



ENLIGHTENING 6

Brite to hold open house for potential students today.

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By Sara Neal

Staff Reporter

Morgan Burns got into trouble with her parents for an \$800 phone bill after sending over 12,000 texts in one month during her freshman year.

As a result, Burns, a senior strategic communication major, now has unlimited texting and pays her own phone bill. Even though she now has unlimited texting, she said that she still texts less.

"I don't know why I text less now," she said. "I didn't get texting until my freshman year of college, so I guess it was exciting that I had it so I used it all the time."

Burns said the novelty of having the ability to

text has worn off.

Now, Burns said she sends about 200 texts per day, which according to a study by the Nielsen Company, puts her above the national average for her age group. According to the study, which was released this month, the number of texts sent by all age groups had increased across the board.

In particular, the study said the number of texts sent by teens between the ages of 13-17 increased 8 percent from the 2009 study, with an average of 3,339 texts per month. Young adults between the ages of 18 and 24 send less than half that with an average 1,630 texts per month, or about 54 texts per day.

Assistant Professor of Communication Studies Andrew Ledbetter said the increase in tex-

ting could be attributed in part to its affordability because of the number of unlimited texting plans offered.

Kelsey Sayko, a senior criminal justice major, agreed.

"I can go over my minutes, but I can't go over my texting," she said.

Ledbetter also said that texting is also more popular because it has become more socially acceptable.

"Once any sort of technology reaches a critical mass where enough people are using it, it takes off and people feel comfortable using that technology regularly in their social lives," he said.

Sayko said she sends anywhere from 100 to 200 texts per day, and that texting is her primary

form of communication because it can be easier.

"I have conversations [over texts]," she said. "I would rather text than talk, so I usually text."

Surveys conducted by Nielsen concluded that many people consider texting to be faster and more convenient than voice calls, which could explain an overall decrease in voice calls over the last year.

Brandon Somerhalder, a freshman pre-major, said that while it may be convenient to text instead of calling, the conversation was of not the same quality as actually talking.

"The relationship isn't as close if you're not actually talking with the person," he said.

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THE WATERING HOLE 2

Sand volleyball courts may be the new home of a foot-washing station and a water fountain.



FROG FEATURE 6

Transfer student starts program that combines faith, self-defense.



BRITE

School to hold open house

Allie Garner

Staff Reporter

Brite Divinity School will open its doors for potential graduate students today for an open house.

The info session will be an opportunity for prospective students who are considering graduate school, especially graduate theological education, to tour the facility and learn more about the school. Brite sent information via e-mail to all university seniors and provided a flyer to other colleges and churches in the region.

Valerie Forstman, director of admissions for Brite, said Brite was focusing on university seniors, but the event is free and open to everyone.

"We are very pleased with the TCU graduates who have come to Brite," Forstman said. "We appreciate our relationship with TCU and think very highly of the TCU Religion Department. So it's natural that we are especially interested in TCU students."

The day will begin with a free breakfast and greetings from Dean Nancy J. Ramsay and President Newell Williams. Potential graduate students will hear from various professors and directors and about financial aid.

Don Mills, vice chancellor for student affairs, will deliver the sermon at the weekly worship service at 11 a.m.

A lunch with community conversations between participants and three Brite faculty members will follow, and after lunch, students may take a tour of Brite and the campus, sit in on a class and have an admissions interview. They also will have the opportunity to tour the Liebrock Village housing that is open only to graduate students from both Brite and the university.

Students within the graduate program will lead the tours in order to give a student's perspective of the program and the university. Forstman encourages anyone with an interest in graduate studies to attend regardless of his or her year or degree.

Brite Divinity School Fall Open House

8:30 a.m. — Free breakfast, Moore Building admissions office

9 a.m. — Greetings from president and dean, professor briefings about different departments and financial aid discussion

11 a.m. — Worship session with Don Mills at Robert Carr Chapel

Noon — Free lunch and community conversations with three Brite faculty members — open to all, Weatherly Hall (Moore basement) Followed by campus tours and housing and admissions interviews. All sessions are scheduled to take place today.

SGA

Approval pending for water station near courts

By David Stein

Staff Reporter

A water fountain and foot-washing station could be placed by the sand volleyball courts pending a review by the finance committee of Student Government Association, an SGA executive officer said.

SGA Vice President Jackie Wheeler said the new water fountain and foot-washing station would be outside the University Recreation Center. The unit also could have a shower nozzle on top to wash off sand from the court.

She said the water fountain was still being designed so it would look good on campus.

Wheeler said members of the Campus Advancement committee allocated \$6,000 for the project, but the entire cost of the water fountain had not been determined. She said she was confident the bill would pass the finance committee's review.

Wheeler said the cost of the project could fluctuate up or down depending on where the water fountain was placed by the new courts. The courts were torn down last year during the renovation of nearby Milton Daniel Hall and rebuilt after the residence

hall's completion.

Chris Goates, a University Recreation Center employee, said he thought the water fountain would be good for the volleyball courts.

"It sounds like a great idea," Goates said. "Of course people are going to get thirsty while they're out there, and of course their feet are going to get sandy."

"A fence would be better, but if we don't have that option, then OK, we'll go with a water fountain."

Monique St. Pierre

Junior marketing major

Junior marketing major Monique St. Pierre said she agreed the water fountain was a good idea because of the nuisance of sand, but she said the courts also needed a fence.

"On the far court, by that little hill by [Milton Daniel Hall], the ball always goes down there, so it's just a hassle," St. Pierre said. "A fence would be better, but if we don't have that option, then OK, we'll go with a water

fountain."

Wheeler said she hoped water fountains could also be added at the intramural fields on campus. She said the main concern for the project was the cost and the lack of piping at the fields.

She said that if the water fountain were to cost less, SGA would get its money back. If the water fountain were to cost more, she said that the University Recreation Center would cover the rest of the cost.

The campus advancement committee already passed a bill this semester that allocated \$20,000 to bring two live horned frogs to campus.

Along with these projects, Wheeler said the members of the committee also wanted to provide free Scantron sheets in the library.

"Teachers are making us take the tests, so we might as well not pay to take them," Wheeler said.

Wheeler said the members of the committee were also working measures to make students more aware of taxi services around campus to get them to places like the airport. She did not specify what those measures would be.

PENNIES FOR PEACE

Fundraiser benefits schools, educators in Asia

By Clinton Foster

Staff Reporter

Students will have the opportunity this week to make a real difference in the global community through Pennies for Peace, a fundraiser that seeks to empower remote communities, especially schools, in Afghanistan and Pakistan, according to the Pennies for Peace website.

The Center for International Studies: TCU Abroad is holding the fundraiser all week in honor of the Pennies for Peace founder, Greg Mortenson, who will visit campus next semester.

Pennies for Peace focuses on penny-raising campaigns, in which all proceeds go directly to building schools and providing school supplies and salaries for teachers and students in Central Asia. Penny jars will be in both Smith Hall and Tandy Hall for donations on Thursday and Friday.

Mortenson, co-author of this year's common read-

ing, "Three Cups of Tea," will be presented with a check for the money raised this week when he visits the university on Jan. 24, 2011.

Students can donate at any of the fundraiser's locations on campus and also through the Pennies for Peace website, www.penniesforpeace.org.

Pennies For Peace Fundraiser

7:30 a.m.–10:30 a.m. Tuesday

Three Cups of Tea and Coffee: Coffee and Tea will be on sale for \$1 in the Smith Lobby

7 p.m. Wednesday

Candlelight Walk: Campus-wide event to raise awareness. Begins at Moudy and will continue through campus.

9:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday

Penny jars will be in both Smith and Tandy halls for donations

Students can also make donations at www.p4p.tcu.edu or find the fundraiser's Facebook page.

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TEXTING

Ledbetter said that people use texting to keep in contact with friends, family, and romantic partners, but also for more objective reasons.

"You text somebody to say 'Hey I'm running five minutes behind, there's traffic,'" he said. "We use that [technology] to coordinate our tasks."

Junior sociology major Todd Klepacki said he sends between two and 10 text messages per day, and that it is usually for the purpose of arranging to meet with somebody.

"...Usually I text people if they can't talk [on the phone]," he said.

Sayko said she talks to friends over text, but she has also noticed older generations are texting more now, too.

"I use texting to keep in touch with my mom," she said.

Ledbetter said he also texts. On average, he said he sends maybe two or three per day, but that there are many days that he goes without texting at all.

"I'm 31, and I text my wife and that's about it," Ledbetter said.

He said if he was in college and had an established network of friends whom he texted, that he would probably use it more.

"I think there is definitely a generational trend to texting," he said.

Burns agreed, but said that as she gets older she thinks she would probably text less than she does now. As for more \$800 phone bills, she said she hopes unlimited texting plans will help her steer clear.

INCARCERATION

Inmates escape in Mo.

Associated Press

PATTONSBURG, Mo. (AP) — Three inmates, including a convicted murderer, escaped from a northwest Missouri jail by crawling under a fence, leading authorities to lock down the surrounding community's school and to go door-to-door warning residents.

The inmates made their break Sunday night from the Daviess/DeKalp County jail in Pattonsburg wearing orange prison jumpsuits and no shoes, authorities said Monday.

In Pattonsburg, a city of 260 residents 75 miles north of Kansas City, the lone school was locked down Monday and members of the fire department were sent door-to-door to tell residents to be vigilant.

"I don't normally lock my doors, but I am now. I'm sure everybody is," said Karen Shepherd, the city clerk.

The school, which serves 170 students from kindergarten through high school, locked its doors Monday, canceled recess and was only allowing students outside if accompanied by an adult.

The Daviess County Sheriff's Department issued a news release about the escape that provided few details about how the men managed to evade detection while slipping under the fence. A person who answered the phone at the sheriff's office on Monday said the sheriff was out on the investigation and unavailable for comment.

Among the escaped convicts was 57-year-old Carlos Sarmiento, who was awaiting sentencing after being convicted of first-degree murder and armed criminal action in the death of his roommate, Lance L. Davis. Prosecutors say Sarmiento beat Davis to death with a 16-ounce claw hammer. His body was found at the men's home in Jamesport in February 2009.

Daviess County prosecutor Annie Gibson said a motive for the attack was never clear. She said Sarmiento first admitted to the crime, then said he didn't do it. A jury found him guilty Sept. 15.

The other escaped convicts were 26-year-old Nicholas D. McCleary and 34-year-old Timothy J. Baudour. McCleary, of Rayville, Mo., was first convicted of property damage, then a previous jail escape. Baudour, of Mexico, Mo., was convicted of assault.

Sarmiento is described as Hispanic, 5-foot-9 inches, 140 pounds with brown hair. He has a tattoo with Spanish words on his right arm and a woman's head with a sombrero tattooed on his left arm.

McCleary is white, 5-foot-7, 184 pounds with blonde hair. He has a tattoo of a swastika and skull on his chest, a teardrop tattoo under his right eye, two lightning-bolts under his left eye, and a Maltese cross on his left hand.

Baudour is white, 6-foot-3, 200 pounds, with brown hair and tattoos on his stomach, chest and right arm. He has a tattoo of a Midwest hustler on his stomach, the word "Mexico" on his upper chest, and "Tigger" on his right arm.

Jane Dunn, an attorney who handled Sarmiento's murder case, did not immediately respond to a phone message Monday seeking comment.

HONORS COLLEGE

Lab opens in Scharbauer

By Clinton Foster

Staff Reporter

Honors students now have a new means of accessing technology near the Campus Commons. The Honors College Computer Lab is now open in Scharbauer Hall.

The lab, reserved for use by honors students only, has three computers, a reference library and a printer enabled with the Pharos print system. There are plans to add Adobe Creative Suite 5, which includes Photoshop, InDesign, and Illustrator, to the computers.

The lab, located in Scharbauer 1016, is open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

WAR CRIMES

Man pleads guilty to killing American soldier



Former U.S. Army sergeant Layne Morris, right, arrives at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba on Friday, Oct. 22, 2010, ahead of Omar Khadr's scheduled military commission hearing.

By Ben Fox

Associated Press

GUANTANAMO BAY NAVAL BASE, Cuba (AP) — A Canadian accused of killing an American soldier as a teenage al-Qaida militant pleaded guilty Monday as part of a deal that avoids a war crimes trial for someone labeled a "child soldier" by his defenders.

Omar Khadr pleaded to five charges including murder for throwing a grenade that mortally wounded the soldier during a fierce raid on an al-Qaida compound in Afghanistan in 2002. The now 24-year-old defendant also admitted to planting improvised explosive devices and receiving weapons training from the terrorist network.

The exact terms of the plea agreement were not immediately disclosed. Khadr will now face a military jury for a sentencing hearing that is expected to last

several days. The panel cannot impose a sentence more severe than the plea agreement. His trial had been scheduled to start Monday and he faced a possible life sentence.

Dressed in a dark suit instead of the solid color jumpsuits typically worn by prisoners held at the U.S. base in Cuba, the defendant, who was born in Toronto and speaks fluent English, repeatedly answered "yes" to a series of questions from the military judge making sure he understood the charges against him.

Khadr, who had previously pleaded not guilty and rejected a plea agreement, stared down at the defense table without making eye contact with the judge. Asked if anyone had made any promises to him so that he would plead guilty, he answered simply "no."

"You should only do this if you truly believe it is in your best interests," the judge told him.

Earlier, his lawyers had said they hoped to secure an agreement because he faced a possible life sentence under a military tribunal system that they believe favors the prosecution despite changes adopted under President Barack Obama.

"There's not much choice," attorney Dennis Edney said. "He either pleads guilty to avoid trial, or he goes to trial, and the trial is an unfair process."

Khadr would be eligible for transfer back to his native Canada after serving the first year of his sentence as part of the agreement, said Army Col. Patrick Parrish, the military judge.

Canada's government issued a terse reaction, noting that he had pleaded guilty.

"This matter is between Mr. Khadr and the US government. We have no further comment," said Catherine Loubier, a spokeswoman for Canadian Foreign Affairs Minister Lawrence Cannon, in an e-mail.

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The Skiff View

Small change can make a big difference

Pennies for Peace is coming to TCU on Thursday and Friday thanks to The Center for International Studies: TCU Abroad. Pennies for Peace raises money to help poor countries in central Asian countries such as Afghanistan and Pakistan, and uses that money mainly to help support and build schools as well as provide salaries or teachers.

Students will have a chance to make a donation in either Tandy or Smith Halls, and any amount will help.

The fundraiser itself is called Pennies for Peace, implying directly that any amount will do its part in helping this cause. Many people think that simple donations won't help and use that as their justification for not taking the effort to make a donation. Now there is really no excuse.

Both locations are convenient to a vast majority of the TCU student body; as someone goes through the building or to their class, they can just grab the change out of their pockets and throw it in the jar and feel good that they are making a difference in the lives of underprivileged children in the Middle East. Even those people who aren't carrying cash can point the penny collections out to friends as they pass through.

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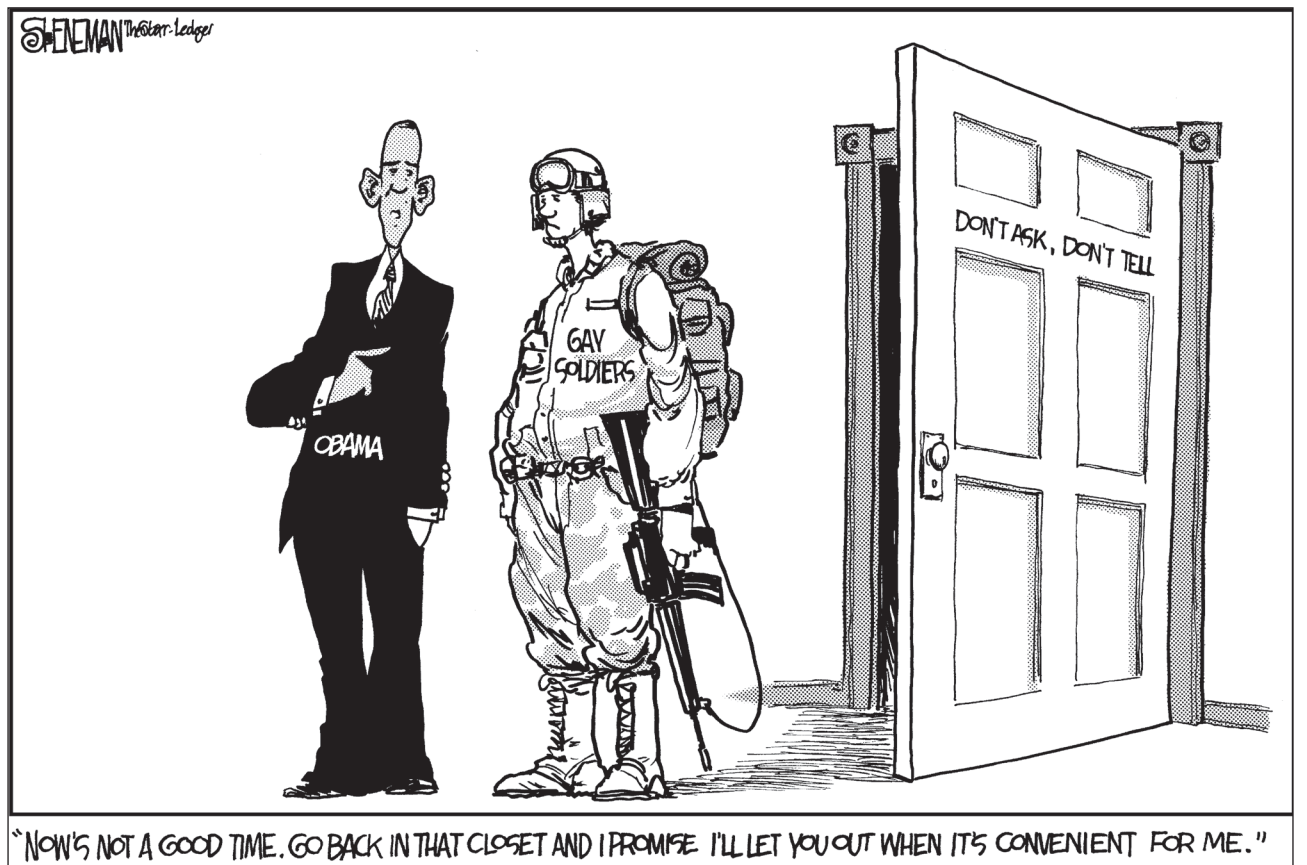
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Obama should find 'populist voice' again



Alex Apple

Republicans have talked extensively about the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, also known as the new health care bill. The bill passed this year after Barack Obama made it one of his main priorities on the 2008 campaign trail.

Democrats and Americans saw a broken health care system where people were being denied coverage and where insurance premiums were skyrocketing. Since the passage of the bill, however, many Americans are skeptical of what it contains.

According to political science professor Michael Dodson, the main provisions of the bill are that people with pre-existing conditions cannot be denied health coverage. It ends the annual limits on the amount of money someone can receive, and patients cannot be dropped from their bill when they become sick.

It also creates exchanges in states for the competitive sale of coverage and plans.

There are rules and regulations placed on these exchanges to keep premiums low and to keep the variety of plans high.

The act extends coverage to 32 million Americans who did not previously have health insurance, and the Congressional Budget Office estimates that it will lower the federal budget by \$128 billion over the next decade.

If Republicans block the act from being carried out, will they craft a bill so the 32 million newly-insured Americans can keep their insurance, or will they take that insurance back?

However, not a single Republican voted for the bill, and House Minority Leader John Boehner has said that he would make repealing health care a number one priority.

The act will not be repealed because Obama would simply veto it. Implementing certain provisions, however, could be blocked.

There is one question that Republicans will not answer this campaign season. If Republicans block the act from being carried out, will they craft a bill so the 32 million newly-insured Americans can keep their insurance, or will they take

that insurance back?

Republicans and other non-supporters of the bill have created enough rumors and false statements about the bill that the average citizen doesn't know what's in it.

For example, I have heard a TCU professor tell his class that in the bill, hospitals can decide how much money patients are worth and can give patients only the amount of money that hospitals decide.

Claims like these are absolutely false and are meant to stir up fear among voters.

While glancing over the act's actual provisions, most Americans would agree that it is a step in the right direction for America, but Obama has not done a good enough job at quelling rumors and telling Americans what is actually in the bill.

Obama often answers questions like a law professor. His answers sound more like Michael Dukakis than Bill Clinton. He needs to find the populist voice that Clinton found in 1994. He needs to connect with people. Everyone knows he is intelligent; he just needs to go back to being the great communicator that he can be.

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PERSPECTIVES

Republican win Nov. 2 could affect U.S. foreign relations

Steven R. Hurst
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — A big Republican win in Nov. 2 congressional elections could stymie President Barack Obama's attempts to reset relations with Russia while opening the way for a new bipartisan toughness toward China.

Despite scant attention to foreign relations in the campaign, the election is likely to have a significant effect on that front.

A stronger Republican voice in Congress could push the president to slow his plans to begin withdrawing from Afghanistan in July, badger him to be even tougher on Iran over its suspected nuclear weapons program and ease U.S. pressure on Israel in negotiations with the Palestinians.

While the U.S. entanglement with Iran has been prominent, simmering conflicts with China probably

are most open to quick U.S. action and with stronger Republican backing after the vote.

This is about money, not ideology. The notion is becoming accepted that protectionism is no longer a dirty word

Wayne Merry
Senior associate at the American Foreign Policy Council and a former U.S. diplomat.

Republicans traditionally take a tougher line on trade issues and imbalances and those clearly are central to relations with Beijing.

"There's a conviction that the U.S. must respond to a whole range of Chinese provocations," said Jessica Matthews, president of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace.

China is in the doghouse not only

with the United States, but with many of its global trading partners over Beijing's routine deflation of the value of its currency. That practice makes Chinese goods cheaper abroad and inflates the price of imported goods in China.

That's partly to blame for the outsized U.S. trade deficit with the Chinese and an easy target for politicians in Washington who are frustrated by their inability to reinvigorate the American economy.

"This is about money, not ideology," said Wayne Merry, senior associate at the American Foreign Policy Council and a former U.S. diplomat.

"The notion is becoming accepted that protectionism is no longer a dirty word," Merry said. "A year ago that was heresy. A year from now that will be mainstream. He predicted Washington would begin to impose some kind of trade penalties on Beijing for manipulating its currency.

Also likely to win support among Republicans in the new Congress is the Obama administration's more forward-leaning stance on strategic interests in shipping lanes near China. Americans also have voiced displeasure with Beijing's aggressiveness over disputed islands in those waters.

But Obama's foreign policy could take a battering over relations with Russia. Many conservatives have not shed their Cold War distrust of Moscow, making it even more difficult for the administration to win Senate ratification of the Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty (New START) signed by Obama and Russian President Dmitry Medvedev in April.

While it seems unlikely Republicans will seize a majority in the Senate, where they are currently outnumbered 58-41, the party could considerably close the gap. The Senate must ratify all treaties and that

requires 67 affirmative votes.

That may be unattainable in the next Congress, but the interim lame duck session that begins 13 days after the election offers a chance for ratification. That session will include senators who have lost their seats Nov. 2 and may be less politically motivated.

The Russians have made it clear that Obama's vow to improve relations, while theoretically beneficial to both countries, hangs on his ability to win ratification of the New START treaty. The pact calls for big reductions in nuclear weapons.

While Democrats are losing patience with the Afghanistan conflict, now in its 10th year, Obama will probably find backing for his war policies from Republicans and pressure to limit or put off plans to begin withdrawing in July.

Steven R. Hurst has covered international relations for 30 years.

Producers should include the facts

Sammy Key

Nothing good is coming from the movie "Jackass 3D." Besides branding grotesque images into my mind that I may never be able to erase, this movie is a teenage boy's mother's worst nightmare.

Never mind a plot — this movie lacks any theatrical structure. "Jackass 3D" simply consists of one vigorously dumb stunt after the next, performed by a group of not quite boy-aged men who are, in reality, not the group of best friends they make themselves out to be.

I will admit I cracked up laughing at different scenes during the film, but by the end, I felt so nauseated that I could no longer recall what I had found so funny.

This ridiculously low-budget "reunion" is causing a stir and could escalate the number of teenage deaths because of imitation stunts. One particular concern is that more teenagers will be encouraged to join in the trend of car surfing.

Car surfing is riding on top of a moving car, other variations include ghost riding, in which no one is behind the wheel at all. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, car surfing caused 58 deaths and 41 serious injuries between 1990 and 2008, and those are just the statistics on record.

The phrase "boys will be boys" definitely comes to mind, but stunts like car surfing and the ones shown in "Jackass 3D" are no joke. It could be said that worse catastrophes are shown in other, more intense movies, but the difference here is that this movie is so casually made, it seems as though any individual could pull

off the stunts. It will be incredibly sad, but also interesting to see, if the numbers of deaths and injuries due to stunt imitations rise dramatically a year from now.

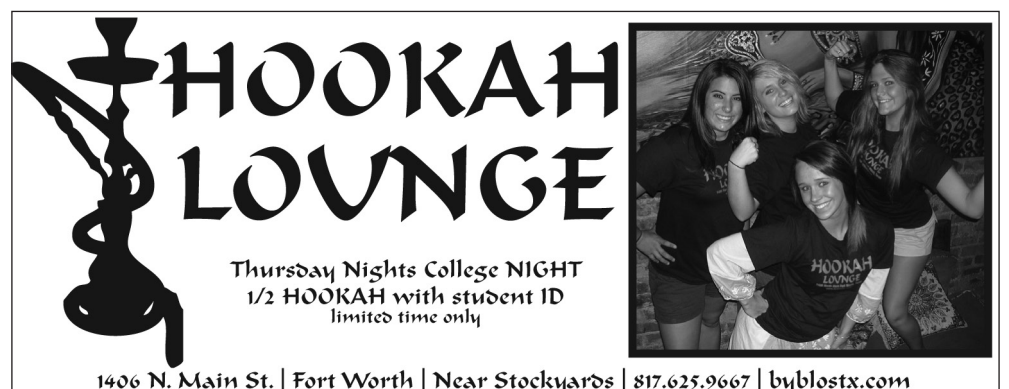
If the "Jackass" TV show was stupid and pointless, at least it was regularly comical with tiny outbreaks of cleverness. The Jackass movie, however, takes the show into four-wheel drive, crashing past all lines and barriers of appropriateness. The only thing worse than watching naked men perform body tricks is watching it in 3-D.

What then, can be said about the entertainment factor of the movie? I will admit I cracked up laughing at different scenes during the film, but by the end, I felt so nauseated that I could no longer recall what I had found so funny. Perhaps weak-stomached viewers like myself should never venture into a movie like "Jackass" in the first place, but I did, and now I feel a personal obligation to warn my girlfriends against it.

I may hold a deeper personal bias against the movie because a student and football player at my high school died from a car stunt. A movie like this can only inspire more avoidable deaths.

After fuming over the recklessness of "Jackass," I researched "Jackass injuries" and found a list of top five painful moments for one of the main performers, Bam Margera. Margera recounts his most agonizing injuries, including smashing his tailbone, receiving serious facial scarring after face diving into concrete, ripping his liver, tearing every ligament in his arm and cracking his skull. I could partially forgive some of the dangerous suggestions the movie makes if the producers would have included a few more facts like these.

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Frog Feature

Getting to know Mechele West, a religion and physical fitness major.

Mechele West is a transfer student studying religion and physical fitness who took the first-place prize for the Open Lightweight category in the NPC Central Texas Showdown for bodybuilding this past weekend. She also took second place in the Masters 35+ category and had the best overall posing. Alongside her wins, she would like to share an outreach she developed with her husband that shares her love of fitness and God. The program is called "Temple Talents" and combines self-defense with Christian theology. For more information on the ministry visit kwicministries.org.

Was this the first time you had been in a bodybuilder competition?

"No, I have done Junior Nationals where I placed fourth. My first show I actually placed first place in the lightweight at the Red River [Classic body building competition] and then I went to junior nationals and I placed fourth."

How long have you been involved in these competitions?

"I have been competing since 2004. Prior to that I was lifting weights and doing martial arts for quite some time before that. I started martial arts when I was six. I started competing in bodybuilding — actually, I started lifting weights — when I was 14."

What sort of training did you do in preparation for this competition? Do you go to the gym or have a personal trainer?

"Yes I do have a personal trainer, and I do go to the gym. On offseason [I go] three times to five times a week and while I am trying to get ready for a show, I go everyday. Doing two hours of cardio everyday and five days a week I'm working out on top of that in weights."

What is your main motivation in pursuing bodybuilding and keeping in shape?

"Well, my husband and I are pursuing a martial arts/fitness ministry, and I just got done writing and editing a book called "Honor God with Your Body." And so I am getting back into competing for those two reasons."

So you have a family too. Are they very supportive of this? What do your kids say about it?

"Well, my daughters love it. My oldest daughter is 18; she's actually thinking about becoming a fitness girl because of my competing. They are very supportive."

You are getting a degree in religion as well as movement science. Are you using that in helping pursue your martial arts program? Or what do you plan on doing with that?

"Well, I am getting a health and fitness degree as well as religion just for the simple fact that for the ministry we are linking the two. Teaching God's people how to take care of the body and as well as teaching them self-defense. So the ministry we're starting, the company name is Temple Talents and the ministry itself, the belts that you get — like in martial arts when you get a belt — you have to literally learn the self-defense techniques for that belt, the scriptures that correlate with that belt, and different information about Christianity and fitness."

Where did you come up with the idea for this program?

"Between my husband and I, we know 10 different martial arts styles. He trained mainly in African arts and Kung Fu, and I was all the other styles. I have at least seven styles under my belt between Tae Kwon Do, Tang Soo Do, Shotokan, Jiu-jitsu — and so we are combining all those styles and actually training two styles of our own. One is called Osebo, which we just chartered, and the other one is called Chayah Agon. Osebo is for kids and [able-bodied] adults; Chayah Agon is for the elderly. The other reason that I chose TCU was because



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Dr. [David] Upton and I were discussing possibly starting an outreach from TCU where we talk to the different high schools and middle schools and get them more involved in fitness at a younger age and teach them the proper ways of staying fit. That is something that may be a possibility in the future."

Would that involve other TCU students helping out?

"That and Dr. Upton and I have to discuss maybe starting a group. With the background that I have and the background that he has, at least we can get something initiated, and so that will give TCU a little PR and will also help the community."

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BRITE

Speaker to cover contemporary Judaism

By Allie Garner
Staff Reporter

An internationally-recognized scholar will be the guest speaker today at the annual Gates of Chai lecture presented by Brite Divinity School.

Carol Meyers, professor of religion at Duke University, is also an archeologist and an author who consulted broadcast and media producers on biblical matters.

Her work is seen on various religious television shows and movies, including "The Prince of Egypt."

The event is intended to discuss contemporary Judaism. For the past 13 years, prominent Jewish leaders and interested community members attended the lecture.

The event will take place at the Brown-Lupton University Union auditorium at 7 p.m. Online registration is available and is free for university students.



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POLITICS

Obama warns voters of gridlock

By Julie Pace

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Facing the prospect of big Republican gains in Congress, President Barack Obama is sending voters a mixed message: He says he sees opportunities to work with the GOP after Election Day yet warns Washington could be consumed by gridlock if the opposition takes control.

It's a strategy based on Obama's need for voters to see him as the same politician who ran for the White House promising a new era of bipartisanship, at the same time he rallies his base to try to stave off sweeping Republican victories in the Nov. 2 midterm elections.

During a town hall meeting with young people, Obama said there are good GOP ideas, and some issues where he sees an opportunity to work with Republican lawmakers.

"My hope is that as we look forward, let's say on education or on energy, some of the things that we haven't yet finished, that we're going to have a greater spirit of cooperation after this next election," Obama said.

Just two days later, at a private fundraiser near Boston, Obama warned that the prospects of bipartisan cooperation would be slim if Republicans ran Congress. He said it would be nearly impossible for him to advance some important issues, like clean energy and education, or to achieve many of his foreign policy goals.

"Not one of these issues will we be able to make serious progress on if we do not have a strong Democratic Senate," Obama said.

The president's message was even more foreboding at a recent Democratic National Committee fundraiser, when he predicted that a GOP-led Congress would create a stalemate between the White House and Capitol Hill. "We could even go backwards," he said.

White House officials say there's nothing inconsistent in Obama's remarks. Adviser David Axelrod said Obama wants to work with Republicans but his experience from the first half of the administration makes him "a little pessimistic." And he said it's important for voters to understand that the potential for gridlock exists if Republicans take control of Congress.

"We want Democratic majorities," Axelrod said. "We don't want things throttled down."

The highly partisan atmosphere that has consumed Washington throughout Obama's two years in office has discouraged voters.

An Associated Press-GfK poll finds 84 percent of likely voters say they're frustrated by politics, and 81 percent say they're disappointed. The same poll also suggests that 61 percent of likely voters believe the GOP will win control of Congress in the midterm election, with most of those voters believing Republican victories would be a good thing for the country.

Associated Press writer Laurie Kellman contributed to this report.

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CRIME

TV's 'Hiccup Girl' charged with first-degree murder

By Tamara Lush
Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — A teenage girl who became famous after hiccupping uncontrollably for weeks has been charged with luring a man to a house where he was robbed and fatally shot.

Jennifer Mee, 19, of St. Petersburg and two others are charged with first-degree murder in the death of Shannon Griffin, 22, on Saturday.

Mee's unusual condition landed her on NBC's "Today

Show" in 2007 and got her a hug from country star Keith Urban.

But her life fell into disarray when the hiccups finally stopped five weeks after they started. She ran away from home twice and her family has sued a hiccup cure company for allegedly using her image for profit without permission.

"I've said for a while now, her case of the hiccups wasn't a case of the hiccups, it was a curse of the hiccups," Mee's mother, Rachel Robidoux, told the 93.3 WFLZ "MJ Morning Show" in Tampa on Monday. She said she did not know exactly what happened, but described the situation as a nightmare and said

her daughter had not lived with her in a year.

Sgt. T.A. Skinner of the St. Petersburg Police Department said in a news release that Mee lured Griffin to a home where the others robbed him at gunpoint. Griffin struggled with the suspects and was shot several times, police said.

Skinner said Mee and the others admitted their involvement.

Police records show she lived in a three-story brick apartment building across from where Griffin was killed. Mee's neighbors — who did not want to be identified — said the people who lived in her second-floor apartment were often loud.

Mee's hiccups — up to 50 a minute — gained her notoriety in 2007. She tried home remedies and consulted medical specialists, a hypnotist and an acupuncturist, until the hiccups finally stopped on their own.

On her MySpace page, Mee describes herself as a "female version of a hustler" and adds that "her heart is still in Vermont," where her father lives. She last logged into her page Sunday.

She was being held without bond early Monday. Pinellas County jail records did not show whether she had an attorney. She is scheduled for a court appearance Monday afternoon at the Pinellas County Court in Clearwater.



Mee

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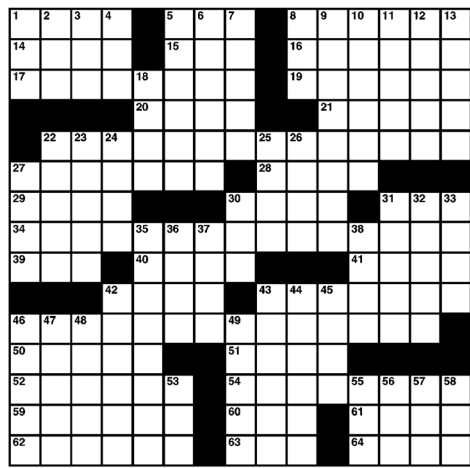
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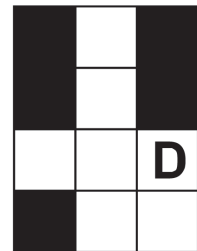


By Jeff Chen 10/26/10

Friday's Puzzle Solved

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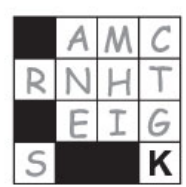


"Delhi, India"

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Friday's Solution



"Kitchen Nightmares"

Sample



"Freeze"

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Directions

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

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Friday's Solution

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RELIGION

Ex-Mormon says faith not a safe place for gays

By Jennifer Dobner

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Ben Jarvis has heard a lot of coming out stories.

For the past 15 years, the southern California-based urban planner has been answering a hotline number for Mormons struggling with their sexual identity. Jarvis, a volunteer for Affirmation, a support group for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender Mormons, estimates he's talked to as many as 3,000 people.

Many of them are "deathly afraid," their secret will be discovered by friends, family, or members of their Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints congregations, he said.

In a faith where the traditional family is deeply woven into theology and where there is seemingly no line between religion and culture, the potential losses for LGBT Mormons who come out can be devastating, Jarvis and others say.

"There are so many great things about Mormon culture and the LDS church, but it is not a safe place for gay and lesbian people," said Jarvis, 42, a seventh-generation Mormon who came out in 1993 and has since left the church.

Some gay rights activists say the timing and content of an Oct. 3 sermon by Elder Boyd K. Packer, the second-highest ranking church

leader, that denounced homosexual attraction as unnatural and immoral only exacerbated the troubled relationship. Packer suggested gays could change their orientation with enough faith.

His remarks came in the wake of the national furor over a Rutgers University freshman jumping to his death off New York's George Washington Bridge after his roommate secretly filmed him during a "sexual encounter" in his dorm room and posted it live on the Internet.

The student was not Mormon, but Utah's gay rights activists, some with roots in Mormonism, were quick to draw a connection to their own situation. They say the painful isolation that some LGBT individuals experience can lead to suicide. Anecdotes about the suicides of gay Mormons from Affirmation's website, posts on the PrideinUtah blog and other sites seem to support the contention.

"It's an enormous problem, especially in Utah," said Eric Ethington, who runs the PrideinUtah blog.

Mormon church officials take issue with the characterizations made by gay rights activists.

"It is disappointing when some try to use an emotional issue such as suicide to misrepresent the role of the church in the lives of its members," said Mormon church spokesperson Kim Farah, in response to Ethington.



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In this Oct. 7, 2010 photo, gay rights activists lay on the sidewalk near The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints' temple in Salt Lake City.

"The causes of suicide are many and complex and touch many levels of society. No one understands what ultimately leads someone to take this action but all can agree that even one loss of life is a tragedy."

Ethington led some 4,500 black-clad activists in a silent protest of Packer's sermon outside the church's downtown Salt Lake City headquarters.

The Human Rights Campaign, the nation's largest gay civil rights

organization, lobbied the church for a retraction of what it called inaccurate and hurtful remarks in a petition signed by 150,000 of its members and supporters. Some critics said Packer's words were dangerous in light of at least four known September suicides by young men across the country, including the New York case, following reported incidents of anti-gay bullying.

In a rare response, church leaders called the deaths tragic and

said the faith joins others "in unreserved condemnation of acts of cruelty, or attempts to belittle or mock any group or individual that is different."

Speaking on behalf of church leaders, spokesman Michael Otterson also said "each Latter-day Saint family and individual should carefully reconsider whether their attitudes and actions toward others properly reflect Jesus Christ's second great commandment — to love one another."

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Tsunami warning issued in Indonesia

By Ali Kotarumalos

Associated Press

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — A powerful earthquake hit off western Indonesia late Monday, briefly triggering a tsunami warning that sent thousands of panicked residents fleeing to high ground. There were no immediate reports of damage or injuries.

The 7.7-magnitude temblor struck at a depth of 13 miles (20 kilometers) off Sumatra island, said the U.S. Geological Survey.

At least five towns in the provinces of Bengkulu and West Sumatra were badly jolted, officials and witnesses said, as were the nearby Mentawai islands.

"Everyone was running out of their houses," said Sofyan Alawi, a resident in the city of Padang, adding that, with loudspeakers from mosques blaring out tsunami warnings, the roads leading to surrounding hills were quickly jammed with cars and motorcycles.

"We kept looking back to see if a wave was coming," said 28-year-old resident Ade Syahputra.

Areas closest to the epicenter of the 9:42 p.m. (10:42 a.m. EDT, 1442 GMT) quake were sparsely populated, and there were no immediate reports of damage or casualties, said Ade Edward, a disaster

management agency official.

A 5.0-magnitude aftershock hit less than an hour after the original quake, and the region remained on alert for more.

"Everyone was running out of their houses."

Sofyan Alawi

Resident of Padang

Indonesia, the world's largest archipelago, is prone to earthquakes and volcanic activity due to its location on the so-called Pacific Ring of Fire.

The city of Padang was badly shaken one year ago by a 7.6-magnitude quake that killed at least 700 people and flattened or severely damaged 180,000 buildings.

That followed the 2004 tsunami off Sumatra's westernmost province of Aceh that was triggered by a 9.1-magnitude quake and killed 230,000 in a dozen countries, roughly half in Indonesia.

Associated Press writer Niniek Karmini contributed to this report from Jakarta.

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MLB

Lee to pitch in World Series opener after break

By Stephen Hawkins

Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Cliff Lee threw a bullpen session and took batting practice Sunday.

The Texas Rangers are getting ready for their first World Series, and the opener will be at San Francisco, where their ace left-hander will be pitching after an extended break and also taking swings in the National League park, where the designated hitter isn't used.

Since the AL championship series didn't stretch to a Game 7, Lee will be starting on eight days' rest after striking out 13 Yankees and improving his postseason record to 7-0 with a 1.26 ERA in eight starts. The bullpen session was his second since that eight-inning outing.

"Make the adjustment and push it back a couple of days," Lee said. "It's not that big of a deal."

Lee starts a World Series opener for the second year in a row after winning Games 1 and 5 last year for Philadelphia against the Yankees.

"With Cliff Lee, I have no concerns about anything," Rangers manager Ron Washington

said. "He's not going to use nine days or 10 days for any reason why things may not go right, because in his mind it will always go right. And that's why he is what he is."

Last year, Lee had nine days off between his NL championship series start against the Los Angeles Dodgers and the series opener. He responded with a six-hitter, striking out 10 and walking none while allowing only an unearned run.

With the first two games in the NL city for the first time since 2001, usual DH Vladimir Guerrero likely will start only one of those games in the outfield.

"You can best believe we'll figure out a way to get Vlad in there," Washington said. "In the starting lineup some kind of way."

Guerrero will be making his first Series appearance in 15 major league seasons. Asked whether he would be in right field for both those games, the manager said no. Washington said he hasn't decided which game Guerrero will start.

Washington wouldn't say which order he would start Colby Lewis and C.J. Wilson in Games 2 and 3. Also undetermined is whether Tommy Hunter, 0-1 with a 6.14 ERA in two



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Texas Rangers pitchers, from left to right, Neftali Feliz, Derek Holland and C.J. Wilson throw during warmups before a team baseball practice for the World Series, Sunday, Oct. 24, 2010.

playoff appearances, will start Game 4 or be replaced in the rotation by Derek Holland.

The pitchers took BP during the team's two-hour workout Sunday at Rangers Ballpark, where there were no remnants remaining on the field from the confetti and ginger ale bottles

that were part of the celebration Friday night.

Lee is excited about the opportunity to hit. "Obviously that's the hardest thing in all sports, to hit a round ball with a round bat. ... It's the funnest part of the game as far as I'm concerned," Lee said.

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Weekend Recap

Women's Soccer

The Horned Frog soccer team fell to 1-5-0 in conference play and 7-10-1 overall after losing to Air Force and Wyoming over the weekend. The Frogs lost 2-0 Friday at Wyoming and lost 1-0 Sunday against Air Force, giving the Falcons their first Mountain West Conference win this year. The team will close out its regular season Saturday against conference opponent New Mexico.

Women's Volleyball

The women's volleyball team lost to BYU Saturday at home 3-1. Senior Irene Hester finished the game with 12 digs and 18 kills, but it was freshman Kay Lin Connolly who lead the Horned Frog defense with 22 digs. The Frogs have a 12-10 record for the season and a 3-5 record in the Mountain West Conference.

Swimming and Diving

The Horned Frogs men's swimming team opened its season Friday against Air Force with a 162-138 win. Senior swimmer Andy Garcia-Montes lead the competition with a 1:52.50 time in the 200 individual medley. Senior diver Kyle Callens won the 1-meter and 3-meter springboard.

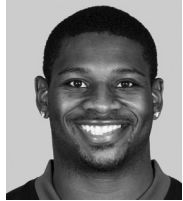
Rifle

The TCU rifle team traveled to West Virginia Sunday and defeated the Mountaineers 4,675-4,663. Sophomore Sarah Scherer was the top competitor for the Frogs, scoring 592 in air rifle and 584 in smallbore. The Frogs are 2-0 for the season and will travel again this weekend to take on Murray State.

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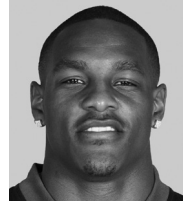
Players continue to make impact in league



Tomlinson

Name: LaDainian Tomlinson
Position: Running back
Current Team: New York Jets
Outcome of game: Bye week

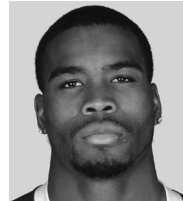
Tomlinson should continue his fantastic season next week and will have many opportunities to run against Green Bay. The Packers rank 23rd in opposing rushing yards with offenses averaging 124 yards per game against them. Shonn Greene, the other Jets running back, should also find some running lanes and should see some more time after resting during the team's bye week.



Coleman

Name: Drew Coleman
Position: Cornerback
Current Team: New York Jets
Outcome of game: Bye week

How do you stop the high-octane passing attack of the Green Bay Packers? Coleman and the Jets secondary hope they know as they go up against Aaron Rodgers, one of the best quarterbacks in the league. The Packers passing attack is averaging more than 250 yards per game, and they are starting to heat up: over the past three games, Rodgers has averaged 300 passing yards.

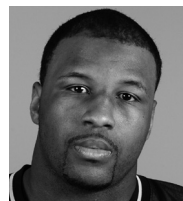


Washington

Name: Daryl Washington
Position: Linebacker
Current Team: Arizona Cardinals
Outcome of game: Seattle 22, Arizona 10
Stats: 11 total tackles, 1 sack

Washington did his part Sunday as he had 11 tackles, second-most on the Cardinals defense, and a sack against the Seahawks. His sack came on a third down late in the first quarter that prevented the Seahawks from extending their lead. Most of Washington's tackles came defending against the run, but the rest of the defense could not stop Seattle's run offense, as the Seahawks backs ran for 144 yards and had a 4.0 yards per carry average.

Next Week: Washington and the Cardinals take on the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. With the Cardinals offense struggling, it will be imperative for the Arizona defense to stop Tampa's offense.

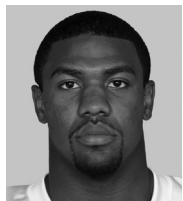


Hawthorne

Name: David Hawthorne
Position: Linebacker
Current Team: Seattle Seahawks
Outcome of game: Seattle 22, Arizona 10
Stats: Five tackles

Hawthorne and the Seattle defense shut down the Cardinals offense as they were able to force five turnovers, four of them being fumbles. The Seahawks kept the opposing offense off the field as Seattle had possession nearly twice as much as Arizona.

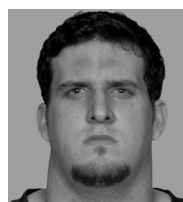
Next Week: Hawthorne and the Seahawks will have their hands full against a suddenly alive Oakland Raiders offense. Oakland running backs Darren McFadden and Michael Bush have helped the Raiders become the third-ranked rushing offense that averages more than 150 yards per game. If Seattle can't stop Oakland early, it will be a long day for the Seahawks.



Hughes

Name: Jerry Hughes
Position: Defensive End
Current Team: Indianapolis Colts
Outcome of game: Bye week

A bye week for the Colts could allow Hughes to understand the defense better. Hughes has been struggling for most of the season and has been inactive for five of the Colts' seven games. It will be important for Hughes to be on the field for the rest of the season for him to progress in the NFL.



Phillips

Name: Jason Phillips
Position: Linebacker
Current Team: Baltimore Ravens
Outcome of game: Baltimore 37, Buffalo 34

Phillips did not accumulate any stats against the Buffalo Bills. The Baltimore defense, known for its hard-hitting and shut-down mentality, looked sluggish against an offense that ranks 28th in the league. The Bills were able to pass for 374 yards and had another 132 yards on the ground as they torched the Ravens defense throughout the game.

Next Week: We may see more of Phillips after this poor outing by the Ravens defense. It is unlikely, however, with a bye week coming up that should allow the defense to sort out its issues.



Brown

Name: Aaron Brown
Position: Running back
Current Team: Detroit Lions
Outcome of game: Bye week

Brown looks to have completed his rehabilitation of his hand injury and practiced for the majority of this week. But with a healthy Jahvid Best and Kevin Smith, it's hard to imagine that the Lions will use Brown much unless there are more injuries to Lions' running backs.

NFL

Clean play receives praise

By Barry Wilner

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — One week after drawing heavy fines for illegal hits, James Harrison and Brandon Meriweather were praised by the NFL for clean play in Sunday's victories.

Ray Anderson, the league's executive vice president of football operations, told The Associated Press on Monday that Meriweather and Harrison "heeded our emphasis" on eliminating fouls and deserve to be lauded. So do others, Anderson said, after no flags were thrown for illegal hits to defenseless players in the 13 games.

Harrison was fined \$75,000 and Meriweather \$50,000 for hits to defenseless opponents last week, when the NFL announced it would begin suspending players for such tackles.

"We like to think we're off to a good start in terms of the new emphasis and the recognition that we are going to play aggressively but well within the rules," Anderson said. "It's a good start."

"Brandon Meriweather, specifically, last week we were appropriately calling him out and chastising him," he added. "Yesterday in the Patriots' game at San Diego, Meriweather made two very tenacious, effective and legal hits in similar situations. But you could see it, he lowered the target area, blasted the opponent with his shoulder. He adapted, showing it can be done. It is appropriate to praise him for the tough play."

Anderson also mentioned Harrison, who skipped one day of practice last week and said he contemplated retirement rather than change how he plays. But Harrison played cleanly in a win at Miami, particularly on a play in which a Dolphins running back was already being hit by another Steeler.

"There certainly was one play, on a hit on a running back, that James Harrison may have taken a shot at the running back going down, and Harrison let up," Anderson said. "I think he acknowledged he let up when had a chance to put his head and helmet in there. I applaud James for restraining himself."

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FOOTBALL POLL

BCS Poll

1. Auburn	8-0
2. Oregon	7-0
3. Boise State	6-0
4. TCU	8-0
5. Michigan State	8-0
6. Missouri	7-0
7. Alabama	7-1
8. Utah	7-0
9. Oklahoma	6-1
10. Wisconsin	7-1



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Jerrell Fort, junior tailback, is tackled by an Air Force player while running the ball at Saturday's game. The Horned Frogs beat the Falcons 38-7 at home Oct. 23.

Horned Frogs focused on football during Rangers' success

By Madison Pelletier

Sports Editor

The World Series-bound Texas Rangers and the No. 4 Horned Frog football team have plenty in common, and as the World Series nears, football head coach Gary Patterson has both teams on his mind.

Patterson said he was really excited about the Rangers' success. Friday night, when the Rangers won the American League Championship Series, Patterson said he put down his game notes for the Air Force game in order to concentrate on the action on the television.

"It was just exciting to be able to watch and be a part of it," Patterson said. "Knowing we're up here in North Texas and that's the first time for them to do that."

Looking forward, Patterson said he is upset that he will not be able to watch the World Series and will be instead focusing on upcoming

football games.

"I'd like to be sitting... watching a baseball game eating a hot dog, and I'm going to be eating a cold sandwich watching some [conference team]," Patterson said.

The recent success of the Rangers has not pulled fans away from Horned Frog football games, however. Patterson said TCU athletics has a purple following, and the stands have been full.

Saturday's home game packed the stands with 46,096 fans in attendance to see the Horned Frogs defeat Air Force 38-7. The game drew the fifth-largest crowd in TCU history.

Saturday was a night of records not only for attendance but also for individual Horned Frog players. Experienced players recorded career-best yardage, while younger players made their mark with key plays.

Sophomores Ed Wesley and Matthew Tucker both shined on the Frogs' offense.

Wesley, who scored two touchdowns during the game, brought the Frogs their first points in the second half with an eight-yard rushing touchdown.

Wesley rushed 13 yards for his second touchdown of the game, bringing his total yardage for the game to 209 yards, a personal career high. Wesley's rushing yard record was the most scored by a Horned Frog since former player Joseph Turner in 2007. Wesley's total also marked the fourth time this season he rushed for more than 100 yards.

Wesley was not the only sophomore making key plays against Air Force Saturday night. Tucker, a tailback, rushed for six yards to score a touchdown for the Frogs at the end of the third quarter.

Senior quarterback Andy Dalton said the younger players' accomplishments were a result of the practice and time they had put into the game.

"The way [Wesley] has been playing all year, you can just see he is playing with great passion," Dalton said. "He's earned where he's at today because of the hard work that he's put in."

As for the upperclassmen, Dalton also made key plays for the Frogs with a career-long 47-yard carry in the third quarter.

Dalton said he had never seen as much grass as Air Force allowed when he made that carry, and he said he just had to make sure to run out of bounds quickly.

His run doubled his previous record, a 24-yard carry, which was against Boise State in 2008.

The team is preparing for its upcoming game against UNLV, and the Rangers are preparing for their first World Series appearance. As each game progresses, potentially more individual and team records will be recorded between two of the top-performing sports teams in North Texas.