



ON STAGE

Dance department displays professional talent at fall concert.

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TUESDAY

A female soldier wins the Army's Best Warrior Competition.



PHILANTHROPIC

Two 5ks raise funds for nonprofit organizations this weekend.



ARTS

'Flying Into Fall' concert opens tonight

Bv Sean McDermott

Staff Reporter

The School for Classical & Contemporary Dance at TCU's main fall concert, "Flying Into Fall," will open tonight in its 61st year of performing on campus, a dance instructor said.

Ellen Page Shelton, director of The School for Classical & Contemporary Dance at TCU, said the concert would feature a combination of six dances of classical and contemporary works choreographed by dance faculty and guest artists.

Shelton said she was excited to have Atlanta Ballet's artistic director, John McFall, in residence for a week. Mc-Fall set a new work for the concert. "[Working with McFall] gives our students wonderful work to dance in our concert, but also is a nice professional relationship for the students come graduation," Shelton said.

Practice and preparations for the concert began back in August, she said. The cast auditioned for the different works and rehearsed two to three times per week for several hours at a time, Shelton said.

"It's danced by students from freshmen to seniors," Shelton said. "Some of them will dance both ballet and modern work."

According to a press release, the concert will begin at 8 p.m. in Ed Landreth Auditorium and will run through the weekend.

Performances on Saturday begin at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. and on Sunday at 2 p.m., also in Ed Landreth Auditorium.

General admission to the concert is \$10 and free for TCU students with a valid student ID. Admission for non-TCU students is \$5 with ID, Shelton said.

Flying Into Fall dance concert

When: 8 p.m. Friday

2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday 2 p.m. Sunday

Where: Ed Landreth Auditorium General admission is \$10, free for TCU students with a valid student ID and \$5 for non-TCU students with ID. **DOCTORS WITHOUT BORDERS**

5K race for charity

By Clinton Foster

Staff Reporter

Students will have the opportunity to support an international aid organization through Race to Heal on Saturday.

The race is a 5K run supporting Doctors Without Borders, a nonprofit organization. Fundraisers such as Race to Heal provide health professionals in Doctors Without Borders with funding to purchase medicine and medical equipment necessary to care for patients in the nearly 60 countries they serve in, according to the organization's website.

The race will begin at 10 a.m. in front of the University Recreation Center, and a fundraiser at Red Cactus will follow.

According to the organization's website, Doctors Without Borders provides aid to help victims of epidemics, malnutrition, war or natural disasters. Doctors Without Borders is neutral and acts independently of religious, political or military agendas.

All proceeds from both events will go directly to Doctors Without Borders.

Students for Doctors Without Borders

5K Race to Heal

When: Saturday 10 a.m.

Where: University Recreation Center

Cost: \$15

Prizes include an iPod Nano

Fundraiser at Red Cactus following the race

Students can register at sign-up tables around campus by e-mailing sdwb5k@gmail.com or by texting their names and e-mail addresses to 817-308-4319.

NATIONAL BRAIN TUMOR SOCIETY

Fundraiser Saturday

By Sean McDermott

Staff Reporter

The National Brain Tumor Society will hold the 5th Annual Dallas-Fort Worth Brain Tumor Walk Saturday at Trinity Park.

The event will include a five-kilometer walk, family activities and awards for top fundraisers, according to the event's website.

Registration will take place on site from 8 to 9 a.m., and activities will take place from 9 a.m. to noon, according to a press release.

Fees for registration are \$50 for adults, \$25 for children ages 6-17 and free for ages 5 and under.

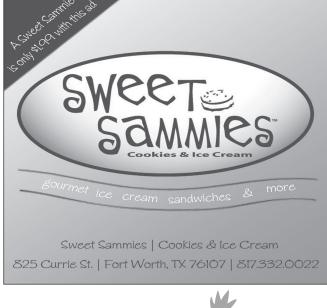
Food and beverages will be provided to participants, as well as full access to event activities.

Donations for the event were more than \$240,000 as of Thursday, according to the website.

For more information on the event or to make a donation, visit dfwwalk.org











CAMPUS

Residence halls, library among buildings that lost power Thursday

By Emily Agee and Kerri Feczko

Staff Reporters

Students across campus were left in the dark early Thursday morning after a widespread power outage.

The outage occurred around 1:30 a.m. and power remained off until mid-morning for most locations.

Associate Director of Residence Life Dave Cooper said, according to information he had, it was believed that the power outage was potentially due to a failed electrical feed from Encore Energy Partners LP, the university's energy supplier. He said he was unsure why the electricity connection failed to feed into campus.

According to workers in the residence halls, other buildings on campus were affected, including Sherley Hall, Foster Hall, Colby Hall, King Hall, Waits Hall and all buildings in the Tom Brown/Pete Wright apartments. Mary Couts Burnett Library was also affected by the outage.

Cooper said there may have been more buildings on campus affected by the power outage.

Associate Dean of the Library Tracy Hull said when the power turned off, more than 100 students were inside the building.

Students initially remained in the library for a few minutes waiting for the power to return, Hull said. After 10 minutes of darkness, many students left the building for the night.

June Koelker, dean of the library, was contacted at home at 2 a.m., Hull said. Koelker then told library staff members to close the building if the power did not return by 2:30 a.m.

With only one staff member on duty and no power, the library closed at 2:30 a.m., Hull said.

Hull said power was restored around 3 a.m. and that, after checking all systems in the building, the library reopened at 4:30 a.m. Thursday.

"Everyone got out of the building safely, so it really went quite smoothly," Hull said.

Because of the power outage, Hull said the recently-installed card swipe

station at the front of the building malfunctioned. The front door of the library had to be propped open for several hours Thursday.

Richard Bryan, associate director of operations for the TCU Physical Plant, could not be reached for comment.

Cooper said the residence halls that lost power experienced the same cardswipe malfunction as the library. Any of the buildings without power that required card access for entry temporarily malfunctioned, but the residence halls were able to respond quickly, he said.

"We have a plan. If we know about [a power outage], we can have a staff member help residents back into the building," Cooper said.

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Tracy Hull

Associate Dean of the Library

No injuries or consequences, other than the card-swipe malfunction, caused by the outage were reported, Cooper said.

Although TCU e-mail is the official form of communication between the university and students, according to the university Technology Resources website, there was no e-mail alert sent out to students notifying them of the power outage.

Cooper said he did not know why the university did not send a TCU e-mail alert to the student body. Provost Nowell Donovan could not be reached for comment concerning why no alert was sent.

Cooper said the incident served as a warning to the university to take the necessary precautions in case a power outage were to happen again.

"It's a wake-up call to make sure that we all have our systems in place [such as] 'How do we plan for this?', 'Do all the RAs have flashlights?' All of these things," Cooper said. "It was a good reminder that we need to refresh on this." DOWNS SYNDROME

Student pushes for inclusiveness

By Ashley Iovine

News Now

Freshman Nick Standerfer loves movies, works out at the University Recreation Center regularly and enjoys making friends. Though Standerfer has Down syndrome, he said he is more similar to other students than some may think.

This October, the university promoted inclusiveness for those with the condition by celebrating Down Syndrome Awareness Month. In support, many students volunteered at Kinder-Frogs School, a school for pre-kindergarten and kindergarten students with Down syndrome, Kinder-Frogs administrative assistant Vivian Unger said.

Standerfer said for him, the push for inclusiveness lasts much longer than the month of awareness.

The freshman movement science major from Arizona said he lives in a residence hall with a roommate like any other freshman student.

"I'm a great person because I make friends and everyone loves me," Standerfer said.

Outside of his studies, Standerfer also works on the sidelines at home football games. He said he loves sports, so helping out at the games seemed a natural fit for him.

"It's fun, I actually work a lot. I get exhausted," he said.

Freshman Justin Duke, Standerfer's roommate, said he did not view the latter's condition as a big deal, but that people needed to be more aware of those living with Down syndrome.

"It shouldn't need to be something that we need to...really focus on because it's not that big of a deal," Duke said. "Nick's doing just fine."

"The only way awareness and acceptance are going to come about is actually talking about it and just trying to learn all you can,"

Makayla Maddux

KinderFrogs volunteer

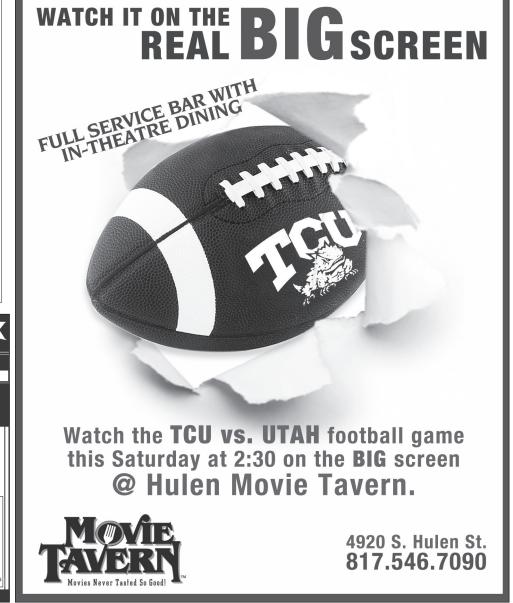
Makayla Maddux, a KinderFrogs volunteer, said many people struggle with how to act around people with intellectual disabilities.

"The only way awareness and acceptance are going to come about is actually talking about it and just trying to learn all you can," Maddux said.

Maddux, a sophomore broadcast journalism major, said she volunteers with the students at KinderFrogs about three times a week. She said ignoring people with Down syndrome or feeling sorry for them is not the way to deal with the awkwardness.

"Don't feel sorry for them because they're doing their own thing, they get through. They just have different things to overcome," Maddux said.

Standerfer said he is proof that he can make it on his own, so people should not feel sorry for him. Like everyone else, he just wants to be accepted for who he is.







PERSPECTIVES

The Skiff View

Power outage reveals preparedness issues

tudents had a unfortunate wake up call early yesterday this morning, or more accurately, they didn't.

They didn't because the power was out for three or more hours early Thursday in several building around campus. The power outage was enough to close down the library till 4:30 am and knock out the card reader systems for all of the affected.

TCU Alert didn't even send out an e-mail to inform the student population about what was happening on the main campus. Thankfully the outage didn't last long and there were no related injuries.

The outage served as a great reminder that TCU needs to keep up on all emergency protocol, even for minor events like a power outage. Even though TCU responded quickly and problems were minimized, it doesn't mean that issues weren't there or that they could have been much worse.

Students were unable to get into their dorms for extended periods of time, and had the outage been because of a natural disaster, the situation of being locked out becomes all the more dire.

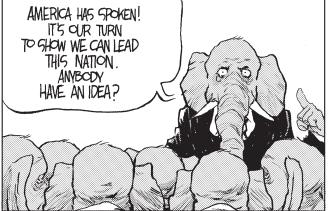
Everyone was safe and at the most the outage proved only to be a minor inconvenience, but it was a good reminder of how to react when things go wrong.

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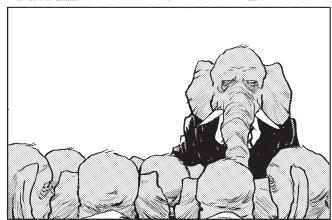
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Free birth control worth the controversy



KC Aransen

One bit of news that has fallen off the radar this year is the 50th anniversary of one of modern medicine's most controversial pills. The birth control pill came out 50 years ago, forever changing the lives of American women and families. Thanks to the new health care bill, there has now been another shift in the availability of this medication.

President Barack Obama's health care overhaul could include providing women with free contraceptives and family planning services. This could be very controversial because of the moral dilemma and debate that birth control and other forms of contraception face in the United States, especially because taxpayers' money would help pay for this plan.

Today, many health care providers cover birth control, including Medicaid. So would it not make sense for the health care bill to do the same thing?

About 93 million prescriptions for birth control were written in 2009, according to IMS Health. Generic versions are even available at places such as Walmart or Planned Parenthood for prices as little as \$9, according to the report.

One argument against potential free birth control under the bill is that many unplanned pregnancies happen while a woman is on birth control. This often has to do with whether or not the woman was taking the birth control properly — incorrect

use could include forgetting to take or skipping a pill. With free birth control, women would not only have to have the ability to plan when they have children but also, through family planning, they would be able to gain knowledge about how to use the pill more effectively.

Today, many health care providers cover birth control, including Medicaid. So would it not make sense for the health care bill to do the same thing?

According to an *Associated Press* article, Cecile Richards, president of Planned Parenthood said, "We can look at other countries where birth control is available for no cost, and what we see are lower pregnancy rates, lower abortion rates and lower teen pregnancy."

With teen pregnancies being glamorized on reality shows on MTV and pundits on Fox and CNN arguing about how the country's youth is corrupt due an increase in teen pregnancies, it seems logical for us to have available options to prevent pregnancies. Birth control pills allow for family planning — a woman can stop taking them when she is personally ready to have a child.

But until then, having easy access to birth control through the health care bill seems like it may help decrease abortion rates, which most despise about the idea of contraception. With easy access to contraceptives combined with proper guidance, those not wanting to get pregnant will not have to turn to such a drastic solution. For all the good that easy access to birth control will cause, it is more than worth ruffling some feathers.

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PERSPECTIVES

Stadiums don't help economy as much as you think



Michael Lauck

One thing I hate about studying economics is that it makes it so easy for you to become a killjoy. While I do enjoy taking down a protectionist or arguing with someone about why minimum wage laws hurt the poor, there are some things even I wish weren't true.

Take sports stadiums, for example. I love sports and am a big fan of my hometown teams, but I can't help but think that building a big stadium is a bad idea for economic progress.

Let me rephrase that: I think having the government subsidize a stadium, as is done with many stadiums, is a bad idea. The reason is that if owners choose to build a stadium, they must have decided that the benefits will be greater than the costs they will incur from building it. Having the city subsidize something means that the market did not dictate that a stadium should be built, so the government had to step in.

"Wait," you say. "Doesn't the stadium bring a lot of economic activity to the community and create media attention for the city?"

I'm skeptical of that claim for two reasons. First, take Cowboys Stadium. Sure, it's innovative and creates a lot of action on game days. Remember, though, that football is only played at home eight days out of the year. I'm not sure a business can survive with getting costumers eight days a year. Give or take a few extra events, the stadium probably gets heavily used only 20 times a year.

I also point to my hometown baseball stadium, Minute Maid Park. While vibrant during baseball home games, the stadium is almost dead in the offseason and even when the team is away. Hanging around the stadium during these times, you see no economic activity.

The second reason I am skeptical is based on what economists call opportunity costs. Here's an example: When you go to class, you're giving up everything you could be doing with the hour of class, such as napping, studying

for another class or talking a little longer with a potential date. We call those things you could be doing your opportunity costs.

What does this have to do with stadiums? The money that was spent on the stadium could have been used to hire more police or to install better traffic lights. It could have been given back to taxpayers so they could spend in the middle of a recession. Instead, it is used to build a giant stadium. Not only that, the land the stadium takes up also could have been used for other, more economically efficient purposes as well. Instead, and possibly because of subsidies, it gets used for a stadium.

Like I said before, if Jerry Jones wanted to build the stadium himself, I'm sure he could have. Because it was his own money, he also probably would have been more careful to check the value of the land where he was building it, and he could have been a bit more careful with the costs. Now, we get economic losses.

Let's stop having our cities be slaves to multimillionaires who own sports teams and finally tell them, "If you want a new stadium, go build it yourself."

Michael Lauck is a junior economics major from Houston.

Yogurt advertising misleading

Sammy Key

Yo! Frozen Yogurt Lounge has crossed the unspoken advertisement barrier. The stand propped outside the storefront as well as the in-store screen reads, "Let's do lunch. Make Yo! Frozen Yogurt your new healthy, low-cost lunch alternative."

Not only is it incorrect to call skipping an actual lunch healthy, but it's also manipulative to advertise in this manner with the realization that an overwhelming amount of women students on campus suffer from body-weight issues.

The company is conscious that its primary income stems from TCU female students, including many who constantly try to cut calorie corners. Yo! is encouraging this unhealthy mindset by suggesting students eat its non-fat yogurt and skip lunch altogether.

Registered dietitian Becky Hoskins said that skipping a full lunch for yogurt is an unhealthy idea.

"Frozen yogurt is a good snack, with some amounts of carbohydrates and proteins, but it shouldn't be replacing any meal," she said.

Hoskins said that advertisements like these most likely won't severely worsen someone's eating disorder, because those suffering from diseases such as anorexia are generally knowledgeable regarding their caloric intake. The students suffering most from advertisements like these are the ones looking for more "quick-fix diets" that don't prove successful.

As far as why eating yogurt for lunch isn't healthy, Hoskins said the answer lies in the fact that once a meal is skipped or replaced by a significantly less filling one, we simply gorge on the next meal because of intensified hunger.

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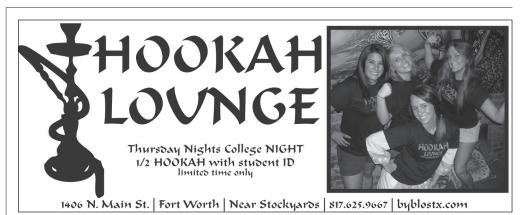
Junior early childhood education major Amy Cooper is also frustrated by this advertisement.

Cooper said, "Considering the statistics regarding the weight issues girls at TCU have, Yo!suggesting a cup of yogurt in place of a meal is only going to add to the numbers."

Many of my friends already eat like malnourished birds. It's hurtful to see restaurants near campus recognizing this weak spot and trying to make it into a "healthy new idea" to gain more profits.

Let's keep labeling yogurt as a snack, not my dinner, Yo!, and take down that sign.

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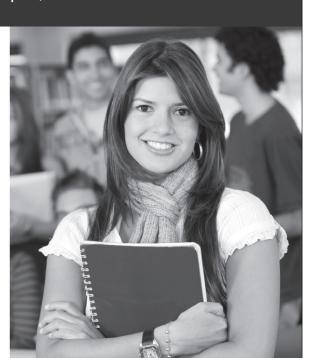


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POLITICS

Obama to discuss Bush tax cuts

By Julie Pace

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama sought Thursday to retake the political initiative after a bruising election, inviting Republican and Democratic congressional leaders to meet with him on the economy and jobs. The White House said Obama would consider extending Bush-era tax cuts even for upper income Americans for a year or two.

"It's clear that the voters sent a message, which is that they want us to focus on the economy and jobs,"

Barack Obama

The Nov. 18 meeting will be closely watched, in particular, for any signs of cooperation between Obama and his two frequent Republican antagonists, incoming House Speaker-in-Waiting John Boehner and Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell. They will be joined by the top Democrats in Congress, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid.

Four other lawmakers will join the meeting: Republicans Rep. Eric Cantor of Virginia and Arizona Sen. Jon Kyl, and Democrats Rep. Steny Hoyer of Maryland and Illinois Sen. Dick Durbin.

White House spokesman Robert Gibbs said no staff would take part in the meeting, which will also include a working and social dinner. Gibbs said he expects the meeting to be the first of many.

While the White House said the date of

the meeting was set, McConnell spokesman Don Stewart said the date and time were still being worked out. Stewart said McConnell is "encouraged" by the chance to meet with Obama to discuss issues including trade, reducing spending and increasing domestic energy production.

But McConnell himself threw down the gauntlet, taking a confrontational tone in a speech to the conservative-oriented Heritage Institution. He called there for Senate votes to repeal or erode Obama's signature health care law, to cut spending and to shrink government.

"The only way to do all these things it is to put someone in the White House who won't veto any of these things," McConnell said. He also said that Obama would have to move toward GOP positions on critical issues if he wants to save his agenda.

Tuesday's elections amounted to a national political reset, shifting control of the House to Republicans when the new Congress convenes early next year.

During the campaign, Obama called for extending tax cuts for middle-income families. Gibbs said Thursday that Obama continues to believe that extending tax cuts permanently for upper income earners "is something the president does not believe is a good idea" but that he would be open to the possibility of extending the cuts for one or two years.

"It's clear that the voters sent a message, which is that they want us to focus on the economy and jobs," Obama told reporters, with Cabinet members at his side. The president said he instructed his Cabinet to make a "sincere and consistent" effort to change how Washington works, something he acknowledges has been a failing of his administration so far.

The president said he wants the bipartisan



CHARLES DHARAPAK / ASSOCIATED PRESS

President Barack Obama is seated next to White House Chief of Staff Pete Rouse, as he makes a statement to reporters after meeting with his staff and Cabinet members in the Cabinet Room of the White House in Washington, Thursday, Nov. 4, 2010.

meeting with congressional leaders to be a substantive discussion on the economy, tax cuts and unemployment insurance. He wants to focus on the busy legislative agenda that awaits Congress when lawmakers return for a lame-duck session. Among the top front-burner issues: renewing Bush-era tax cuts due to expire at year's end.

Aware that he's been pegged as antibusiness, Obama said, "We've got to provide businesses with some certainty about what their tax landscape is going to look like." He added that it's critical for middle class families to have that same sense of reassurance.

Obama also said the work that needs to be done during this month's legislative session extends to foreign policy. Specifically, he said, the Senate should ratify a new arms control treaty with Russia. Obama said the START treaty, which would cut U.S. and Russian nuclear arsenals by one-fourth, is something that is essential to the country's national security and should have bipartisan support.

McConnell responded that he didn't think there would be enough time in the lame-duck session of Congress to address the START issue.

Obama said: "What's going to be critically important over the coming months is going to be creating a better working relationship between this White House and the congressional leadership that's coming in."

The gap between the announcement of an Obama-Hill leadership meeting and the session itself — two weeks from now —is due to Obama's foreign travels. He will be on a four-country trip to Asia from Friday through Nov. 14.



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Serbian president apologizes to Croats

By Darko Bandic and Snjezana Vukic

Associated Press

VUKOVAR, Croatia (AP) — Serbian President Boris Tadic apologized Thursday at the site where more than 200 Croats were massacred, offering the strongest condemnation to date by a leader from Serbia of wartime atrocities committed by the country.

Laying a wreath at Ovcara, a former pig farm where a mass grave remains a painful symbol for Croats of Serb brutality during the 1991 ethnic war, Tadic said he came to "bow down before the victims."

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Boris Tadic

Serbian President

A few hours later, Croatian counterpart Ivo Josipovic laid a wreath at the graveyard of 18 Serbs killed by Croats in 1991 in a nearby village of Paulin Dvor and Josipovic said that "those who are left behind those victims deserve our apology."

"A crime has no justification; revenge cannot be justified by a crime," Josipovic said. The slaying in Paulin Dvor came a month after the massacre at Ovcara.

Though relations between the neighbors have vastly improved, the two presidents' joint tour of the killing sites and apologies offer a symbolic step of reconciliation after years of mutual accusations over atrocities. Tadic is the first Serb leader to visit Ovcara, the site of one of the worst massacres of the Balkan conflicts that followed the post-communism breakup of Yugoslavia.

Accompanied by Josipovic, Tadic said the two of them visited the site near the eastern Croatian town of Vukovar "to create the possibility that Croats and Serbs can turn a new page of history."

More than 200 Croats were executed at Ovcara after Serb soldiers dragged them out of a local hospital.

Josipovic said the two were there to show that "a different policy, one of cooperation and friendship is possible" between the two nations.

Vukovar was leveled by Serb bombardment in November 1991, after a three-month siege, leaving hundreds dead and forcing even more to flee their homes.

Some in Croatia oppose Tadic's visit, saying he should have first admitted that Serbs were aggressors in the war. Several members of the small Croatian Party of Rights gathered in Vukovar carrying banners saying: "Apology, Not Regret" and "You're Not Welcome."

Several mothers of those killed in Vukovar came to Ovcara and turned their backs on Tadic as he spoke.

The two presidents will also lay wreaths for 18 Serbs killed by Croats in a nearby village.

Serbia backed Croatian Serbs when they rebelled against the country's independence from Yugoslavia, which triggered the war. The rebels seized a third of the country, and more than 10,000 people were killed and entire communities expelled. Four years later, Zagreb took back the territory in a blitz offensive, followed by a period of killings and purges of Serbs by Croatians.

The two neighbors have since largely patched up relations, but tensions persist and each nation still sees itself as the chief victim of the war.

LEGAL

Lil Wayne released from jail after eight months

By Jennifer Peltz

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Lil Wayne was freed from jail Thursday after serving eight months in a gun case, emerging with a hot new album, well-wishes from a former president and a deepened appreciation for his fans.

"Welcome home, Weezy!" the rap star's Facebook page proclaimed, using one of his nicknames, after his morning release from the Rikers Island jail complex. He was freed at a location jail officials and his lawyer wouldn't disclose.

His managers have said he planned to head for his home in Miami, where they're planning a welcome-home party Sunday.

"I was never scared, worried nor bothered by the situation" behind bars, Lil Wayne said Tuesday through Weezythanxyou. com, a website he set up to give fans a glimpse of his life in jail.

Lil Wayne, who had the best-selling album of 2008 and won a best rap album Grammy with "Tha Carter III," kept his career in high gear while locked up for having a loaded gun on his tour bus in 2007.

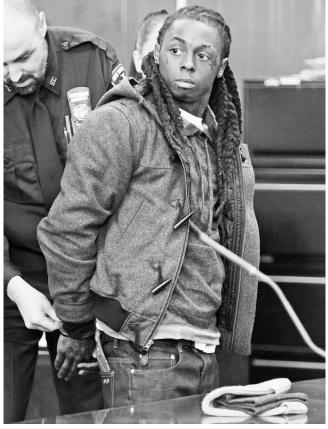
His latest album, "I Am Not a Human Being" — released while he was in solitary confinement in September — hit No. 1 on the Billboard 200 chart last month. He also was featured on a string of hits by other artists, including Drake and Eminem, that came out while he was incarcerated — and he recorded a verse for the Drake/Jay-Z collaboration "Light Up" over on the phone for a "Rikers Remix" that made the rounds online.

President Barack Obama recently told Rolling Stone he has some Lil Wayne music on his iPod. And former President Bill Clinton praised the rapper's abilities during a phone interview with a Pittsburgh radio station Tuesday, adding that "what I hope will happen is that he has a good life now."

Lil Wayne, born Dwayne Carter Jr., pleaded guilty in October 2009 to attempted weapon possession, admitting he'd had a loaded, semiautomatic .40-caliber gun on his bus after a Manhattan concert.

He started a yearlong sentence in March but got time off for good behavior, despite a disciplinary knock that sent him to solitary for the last month of his term. A charger and headphones for a digital music player were found in his cell in May, jail officials said. The items are considered contraband.

The rapper later acknowledged the misstep on his Weezythanxyou site, where his associates typed up and post-



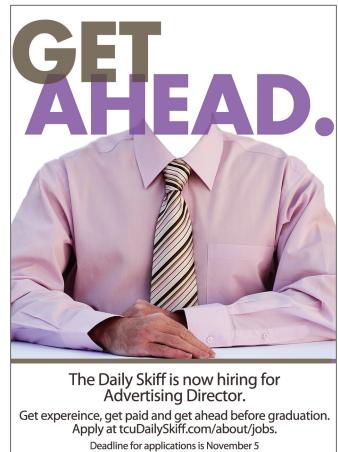
LOUIS LANZANO / ASSOCIATED PRESS In a March 8, 2010 file photo Rapper Lil Wayne is handcuffed at Manhattan criminal court in New York.

ed periodic letters he wrote on topics ranging from his daily Rikers routine to new songs he'd heard and liked on the radio.

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ECONOMY

Too soon for trend with decreasing unemployment claims

By Christopher S. Rugaber

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The number of people seeking jobless benefits jumped sharply last week, after two straight weeks of declines.

The increase undermines hopes that unemployment claims, after falling four times in the previous five weeks, were on a sustained downward trend. That would signal layoffs were slowing and hiring was picking up. Instead, claims remain stuck at an elevated level.

The report comes a day before the

Labor Department is scheduled to release the jobs figures for October. With claims dropping only modestly over the past month, economists aren't expecting much progress. They forecast that the jobs report will show employers added a net total of 60,000 jobs last month, while the unemployment rate remained 9.6 percent for the third straight month.

A gain of 60,000 jobs is far below the 200,000 jobs a month needed to keep up with population growth and to help get some of the 15 million unemployed back to work.

Those looking for an imminent

spurt of job creation are ... likely to be disappointed," said Dan Greenhaus, chief economic strategist at Miller Tabak, in a note to clients.

The Labor Department said Thursday that initial claims for unemployment aid rose by 20,000 to a seasonally adjusted 457,000 for the week ending Oct. 30.

Claims have fluctuated around the 450,000 level all year. They will need to drop below 425,000 to signal sustained job gains.

The weekly applications for unemployment benefits are volatile, but are considered a real-time snapshot of the job market. They reflect the pace of layoffs and indicate whether companies are hiring.

High unemployment and the sluggish pace of hiring is a major reason the Federal Reserve announced Wednesday that it will buy \$600 billion in Treasury bonds in an effort to lower interest rates on mortgages and other loans.

The central bank hopes the lower rates will spur more borrowing and spending, boosting the economy and leading to more hiring.

"Unfortunately, the job market remains quite weak," Fed Chairman

Ben Bernanke wrote in a commentary Thursday in the Washington Post. "A large number of people can find only part-time work, and a substantial fraction of the unemployed have been out of work six months or longer."

Separately, labor productivity rebounded in the July-September quarter, rising by 1.9 percent, after falling in the previous quarter.

But even with the decline, productivity, or output per hour worked, is still growing at a much weaker pace than last year. That could be a positive sign that companies will have to step up hiring to meet growing demand.

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Thursday's Solution



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GOP: We will repeal health care law



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House Republican leader John Boehner of Ohio, right, and Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell of Ky., left, swap positions at the microphones to answer questions on the sweeping GOP victory in the 2010 midterm elections.

By Ricardo Alonso-Zaldivar

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republicans say they'll repeal and replace President Barack Obama's health care law, but tinker and tweak is as far as they're likely to get.

And that might not be a bad thing if you're a GOP strategist. It keeps the issue Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell calls the "tipping point" in the midterm elections alive for 2012, when they'll try to unseat Obama himself.

Republicans will control the House in January, but they don't have the votes to overcome a Senate filibuster, much less Obama's veto on repeal. Plan B, denying funds to carry out the law, could backfire if it escalates to a government shutdown.

Other options call for legislative guerrilla

Republicans could use the oversight authority of Congress to slow down or block regulations, essentially tying up the instruction manual for the overhaul. Expect flyspeck scrutiny of agencies implementing the law.

GOP lawmakers may be able to pick off

unpopular provisions. Obama has already said he's willing to "tweak" an IRS reporting requirement that small businesses find burdensome. Another target is a yet-to-benamed board with the power to make Medicare cuts. And look for a move to tighten restrictions on abortion coverage.

"It would be foolish to expect that Republicans will be able to completely reverse the damage Democrats have done as long as a Democrat holds the veto pen," McConnell said, outlining the GOP agenda Thursday. "There's just no getting around it."

The GOP's repeal strategy is fluid. Aides say no decision has been made on the first bill that House Republicans will take up in the new Congress, and party leaders have put taxes and government spending ahead of health care repeal as priorities.

"This is not a 'Jeopardy!' question where there is just one right answer," said Rep. Joe Barton, R-Texas, a leader on health care. "House Republicans are committed to repealing the existing Obamacare bill. That's not window dressing, but we are going to do a three-pronged approach. We'll do repeal, we'll do a reform bill, we'll do a defunding bill. It's all of the above."

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

EU wants control of online tracking

By Gabriele Steinhauser

Associated Press

BRUSSELS (AP) — The European Union wants companies like Google Inc. or Facebook Inc. to give people more control over how their online habits are tracked, requirements that could crimp Internet firms' ability to target advertising.

Internet companies, privacy activists and the EU's executive commission are likely to wrestle over the specifics of the rules, which cut to the heart of funding models not only for technology firms but also many online news sites and blogs.

"People should be able to give their informed consent to the processing of their personal data," the European Commission said Thursday in a new strategy paper.

It also wants users to be able to modify and delete any information that has been collected, giving them "a right to be forgotten."

Thursday's strategy paper will form the basis for an overhaul of the EU's 15-year

old laws on data protection scheduled for next year. It is open for public consultation until January and the commission aims to propose legislation by mid-2011. Any new laws would have to be approved by the European Parliament and national governments.

Tracking an individual's search history to target online advertising is a key revenue source for companies such as Yahoo! Inc. and Google.

Other firms use cookies — small files placed on a user's computer — or pop-up windows to track the websites a user has visited in the past or the books and clothing he has bought online.

The more closely ads can be linked to a user's interests, the more likely they are to be successful.

But privacy watchdogs have raised concerns over whether this information can be linked to an individual's name or address, what it could be used for, and how long it can be stored.



JOERG SARBACH / ASSOCIATED PRESS In this March 2, 2010 file photo, a woman decorates a camera car of Google at the CeBIT in Hannover, northern Germany.

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GOLF

Westwood, Molinari fight for first

By Doug Ferguson

Associated Press

SHANGHAI (AP) — Lee Westwood spent his career trying to be No. 1. The way he played Thursday in the HSBC Champions, it doesn't look as though he wants to give up his prized ranking after just one week.

Even as Francesco Molinari of Italy made a charge to a 7-under 65 for a one-shot lead, the focus in the final World Golf Championship of the year quickly shifted to what could be a prolonged and fascinating battle for No. 1.

In his debut as golf's top-ranked player, West-wood birdied some of the toughest holes at Sheshan International and showed hardly any signs of rust from playing in his second stroke-play tournament in three months. He finished with back-to-back birdies for a 66.

Two shots behind Westwood was Tiger Woods, without his No. 1 ranking for the first time in more than five years. Woods made a most improbable par from behind the bushes with a 4-iron he had to aim away from loose tree roots, which proved more satisfying than the three straight birdies that sent him to a 68.

Not to be forgotten is the defending champion, fourth-ranked Phil Mickelson, who rallied for a 69. PGA champion Martin Kaymer, the No. 3 player,

opened with a 72.

Any of those four could go to No. 1 this week at the HSBC Champions, and it could just be getting started

"You just basically asked me how long a piece of string is, I think," Westwood replied when asked when the crowd near the top of the ranking might have some clarity. "I think the world rankings are reflective of how competitive world golf is at the moment"

"Nobody is the out-and-out world No. 1," he added. "I think that's partly to do with Tiger not having played quite so well this year, and partly to do with Tiger having made everybody else elevate their games. He's a victim of his own brilliance. We've all had to work harder, and we've closed the gap."

There was plenty of brilliance to go around on a mostly clear afternoon at Sheshan International, with sunshine fighting through the haze and only a mild breeze. That allowed for 51 players in the 78man field to shoot par or better.

Molinari would not have expected to be at the top when he sent his wedge over the third green, his 12th hole, and faced a scary downhill chip. He turned bogey into birdie by chipping in, the start of four successive birdies without a bogey on his card.

"Everything seems in the right place at the moment," Molinari said.

REMEMBRANCE



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Detroit Tigers manager Sparky Anderson smokes his pipe in the dugout during a Grapefruit League game in Lakeland, Fla.

Hall of Fame manager dies at 76

Associated Press

THOUSAND OAKS, Calif. (AP) — Sparky Anderson, the white-haired Hall of Fame manager who directed Cincinnati's Big Red Machine to back-to-back World Series championships and won another one in Detroit, died Thursday. He was 76.

Anderson died from complications from dementia, family spokesman Dan Ewald said. A day earlier, Anderson's family said he had been placed in hospice care.

Anderson was the first manager to win World Series titles in both leagues and the only manager to lead two franchises in career wins.

His total of 2,194 wins as a manager were the third highest when he retired after the 1995 season, trailing only Connie Mack and John McGraw.

Jack Morris helped the Tigers win the 1984 title. The rugged pitcher choked up during a phone conversation with The Associated Press from his home in the Twin Cities when he was informed of Anderson's death.

"Wow. He died way too young. I got phone a lot of calls yesterday about the hospice and the dementia, neither of which I knew about. I wasn't prepared for this. I don't know what to say. I'm kind of shocked," Morris said.

"He was a big part of my life, for sure. He had a lot to do with molding me professionally and taught me a lot about perseverance. He was a good guy," he said. "Baseball will have very few people like Sparky. He was a unique individual. He was a character with a great passion and love for the game."

George "Sparky" Anderson got his

nickname in the minor leagues because of his spirited play. He made it to the majors for only one season, batting .218 for the Phillies in 1959.

Anderson learned to control a temper that nearly scuttled his fledgling career as a manager in the minors, and went on to become one of baseball's best at running a team. His Reds teams that won crowns in 1975 and 1976 rank among the most powerful of all time.

And Anderson won with a humility that couldn't obscure his unique ability to manage people.

"I got good players, stayed out of their way, let them win a lot and then just hung around for 26 years," he said during his Hall of Fame acceptance speech in 2000.

Always affable and ever talkative, Anderson was equally popular among players, fans and media.

"To be around me, you have to be a little bit cuckoo," Anderson said on the day he resigned from the Tigers after the 1995 season. "One day it's written in concrete, the next day it's written in sand. I always felt if I didn't change my mind every 24 hours, people would find me boring."

Ewald knew Anderson for about 35 years as a former Tigers spokesman and baseball writer for the Detroit News.

"Sparky Anderson will always be measured by his number of victories and his place in baseball's Hall of Fame. But all of that is overshadowed by the type of person he was. Sparky not only spiked life into baseball, he gave life in general something to smile about. Never in my lifetime have I met a man as gentle, kind and courageous as Sparky," he said.



ANALYSIS

Horned Frog defense must contain strong Utes offense



Allen Kellogg

After rolling over UNLV 48-6 last week, the Horned Frogs face their toughest challenge this season in unbeaten Utah. The Utes jumped to No. 5 in the BCS standings after defeating Air Force, 28-23. This sets up the first Top-10 matchup in Mountain West Conference history. The team that wins this game will have the opportunity to play in a BCS game and possibly the national championship. The loser will have to struggle to make up ground in the standings and will most likely not make it to a BCS game.

When TCU is on offense

The Utes have a strong defense this year and it will be intriguing to watch them play against a TCU offense that has recently hit its stride. The key matchup will be on the offensive and defensive lines. The TCU offensive line is anchored by senior center Jake Kirkpatrick and senior offensive tackle Marcus Cannon, both NFL prospects. Left guard Kyle Dooley is recovering from a sprained knee, but is expected to start.

The offensive line must protect Andy Dalton from the 10th-best pass defense in the nation. Utah has 23 sacks and ranks 12th in the nation and leads the MWC. The offensive line must keep Dalton upright to prevent him from being shaken and turning the ball over.

Turnovers will be a key factor in deciding the winner of the game. Last week against Air Force, Utah forced five turnovers. If the Utes do anything like that against TCU,it will be a rough day for Horned Frog fans. TCU has had a lot of success running the football this season and sophomore Ed Wesley is one of the best running backs in the country. Utah will have to stop the run in order to force Dalton to throw the ball downfield. Dalton has been

The Horned Frog defense has been near perfect the past five games, allowing only 16 total points. the team's toughest test will come against Utah. Utah's offense is ranked 21st in total offense, averaging almost 450 yards per game.

playing well lately, and two of Utah's safeties were banged up earlier this week.

When TCU is on defense

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Kyle Whittingham, Utah's head coach, has said his team is going to use the entire playbook against TCU, so Gary Patterson's defense must be prepared for anything. Utah will most likely look to run the ball early to wear down the TCU defense. Utah has two bruising senior running backs, Eddie Wide and Matt Asiata. Both backs are averaging roughly five yards per carry. The TCU defensive line will have to prevent Utah's offensive line from moving up its blocks so that linebackers Tank Carder and Tanner Brock can make plays. Safety Tejay Johnson has been nominated for The Jim Thorpe Award, which is given to the best defensive back in the nation. Johnson will have to help support against the run and make plays in the secondary. Senior defensive end Wayne Daniels and the rest of the defensive line will have to pressure Utah quarterback Jordan Wynn. Wynn has played well this season, completing 69 percent of his passes with 13 touchdowns. If Wynn has time to throw the ball, the Utah offense will be able to score more than the 16 points TCU has allowed against its other MWC opponents.

> Allen Kellogg is a sophomore journalism major from Alexandria, Va.

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game against Air Force, Saturday, Oct. 23, 2010, in Fort Worth, Texas. TCU won 38-17.

TONY GUTIERREZ / ASSOCIATED PRESS TCU quarterback Andy Dalton (14) passes in the second half of an NCAA college football



JIM UROUHART / ASSOCIATED PRESS In this Oct. 23, 2010, file photo, Utah quarterback Jordan Wynn (3) looks to pass during the first half of an NCAA college football game against Colorado State in Salt Lake City.

Saturday's game will have historic overtones for MWC

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In a match-up attended by ESPN College GameDay, No. 3 TCU travels to Salt Lake City to take on the No. 5 Utah Utes. The meeting will be the first time in the Mountain West Conference's 11-year history where two top-five teams face off in conference play.

Both teams are ranked in the top five in the BCS standings. One team will continue its path toward a shot at a BCS berth and perhaps the national championship. The other will be out of the lead for even a MWC Championship.

TCU has never won against Utah on the road, including a heartbreaking 13-10 loss two years ago that helped send the Utes to the Sugar Bowl. Last year, the Frogs crushed the Utes 55-28 in front of a record crowd at Amon G. Carter Stadium in Fort Worth.

This game has had huge implications in recent years. The last two seasons, the winner of this contest won the MWC championship and went on to play in a BCS game.

This year, both teams rank in the Top 10 nationally in points scored and points al-

TCU's defense is giving up fewer than nine points per game this season, first in the nation. The Frogs have given up only 16 total points in five MWC games so far but may have their hands full against a Utah offense putting up more than 45 points per game.

On special teams, the Frogs feature reigning MWC Special Teams Player of the Year Jeremy Kerley. The senior wide receiver has yet to score a touchdown on special teams this season, but he is averaging 28.1 yards per kickoff return, four yards higher than Utah senior wide receiver Shaky Smithson's 24.1 yards per kickoff

Smithson, however, has helped Utah lead the nation in punt return yards by averaging 22.4 yards per punt return, compared to an average of 8.0 per punt return for Kerley. Smithson already has two punt return touchdowns this season.

The Frogs are coming off a 48-6 victory at UNLV. The TCU offense had 530 yards of total offense, while the defense held UNLV to 197.

In just their second game outside of the Dallas-Fort Worth area, the Frogs played in front of a crowd of fewer than 17,000 at UNLV. This weekend's match-up will be

in front of a sold-out Rice-Eccles Stadium. Utah has encouraged fans to "blackout" for the game like they did in 2008. TCU head coach Gary Patterson said he was impressed with Utah's fan base, especially the student section.

"One of the reasons they're very good is their student section is extremely loud. That's part of the atmosphere," he said. "You've got to love how that's part of the game."

Utah will also wear special camouflage black uniforms in honor of the Wounded Warrior Project, according to Utah's athletic website.

If the game didn't mean enough already, it will be Utah's last game against the Frogs as a member of the MWC. Next season, the Utes will leave for the Pac-10 conference, which will be renamed the Pac-12.

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