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One of the many trees that can be seen when taking the self-guided Heritage Tree Tour.
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Tree tour reveals natural beauty of campus area

By Whitney Gipson
Staff Reporter

Long before the first students set foot on the university, TCU's campus was prairie land. Most of the trees seen on campus were planted by hand. Now, thanks to the efforts of the Heritage Tree Tour committee, students and visitors can learn about the trees' history and the impact they have had on the university's environment, Provost Nowell Donovan said.

Justin Hughes, a graduate student studying environmental management, wrote in an e-mail that the tour consists of 14 different species of trees, ranging from native pecans to non-native ornamentals, such as Chinese pistachio and crape myrtles.

Labeling the trees is significant to viewers because it shows how people used the trees in the past for their daily resources, Hughes wrote. For example, Native Americans used sycamore trees to lead them to water.

Donovan said the trees on the tour have plaques with the Latin and formal names and a brief description of the history behind the tree. More details about the trees are provided on a website created by the committee.

The most notable and famous tree on campus is the American elm tree, which is located on the far side of the Brite Divinity School, Donovan said. The American elm tree was recognized for the best tree in North Texas last year, he said.

Hughes, who helped work on the tour for a class, wrote that the tree tour goes through the west side of campus around Sadler and Clark Halls, but there have been plans to expand the tour. It's not guided, so anyone can take the tour by simply beginning at the first tree, the American sycamore, and following the signs, he wrote.

Hughes wrote that students should participate in these tours because trees provide a number of environmental services.

"Trees produce oxygen, provide shade, stabilize soil, cycle nutrients and provide habitat for animals," he wrote. "And for that, they are invaluable."

Donovan said the environmental science classes are beginning to incorporate the tour and research on the trees in the freshman labs and lectures.

In addition to the tour, Donovan said that in an upcoming project, two slabs will be cut from a dying tree that was removed from the area between the Tom Brown/Pete Wright Apartment Community and Sadler Hall. Students from the environmental science department will count the rings to determine the tree's age. The slabs will be displayed on campus, and for every ring there will be a university history mark to identify significant dates, he said.

Plans for the locations of the slabs include the Heritage Center in the Brown-Lupton University Union and the gallery of the Sid Richardson building by the environmental science department, Donovan said.

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University's free flu vaccine treats both seasonal and swine flu this season.



CAMPUS

Masculinity in America a key topic for men-only discussion

By Allie Garner

Staff Reporter

The place to talk about men, mahogany, leather-bound books and classiness is today's Student Development Services Men's Programming discussion of the movie "Anchorman."

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Daniel Terry

Director of Student Development Services

The facilitated conversation will feature clips from the hit movie "Anchorman" and talk about masculinity in American culture.

Daniel Terry, program director of Student Development Services, said the event is part of the MENTality Workshop Series by Men's Programming and will promote positive male roles in society.

He said he had noticed a trend on other college campuses discussing issues like do-

mestic violence and drinking among men, but there were few opportunities to talk with young men about their opportunities to make a positive influence on others. He said he chose "Anchorman" to compare and give a more realistic approach to what men should be doing.

"We're trying to have more constructive conversations about men and masculinity and the expectations of culture and their thoughts and ideas about relationships instead of having a meeting with them to not do something destructive," Terry said. "We're trying to engage men in positive conversations about what it means be male in our culture."

The MENTality Workshop Series holds events twice a semester and specifically targets men, Terry said. The series focuses on men's issues, relationships and how American culture sees masculinity.

Groups of men were targeted through e-mail and posters on campus.

The event will be held at 12:30 p.m. in the private dining room of Market Square. Audience members who don't have a meal swipe will be given one by the facilitators. It is open to all males on campus.



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TRAVEL

Jazz Band's Cuba trip could lead to petition signing

By Kerri Feczko

Staff Reporter

If the TCU Jazz Band's upcoming trip to Cuba proves to be safe and successful, the university might consider signing a petition asking President Barack Obama to lift study abroad restrictions off Cuba, Director of Jazz Studies Curt Wilson said.

A petition sent to the Obama Administration by the Association for International Educators and the Association of International Education Administrators on behalf of 28 American colleges and universities requested that Obama remove the current restrictions placed on study abroad trips to Cuba.

Although TCU was not one of the 28 schools to sign the petition, thoughts on the practicality of studying abroad in Cuba might change after the jazz band returns from the Havana International Jazz Festival, Wilson said.

Wilson said the band was invited to go to Havana by Harmony International at the Texas Music Educators Conference last February in San Antonio. Harmony International, a company that coordinates and sponsors tours and projects abroad for organizations, has assisted groups to several trips to Cuba for seven or eight years.

According to the original petition, the current restrictions on academic travel to Cuba, set in 2004, all but stopped any type of educational exchange between the United States and Cuba.

Audrey Burkhart, a member of the TCU Veteran International Student

Ambassador Program, or VISA Corps, said students could benefit from studying abroad in Cuba, especially because it is a destination that most Americans have not been able to experience firsthand.

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TCU VISA Corps Member

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Burkhart, a senior musical theater major, agreed with Wilson that a potentially beneficial jazz band trip to Cuba would be a great basis to start conversation about signing the petition.

Wilson said the difference between the jazz band's trip and a study abroad trip to Cuba was the band's obligation to perform and learn more about the Cuban musical influence, not for travel reasons.

"Everybody's got to have a job," Wilson said. "It cannot be a tourist thing."

Ryan Gilbert, TCU Jazz Band's lead

trumpet player, said other factors may also contribute to the jazz band's privilege to travel to Cuba.

"I would guess primarily, maybe, due to the length of time we're there," Gilbert said. "And also due to the fact that we were invited by people who are at least somewhat connected to Cuban authorities."

Harmony International President Brad Matheson did not immediately respond to voice mails about sponsoring the jazz band's trip to Cuba.

Lisa Hart, a member of the TCU VISA Corps, wrote in an e-mail that she would be in favor of lifting the ban on studying abroad in Cuba because every country has its own culture and value.

"Study abroad can be a life-changing experience and the more opportunities students have to take advantage of that, the better," Hart, a senior political science major, wrote.

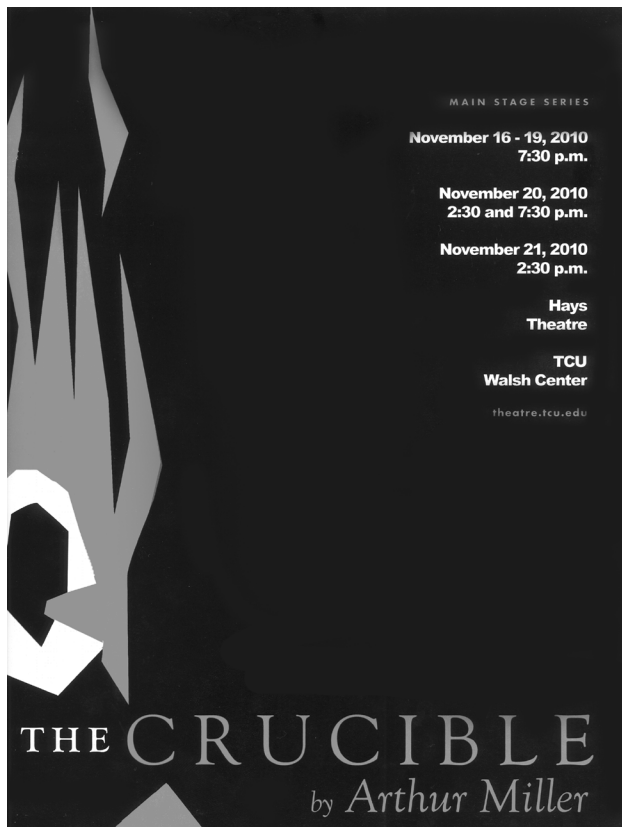
Chancellor Victor Boschini said the issue would have to be discussed more in-depth before he could release whether the university would consider signing the petition.

Schools that signed the petition, including Duke University, the University of Michigan, the University of Iowa and Kansas State University, did not immediately respond to voicemails or could not release an official statement about why they signed the petition.

Wilson said that although some colleagues raised an eyebrow about the jazz band traveling to Cuba, the jazz band was excited to learn more about Cuban culture and its influence on American jazz music.

THEATRE

'The Crucible' to open tonight



By Amelia Wenzel
Staff Reporter

The university production of the Tony Award-winning play "The Crucible" will keep the audience thinking about the issues and plot even after the production is over, said Krista Scott, assistant professor of voice and acting.

TCU's theatre production

of Arthur Miller's play will open at 7:30 p.m. tonight in Hays Theatre.

"It is one of those shows that grabs you and doesn't let go until you walk out of the theater, and even then, it doesn't leave you for a while," Scott said.

The play is a dramatization of the 1690s Salem Witch Trials in Massachusetts. "The

Crucible" was written in the early 1950s by Arthur Miller in response to the House Un-American Activities Committee, or HUAC, and McCarthyism, Scott said.

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According to pbs.org, HUAC was formed in 1938 as an anti-Communist committee in the House of Representatives.

Scott said there are uncanny parallels when looking at the Salem Witch Trials and the 1950s hearings by HUAC.

"It is about when power labeled as morality goes wrong and wrongfully takes the lives of people who are completely innocent and are basically betrayed by their own faithfulness," Scott said.

The production has heavy student involvement, with a large production cast, crew and staff composed of students from all academic years, Scott said.

HEALTH

New vaccine good for flu, H1N1

By Whitney Gipson
Staff Reporter

The flu vaccine offered by the university this season contains both the seasonal flu vaccine and H1N1 to help prevent swine flu, the university medical director said.

In the past, the vaccination for the seasonal flu and swine flu were separate, said Jane Torgerson, university medical director. But since the outbreak of swine flu in 2009, the new vaccine contains H1N1, influenza A, H3N2, and influenza B viruses.

Last year the university had about 600 students with flu-like illnesses, including H1N1,

Torgerson said. So far this year, there had not been any cases of any type of flu illnesses reported to the university or to Tarrant County Public Health.

The university offers prevention opportunities such as pre-flu clinics and free vaccinations, Torgerson said.

So far, about 2,500 students have been vaccinated at the university. The vaccination is a dead virus inactivated, so a person will not get other illnesses from the flu shot, she said.

Torgerson said she encouraged students to come and get their flu shots from the university's health center and that there are still plenty of shots left.

Flu season lasts from late fall

to early spring but peaks in January and February, Torgerson said. By receiving the flu shot people have proven it to be the best way to prevent an epidemic, she said.

Other ways to prevent the virus include practicing good hygiene, such as washing hands correctly, coughing in the elbow or using a tissue and throwing it away properly, Torgerson said.

Freshman nursing major Megan Williams said she gets vaccinated each year and has never been diagnosed with the flu. She prevents herself from getting sick by grabbing handles on doors with her sleeves and eating healthful foods to build her immune system.



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PERSPECTIVES

The Skiff View

Campus trees also hold historical value

When prospective students visit the campus, they learn the history of the university's buildings. They learn about Waco and Thorp Spring and the evolution of the mascot. Now they can learn a little bit about the campus before TCU was there.

The Heritage Tree Tour gives students a glimpse of the campus before a single brick was laid. In light of the university's focus on environmentally-conscious practices as well as sustainability, it is important for students to remember that the university lies within the natural world.

Provost Nowell Donovan said the university was built on land that was formerly nothing more than a prairie, a grassy landscape marked by few trees. Though in our 100 years in Fort Worth, TCU students have found a home here — it seems nothing about TCU is native. Most of the trees were planted by hand and the students come from around the world.

Today the trees seem as at home on campus as the students. For incoming students, it should be a comfort that few things on this campus are native. The trees are as much a part of TCU as the students, the buildings and the horned frog.

The man-made structures aren't the only part of the history here at the university; the trees also have become a part of the university's history.

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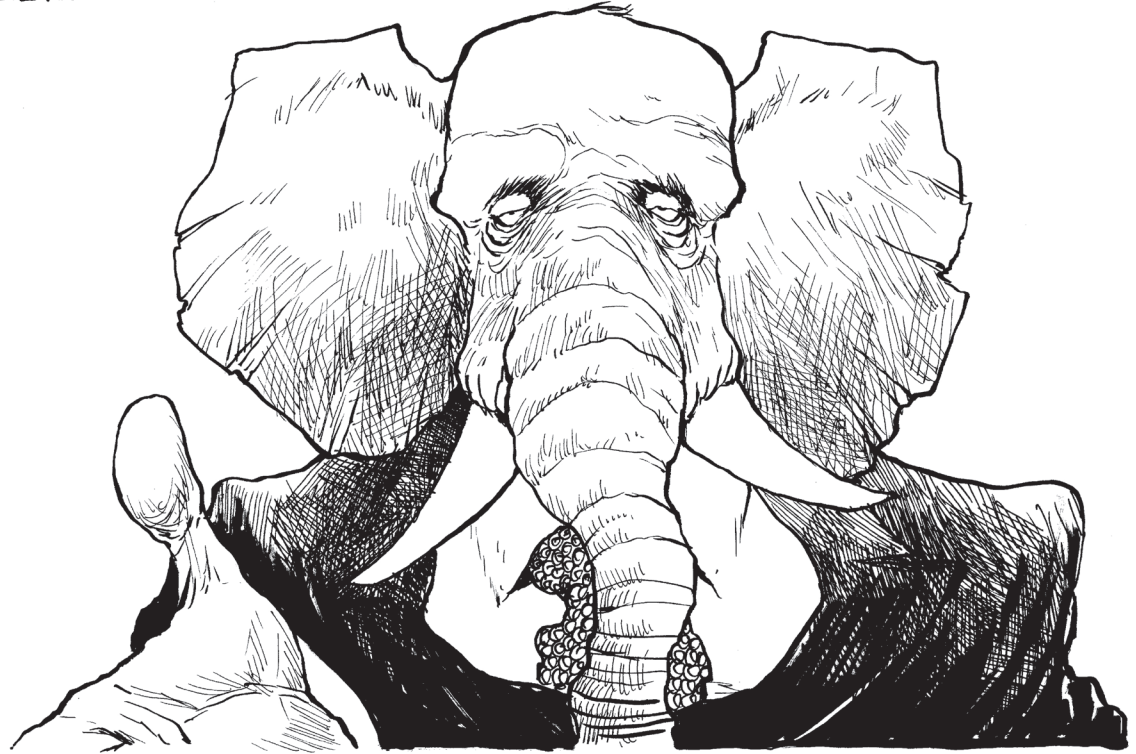
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Airlines preying on customers with fees



Danny Peters

During the somewhat recent recession in America, airlines and related industries experienced some of the worst effects from the wilting economy and now customers are paying for these misfortunes with their wallets. Large airline corporations, such as American Airlines and Delta, experienced shrinking profits, layoffs and fewer customers.

Now airlines are making money again and seem to be profitable, and customers apparently are the victims again in this case. Profit margins for major carriers are up 9 percent, which is a result of customers paying more in fees.

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Rather than cutting their own costs and cleaning up their books, it seems that the large airline corporations took the easy way out — by preying on consumers.

The airline companies know that there are a large number of people in the country who rely on airline travel to conduct business, including salesmen, CEOs and management. The fact that these people have to travel as part of their business makes them easy targets to help give the airlines cash whenever they see fit. These people have to travel and bear any cost that the airlines throw at them, no matter how terrible airline travel has become. Airplanes now have crowded cabins that feel like livestock cars, the stewards are downright terrible and most of all, screaming babies are par for the course on every flight.

Airline customers are being fronted with increased costs and bad customer service. This is what this situation really boils down to: the airlines took the easy way out, and now the customers are suffering. According to The Consumer Travel Alliance, major U.S. airlines are actually omitting posting "a vast majority" of hidden fees on their websites, despite regular statements to the contrary.

Unless the airlines get their collective act together, stop surprising people with hidden fees and stop preying on needy customers for easy profit, the airline industry will yet again take a nosedive. People are tired of the mistreatments and rising costs.

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PERSPECTIVES

Childhood aspirations, real world shouldn't mix too soon



Sarah Greufe

It is common for parents to tell their kids to reach beyond their limits and follow their dreams. Not many expect them to try after something as ambitious as climbing to the summit of the world's largest mountain.

According to a recent study, kids between the ages of 8-18 are being exposed to an average of 3.16 more hours of media than they were 10 years ago.

In May, a 13-year-old boy by the name of Jordan Romero not only contemplated the action, but summited Mount Everest with the help of his father and stepmother. His story has now inspired other younger people to try the same, such as nine-year-old Tseten Dorje, son of Sherpa Pemba Dorje, who holds an Everest record of his own.

At first glance this endeavor seems quite impressive, but looking at the facts, is it ethically responsible to lead a child into a

situation with so many uncontrollable risks? Shouldn't the boy be given the privilege of being a kid before he has to work hard and put his life on the line for a goal that may turn out to be just another record in the book?

Everest has become more accessible to climbers since it was first summited in 1953. The dangers of unforeseen avalanches and oxygen deprivation are still present and even the best climbers are taking a gamble with their lives. EverestNews.com states in the educational portion of their website, "Frankly we cannot think of any more dangerous activity on earth!"

Now not every kid or parent chases after this wild task, but it has become a growing concern that kids are being introduced to harsh realities not unlike the cold elements of Everest at a young age. This can be seen in being overexposed to media and surrounded in competitive school environments. Many of these kids are losing their sense of imagination and are instead hit hard by the downfalls of reality.

Students are meant to meet these issues as they approach college and "the real world." The land of childhood should be reserved for dreaming, before having to live independently after finishing one's education and discovering of one's life plans. According to a recent study, kids between the ages of 8-18 are being exposed to an average of 3.16 more hours of media than they were 10 years ago. The influx of technology mediums and accessibility to children has brought an abundance of in-

formation to their small hands. This can be a good thing in terms of education, but also allows information usually shifted through for viability by adults to enter naive minds that do not stay that way for long.

A 2009 *Sunday Times* article quotes the author of "The Price of Privilege" as pinpointing at-risk youth as being those who are being thrown into the competition for success early in life. By the time they do reach 18 and get ready to pursue their plans, the little climb left in them may be replaced by resentment.

I am not saying that children should be kept in a bubble or deterred from their aspirations, but instead that they should be allowed to experience nature's timing. When a camera is exposed to light before it is developed at the correct time and place, the ultimate picture is often ruined. I would really hate to see this effect on the future generation.

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Banning alcoholic energy drinks not government's job



Shane Smith

Two states, Washington and Michigan, recently have banned drinks that combine alcohol with caffeine. Should the government have the right to ban a drink because consumers are drinking it to a dangerous limit? Absolutely not.

If a consumer who is over the legal drinking age wants to drink a highly-alcoholic beverage like Four Loko that combines its 12 percent alcohol content with caffeine, then that should be up to that consumer and no one else.

There are reports that college students are going to the emergency room due to alcohol poisoning caused by these alcoholic energy drinks. Recently, students at Ramapo College in New Jersey and Central Washington University in Washington were sent to the emergency room after drinking Four Loko. Apparently, the caffeine in the drinks serves as a cover for the alcohol, thus leaving the consumer in a drunken state but unaware of their level of intoxication.

But it is not the government's job to tell people how to live their lives. The government should let people know that these caffeinated and alcoholic drinks are dangerous; however, the final decision of whether to purchase and consume the product should be left to the purchasing adult and nobody else.

Phusion Projects, one of the companies that produces these special energy drinks, argues that its product is safe when consumed responsibly. If grown adults cannot drink responsibly then that is their problem, not the problem of the government. When issues arise in society, people and the government always want to find a fix to stop whatever danger is out there. The problem with this mindset is that the government and society will never be able to remove all hazards from society and in the end, it is up to individuals to choose how they want to live their lives. If you want to give yourself alcohol poisoning from overdrinking products like Four Loko or alcoholic beverages in general, then that is your prerogative, and I say you should be allowed to do as you please.

Thomas Gould, an associate professor of psychology at Temple University in Philadelphia, recently explained to *Scientific American* exactly what can result from caffeinated alcoholic beverages. Gould said the caffeine in the drinks works to reduce the sedative effects of alcohol, and

because of this, people can drink more of the beverage without realizing just how intoxicated they have become. I appreciate both Gould's analysis and the analysis of those who contend that these drinks are dangerous, but I still do not find it to be the government's responsibility to allow or disallow adults from drinking any product.

Should underage college students be allowed to drink these drinks? That question seems illogical, because if you're underage, you should not be drinking any kind of alcoholic beverage.

If you enjoy drinking these type of drinks and you are of age, then drink the drink, but do not drive. Step up and be the individual that you can be. Use your brain and think about the decision you make.

The government needs to leave individuals alone and allow them to make their own choices. Colleges, on the other hand, do have a right to ban these drinks to all underage students. However if you are of legal age, then nobody can tell you what you can and cannot drink. Be an adult and make mature decisions. Be responsible with the choices you make, and know you will suffer the consequences for those choices.


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SUSTAINABILITY

Survey will test green knowledge

By Rebecca Jeffrey

Staff Reporter

The environmental science department's Chasing Carbon course will conduct a survey testing students, faculty and staff on their knowledge of the university's sustainability policies.

According to an e-mail sent by Shannon Jones, a student in the class, the survey was designed for the class to gain insight for future university sustainability and energy-saving projects.

Becky Richards, an environmental science professor, said the survey is meant to gauge the whole student populace's understanding of sustainability, not just those already with an interest in the topic.

The Chasing Carbon class was created to fulfill the university's responsibilities to the American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment.

In 2008, Chancellor Victor Boschini signed the commitment, which is an effort focused on creating more sustainable, carbon-neutral institutions of higher education, according to

the website.

Richards said, "Chasing Carbon is the class that we put together for the students to do the work that's required of TCU to live up to their commitment."

Currently there are 676 signatories.

University students, faculty and staff can complete the survey from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Thursday at the Chasing Carbon table outside the library. The survey can also be completed online.

Free water bottles will be given to those who complete the survey either at the table or online. If completed online, participants may bring the "Certificate of Completion" to the table to claim their water bottle, according to the survey website. The survey takes about five minutes to complete.

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ENTERTAINMENT

'Megamind' tops box office again

By Christy Lemire

Associated Press

Will Ferrell's dastardly schemes continue to succeed, with the animated "Megamind" staying at the top of the box office.

The DreamWorks Animation 3-D comedy, featuring Ferrell as the voice of a super villain, made just over \$30 million in its second week in theaters, according to Sunday studio estimates. It's now made nearly \$90 million total. "Megamind" also features the voices of Brad Pitt, Tina Fey and Jonah Hill.

Opening in second place is the 20th Century Fox action thriller "Unstoppable," starring Denzel Washington and Chris Pine as railroad workers trying to stop a massive runaway train. It made \$23.5 million. The movie is based on a 2001 Ohio incident in which a train carrying hazardous cargo traveled 66 miles without a crew.

Last week's No. 2 film, "Due Date," fell to the third spot with \$15.5 million. The Warner Bros. comedy features Robert Downey Jr. and Zach Galifianakis as opposites stuck together on a cross-country road trip. It's now made \$59 million in two weeks.

Among the weekend's other new releases, "Skyline" opened in fourth place with \$11.7 million. The Universal Pictures sci-fi thriller depicts aliens invading and destroying Los Angeles. And "Morning Glory," a Paramount comedy set in a network morning show starring



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Tina Fey, right, dresses as Roxanne Ritchi, and actor Will Ferrell dresses as Megamind, during the NBC "Today" television program's annual Halloween show, in New York.

Rachel McAdams, Harrison Ford and Diane Keaton, opened at No. 5 with about \$9.6 million.

Anne Globe, head of worldwide marketing for DreamWorks Animation, said positive word of mouth helped "Megamind" remain on top.

"It's exciting because audiences are clearly responding very well to the movie," said Globe.

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INTERNATIONAL

NATO, Russia to cooperate in Afghan war

By Slobodan Lekic

Associated Press

NATO and Russia are ready to conclude a series of agreements designed to boost cooperation in the Afghan war, NATO's chief and a senior U.S. official said Monday.

These include expanding the current arrangement that enables NATO to ship non-lethal supplies from Europe to Afghanistan overland through Russia, NATO Secretary-General Anders Fogh Rasmussen said.

"At the summit ... I would expect a decision to expand the current transit arrangement, so that it would allow for the so-called reverse transit. We are also discussing what kind of non-lethal cargo could be transported," Fogh Rasmussen said.

"My strong sense is that Russia shares our view that the time has come to stop worrying about each other and work together."

Anders Fogh Rasmussen

NATO Secretary-General

The leaders of NATO's 28 nations will meet in Lisbon, Portugal, on Friday and Saturday for their annual summit. They will be joined by the premiers of the 20 other nations contributing units to the international force in Afghanistan, and by those from Japan and Russia.

Other major issues on the agenda are a proposed missile defense system for Europe and NATO's new mission statement to replace the one adopted in 1999.

The summit is expected to focus on the

war and on the launch early next year of the transfer of responsibility for security to Afghan government forces in some parts of the embattled country. The plan is to complete the handover by 2014.

The alliance already uses transit routes through Russia and neighboring Central Asian states as an alternative to its main, ambush-prone logistics line through Pakistan. But current arrangements allow only for the one-way transport of non-lethal supplies such as food and fuel.

The transit accord highlights the improving ties between the former Cold War rivals in the Afghan war, where the U.S. and NATO already have about 150,000 troops. Russia, which fears the expansion of Islamic extremism along its southern borders, has refused to deploy its own forces in Afghanistan, but has offered to help NATO's war effort.

"My strong sense is that Russia shares our view that the time has come to stop worrying about each other and work together. And we will," Fogh Rasmussen said. He said the two would also agree to conduct a joint review of 21st-century security challenges "because we are faced with same security threats."

NATO and Russia also are expected to conclude several other agreements during the summit which will be attended by President Barack Obama and Russian President Dmitry Medvedev, said a senior U.S. official.

The two sides will establish a new counter-narcotics center in Russia to train agents from Afghanistan and other Central Asian nations, and set up a scheme to finance future training of Afghan air force personnel, the U.S. official said on condition of anonymity under regulations.

Associated Press writer Anne Christnovich in Brussels contributed to this report.



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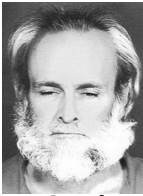
CRIME

Man long declared dead arrested in Mississippi in kidnapping case

By Holbrook Mohr
Associated Press

A man declared legally dead 16 years ago was arrested in Mississippi for the kidnapping of a Las Vegas girl whose body was found in Louisiana, and authorities were pressing the suspect Monday for information on the girl's missing mother.

FBI spokeswoman Sheila Thorne said Thomas Steven Sanders was taken into custody Sunday at a truck stop in Gulfport, Miss., after a massive manhunt in a bizarre case that stretched across the country.



Sanders

Sanders, 53, was wanted in the kidnapping of 12-year-old Lexis Roberts, whose skeleton was found by hunters last month in Catahoula Parish, La. Her 31-year-old mother, Suellen Roberts, is missing. Authorities fear the mother is dead too.

Catahoula Parish Sheriff James Kelly told The Associated Press on Monday that Sanders is cooperating with authorities. Sanders was alone when he was arrested at the Flying J Truck Stop. He was not armed and did not put up a fight, Kelly said.

"Right now we have a lot more questions than we do answers as far as his activity since we've been looking for him," Kelly said.

Louisiana authorities want to extradite Sanders to face charges there, though it's not

clear how long that could take, Kelly said.

Court documents obtained by The Associated Press show Sanders abandoned his family in 1987 and was declared dead by a Mississippi court 1994. He lived unnoticed for years despite being arrested several times.

Despite being declared dead, Sanders had been able to move about the country easily. Investigators know he lived in Mississippi, Louisiana, Tennessee, Georgia and Nevada. He worked as a laborer, a welder and a scrap metal collector.

According to records obtained by the AP, his arrests included possession of drug paraphernalia and a number of traffic and motor vehicle incidents, all in Tennessee.

He was sentenced to two years in Georgia for simple battery. State and federal authorities have said some of the charges involved minors, but they refused to elaborate.

In Nevada, Sanders met Roberts and her daughter Lexis a few months ago, the slain girl's grandmother told investigators. The trio was in Williams and Flagstaff Ariz., and the Grand Canyon National Park over the Labor Day weekend, authorities said.

Hunters found Lexis' remains Oct. 8. There was evidence she had been shot.

Officials said security cameras showed Sanders buying ammunition on Sept. 3 at a Walmart in Las Vegas. The bullets he bought were consistent with the weapon used to kill Lexis, authorities said.

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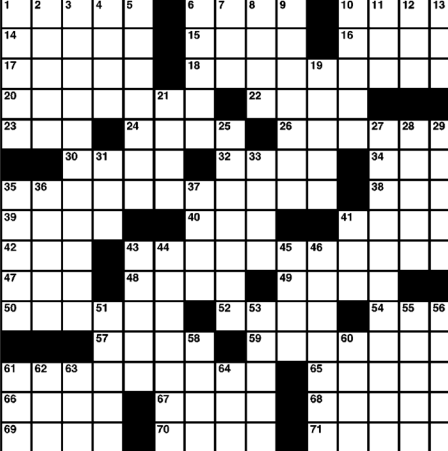
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By Jennifer Nutt 11/16/10

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Friday's Solution



"The King's Speech"

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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 Wednesday's paper for sudoku and crossword solutions.

Friday's Solution

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CRIME

Gangs buy jets for drug flights to Europe

By Chris Hawley
Associated Press

Federal investigators are piecing together details of an audacious new trend in drug smuggling: South American gangs are buying old jets, stuffing them full of cocaine and flying them across the Atlantic to feed Europe's growing coke habit.

At least three gangs have struck deals to fly drugs to West Africa and from there to Europe, according to U.S. indictments. One trafficker claimed he already had six aircraft flying. Another said he was managing five airplanes. Because there is no radar coverage over the ocean, big planes can cross the Atlantic virtually undetected.

"The sky's the limit," one Sierra Leone trafficker boasted to a Drug Enforcement Administration informant, according to court documents.

The new air route is remarkable because of the distances involved and the complexity of flying big jets, said Scott Decker, a criminology professor at Arizona State University who studies smuggling methods. A trip from Venezuela to West Africa is about 3,400 miles — about triple the distance to Florida.

The U.N. Office on Drugs and Crime began warning about trans-Atlantic drug planes after Nov. 2, 2009, when a burned-out Boeing 727 was found in the desert in Mali. Drug smugglers had flown the jet from Venezuela, unloaded it and then torched the aircraft, investigators said.

In some cases, executive jets have been used, including a Gulfstream II that landed in Guinea-Bissau in 2008 and another Gulfstream seized in 2007 as it tried to depart Venezuela for Sierra Leone.

In the last year, a flurry of arrests has begun shedding light on how the air routes work. The cases are being prosecuted in a New York federal court be-

cause some of the cocaine was supposed to have been sent to the United States.

"The quantity of cocaine distributed and the means employed to distribute it were extraordinary," prosecutors wrote in one case. They warned of a conspiracy to "spread vast quantities of cocaine throughout the world by way of cargo airplanes."

"Going that way, especially from South America, really gets you outside the majority of the security envelope for air traffic."

Scott Decker
Arizona State University criminology professor

In some ways it is a throwback to the 1970s and '80s, when drug pilots flew freely between Colombia and staging areas near the U.S. border, Decker said. Back then, drug lords such as Amado Carrillo, nicknamed The Lord of the Skies, sent jets with as much as 15 tons of cocaine from Colombia to northern Mexico.

Recent U.S. court cases involving trans-Atlantic flights include:

— The Valencia-Arbelaiz Organization, broken up by undercover U.S. agents after it bought a \$2 million plane to run monthly flights between Venezuela and Guinea. The group claimed to have six aircraft already flying between South America and West Africa.

— A ring based in Colombia and Liberia, arrested after one of its planes was seized in May with two tons of cocaine as it prepared to leave Venezuela. Prosecutors say the group was planning to fly jets twice a month. One defendant claimed to manage five other aircraft making similar hauls.

— Three Sierra Leone men, accused of scouting out airstrips and arranging for a four-ton flight of cocaine from South America in March.

Two other recent cases have involved cocaine and cargo jets, though investigators have not revealed yet whether the flights were going to Africa:

— Francisco Gonzalez Uribe, a Colombian trafficker due to be sentenced this month. Gonzalez Uribe was recorded while trying to purchase large aircraft including a DC-8, a four-engine jet.

— Walid Makled-Garcia, who prosecutors say controlled airstrips in Venezuela used to launch drug flights. Prosecutors say Makled-Garcia was behind one of the biggest drug plane shipments in recent years: a DC-9 that landed in Mexico in 2006 with more than 12,300 pounds of cocaine on board.

All five cases are being prosecuted in a federal court in Manhattan.

Several factors have made trans-Atlantic air routes more attractive, said Carlos Moreno, an expert on trafficking at Icesi University in Cali, Colombia.

Cocaine use has been rising over the last decade in Europe, unlike the United States, where it has remained flat, he said. Meanwhile, better radar coverage has made it harder to move cocaine to the United States.

"Going that way, especially from South America, really gets you outside the majority of the security envelope for air traffic," said Decker, the criminology professor.

Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez's decision to sever ties with most U.S. law enforcement agencies in 2005 has made it easier to bring cocaine to staging sites on the Venezuelan coast, said Vanda Felbab-Brown, a fellow at The Brookings Institution, a Washington think tank.

Associated Press writer Jonathan Paye-Layle in Monrovia, Liberia, contributed to this report.



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This photo provided by the U.S. Attorney's Office shows Russian pilot Konstantin Yaroshenko at the Republic of Liberia National Security Agency (RLNSA) headquarters on May 30, 2010, in Monrovia, Liberia.



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OPINION

Frog football still successful



Chris Blake

Dear TCU students and fans,

After logging on to Facebook and Twitter following the Horned Frogs' 40-35 win over San Diego State, I found a number of negative things were posted about the football team, such as: "Please inform us fans next time you decide to only play two quarters," and "I hope we don't get left out completely from a BCS bowl if Boise passes us after tonight."

First of all, I ask what are you mad at? Is it the 11-0 record and No. 3 BCS ranking TCU has achieved this season? Is it the Frogs' 34-3 record since the start of the 2008 season? Or is it because quarterback Andy Dalton, one of the best players in TCU history, didn't throw seven touchdown passes Saturday, and instead threw four?

San Diego State was 7-2 coming into the game and ranked No. 27 in both the Coaches' Poll and the Associated Press Top 25. It featured the Mountain West Conference's top running back, freshman Ronnie Hill-

man and one of the nation's best receiving duos, seniors Vincent Brown and DeMarco Sampson.

The receivers beat TCU deep for touchdowns late in the game as the Frogs nearly blew a lead built by scoring 37 unanswered points. When the game ended though, TCU had a five-point victory; four more than head coach Gary Patterson said he needed to win by.

"It's not the score we would have liked to have, but the bottom line to it is it falls under my category of one point," Patterson said. "So really I should cheer up. So everybody be happy."

TCU gave up six first downs in the fourth quarter, something senior safety Tejay Johnson attributed to a lack of focus.

Maybe the team lost focus. Maybe it just got outplayed. In sports, everything doesn't always go according to plan, and to quote former New York Jets head coach Herm Edwards, "That's why you play the game."

As for TCU's chances of missing a BCS game: unlikely.

Since 1999, no team that finished in the top four has ever been left out of a BCS game. The only time it happened was in 1998 when only four BCS games existed; there are now five.

TCU should finish 12-0 and in the top four, barring an apocalypse in the Nov. 27 match-up with New Mexico. The Frogs are third in the BCS standings, 11-0 on the season and appear poised to move to 12-0 in two weeks.

So, everybody be happy.



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Senior quarterback Andy Dalton runs a quarterback keeper against SDSU on Saturday. The Frogs managed to win in a close game 40-35.

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WEEKEND RECAP

Men's Basketball

The TCU men's basketball team got off to a strong start on Friday, defeating Jackson State 86-62. It marks the fifth consecutive season opener that the men's basketball team won and the 10th time TCU is 1-0 in the past 11 seasons. Junior guard Ronnie Moss contributed to the offense by scoring 20 points for the Frogs. It was the 11th time in Moss's career he scored at least 20 points. The Frogs will be back on the court tonight, facing local rival SMU at 7 p.m. in the Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.

Women's Basketball

The Horned Frogs women's basketball team took down Houston Baptist Friday night in a 96-38 win at home. Senior guard Emily Carter set a university record in the second half of the game by scoring and then surpassing her 1,000th career point. Carter scored 26 points on the night. This was the Frogs' 11th season-opening win in the past 12 seasons. TCU will play SMU at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.

Rifle

The all-female TCU rifle team defeated both the men's and women's teams from The Citadel on Saturday. The score against the men's team was 4,693-4,372 and against the women's team was 4,693-4,176. Sophomore Sarah Scherer again led the team by winning in air rifle and smallbore. The Horned Frogs are undefeated this season.

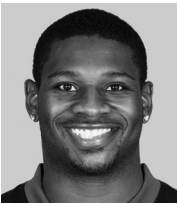
Volleyball

The TCU volleyball team suffered a three-set loss to No. 13 Colorado State on Saturday. Senior Irene Hester was the offensive leader for the Horned Frogs, posting 11 kills. Hester also had a tied career-high five assists and eight digs. The Frogs are now 13-14 overall and 4-9 in league play. They will be back in action at 8 p.m. Thursday against BYU in Provo, Utah.

SPORTS

FOOTBALL

Former frogs step up in NFL week 10 action

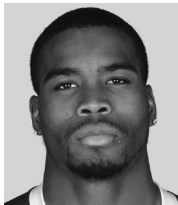


Tomlinson

Name: LaDainian Tomlinson
Position: Running back
Years Lettered at TCU: 1997-2000
Current Team: New York Jets
Outcome of game: New York Jets 26, Cleveland Browns 20
Stats: 18 carries for 57 yards, six receptions for 53 yards

Analysis: This was the first week since week one in which Tomlinson was not the Jets' leading running back. Shonn Greene ended up with two more carries and 15 more yards than Tomlinson. We could see this trend going forward as Tomlinson is one of the older running backs in the league and has been known to wear down toward the end of the season. Tomlinson's saving grace is his pass-catching abilities. He is much more of a weapon in the passing game than Greene and will likely see more playing time because of this.

Next Week: Next week, the Jets take on the Houston Texans in what should be an offensive showdown. Houston has the worst pass defense in the league, and they have not been able to stop the run against elite running backs. Tomlinson may not be the lead back anymore, but he should have a nice day against this dismal defense.

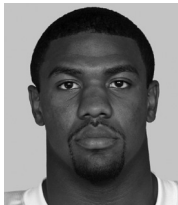


Washington

Name: Daryl Washington
Position: Linebacker
Years Lettered at TCU: 2006-09
Current Team: Arizona Cardinals
Outcome of game: Seattle Seahawks 36, Arizona Cardinals 18
Stats: Two tackles

Analysis: The Cardinals have looked bad on defense this entire year, and again they came up short in a key divisional match-up against the Seattle Seahawks. Arizona's defense gave up 110 rushing yards and 380 passing yards as Seattle was able to coast to a victory. The Cardinals run defense also allowed two touchdowns, with being runs of 4 yards or fewer.

Next Week: The Cardinals go to Kansas City to take on the Chiefs in a match-up that poses a few problems for this defense. The Chiefs are led by running backs Thomas Jones and Jamaal Charles, who contribute to the best rushing attack in the NFL by averaging a combined 148.1 yards per game. The Cardinals will have a tough time stopping either back in a game that should be a high-scoring affair.



Hughes

Name: Jerry Hughes
Position: Defensive end
Years Lettered at TCU: 2006-09
Current Team: Indianapolis Colts
Outcome of game: Indianapolis Colts 23, Cincinnati Bengals 17
Stats: Two tackles

Analysis: Over the past three weeks, Hughes has seen progressively more playing time, and he was in on two tackles this week against the Bengals. The best news for Hughes is that both of these tackles came on defense and not special teams. If Hughes keeps progressing as he has been lately, he could see more time on third-down and pass-rushing situations.

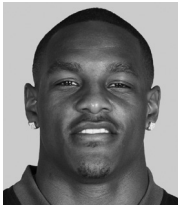


Hawthorne

Name: David Hawthorne
Position: Linebacker
Years Lettered at TCU: 2004-07
Current Team: Seattle Seahawks
Outcome of game: Seahawks 36, Cardinals 18
Stats: Two tackles

Analysis: The Seahawks linebackers, led by David Hawthorne, absolutely shut down the Arizona rushing attack, allowing only 41 yards and a mere 2.9 yards per carry. The longest gain on the ground for Arizona was an 11-yard gain by Tim Hightower. Hawthorne had only two tackles on the day, but he means much more than tackles to this defense. He is the inspirational leader on a young and upcoming defense.

Next Week: When the Seahawks take on the New Orleans Saints next week, Seattle should not have a problem containing running backs Chris Ivory, Ladell Betts and Julius Jones. These three have been lackluster while starter Pierre Thomas has been out with an ankle injury. The Seahawks, however, will have to figure out how to slow down the ever-so-hot passing attack led by Drew Brees, which is the fifth-best in the NFL.



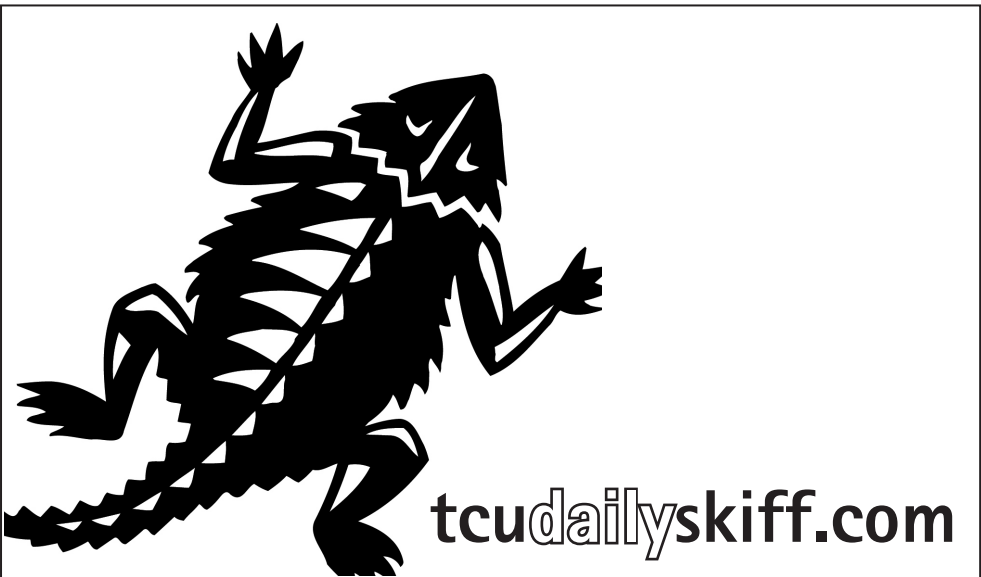
Coleman

Name: Drew Coleman
Position: Cornerback
Years Lettered at TCU: 2004-05
Current Team: New York Jets
Outcome of game: Jets 26, Browns 20
Stats: Two tackles, one forced fumble

Analysis: Not a great week for Coleman as the Browns were able to pass to the inside receivers and the tight end with relative ease. Cleveland tight end Benjamin Watson and slot receivers Josh Cribbs and Chansi Stuckey combined for 10 catches for 138 yards while the entire passing attack combined for only 196 yards. The pass defense also did not force an interception by rookie Colt McCoy, who has been known to make mistakes against good defenses.

Next Week: Next week against the Texans, Coleman and the defense will have their hands full trying to contain one of the best running backs in the league this year, Arian Foster, while not giving up a huge gain to excellent wide receiver Andre Johnson.

Judge Howell is a sophomore broadcast journalism major from Plano.



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OPINION

Students need to give football team credit for 11-0 record. **Page 10**

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TOMORROW

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1. Oregon	10-0
2. Auburn	11-0
3. TCU	11-0
4. Boise State	9-0
5. LSU	9-1
6. Stanford	9-1
7. Wisconsin	9-1
8. Nebraska	9-1
9. Ohio State	9-1
10. Oklahoma State	9-1

MATT COFFELT / MULTIMEDIA EDITOR
Waymon James, a redshirt freshman tailback, breaks free of the San Diego State defense on Saturday. James had an impressive showing with 109 total yards and a touchdown.

Frogs one game away from claiming MWC title

By Madison Pelletier
Sports Editor

Head football coach Gary Patterson has said it is his philosophy that a football team only needs to win a game by one point. On Saturday, the third-ranked Frogs (11-0, 7-0 Mountain West Conference) won by just five points, their smallest margin of victory all season, with a 40-35 win against San Diego State University.

"The one point is just to win," Patterson said. "Because if we would have lost 42-40 I don't think anyone would have been happy, so for us I think 40-35 was a win."

Patterson said the medical status of offensive line coach Eddie Williamson put the team in disarray early.

Williamson suffered a heart attack at the

beginning of the first quarter and was taken to the hospital in critical condition. Williamson was released from the hospital on Monday in good condition, director of media relations Mark Cohen said.

Senior wide receiver Bart Johnson said the team said a prayer for 10-year coach Williamson at halftime, and the thought was always in the back of his mind.

"After that...we had to go out there and focus for sure," he said.

Johnson said that SDSU was one of the best teams the Frogs played this season, and the margin of victory did not make a difference in the win.

"Any win for me is a good win...because the end of the day it says 11-0 up there, not 10-1," he said.

Senior safety Tejay Johnson said SDSU was

a great football team and that the Frogs were fortunate enough to come out victorious.

"We always talk about winning by one point, and the one point is we've got to win; that's the only stat that really matters," he said.

Though the team maintained its perfect record, the Horned Frog defense struggled to hold SDSU (7-3, 4-2 MWC), allowing 12 more points in just one night against the Aztecs than it had allowed in its six previous MWC games.

"We don't very often give up 35 points in this house," Patterson said.

During the game, the Frogs were behind for only the fifth time this season when they went down 14-0 early in the first quarter. The last time the Frogs trailed was against SMU in late September.

Bart Johnson said that the Frogs came out flat and weren't playing how they needed to play.

"We just had to keep our heads up and keep chopping," he said.

During the fourth quarter, SDSU got past the first-ranked TCU defense and scored two more touchdowns.

"We don't really feel like towards the end of the game we played TCU football," Tejay Johnson said.

Senior quarterback Andy Dalton was unavailable for comment after the game and said he didn't want to talk, Cohen said.

The top four in the BCS remains the same this week, with Oregon and Auburn leading at No. 1 and No. 2 respectively, and Boise State trailing closely at No. 4 behind the No. 3 Frogs.