real old-time hockey hat trick, better even than a Gordie Howe Hat Trick (a goal, an assist and a fight): Reg Dunlop is hockey's MVP every season, coach of the year every year and No. 1 star every night.

Toss your caps on the ice in honor of Dunlop, and offer a sad, sweet moment of silence for Paul Newman, the actor who portrayed the player/coach of the Charlestown Chiefs in "Slap Shot," the greatest sports movie ever made.

Hockey always will be in debt to the actor who died Saturday of cancer. Fully mindful of Newman's long, distinguished Hollywood career and his overwhelming charity work (the salad dressing and other products that bear his name are said to have raised more than a quarter-billion dollars), hockey lovers will remember his one role in 1977. To them, he always will be the coach who put a bounty on an opponent's head and the player who stormed the organist's booth — in skates and full uniform — to demand, "Never play 'Lady of Spain' again!"

"I wonder if Paul Newman knew this or if his family knows this," Islanders captain Bill Guerin said Monday. "Every hockey player loves Paul Newman because he's Reg Dunlop."

"You always hear that it got terrible reviews in 1977, but if they could do it again, it would get two thumbs-up. It's for sure the best hockey movie ever made, that goes without saying, and it is the funniest sports movie ever made," Guerin said. "Its equal will never be made. Never."

Legend has it that Newman had a particular warm spot in his heart

for Dunlop, more than he had for many of his other characters. He once admitted to Time magazine that his vocabulary off-screen became much more Reg-like after "Slap Shot," the guy had such an impact on him.

Dunlop, the creation of scriptwriter Nancy Dowd, whose brother Ned played for the Johnstown Jets, still is the favorite coach and player of just about everybody involved with hockey.

On the surface, "Slap Shot" isn't the most flattering look at the sport. It seems to skewer the brawling and no-holds-barred approach that runs through hockey's family tree. But hockey players, coaches, managers and fans love it. I've always believed it says something about all of those people because they are secure enough to have a sense of humor.

Go in any hockey locker room anywhere, and probably in the stands at any rink, and somebody will know what you're talking about when you mention the Hanson brothers or Ogie Ogilthorpe or if you ask, as Dunlop's French-speaking goalie Denis Lemieux did, "Who own de Chiefs?"

It's all because of the way Newman pulled it off. "Slap Shot" still will be a hit 30 years from now. People still will be able to identify the sights of Johnstown, Pa., which became the fictional "Charlestown" on screen.

"I had the benefit of sitting in Reg Dunlop's seat when I played in Johnstown," Islanders coach Scott Gordon said, adding that he loves the movie. "To me, it's a pretty good caricature of the stuff that did go on before the East Coast League became the East Coast League."

Gordon said that the Morley family's dog statue — identified by



Actor Paul Newman has died following a long battle with cancer. He was 83. In this 2006 photo, Newman answers questions from the media during a press conference for the movie "Cars" at Lowe's Motor Speedway in Charlotte, NC.

Newman's character as a tribute to the dog that saved the town from a flood — is still there, and so is the diner in which the Charlestown Chiefs ate.

"Slap Shot" especially hits home on Long Island in that Dunlop is said to have been based on John Brophy, player/coach of the Long Island Ducks. The Ducks are mentioned in the film and a center for an opponent is named Brophy.

The real Brophy once told me he never did meet Newman, but added, "They did a lot of research on me."

Dave Hanson, a former minor-league who later was the general manager of the Islanders' affiliate in Albany, had one of the key roles in "Slap Shot." In an interview with

this reporter some years back, he recalled taking his pregame nap one day in his Johnstown hotel when Newman knocked on his door to invite him to a screen test.

That led to him being one of the Hanson brothers, the three bespectacled, long-haired forwards whose play could gently be called "intense." The parts were supposed to go to his teammates, three Carlson brothers, but one of them had just been called up by the Edmonton Oilers, then of the World Hockey Association.

Hanson fit right in, not lacking for authenticity. He actually played with Bill Goldthorpe, who inspired the villainous Syracuse goon Ogilthorpe (played on screen by Ned Dowd). When it was sug-

gested to Hanson that what made the movie so much fun is that it bent reality, he said: "Well, it was a satire. But if you asked me if it was closer to fiction or fact, I'd say it was closer to fact."

Fact is, Newman ought to have his Chiefs jersey retired in every pro rink, with a "C" on it for what he did in that B movie.

Brophy once gave me this review: "Funny as hell. Probably the best movie ever made of any sport."

And don't make the mistake of thinking "Slap Shot" is too wild to believe. As John Muckler, Brophy's general manager with the Ducks, once assured this reporter, "We could add to that movie, believe me."

James confronts reports he'd rather be in New York

By Brian Windhorst
Akron Beacon Journal

INDEPENDENCE, Ohio — The NBA season started anew Monday as training camps kicked off for most of the 30 teams.

LeBron James, reporting for duty

for his sixth season and quite excited about the Cavaliers' chances, felt he needed to use the annual media day to address a few old topics that never seem to go away.

First on the list was his future with the Cavs. Especially after a summer when the two New York-area teams started making moves in earnest to clear cap space for that precious summer of 2010.

"Go on the Internet and look at every time I have been asked am I happy in Cleveland and see my response," James said to the large media gathering.

"I've never given any indication that I was leaving or didn't like being here. Every time I am asked the question — I love being here, I love playing in front of these fans, my family is here, I grew up 30 miles away — I never gave any indication that I did not like playing for the Cleveland Cavaliers."

Then on to hot button part two, an issue that seems to be equally as debate-worthy in Northeast Ohio: James' support of the New



PHIL MASTURZO / Akron Beacon Journal via MCT
Cleveland Cavaliers LeBron James pins the shot of Boston Celtics Rajon Rondo against the backboard during third quarter action in Game 3 of the NBA Eastern Conference semifinals on in May at Quicken Loans Arena in Cleveland, Ohio.

York Yankees and Dallas Cowboys. James brought up this one on his own and he was equally serious in relating his feelings.

"Now, I'll say I like the Yankees and the Cowboys, but that has nothing to do with the Cavaliers,"

he said.

"It's not fun to be questioned about it. Am I not allowed to be a fan? When I grew up watching sports, the Cowboys were a team to love; Michael Jordan was a player to love. If I say I like Michael Jordan, is

that a problem because I didn't say Mark Price?" James asked. "Is that a problem? Is it? That is who I grew up watching. These are the teams and the people that inspired me. Now I broke it down for you all."

The sentiments were repeats of what James has been saying for years, though with a little more ire than usual.

Also, as usual, his professed enjoyment of playing for the Cavs came with unsaid loopholes, as any smart potential free agent would insert. And there were no apologies for his headgear choices or which sideline he stands on when going to Browns games.

There was, however, commentary about the actual business at hand. Among the highlights:

— On his leadership role with Team USA:

"The way I look at it is if you can go out and lead guys who are already established and won NBA championships and scoring titles and MVPs and Rookie of the Years, there is nothing else nobody can tell you. I mean, if I can go out and lead Kobe Bryant, then I should be able to go out and lead Daniel Gibson. I see our potential. I see how good we can be."

— On not getting much rest over the summer:

"I wish I could have gotten more rest. But when I see what I traded rest for, I'll take it. To represent my country and win a gold medal, I can take a few hours of not sleeping."

— On his outlook for this season:

"This is the best team we've had since I've been here, especially to start off the season. To see the talent from one through 14 on the roster, everyone can contribute. As an individual, I know I have improved five times since Game 7 of the Boston series. When you play all summer with 11 of the best players in the world, you have to get better."

— On the moves the front office made in the offseason:

"They did a great job of going out and getting players that could help win a championship. There's really no excuse now. We have guys that can go out and dominate a game."

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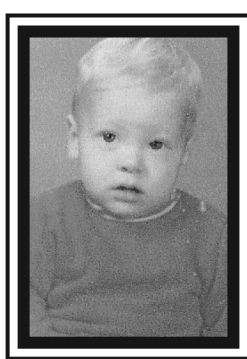


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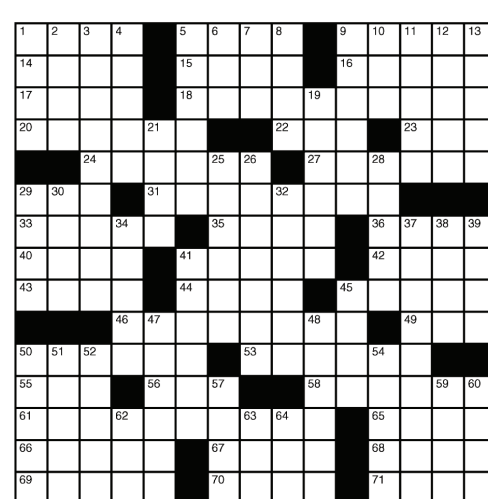
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By Allan E. Parrish
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10/1/08

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Team to be seen on ESPN2

By Phil Mann
Staff Reporter

It's official; the men's basketball team will be heading to the University of Indiana to play in a game broadcast nationally on ESPN2 on Dec. 10, the team's sports information director said.

Basketball SID Joe Monaco said basketball schedules, unlike football schedules, are set on a year-to-year basis, which allows the team to schedule schools like Indiana. Head coach Jim Christian, who left Kent State for TCU in March, coached alongside Hoosiers head coach Tom Crean when the two

were assistants at Western Kentucky in the early 1990s. The game will mark the teams' first meeting since 1993 and the first time in 57 years the Horned Frogs will play the Hoosiers in Bloomington.

While national exposure may be on some minds, it hits home with Chancellor Victor Boschini, who received his doctorate in higher education administration from Indiana in 1989 and is a former faculty member.

"It's so cool to have one school that I love, TCU, and one that I graduated from," Boschini said. "I am very excited and I will be going [to the game]."

Boschini worked at his alma mater for eight years after he graduated and said it is a special feeling to be apart of the connection.

"It's a real credit to head coach Jim Christian that we got this game because it's a big deal," Boschini said. "It will be wonderful exposure for TCU, and I think it will be a fun and good experience for our players. Of course if we win, it will be even better."

Scott Kull, associate athletics director for external operations, said this game was made possible most likely because of the

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After loss, Frogs look ahead

By Logan Wilson
Staff Reporter

After a loss on the road to the nation's now-No. 1 ranked football team, the Horned Frogs are looking forward to Saturday's home conference game, head coach Gary Patterson said at Tuesday's press conference.

The upcoming game against San Diego State University presents an opportunity to go 2-0 in the conference, to work on some things and to get back to winning, Patterson said. Since the beginning of the season, the team's priority has been the Mountain West Conference championship, he said.

"Now we're past our non-conference, and everything that goes on from now on really has something to do with that," Patterson said.

But that's not to say the team isn't thinking about last Saturday's loss. Patterson said it's very important that the team not let one loss turn into two.

"If you look at us historically, we haven't played very well after we've lost to a Big 12 team," Patterson said.

The team didn't handle things well early in the game, but Patterson said the team outplayed Oklahoma and was a lot more physical in the second half.

"They gained 200 yards in the first quarter against us defensively, and then they basically had 200 yards the rest of the ball game," Patterson said.

He said the team moved the ball offensively, but that teams just can't turn the ball over against Oklahoma's defense.

He said the team didn't play as smart as it needed to, but that he was proud of his players for not backing down and not being intimidated.



LOGAN WILSON / Staff Reporter

Head football coach Gary Patterson addresses members of the media Tuesday after losing in Oklahoma on Saturday. TCU will play San Diego State on Saturday.

Football Game

What: TCU vs. San Diego State
When: Saturday at 5 p.m.
Where: Amon G. Carter Stadium

"I can tell you there's a lot of people out in the country that don't want to play Oklahoma, and we did," Patterson said.

The team also has other reasons to be proud of their performance last Saturday.

"I thought we played a lot better on special teams," Patterson said. "That bodes well for the rest of the season."

He also said the young players are starting to mature.

Jerry Hughes, junior defensive end, said that even though the score may not have showed it, the team played hard.

"It seemed like Oklahoma jumped on us early and caught us off guard," Hughes said. "I felt, for the most part, it was a learning experience."

Jimmy Young, sophomore wide receiver, also said the team fought hard.

He said that the team lost because of turnovers, but that the team's offense is progressing well and that the team feels prepared for Saturday's game.

Last season the Frogs defeated the Aztecs 45-33 last season.

Junior tailback Joseph Turner, rushed for 226 yards and four touchdowns in the game.

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