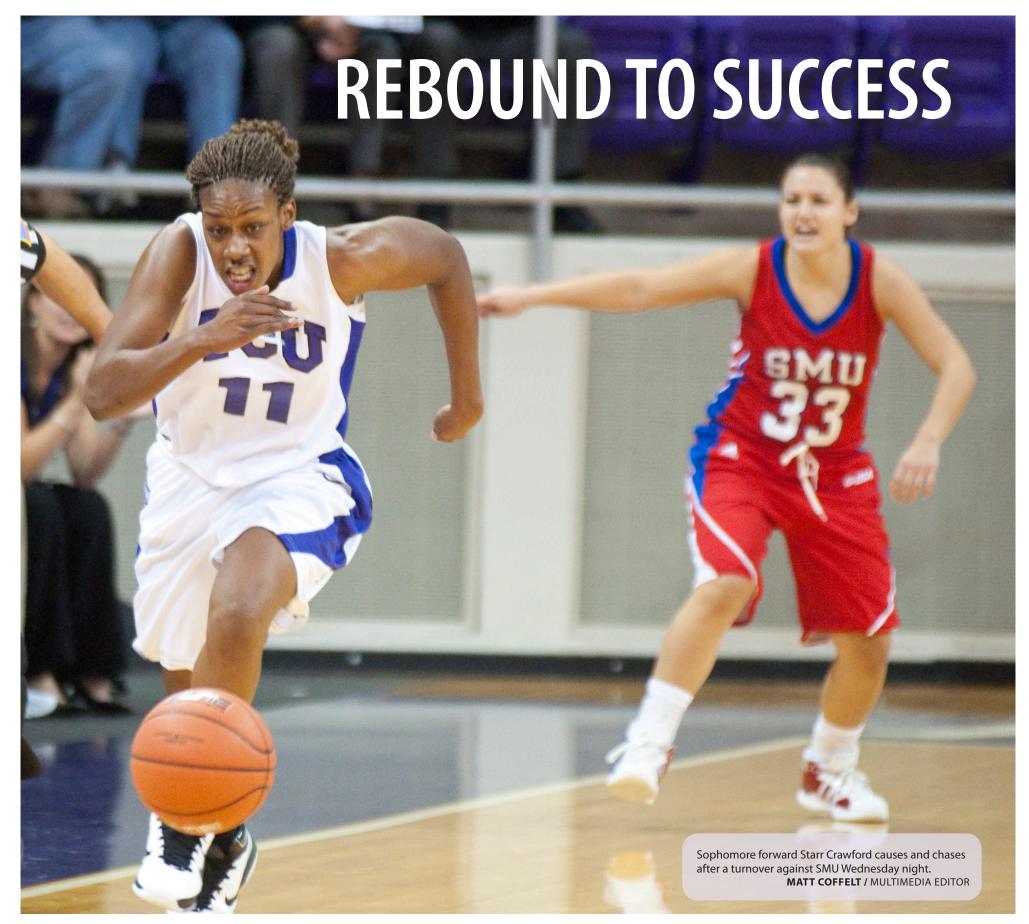
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Fraternity hosts "bike-athon" to raise awareness rather than funds.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL:

The Horned Frogs advanced their record to 2-0 with a win over the Southern Methodist University Mustangs last night 87-73. For game coverage, see PAGE 12.

POLITICS

Murkowski wins write-in campaign



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In this Thursday, Nov. 11, 2010 file photo, Alaska's Division of Elections Director Gail Fenumiai, center, looks over a ballot with Mags Paton Walsh, right and Laura Fox, both from the Department of Law, in Juneau, Alaska.

By Becky Bohrer

Associated Press

History, the GOP, the tea party, Sarah Palin and her own mouthful of a name worked against her. Republican Sen. Lisa Murkowski conquered them all Wednesday, becoming the first Senate candidate in more than 50 years to win a write-in campaign.

The victory is a remarkable comeback for Murkowski, who lost to political newcomer Joe Miller in the GOP primary, and a humbling moment for Palin, the former Alaska governor, 2008 GOP vice presidential candidate and Murkowski nemesis whose support was not enough to get Miller

through an election in her own backyard.

The outcome became clear after a tedious week of counting handwritten ballots. Alaska election officials confirmed they had only about 700 votes left to count, with Murkowski ahead by 10,400 votes. Miller has challenged 8,153 of the ballots counted for Murkowski, but he would still be behind even if he won every challenge.

Murkowski flew back from Washington to Alaska on Wednesday, greeted by about 50 cheering supporters hours before an evening rally in Anchorage. She said the numbers gave her confidence in declaring victory.

Miller said he may ask for a recount.

Miller has maintained he'll stop fighting if the math doesn't work in his favor: while he told Fox News he was "less cautiously optimistic than I was before," he also said in a statement that his campaign wants to take a closer look at the results and election procedures before making a decision.

Murkowski will return to Washington owing nothing to tea party activists, who largely opposed her, or to the Republican Party, which supported Miller after the primary. Though she plans to caucus with Republicans, she said she won't be beholden to any special interests or party — an initial sign that she may not try to reclaim her leadership post within the GOP conference. She voluntarily resigned it in deciding to make her outsider run.

She's already standing against the tea party on one hot issue - earmarks that allow lawmakers to steer federal spending to pet projects. Former GOP defenders including Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell now want to ban earmarking, but Murkowski say a ban won't do much to reduce federal spending and would leave bureaucrats to decide spending priorities. Murkowski's write-in bid almost

didn't happen. After losing to Miller in August she went back and forth before deciding to run, saying she had been encouraged by Alaskans who wanted an alternative between the conservative Miller and the little-known Democratic nominee. Murkowski invoked his legacy during her write-in campaign as something she wanted to carry on.



GRFFK Fraternity event to raise disabilities awareness



By Lizzie Ferguson Staff Reporter

Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity will hold a 24-hour bike-a-thon this week in front of Mary Couts Burnett Library to raise awareness for people with disabilities.

"A lot of people

focus on money, which is unfortunate because they miss the cause and they miss the purpose behind the event."

Nathan Wang Junior finance major

Nathan Wang, a junior finance major and the Eta Chi chapter's Push America chairman, said members of the Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity will take one-hour shifts throughout the 24-hour period on two stationary bikes starting at noon . Thursday and ending at noon Friday.

This is the first year that Pi Kappa Phi has put on the bikea-thon event. He said the fraternity felt that the other events that it put on for its philanthropy focused on fundraising, but that this event would allow members to show students what Push America's cause is really about.

"A lot of people focus on money, which is unfortunate because they miss the cause and they miss the purpose behind the event," Wang said.

McCall Grimes, a senior entrepreneurial management major and president of Pi Kappa

Phi, said that along with increasing awareness for Push America, he wants the increase in involvement from students on campus to help those with disabilities. The fraternity members want students to become more aware of what Push America is and how they can help those with disabilities.

Wang said Pi Kappa Phi had two other events during the school year, Pi Kapp Push earlier this year and a wheelchair basketball tournament which will be held in the spring. Both events will raise money to support the fraternity's philanthropy, Push America.

Grimes said during the summer, members of the fraternity also participate in three other events to help raise money.

Journey of Hope and Gear Up Florida are both cycling events that help to raise money and awareness throughout the United States during the summer, he said. Build America is another summer-long program where members help rebuild camps for children with disabilities.

Wang said the fraternity will have a tent set up along with the bikes with more information about Push America.

"If we affect one person, it is all worth it," Wang said.

Pi Kappa Phi's Bike-a-thon Where: In front of Mary Couts **Burnett Library** When: Begins at 12:00 p.m. todav Ends 12:00 p.m. Friday

For more information on Push America visit: pushamerica.org



ROYAL FAMILY

Preparation begins for William and Kate's 2011 wedding



ASSOCIATED PRESS

Prince William revealed that he proposed using the engagement ring of his mother, Diana, Princess of Wales, to make sure she "didn't miss out on the excitement". William and his long-term girlfriend, Kate Middleton, got engaged on holiday in Kenya last month and will marry next year.

By Jill Lawless

Associated Press

Now it's all about the details: The dress, the date, the venue — and who's going to pay.

Prince William and Kate Middleton sat down with advisers Wednesday to begin planning the royal wedding that some Britons have waited years to see — and the British media settled in for months of juicy speculation.

The second in line to the throne and his longterm girlfriend will marry next spring or summer, but they haven't announced a date — some say May is likely, others August — or a venue.

Westminster Abbey or St. Paul's Cathedral, where William's parents Prince Charles and Princess Diana married in 1981, are considered

the front-runners.

Palace officials said an announcement of date and venue would be made "after other members of the royal family, Mr. and Mrs. Middleton and the government have been consulted."

It was too early to estimate its cost or how much the taxpayer will have to stump up — a touchy issue at a time of widespread budget cuts and austerity measures across Britain.

"I think it is just silly to ask us to pay for the wedding. We wouldn't ask them to pay for our wedding, so why should we foot their bill?" said Anna Simons, 35, an IT consultant from Hammersmith. "It is their wedding, not the country's."

The spokesman for William's office said "the couple are mindful of the current economic

situation." He stressed that the wedding would not be a state occasion — unlike the one for Charles and Diana — because William is not the sovereign or the heir to the throne.

"However, given his seniority, you can expect formal or ceremonial elements," he said.

The cost of the event could come from the annual 7.9 million pounds (\$11.6 million) of government funding given to Queen Elizabeth II's royal household to pay for salaries and official functions, or from her own personal wealth.

At the very least, taxpayers will have to pay for the costs of security, with a large number of police needed.

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There will, however, be a boost to the British bottom line. Travel group Visit Britain said the monarchy generated 500 million pounds (\$800 million) a year for the economy from overseas tourists, adding "the benefit of a royal wedding year is likely to outstrip that."

"We're massively excited," William said in a televised interview that marked the first time the couple has spoken publicly about their love affair, which dates eight years back to their days as university students. "We're looking forward to spending the rest of our lives together."

William said he had given Kate his mother's sapphire and diamond engagement ring as a

way of making Diana part of his special day. "I thought it was quite nice, because obviously she's not going to be around to share any of the fun and excitement of it all. This was my way of keeping her close," William said.

William, wary of a media he holds partly responsible for his mother's death in a Paris car crash in 1997, said he had taken his time in proposing to give Kate a sense of what life in the royal family was like.

"I wanted to give her a chance to see in and to back out if she needed to before it all got too much," William said.

Middleton acknowledged that being in the royal family was "a daunting prospect."

The interview reminded many of a similar TV appearance by Charles and Diana shortly after they became engaged. Diana seemed frightened of the limelight and withdrawn; by contrast, Middleton seemed at ease in front of the cameras. She said she wished she had met Diana.

"I would love to have met her. She's an inspirational woman," Middleton said as William looked on.

The future of the royal family depends to no small degree on the success of their union.

Middleton brings youth and glamour to a monarchy tarnished by divorce and scandal. The marriage will link Middleton — a wealthy commoner whose parents, self-made millionaires, founded a successful mail-order party supply business after working in the airline industry — with William, scion of one of the richest families in the world.

A strong, stable marriage — one that lasts decades and produces heirs — could go a long way toward undoing the damage from Charles' and Diana's ugly squabbling and televised confessions of adultery.

Gregory Katz, Gillian Smith, Sylvia Hui and Alia Gilbert in London contributed to this report.

Diversity poster contest

Staff Report

The university's Office of Housing & Residence Life is hosting a competition that will allow students to show what diversity means to the university, a university resident assistant said.

The winner of the second annual Diversity Poster Competition would have his or her poster displayed in residence halls, according to the website.

J.J. Moore, Herndon Hall resident assistant, said the purpose of the competition is to help students realize what diversity means to the university.

"It can be any interpretation of diversity on the TCU campus," Moore said.

Moore said the office had received few entries as of Wednesday evening.

Posters would be judged on creativity, originality, appeal, expression of ideas and message by student affairs staff members, according to the office's website.

Rolando Guerrero, Jr. won the contest last year, according to the website. Entries are due to the Of-

fice of Housing & Residence Life, located in the basement of Samuelson Hall, by 5 p.m. Friday.

Poster Guidelines: Must be submitted to Housing & Residence Life Office in the basement of Samu-

In the basement of samuelson Hall by 5 p.m. Friday. Posters must be no larger than 11" x 17" Must be either portrait or landscape oriented May be manually-created or computer generated Individual as well as group submissions are permitted Must have the stu-

dent's name and TCU e-mail address printed on back of the artwork

Must include one paragraph typed response describing the inspiration behind entry



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The ring was lost Saturday, November 13th at the football game. It is gold with multiple small diamonds. It belongs to one of two surviving players from TCU's 1939 national championship team. If you have any information regarding the location of the ring please call:



PERSPECTIVES

The Skiff View

Frogs success on the field a fitting farewell to stadium

s we say goodbye to Amon G. Carter Stadium, memories and history will be missed, but there is no better time to bid farewell to the 80-year-old landmark than this season.

The more national success and credibility the football program receives, the more necessary it becomes that the stadium keeps pace with the team's record.

This season, the Frogs continue their quest for a second consecutive undefeated regular season, are ranked No. 3 in the BCS standings and are predicted to attend a BCS bowl game. It's only fitting that the stadium match the Frogs' success.

The current stadium bathrooms, if you've ever gotten past the lines to get in, are not what you'd expect from a top-ranked college sports program. Renovating and adding additional restrooms is one necessary change that will take place in the stadium's face-lift. Other changes include club suites, elevators and a new press box.

This season TCU broke its regular season attendance record with an average of 42,466 fans per game. Elevators are needed for easier access to high-level stands and for better crowd control with the growing attendance.

When the stadium is torn down, memories will not be forgotten and history will continue. As the athletic programs at TCU improve, it is also appropriate that the 80-year-old stadium improves.

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Tax cuts for wealthy hurt average citizen



The top 1 percent of American wageearners now own more of the country's wealth than ever before. Middle-class Americans and lower-class workers have seen their average wages either decline or stay put. Meanwhile, megacorporation CEOs are benefiting more than they ever have.

In 2007, the top 1 percent of Americans earned 23.5 percent of the nation's pre-tax income.

Frank Rich of *The New York Times* recently wrote, "America's ever-widening income inequality was not an inevitable by-product of the modern megacorporation, or of globalization, or of the advent of the new tech-driven economy or of a growing education gap...Inequality is instead the result of specific policies, including tax policies, championed by Washington Democrats and Republicans alike as they conducted a bidding war for high-rolling donors in election after election."

Rich brings up an evident point in American politics. The No. 1 goal of politicians is to get re-elected. As a result, they seek the favor of the large political donors who are often CEOs of corporations and interest groups. Therefore, politicians do not take the necessary steps to cap the runaway salaries that corporation owners are taking for themselves.

The tax debate on Capitol Hill will focus prominently on discussion of whether or not the salaries of these corporate executives continue to grow. The GOP wants to extend the Bush tax cuts to all Americans. Under the Bush tax cuts, the wealthiest Americans paid a lower tax percentage than any other Americans, according the nonpartisan Tax Policy Center.

The Republicans say that not extending the tax breaks to the rich would hurt the small businesses of America. In fact, the Tax Policy Center reports that only 2 percent of Americans reporting smallbusiness income would see their taxes raised if the cuts were not extended to the wealthiest Americans.

Additionally, extending the tax cuts to the wealthiest Americans would cost

the U.S. government \$700 billion, and for Republicans vowing to cut spending, that is remarkably hypocritical.

Another argument is that by keeping taxes low for the rich, they will work to create new jobs. That is the same old tired argument that George W. Bush used when he first instituted the tax cuts.

The illusion that Republicans have created around these tax cuts was a part of the barrage of misinformation that they used to win seats this November.

Americans cannot afford to extend the tax cuts to the superrich, and they cannot afford to let these executives and multimillionaires continue making off with the country's wealth. It would cost the federal government too much money to give a tax break to these Americans that will never be concerned with the money in the first place.

Politicians of both parties must realize that in order to boost middle-class and lower-class wages, they must take their hands out of the pockets of real donors and serve the common man that both parties claim to be serving.

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PERSPECTIVES

Have the proposed graphic FDA cigarette labels gone too far?

PRO

Yes, those who start smoking already do so knowing the consequences



Danika Scevers

When TCU announced that Lady Antebellum would be playing the fall concert this year, I was ecstatic. It turned out to be just as wonderful as I'd expected. Halfway through the concert though, a man standing near me and my sister lit up a cigarette and began blowing smoke my sister's direction. She was coughing uncontrollably and having trouble breathing, so I switched spots with her. The smoke wasn't any easier on me. By the end of the concert I was thoroughly miserable.

When people in the United States start smoking, they do it in full knowledge of the consequences.

I'm saying this to make a point. I am adamantly against smoking and believe that everyone who chooses to smoke should be hyperconscious of the consequences it has on others.

However the new Food and Drug Administration law requiring cigarette companies to cover at least 50 percent of their packaging with graphic illustrations and pictures of smoking consequences is hard for me to handle.

In a New York Times article, public health officials argued that the new packaging requirement will "re-energize the nation's antismoking efforts." But why do they need to be re-energized? Anyone who grew up in the United States school system can tell you about numerous presentations, lectures and videos they watched about smoking and why it is bad for your health. There are posters with graphic images of decaying teeth and tar-filled lungs lining the hallways and aggressive school rules that combat smoking on campus.

When people in the United States start smoking, they do it in full knowledge of the consequences. You could even say that all the efforts to expose harmful effects of cigarettes actually desensitizes potential smokers and causes them to ignore warnings.

Underlying all this is the issue of free speech. It has been established that the government can require warning labels on products that are potentially bad for the public health. But is it really all right to allow them to start designing packaging for tobacco companies and requiring them to use it, no matter the consequences? In addition

to being an expensive mess for the companies, tobacco retailers will also suffer. The new designs are intended to cover the top half of each cigarette pack, the only part of the pack usually displayed for sale because, traditionally, brand names are located there. Retailers will have to invest in new display models with little to no hope of reimbursement.

Tobacco companies are currently fighting the ruling in court, and in the meantime are looking at other methods, such as slipcovers, to conceal the labels.

Labels or not, smokers know what they're getting themselves into. As one man said in the comments of a Sky.com article announcing the change, "Indeed it is a powerfully addictive and destructive drug. So what are they going to put on alcohol bottles?"

Danika Scevers is a freshman pre-major from Abilene.





Pearce Edwards

Last week the Food and Drug Administration proposed a series of large, graphic warning labels for cigarette products sold in the United States. Backed by legislation created last year which granted the federal government power to regulate tobacco products, the proposals generated controversy between the industry and anti-smoking advocacy groups.

> revolves around why and how the federal government ought to implement its regulatory policy, not the need for tobacco regulation itself. Examination of political background and international necessity demonstrates the use of graphic warning labels to be fully justified.

In approaching the warning labels, the federal government must balance interests of individual liberty and popular protection. Lawmakers must consider the liberty of smokers and advertising rights of tobacco companies.

With the graphic labels, the government furnishes a warning equal to the level of danger presented by smoking, a practice tobacco companies themselves regard as harmful. The fact that smoking frequently infringes upon the health and living of non-smoking Americans, including children of smokers, presents compelling need for government action.

The use of graphic warning labels for harmful

products is a good balance for the government to strike. Labels allow the preservation of consumer choice, while helping liberties in the long term through accurate information without actual prevention of purchase.

Finally the graphic warning label policy is justified for its preventative nature. Rather than furthering its interest to promote health after the emergence of smoking-related diseases, the government fulfills its responsibilities before and during the purchase of cigarettes.

Significant international benefits will also result from the new policy. The United States has signed, but not ratified, the Framework Convention on Tobacco Control, which has the approval of 171 other countries.

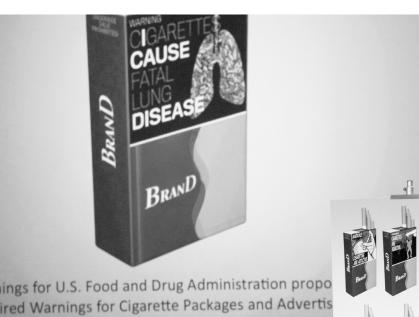
The treaty calls for countries to adopt policies strikingly similar to the new FDA guidelines. Fulfilling the treaty's obligations before it is submitted to the Senate for ratification next year is an important step in American global leadership.

Internationally, the United States cannot afford to be an outlier on such an important issue for global health.

Tobacco companies operate on an international scale. For this reason, regulations of the industry must also exist on an international level. The United States houses the top four international cigarette manufacturers by revenue. An American government committed to the Framework Convention on Tobacco Control will go a long way toward strengthening global health.

The choice to smoke ultimately rests with the individual. Graphic warning labels give smokers the right to continue and will improve liberties, health, American image and strength of the international community for years to come.

Pearce Edwards is a sophomore political science major from Albuquerque, N.M.





red Warnings for Cigarette Packages and Advertis



Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius gestures during a news conference in Wash-

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The debate over warning labels

CAMPUS HISTORY

Descendents of university founders follow automotive path



COURTESY OF SCOTT AND ERIC CLARK Brothers Scott and Eric Clark have raced cars and worked at a body shop for more than 21 years.

By Austin Pearson

One hundred years have passed since TCU founders Addison and Randolph Clark moved the university to Fort Worth. Today a new set of Clark brothers, descendents of the originals, have careers entirely unaffiliated with academics.

Brothers Scott and Eric Clark race cars and work at a body shop. They have been running Clark Bros. Paint & Body in Arlington for more than 21 years. Also differentiating themselves from their ancestors, neither Scott nor Eric has a college degree.

"We all started working when we were 10 years old and learned how to take care of ourselves at a young age and grew up pretty quick," Eric said.

Eric said his parents wanted the brothers to learn take care of themselves at a young age and have a strong work ethic.

Scott used that work experience to land a job at General Motors right out of high school. Although he runs a successful business and is following his passion, Scott sometimes looks back and wonders what could have been if he had attended college. He said he's glad that things worked out for him.

"You always think back about how your life would be if you went to college and got a degree."

Scott Clark Owner of Clark Bros. Paint & Body

"You always think back about how your life would be if you went to college and got a degree," Scott said, "I was one of the fortunate few that went to work at GM. To me it's a Cinderella story life that it worked out for me. It doesn't happen that way for a lot of people. It takes a degree to get anywhere nowadays."

The brothers' passion for cars started when they were young. Their neighbor had a racecar that always interested the brothers. Once they started working on the car they got hooked, Scott said.

"When we were kids growing up, the guy down the street had a car and we helped him build. It just gets in your blood," he said.

After working on the neighbor's car, Eric wanted to start racing. When he was 15 he raced on the track for the first time on a motor-cycle. Eric said it only progressed from there.

"We started racing Volkswagens," he said. "Then we got our own car when we opened up our shop. Now we're starting at the bottom and trying to work our way to the top."

Scott said the brothers heard stories about Addison and Randolph founding TCU but never paid much attention to it.

"When I was a kid growing up they used to tell us the story of our great-great-grandfather founding TCU," he said. "I guess as a kid you don't think much of it."

Scott and Eric don't visit TCU very often, but said some of their fondest memories are family reunions held on campus, including their grandmother's 100th birthday party.



GREEK LIFE



KATEY MULDROW / STAFF REPORTER Members of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity perform a dance in order to help promote their fraternity week and Greek unity. They partnered with Smoothie King to provide free smoothie samples to students who attended.

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RELIGION Rev. to NJ church leaders: Thou shalt not Facebook

By Wayne Parry

Associated Press

Thou shalt not commit adultery. And thou also shalt not use Facebook.

That's the edict from a New Jersey pastor who feels the two often go together.

The Rev. Cedric Miller said 20 couples among the 1,100 members of his Living Word Christian Fellowship Church have run into marital trouble over the last six months after a spouse connected with an ex-flame over Facebook.

Because of the problems, he is ordering about 50 married church officials to delete their accounts with the social networking site or resign from their leadership positions. He had previously asked married congregants to share their login information with their spouses and now plans to suggest that they give up Facebook altogether.

"I've been in extended counseling with couples with marital problems because of Facebook for the last year and a half," he said. "What happens is someone from yesterday surfaces, it leads to conversa-

tions and there have been physical meet-ups. The temptation is just too great."

Miller is married and has a Facebook account that he uses to keep in touch with six children, but he will heed his own advice and cancel his account this weekend.

On Sunday, he plans to "strongly suggest" that all married people to stop using Facebook, lest they endanger their marriage.

The advice will go to the entire church," he said. "They'll hear what I'm asking of my church leadership. I won't mandate it for the entire congregation, but I hope people will follow my advice."

Miller said he has spoken from the pulpit before about the dangers of Facebook, asking married couples to give each other their passwords to the site.

"Some did. Others got scared and deleted their accounts right away. And some felt it was none of my business and continued on," he said.

Miller said he has gotten a mostly positive response so far among the leaders subject to his edict, which was first reported by the Asbury Park Press.

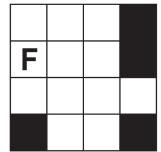


MARY FRANK / ASSOCIATED PRESS Pastor Cedric Miller, delivers the sermon during a service at Living Word Christian Fellowship in Neptune, N.J.

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POLITICS House Dems keep Pelosi as their leader

By Charles Babington Associated Press

House Democrats elected Nancy Pelosi to remain as their leader Wednesday despite massive party losses in this month's congressional elections that prompted some lawmakers to call for new leadership

Pelosi, the nation's first female House speaker, will become minority leader when Republicans assume the majority in the new Congress in January.

She defeated moderate Democratic Rep. Heath Shuler of North Carolina, 150-43, in secret balloting in a lengthy closed-door gathering of House Democrats in the Capitol.

Pelosi, 70, overcame a rebellion from

party centrists, and even some fellow liberals, who argued that the party needs to offer a new face of leadership after losing at least 60 House seats on Nov. 2. She remains popular among the liberals who dominate the party's House caucus. But Shuler's level of support — plus an earlier 129-68 vote against postponing the election that Pelosi wanted to wrap up quickly

- underscored the degree of discontent in a party that Pelosi had largely bended to her will in the past four years. Republicans were poised Wednesday

to vote to keep John Boehner of Ohio as their top House leader, positioning him to become speaker in the new Congress.

Many House Democrats defended Pelosi, who said the bad economy and high unemployment were the reasons for her party's election losses.

But others said Republicans had found too much success in running ads all over the country attacking Pelosi and linking her to other Democrats.

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"The truth is, she is the face that defeated us in this last election," said Rep. Allen Boyd, D-Fla., who lost his reelection bid this month.

CRIME Feds catch prolific Russian arms suspect

By Larry Neumeiste

Associated Press

A Russian labeled the "Merchant of Death" by those who claim he fueled some of the world's deadly Third World conflicts over the last decade with powerful weapons is in U.S. custody where he belongs, a prosecutor said Wednesday.

"The so-called Merchant of Death is now a federal inmate," U.S. Attorney Preet Bharara said of Viktor Bout, who was flown from Thailand to a suburban New York airport Tuesday. "No one is beyond the reach of the law."

Bout, 43, a former Soviet military officer and air cargo executive, faces charges he supported terrorists trying to overthrow the government of Colombia and shared their hatred for Americans. He awaited an appearance in Manhattan federal court later Wednesday.

"No one should ever think he can plot to kill Americans with impunity," Bharara said.

U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder said Tuesday that Bout was considered "one of the world's most prolific arms traffickers."

"Viktor Bout has been indicted in the United States, but his alleged arms trafficking activity and support of armed conflicts in Africa has been a cause of concern around the world." Holder said in a statement. "His extradition is a victory for the rule of law worldwide."

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Prosecutors also announced the unsealing of a July 2008 guilty plea by Andrew Smulian, another defendant in the case. Bharara said Smulian admitted that he conspired with Bout to carry out a weapons deal with the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia. He is cooperating with the U.S. government.

For several months, U.S. and Russian officials had fought for control of

Bout, flexing muscles in a manner that seemed to threaten cooperation on arms control, nuclear weapons curbs and the war in Afghanistan.

In one high-profile meeting in Hanoi last month, a former U.S. official said, Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov warned U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton that Russia's cooperation on anti-narcotics efforts in Afghanistan might be curtailed unless Bout was freed.

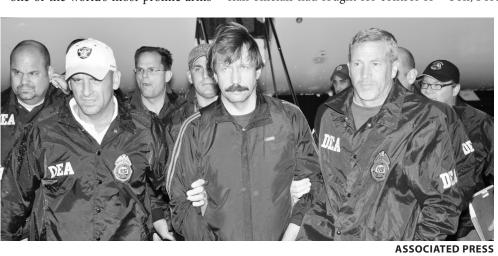
Lavrov said in remarks broadcast on Russian television Tuesday that the Thai government's decision was "an example of glaring injustice."

President Barack Obama's administration insisted its efforts to rebuild relations with Moscow could weather any turbulence caused by Bout's extradition. Department of State spokesman P.J. Crowley acknowledged possible "ripples" in relations with Moscow but added that any concerns could be managed.

That confidence could be tested as early as Saturday, when Obama and Russian President Dmitry Medvedev attend a Russia-NATO meeting in Lisbon, Portugal.

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This image provided by the Drug Enforcement Administration shows Russian arms trafficking suspect Viktor Bout, center, in U.S. custody after being flown from Bangkok to New York on Tuesday Nov. 16, 2010 in a chartered U.S. plane, extradited in manacles to face terrorism charges despite a final outraged push by Russian diplomats to persuade Thailand to release him.

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Actress Eva Longoria Parker and her husband NBA basketball player Tony Parker, of France, pose together on the red carpet Sept. 15. Longoria filed for divorce Wednesday morning in Los Angeles Superior Court citing irreconcilable differences.

Associated Press

LEGAL

Eva Longoria has filed for divorce from Tony Parker, citing irreconcilable differences.

Longoria filed papers Wednesday morning in Los Angeles Superior Court. She and Parker, the All-Star point guard for the San Antonio Spurs, were married July 7, 2007. They have no children together.

In the filing, Longoria, who had taken Parker's name, requested that her name be restored to Eva Jacqueline Longoria. The filing also stated that the couple had a prenuptial agreement.

Longoria asked the court to require each side pay its own attorneys' fees, and rule that she should not have to pay spousal support to Parker.

Longoria's spokeswoman, Liza Anderson, said the actress had no comment. Parker, 28, wasn't immediately available for comment.

Longoria, 35, is best known for her role on ABC's "Desperate Housewives."

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OPINION Large five-year contract means McNabb needs to shape up



Judge Howell

Who needs to man up this week? Donovan McNabb.

On Monday, McNabb and the Washington Redskins reached an agreement on a \$78 million, five-year contract extension. How did McNabb reward his team? By getting completely destroyed on national television by his former team and divisional rivals, the Philadelphia Eagles.

McNabb had one of his worst games of the season, completing only 54 percent of his passes, throwing three interceptions and having a quarterback rating of 69.4. McNabb never looked comfortable, making mistakes and poor throws throughout the game.

So why did the Redskins reward the 33-year-old with a lucrative contract? Sure he has an immense amount of talent, but he is also on his way to having the worst season of his career. Through nine games he has thrown for just nine touchdowns and 11 interceptions while being sacked 24 times.

McNabb has never finished the season with more interceptions than touchdowns, and the last time he had more than 11 interceptions was in 2001, when he threw 12 interceptions over 16 games.

His completion percentage this season has been dismal. He has completed only 57 percent of his passes overall. He hasn't completed less than 60 percent for a season since 2006, when he tore his ACL and missed the second half of the season.

Of course it doesn't help McNabb that the players surrounding him are not the elite playmakers that he had in Philadelphia. I guess he has Santana Moss but even then, Moss has been a streaky player. He could go for 150 yards and two touchdowns, or one catch for 13 yards.

So who else do the Redskins have? Their other receivers are Joey Galloway, Anthony Armstrong and Devin Thomas. The only guy you might have heard of is Joey Galloway, but this 38 year old isn't the playmaker he once was.

They do have Chris Cooley as tight end. He has proven to be a constant target in years past, but he hasn't been able to stay healthy enough to be a factor the past two seasons.

The running back doesn't get much better in terms of talent. Clinton Portis has run out of gas and is no longer

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a running back that can carry the ball on every down. Not to mention, the offensive line has been rebuilt every year over the past 10 years.

So why sign a five-year contract extension? It doesn't make sense any way you look at it. McNabb was going to be a free agent at the end of the season and sign with the team of his choosing. This could have landed him with a team like the Minnesota Vikings, Arizona Cardinals or the San Francisco 49ers. All of those teams have a higher talent level than the Redskins.

Now that McNabb has the money he wants, it's time for him to man up.

You have your long-sought-after lucrative contract, so get out there and save your season. Not only were you elected captain of your football team by your peers, but you are the leader of the offense and you need to live up to your bidding.

If you don't, you could end up being cut by the Redskins at the end of the year and be without a whole lot of job offers that would earn you the kind of money you want.



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Washington Redskins quarterback Donovan McNabb (5) is sacked by Detroit Lions defensive end Kyle Vanden Bosch in the first quarter of an NFL football game Sunday, Oct. 31, 2010, in Detroit.



New coach means new era for Cowboys



J.D. Moore

The Dallas Cowboys may have 99 problems, but coaching ain't one of them.

In a season that has been nothing but dismal for the Cowboys, a victory against the New York Giants was a glimmering sign of hope. In Jason Garrett's debut as interim head coach, there was a clear difference in the way the Cowboys performed as a team.

For the first time in a long time, Dallas played with discipline and good fundamentals. Defensive players were making tackles, offensive linemen were making blocks and were avoiding penalties. The play-calling also stayed precise.

In other words, Garrett has officially brought in a new era of discipline. Gone are the mistake-prone Cowboys who had the fundamental skills of a middle school football team. With just one week, Garrett has re-established an aura of humility and hard work that had been lost under former head coach Wade Phillips.

The locker room appears to have a completely changed atmosphere as well. With "Uncle Wade's Candyland" officially torn down, the Cowboys are locking down the concepts of professionalism. Under Garrett, new rules have been implemented in Valley Ranch. Players are required to be at practice 45 minutes earlier than before. If players fall asleep during team meetings or show up late to meetings, Garrett punishes them, according to ESPN.

Even the smallest detail, such as a violation of established dress codes, does not seem to pass Garrett. With such a drastic change in the clubhouse, it seems expected that Garrett would be a despised man. By looking at the attitudes of the players, however, it looks like just the opposite is true.

The last noticeable, significant change about the Dallas Cowboys is the way that players talk about coaches, themselves and the organization as a whole. The coaching staff change brought a number of complaints from players at first, but after Sunday's performance, players were literally embracing Garrett as their new coach.

Heaps of praise have been thrown on the new coach, and players give the impression that Garrett has become the clear leader of the team. In press interviews, players are refusing to divulge private team information. Additionally, players are refusing to give excuses for poor play and are owning up to their mistakes and appear to be genuine about becoming a stronger franchise. That never happened under Phillips this year.

In just one game, Garrett has surpassed Phillips in a number of different areas. Unlike his predecessor, Garrett has gained commanding respect through discipline. Unlike Phillips, Garrett speaks articulately at press conferences with precise thought and clear vision. Unlike Phillips, Garrett seems completely natural on the sideline, walking and talking with intent and purpose.

One game may not be enough to fully judge whether Garrett will be a fitting, permanent replacement at head coach. If he keeps up this good work, however, expect current interim head coach Garrett could be around for quite a while.

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SPORTS

SPORTS BROADCASTING Major provides experiential learning

By Leah Watkins

Staff Reporter

With the explosive increase of remote sporting events, a new sports broadcasting major was offered to students for the first time this semester.

In the past, the department of Film, Television and Digital Media has offered programs with a sports emphasis, but with the evolution of remote sports productions, on location produced sporting events outside a typical studio setting, and interest from students, a new degree was approved in spring 2010, sports broadcasting professor Chuck LaMendola said.

There has been a demand for remote sporting events, which has created an increase in regional sports networks, LaMendola said.

That's where the explosion has actually come is in live production of sporting events," LaMendola said. "It hasn't come in sports journalism, there aren't that many more opportunities for people to sit behind a desk and report on sports."

The major is associated with regional sports network The Mtn. through the network's athletic affiliation with the Mountain West Conference, LaMendola said.

Andy Haskett, a professor in the FTDM department, said The Mtn. is a small network associated with providers such as Direct TV and Comcast. The Mtn. broadcasts only

sports and limits itself even further to only cover collegiate teams that are a part of the MWC.

The Mtn. looked for additional games to broadcast on their network and found an opportunity to work closely with the sports broadcasting department. A need for an increase in game broadcasts combined with the department's capability to provide them created a seamless match, Haskett said.

"This unique opportunity to partner with (the Mtn.)seemed to produce the perfect storm," Haskett said.

Students currently majoring in sports broadcasting have the opportunity to use the skills they had obtained in class and apply them to a true remote sports production, Haskett said.

"We have this wonderful opportunity to produce real games on a real network and deliver them to a real audience," Haskett said.

Students of all classifications are able to be a part of the production crew while they earn credit for their class, LaMendola said.

The program has been designed not only to teach students the production side of a sporting event, but also give them real hands-on experience in a true on-air production, he said.

'You can leave here and work for ESPN doing remote sports tomorrow and not feel out of place." LaMendola said. "You would know

exactly what needs to be done."

Freshman sports broadcasting major Tyler von Richter has enjoyed his first semester with the program and has already taken part in a unique opportunity, he said. He was asked to be the color commentator alongside LaMendola for the television broadcast of a TCU volleyball game on The Mtn. this past October.

'It's pretty crazy that I have already had the opportunity to broadcast a volleyball game over live national television," von Richter said.

Sophomore FTDM and sports broadcasting double major Nathan Navarro said in a program like sports broadcasting, learning from a book would only get a student so far.

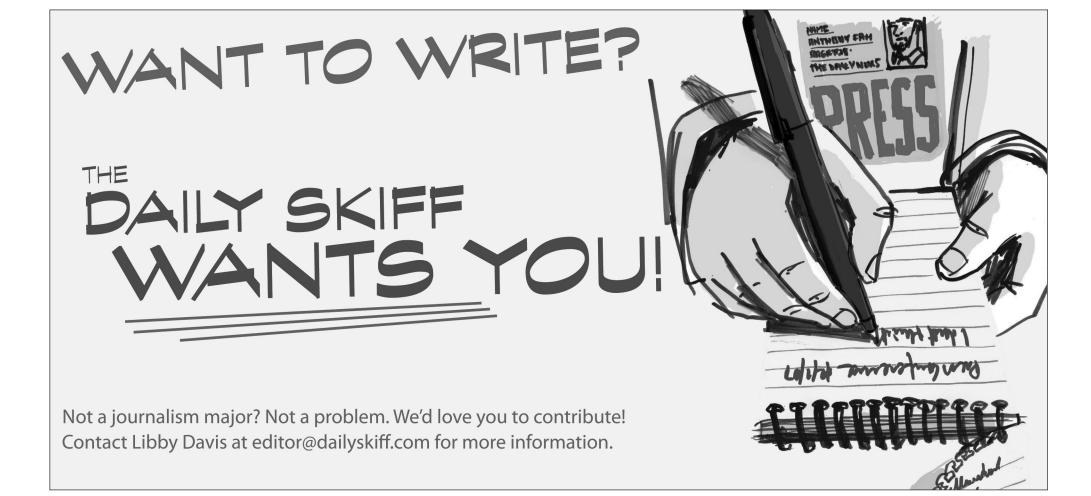
"I do appreciate the fact that in the very beginning they (the department) allow you to be hands on," he said. "What goes on in the classroom, I would say, is like drivers ed - you don't know what you're doing until you've done it."

However, LaMendola said the amount of time actually required to broadcast a remote sports production can be intensive and is not a typical 9-5 work day because sporting events happen on the weekends, holidays and at night.

"In a lot of ways, this is not a major for the faint hearted," LaMendola said. "There's a lot of time spent outside the classroom in practical settings."



ing Tuesday night's game against Southern Methodist University. The men's team advanced to 2-0 on the season with a 84-64 win.



Donovan McNabb and the Red-**OPINION**skins need to man up to finish
the season strong. **Page 10.**

Sports women's basketball

TOMORROW The men and women's basketball team have key leaders that contribute to the teams' success.



Senior guard Emily Carter dives for a loose ball against SMU on Wednesday. The Frogs would win a nailbiter in double overtime.

Carter breaks record in 20T win

By Brett Anderson Staff Writer

It took two overtime periods, but the TCU

Women's Basketball team pulled off an 87-73 victory against rival SMU, as Emily Carter set a new school record for most points scored in a game.

Carter ended the night with 43 points and added nine rebounds. The previous mark for most points in a game was set by Amy Sutton in 1999, who scored 39 points against Air Force.

Carter said she didn't know how many points she had during the game, and didn't know she broke the record.

"I wasn't aware of the points or the record," Carter said. "I just was feeling it the whole night. It's an intense basketball game and I did not want to lose. I wanted the ball in my hands."

The double overtime game was action packed the entire night and the score remained close until the second overtime. There were 14 lead changes and six ties in the 50 minutes of play.

SMU scored four points in the final minute of regulation to tie the score at 62 and send the game into overtime. The Mustangs drew first blood in extra time, but TCU stayed in the game thanks to a clutch three-point shot from Carter. The first overtime period ended with the score tied at 68.

The second overtime period was all TCU. Lady Frogs won the tip, Starr Crawford hit a layup on the first possession, and the Lady Frogs never looked back. TCU scored 19 points in the five-minute period, and ended the game with a 14-point win.

Head basketball coach Jeff Mittie said the Lady Frogs didn't play very well overall, but fought through the adversity and came out with a win.

"I don't know if there is any other reason we win this game other than we just battled like crazy all night long," Mittie said.

Turnovers and fouls plagued the Lady Frogs early on, but the team improved greatly in the second half. TCU ended the first half with 17 turnovers, but only committed five in the second half and overtime periods combined.

Crawford did her part to help the team, ending with 18 rebounds. The sophomore forward was also the second highest scorer for TCU with 13 points, despite shooting just 3-11 from the free throw line.

"Rebounding is kind of what I do," Crawford said. "Because I couldn't buy a shot at the free throw line, I just had to make sure I grabbed every rebound because that was the way I was going to help this team win."

Carter and Crawford both said that the rivalry with SMU makes this game more intense every year.

"I've been thinking about this game right after Houston Baptist was over...It's just a team you have to beat," Carter said.

Crawford said the game was even more emotional for her because she committed to SMU first before deciding on TCU.

SMU started the game off hot and held a 16-7 lead just six minutes into the first half. Strong shooting from Carter put the Frogs back on top midway through the half, but the Mustangs refused to let up to the ranked team.

However an 11-2 run to end the half, including a last second jumper from Carter, put TCU back on top at halftime. SMU didn't make a field goal in the final 7:19 of the first half. The score read 33-30 in favor of TCU at the break.

SMU stayed in the game in the second half mostly due to Samantha Mahnesmith. The junior guard led the Mustangs with 19 points and didn't even start the game. Thirty-one of SMU's points came from the bench.

Mittie moved his record to 4-3 at home against SMU with the win. The women's basketball team is now 2-0 for the season.

Women's Basketball at UTSA

When: 7 p.m. Friday Where: San Antonio, Texas

Report: Booster allegedly received payment plan for Newton

Associated Press

Mississippi State booster Bill Bell told ESPN.com that he received a payment plan designed to get Cam Newton to sign with the Bulldogs from a man who said he represented the quarterback's father.

Bell, a former Mississippi State player, said Kenny Rogers sent him a text message outlining a payment schedule that included \$80,000 on the day Newton signed, \$50,000 30 days later and \$50,000 30 days after that. Rogers, who has worked for an agent, is also a former Mississippi

State player.

"When he asked for it, it was like 'Bam!" Bell said in the report. "He told me this kid's dad is going to want money and the next day he sent me a text message. He didn't say anything other than 'This is what I want and I want it in three installments."

Cam Newton, a leading Heisman Trophy candidate, eventually signed with Auburn. The second-ranked Tigers (11-0) have clinched a berth in the Southeastern Conference championship game.

Calls from The Associated Press

to Bell, Cecil Newton and Rogers' attorney were not immediately returned.

Bell said in the report that the phone that contains Rogers' text message was damaged by water, but he's attempting to retrieve the text through his cell phone provider.

Bell, who lives in Florida, said he was on three-way calls with Rogers and Cam's father, Cecil, when discussions about the payment plan took place. He said Cecil Newton never directly asked for money and he has shared some voice messages with the NCAA. "(Cecil Newton) didn't come out and say, 'I want \$180,000," Bell said in the report. "He inferred it and talked about it, but not directly. Kenny would talk about it in front of him, and (Cecil Newton) never corrected him or said, 'No, that's not what we're doing.""

Bell said the initial contact to him was made by Rogers. But Bell said he also had several conversations with Cecil Newton during his son's recruitment.

"He said it was going to take more than just a relationship with (Mississippi State coach) Dan Mullen and that Cam's relationship with Mullen wasn't what Mullen thought it was," Bell said. "That's when he said, 'Dan Mullen is going to have to put a smile on my face if he thinks he's going to get my son."

Bell told ESPN.com he is publicly talking about the payment plan to make clear Mississippi State did not break NCAA rules.

Rogers' attorney, Doug Zeit, told ESPN.com Mississippi Secretary of State Delbert Hosemann has requested an interview with Rogers, but that hasn't occurred. He also confirmed that Rogers has met with the NCAA.