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Tough times aren't keeping students from studying in other countries.

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Texas Republican Gov. Rick Perry speaks during his victory party, Tuesday, Nov. 2, 2010, in Buda, Texas. Perry defeated Democrat Bill White and is heading into his third full four-year term.
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Perry wins unprecedented third term as governor

By Kelley Shannon
 Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Republican Gov. Rick Perry defeated Democrat Bill White on Tuesday as the long-serving governor easily won an unprecedented third full four-year term.

With about two-thirds of precincts reporting, Perry had 56 percent of the vote compared with White's 41 percent in Tuesday's election. Perry hammered hard all

year on the theme that the Texas economy is better than many states and that hundreds of thousands of jobs have been created during his decade in office.

He repeatedly criticized President Barack Obama and national Democrats and tried to link White to them.

The race between Perry and White, the Democrats' best hope in years to win the Texas' top office, was long and expensive. Both candidates spent millions of dollars airing television ads and trekking around

Texas, visiting rural towns and crowded urban neighborhoods. They hammered each other over alleged wrongdoing in office, the state budget shortfall and what's going on in Washington, D.C.

Perry, who became governor when George W. Bush was elected president in 2000, tapped into anti-government fervor and seized opportunities to link White with President Barack Obama and national Democrats.

White, a former Houston mayor and

deputy U.S. energy secretary, worked to keep his distance from Obama and steered clear of the president's appearances during Obama's trip to Texas in August. In contrast, Perry greeted Obama upon his arrival at the Austin airport — he said he wanted to talk to Obama about border security — and then used a picture of the event in a TV ad to say he'd confronted the Democratic president.

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STAR TREATMENT 2

StarPoint students trick-or-treat at Staff Assembly parade.



SOCIAL STRUGGLES 3

Discussion in Campus Commons will address social networking dilemmas.



STAFF ASSEMBLY

Campus hosts parade for kids

By Alex Collins
Staff Reporter

Dozens of costumed elementary school students paraded across Stadium Drive to fill their trick-or-treat bags with candy.

Students from Starpoint School and KinderFrogs School went trick-or-treating in Daniel-Meyer Coliseum Friday in the annual Starpoint Halloween Parade. The parade was put on by Staff Assembly, parade coordinator Terri Cain said.

Staff Assembly is a group of university staff representatives that meets monthly to discuss issues affecting staff members, according to its website.

Terri Cain, administrative assistant in the athletics administration office, said staff members stood in the hallway around the gymnasium and passed out candy to the children. Students could also be photographed in their costumes with SuperFrog in front of a purple backdrop.

TJ Howard, a junior kinesiology major, said members of his fraternity, Pi Kappa Phi, also volunteered in the event by helping guide students from KinderFrogs School to the coliseum.

Howard said he also walked with the students through the coliseum and helped them collect candy from each staff member. Members of the fraternity volunteer at Star-

Point and KinderFrogs every week.

New members are required to fulfill a weekly service requirement of one hour per week at KinderFrogs School, but members often continue their service to the school even after their initiation, he said.

Howard said he found out about the parade through his fraternity's involvement with the schools.

The kids were most excited by the candy, but wearing Halloween costumes was also a treat, he said.

Magdalene Evans, a second-level student at Starpoint School, dressed as a vampire complete with black lipstick and a burgundy dress. She agreed that the candy was the most exciting part of the parade.

Howard said, "It was a fun day for [the children], so it made it a fun day for us."

Doris Wallace, the administrative assistant for the Schieffer School of Journalism, also helped to coordinate the event. Wallace said she appreciated the opportunity to see the enthusiasm of the children while they were in their costumes.

Wallace said she thought parents of the students appreciated having a safe environment, like the parade, for their children to trick-or-treat.

Cain said staff members from all areas of campus participated in the event. Staff members had been preparing for the event



ALEX COLLINS / STAFF REPORTER

Students from the StarPoint and KinderFrogs schools dress up for StarPoint's Halloween parade last Friday.

by collecting candy for the past month, she said.

The Community Service Committee within Staff Assembly was responsible for the parade, but staff members did not have to be in Staff Assembly or on the committee to participate in the parade or collect candy, she said.

Tiffany Wendt, a member of the community service committee, said about 20 staff members attended the event to help hand out candy.

The Community Service Committee will be hosting a coat drive this month and toy drive in December as its next service projects, according to its website.

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Services for Phil Record

7 p.m. Thursday:

Vigil at St. Bartholomew Catholic Church, 3575 Altamesa Blvd., Fort Worth

2 p.m. Friday:

Funeral mass at St. Bartholomew Catholic Church

POLITICS

Multimedia plays role in elections

By Jake Coyle
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — News organizations have unleashed a multimedia blizzard of widgets, apps, dashboards, Twitter tie-ins and iPad doohickeys for Tuesday's elections.

More than ever, the online and mobile offerings aren't merely supplementary to Tuesday night's TV viewing, but can function as primary sources for following the election results.

The 2008 presidential election, when Web traffic reached record levels, was something of a coming-out party for the Internet. The Web's encore came at the Inauguration, when streaming video had its most dramatic day up to that point. The 2010 midterm elections, as experienced online, aren't likely to provide the same technological turning point. But two years later, the Web-savvy coverage of Tuesday's election highlights the growing sophistication of interactive media,

social media and mobile apps.

Akamai Technologies Inc., which delivers about 20 percent of the world's Internet traffic, showed rising traffic on Tuesday afternoon. Around 5 p.m. EDT, traffic was peaking at over 4.6 million global page views per minute. That's one of Akamai's highest rates of traffic in its five years of measurement. It's also higher than the 4.3 million pages views during President Barack Obama's election night win in 2008.

ABC News, CBS News, NBC News, Fox News, The New York Times and even PBS are all offering live webcasts Tuesday night. New media partnerships helped pave the way: ABC News with Facebook; CBS with Google; and NBC is embedding their video coverage on Twitter. Politics blog Politico will stream its own webcast.

News organizations are putting a particular focus on getting election results straight to users on their mobile phones with apps that can give users specific results to their local elections.

STUDY ABROAD

Global education emphasized

By Jennifer Iller
Staff Reporter

University students Paige Laycock and Colleen Hanratty participated in the Language and Culture in Seville, Spain study abroad program to gain a firsthand knowledge of the language and culture, Laycock said.

Despite a downturn in the economy, the emphasis the university continued to put on a global education encouraged students to study abroad, a university study abroad official said.

According to data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics website, unemployment rates increased nationally from 2006-2010.

But according to data sent by Tracy Williams, associate director for the Center for International Studies, study abroad rates have only been slightly impacted for the same years.

The university made study abroad a prominent part of the mission statement, which led to student commitment to studying abroad regardless of cost, Williams said.

Laycock, a junior psychology major, chose to study abroad despite not receiving financial aid. She is a Spanish minor and wanted to get more credit and real-world experience, she said.

The Spain program helped her become more well-rounded and proficient in Spanish, she said.

Williams said study abroad programs engage students in an "experiential learning." They are able to "live learning rather than sit in a classroom."

She said more departments across campus have seen a value in study abroad, not just traditional language and liberal arts students.

Hanratty, a senior social work major, is not a Spanish major or minor, but she par-

ticipated in the Spain summer program to gain a better knowledge of the language and culture, she said. She will intern for class credit next semester at Alliance for Children, a local nonprofit for child abuse victims, by doing research with Hispanic families.

"I'll be working with Spanish-speaking clients for social work, and I need to be better in my communication skills," she said.

Hanratty said she received a grant from the TCU Office of Financial Aid to study for the summer. Without the grant, she said she probably would not have studied abroad.

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Colleen Hanratty
Senior social work major

Williams said the university and the study abroad office have been working together to offset student costs.

The university has offered more scholarships and financial aid over the last two years, and she hopes the additional aid has helped students, she said.

The average amount of scholarships awarded per semester was about \$2,000, and summer scholarships were in the range of \$1,500, Williams said.

The financial aid office worked with students on a need-based level, and the study abroad office awarded scholarships based on academic merit, she said.

Overall, Williams said she thought students knew study abroad was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

"This is preparing them for their jobs regardless of what they do," she said.

STUDENT AFFAIRS

Event to discuss gender issues

By Christa Acuna
Staff Reporter

Student Affairs Women's and Men's Programs will host a discussion board about gender issues and the influence of social media from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. today in the Campus Commons.

Assistant Dean of Student Development Services Cyndi Walsh said the goal for The Gender Social Network event is to promote dialogue and conversation about gender issues and how certain social networking sites, such as Facebook, affect those issues.

She said discussion tables with staff facilitators will be available as well as panels with media comments and quotes that students are encouraged to read or discuss.

The driving factors for the event were the conversations heard in Women's and Men's Programs after watching the movie "The Social Network," she said.

Examples of topics for discussion include Facebook profile updates and the dynamics of the on-line relationship between men and women.

"We hope that they will have opportunities to talk with each other around topics of gender," Walsh said. "And we hope that they will think critically about the facts or quotes that are being put forth in current media."

The Gender Social Network
When: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. today
Where: Campus Commons

The Gender Social Network sessions:

Status: It's Complicated, 11-11:30 a.m.
Are you "Facebook Official?" Does listing yourself as "engaged" get more responses than being accepted to graduate school, getting a job or getting promoted?

Profile Update, 11:30 a.m.-noon
Once you graduate, will you update your profile to aspiring homemaker or career-driven professional?

iChat, uChat, Noon-12:30 p.m.
But do men and women really understand each other?

#menindecline, 12:30-1 p.m.
Women are enrolling, getting involved, and graduating from college at higher rates than men. Are men getting left behind?

PROPOSITION 19

Voters to tackle legalization of cannabis

By David Crary and Lisa Leff
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — California voters decided Tuesday whether to make their state the first to legalize recreational marijuana, drawing worldwide attention atop the 160 ballot measures in 37 states that also included divisive proposals to slash taxes and ban abortion.

The California proposal — titled the Regulate, Control and Tax Cannabis Act — would allow adults 21 and over to possess up to an ounce of pot, consume it in nonpublic places as long as no children were present and grow it in small private plots.

The initiative, Proposition 19 on the state ballot, would authorize local governments to permit commercial pot cultivation, as well as the sale and use of marijuana at licensed establishments.

Proponents have pitched it as a sensible, though unprecedented, experiment that would provide much-needed revenue for the cash-strapped state, dent the drug-related vio-

lence in Mexico by causing pot prices to plummet and reduce marijuana arrests that they say disproportionately target minority youth.

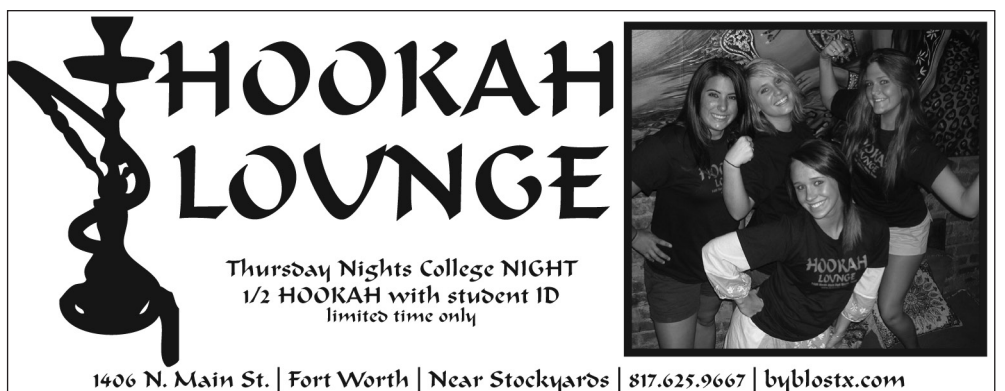
The state branches of the NAACP and the League of United Latin American Citizens have endorsed it, as have several retired police chiefs. Several California cities have companion measures on their local ballots that would tax retail marijuana sales if the measure passes.

Although marijuana already is available at storefront medical marijuana dispensaries in California, Prop 19 trailed in recent opinion polls. Every major newspaper, both political parties, the two candidates for governor and all but a handful of leading politicians have come out against it.

Federal officials said they would continue enforcing laws against marijuana possession and sales, and have not ruled out suing to overturn the California initiative if it passes.

Prop 19 supporters were buoyed by a new Gallup poll showing that national support for legalizing marijuana has reached an all-time high of 46 percent.

David Crary reported from New York.



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The Skiff View

Study abroad experience, lessons worth the cost

Even with a struggling economy and increasing unemployment rates, the university study abroad programs are still going strong. University study abroad rates have only been slightly impacted during the past few years of economic downturn, a university study abroad official said. Plenty of students are looking for a little adventure to another country.

However living abroad can cost you. Is studying abroad really worth all that money? If your only reason for going is to sip martinis on the coast of Spain, probably not. But for those students who are looking to broaden their horizons past the U.S. borders, studying abroad can be both beneficial and life-changing.

Our university's mission statement encourages us "to think and act as ethical leaders and responsible citizens in the global community." What better way to learn how to do that than to immerse ourselves in a community other than our own for a little while?

For students majoring or minoring in a foreign language, time spent in a country where that language is spoken can enhance their skills exponentially. Imagine speaking French in class two or three times a week for three semesters versus speaking it every day for four months.

Yes, studying abroad can take a chunk out of your bank account. If all you care about is the fact that British accents are cute, consider staying home. But if you're going with the intention of getting an enriching cultural experience, go for it. After all, studying abroad really is a once in a lifetime opportunity.

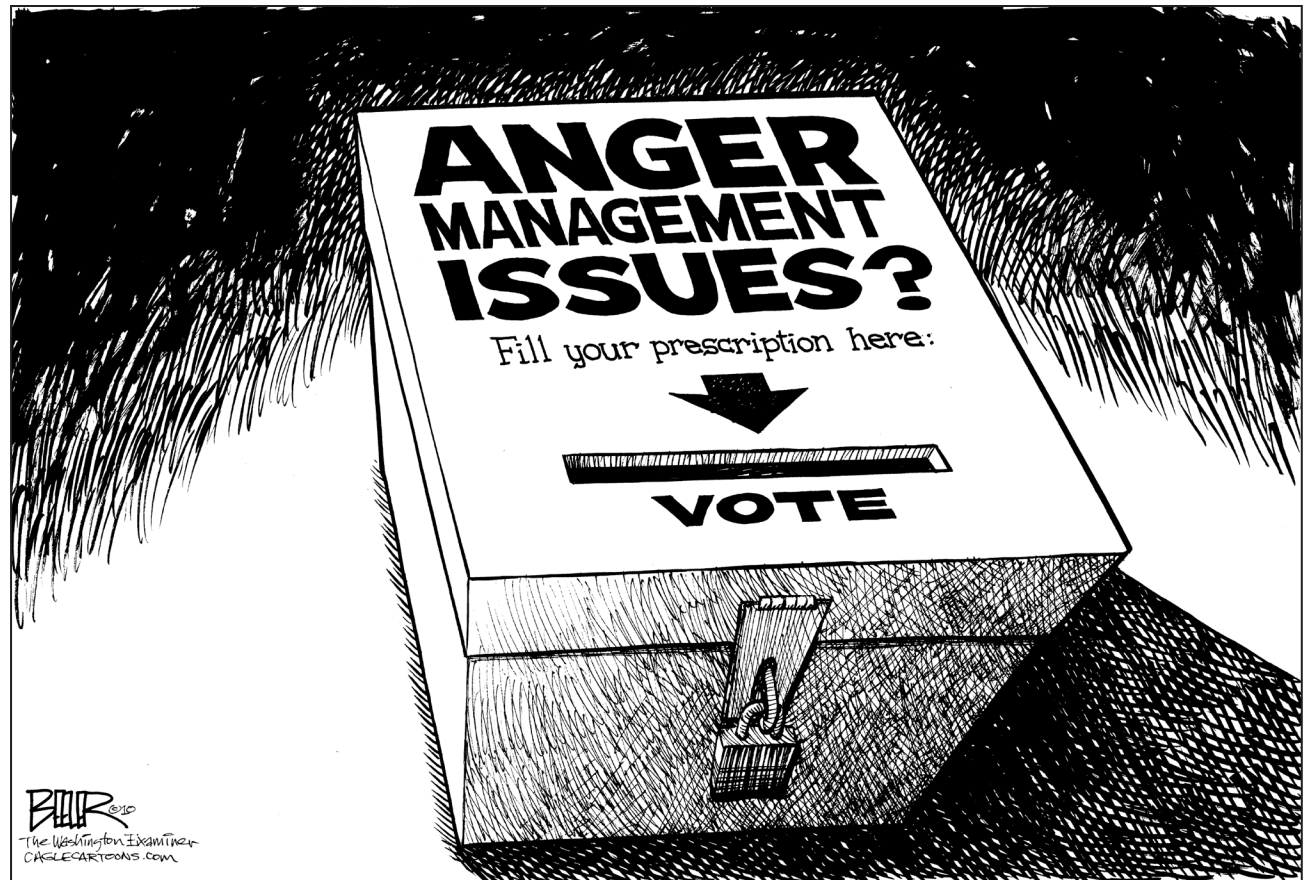
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US needs to withdraw from Afghanistan



Jack Enright

As leader of the Soviet Union, Mikhail Gorbachev fought a war in Afghanistan for nearly a decade to no avail other than thousands of deaths and the collapse of the country of which he was in charge. It has frequently been dubbed "Russia's Vietnam." Similarly, the U.S. has been fighting a war in Afghanistan for more than nine years and counting with almost no end in sight. Gorbachev finally realized that fighting a war in Afghanistan was unwinnable and withdrew his troops, and it's time President Barack Obama and Congress did the same thing.

In an interview with the BBC, Gorbachev said, "Victory is impossible in Afghanistan. Obama is right to pull the troops out, no matter how difficult it will be." If anyone is qualified to make that statement, it is Gorbachev. Now that Obama is in the same situation Gorbachev was about 20 years ago, it is only appropriate that he heed his advice.

In 2001, attacking Afghanistan made sense and there was little objection. But the conflict in Afghanistan did not start there.

Osama bin Laden left his home nation of Saudi Arabia to fight the Soviets in Afghanistan in 1979. He received security training from the CIA, and Congress supported

bin Laden's troops through the efforts of Rep. Charlie Wilson, actions that inspired the 2007 movie "Charlie Wilson's War."

After the Soviets left Afghanistan in 1989, the United States quickly withdrew from Afghanistan, and the weapons it had given away are now in the hands of the Taliban. This shows that bin Laden may be able to defeat two major superpowers, the Soviet Union and the United States, and do it in the same manner: by having his opponent fight an endless war in Afghanistan and by bankrupting the country he's fighting against.

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Charlie Wilson said, "I think the bloodying [of the Soviet Union's Red Army] had a great deal to do with the collapse of the Soviet Union." If we continue the course we are on indefinitely, we can expect to suffer the same fate.

The War in Afghanistan, like the Iraq War, started as intense conventional warfare but descended into guerilla warfare and nation-building. Rather than avenging Sept. 11 attacks, we are trying to develop other nations while ignoring our own. With a national debt exceeding \$13.6 trillion, it's time we focused on our own nation's problems rather than trying to fix other nations abroad.

Jack Enright is a sophomore political science and economics double major from Tomball.

PERSPECTIVES

Does television glamorize teen pregnancy?

No - these shows open our eyes to an existing trend and show the harsh realities of teenage parenthood.



Danika Scevers

As I'm writing this article from the relative comfort of a padded chair in the TCU library, many teens awaken to the sounds of their second or even their third child crying out for food, or for a diaper change or because their big brother woke them up. To those teens, the truth of early parenthood is all too real. They are constantly busy, caring for their children and working to support themselves. A few of them finish school. Most do not. And yet many of them are smart young women who stay strong in their faiths and stay involved in their communities.

Lately, our society has seen a trend toward the accepted portrayal of teenage pregnancy and parenthood in mass media. Shows such as ABC Family's "The Secret Life of the American Teenager" and MTV's "Teen Mom" have thrown what was once a taboo subject straight into the limelight. To what effect?

It's easy to try and blame media for the increase in teen pregnancies. After all, 16-year-old mothers on MTV are on the covers of magazines and bringing in the money to make it work, showing every little girl in the supermarket that teen pregnancies are accepted by America as normal. But if we step back and look at the facts, it's clear that teen pregnancies are nothing new. In fact, in the 1950s, 1960s and 1970s, teen birth rates were at all-time highs, peaking at 91.0 births for every 1,000 teens. According to 2007 statistics from statehealthfacts.org, the teen-birth rate for Texas is 64.2 births per 1,000, ranking us third-highest in the nation and yet following the national trend



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— decreasing rates of births among girls aged 15 to 19.

The media we so often blame is in actuality responsible for opening our eyes to an existing trend and enabling us to have an opinion on the topic.

As young parents are coming to terms with the responsibilities they've taken on, we as a society are opening our arms to support what has always existed: a subculture of teenage parents. And while many teenagers featured on these shows do make it big, the glamour gained is harshly offset by the realities of trying to raise a child before being fully out of childhood themselves.

According to the ones in the midst of it all, teen parents say they appreciate the efforts of these shows to portray them as more than just a stereotype. In the words of one writer for the online magazine "Teen Ink" from Ocean Shores, Wash., "Being a teen mother is hard work. I want to see more people understand and less people judge. Society is rough, but it can be a little easier on everyone if prejudice ends."

Danika Scevers is a freshman pre-major from Abilene.

Yes - shows belittle the consequences of teen pregnancy and make it more likely that the cycle of unplanned pregnancy will continue.



Bailey McGowan

Did you hear about Maci and Ryan? Whatever is going to happen to Brooke? Mansfield is so close! Farrah really shouldn't be going out all the time.

These are just some of the characters on MTV's "16 and Pregnant" and its spin-off "Teen Mom." Gone are the stars' carefree teenage years. Instead of graduating high school, these teens are getting enrolled in Parenthood 101. But never fear, MTV is here and ready to offer them all the glamour of a being a reality TV star.

We instinctively find ourselves drawn to the ridiculous dynamics of the relationships and the predictable arguments people always seem to have with one another on reality shows like "Teen Mom." But the reality TV boom has fueled a creation of new attention seekers.

Rather than just affecting the participants' lives, they're leaving behind a generation more susceptible to repeating a cycle that is more than just unplanned pregnancy. It affects entire families as they handle the financial burdens of new babies. It's a controversial social issue that causes us to question acceptable ways to deal with the situation. Do we congratulate the mother for her lack of safe sex practices? Do we show no empathy and turn a blind eye to the situation? Do we throw her a baby shower?

Even though these shows portray the hardships of being teenage parents, these difficulties haven't deterred teens from getting pregnant. Teenagers are getting pregnant at an alarming rate.

According to a 2006 report by the Guttmacher Institute, teen pregnancies



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are on the rise again. Texas ranks No. 5 in states with the highest teenage pregnancy rates following New Mexico, Mississippi, Arizona and Nevada.

We've essentially said it's OK to bring someone else into the world before we even know how to survive on our own. These people say they want someone to need them, they want to dress up the baby and they want the cute and cuddly package. What they don't realize is that this isn't like a bad grade that you can bounce back from.

We've belittled the consequences of having a baby. We point to the past and say, "Look, they got married and had kids by the time they were our age, why can't we?"

Why can't we? Because gone are the days of the stereotypical breadwinners and the rarity of higher education. We should demand more of ourselves than mediocrity and scraping by.

These shows may be a dramatized version of the lives of teenage parents, but they still incorrectly project the idea that you can have it all. After having a kid, your life doesn't go back to the state of normalcy you had before. Even those that choose to go with adoption still struggle with consequences of giving up their child. It doesn't just go away. It is a part of your life forever. MTV, please grow up before these babies do.

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OIL INDUSTRY

Cost of BP spill jumps to \$40 billion

By Jane Wardell
and Robert Barr

Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — Oil company BP PLC shied away from spearheading any industry rush back into the Gulf of Mexico as it revealed Tuesday that the cost of its devastating oil spill has jumped to \$40 billion — taking the shine off a return to profit in the third quarter.

Chief Executive Bob Dudley was forced to raise the likely cost of the worst accidental spill in U.S. history by \$7.7 billion because of delays to the final capping of the busted Macondo well.

That dragged down third quarter net income by more than 60 percent compared to a year ago, to \$1.79 billion from \$5.3 billion. But underlying replacement cost profit — a key industry benchmark that excludes the one-time cost of the spill — came in at \$5.5 billion, beating analysts' forecasts of \$4.6 billion.

Several residents along the Gulf Coast were happy to see BP turning a profit, keeping the company afloat so it can live up to its promise to compensate those affected by the spill.

"I don't think it's to anyone's advantage to see BP go broke or go out of business," said Byron Encalade, the president of the Louisiana Oystermen Association whose oyster beds are all dead or dying. "We want them to stay right and keep making money. All we want is for them to take care of the people who have been affected and their livelihoods destroyed."

Thousands are suffering from a

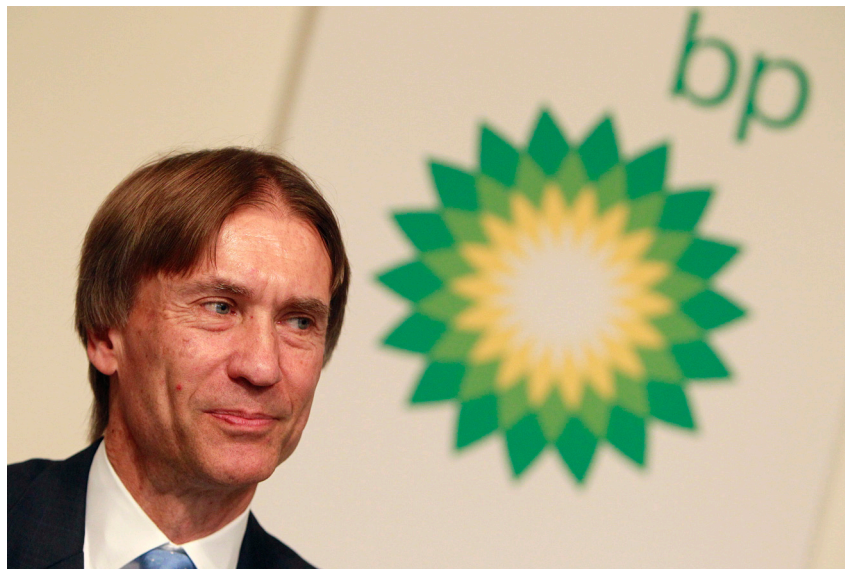
summer of lost revenue after the April 20 explosion on the Deepwater Horizon rig that killed 11 workers. Oil kept gushing until July 15, and it took BP another two months — until Sept. 19 — to completely seal the well.

More than six months after the spill, tar balls continue to wash up on some beaches across the coast, while BP contractors have begun a large scale effort to clean remaining oil buried in the sand. Most beaches are open, but businesses who depend on tourists have lost their much-needed summer revenue that carries them through the slower winter months. They are now struggling to get by as they wait on their compensation checks from BP.

BP has pledged to make amends, promising certain Gulf assets as collateral for a \$20 billion fund — overlooked by the U.S. government — to pay claims, but the London-based company's longer term plans for the Gulf remain open to speculation.

Dudley, who was presenting his first quarterly earnings report since taking over from gaffe-prone Tony Hayward a month ago, said BP was committed to operating in the Gulf following the lifting last month of a U.S. government moratorium on drilling.

Associated Press writer Brian Skoloff in Ocean Springs, Miss., contributed to this report.



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BP PLC's Chief Financial Officer Byron Grote speaks at a press conference at their headquarters in London, Tuesday, Nov. 2, 2010. BP PLC returned to profit in the third quarter but said it doesn't plan to rush back into the Gulf of Mexico as it raised the likely cost of the devastating oil spill there by \$7.7 billion to \$40 billion.

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Having never lost a race in his 25 years in state office, Perry relied on a practiced and polished approach to campaigning. He stuck to a couple of main themes, criticizing Washington and boasting that Texas has fared better than much of the nation economically by creating jobs during his tenure.

Voter Andrew Piel said he trusted Perry's fiscal conservatism and believed the governor will not raise taxes. That trust, he said, did not extend to White.

"Bill White is from a political party that I don't trust on the tax issue, and that was really it for me," said a 38-year-old attorney from Arlington said Tuesday.

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Bonnie Salazar
Attorney from Arlington

Bonnie Salazar also said she was unhappy with Democrats. The 53-year-old school district employee in San Antonio said she normally votes Democratic but supported Perry and other Republicans on Tuesday.

GOP officials, Salazar said, "seem to be listening to us. The Democrats are not listening and I'm a Democrat saying that."

White took a different style than Perry while campaigning. Slow-talking and deliberate with his words, White told audiences that while Perry was better at television sound bites, he was better at getting results. He pointed to his record of responding to hurricanes and to property tax cuts when he was leader of Houston for six years.

Voters cast their ballots Tuesday and during two weeks of early voting without ever seeing the two side by side in a televised debate. Perry refused to debate because he said White hadn't released all his tax returns from his years in public service.

Perry also refused to speak to newspaper editorial boards. White ended up pulling in major newspaper endorsements.

White accused Perry of staying in office too long and using state job creation funds to reward his campaign contributors. Perry attacked White over his investment with a company that helped the city in its emergency response during Hurricane Rita.



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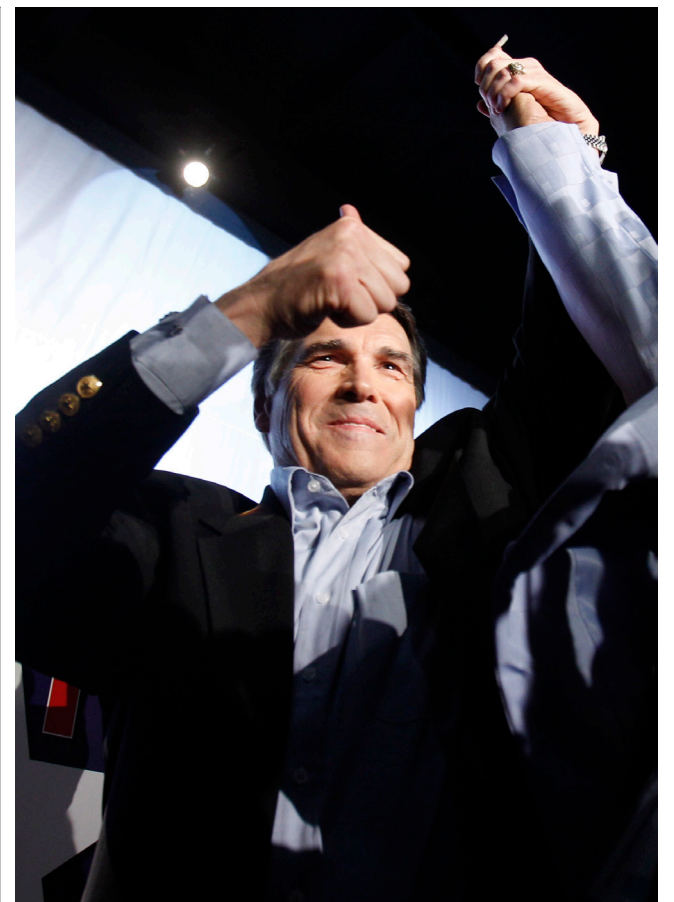
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Texas Gov. Rick Perry after his victory speech in Buda, Texas, Tuesday, Nov. 2, 2010.

POLITICS

Students, professors discuss thoughts on Tuesday's election

By Whitney Gipson
Staff Reporter

Governor Rick Perry's platform about making college affordable through funding for financial aid programs wouldn't affect the university since it is a private institution, a university political science professor said.

James Riddlesperger said for the state as whole, this year's elections were influenced more by each candidate's plans to pull state funds from one program and use them for another.

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Graduate communication student

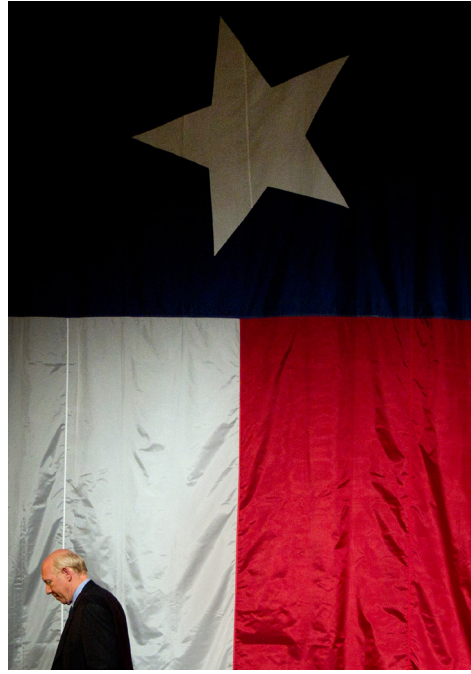
Perry, the Republican incumbent, defeated Democratic challenger Bill White to win a third four-year term as Texas governor.

Casey Ladner, a junior film-television-digital media major, said he voted for Perry, and that voting for the candidate that helped his family was the most beneficial to him as a student.

"To be honest, what's good for [my parents] is good for my family, and I don't see anything really wrong with that," he said. "It feels good to make a difference or actually feel like you did something by going out and voting."

Graduate communication student Shawn Redd said he voted for Perry because he was raised Republican.

"We needed Perry to win, we need as much Republican support in office as possible," Redd said. "I agree with a lot of his policies, like with



SMILEY N. POOL / ASSOCIATED PRESS
Democrat Bill White walks off the stage after addressing his election night party, Tuesday, Nov. 2, 2010, at the Hilton Americas Hotel in Houston.

tax cuts, and the way he's ran Texas through the economic recession. He's kept us afloat and has really helped us."

Political science professor Adam Schiffer said Perry took credit for Texas' good economy, which helped him win. Schiffer said he didn't think much would change in Perry's third term.

Riddlesperger said Texas will have a difficult year in 2011 because of budget shortfalls, and that it didn't matter which candidate won because in either case, the winner would face the shortfall.

EDUCATION

States test teacher licensing system

By Chris Williams
Associated Press

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — Standing at the edge of a pond surrounded by her class of fourth-graders, Jasmine Zeppa filled a bucket with brown water and lectured her pupils on the science of observing and recording data. Many of the children seemed more interested in nearby geese, a passing jogger and the crunchy leaves underfoot.

Zeppa's own professor from St. Catherine University stood nearby and recorded video of it all.

"I think it went as well as it possibly could have, given her experience," the professor, Susan Gibbs Goetz, said. Her snap review: The 25-year-old Zeppa could have done a better job holding the students' attention, but did well building on past lessons.

Aspiring teachers like Zeppa are preparing for new, more demanding requirements to receive their teacher license. Under a new system being tested in 19 states, video of student teachers in their classroom will be evaluated and candidates must show they can prepare a lesson, tailor it to different levels of students and present it effectively.

Most states only require that would-be teachers pass their class work and a written test. Supporters of the new system say the Teacher Performance Assessment program is a significant improvement, while others are a little more cautious in their praise, warning that it's not guaranteed it will lead to more successful teachers.

The assessments also place responsibility for grading the would-be teachers with teams of outside evaluators who have no stake in the result. Currently, the teachers-in-training are evaluated by their colleges, which want their students to get their teaching licenses.

"It's a big shift that the whole country is going through," said Misty Sato, a University of

Minnesota education professor who is helping adapt the assessments for Minnesota. "It's going from 'What has your candidate experienced?' to what your candidate can do."

Minnesota is scheduled to be the first state to adopt the new system when it implements it in 2012. Four other states — Massachusetts, Ohio, Tennessee and Washington — plan to implement it within five years. Fourteen more states are running pilots.

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The teacher assessment program is a joint project by a consortium made up of Stanford University, the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education and the Council of Chief State School Officers.

Sharon P. Robinson, president of the AACTE, an umbrella group for schools that specialize in training teachers, said the assessment will mean better teachers — and ultimately more successful students.

The assessment was developed at Stanford's Center for Assessment, Learning and Equity. Ray Pecheone, the center's executive director, said more than 12,000 teaching candidates have gone through it in four years of testing in California.

California and Arizona are the only states that currently require performance testing to license teachers. Two of California's three different performance tests use video review.

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POLITICS

Parties look for political makeover

By Calvin Woodward

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The fate of the Democratic Congress was put before voters Tuesday in midterm elections that drew Americans to balloting stations starting before dawn, some clamoring for change, others digging in their heels against resurgent Republicans. Expectations took hold in both camps that the political order was in for a makeover in these anxious times.

In the middle-class Cleveland suburb of Parma Heights, Ohio, Fred Peck, 48, explained his vote for Republicans — and by extension against President Barack Obama's agenda — by pointing to a 20 percent increase in his health care premiums and the declining value of his retirement fund. "I see nothing changing for the better," said Peck, who works in university campus maintenance.

In Miami's liberal Coconut Grove neighborhood, teacher Steve Wise, 28, voted for independent Charlie Crist for the Senate and Democrats for other offices. Mostly, he welcomed the end of a national campaign so often toxic in its tone. "I just want this day

to be over," he said. "Because it's been too much — political ads, newscasts, too much talking heads. I just want to move on and get this country back."

In Pelham, N.Y., Raymond Garofano, 66, who works in packaging for Revlon, voted a straight Democratic ticket and allowed that Obama "is doing an adequate job. Nobody's perfect."

The president gave a series of radio interviews, geared in part to urban black audiences, encouraging traditional Democratic supporters not to sit on the sidelines. "Even though my name is not on the ballot, my agenda is going to be dependent — our agenda is going to be dependent — on whether folks turn out and vote today," he told the "Radio Big Boy" show on KPWR in Los Angeles.

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Connecticut Attorney General and Democratic candidate for the Senate Richard Blumenthal, right, is handing his identification back from a poll worker as he and his wife Cynthia, in red, prepare to vote at the Bendheim Western Greenwich Civic Center in Greenwich, Conn., Tuesday, Nov. 2, 2010.

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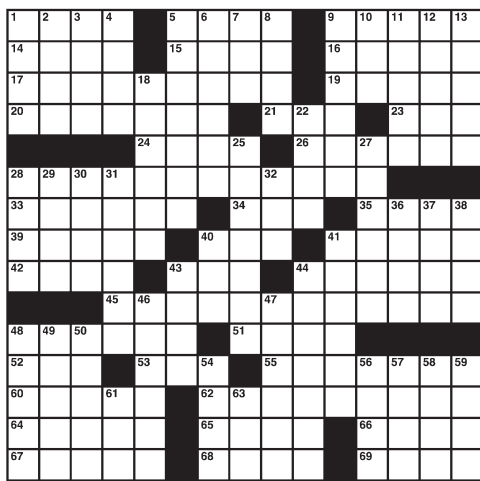
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By Gareth Bain

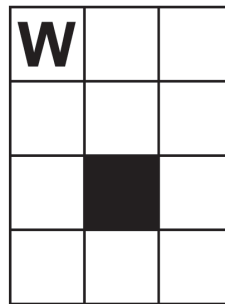
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Tuesday's Puzzle Solved

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Sample



"Freeze"

Tuesday's Solution



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

See Thursday's paper for sudoku and crossword solutions.

Tuesday's Solution

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VIDEO GAMES

Game laws face hurdles

By Jesse J. Holland
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court on Tuesday expressed sympathy for a California law that aims to keep children from buying ultra-violent video games in which players maim, kill or sexually assault images of people.

But several justices said the law faces a high constitutional hurdle before going into effect.

The high court has been reluctant to carve out exceptions to the First Amendment, striking down a ban on so-called “crush videos” that showed actual deaths of animals earlier this year.

“It has never been understood that the freedom of speech did not include portrayals of violence. You are asking us to create a whole new prohibition which the American people never ratified when they ratified the First Amendment.”

Antonin Scalia
Supreme Court justice

California officials argue that they should be allowed to limit minors' ability to pick up violent video games on their own at retailers because of the purported damage they cause.

Violent video games are “especially harmful to minors,” said Zackery P. Morazzini, a California supervisory deputy attorney general who argued the case for the state.

California's 2005 law would prohibit anyone under 18 from buying or renting games that give players the option of “killing, maiming, dismembering, or sexually assaulting an image of a human being.” Parents would be able to buy the games for their children, but retailers who sell directly to minors would face fines of up to \$1,000 for each game sold.

That means that children would need an adult to get games like “Postal 2,” the first-person shooter by developer Running With Scissors that features the ability to light unarmed bystanders on fire. It would also apply to the popular “Grand Theft Auto IV,” a third-person shoot-'em-up from Rockstar Games that allows gamers to portray carjacking, gun-toting gangsters.

Some Supreme Court justices wondered where the regulation would stop if they allowed California's law to go forward.

“What about films?” asked Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg. “What about comic books?”

Justice Antonin Scalia wondered if movies showing drinking and smoking might be next.

“I am concerned with the First Amendment, which says Congress shall make no law abridging the freedom of speech,” he said. “It has never been understood that the freedom of speech did not include portrayals of violence. You are asking us

to create a whole new prohibition which the American people never ratified when they ratified the First Amendment.”

The California law never took effect. Lower courts have said the law violates minors' constitutional rights under the First and Fourteenth amendments, and that the state lacked enough evidence to prove that violent games cause physical and psychological harm to minors. Courts in six other states, including Michigan and Illinois, reached similar conclusions, striking down similar bans.

The Supreme Court will make a decision sometime next year.

“You are asking us to go into an entirely new area where there is no consensus, no judicial opinions. And this indicates to me the statute might be vague,” said Justice Anthony Kennedy.

Opponents of the ban have called the measure unnecessary because virtually all major game publishers and retailers employ a universal voluntary rating system, much like movie studios and theaters. They assign one of eight age-specific ratings to games, and block children from buying those rated M for “mature” and AO for “adults only.”

California lawmakers were trying to help parents control what type of video games their children had access to, Morazzini said.

Paul M. Smith, lawyer for the Entertainment Merchants Association, countered that there was no proof that violent video games were any more harmful than television, books or movies.

Chief Justice John Roberts appeared to disagree.

“In these video games the child is not sitting there passively watching something. The child is doing the killing. The child is doing the maiming. And I suppose that might be understood to have a different impact on the child's moral development.” Roberts said.

Showing stronger support, Justice Stephen Breyer said it doesn't make sense to allow bans on minors from accessing pornography and not be able to block them from graphically violent video games.

What if a video game showed “gratuitous torture of children?” Breyer asked. “Now you can't buy a naked woman, but you can go and buy that, you say to the 13-year-old. Now what sense is there to that?”

“Why isn't it common sense to say a state has the right to say, ‘Parent, you want this for your child? You go buy it yourself,’” Breyer added.

Nearing the end of arguments, Justice Sonia Sotomayor pointed out the difficulties with enforcement.

She noted that the law bans minors buying video games that show violence to people. But what if game designers make a couple of anatomical changes to the depiction of human beings, like elongating the ears?

“Would a video game that portrayed a Vulcan as opposed to a human being, being maimed and tortured, would that be covered by the act?” Sotomayor asked.

Morazzini said those games would then be legal to sell to children.

MEXICAN DRUG WAR

Authorities probe border deaths

By Olivia Torres
Associated Press

CIUDAD JUAREZ, Mexico (AP) — Mexican and U.S. authorities are probing the killings of four U.S. citizens who were shot in Ciudad Juarez over the weekend, the Chihuahua state prosecutor's office said Tuesday.

U.S. authorities arrived in Ciudad Juarez, across the border from El Paso, Texas, on Monday night to “collaborate and inquire about any advances in the cases,” prosecutors' spokesman Arturo Sandoval said.

Sandoval said he couldn't reveal which U.S. authorities are involved because of the ongoing investigation. But he said two of the victims, Giovanna Herrera, 26, and Luis Araiza, 15, had criminal records. He would not specify what offenses.

The two were shot Saturday along with a Mexican man traveling with them just after they crossed an international bridge from El Paso, Sandoval said.

Edgar Lopez, 35, of El Paso, Texas, was killed Sunday along with two Mexican men when gunmen opened fire on a group standing outside a house. Authorities also identified a 24-year-old woman killed Friday inside a tortilla shop as Lorena Izaguirre, a U.S. citizen and El Paso resident. A Mexican man was also found dead in the store.

Sandoval did not provide any information about possible motives in any of the slayings.

Ciudad Juarez has become one of the world's deadliest cities amid a turf war between the Sinaloa and Juarez drug cartels. More than 2,000 people have been killed this year in the city.

The attacks represented the deadliest weekend for Americans in Mexico since Feb. 1, when four U.S. citizens were killed in different parts of the country. The largest previous single-city death toll for Americans was in June 2009, when three U.S. citizens were murdered in Tijuana.

State department figures show a steady rise in the number of Americans killed in Mexico. In the first six months of 2010, the latest figures available, 49 Americans were victims of homicide, up from 37 for the same period in 2009 and 19 in the first half of 2008.

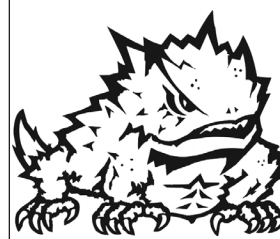
The vast majority were in border cities such as Ciudad Juarez, Tijuana and Mexicali, which have also been the hardest hit by drug violence. In some of the killings, the Americans apparently were in the company of Mexican friends, relatives or acquaintances who were the targets.

Associated Press writer Mark Stevenson contributed to this report from Mexico City.



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Maria Cisterna lights a candle to put on an altar in remembrance of those who have died in the violence related to drug trafficking in Monterrey, Mexico, Monday Nov. 1, 2010.



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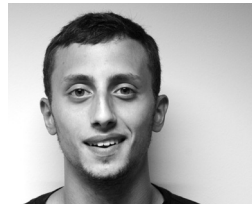
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SPORTS

FOOTBALL

Defense key in Utah game



Mike Zeko

This weekend's matchup of No. 3 TCU vs. No. 5 Utah is by far one of the biggest games for TCU in school history. Just the thought of potentially jumping No. 2 Auburn or even No. 1 Oregon for a spot in the national championship is truly a thrilling concept.

The computers seem to love TCU, so much that we even jumped Boise State. The winner of the TCU vs. Utah game will likely have the best shot for a non-automatic qualifying school to play in the BCS National Championship. But the focus is Utah, if the Frogs want to impress voters and the computers they are going to need to contain their lethal special teams, and the Frogs' defense is going to have to shine.

Utah running back Shaky Smithson has been shaking special teams units around the country this year. He leads the nation in punt-return average, punt return yards, total punt returns, and punt returns per game.

However, Horned Frog running back Jeremy Kerley, will pose strong competition for the Utes. Kerley leads the Mountain West in all-purpose yards with 134.4 yards per game.

Kerley has come through in late situations, such as during the SMU game after a crucial interception. Even though he does not have a punt or

kickoff return for a touchdown yet, he has been a lethal threat as a wide-out. Smithson and Kerley could be the most athletic and exciting players in the country, and people know it.

Special teams should determine who win this game. TCU has never won a game in Salt Lake City, so they are going to need Kerley to shine.

The expression "defense wins championships" is true. TCU is first in the nation for total defense, scoring defense and passing defense. Those are quite admirable statistics.

Another edge TCU has on defense that the Utes do not is experience. Jason Teague and Greg McCoy were involved in many key games last year, as well as six other returning starters on defense. A breakout player on the defensive line is Stansly Maponga. This guy is an athlete with characteristics that resemble Jerry Hughes on the football field. Maponga and Wayne Daniels will be too much for the Utes to handle.

Dreams will be made Saturday in Salt Lake City, and nightmares will become real. It seems as if every time TCU has played Utah in the past couple seasons, it's the Horned Frogs' biggest game in history. This trend only solidifies the Frogs' strength of schedule and helps them in the computers each year.

With the departure of Utah to the new Pac-12 conference next year, this game could be the last for the next few years, for these two rivals to battle their hearts out on another marquee Saturday night.

Mike Zeko is a freshman journalism major from Darien, Conn.

MLB

Renteria wins World Series MVP

By Ronald Blum

Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Edgar Renteria felt this joy before. So had Lou Gehrig, Joe DiMaggio and Yogi Berra.

Thirteen years removed from that memorable night in Miami, Renteria became only the fourth player in baseball history with two — count 'em, two — World Series-winning hits.

"Same emotions. Same feeling. It's unbelievable," he said Monday night after hitting a three-run homer in Game 5 to lift the Giants to their first World Series title since 1954. "It's unbelievable being in that situation."

Renteria was the unanimous pick for World Series MVP following San Francisco's 3-1 win over the Texas Rangers.

His bat quickly was snapped up by the Hall of Fame, possibly the last bat he'll use in a major league career that started back in 1996.

A five-time All-Star, Renteria might retire at 34 following three trips to the disabled list that limited him to a career-low 72 games. He's been playing with a torn biceps — he's been feeling more comfortable since it completely ripped.

He wasn't even a starter when the postseason began. Not surprising given he had just three homers and 22 RBIs during the regular season.

"This wasn't his first rodeo in the World Series, either," Rang-

ers manager Ron Washington said. "The word I got, he was slow at shortstop. He looked like the young Renteria that I seen when he first came over."

After getting the 11th-inning hit against Cleveland that won the 1997 title for Florida and making the final out for St. Louis in Boston's first title since 1918, he stunned the Texas Rangers and their fans with his drive off Cliff Lee. Renteria hit

.412 (7 for 17) with six RBIs against the Rangers, lifting his career Series average to .333 (21 for 63) with five doubles, two homers and 10 RBIs.

"Maybe I am more in focus. I know it's a different game because if you make a mistake you're going to pay," he said. "That's why my focus is different, my level is different, and just want to be the guy to do something."



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San Francisco Giants' Edgar Renteria holds the championship trophy after Game 5 of baseball's World Series against the Texas Rangers Monday, Nov. 1, 2010, in Arlington, Texas.

NFL

Vikings cut ties with Randy Moss four weeks after signing

By Dave Campbell

AP Sports Writer

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. (AP) — In his last act with Minnesota, Randy Moss stepped to a podium to fawn over the New England Patriots, criticize the Vikings for ignoring his strategic advice, and announce his plan to interview himself the rest of the season instead of letting reporters do it.

So much for that boost to Brett Favre's passing attack.

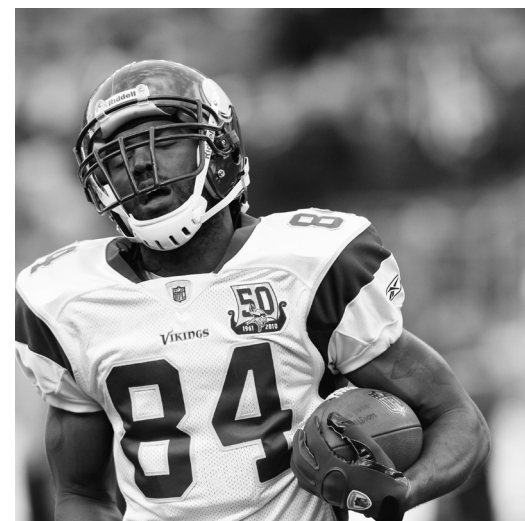
Moss's second go-round in Minnesota was far less successful than the first, not to mention swift and, simply, bizarre. After four games and three disappointing losses, coach Brad Childress showed Moss who was boss by telling Vikings players in a team meeting Monday afternoon the

six-time Pro Bowl wide receiver was being let go.

"This decision was made based on what we thought was in the best interests of the Minnesota Vikings, both in the short and long term," Childress said several hours later in a team-issued statement. "We wish Randy the best as he moves forward in his career."

Just four weeks ago, Moss was gushing about his return to Minnesota, where he looked forward to seeing those purple No. 84 jerseys in the crowd more than five years after the Vikings first dumped him in a trade.

The deal that brought him back last month from the Patriots cost the Vikings (2-5) a third-round draft pick and more than \$1.5 million for those four games.



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In this Sunday, Oct. 31, 2010, photo, Minnesota Vikings wide receiver Randy Moss runs with a ball during warmups for an NFL football game against the New England Patriots in Foxborough, Mass.

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SPORTS

ANALYSIS

Rangers facing critical decisions



J.D. Moore

The Rangers had one heck of a year. For the first time in franchise history, the Rangers won a playoff series, a pennant and earned a World Series appearance. The core of the ballclub is young, healthy, solid and under contract. Despite all that, general manager Jon Daniels has a number of critical moves he needs to pull off during the offseason if the Rangers are to be successful again next season.

The most obvious call for an offseason move is for owner Nolan Ryan to break open his wallet in order to keep Cliff Lee. Lee struggled in the regular season after being traded from Seattle, but his clutch performances against the Tampa Bay Rays and the New York Yankees were second to none.

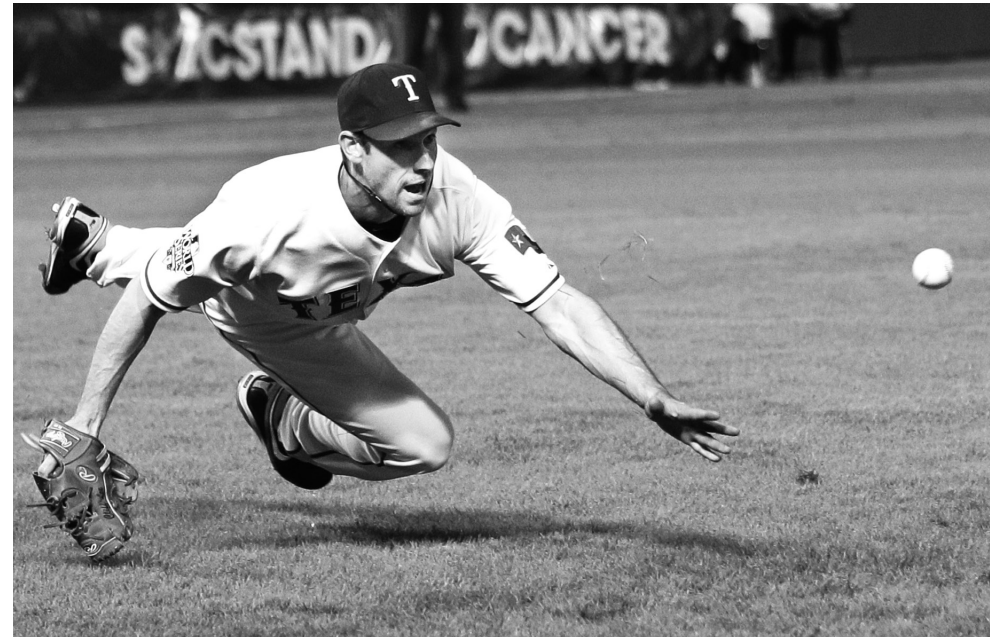
More importantly, the Rangers need an established ace to anchor their pitching rotation. Lee's presence and mentorship made a gigantic impact on the pitching rotation. C.J. Wilson and Colby Lewis both made claims that the 2008 Cy Young Award winner helped mature their styles of pitching. Lee was the key to winning major games in the playoffs and was a leader in the clubhouse. If there is any one move that Chuck Greenberg, Daniels and the rest of the Rangers brass need to do, it's to resign Lee and make him a permanent staple in Texas.

Lee isn't the only other free agent the Rangers must take into consideration. Aging vets, catcher Bengie Molina and designated hitter Vladimir Guerrero, are also eligible to go on the market. It's a difficult question of should the Rangers should spend the required arbitration money on the two. With Molina's potential retirement and the uncertainty of consistent play from Guerrero, justification for another season in Texas will be a challenge.

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Even though Molina is considering retirement, the Rangers should definitely try to pick up his option. Despite his lack of speed and power, Molina is incredible at calling pitches and is known as a pitcher's favorite behind the plate. He brings a sense of calm to the game like no other. With a lack of other available catchers for the Rangers, the front office should chase after Molina for 2011.

Vladdy is a complete toss up. As Game 1 of the World Series showed, Guerrero is a liability in the outfield. After being stuck in a designated hitter role, he'll need to fight to prove that he's still capable of bringing a big bat next season. With the addition of Jeff



DAVID J. PHILLIP / ASSOCIATED PRESS

Texas Rangers' Cliff Lee lobs the ball to first base on a bunt by San Francisco Giants' Aubrey Huff during the seventh inning of Game 5 of baseball's World Series Monday, Nov. 1, 2010, in Arlington.

Francoeur, who is cheaper than Guerrero and also can play in the outfield, the outfield has a plethora of capable hitters and fielders.

It would be simple for manager Ron Washington to put anyone in the designated hitter slot. Guerrero really doesn't have a need to fill with the Rangers anymore and most likely doesn't have much left in the tank. It's a hard call, but the Rangers will probably be better off without him.

The last thing that the Rangers front office should try to do is acquire another strong-armed reliever. Before getting injured, Frank Francisco, who is also going to be a free agent, was a great asset to the bullpen. As the postseason showed, Texas missed him. It's not good enough to only have one fiery setup man

for Neftali Feliz.

This year's free agent cycle features players like Jesse Crain, Jason Frasor and Kyle Farnsworth. All are capable of throwing in the mid to high 90s and are established setup men. If the budget allows, it would be wise for the Rangers to pick up one more relief pitcher who can throw heat.

The Rangers had a fantastic season, and it should be expected that they will continue to see more success in the future. If they wish to see another American League pennant next year, however, there's a lot of offseason work to be done.

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NFL

Official optimistic about regular-season games overseas

By Chris Lehourites

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LONDON (AP) — Fresh off a fourth straight sellout at Wembley Stadium, the NFL vice president of international business is optimistic the league will be playing multiple regular-season games in Britain.

The San Francisco 49ers rallied to beat the Denver Broncos 24-16 Sunday in the NFL's fourth regular-season game in London. And with a more than 84,000 fans packed into Wembley, Chris Parsons has already started thinking of ways to keep the momentum going.

Parsons says the NFL will talk to owners in January or February about a game next year. But he says the decision could be delayed by the collective bargaining agreement talks.

"The CBA negotiation adds a level of complexity to that planning process, which we have to then manage around," Parsons said in a phone interview Tuesday. "That may require us to be a little bit patient going forward in terms of how we move that forward, but whether it's in one year or two years, we will be playing multiple games, I believe, in the U.K. mar-

ket."

Eight of the league's 32 teams have been to London to play an NFL game at Wembley, home of England's national soccer team. Although the NFL has not made an announcement on 2011, at least one more game is expected.

If the opinion of the players mean anything, there will certainly be more games in the British capital.

"I thought it was an honor to play in Wembley Stadium," Broncos receiver Brandon Lloyd said of the stadium that hosted the 1948 Olympics and the 1966 World Cup final. "I loved the fact that the support was strong and seems like the fans are very knowledgeable on what was going on out there on the football field."

Besides talk of adding a second game to the overseas schedule, possibly in Cardiff, Wales, or Edinburgh, Scotland, the NFL has been also been considering the prospect of creating a franchise based in London.

According to Parsons, it won't be anytime soon.

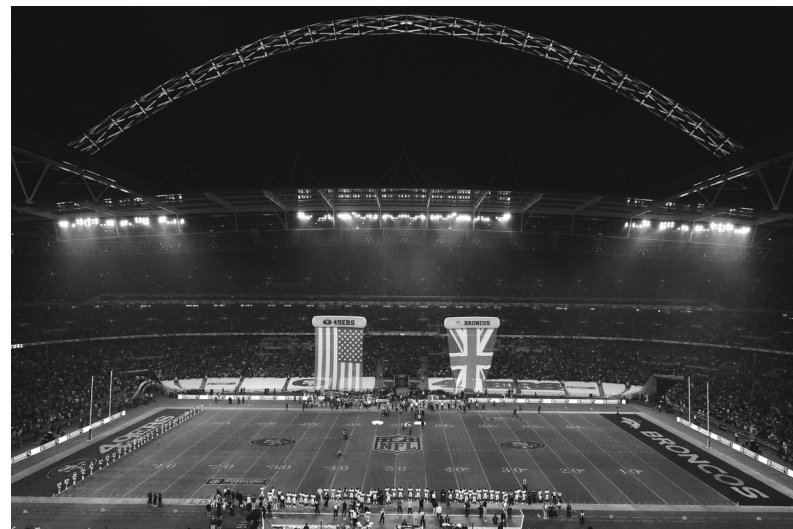
"The franchise is a nice goal and I think it's a tremendous stake in the ground and strategic vision that we can strive for, but I think we've also

said there are several steps ahead of that that we'd want to make sure we get right before we made that leap," Parsons said.

Another option for the NFL is playing games in other countries, such as Germany. The country had five of the

six teams in the NFL's European development league before it folded in 2007.

Although Parsons predicted that a game in Germany would be a success, he said the league was waiting for the right time.



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General view of the arena ahead of the NFL Football match between the Denver Broncos and San Francisco 49ers at Wembley Stadium in London, Sunday Oct. 31, 2010.

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TCU wide receiver, Jeremy Kerley (85), is brought down by UNLV's Starr Fuimaono (24) as Preston Brooks (91) and Tyler Gaston (61) move in to help in the first quarter of an NCAA college football game, Saturday, Oct. 30, 2010, in Las Vegas.

Coach says team is preparing for Utah, loud fans at away game

By David Stein

Staff Reporter

After passing Boise State in the BCS standings this week, TCU is in a position to contend for a spot in the BCS National Championship game. But that will mean nothing if TCU doesn't win this week against No. 5 Utah, head coach Gary Patterson said.

"We're not going there to be respectful," Patterson said. "We're going there to have an opportunity to win by one point with however we need to do it."

Not only does the game have huge national implications, but the winner will take over the top spot in the Mountain West Conference.

"The championship has always gone through Utah, it's gone through Fort Worth, whether it be BYU, Utah or ourselves," Patterson said. "Here we are again."

He said he would start preparing for Utah's atmosphere tonight by playing loud music behind the offense during practice.

Senior quarterback Andy Dalton said Utah is a tough place to play because their fans have bought into what the team has done.

"They're [Utah fans] loud; they're noisy, obnoxious. They do a great job, especially on offense, with the crowd noise," Dalton said.

Both teams are undefeated, and Patterson said he admired the job Utah head coach Kyle Whittingham has done this year.

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Gary Patterson
Head coach

He said a lot of Utah's success had come from sophomore quarterback Jordan Wynn.

"When he manages the game and when he gets them in the

right play, and when they run the football and they play action, they're very good at what they do," Patterson said. "We have to prepare for that."

Last season, Wynn was starting his first career game on the road when the Utes came to Fort Worth and were crushed 55-28. Patterson said he read that Wynn decided to go to Utah after watching Utah's 13-10 win over TCU in 2008. Wynn had originally committed to the University of Colorado.

Offensively, Patterson said that although turnovers and special teams mistakes can cost him the game, the Frogs can't be conservative on the road.

"You can't stay safe. Especially as the visiting team, if you stay safe, you get beat," he said. "That doesn't mean you have to be crazy, but you've got to be ready to go."

If all that wasn't big enough for the game, this also will be the last time the two teams play in the MWC. Next season, Utah will leave for the Pac-10 conference.

Patterson said his players practiced with a lot of energy so far this week despite arriving home from Las Vegas just an hour before Sunday's practice.