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Trumpeter Ivano Ascari performs in a guest recital at Pepsico Hall on Wednesday night.

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social networking policy for

CRIME Security boosted following assault

By Chris Blake Staff Reporter

Campus police will increase security at night following the campus sexual assault of a female student Tuesday, according to a campuswide e-mail sent by Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Don Mills on Wednesday.

TCU Police Lt. Abad Ramiro said the increased security would last as long as university officials think it is needed and could result in some officers being asked to work overtime.

'This is something that's a highpriority-type deal," Ramiro said. "It's just about the safety of the students."

TCU Police Chief Steve McGee said there are typically three to five officers on duty at night, but that would increase. The exact number

Rape, Aggression and **Defense Classes**

When: 1-7 p.m. Oct. 24 and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Oct. 25 (the Nov. 7-8 class is full) Where: Classroom No. 44 in the University Recreation Center on day No. 1 of each session and classroom No. 37 in the building on day No. 2. Participants must be able to at-

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tend both days of the course to

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CORRECTION

An Oct. 8 Skiff article misstated the number of forcible sex offenses on campus to be 10 in 2006, four in 2007 and two in 2008. The correct numbers are five offenses in 2006, two in 2007 and one in 2008.

PECULIAR FACT

MELBOURNE – Australian horse racing officials have been slammed for holding a dwarf racing competition called the "Midget Cup" at a meeting in Melbourne to promote Victoria state's annual carnival.

-Reuters

TODAY'S WEATHER



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Slight chance of T-Storms

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SGA **On-campus lawyer's hours cut**

By Katie Love Staff Reporter

German major, might have been saved some legal trouble if she had known about the free legal service offered to all students by the "When I got back from Student Government Association. the hospital, I didn't After being run over by a car on Stadium Drive in November, Watson felt she had nowhere to turn for legal advice.

"I rolled on top of the car's windshield and the car didn't even stop," Watson said. "When I got back from the hospital, I didn't know who to contact or what to do. I wish I would have known that there was free legal advice available at TCU."

Like many students, Watson had no idea that Chuck Rowland, an attorney and counselor at law for the past 22 years, has provided free legal advice on campus since

December 2007.

Larry Markley, former SGA adviser and retired director of the Katie-Rose Watson, a junior Brown-Lupton Student Union, said SGA has provided the free legal service for at least 20 years.

> know who to contact or what to do. I wish I would have known that there was free legal advice available at TCU."

Katie-Rose Watson

junior German major

Rowland came to campus every week to give legal advice until two weeks ago, said Marlon Figueroa, junior finance major and SGA treasurer. During budgeting last semester, Figueroa noticed that

Legal Advice

What: Free legal advice from Attorney Chuck Rowland When: Oct. 28 and every other Wednesday from 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Where: Study room in BLUU Student Organizations Offices

students hardly utilized Rowland's services, which led to the cutback of his time on campus. Now the attorney comes to campus every other Wednesday.

The money used to pay for the free legal services came from part of the \$24 student body fee all students pay per semester, Figueroa said. Rowland used to be paid \$3,000 a semester. That was an already reduced rate he provided for students compared to

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Novelist to visit campus for tour

By Emily Siegel

Staff Reporter

Mitch Albom, the author of "Tuesdays With Morrie," the first book of the university's "One Book, One TCU" program and seller of

11 million copies, will speak about his newest book, "Have a Little Faith," at 6:30 p.m. today in the Kelly Alumni Center.



According to Albom's Web site, Albom today's visit is

part of a special lecture tour with appearances currently scheduled throughout October and November. The visit is in accordance with the university's "One Book, One TCU" program, which encourages faculty, staff and students to read the same book. This will be Albom's first visit to the university.

Keri Cyr, the communications coordinator for student development, said a committee of faculty, staff and students, who just finished reading "Tuesdays With Morrie," chose Albom to speak in the program.

Some of the dominant themes in "Tuesdays With Morrie" pertain to values and have mentoring relationships, Cyr said. This struck the

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TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES Web-based service now available

By Austin Pearson Staff Reporter

Technology resources implemented two new services on Oct. 1 to help improve customer satisfaction and service, a technology resources spokeswoman said.

The new self-service allows students and faculty to create a service request ticket for any technology problems online through my.tcu. puter help desk a few times this year improve satisfaction, she said. edu, said Lenelda Pennington, associate director of technology resources customer services. Once a ticket is entered into the system, it bly be easier and more convenient give better customer service," she will be added to other pending tickets and answered by the computer have a question answered, Gallarhelp desk staff, Pennington said.

Before the services were add-

request through e-mail and would ets coming into self-service. have to manually enter it in the

"It's something we've wanted to nington said. do for a long time," Pennington ticket in our system."

Freshman education major Katye and would look into using the new services if any problems arise.

to use than going to the library to said. do said.

The new self-service is easier system, she said. The new services for students to use because they're make it direct and faster, she said. on the Web most of the time, Pen-

"It's easier to just go to a Web said. "We've had customers that site and quickly log your problem wanted to be able to log their own than to wait on voice mail or come up here," she said.

The other service that was add-Gallardo said she has used the com- ed were surveys to help customers

We're hoping to get feedback on how we're doing and whether The new service would proba- things are needed so that we can

Freshman biology major Susan Frutiger said she would use Pennington said that even the new service in the future and ed, service consultants or student though the services just started, would do the surveys to provide workers would receive a service there has been an increase in tick-feedback to Technology Resources.

take the class

BOOKS

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will vary from night to night.

The increase in officers started Tuesday night after "We're going to the victim reported the assault. McGee said he held the whole evening shift overnight Tuesday, putting twice break in the case. as many officers as normal on duty.

"We're going to (keep extra officers) until we make a and make sure that break in the case," he said. "We will look at it every week, review and make sure that we tweak it where we're the best amount getting the best amount of coverage."

The assailant threatened Steve McGee the student with a knife while she was out walking on campus, McGee said.

involving a student since of his face. Aug. 30. McGee said the first two assaults were acquain- viding the female student tance rapes.

crime statistics, one forcible assisting the Fort Worth sex offense was reported in Police Department with the 2008, two in 2007 and five in investigation," according to full, according to a campus-2006. An Oct. 8 Skiff article a university statement. "The wide e-mail from TCU Poincorrectly reported those university also is keeping the lice Officer Pam Christian. numbers to be twice those campus informed, remind- The classes, which are twofigures each year.

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billable rate at his full-time job, Bailey & Galyen law firm. He now receives \$1,500 a semester, Figueroa said.

General questions would be dents and the university. answered and students reof direction to take with parking or speeding tickets, a lot of stress, Hassler said.

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TCU Police Chief

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"TCU is focused on proassistance through its vic-According to campus tim advocate program and ing everyone to take steps day workshops, will be on According to the campus- to ensure their safety, and Oct.24-25 and on Nov. 7-8.

their legal problem.

"I don't know if people are or consumer issues. Only a intimidated by seeing a lawver, but I am a pretty easygoing, laid-back type of guy," Rowland said.

Kim Turner, SGA adviser reached the legal age of 18, The free lawyer service and assistant director of op- this service could help clarprovided students with a erations at the BLUU, said ify different rules and reguway to avoid the expense of Rowland could not give adan attorney, Rowland said. vice in disputes between stu-

Otherwise, legal concerns ple knew about the service, it ceived advice on what kind that students have involve could help save students from

wide e-mail, the assault was continues its comprehensive reported at about 9 p.m. Po- program of ongoing educalice described the suspect as tion and training related to sexual assault prevention."

> According to the statement, the Fort Worth Police Department would lead the investigation and would be assisted by TCU Campus Police.

> The Fort Worth Police Department dispatched an officer to John Peter Smith Hospital just after 10 p.m. in response to a campus police officer bringing in a woman who had been assaulted, according to a police report.

Sgt. Chad Mahaffey, spokesman for Fort Worth Police, did not return calls seeking further detail.

TCU Police Sgt. Kelly was an ongoing investigation.

The university will offer an additional Rape, Aggression and Defense (RAD) class in October because the one scheduled for November is

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said Chris Hassler freshman

business major. If more peo-

For students who recently

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continued from page 1 "One Book, One TCU" program committee as a topic of interest, she said.

"We would like to have Keri Cyr mentors on campus here," communications Cyr said.

Ray Brown, dean of admission, said he read "Tuesdays With Morrie," and the book books," Brown said . led to a lot of reflection.

"The idea is to keep the book circulating and people sharing the book."

coordinator for student development

Cyr said the program is "It's one of those 'stop designed to give students and will be immediately foland smell the roses' kind of time to read recreationally.

"The idea is to keep the book circulating and people sharing the book," Cyr said. When the circulation ends, the books get re-col-

lected, Cyr said, and are then donated to other schools. Albom's representatives said he was unavailable for

comment. Albom's visit, which is free and open to the public, is scheduled to last until 8 p.m. lowed by a book signing.



Kids spend several hours a day playing video games and less than 15 minutes in P.E. Most can't do two push-ups. Many are obese, and nearly half exhibit risk factors of heart disease. The American Council on Exercise and major medical organizations consider this situation a national health risk. Continuing budget cutbacks have forced many schools to drop P.E.--in fact, 49 states no longer even require it daily.

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The Skiff View

Crime alerts lacking in context, resolution

There have been three sexual assaults involving students since the fall semester began, and campus police informed the community through crime alerts. While TCU Police's efforts to increase security and prevention are commendable, they could be doing more to ensure campus safety by giving more details on the assaults. When something this serious is happening on campus, the campus community has a right to know more about the situation.

Giving more details on the assault is not meant to compromise the privacy and safety of the victim but to increase awareness about potential dangers. For instance, it would be helpful to know exactly where on campus the assaults occurred and under what circumstances. Are there places on campus where an assault is more likely to occur? Was the victim walking out of a building at the time of the assault? These are all questions that, if answered, could help give the campus community a better idea of the dangers of being on campus after dark and how to protect themselves better.

Also, while it is helpful to get crime alerts immediately after the assault occurs, it would also be beneficial for the campus community to be routinely updated on the investigation of the assault. A followup of the investigation informing the community that the situation is still being handled or has been resolved is important to keep people informed about the place that they call home.

The Skiff View represents the collective opinion of the editorial board.

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Owning pets in college isn't fair to the animals



It feels as if everywhere you turn, you hear about an animal shelter closing or see a new puppy in your friend's house. Nothing can melt a heart more than seeing a 4-month-old puppy trip awkwardly over its big feet. But nothing can break a heart faster than seeing a homeless or sick animal. Many people, including myself, miss their pets from home. I cannot tell you how much I would pay to have my "puppy," a 9-year-old weimaraner named

Pets are lovable and a lot of fun, but we are supposed to focus on taking care of ourselves first and foremost.

he is not the lap dog he thinks he is. He weighs 80 pounds and like many dogs, Sammy requires attention, food, a daily walk and a lot of couch space. None of those things are completed or obtained easily when you add in a college lifestyle.

We are all guilty of begging for an animal, and most parents have heard the "I'll walk it and I'll feed it" speech. Even though we promised and begged, it is obvious that for the most part our parents took care of the pet. As college students, our priority

homework, study for our tests and ful- ing it. Once the health issue surfaces, fill our extracurricular requirements. Our busy schedules cause stress, and most of us would rather watch some TV and relax instead of picking up a pet's messes. It is true that some people are willing to sacrifice their free time for their beloved pets. But they wanted the pet, and they should not expect their roommates to help with the responsibility.

Bringing a new pet into a college home is unfair to both the roommate and the animal. A college house typically has people coming and going at all times. The increased attention and then sudden disappearance of attention is overwhelming. Many animals are purchased on a whim. Some of the animals purchased from friends of friends do not have shot records. It is easy for us to be irresponsible and

it seems as though the pet is easier to give away than to nurse back to health. Many pets that are given away end up in shelters, and as these shelters begin to close, the pets have a greater chance of being euthanized.

Pets are lovable and a lot of fun, but we are supposed to focus on taking care of ourselves first and foremost. A pet can be seen as a child, and many of us are not ready to take on the responsibility. Think before you decide to bring pets into your college home. But if you decide to, give them love and attention because they certainly are a part of

Allison Branca is a sophomore strategic communications major from Houston.



Did President Obama deserve the Nobel Peace Prize?

Calls for hope and change shouldn't be dismissed



ALDRIDGE

The Nobel Committee is standing by its decision to award what some say is a preemptive peace prize to President Barack Obama, and I believe Americans should also stand by the choice. The peace prize is given to the person that has done the most to further peace during the year.

By being elected president by a pessimistic country and setting exciting goals for the future, Obama has already achieved so much in this realm. Some say the award will set up unrealistic expectations. That is not true. Our country already has all of its dreams pinned on this motivating man who has made so many promises to us in our time of need. We believed it then, and we should hold on to those beliefs now.

Obama has made us trust again that we can be a successful country. He has brought that hope where past presidents (or, one in particular) have failed. Americans may have noticed that other countries are pleased with Obama's change in the way things are being done, particularly in regards to Muslim tensions, global warming and nuclear arms.

This award doesn't have to represent accomplishments,

but as Obama stated, should in fact stand for our aspirations for our country.

People seem to have forgotten that Nelson Mandela received this prize before apartheid actually ended and Henry Kissinger accepted the peace prize for a cease-fire agreement two years before the Vietnam War ended. according to nobelprize.org.

After what President George W. Bush has done to our country, seeing a president encourage and invigorate people like Obama does should make us proud. Other countries are taking note of that and may look more favorably upon us, which will only better serve everyone.

Some critics say this is clearly a jab at Bush, but I don't see that. I see a spotlight being shown on a man who has given back optimism to people in a way that few others have.

If anything, this award should make Obama work even harder to prove to people he deserves this award and will make good on his promises. Although he has already done a lot for us, I believe there are a lot more positive things in store, and this prize will only encourage his agenda. Having the Nobel Committee support his work is a huge boon, and Americans should be honored that our president is so popular worldwide. That has definitely not always been the case.

I want to believe there are great things ahead

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for our country, and I think criticizing the Nobel Committee's decision is simply not the patriotic thing to do. We are all in this together, and Obama has a long road ahead of him. Now is the time to pull together and encourage him as he has encouraged all of us. Hope is contagious and peace is the ultimate goal. Let's help our president get us there by supporting this great honor he and we have been given.

> Christi Aldridge is a senior strategic communications major from Hillsboro.



President Barack Obama was awarded the 2009 Nobel Peace Prize on Friday. He won the award "for his extraordinary efforts to strengthen international diplomacy and cooperation between peoples," according to the Nobel Peace Prize Web site. Although Obama has started on a new path in diplomacy, his actions do not warrant a peace prize.

The peace prize is a prestigious award that has been given to such trailblazers as Martin Luther King Jr. and Nelson Mandela. Generally, the award is given to people who have actively promoted peace over a long period of time. The prize is a culmination of a passionate, lengthy career, not a "call to action"

as Obama stated in his acceptance speech. Obama spouts rhetoric aplenty about plans for peace, but there is little action being done by

surge in Afghanistan. He is not out promoting peace.

It's too soon to tell if Obama will be able to earn the prize

Having a new president who has done little active work in the cause of peace win the Nobel Peace Prize lessens the impact and honor of the award. According to nobelprize.com, two other sitting presidents (Theodore Roosevelt and Woodrow Wilson) and one former president (Jimmy Carter) have received the prize, but they played a part in ending a war. President Obama has not ended anything yet.

Nominations for the prize were due on Feb. 1, 12 days after Obama took office, meaning his nomination was primarily based on campaign speeches. Taking campaign promises seriously is a risky thing to do considering the long list of broken campaign promises in history.

Political excitement caused by Obama's election and emotional reactions to his enthusiastic campaign should not have motivated his nomination or win. The award winner needs public actions, not hopes and dreams.

The political leaning of the Nobel Peace Prize Committee must also be taken into account. Why did Al Gore receive a prize for his environmental work, yet Ronald Reagan did not receive one for helping end the Cold War? Instead, Mikhail Gorbachev, his Russian counterpart, received the 1990 award.

Did Obama receive the award for "not being Bush" as some pundits have claimed? It seems the Nobel CommitHaving a new president, who has done little active work in the cause of peace, win the Nobel Peace Prize lessens the impact and honor of the award.

tee was overexcited at Obama's plans. The European Union has been disgruntled by the war in Iraq and Afghanistan, opposing Bush's entrance into the war.

Perhaps the Nobel Committee hoped to spur Obama to extricate the country out of Iraq and Afghanistan. The peace prize does give Obama a new level of control over his commanders. Yet is it the best thing for America if Obama now has to protect his "peaceful" reputation at all costs?

Although the talks with Iran are a promising start for peace in the world, the Nobel Committee should have waited until a solution had been reached. It is good for America to be associated with peace now. Yet what will result if the talks with Iran fail or Obama cannot end the war in Iraq and Afghanistan?

The Nobel Committee jumped the gun on this prize. President Obama has at least three more years to earn this award. Let America hope he does.

Emily Sears is a freshman news-editorial journalism major from Rockwall.



NEWS

Chimp attack goes to court

By John Christoffersen Associated Press Writer

NEW HAVEN, Conn. (AP) — An attorney representing the owner of a chimpanzee that mauled and case should be treated like a workers' compensation tragic accident that hapclaim.

The strategy, if successful, would severely limit poten- "It's an unfortunate tial damages in the case and insulate the chimp owner from personal liability.

The 200-pound chimpanzee named Travis went berserk in February when his owner, Sandra Herold, asked to the provisions her friend and employee of the Connecticut Charla Nash to help lure him back into her house in Stamford. The animal ripped off compensation Nash's hands, nose, lips and statutes." eyelids, and she remains in stable condition at the Cleveland Clinic.

Nash's family filed a \$50 mal with violent propensities."

Robert Golger, said in recent court papers that Nash declined further comment. was working as an employee of Herold's tow truck compa- sation, Nash would have her ny, Desire Me Motors, at the medical bills paid for by the the anti-anxiety drug Xanax time of the attack. He argues employer's insurance and in his system at the time of that Travis was an integral would receive partial wage the attack, but investigators part of the business, saying replacement, but would not don't know whether the drug

daily and he attended nu- large part of jury awards in merous promotional events. civil cases. Workers typical-

tack occurred is a business their wages. office of the company, Golger said. Nash fed Travis, come that would be enorblinded a woman is calling cleaned his play area and mously dwarfed by a sucthe attack a work-related in- purchased his supplies as an cessful civil suit," John cident and said her family's employee, Golger contends. Mastropietro, chairman of

pened in the workplace and

and tragic accident that happened in the workplace and should be subject workers'

Robert Golger

Sandra Herold's attorney

million lawsuit against Her- should be subject to the proold, saying she was negligent visions of the Connecticut claim, Shafner said. If they and reckless for lacking the workers' compensation statability to control "a wild ani- utes," Golger said Wednesday.

Matt Newman, attorney But Herold's attorney, for Nash's family, said he dis- was shot and killed by poagrees with the argument but lice when he tried to attack a

Under workers' compenhis picture was on the wreck- get any money for pain and played a role.

er, he appeared at the garage suffering that makes up a The house where the at- ly receive 65 to 75 percent of

'It's a steady smaller in-"It's an unfortunate and the Connecticut Workers Compensation Commission, said Wednesday.

Paul Slager, an attorney in Stamford not involved in the case, said Golger is making "a pretty creative argument."

To win the argument, Herold will need to prove there was an employer-employee relationship and that Nash's injuries were work-related.

Nathan Shafner, a workers' compensation attorney in Connecticut, called the tactic "a very sellable argument" and thinks it could prevail.

The strategy leaves Nash's side in a quandary because they only have one year to file a workers' compensation fail to file that claim and lose the civil case, they could be left with no remedy, he said.

The 14-year-old chimp police officer responding to the assault on Nash. Test results showed that Travis had





Lead plaintiff Daniel Goldstein stands outside the Court of Appeals in Albany, N.Y., on Wednesday. Goldstein is leading a challenge to the Empire State Development Corporation's power to force homeowners and businesses to sell their properties to make way for the proposed Atlantic Yards project in Brooklyn.

N.Y. residents battle for property

By Michael Virtanen Associated Press Writer

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — Homeowners and businesses resisting the forced sales of their properties for a massive devel- clude that economic developopment in Brooklyn told New ment is not a sufficient basis York's top court Wednesday that by itself for taking property. If it's unconstitutional for a state it were, the state could take any agency to use eminent domain to get them out.

Developer Bruce Ratner's proposed \$4.9 billion, 22-acre Corp. attorney Philip Karmel Atlantic Yards project mainly enriches private interests, while the state constitution requires public use for taking land, at- ment use of eminent domain to torney Matthew Brinckerhoff take property for public purtold the Court of Appeals.

Nets' principal owner. His proposed development includes office towers, apartments and a new New Jersey Nets basketball railyard was the north end, but arena, a key element in his plan the south end was apparently to sell majority team ownership to Russian entrepreneur Mikhail Prokhorov.

"Certainly anything that is he asked. owned by the government and opened for public use by law study found one or more blight constitutes public use," Brinckerhoff said.

Many property owners sold Susan Read questioned Brinckand left since the project was announced in 2003. Brinckerhoff represents nine owners and tenants who stayed.

He urged the court to conproperty and sell it to a developer for upgrades, he said.

Empire State Development countered the area in Brooklyn was found blighted as a whole, and this was a legitimate governposes. Part of the site, including Ratner is the New Jersey an old railyard, had been designated for urban renewal for decades, he said.

> Judge Robert Smith said the in better shape. "Have you gerrymandered this area to fit what the developer wanted to build?"

Karmel said the detailed site characteristics throughout.

Judges Eugene Pigott Jr. and

ehoff about whether his failed two-year attempt to win the case first in federal court didn't violate the deadlines set by New York lawmakers. Those deadlines were meant to expedite state judicial reviews of redevelopment projects.

Chief Judge Jonathan Lippman questioned Karmel about whether the project's \$100 million state subsidy could be used for what's mostly marketrate housing, not housing for the poor.

The Court of Appeals is expected to rule next month. Lower courts have upheld the project.

Before Wednesday's hearing, about three dozen Brooklyn residents and supporters rallied outside the courthouse, saying it was a good neighborhood but that many people have been forced to leave.

The project, which has state and city backing, is supposed to create 6,430 housing units. About two-thirds of them would be rentals and half of those would be for low-, moderateand middle-income families.



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SPORTS



What does the Wild Frog look like in action? Check dailyskiff.com for a simulation of the play.

SIMULATION ATTERING RAM



Courtesy of ELECTRONIC ARTS

Frog halfback Joseph Turner celebrates after scoring the go-ahead touchdown in a simulation of this Saturday's game against Colorado State on NCAA 10. The Frogs would barely make it out on top by the score of 17-16 at Amon Carter Stadium. Both Ram touchdowns were scored on passing plays of more than 60 yards. Watch video highlights of the game called by sports editor Travis L. Brown and editor-in-chief David Hall at **dailyskiff.com**.

VOLLEYBALL Volleyball excited for home match

By Seth Dahle Staff Writer



T-BALL Boise gets undeserved love



It has become very apparent that the AP voters are not doing their homework and are giving up on Saturday football way too early. If they did actually watch this weekend's TCU game in Colorado Springs, they would have seen a Frog team fighting to win in very difficult weather conditions in which most of the players have never played. The Frogs also took down a very good Falcon team that was second in the nation in rush offense. But the AP voters didn't see any of that. They just saw a three-point near loss for the Frogs and therefore bumped them down two spots, out of the top 10 to No. 12.

The real travesty lies back inside the top ten. An inactive Boise State team jumped back into the top 5 without playing anyone. The AP really set a precedent this week giving the benefit of the doubt to a non-automatic qualifier who didn't even defend their honor last week and moving them back into the No. 5 position. The Broncos did nothing to merit this, and frankly, haven't done much this season to merit this rank other than a win over Oregon, which is looking more and more like a fluke loss for Oregon with every game Oregon wins. It seems like the AP voters are content just giving the non-AQ BCS bowl spot to Boise based almost completely on past performances and national notoriety as the

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RANKINGS	RECORD		PVs	
1. Florida (50)	5 - 0	1,490	1	
2. Alabama (10)	6 - 0	1,430	3	
3. Texas	5 - 0	1,395	2	
4. Virginia Tech	5 - 1	1,283	5	
5. Boise St.	5 - 0	1,199	6	
6. Southern Cal	4 - 1	1,161	7	
7. Ohio St.	5 - 1	1,048	9	
8. Cincinnati	5 - 0	1,038	8	
9. Miami	4 - 1	970	11	
10. LSU	5 - 1	947	4	
11. Iowa	6 - 0	919	12	
12. TCU	5 - 0	917	10	
13. Oregon	5 - 1	776	13	
14. Penn St.	5 - 1	597	14	
15. Nebraska	4 - 1	576	21	
16. Oklahoma St.	4 - 1	559	15	
17. Kansas	5 - 0	551	16	
18. BYU	5 - 1	490	18	
19. Georgia Tech	5 - 1	453	22	
20. Oklahoma	3 - 2	432	19	
21. South Florida	5 - 0	330	23	
22. South Carolina	5 - 1	319	25	
23. Houston	4 - 1	192	—	
24. Utah	4 - 1	76	-	
25. Notre Dame	4 - 1	75	_	

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original BCS buster. The nation seems comfortable with Boise so the AP voters will be too

Lucky for the Frogs, the AP poll doesn't factor into BCS rankings and the Frogs are No. 8 in the USA Today Coaches' Poll, which does tally into BCS rankings. All the Frogs can do now is just keep winning, and winning by more than the one point that head coach Gary Patterson stresses each week.

Boise's last real challenge of the regular season comes Wednesday night against

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1. Florida (53)	5 - 0	1,468	1
2. Texas (1)	5 - 0	1,402	2
3. Alabama (5)	6 - 0	1,378	3
4. Virginia Tech	5 - 1	1,241	5
5. Southern Cal	4 - 1	1,175	7
6. Boise St.	5 - 0	1,170	6
7. Ohio St.	5 - 1	1,122	8
8. TCU	5 - 0	979	9
9. Cincinnati	5 - 0	973	10
10. LSU	5 - 1	944	4
11. Miami	4 - 1	847	11
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13. Penn St.	5 - 1	782	12
14. Oklahoma St.	4 -1	676	13
15. Kansas	5 - 0	640	15
16. Oregon	5 - 1	620	17
17. Nebraska	4 - 1	491	22
18. Oklahoma	3 - 2	447	21
19. BYU	5 - 1	441	20
20. Georgia Tech	5 - 1	420	23
21. South Florida	5 - 0	305	24
22. South Carolina	5 - 1	279	-
23. Houston	4 - 1	96	-
24. Missouri	4 - 1	90	18
25. Notre Dame	4 - 1	76	-

SURN 73, MISSISSIPPI 60, PITTSBURGH 57 UTAH 49, WISCONSIN 37, WEST VIRGINIA 13, ARKANSAS 12, OREGON STATE 8, STANFORD 8, CENTRAL MICHIGAN 7, MICHIGAN 2, NORTH CAROLINA 1, UCLA 1.

Tulsa. If the Broncos go down, all the Frogs' prayers will be answered and an undefeated season would put them on the fast track to national fame. But if Tulsa doesn't pull the upset, I don't think the Frogs will be able to do anything on their own to reach the next plateau and will have to settle for another Poinsettia Bowl victory against a less than average Pac-10 team.

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If there is anything that will keep the volleyball team in the upper echelon of the Mountain West Conference, it's momentum.

The Horned Frogs come off a monumental and hardfought 3-0 (27-25, 25-23, 25-22) victory over Brigham Young University in Provo,

The match will cap off the first half of the conference schedule and will also be the team's first broadcast on the **Mountain West Sports Network** this season.

Utah on Saturday. The win marked TCU's first ever at BYU.

Senior Kourtney Edwards led the team with 12 kills, and the Horned Frogs hit a .286 hitting percentage as a team. Junior Christy Hudson tallied 10 kills, and sophomore Megan Munce led 39 assists.

12 digs respectively.

With the win, TCU improved to 15-6 and held its third place spot in the MWC with a 5-2 record.

The Horned Frogs will Fort Worth. look to continue their push pionship Thursday night against the UNLV Rebels.

first half of the conference kills per set and hitting a schedule and will also be the .223 percentage. team's first broadcast on the Mountain West Sports Net- ue to display, statistically, the work this season.

with a 4-10 record and 2-4 hitting percentage. TCU campaign in conference play. also leads the conference The Rebels are coming off a by 15.67 digs per set and is 3-1 win over the Seattle Red- third in blocks with 2.47.

MINH NGUYEN / Staff Photographer Junior outside hitter Irene Hester makes a swift return in a September game against Air Force.

hawks last Saturday.

Sophomore Cursty Jack-On the defensive end, se- son leads the team with 3.18 niors Lauren Otto and Kate- kills per set and .98 blocks lyn Blackwood added 13 and per set. Junior Kela Lau Hee paces UNLV with 3.15 digs per set.

TCU is 2-8 all-time against the Rebels, with the last win coming in 2008 in

Although home games for a regular season cham- have been a rarity for the Horned Frogs, TCU has taken advantage with a 5-2 The match will cap off the record. TCU averaged 13.0

The Horned Frogs continbest defense in the league, UNLV enters the match holding opponents to a .160

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Insurance plan still has life

By Ricardo Alonso-Zaldivar Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) -Fears about high costs of the health care overhaul and mistrust of insurers are rekindling interest in letting the government sell health insurance as part of the plan.

The leading congressional proposal as of Wednesday — a Senate Finance bill that relies on private coverage with no new government plan — could price out some 17 million Americans. And the insurance industry may have unwittingly helped the case for public coverage with a report over the weekend asserting the Finance bill would raise premiums for everyone.

Business groups and conservatives remain steadfastly opposed to government insurance — formidable political opposition that shows no sign of weakening. So advocates are getting creative, trying to reformulate the "public option" in a way that can gain the 60 votes needed to clear the Senate.

Instead of an all-or-nothing approach, they're trying to provide choices.

What if each state could decide whether to offer public coverage instead of having Len Nichols of the New Amerit decreed from Washington ica Foundation. "It would - as proposed by Sen. Tom Carper, D-Del.?

What if states had a menu of options, from nonprofit co-ops to using their own employee health plans?

What if public coverage were offered only as a backstop in areas where one insurer has a lock on the market?

"We are all talking together, trying to find something that lic plan is the most politically not everyone will love but the entire (Democratic) caucus will come to agreement on," said Sen. Chuck Schumer, out to merge the Finance bill D-N.Y., who for months has with a Senate health commit-

able compromise. "It's going government option. to be something flexible, but not weak."

The lone Republican to back health care overhaul legislation, Maine Sen. Olympia Snowe, has suggested a possible way out: allowing a public plan to kick in if competition among health insurance companies under a revamped system fails to bring down costs. Snowe is opposed to government insurance as a first-line solution.

What if Snowe's idea is

"We are all talking together, trying to find something that not everyone will love but the entire (Democratic) caucus will come to agreement on."

Chuck Schumer New York Senator

combined with Carper's stateby-state approach?

"Those are all elements that one could easily fashion into an outcome that would seem to be elegant," said economist show the left: 'Look we will be there when we're needed if coverage is not affordable. And it would show the right that this not some backdoor government takeover, because we're only going where we're needed, either if the states decide or if conditions are such that competition is needed."

What to do about the pubsensitive issue on the agenda of Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., as he sets

been seeking a politically vi- tee version that does include a

On Wednesday, top White House aides, including chief of staff Rahm Emanuel and Health Secretary Kathleen Sebelius, traveled to the Capitol to meet with Reid, Democratic Sen. Chris Dodd of Connecticut and Finance Committee Chairman Max Baucus, D-Mont., about combining the Finance bill with the Senate health panel measure.

Reid is giving no hints. Asked Wednesday if he thought it was likely there would be a public plan in his merged bill, he responded: "I'm not betting on health care. 'Likely' is in a game of craps."

Republicans say the fix is in for a public plan. Behind the scenes, Democrats will take Baucus' middle-of-the-road plan and turn it hard to the left, they say.

"We know that the bill written behind closed doors here in the Capitol will be another 1,000-page, trilliondollar Washington takeover," said Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky. But a senior Democratic aide said Reid is focused on what's politically achievable.

The public option is being assessed in terms of what it would mean for health care overall and, just as importantly, whether it can win approval, said the staff member, who spoke on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the negotiations.

A drawback of the Finance bill is that its 10-year, \$829 billion budget wouldn't be enough to guarantee access to affordable health insurance for everyone. People with solid middle-class incomes who buy their own coverage would still have to pay hefty premiums even after tax credits intended to help them out.





RICHARD DREW / Associate Press Arthur Cashin, director of floor operations for UBS Financial Services, wears his 1999 "Dow 10,000" cap, while holding the 2009 2.0 version, on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange on Wednesday.

Dow Jones eclipses 10,000 points

By Tim Paradis

AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — When the Dow Jones industrial average first passed 10,000, traders tossed commemorative caps and uncorked champagne. This time around, the feeling was more like relief.

of the stock market entered five-figure territory again Wednesday, the most visible sign yet that investors believe the economy is clawing its way back from the worst downturn since the Depression.

The milestone caps a stunning 53 percent comeback for the Dow since early March, when stocks were at their lowest levels in more than a decade.

"It's almost like an announcement that the bear market is over," said Arthur Hogan, chief market analyst at Jefferies & Co. in Boston. "That is an eye-opener — 'Hey, you know what, things must be getting better because the Dow is over 10,000."

milestone in the early afternoon, during a daylong rally driven by encouraging earnings reports from Intel Corp. and JPMorgan Chase

10,015.86, up 144.80 points. It was the first time the Dow

had touched 10,000 since October 2008, that time on the way down.

"I think there were times when we were in the deep part of the trough there back in the springtime when it felt like we'd never get back to this level," The best-known barometer said Bernie McSherry, senior vice president of strategic initiatives at Cuttone & Co.

> Ethan Harris, head of North America economics at Bank of

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America Merrill Lynch, described it as a "relief rally that the world is not coming to an end."

The mood was far from the euphoria of March 1999, when the Dow surpassed 10,000 for Cheers went up briefly the first time. The Internet when the Dow eclipsed the then was driving extraordinary gains in productivity, and serious people debated whether there was such a thing as a boom without end.

& Co. The average closed at Street Journal marveled on its or 2 percent, to 623.94.

front page, "it sure is hard to pop?

It did pop, of course. And then came the lost decade.

The Dow peaked at 14,164.53 in October 2007, then lost more than half its value after the financial meltdown last fall. At its low point, the average stood at 6,547.05. The breathtaking rally since then brings stocks to roughly breakeven for the past 10 years.

On Wednesday, the Dow rose 144.80, or 1.5 percent, to 10,015.86, its biggest gain since Aug. 21 and highest close since Oct. 3 last year.

Broader indexes also climbed to 2009 highs. The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 18.83, or 1.8 percent, to 1,092.02. The index, the basis of many mutual funds, is up 61.4 percent from a 12-year low in March.

The Nasdaq composite index rose 32.34, or 1.5 percent, to 2,172.23. It's up 71.2 percent since March.

Bond prices fell as stocks soared. The yield on the 10year Treasury note rose to 3.42 percent from 3.35 percent late Tuesday.

Oil jumped \$1.03 to settle at \$75.18 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

The Russell 2000 index of "If this is a bubble," The Wall smaller companies rose 12.24,

Model says weight led to dismissal

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photo surfaced.

By Verena Dobnik Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — A was raised in France, has been former Ralph Lauren model whose image in a roundly criticized advertisement was digitally slenderized said Wednesday that the apparel maker did not renew her contract because she was "too large."

contract dispute and that the photo was mistakenly released.

said I was overweight and I couldn't fit in their clothes anymore," the 23-year-old Hamilton, who worked for the company since she was 15, told the right," she said. Daily News. She said she consecond family.

The company acknowlimage of Hamilton that appeared last week in a Tokyo mall had been digitally altered. She went public after the

Hamilton, a New York resident who is half-Swedish and size 4, or even 2 or 0. she was let go in April, said

Jesse Derris, her spokesman at Sunshine Sachs & Associates. She has not decided whether to sue, Derris said.

Polo Ralph Lauren Corp. is piction of her, with hips about eling the controversy. contending that it dismissed as narrow as her head, could Filippa Hamilton because of a make young women "think Lauren released a statement that it's normal to look like that - and it's not," the 5-foot-10, "They fired me because they 120-pound model told NBC's "Today" show.

"I saw my face on this superextremely skinny girl, which is healthy" woman. not me; it's not healthy, it's not

sidered Polo Ralph Lauren her she "was too large," she added, saying that she's a size 4 and that her weight has remained edged in a statement that the constant during eight years as a model for the iconic American brand, which has dressed U.S. not available for an interview Olympic teams.

In recent years, designers Wednesday afternoon.

have typically sought models that fit into clothes that are a

In a statement, the company looking for another job since said the "very distorted image of a woman's body" - Hamilton's - was "mistakenly released" and displayed in the Japanese department store.

Bloggers also posted the The photo's emaciated de- photo on several Web sites, fu-

On Tuesday, Polo Ralph that read: "We take full re-sponsibility. This error has absolutely no connection to our relationship with Filippa Hamilton," who is a "beautiful and

That relationship ended last April "as a result of her in-Polo Ralph Lauren claimed ability to meet the obligations under her contract with us," a contract whose terms are confidential, according to a Polo Ralph Lauren spokesman.

> Derris said Hamilton was with The Associated Press on



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Today in History

On this day in 1917, Mata Hari, the archetype of the seductive female spy, is executed for espionage by a French firing squad at Vincennes outside of Paris.

-History Channel

Joke of the Day

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FOOTBALL INSIDE THE WILD FROG

Mary Sue Greenleaf Staff Reporter

While the shotgun formation has been a staple in the American pastime of football for years, a new offense is sweeping the nation at every level of the game.

The Wild Frog offense is a nontraditional formation in which the quarterback switches places with another offensive player.

At the university, junior wide receiver Jeremy Kerley lines up to receive the snap, in what is traditionally junior quarterback Andy Dalton's position in the shotgun formation

In a typical shotgun formation, junior quarterback Andy Dalton receives the snap. From there, Dalton can hand the ball off, pass it, or run the ball himself.

The Wild Frog formation confuses the forcing someone to cover him from the defensive line.

Once the ball is in Kerley's hands, he formation, but the defense is less prepared because it is not the typical formation.

offense was important for the 32-7 win next several years and became a part of against Brigham Young University. He TCU's offensive scheme in the 2008 searushed for 77 yards on nine carries out of son, where it was renamed the Wild Frog. the Wild Frog, including a 16-yard carry for a touchdown..

was adopted from an offense known as the ning it early in the season. Wildcat offense.

its modern form at Kansas State University, nicknamed the Wildcats. Kansas State 2009. started utilizing the offensive scheme with quarterback Michael Bishop in 1997 and Wildcat offense in 2008 they weren't 1998.

The offense gained national attention part of their offensive strategy. and popularity in 2006 and 2007 with its

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"We also knew that ...

Tony Sparano

Miami Dolphins head coach

defense because it puts Dalton outside, use at the University of Arkansas with running backs Darren McFadden and Felix Iones.

David Lee, who is currently the quarhas the option to run a variety of differ- terback coach for the Miami Dolphins, manager for the Atlanta Falent plays, just like Dalton in the shotgun utilized the formation at Arkansas as their offensive coordinator in 2007.

The Wildcat offense spread through-In 2008, Kerley's role in the Wild Frog out the college football scene over the

The formation became popular in the National Football League in 2008 with the as well as throw the ball. The Wild Frog formation used at TCU Miami Dolphins when Lee started run-

Head Coach of the Dolphins, Tony The Wildcat offense was first used in Sparano, spoke about the formation at the NFL scouting combine in February

> Sparano said that when they used the sure it would be successful or remain a

two-play deal. We might go out there for two plays and if it backfires or it doesn't give us the look that we wanted, maybe we don't see it anymore," Sparano said. "It just so happened we started to get a couple of the pictures that we wanted to see, and we were able to go with it."

The use of the Wildcat by the Dolphins in 2008 brought the formation to the forefront of professional football.

"At the end of this, I wish I had a dollar for every person who ran it," Sparano said.

It is now part of the offensive playbook for numerous NFL teams including the Dallas Cowboys.

The Cowboys named their formation the Razorback, after team owner Jerry Jones' alma mater Arkansas.

The San Diego Chargers have also allegedly adopted the Wild Frog formation as well, where former Horned Frog LaDainian Tomlinson is currently a running back.

Thomas Dimitroff, general cons, also mentioned the Wildcat formation at the NFL scouting combine.

Dimitroff said that the wildcat formation is something teams are still learning how to use and defend. He added that it is a good formation for players who are versatile and can run

TCU has not utilized the Wild Frog much this season.

2REAKING IT DOWN Dalton said that the formation will be used when the coaches feel it is needed, and there is no specific reason it hasn't been utilized much this year.

"We also knew that ... this might be a

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FOOTBALL **Former Frog** runs Web HQ for Frog fans

By Chris Blake Staff Reporter

The University scored an upset when the Horned Frogs beat Oklahoma at Memorial Stadium 17-10 in 2005 by limiting former Oklahoma running back Adrian Peterson to 63 rushing yards.

Scott Nix, owner of KillerFrogs.com, said head coach Gary Patterson thought the Web site KillerFrogs.com posted news about an injury and some schemes that he did not want released. Nix said that

when Patterson closed practice to the media, the outcome of the game could have been affected by the lack of media attention.



Nix

"They close practice and low and behold three weeks later (TCU) beat OU," Nix said. "So we like to think that he used us to help beat OU."

The Web site KillerFrogs.com con-

tains information about Horned Frog athletics, recruiting and university news in general. Users could post their comments on any article or in any forum on the site.

Wes Phelan, the co-owner of the site, sold Killer-Frogs.com to Nix about four years ago but recently came back on. Since then the site has become a popular site among TCU alumni and students, as the site receives hundreds of users on a daily basis, they said.

Phelan and Nix both graduated from the university. Phelan earned degrees in radio-TV-film and geology in 1973 and Nix graduated with a bachelor's degree in marketing in 1982.

Both men are in sales these days, but they stay visible around the university. Nix said they tailgate on game days and hold luncheons for Horned Frog sports fans.

Matthew Brown, sophomore history major, said he manages the web marketing and maintenance of the site. Brown said he uses two user names because his father is Ray Brown, dean of admissions.

Matthew said he uses one for most of his posts. The other he opted to keep a secret so he could be more opinionated online despite his father's position at the university.

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receiver Jeremy Kerley lines up out wide.

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In the Wild Frog formation, wide receiver Jeremy Kerley takes the snap and quarterback Andy Dalton lines up out wide. Kerley can run the ball after taking the snap or can pass to one of four different receivers. He can also hand the ball off to halfback Ed Wesley, lined up at wide receiver.

WILD FROG PASSING -





Top: Out of the Wild Frog, the offense can run a double pass trick play. Bottom left: Kerley has two options out of this play. He can throw either to wide receiver Jimmy Young down field or throw backward to Andy Dalton. Bottom right: If Kerley chooses to throw backward, Dalton can confuse the oncoming defense by hitting Young over their heads, down field.

Wes Phelan

co-owner of KillerFrogs.com

"I bet you if he knew ... he wouldn't

think highly of it,"

Brown said with a laugh. "That's one of the beauties of KillerFrogs — you can have that anonymous aspect on your side."

Nix said the site's motto, "Lowering office productivity since 1997", could hold true for many Horned Frog fans. Some companies have even blocked KillerFrogs. com, he said.

In one case, Phelan said he had to delete every post one user made because the user's employer ran a random Internet check and saw he spent multiple hours each day on the site.

Another user, David May, said he spend many hours a day on KillerFrogs.com. He asked for the sake of his job that his employer not be mentioned.

"All (KillerFrogs.com) does is delay me getting out of here at night probably by about a good hour at least, maybe more on some days," May said. "It definitely can impact the day."

May goes by the user name "TopFrog" and regularly contributes to KillerFrogs.com. He said he writes articles for the site occasionally and he also search the Internet for stories written about the university's athletics.

Despite all the quick links to Horned Frog news, the site's owners do not consider KillerFrogs.com to be a hard news site.

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As for a potential upset on the football field, the Horned Frogs play on the road at Brigham Young on Oct. 24. Who knows what role KillerFrogs.com could play in TCU's game this year?

QUICK FACTS ABOUT KillerFrogs.com

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