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Jury convicts former student after 90 minutes

AUSTIN (AP) — A former University of Texas student was convicted Monday of murder for the fatal shooting of a 21-year-old woman whose body was found in a bathtub with her head and hands cut off.

Colton Pitonyak, 24, had no visible reaction when the verdict was read following less than 90 minutes of jury deliberations. He faces up to life in prison in the sentencing phase of the trial this week.

Pitonyak had testified he didn't remember killing Jennifer Cave, a legal secretary whom he described as a close friend, after they spent a night out on the town in August 2005. Pitonyak said he was under the influence of drugs and alcohol that night, but conceded that nobody else could have killed her.

NATION

Convicted abuser gets life in prison

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — A man prosecutors say is one of the nation's most prolific child molesters was sentenced Monday to 152 years in prison for abusing two 12-year-old boys.

Dean Arthur Schwartzmiller, 65, leaned on a cane and said nothing in his defense as he was sentenced for child molestation and possession of child pornography.

WORLD

Court rules dead soldier's family can use frozen sperm

JERUSALEM (AP) — In a precedent-setting decision, an Israeli court has ruled that a dead soldier's family can have his sperm impregnated into the body of a woman he never met.

Keivan Cohen, 20, was shot dead in 2002 by a Palestinian sniper in the Gaza Strip. He was single and left no will. But at the urging of his parents, a sample of his sperm was taken two hours after his death and has been stored in a hospital since.

DEATH TOLL

3084

U.S. Military deaths in Iraq since fighting began

SOURCE: Associated Press confirmed by the Department of Defense

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Parking services investigates appeals process

By MICHELLE CASADY & JOSH HULL
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An investigation into more than 400 parking violation cases is being conducted to determine whether due process has been denied to some students.

Authorities within University Parking Services were informed by an unsatisfied student Jan. 18 that he did not believe his appeal to a parking citation had been properly processed.

Matthew White, a first-year law student from Coahoma, alleged that Bryan Quinteros, former appeals coordinator for parking services, did not send his second appeal forward to committee review and lied to White regarding the outcome.

"The individual who was processing those appeals, for reasons I don't understand, did not follow our policy on processing those appeals," said Eric Crouch, managing director for parking services, "and did not send it on to committee as Mr. White had requested."

Following this discovery, Crouch said he and Douglas Chowning, interim associate vice president of operations, removed Quinteros from his position and placed him into another area of the department pending further investigation.

Quinteros was contacted and refused to comment.

"I think his intentions were good," Crouch said. "I really don't think there was malicious intent, but that being said, obviously the trust and integrity of the position

was compromised."

According to a statement issued by Chowning, there are three levels to the appeals process.

During the first level of the process, "the citation is reviewed by administrative staff for validity and mitigating circumstances."

The second involves sending the written appeal before a committee comprised of one student, one faculty member and one staff member.

If the appeal is denied on the second level

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A SECOND CHANCE



LIONEL GARCIA, 33, SHOWS his catheter into which the double-cord blood transplant will be administered. This will be the first time this procedure has been performed here at the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center

Abilene man to have new surgery for new chance at life

By ANNA SCHUMANN
STAFF WRITER

Researchers at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center and University Medical Center are taking steps forward in the fight against cancer, malfunctioning marrow and defective immune systems with a new procedure — the first such procedure in the Lubbock area.

Weldon Kolb, a bone marrow transplant cell engineer at UMC, called the new procedure "cutting edge." The procedure will provide blood-stem-cell transplants for people with damaged marrow, cancer or defective immune systems. It takes cord blood from umbilical cords and placentae after normal-delivery births. Usually the blood is thrown away after childbirth, Kolb said. Cord-blood banks across the country house the cryopreserved cells.

It is important for banks to store the cord blood, Kolb said, because otherwise it could take months to find a suitable adult donor. Donors must go through

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Store in Wolfforth begins selling packaged alcohol

By NAOMI KASKELA
STAFF WRITER

Wolfforth became wet as of noon Monday without the excitement or publicity some may have expected.

In November, the citizens of Wolfforth voted to allow beer and wine sales within the city limits, which started Monday at the convenience store Kwik Food Mart.

"I don't know if they are madly busy or not," said Debra Youngblood, the Wolfforth city secretary, about the store.

Youngblood is responsible for signing permit applications for businesses seeking to sell alcohol, and said she has signed only two applications so far.

L.C. Childers, the mayor of Wolfforth, said he drove by the store but did not notice anything outside of the ordinary.

"I couldn't tell there was any difference from any other day," he said.



THE KWIK FOOD MART in Wolfforth began selling alcohol Monday.

Childers and Youngblood both said a major reason for presenting the vote to the citizens of Wolfforth in November was to attract grocery stores to the city.

"The biggest reason we had this election is to try to get a grocery store in here," Youngblood said. "It would be a huge convenience

for our citizens."

She said another reason is development, which would allow the city to boost the sales tax revenue and not rely as heavily on property taxes.

The vote was left up to the citizens, and it "carried big," Childers said.

The proximity of Wolfforth to the Hub City is something Rosstin Roberson, a junior physical therapy major from Sweetwater, and Matt Francis, a senior exercise and sports science major from Perryton, said they would consider when buying alcohol.

"I'm all for it," Francis said. Because he lives in an area of town close to Wolfforth, Francis said he will definitely consider purchasing alcohol in Wolfforth rather than driving to the area commonly known as "The Strip."

"I think it's a lot better," Roberson said. "Obviously location is one factor and convenience is another."

Roberson said he had heard rumors about Wolfforth becoming wet, but did not realize beer and wine sales started Monday.

Both Roberson and Francis said they expect many college students will purchase their alcohol in Wolfforth rather than The Strip.

"It's ridiculous," Roberson said. "I know a lot of college students

complain about having to drive out to The Strip."

Youngblood said she would not be surprised if Hub City residents opted against driving to The Strip the next time they decide to purchase beer or wine.

"I wouldn't be surprised," she said. "If you live on Quaker or further west, we'll be way closer than The Strip is."

Childers said he does not think there will be that many college students going to Wolfforth for beer and wine — at least not immediately.

"There will be a few, but frankly I don't think there will be a big overrun or anything like that," he said.

One of the reasons Childers said he does not think a lot of Hub City residents will head to Wolfforth is because only beer and wine are being sold, so anyone who wants other options when it comes to alcoholic beverages will still have to drive to

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SGA encourages support letters for troops

By **MAGGIE KIELY**
STAFF WRITER

United States troops in Iraq soon may be hearing from Texas Tech students.

Heath Dunnam, a Student Government Association graduate senator from Munday, said he got the idea to send letters of support to troops stationed in Iraq after talking to a friend stationed there. He said he thinks letters would help boost troop morale and is urging students to write the letters.

Dunnam said he thinks the fact that members of the media are beating down the president, the war and the administration may affect soldiers' attitudes.

"They are over there getting shot at," he said. "We are over here going to eat and sleep not worried about getting woken up by gun shots or mortars or even not waking up at all." The letters are not meant to show

political support, just support for the troops, Dunnam said.

"No political crap," Dunnam said. "If I wanted that, then I could listen to the TV all day."

Zeb Alexander, SGA graduate vice president, said he worked as a contractor for Halliburton in Iraq from May 2005 to August 2006. He was in daily contact with troops and mainly worked in the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Department. Alexander worked at a facility where letters and banners were sent in and posted on the walls.

"I was amazed by all of the soldiers coming in and being covered with dirt from head to toe, reading cards and e-mails from people back home," Alexander said.

The general morale of the troops is good, he said. They enjoy a lot more luxuries than people may think. Some of these amenities include: weight rooms, big screen televisions, internet cafes and libraries.

The soldiers who suffer the most from homesickness tend to be the ones who spend a lot of time on base, Alexander said. Instead of being out in the fields, these soldiers have a lot of dead time to sit back and think about family and friends.

Alexander said when he was in Iraq he stayed at Abu Ghraib, an old prison camp used by Saddam Hussein. He said there was a building set apart from the rest of the prison where Iraqi prisoners were apparently hanged by Hussein. He said sights like this were what made the soldiers feel like they were fighting for something.

"We got shot at a lot," Alexander said. "There was a football game I was refereeing, and all of the sudden, the soldiers hit the ground because they heard sniper shots hitting the Humvees. We realized sniper shots were flying over our head and we had to crawl to a bunker for protection in the middle of the game." Sending support letters for troops

is a good idea, Alexander said. He said it is important to make sure the letters are getting into the hands of the troops because it is not uncommon for the letters to get stuck somewhere en route.

Dunnam said the letters do not have to be long, and students may want to include personal information or stories. He said he encourages not only Tech students to send letters, but any Lubbock citizen.

Matt Fowler, SGA internal vice president, said anyone wanting to send letters of support can go to the SGA office to drop off the letters. Depending on how many people participate in the letter writing, mailboxes may be set up in different locations around campus to collect the letters, he said.

"Our students, I think, feel passionately about what's going on in Iraq," Fowler said. "We wish for a safe return."

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Government says defending nuclear plants from airliner attack not an industry responsibility

WASHINGTON (AP)—Making nuclear power plants crash-proof to an airliner attack by terrorists is impracticable and it's up to the military to avert such an assault, the government said Monday.

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission, in a revised security policy, directed nuclear plant operators to focus on preventing radiation from escaping in case of such an attack and to improve evacuation plans to protect public health and safety.

"The active protection against airborne threats is addressed by other federal organizations, including the military," the NRC said in a statement.

The agency rejected calls by some nuclear watchdog groups that the government establish firm no-fly zones near reactors or that plant operators build "lattice-like" barriers to protect reactors, or be required to have anti-aircraft weapons on site to shoot down an incoming plane.

The NRC, in a summary of the mostly secret security plan, said such

proposals were examined, but that it was concluded the "active protection" against an airborne threat rests with organizations such as the military or the Federal Aviation Administration.

It said that various mitigation strategies required of plant operators — such as radiation protection measures and evacuation plans — "are sufficient to ensure adequate protection of the public health and safety" in case of an airborne attack.

The commission unanimously approved the plan, which has been the subject of internal discussions for 15 months, in a 5-0 vote at a brief meeting without discussion.

"This rule is an important piece, but only one piece of a broader effort to enhance nuclear power plant security," NRC Chairman Dale Klein said in a statement.

The defense plan, formally known as the Design Basis Threat, spells out what type of attack force the government believes might target a commercial power reactor and what its operator must be capable of defending against.

Stem cell

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long approval process, but cord-blood units are already ready for transplants.

"These patients don't have that kind of time," he said.

Formerly, cord-blood transplants were used only on people who weigh 50 kg. (110 lbs.) or less. Kolb said with the upcoming procedures, the doctors will match two cord bloods to each other and to the patient. Two cord bloods will be infused into the patient's subclavian vein, located just below the clavicle, which will eventually change the person's blood type.

Kolb said two types of grafted cord blood can grow in one person because the cells are immature.

"They fight it out for dominance," he said. "Eventually, one kills the other graft and wins."

The first patient to undergo a double-cord-blood transplant at UMC is Lionel Garcia, 33, who lives in Abilene with his wife and children.

Lionel Garcia said he was diagnosed with adenocarcinoma of unknown origin, which, according to the National Cancer Institute Web site, is "cancer that begins in cells that line certain internal organs and that have gland-like (secretory) properties."

After undergoing chemotherapy to try to rid his body of the cancer, Lionel Garcia said an unexpected side effect took place:

the chemotherapy destroyed his bone marrow.

To prepare for today's procedure, Lionel Garcia underwent a week of high-dose chemotherapy to get rid of the remaining bone marrow.

The two types of cord blood came from two babies from different parts of the country. One is male; one is female. One has type O Positive blood, and the other has type A Positive blood. Lionel Garcia, who has B Positive blood, said it is interesting to think about having a new blood type.

"It won't be a bother," he said, "but it'll be strange."

Kolb said the patient now would have two types of DNA — one from the new blood and one from his body.

Lionel Garcia said while he is excited about today's procedure, he is also nervous.

"I've been nervous, I've been here for two months," he said. "But they've been taking good care of me here."

He said few things were going through his head the day before the procedure.

"Basically, I just hope everything goes well so I can enjoy the rest of this life I'm getting back," he said. "I have four kids and a wife back home. I'm ready to get back home and do that family thing."

Lionel Garcia said he worked in the oil business prior to his treatment.

"I was doing oil work, but I'll have to take better care of my insides now," he said.

After the recovery period, Lionel Garcia said he is thinking about returning to school.

He said he chose to do the procedure because it was the only procedure left to do.

Everardo Cobos, a professor at HSC and medical director of the Southwest Cancer and Research Center at UMC, is one of the doctors in the bone marrow transplant unit.

He said the procedure is a big deal because UMC has the only transplant center in the region, stretching from Dallas to Denver to Phoenix.

Cobos said the transplants had to be approved by the National Marrow Donor Program, which selectively approves few programs to do such a procedure.

Cobos said he is excited about the procedure.

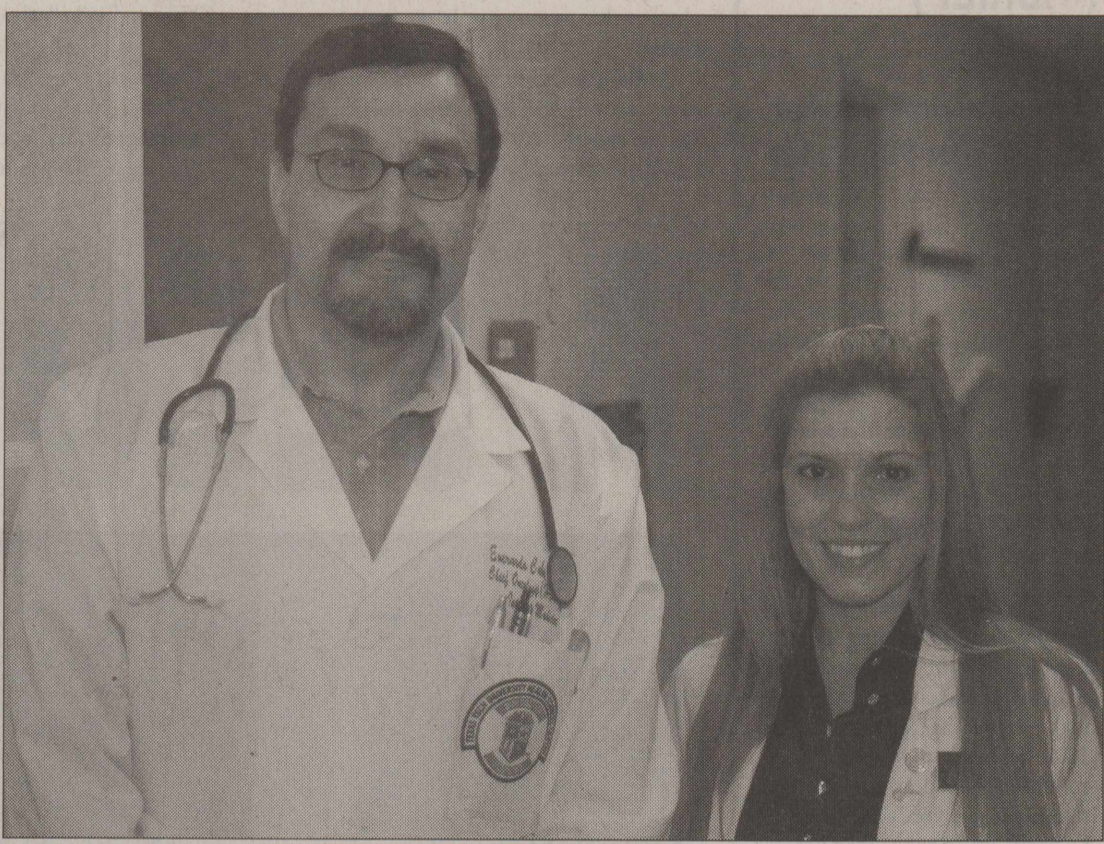
"We're excited for the patient because it's a procedure that will save his life," he said. "There is no other option. Without this, he would have died. His life expectancy would have been about two weeks."

Though Cobos and the other transplant doctors will be ready to help if needed, Kolb said he and a nurse coordinator will be performing the transplant.

Brenda Williams, the bone marrow transplant coordinator at UMC, is the nurse coordinator working with Kolb today.

Williams said she has assisted with many transplants before and is not worried about the procedure at all.

"It's not really much different," she said. "We just trans-



DR. EVERARDO COBOS and his team which includes second year med student Carmen Galvan (pictured) have overseen Lionel Garcia's progress.

plant two instead of one."

She said she believes the patient will do well because he is young and healthy. She has had a relationship with Lionel Garcia, educating him about his procedure and will continue to examine him after the procedure — especially for the first 100 days.

Today is "day zero," the day of the procedure, said Williams. Before the procedure, days were counted down in negative numbers. The first 100 days and 100

days from today are the most crucial, she said.

The procedure may bring much-needed attention to the transplant center, Williams said.

"I think it's wonderful because we've been here 14 to 15 years, and people still don't realize we have a transplant unit here and very qualified doctors and nurses," she said.

Williams said she believes the procedure should not take more than an hour.

Lionel Garcia's mother, Marlou Garcia, said she is pretty nervous and scared about the procedure.

"I guess I've got more butterflies than he does," she said.

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"But they've taken very good care of him."

Kolb said these procedures, if successful, will become increasingly common.

"The cord-blood transplants will make it possible for many people to get transplanted more quickly," he said.

Lionel Garcia said he is excited to start the procedure.

"It's been a big old wake up call for me," he said. "I see life in a different way now. I'm coming out a new person. This is it. They're helping me, giving me my life back. I'm not gonna mess it up. I'm gonna do what they tell me and come for checkups when I need to."

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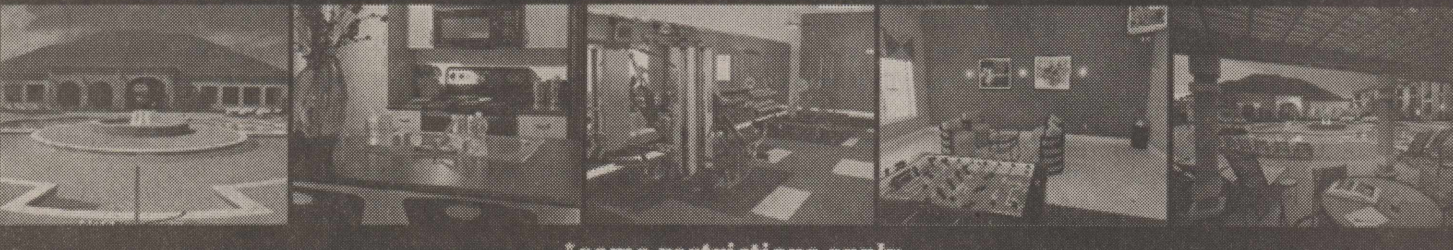
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Miami planning party to celebrate when Castro dies

MIAMI (AP) — The city of Miami is planning an official celebration at the Orange Bowl whenever Cuban president Fidel Castro dies.

Discussions by a committee appointed earlier this month by the city commission to plan the event have even covered issues such as a theme to be printed on T-shirts, what musicians would perform, the cost and how long the celebration would last.

Such a gathering has long been part of the city's plan for Castro's death, but firming up the specifics has been more urgent since Castro became ill last summer and turned over power to his brother, Raul.

City Commissioner Tomas Regalado, a Cuban American, came up with the idea of using the Orange Bowl, noting that the stadium was the site of a speech by President Kennedy in 1961 promising a free Cuba, and that in the 1980s it served as a camp for refugees from the Mariel boatlift from Cuba.

"Basically, the only thing we're trying to do is have a venue, a giant venue ready for people, if they wish, to speak to the media, to show their emotions. It's not that we're doing an official death party," Regalado said Monday.

Former state Rep. Luis Morse stressed the need for an uplifting theme for the party — one not preoccupied with a human being's passing.

Critics have accused the city of dictating where people should party, with many preferring to celebrate on the streets of Little Havana. The city says the Orange Bowl celebration would not preclude that.

"This is not a mandatory site," Regalado said of the Orange Bowl. "Just a place for people to gather."

Ramon Saul Sanchez, leader of the Miami-based Democracy Movement organization, worries about how a party to celebrate a man's death would be perceived by people outside the Cuban exile community.

Sanchez also pointed out that, even after Castro dies, his communist government still will be in place.

"The notion of a big party, I think, should be removed from all this," Sanchez said. "Although everybody will be very happy that the dictator cannot continue to oppress us himself, I think everybody is still very sad because there are still prisons full of prisoners, many people executed, and families divided."

Wolfforth

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to drive to The Strip.

If a grocery store were to come to Wolfforth, then the prices might become more competitive, which may attract additional shoppers, he said.

Some grocery stores have been talking about opening up in Wolfforth, but nothing definite has come

from those talks, Childers said.

Not everyone supports the sale of beer and wine within the city limits in Wolfforth.

"Some people really want it, and some people object," Youngblood said.

Individuals who led the opposition to the beer and wine sales within the city limits could not be reached for comment after repeated attempts.

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Fleischer: Libby discussed CIA officer over lunch

WASHINGTON (AP) — Former White House press secretary Ari Fleischer testified Monday that then-colleague I. Lewis "Scooter" Libby told him over lunch that the wife of a prominent war critic worked at the CIA.

Fleischer said the conversation happened July 7, 2003, days before Libby told investigators he was surprised to learn about the CIA operative from a reporter. That discrepancy is at the heart of Libby's perjury and obstruction trial.

Fleischer, who was the chief White House spokesman for the first 2 1/2 years of President Bush's first term, said Monday that Libby invited him to lunch to discuss Fleischer's planned departure from the White House. He said it was the first time he and Libby had eaten lunch together.

They talked about Fleischer's career plans and their shared interest in the Miami Dolphins football team, Fleischer testified. He can't remember who brought it up but he said the conversation then turned to the growing controversy over former Ambassador Joseph Wilson, who accused the White House of ignoring prewar intelligence on Iraq.

"Ambassador Wilson was sent by his wife," Fleischer recalled Libby

saying. "His wife works for the CIA."

Fleischer said Libby also used the woman's name, Valerie Plame, and told him it was "hush hush."

"My sense is that Mr. Libby was telling me this was kind of newsy," Fleischer said.

Fleischer said he again heard about Plame four days later aboard Air Force One from White House communications director Dan Bartlett. Bartlett was reading documents and began "venting" that reporters kept repeating Wilson's claim that Vice President Dick Cheney sent Wilson on a fact-finding trip to Niger.

"His wife sent him," Fleischer recalled Bartlett saying. "She works at the CIA."

Fleischer said he relayed that information to reporters from Time magazine and NBC. A reporter from Newsweek magazine was also there but may have walked away, he said. The reporters paid no attention to the comment, he testified.

"I never in my wildest dreams thought this information was classified," Fleischer testified.

Fleischer testified under an immunity deal with prosecutors and arrived in court with his attorneys. He said he sought the deal after reading an article about the investigation.

Iraqi officials say religious cult targeted in battle

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Iraqi officials said Monday that U.S.-backed Iraqi troops had targeted a religious cult called "Soldiers of Heaven" in a weekend battle that left 200 fighters dead, including the group's leader, near the Shiite holy city of Najaf. A military commander said hundreds of gunmen planned to disguise themselves as pilgrims and kill clerics on the holiest day of the Shiite calendar.

The Iraqi government spokesman, Ali al-Dabbagh, said the raid on Sunday in date-palm orchards on the city's outskirts was aimed against a group called the Jund al-Samaa, or Soldiers of Heaven, which appeared to have had links to Saddam Hussein loyalists and foreign fighters. Officials said the cult was hoping the violence it planned would force the return of the "hidden imam," a 9th-century Shiite saint who Shiites believe will come again to bring peace and justice to the world.

Both Mohammed al-Askari, the defense ministry spokesman, and an Iraqi military commander in charge of the Najaf area said 200 terrorists were killed and 60 wounded, lowering previous estimates. Maj. Gen. Othman al-Ghanemi, the commander of the 8th Division that is in charge of Najaf, said 150 had been captured, while al-Askari put that figure at 120.

President Bush said the fight was an indication that Iraqis were beginning to take control.

"My first reaction on this report from the battlefield is that the Iraqis are beginning to show me something," Bush told NPR.

The fighting began Sunday and ended Monday. U.S. officials

said an American military helicopter crashed during the battle, killing two soldiers on board, but gave no further details. Al-Ghanemi said the aircraft was shot down. It was the second U.S. military helicopter to crash in eight days.

Authorities said Iraqi soldiers supported by U.S. aircraft fought all day Sunday with a large group of insurgents in the Zaraq area, about 12 miles northeast of the Shiite holy city of Najaf.

U.S. and British jets bombed and strafed the militants, the U.S. Air Force said Monday. U.S. F-16s and A-10 jets dropped 500-pound bombs on insurgent positions, the Air Force said.

Provincial Gov. Assad Sultan Abu Kilel said the insurgents had planned to attack Shiite pilgrims and senior clerics in Najaf during ceremonies marking Ashoura, the holiest day in the Shiite calendar commemorating the 7th-century death of Imam Hussein, grandson of the Prophet Muhammad. The celebration culminates Tuesday in huge public processions in Najaf, Karbala and other Shiite cities.

Al-Ghanemi said the army captured some 500 automatic rifles in addition to mortars, heavy machine guns and Russian-made Katyusha rockets in what amounted to a major test for Iraq's new military as it works toward taking over responsibility for security from U.S.-led forces.

The commander said the leader of the group was among those killed and identified him as an Iraqi named Ahmed Hassan al-Yamani, who went by several aliases and was armed with two pistols when he died. Abdul-Hussein Abtan, deputy governor of Najaf, said the cult leader had been detained

twice in the past few years, although he did say why.

Abtan also said a few women who were believed to be residents of the area were among those taken into custody.

Al-Ghanemi said the area where the men were staying was once run by Saddam's al-Quds Army, a military organization the late president established in the 1990s. The commander said "the gunmen had recently dug trenches in preparation for the battle." He added that the area of full of date palm groves. Other officials in Najaf said Saddam loyalists bought the groves six months ago.

Al-Ghanemi said 600 to 700 gunmen had planned to disguise themselves as pilgrims and attack Najaf on Tuesday, the day they believed that the Imam Mahdi, or the "hidden imam," would reappear. He said leading Shiite ayatollahs consider such fringe elements as heretics.

Their aim was to kill as many leading clerics as possible, al-Ghanemi said.

Najaf government officials indicated the militants included both Shiite and Sunni extremists, as well as foreign fighters. Although Sunni Arabs have been the main force behind insurgent groups, there are a number of Shiite militant and splinter groups that have clashed from time to time with the government.

The mortar attacks and bombings appeared to be part of the sectarian reprisal killings that have pushed Iraq into civil warfare over the past year, violence that Bush hopes to quell by sending up to 21,500 more American soldiers to Baghdad and surrounding areas.

Bombings, mortar attacks and shootings killed at least 36 people

elsewhere on Monday.

In one of the worst attacks, mortar rounds rained down on a Shiite neighborhood in the Sunni-dominated town of Jurf al-Sakhar, 40 miles south of Baghdad, Monday morning, police spokesman Capt. Muthanna Khalid said. He said 10 were killed, including three children and four women, and five other people were wounded.

A wounded boy lay next to his bloodstained father at a hospital in the nearby town of Musayyib, while six bodies were covered with blankets in the morgue.

The strike came a day after mortar shells hit the courtyard of a girls' school in a mostly Sunni Arab neighborhood of Baghdad, killing five pupils and wounding 20. A Sunni organization, the General Conference of the People of Iraq, blamed Shiite Muslim militias with ties to government security forces.

Also Monday, a prominent Shiite leader renewed his calls for setting up federal regions in Iraq, saying that would solve the country's problems.

Abdul-Aziz al-Hakim, leader of the Shiite bloc in the 275-member parliament, spoke at a Shiite mosque in central Baghdad to mark Ashoura. "I reaffirm that the establishing of regions will help us in solving many problems that we are suffering from. Moreover, it represents the best solution for these problems," he said.

Al-Hakim said his concern cut across sectarian lines.

"I sympathize with our Sunni brothers in their ordeal with the terrorists as I sympathize with the Shiites in their ordeal with the terrorists," he said. "I condemn the killing of Sunnis as I condemn the killing of the Shiites."

Parking

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it is sent to the third and final level, which allows the appellant "to present his/her case in person to a panel of students from the Texas Tech University School of Law who determine the outcome."

White said after receiving a citation on Dec. 4 for parking illegally in the R-21 parking lot, he submitted an appeal to Quinteros. When this request was denied he then followed procedures to have his appeal moved to committee review by e-mailing his request to Quinteros on Dec. 7.

After receiving no word on his appeal for two weeks, White e-mailed Crouch on Dec. 29 wanting to know what was causing the delay. On Jan. 3 Crouch responded:

"Matthew, I believe your appeal is being processed as requested. The holiday break and subsequent closure yesterday have delayed the process. Mr. Quinteros is out of the office today. I will verify that your appeal is in fact moving forward upon his return tomorrow."

On Jan. 8 Quinteros wrote an e-mail to White in which he stated the appeal was being processed. Ten days later he contacted White again to inform him that his appeal had been denied.

Upon hearing this news, White e-mailed Chowning and expressed his concern that Quinteros and Crouch had not handled his appeal properly. Chowning responded on Jan. 19 and informed White that a discrepancy had

been found and Crouch had been alerted to the situation.

"The first I was aware that it hadn't gone forward was when he e-mailed my boss, Mr. Chowning," Crouch said. "When I found out it hadn't gone forward, the first thing I did was I called Mr. White and apologized that this happened and tried to make it right and tried to make him satisfied that we had acted accordingly."

In his attempt to satisfy White, Crouch exercised his exclusive rights as managing director and waived White's parking fees, dismissed his ticket and upgraded his parking to the R-21 parking lot.

However, White remained unsatisfied and expressed his own ideas about how closure could be brought to the situation.

"I think they need to fire Eric Crouch," White said. "I feel like Eric Crouch had direct knowledge of the abuses that were going on and he did nothing, specifically in my case, he did nothing to send it to the committee or let me know that it hadn't gone to the committee."

Chowning defended Crouch and said he believes appropriate action was taken in White's case.

"I think Eric was relying on his people to tell him information and do things," Chowning said. "If I had been faced with the situation I would have probably

done the same thing."

Though he said he believes White was treated unfairly, Chowning said the incident was not a personal attack.

"I don't think Mr. White has been singled out and I don't think he is the target of 'let's get Matthew White and get even with him,'" he said. "What I know of now is one isolated case. I haven't seen anything on the surface that shows it to be more than one isolated case."

Chowning said he appointed Crouch to conduct an official investigation to ensure no other students were denied their right to an appeal.

Utilizing an e-mail survey service powered by Zoomerang, Crouch said he contacted more than 400 students who filed appeals since Sept. 1, 2006. The results of this investigation are yet to be known, and the status of Quinteros' employment is pending the findings yielded by the survey.

Crouch said he does not expect to find any more cases where power was abused.

"I've had close to 100 responses now and so far everything looks like nobody was denied. Everything looks like it was on the up and up," he said. "At this point I'm pretty confident it hasn't happened."

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Palestinian suicide bomber kills 3 in southern Israel

EILAT, Israel (AP) — A Palestinian suicide bomber killed three Israelis at a bakery Monday in the first such attack inside the country in nine months, and the two radical groups that claimed to have sent him said they were trying to end weeks of Palestinian infighting by taking aim at Israel instead.

The bombing was praised by the Palestinians' governing Hamas movement as legitimate resistance — a position that was sure to hurt efforts to end a crippling economic boycott imposed by the international community.

The attack also jeopardized a two-month truce in the Gaza Strip. Israeli security chiefs met late Monday to discuss a response.

"This is a grave incident, it's an escalation and we shall treat it as such," said Defense Minister Amir Peretz.

It was the first suicide bombing in this Red Sea resort of 50,000 at Israel's southern tip near the Jordanian and Egyptian borders. The town is a popular getaway for Israelis because it has been insulated

from Israeli-Palestinian violence by its distance from the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Shattered glass, body parts and blood-splattered pastries were strewn on the sidewalk outside the bakery. Two of the victims were the owners of the bakery.

A relative identified the third victim as Yisrael Zalmalloa, who emigrated to Israel from Peru. The relative, who would give only her first name, Norma, said his parents live in Miami but had no other details. U.S. Embassy officials in Tel Aviv had no information.

"It was awful — there was smoke, pieces of flesh all over the place," said Benny Magzini, a 45-year-old witness.

Eilat resident Yossi Voltinski said he picked up the attacker, who was hitchhiking on the edge of town, shortly before the attack. But he quickly grew suspicious because the man was dressed

in heavy clothing on a warm day.

"He was wearing a coat closed tightly and was wearing a hat. He didn't speak Hebrew. He was very irritable," Voltinski said. "I then understood that without a doubt this was a hostile person."

He said he dropped the man off on a side road with few people and quickly alerted authorities. "From when I called the police until the explosion, no more than a few minutes elapsed," he told Channel 10 TV.

Islamic Jihad and the Al Aqsa Martyrs Brigades claimed joint responsibility. Both militant groups said they hoped to encourage warring Palestinian factions to end weeks of clashes.

"The operation has a clear message to the Palestinian rivals. It is necessary to end the infighting and point the guns toward the occupation that has hurt the Palestinian people," a posting on the Islamic Jihad Web site said.

CORRECTION

In Monday's edition of *The Daily Toreador*, Stephanie Martin was incorrectly identified as a multidisciplinary studies major who died from a coronary embolism. Martin was an early-childhood development major who died from a pulmonary embolism.

...to meet people...

I love living on campus. I was really nervous before I moved out here, but my roommates have turned out to be my best friends. We do everything together. It was great to be able to make friends as soon as I moved up here. Murray Hall is perfect for me — I like my "stuff" so having a nice size room to myself is perfect! The living room is great for when friends come to hang out. I love Murray and my roommates so much that I want to stay on campus instead of moving to an apartment.

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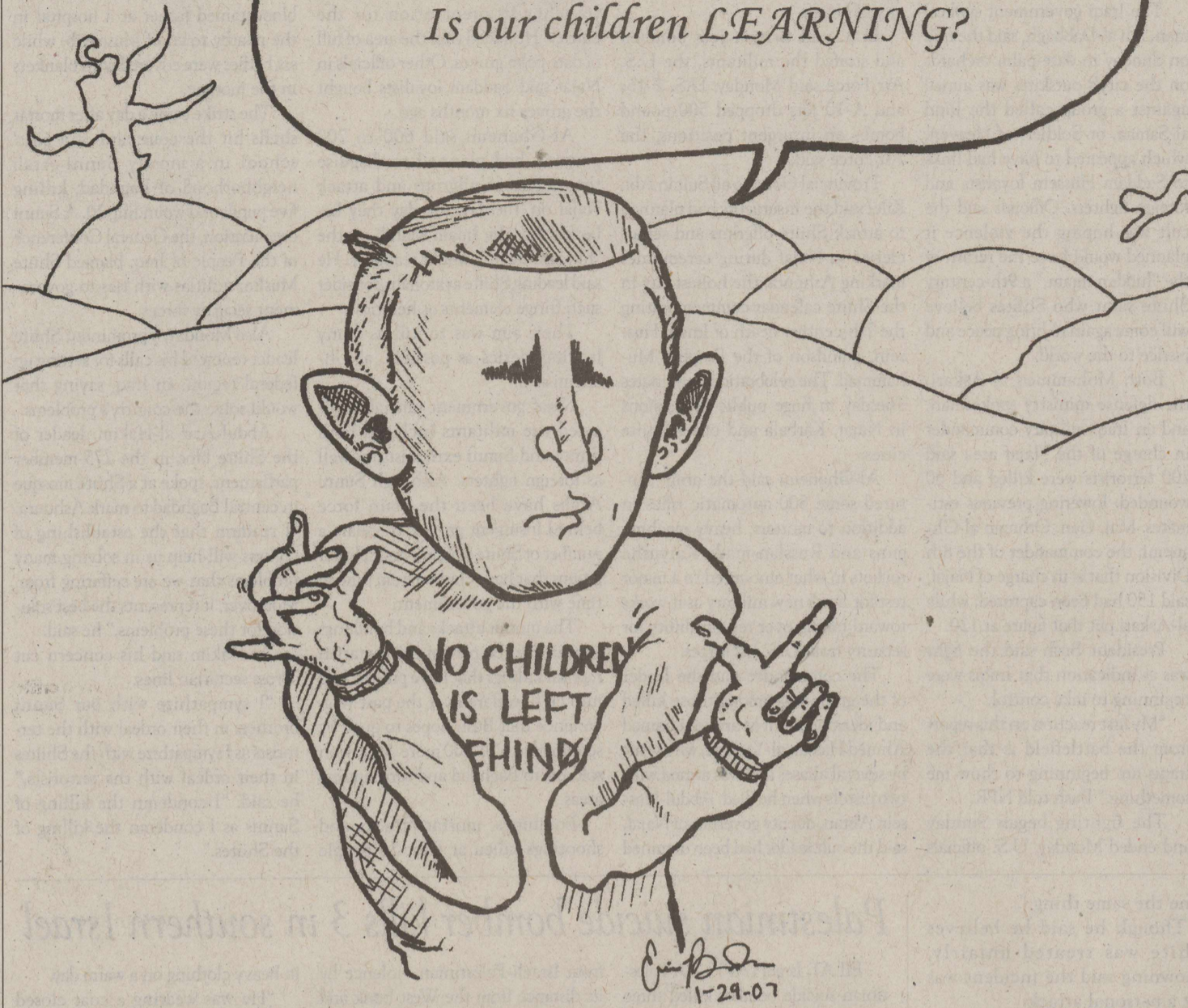
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TODAY, A CLASSIC BUSHISM (from Jan. 11, 2000):

Rarely is the question asked:
Is our children LEARNING?



The case for black history month

Saturday, President George W. Bush signed a proclamation designating February as National African American History Month. He does this every year, of course, but this year he wrote something that struck a perfect chord: "All Americans can be proud of the progress we have made, yet the work for a more perfect union is not done. As we celebrate National African American History Month, we reaffirm our commitment to build a society where every individual has the opportunity to achieve the promise of this great land."

Chris Kellerman



Christmas.

On Christmas, they do not forget the Sermon on the Mount or the Last Supper. They simply choose Dec. 25 to accentuate the birth of Christ. As Bush said, it's a chance to "reaffirm our commitment."

Bush is correct when he describes the constant work for a more perfect union. One doesn't need to see "Crash" to know racism still exists in the United States, and it boils within every ethnicity. It is popular to say whites are more racist than blacks or Latinos, but I do not care who is more racist than whom. This debate is about changing hearts — not the blame game.

I have a black friend who is often told, "Alex, you're so white." This confuses my friend. The color of his skin is black. He's certainly an African American — his ancestors were slaves. Why do people say Alex is white? Because Alex does not dress or speak like a "thug." Alex is a well-educated trombonist who likes sushi. So suddenly, he's white. Not only white people say

to him. Everyone does.

Then there is the ever-so-popular restaurant whisper. "The other day at the office, this" — "shh!" — "black guy walks in." My barber in Arlington literally spells out B-L-A-C-K-S. This is all done with the fear that any black person who hears you will find that offensive. If he's a "real" black person, he probably will be in a gang and shoot you.

So many people despise the idea of black culture. They hate terms like "African American," because they think blacks are separating themselves from the rest of America. When I call myself a "Red Raider," however, people do not hide me for separating myself from other Texans. Why? Because according to this philosophy, it is OK to seek unity and pride with a bunch of people who decided to go to the same college, but as soon as someone decides to take pride in one's heritage and identify oneself with a similar term, it is somehow wrong.

Many will say they like black people like my friend Alex or Barack Obama because Alex and Obama "aren't thugs." They are not on welfare or perpetuating gang violence. You know what? It is OK to hate gang violence and the fact that far too many black Americans are living in poverty. In fact, if gangs and poverty are a

problem in the black community, we should try to solve it. Certainly, if less African Americans were living in impoverished communities infected with violence, our entire country would be better and ethnic unity could be achieved across the board.

Hey, wait a minute — I think this column's tone has changed. I was complaining about racism in our culture, and now I am discussing how we can stop the virus of racial tension by eliminating some of its sources. Unfortunately, it took me a while to get there. In fact, I had no idea this is where I would find myself.

That, my friends, is the heart of America and African American History Month. We build our country and discuss its problems every day and, once in a while, something great happens. Somebody decides everyone, regardless of color, should be allowed to vote. Somebody gets tired and refuses to give up her seat. Somebody says, "Let's have a black secretary of state." In America, amazing things are possible. If we stop the journey toward a more perfect union today, we will never know where it may lead us tomorrow.

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Man, animal or manimal?

Trey Caliva



The 1951 movie "The African Queen" chronicles the journey of a man and woman through East Africa during World War I. The captain of "The African Queen," Charlie Allnut, is a drunk who promises the safe passage of Rose Sayer, a Christian missionary, out of the heart of East Africa. Allnut frequently drinks gin to excess during the trip.

After a particularly drunken outburst, Allnut decides to apologize to Sayer saying, "A man takes a drop too much once in a while, it's only human nature." To that, Sayer replies, "Nature, Mr. Allnut, is that which we are put on this earth to rise above."

It's time to stop labeling human beings as animals. Besides the fact we both inhabit the Earth and we're both alive, humans share very little with animals when you think about it logically.

Humans are the only species with moral guidance. Humans are the only species who have developed a written and spoken language. And humans are the only species to think for themselves. Yet, for every way in which humans are not identifiable with other animals on this planet, people try to tie us back to them.

Invariably, the situation arises in which someone needs to defend a certain lifestyle or certain decisions, and the simple answer is to blame it on human nature: "If it happens in the natural world, then it must follow that it happens in humans as well."

Unfortunately, that philosophy is wrong. Humans do have a moral responsibility; we're the only creatures on this planet who have established a moral standard over millennia of human evolution.

In fact, I find it shocking that morals and living above nature aren't approached as proof of evolution. Humans have evolved into a species that is completely self-aware of our surroundings and our actions.

Accounting for human actions similar to those that happen in the animal world is simply a matter of identifying them as holdovers in our evolving genetic code. Whether guided by the hand of God, through the process of natural selection or treatment by geneticists, many of these similarities of the animal world might soon go the way of the

human appendix — they will no longer be necessary.

Homosexuality is, indeed, a condition that lends itself to being destroyed by nature by virtue of the fact homosexual partners can't procreate. Murder and violence are commonplace in the animal world. Humans, however, have learned to counteract acts of violence and murder, and it's not too hard to imagine an earth 100 years from now free of murder and violence.

Elimination is not the only outcome of an evolution of morals; we have also created entire new ideas incapable of existing among animals.

Equality is definitely not an attribute shared in the animal world, yet humans have been able to establish that concept and maintain it in more civilized parts of the world.

Likewise, many things happen in the animal world that humans no longer practice.

What if I urinated on my chair on the first day of school in order to claim it as mine? How about instead of a woman having an abortion because of financial duress, she allows the pregnancy to happen and then eats the baby? We could even allow one man to claim a large group of women for himself — much like mountain gorillas do.

The claim humans are just animals and subject to the same animal behavior, which occurs in nature, is ridiculous.

Rape, murder, cannibalism, infanticide, inequality and homosexuality — they all happen in the natural world. Yet, morally, humans are against them. We have chosen to rise above the constraints of a natural existence and form a moral existence. Not following those morals is akin to undoing evolution.

If you cross that road and start allowing some actions, but denying others, who decides where that line is? Who gets to decide that homosexuality stays, but infanticide has to go? I'll give you gay marriage, but in exchange, I want women to be allowed to eat their husbands after they give birth, deal?

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Letter to the editor

What courage it must have taken for Alan Brown to use *The Daily Treador* as a forum to criticize Christianity! And what a novel concept — an op-ed piece in a college newspaper decrying the hypocrisy of Christians.

In reading the article, I couldn't help but get the impression that the other kids ignored Alan in Sunday school, and he can't let it go. Despite the fact that Alan's opinion article has been written countless times before in countless other college newspaper opinion pages by countless other "enlightened" college kids angry at their parents, I would like to respond.

Is it impossible to believe that an educated, rational individual, after careful study of different religious beliefs, philosophies and ideas, could come to the conclusion that Christianity is the path for him? C.S. Lewis would think so. So would countless other "educated and well-travelled individual(s)." (Alan's words).

Alan criticizes Christianity by using the same sweeping generalizations that he complains of as being characteristic of Christians. I congratulate Alan for reaching the peak of enlightenment at such a young age.

I hope he will be tolerant of those of us who have not reached that stage in our lives, and have turned to religion in an attempt to better ourselves and the world around us.

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Talented musicians unfairly labeled as 'gay'

By **MATTHEW WILKINSON**
DAILY FORTY-NINER

(U-WIRE) LONG BEACH, Calif. — A Christian ministry, Love Gods Way, recently posted on its Web site www.lovegodsway.org a list of "gay bands" that parents should not allow their children to listen to.

According to the Web site, "One of the most dangerous ways homosexuality invades family life is through popular music. Parents should keep careful watch over their children's listening habits, especially in this Internet Age of MP3 piracy."

The list includes obvious choices like Elton John and the Village People, but has several surprises including Metallica, DMX,

Nirvana, the Red-Hot Chili Peppers, Jay-Z, Panic! At The Disco, The Killers and the Rolling Stones.

For a relatively unheard of ministry to be so pretentious as to try and censor what music America's youth is listening to is appalling. Besides listing some of the most talented bands to exist ever, the ministry is attempting to start its own black list. Isn't it a little hypocritical of a religious organization to discriminate?

Besides being completely wrong in principle, the list is also factually wrong. Look at The Killers. Front man Brandon Flowers was happily married to longtime girlfriend Tana Munblowsky in 2005. That's about as un-gay as you can get. How did he end up on the list?

It is because he is an active member of the Mormon community? Is it because he is quoted as saying that being gay is "not a bad thing"? Probably.

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Tuesday's music preview

By IAN KLUMPP
STAFF WRITER

Clap Your Hands Say Yeah — “Some Loud Thunder” — This “indie” five-piece band successfully follows up its 2005 release, “Clap Your Hands Say Yeah,” with an eclectic mix of songs that showcase the amazing range of the band’s musical ability. On first listen, the album does not capture the listener’s attention in the same way its first album did through the ranging yelp of the lead singer, Alec Ounsworth. Still, after repeatedly listening to it, the album proves to be of much better musical quality than the debut. The album contains everything from the wonderfully folksy “Satan Said Dance” to a slower experimental sound found in tracks such as “Love Song No. 7.” The band proves it is capable of taking its music to the next level and avoiding the dreaded novelty tag which comes with so many indie bands. This will be one of the most rewarding buys of 2007.

Norah Jones — “Not Too Late” — This bluesy queen struck gold in

2002 with her first release, “Come Away with Me,” but her sophomore album, “Feels Like Home,” hardly lives up to Jones’ potential. With the release of “Not Too Late,” Jones seems

— World-renowned saxophonist David Koz pulls material from the world of Hollywood in his newest album, “At the Movies.” Koz has taken some of the most timeless movie themes and turned them into his own work. With renditions of movie hits such as “Over the Rainbow” from “The Wizard of Oz” and the theme song of “Schindler’s List,” this album is a necessity for all music and movie lovers. The album features guest vocal appearances by artists such as Barry Manilow and Vanessa Williams, which make it even more unique.



to be lost in the sad rut of monotony. At times, the album seems a little boring with a continually depressing sound, which is disappointing when one acknowledges the beauty of her voice. The best thing to do with this album is simply play it as a sleeping soundtrack because no matter what, sleeping will be involved.

David Koz — “At the Movies”

Lily Allen — “Alright, Still” — Allen is the daughter of prominent United Kingdom actor Keith Allen, and her debut album is a reggae-pop record with quick wit and attempts at a sort of urban storytelling. With this album, the U.K. pop princess covers a variety of concepts, including having a pot-fiend little brother in the track “Alfie” and how good it feels when her ex is having a bad time with the track “Smile.” With a production team that has also helped out Gwen Stefani, this album should be exactly that: a U.K. Stefani.

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‘Aces’ pairs mediocre writing with bloody action

January isn’t the month to expect great blockbusters or even great movies to be released. It’s that time of the year when everyone is bummed out from watching whatever political or emotional story Hollywood wanted to tell during the award season. Audiences now are looking for a movie in which stuff blows up and people get shot up.

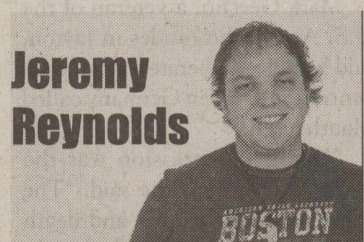
Look no further than “Smokin’ Aces” if action is what you’re looking for.

Director Joe Carnahan seemed to have dropped off the face of the earth after making his critically praised debut film “Narc” in 2002. With almost five years to sit and ponder his next move, Carnahan opted to go for the MTV-action flick instead of the raw and gritty atmospheric picture he created in his directorial debut.

“Smokin’ Aces” is the type of film that grows on a person like a bad beard that suddenly starts to take shape. There’s nothing exceptionally well done about the film — unless someone considers firing off enough bullets to out shoot everyone in the Vietnam War an accomplishment.

What I enjoyed about the film was the fact it didn’t pretend to be some kind of inspirational or heart-touching action flick. The movie is a full-fledged, roller coaster-action movie with little to offer in the realm of plot or characters.

The film starts with two FBI agents (Ray Liotta and Ryan Reynolds)



Jeremy Reynolds

posted outside the house of a dying mob boss. When one of the boss’ men makes a mistake during a telephone conversation and divulges plans to rub off a snitch against the family, actions are set in motion that will lead seven hit men into the path of a strung-out, freaked-out Las Vegas magician.

In the time frame of just more than an hour and a half, there’s enough bloodshed to satisfy any action junkie’s fetish. Curse words are thrown about casually, and as you walk out of the theater, you have the sneaking suspicion you lost a few brain cells while watching the flick.

There are so many plot twists thrown into the script that it feels like watching an entire year of soap operas condensed into just a few hours.

“Entourage” star Jeremy Piven stars as the snitch in the film, and his performance is the only bright light someone can make out through all the blood that seems to swallow the screen.

His character is on edge because he has to decide whether or not he wants to snitch on some of his closest friends — a lot of whom are staying in a hotel room with him. His character goes through the

conventional pattern of highs and lows before eventually hitting rock bottom.

“Aces” is a Quentin Tarantino wannabe and doesn’t try to pretend it’s not. The problem is Carnahan doesn’t have Tarantino’s raw writing talent. Where Tarantino is able to push his films along with snappy, award-winning dialogue, Carnahan must rely on action sequences, some of which are a bit far-fetched.

Rounding out the film in supporting roles, Ben Affleck and Peter Berg are entertaining enough, and Jason Bateman adds the occasional comic relief. Like most action comedies these days, the laughs are dependent on curse words and shock value. A lot of the jokes fall flat.

Hip-hop artist Common makes his cinematic debut, and, thankfully for him, he didn’t pick a role in which he’s just another thug who’s there to get shot up by the SWAT team as it pounces through the door screaming “FBI.”

The real problem with “Aces” is it tries to shove too much into too short a time period. The movie would have been halfway enjoyable if it hadn’t been here for all the plot twists. If an action movie wants to be graded on violence credits and nothing else, then it shouldn’t parade around with long back stories and complex character development that, in the end, lead nowhere.

3 out of 6 FAIR
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‘Heroes’ drawing loyal crowd on Mondays

By MICHAEL COOPER
DAILY TROJAN (USC)

(U-WIRE) LOS ANGELES — From Batman to Superman to the firefighters of Sept. 11, heroes have always been integral in American culture.

It is therefore no surprise that the show “Heroes,” about a group of regular people all across the world who discover they have special powers, has become such a hit.

Like their characters in the show, the

lives of the cast of “Heroes” have gone from ordinary to extraordinary as the show has grown in viewers and popularity.

“It’s incredible. All kinds of people are coming up and telling me that they love the show,” said Greg Grunberg, who plays mind-reading LAPD officer Matt Parkman.

“A teacher (told us the show is an) encouraging thing for (her students) to see people have hope and know that they could possibly aspire to be something more than they are. It was really, really

moving,” he said.

Nevertheless, “Heroes” creator and executive producer Tim Kring has made it no secret that he will be killing off characters — it seems there is no job security in the world of serialized dramas anymore these days.

“You’ve got to spend your time on the show wisely,” said Milo Ventimiglia, who plays Peter Petrelli, a character many had thought was indeed dead at the end of episode 11. “You just have to keep your head focused on the page and the work of

the day and make sure that it’s your best work possible because it may be the last scene you’re ever in.”

Hayden Panettiere, who plays Claire Bennet, the indestructible cheerleader, is obviously a little more apathetic.

“I die all the time, so it’s not (a big deal to me),” joked Panettiere. “I feel like like Kenny in ‘South Park.’”

As for what’s to come on the show, Kring said that the show will really start “to crank up and characters will cross in very unexpected ways.”

Kring and the cast can only hope that viewers stick around. With “24” premiering earlier this month, and “Dancing With the Stars” returning in the near future, Mondays at 9 p.m. seems to be getting a bit crowded. It looks like the heroes may have some additional enemies to fight off.

“I would be lying if I didn’t say I wasn’t worried about it,” Kring said. “The viewers don’t have a sense of competition between the networks. They’re just interested in what’s on and I think it’s disappointing

for any viewer who feels like they want to watch both shows.”

Perhaps an incentive for viewers is the knowledge that the nuclear explosion storyline will be resolved at the end of the season.

“While season one foresees or prophesies this apocalyptic event, we will deal with that in season one, and season two will have another story attached to it,” Kring said. “The idea behind the show was really about what happens to these characters and about their lives.”

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A day of remembrance

By GABRIEL MARTINEZ
STAFF WRITER

Saturday marked a day of both sadness and remembrance.

On Jan. 27, 1945, the largest concentration camp in Germany, Auschwitz-Birkenau, was liberated.

Auschwitz-Birkenau was part of a trio of concentration camps in Germany, which also included Auschwitz I and Auschwitz III-Monowitz. Auschwitz-Birkenau was initially a camp that held Polish prisoners, but before long, the camp became a place of mass murder and death, according to the Web site for the Auschwitz-Birkenau memorial and museum, www.auschwitz-museum.oswiecim.pl.

The majority of people who were killed in Auschwitz-Birkenau were Jews, according to the Web site. Many men, women and children were deported to Auschwitz to be murdered in gas chambers.

The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington D.C. observed the International Holocaust Remembrance Day on

Saturday—a day of importance for two Lubbock residents.

Mark Geeslin, a veteran of the U.S. Army, who resides in Jayton, said he helped liberate a small concentration camp in Germany called Mauthausen.

“My first impression was the bodies stacked up,” he said. “The camp was both a labor and death camp; the labor consisted of working in a quarry. During that time, the prisoners were required to carry stone up 186 steps. I called it (Mauthausen) the ‘Fortress on the hill.’”

That experience has led Geeslin to feel it is essential for younger generations to learn about the Holocaust.

“Teaching youngsters is very important,” Geeslin said. “It is something that youngsters need to know.”

Eva Hance, a survivor of the Holocaust, said she was born in Budapest, Hungary, and grew up there until Nazi troops stormed into the country. Once the Nazis took over, Hance, as well as all the Jews in the region, was forced to wear a yellow

star on her clothing, she said. This marking caused Hance to be beaten and ridiculed by non-Jewish people and other children she used to play with and go to school with.

Hance said after being in a ghetto, she and her family were taken to the concentration camp of Dauchau. She said she witnessed many horrible events while being there, but she said she still believes the remembrance day is important to observe.

“I am glad that people do not forget it, but No. 1, many people today in 2007 say the Holocaust never happened,” Hance said. “Well I got news for them, it happened.”

The remembrance day also affected the Texas Tech organization Hillel.

According to the national Hillel Web site, the organization provides Jewish students the opportunity to explore and celebrate their Jewish identity. Hillel’s mission is to enrich Jewish undergraduate and graduate students so they may enrich the Jewish people and the world.

Scott Horowitz, an environmental engineering major from Spring

who serves as Hillel’s president, said he is a descendant of Holocaust survivors. His grandmother was a prisoner in a camp named Stutthof, he said. Stutthof was a camp located in Poland, which was established in 1939; on May 10, 1945, the camp was liberated.

When Horowitz was told of his grandmother’s experiences, he said he realized Jan. 27 is an important day.

“I think it is a great feeling that people are making an effort to remember,” Horowitz said.

Hance’s experience with the Holocaust has given her a chance to send out a message to a younger generation.

“The Bible teaches us and everybody to love and not to hate,” Hance said.

For more information regarding the remembrance day and Auschwitz-Birkenau visit these Web sites: www.usmm.org and www.auschwitz-museum.oswiecim.pl

For an in-depth video interview with Eva Hance visit www.dailytreador.com.

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Heavy metal evolving, not dying

By AUSTIN PORTER
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(U-WIRE) STILLWATER, Okla. — Heavy metal may have been the greatest thing to happen in the history of music.

In the form of dropped D ballads that make listeners want to cry or double bass drum pedals that force listeners to head bang until their necks hurt, heavy metal has given all fans of music adrenaline-igniting theme songs.

It has even given followers reasons to fuel the leather and tattoo industries.

But many consider the genre an endangered species or say it’s adapting to the new-age, death-metal scene.

Defying that theory, some bands haven’t lost sight of their metal roots, continuing instead to gain recognition as they achieve success through loud, distorted guitar riffs and attitude.

Atreju is a new-age heavy metal band from Orange County, Calif., with a 2002 debut album “Suicide Notes and

Butterfly Kisses.”

Since then, the band released “The Curse” in 2004, “A Death-Grip on Yesterday” in 2006 and “The Best of Atreju” in 2007.

The band is entertaining and has great songs, such as “Bleeding Mascara.”

Atreju gains a lot of strength from its ear-splitting vocalist Alex Varkatzas and lacks nothing with its strong guitar riffs.

Trivium is another band that has resuscitated heavy metal. The band formed in 2000 and has continued to get better and more creative.

Its influences include Metallica, Pantera and Slayer, so it’s easy to understand the style Trivium puts in its music.

In 2003, the band released its debut album, “ Ember to Inferno,” and has continued its career with albums “Ascendancy” in 2005 and “The Crusade” in 2006.

Trivium is a great band that fits any metal standards.

When listing today’s heavy metal bands, no fan can leave out Killswitch Engage.

One of the rawest, loudest bands, Killswitch Engage borders on the death-metal genre but still brings great guitar riffs to the music scene.

The band released its self-titled

debut album in 2002 and has released five albums since.

Killswitch was featured at Ozzfest in the past couple of years, but listeners should be warned of its scream of a sound.

Meanwhile, many say Avenged Sevenfold puts on one of the best metal shows around.

The band likely has gained more success than any other metal band in the past year or two, and many metal magazines predict that the loud group of talented musicians is destined for greatness.

The band hails from Huntington Beach, Calif. Since its release of “City of Evil” in 2005, it has earned recognition from metal fans everywhere.

Lamb of God is another powerful metal deity, and although it may not be as well known as other bands, it is equally — if not more — talented.

Lamb of God is raising heavy metal standards and has shown itself to be a band with a work ethic comparable to that of Tool as it continues to make some of today’s more complicated metal riffs.

The band has released seven albums, all of which could rank high on any head banger’s list of great metal.

Although heavy metal may not be everyone’s cup of tea, it has proved through the years that it is here to stay.

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CELEBRATIONS OF THE WORLD

By ANNE M. SHEPHERD
STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech students and Lubbock residents alike traveled the world Saturday without ever leaving Texas. They entered Tech's International Cultural Center with empty passports and left with stamps from Japan, Ethiopia, Sri Lanka, Nepal and a variety of other countries.

Such travel came about through the ICC's Celebrations of the World event, in which Tech students, faculty and other members of the community came together to set up tables showcasing their cultures. Visitors received stamps in makeshift passports from each "country" or table they visited.

Walking through the ICC, travelers met students and faculty from many different cultures. Robel Teferawork, a Tech student from Ethiopia, showed visitors his country's alphabet, calendar, musical instruments and population figures; he also offered visitors historical stories about Ethiopia.

Nepalese international students visited a table with pictures of Mt. Everest and miniature models of different objects used by the Nepalese people, including a "dalo," which is a bamboo pot that holds grain, and a "halo," which is a plow pulled by oxen that is still used by farmers in Nepal today.

Dil Kumar Gurung, a Tech student from Nepal majoring in mechanical engineering, welcomed visitors to his country's table and said he thinks Nepal is a "very small country — but very beautiful."

At the Korean table, Yongchul Chung, a senior chemical engineering major from Korea, offered travelers different types of Korean candy and spicy Korean cookies made of rice cakes and fish.

The tables held traditional activities for visitors to participate in. In China, travelers could paint pictures with traditional Chinese paints and have their artwork framed. In Japan, they could have their fortune told by shaking a box filled with thin wooden dowels. When the box was shaken, a dowel appeared through a small hole in its side, giving a character for

the Japanese hosts to look up and tell a fortune by.

Lori Romero, special projects coordinator for the ICC and director of the Celebrations of the World event, said she hopes participants will benefit from the event.

"We want to educate the Lubbock community as well as the Tech community on the cultures that are here," she said. "It's for the community and for the students. Maybe one day they will want to visit these countries themselves."

The event also featured several performances throughout the day; traditional Indian, Chinese and Nepalese dances were all celebrated, as was a bagpipe performance accompanied with a Celtic dance.

Reena Dungol performed the traditional Nepalese dance, expressing what the title identified as "beautiful moments spent together." As the upbeat music played and a woman's voice carried a Nepalese melody, Dungol gracefully pivoted from foot to foot, moving across the stage in fast-paced steps and twirls while gesturing with her arms. She wore bright colors of red and blue as well as a broad smile on her face as she danced.

Some guests who attended the event said they felt it was a good thing for Tech students to participate in.

Lisa Wischkaemper, a first-year law student from Lubbock, said she was excited to discover there are cultures present in Lubbock she was not formerly aware of.

"I think it's really cool that there's a place where world cultures can come together and showcase their countries," she said. "There are a lot of countries here. It's good to know that not everyone in Lubbock is from Lubbock."

Carrie Nguyen, a first-year law student originally from Vietnam, said she wanted to attend the event because she is interested in studying abroad, and she hoped the event would help her experience countries she is considering studying in.

This is the second year the Celebrations of the World event, which extended from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, has been held.

"Last year it was called 'New Year's Showcase,'" said Romero. "But this year we renamed it to 'Celebrations of the World.'"

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Dungy overcomes tragedy, seeks first Super Bowl ring

MIAMI (AP) — After his brother died in an auto accident last September, Reggie Wayne returned to the Indianapolis Colts to find Tony Dungy waiting to console him — as only a man who has been through his own personal tragedies can do.

"I was at the lowest point," Wayne recalled last week. "Just to hear it from someone who has been through it helps you a lot. Coach Dungy is a strong man — a strong soul. It was huge for me."

Dungy's tragedy came 13 months ago — the suicide of his 18-year-old son James.

A season later, he's coaching in the Super Bowl, using the strength that sustained him through his terrible loss to try to get the Colts their first NFL title in 36 years. A victory on Sunday at Dolphin Stadium would validate his career and his quarterback's, Peyton Manning, two men who have been tagged with the line "can't win the big one."

In both cases, the label is unfair, as most labels can be.

Dungy's teams have made the playoffs for eight straight seasons and in nine of the 11 years he's coached. The eight straight appearances ties for second in that category with his mentor, Chuck Noll, and puts him behind Tom Landry, the only coach to do it nine consecu-

tive times. His winning percentage of .635, including playoffs, is the highest among active coaches, a fraction of a percentage point higher than the mark for Joe Gibbs.

But Gibbs has won three Super Bowls. Dungy is celebrated in his first as much for the color of his skin as his abilities — he and Chicago coach Lovie Smith, a protege and good friend, are the first black head coaches to make it there.

The knock has usually been that Dungy lacks what a championship coach needs: the killer instinct to push everything else aside.

The television cameras never catch him shouting at an official or cursing under his breath. His priorities are his family and his faith. He's also worked hard to advance minority hiring in the NFL, a cause that is clearly in the spotlight this week and was last week, too.

"What happened in New York on Monday, what happened in Indianapolis and Chicago on Sunday and what happened in Pittsburgh the next Monday may make it the most significant week ever for African-Americans in football," said Doug Williams, who 19 years ago became the first black quarterback in a Super Bowl.

He was referring to Jerry Reese's

appointment as general manager of the New York Giants, the conference championship wins, and Mike Tomlin's hiring as coach of the Pittsburgh Steelers.

Dungy is hardly the prototypical coach — he's usually stoic on the sideline, as he has been in dealing with his son's death. After the Colts beat New England to win the AFC championship

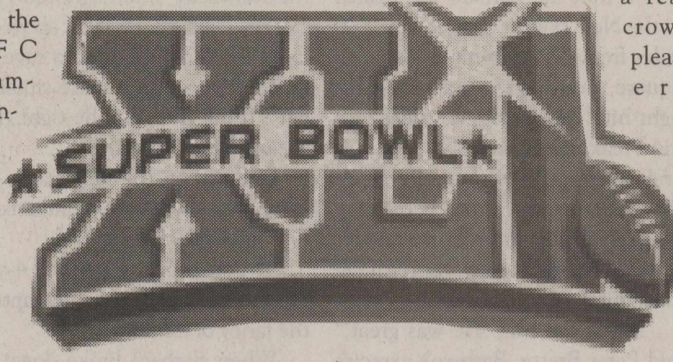
ship, he pointedly noted that coaches don't have to encourage profanity and trash-talking to succeed.

His boss agrees. "There are disciplinarians without being disciplinarians," says Bill Polian, the Colts' general manager. "If they bench you, or punish you in some other way, they let you know that it can be rectified, that if what you did wrong is corrected, there are rewards down the line."

Lovie Smith creates own winning style for Bears

MIAMI (AP) — Lovie Smith's first day as coach of the Chicago Bears brought a big smile to his face and a Texas-sized promise to those who hired him, even to those who didn't know him.

First, he vowed to beat the arch-rival Green Bay Packers. That was a real crowd pleaser.



Then he turned his sights on something greater.

"I will do everything possible to bring back the pride, tradition and excellence of the glory days of past great Bear teams," Smith said on that January day just more than three years ago. "We want to win a world championship. Just like our '85 Bears, led by a great coach that I deeply admire, Mike Ditka."

Ditka was as fierce prowling the

sidelines as he was catching passes over the middle during his playing days as one of the NFL's most rugged tight ends. Snarling at times and often showing his emotion openly, he coached the Bears to their only Super Bowl where they overwhelmed New England 46-10. He'll always be Da Coach.

Now Smith is one victory away from making good on his promise to reclaim the NFL title for the storied franchise. And he's doing it with a style that is very un-Ditka-like — he's hardly confrontational, very low-key, doesn't holler or yell.

Not even about being the lowest paid coach in the NFL, at \$1.35 million per season. (That compares to the \$8 million per season Mike Holmgren reportedly earns.) Smith asked about a contract extension before the season began, he said, but didn't get one; now in the third of a four-year deal, he's expected to finally get that extension after the Super Bowl.

"There is this stereotype of how all coaches have to behave, what you are supposed to be and that isn't the case," Smith said. "I just think guys should be who they are. You can win a lot of different ways and whatever your approach is, just believe in it, get the guys to buy into it and of course you

can accomplish anything."

Smith ability to stay calm, to keep his composure on the sideline, mirrors the personality of his good friend Colts coach Tony Dungy. It was Dungy who gave Smith his first NFL job in 1996, and it is Dungy whom he'll face in pro football's biggest game on Sunday.

The two have already made history as the first two black head coaches to compete in the Super Bowl in the event's 41 years of existence.

"I take pride in this," Smith said. "Me being in this position right here will just open the eyes of a lot of young African-American men to see what you can accomplish if you have a goal. Really it should be about what you have inside, not the color."

Tackle John Tait noticed that Smith was more animated than usual when Robbie Gould made a 49-yard field goal in overtime to beat Seattle in the opening round of the playoffs. He lifted his arms in joy on the sidelines following what was, at that time, his most important win as a coach.

"He showed that emotion you don't see that very often," Tait said. "When you have a coach who is really even-keeled and doesn't get really upset, when he does say something, it gets your attention."

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Men's AP Top 25 poll

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2. Wisconsin (24)
3. North Carolina (3)
4. Ohio St.
5. UCLA
6. Kansas
7. Pittsburgh
8. Duke
9. Oregon
10. Texas A&M
11. Memphis
12. Oklahoma St.
13. Butler
14. Marquette
15. Nevada
16. Virginia Tech
17. Air Force
18. Washington St.
19. Alabama
20. Arizona
21. Notre Dame
22. Texas
23. Stanford
24. Vanderbilt
25. Clemson

Women's AP Top 25 poll

1. Duke (41)
2. North Carolina (9)
3. Tennessee
4. Maryland
5. Ohio St.
6. Connecticut
7. LSU
8. Stanford
9. Oklahoma
10. Purdue
11. George Washington
12. Arizona St.
13. Baylor
14. Georgia
15. Vanderbilt
16. Marquette
17. Bowling Green
18. Texas A&M
19. Louisville
20. Middle Tennessee
21. California
22. Nebraska
23. Rutgers
24. Wis.-Green Bay
25. James Madison

Barbaro euthanized after battle with complications

KENNETT SQUARE, Pa. (AP) — Kentucky Derby winner Barbaro was euthanized Monday after complications from his gruesome breakdown at last year's Preakness, ending an eight-month ordeal that prompted an outpouring of support across the country.

"We just reached a point where it was going to be difficult for him to go on without pain," co-owner Roy Jackson said. "It was the right decision, it was the right thing to do. We said all along if there was a situation where it would become more difficult for him then it would be time."

A series of ailments, including laminitis in the left rear hoof and a recent abscess in the right rear hoof, proved too much for the gallant colt.

Barbaro battled in his ICU stall for eight months. The 4-year-old colt underwent several procedures and was fitted with fiberglass casts. He spent time in a sling to ease pressure on his legs, had pins inserted and was fitted at the end with an external brace. These were all extraordinary measures for a horse with such injuries.

Roy and Gretchen Jackson were with Barbaro on Monday morning, with the owners making the decision in consultation with chief surgeon Dr. Dean Richardson.

"I would say thank you for ev-

erything, and all your thoughts and prayers over the last eight months or so," Jackson said to Barbaro's fans.

The news that Barbaro had been euthanized first was reported on the Thoroughbred Times Web site.

On May 20, Barbaro was rushed to the New Bolton Center, about 30 miles from Philadelphia in Kennett Square, hours after shattering his right hind leg just a few strides into the Preakness Stakes. The bay colt underwent a five-hour operation that fused two joints, recovering from an injury most horses never survive. But Barbaro never regained his natural gait.

"We loved him. He was great," said Peter Brette, Barbaro's exercise rider and assistant trainer for Michael Matz. "He did everything we ever asked of him. He could have been one of the best. What a fighter he was."

Barbaro suffered a significant setback over the weekend, and surgery was required to insert two steel pins in a bone — one of three shattered in the Preakness but now healthy — to eliminate all weight bearing on the ailing right rear foot.

The procedure Saturday was a risky one, because it transferred more weight to the leg while the foot rests on the ground bearing no weight.

The leg was on the mend until the abscess began causing discomfort last week. Until then, the major concern was Barbaro's left rear leg, which developed laminitis in July, and 80

percent of the hoof was removed.

Richardson said Monday morning that Barbaro did not have a good night.

"This horse was a hero," said David Switzer, executive director of the Kentucky Thoroughbred Association. "His owners went above and beyond the call of duty to save this horse. It's an unfortunate situation, but I think they did the right thing in putting him down."

Brilliant on the race track, Barbaro always will be remembered for his brave fight for survival.

The story of the beloved 4-year-old bay colt's fight for life captured the fancy of millions.

When Barbaro broke down, his right hind leg flared out awkwardly as jockey Edgar Prado jumped off and tried to steady the ailing horse. Race fans at Pimlico wept. Within 24 hours the entire nation seemed to be caught up in a "Barbaro watch," waiting for any news.

Well-wishers young and old showed up at the New Bolton Center with cards, flowers, gifts, goodies and even religious medals for the champ, and thousands of e-mails poured into the hospital's Web site just for him.

"I just can't explain why everyone is so caught up in this horse," Roy Jackson, who owned the colt with his wife, Gretchen, has said time and again. "Everything is so negative now in the world, people love animals and I think they just happen to latch

onto him."

Devoted fans even wrote Christmas carols for him, sent a wreath made of baby organic carrots and gave him a Christmas stocking.

The biggest gift has been the \$1.2 million raised since early June for the Barbaro Fund. The money is put toward needed equipment such as an operating room table, and a raft and sling for the same pool recovery Barbaro used after his surgeries.

The Jacksons spent tens of thousands of dollars hoping the best horse they ever owned would recover and be able to live a comfortable life on the farm — whether he was able to breed or not.

The couple, who own about 70 racehorses, broodmares and yearlings, and operate the 190-acre Lael Farm, have been in the horse business for 30 years, and never had a horse like Barbaro.

As the days passed, it seemed Barbaro would get his happy ending. As late as December, with the broken bones in his right hind leg nearly healed and his laminitis under control, Barbaro was looking good and relishing daily walks outside his intensive care unit.

But after months of upbeat progress reports, including talk that he might be headed home soon, news came Jan. 10 of a serious setback because of the laminitis. Richardson had to remove damaged tissue from Barbaro's left hind hoof, and the

colt was placed back in a protective sling.

On Jan. 13, another section of his left rear hoof was removed. After Barbaro developed a deep abscess in his right hind foot, surgery was performed Saturday to insert two steel pins in a bone.

This after Richardson warned last December that Barbaro's right hind leg was getting stronger and that the left hind foot was a "more formidable long-term challenge."

Even before the injury that ended his career, Barbaro had earned his fame for simply being a magnificent racehorse.

Foaled and raised at Sanborn Chase at Springmint Farm near Nicholasville, Ky., Barbaro always stood out in the crowd. "He was an enormous foal," recalled breeder Bill Sanborn. "He was a tall and leggy horse, and when he grew it was like in two-inch spurts."

When the Jacksons sent Barbaro to trainer Matz over a year ago, exercise rider Brette climbed aboard and said "I thought he was a 3-year-old."

A son of Dynaformer, out of the dam Le Ville Rouge, Barbaro started his career on the turf, but Matz knew he would have to try his versatile colt on the dirt. He reasoned that if he had a talented 3-year-old in America, he'd have to find out early if his horse was good enough for the Triple Crown races.

Tight race promises exciting Big 12 finish

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — It's so crowded at the top of the Big 12, there's hardly room to breathe.

With 10 conference games to go, six teams are within one game of one another. The best team in the country may not emerge from the Big 12 this year, but there

can't be many leagues with greater balance.

"We said all along it's the best league since we've been here, four years now," Kansas coach Bill Self said Monday. "Not only the top, but through all 12 teams."

The Jayhawks, Texas and Texas A&M all began the week 5-1 in the

league, pending Kansas' game Monday night at Nebraska. Oklahoma State, Kansas State and Texas Tech are 4-2.

As usual, it's proving nearly impossible to win consistently away from home. So the eventual regular-season champion may be the team that's best able to steal a victory or two on the road.

"How many leagues go six deep like that?" Self said. "There are a few but not many. There are just no gimmes. No gimmes at all. I think it's going to be a tremendous year

for our league and I believe the coaching changes have enhanced our league also."

Two of the top three were expected to be there. Kansas and Texas A&M were conference co-favorites in many preseason polls.

But not many people expected the youth-laden Texas Longhorns, anchored by super freshman Kevin Durant, to be this competitive this early. The 6-6 superstar averaged 30 points and 12 rebounds in victories last week over Nebraska and Baylor and was named, to no one's surprise,

the Big 12's player of the week. So far this season, he's been honored with seven such awards — three for player of the week and four for rookie of the week.

But his surrounding cast has also shown improvement week to week.

"The biggest thing they're learning now is how hard you have to play through long periods of time," said coach Rick Barnes. "They all understand what they have to get done. We have gotten better, but we still have some breakdowns. They've learned how hard you've got to play and you can't take time off. Kevin's learned that. I think they all have."

Interestingly, all but two of the top six are coached by Big 12 veterans. Among the league's six newcomers, only Oklahoma State's Sean Sutton and Kansas State's Bob Huggins have been able to keep their teams in early contention. Sutton, of course, was a longtime assistant to his dad, Eddie, with the Cowboys, so Huggins, among the six leaders, is the only really new face among the Big 12's fraternity of coaches.

Do the Wildcats, 15-6 overall, have the ingredients for an NCAA tournament team?

"It's like I keep telling people here, it's a marathon, not a sprint," Huggins said. "We're going to find out the next 10 games. The last 10 games generally are a pretty good indicator as to what happens to you in the postseason. We're going to have to take care of business in the next 10 games."

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