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STATE

Murder suspect escapes using cellmates ID

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A man charged with murder walked out of the Bexar County Jail after pretending to be his cellmate, a ruse that apparently worked because of a miscommunication among jail workers, a county official said Monday.

Bexar County Judge Nelson Wolff said it appeared human error and a breakdown of communication led to the mistaken release of David Saucedo, 27.

Saucedo walked out early Sunday morning when he recited the personal information of his cellmate, Michael Garcia, according to the sheriff's department.

NATION

Supreme Court agrees to review Valdez case

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court agreed Monday to decide whether Exxon Mobil Corp. should pay \$2.5 billion in punitive damages to victims of the huge Exxon Valdez oil spill that fouled more than 1,200 miles of Alaskan coastline in 1989.

The high court stepped into the long-running battle over the damages that Exxon Mobil owes from the supertanker accident in Prince William Sound that was the worst oil spill in U.S. history. The Exxon Valdez ran aground on a reef, cracking its hull and spilling 11 million gallons of oil.

WORLD

Olmert discloses case of prostate cancer

JERUSALEM (AP) — Prime Minister Ehud Olmert told Israelis on Monday that he has been diagnosed with prostate cancer, but said the disease was not life-threatening and will not disrupt his work as the country's leader.

The disclosure came at a sensitive time in Mideast diplomacy, with Olmert and another one-time prostate cancer patient — Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas — struggling to bridge gaping differences ahead of a U.S.-brokered peace conference.

DEATH TOLL

3840

U.S. Military deaths in Iraq since fighting began

SOURCE: Associated Press, confirmed by the Department of Defense

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Blackwater bodyguards given immunity

By LARA JAKES JORDAN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON (AP) — The State Department promised Blackwater USA bodyguards immunity from prosecution in its investigation of last month's deadly shooting of 17 Iraqi civilians, The Associated Press has learned.

The immunity deal has delayed a criminal inquiry into the Sept. 16

killings and could undermine any effort to prosecute security contractors for their role in the incident that has infuriated the Iraqi government.

"Once you give immunity, you can't take it away," said a senior law enforcement official familiar with the investigation.

A State Department spokesman did not have an immediate comment Monday. Both Justice Department spokesman Dean Boyd and FBI

spokesman Rich Kolko declined comment.

FBI agents were returning to Washington late Monday from Baghdad, where they have been trying to collect evidence in the Sept. 16 embassy convoy shooting without using statements from Blackwater employees who were given immunity.

Three senior law enforcement officials said all the Blackwater bodyguards involved — both in the

vehicle convoy and in at least two helicopters above — were given the legal protections as investigators from the Bureau of Diplomatic Security sought to find out what happened. The bureau is an arm of the State Department.

The investigative misstep comes in the wake of already-strained relations between the United States and Iraq, which is demanding the right to launch its own prosecution of the

Blackwater bodyguards.

Blackwater spokeswoman Anne Tyrrell declined comment about the U.S. investigation. Based in Moyock, N.C., Blackwater USA is the largest private security firm protecting U.S. diplomats in Iraq.

The company has said its Sept. 16 convoy was under attack before it opened fire in west Baghdad's Nisour

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High horse

Texas Tech horse judging team takes top honors

By ADAM YOUNG
STAFF WRITER

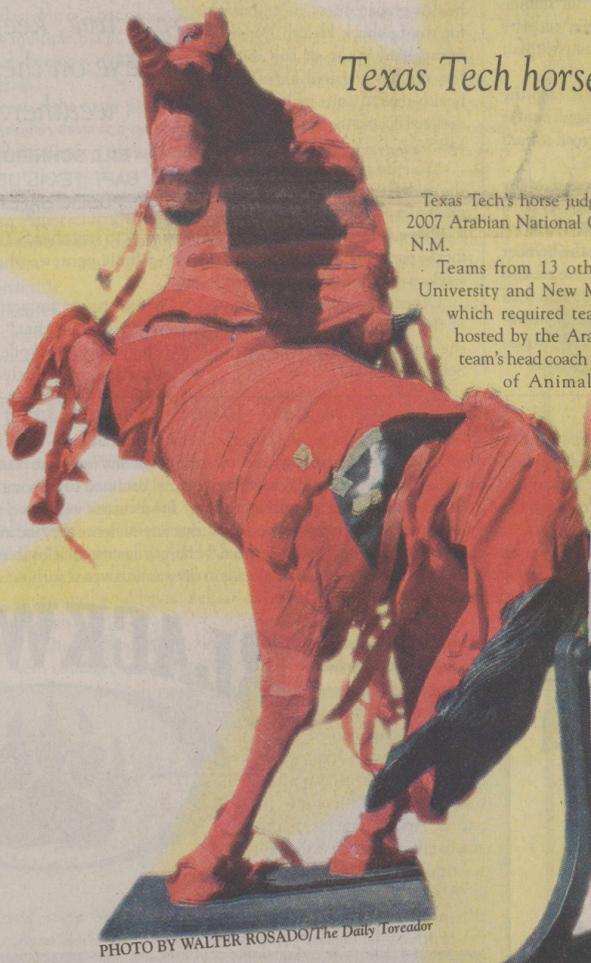


PHOTO BY WALTER ROSADO/The Daily Toreador

Texas Tech's horse judging team ranked first in the nation at the 2007 Arabian National Championship Saturday in Albuquerque, N.M.

Teams from 13 other universities and junior colleges, including Colorado State University and New Mexico State which required teams to judge hosted by the Arabian Horse team's head coach and an assistant professor in the Department of Animal

and Food Sciences. Along with the team's first-place win at the Arabian contest, Jennifer Richards, a senior psychology

major from Richmond, was the highest scoring individual at the contest, winning a custom saddle and \$750 scholarship, she said.

The process of judging horses involves insuring the animal fits its breed's character type, and the horse's balance, structure, muscling and sex characteristics, Wilson said.

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State announces emergency-planning campaign

By GLENYS BOLLS
STAFF WRITER

The Texas Department of State Health Services announced a new campaign Monday to help Texas residents prepare for emergencies.

The "Ready or Not? HAVE A PLAN" campaign gives Texans several new resources designed to help individuals and families customize an emergency plan, according to a press release from the Department of State Health Services.

"The real thrust is to get people doing family emergency planning," said Emily Palmer, assistant press officer for the department. "People on the city or state levels can do as much emergency planning as they want, but unless the public does personal planning, it's not a way to really protect people."

In addition to coping with an emergency in a practical sense, having a plan also helps a person's emotional response, said Capt. Bill Schneider of the Texas Department of Public Safety's Lubbock district.

"If you have an emergency, things automatically are not going

like they normally do," he said. "If you have a plan, things are not so chaotic. You can regain your composure more quickly if you have a plan."

The "Ready or Not" campaign uses radio, TV, newspapers, outdoor advertising, community outreach events and an interactive Web site to raise awareness of the need to have an emergency response plan, according to the press release.

"We try to advertise, to get the word out to folks," Schneider said. "Just do the basic things. What are you going to do if you can't go to the grocery store? What if your water is shut off? How will you communicate if your telephone or cell-phone service is out?"

The campaign's Web site, www.texasprepares.org, allows people to build an emergency response plan online. The Web site includes a list of documents that should be kept in a safe place, an emergency supply list, a list of emergency contacts and links to emergency information.

"The great thing about the Web site is that it will walk

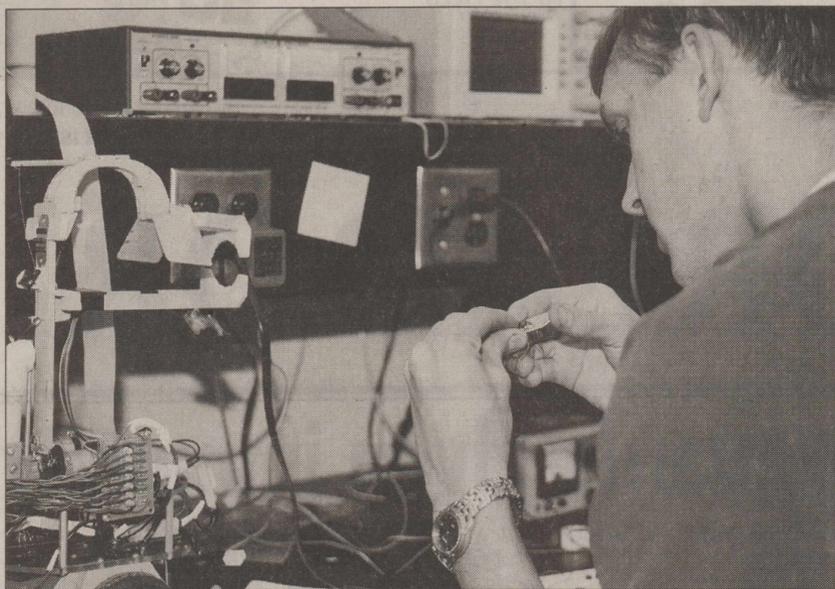
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HOME DISASTER KIT

Your disaster supplies kit should contain essential food, water and supplies for at least three days. Keep this kit in a designated place, and have it ready in case you have to leave your home quickly. Make sure all family members know where the kit is kept. Additionally, you may want to consider having supplies for sheltering for up to two weeks.

Source: http://www.fema.gov/pdf/areyouready/basic_prepared

DOMO ARIGATO, MR. ROBOTO



JARED GURLEY, A senior electrical engineering major from Tulsa, OK, works on the circuitry that tells his warehouse robot what specific order to pick up colored cans for his Warehouse robot project in the Electrical Engineering building Monday afternoon.

PHOTO BY KELLY MATHERLY/The Daily Toreador

Suicide bomber on bicycle kills 29 in Iraq

BAGHDAD (AP) — A suicide bomber rode his bicycle into a crowd of police recruits in Baqouba on Monday, killing at least 29 people in a province that has become a battleground among U.S. forces, al-Qaida militants and Shiite radicals.

A group of Shiite and Sunni clerics, meanwhile, were rescued one day after they were kidnapped in the capital after meeting with the government to discuss how to coordinate efforts against al-Qaida in Iraq.

In a reflection of the extraordinary complexity of Iraq, the U.S. military blamed a Shiite militant for the kidnapping, in which one of the sheiks was said to have been killed. The military did not reveal its evidence, but has claimed that so-called rogue Shiite groups are doing everything possible to stop Iraqis from joining U.S. forces — even in the fight against the Sunni al-Qaida in Iraq.

Suicide bombings, viewed most often as the work of al-Qaida, have taken a mighty toll among police and army recruits and are carried out to discourage Iraqi men from joining the country's struggling security forces.

Police and hospital officials reported at least 19 people wounded in

the attack in Baqouba, the capital of Diyala province 35 miles northeast of Baghdad. Mohammed al-Kirawi, a doctor at the Baqouba general hospital, said most of the victims were struck by ball bearings packed in the bomber's suicide vest and that the hospital lacked equipment to save many of the wounded.

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— SAADULDEN MOHAMMED
25-YEAR-OLD SHIITE

One of the wounded recruits told The Associated Press he decided to join the police force only after his father was killed in sectarian violence and he was left as the large family's sole provider.

“This was an al-Qaida operation, and they were after both Shiites and

Sunnis,” said Saadulden Mohammed, a 25-year-old Shiite, who spoke to a reporter as he was receiving a blood transfusion.

“I was standing at the end of the platoon. Suddenly I saw explosion and fire. I would have been killed if I were standing with my Sunni friend. He died. We had breakfast together today,” sobbed Mohammed, who was wounded in the back and legs.

Akram Salman, a 22-year-old Sunni, said he, too, was among the approximately 60 recruits waiting outside the police station for a day of training.

Salman declared the bombing an inside job because the suicide attacker penetrated heavy security surrounding the police camp without being searched.

He said police failed to stop the bomber when he changed course suddenly from the main road toward the recruits.

“The police are infiltrated. Many people join the police, but they have affiliations with al-Qaida. These infiltrators made it easy for the bomber to attack us,” he said. “There are two main checkpoints on the main road leading to the camp. It would be impossible for a man on a bicycle to pass without being properly searched.”

Speech and debate team ranks third at Colorado invitational

By ADAM YOUNG
STAFF WRITER

After being ranked first in the nation, the Tech speech and debate team placed third at the James A. Johnson Invitational Sunday at Colorado College.

Kristen Owen, a senior political science and communications studies major from Houston, and Anthony Putnicki, a senior philosophy major from El Paso, were ranked first in the nation by the National Parliamentary Tournament of Excellence, and now have a 39-3 record this season after ranking third in Colorado, said team coach Joe Gantt, director of forensics and a communications studies instructor at Tech.

“To do as well as they do is amazing to me,” he said. “They're still doing really well for themselves.”

Six Tech teams competed with 54 teams from schools including Rice University, the University of Wyoming, Lewis and Clark College and the U.S. Air Force Academy, Gantt said.

Before Sunday's third place finish, the team of Owen and Putnicki received first place at each of the three tournaments it competed at this season, he said.

“They work harder than most teams in the country — they practice more, and they just make really good decisions in the debate round,” Gantt said.

Participating in the parliamentary-style debate tournaments helps his young team build experi-

ence, Gantt said.

“A lot of our teams are younger teams, they're freshmen and sophomores, so they haven't quite gotten to the upper echelons of the activity yet,” Gantt said.

Though rewarding, being successful and winning at the invitationals can be strenuous, Owen said.

“If you keep winning, it just keeps getting tiring and more tiring,” she said. “A round lasts around an hour and a half, which is all very high energy and lots of mental effort.”

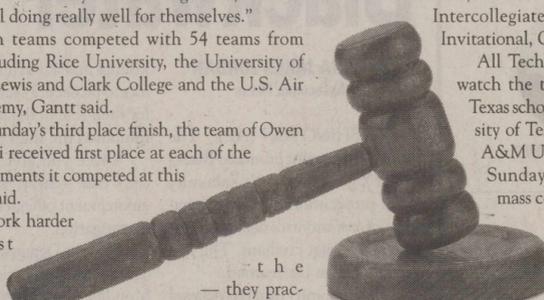
Also ranking at the invitational with a ninth place finish was the team of Mike Mitchell, a senior mass communications major from Lamesa, and Jeremy Henderson, a senior finance major from Portland, Ore.

This weekend, Tech will host the Fall Texas Intercollegiate Forensics Association Invitational, Gantt said.

All Tech students are invited to watch the team debate teams from Texas schools including the University of Texas at Austin and Texas A&M University Friday through Sunday in Holden Hall, the mass communications building and the math building, he said.

“The debates are open to the public, and we always encourage people, if they want to come out and watch a good debate, to come out and watch,” Gantt said.

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Emergency

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people through each step of the planning,” Palmer said. “It can generate a personalized supply list based on what your family needs. The time to prepare is now. When a disaster is happening, it's too late.”

Sandy Fortenberry, the public health preparedness coordinator for the Lubbock Health Department, said many of the disasters she has prepared for include health-related issues including the seasonal flu and the staph infection MRSA.

“You just need to be tuned in,” she said. “It's about awareness and planning, but on that note, it's very hard for college students to prepare for the pandemic flu by storing two weeks worth of food and water.”

Other emergencies in this area of the country have to do with the variable weather patterns, Schneider said.

“In Lubbock, our biggest threat is weather-related disasters,” he said. “We have tornadic activity. We have the potential for ice storms that cause downed power lines and frozen water pipes.”

Schneider said there are some

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— BILL SCHNEIDER
CAPT. TEXAS DEPT. OF
PUBLIC SAFETY

basic ways to stay ahead of the game during inclement weather situations.

“When storms are active, keep an eye on the weather,” he said. “You should also stockpile supplies — canned goods, bottled water,

blankets. If you're traveling, keep some blankets in your car in case you get stuck on the side of the road. Also, make sure you have a charged cell phone or a way to charge your phone in your car.”

Palmer said the reasoning behind the campaign is the public's overwhelming need for assistance in emergency planning.

“About one-third of people in the United States have done nothing toward preparedness,” she said. “That tells us that people need help. They need to become aware that they need to prepare. The time to plan is now, and people need to take this very seriously.”

The campaign officially will continue through July 2008, but Palmer said she expects the push for emergency preparedness to continue indefinitely.

More information on emergency preparedness can be found at www.ready.gov, www.fema.gov/areyouready and www.depts.ttu.edu/ehs.

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Blackwater

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Square, killing 17 Iraqis. A follow-up investigation by the Iraqi government, however, concluded that Blackwater's men were unprovoked. No witnesses have been found to contradict that finding.

An initial incident report by U.S.

Central Command, which oversees military operations in Iraq, also indicated “no enemy activity involved” in the Sept. 16 incident. The report says Blackwater guards were traveling against the flow of traffic through a traffic circle when they “engaged five civilian vehicles with small arms fire” at a distance of 50 meters.

The FBI took over the case early this month, officials said, after prosecutors in the Justice Department's criminal division realized it could not bring charges against Blackwater guards based on their statements to the Diplomatic Security investigators.

Officials said the Blackwater bodyguards spoke only after receiving so-called “Garrity” protections, requiring that their statements only be used internally — and not for criminal prosecutions.

At that point, the Justice Department shifted the investigation to prosecutors in its national security division, sealing the guards' statements and attempting to build a case based on other evidence from a crime scene that was then already two weeks old.

The FBI has re-interviewed some of the Blackwater employees, and one official said Monday that at least several of them have refused to answer questions, citing their constitutional right to avoid self-incrimination. Any statements that the guards give to the FBI could be used to bring criminal charges.

A second official, however, said that not all the guards have cited their Fifth Amendment right against

self-incrimination — leaving open the possibility for future charges. The official declined to elaborate.

Prosecutors will have to prove that any evidence they use in bringing charges against Blackwater employees was uncovered without using the

official said. Experts said it's rare for them to be given to all or even most witnesses — particularly before a suspect is identified.

“You have to be careful,” said Michael Horowitz, a former federal prosecutor in Manhattan and senior Justice Department official. “You have to understand early on who your serious subjects are in the investigation, and avoid giving these people the protections.”

It's not clear why the Diplomatic Security investigators agreed to give immunity to the bodyguards, or who authorized doing so.

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got the information independently,” one official said.

Garrity protections generally are given to police or other public law enforcement officers, and were extended to the Blackwater guards because they were working on behalf

of the U.S. government, one official said. Experts said it's rare for them to be given to all or even most witnesses — particularly before a suspect is identified.

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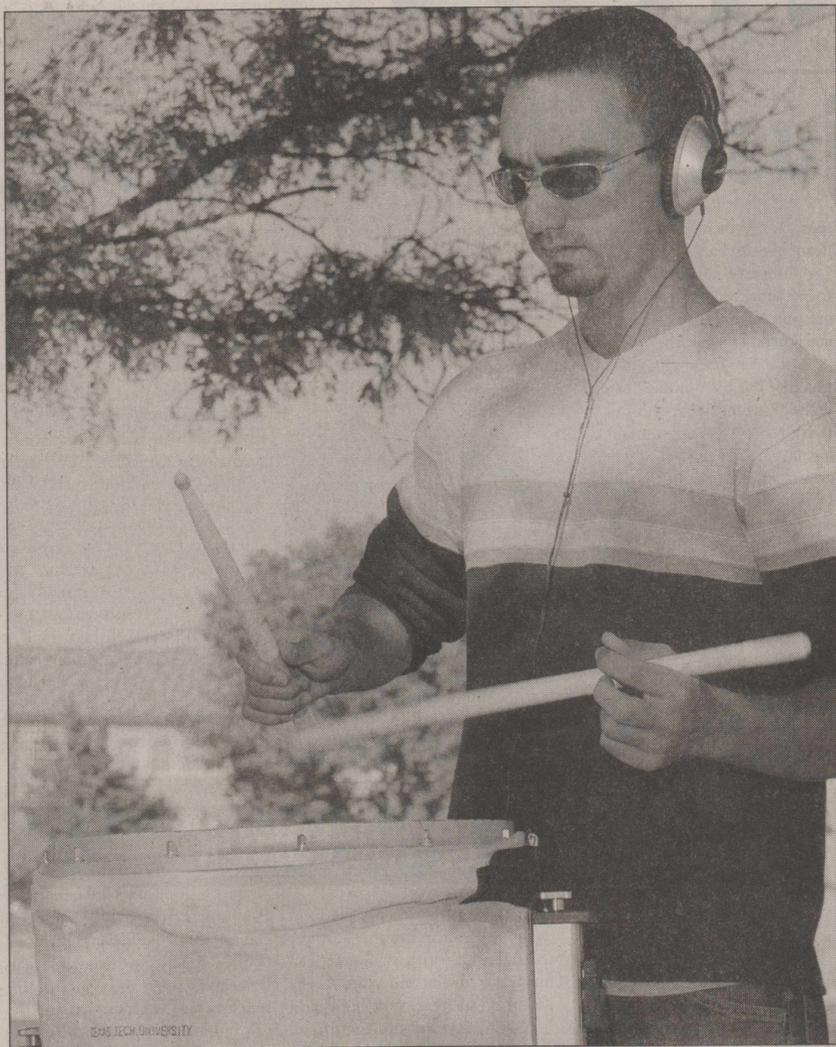


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SCOTT FAIRDOSI, A sophomore music education major from Houston and member of the Texas Tech drumline, practices drum patterns across from the Music building Monday.

Horse

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Though Tech's judging team has been around since the early 1980s, Wilson said it does not regularly compete at the Arabian National Championship.

"There's not going to be a whole lot of Arabian horses in Lubbock," he said, "so I prepare them mainly with DVD's and videos, and then we went to the national show a day early and watched classes from the stands."

Richards said she attributes Tech's first-place win and her personal ranking to multiple 6 a.m. practices and the team being a tightly-knit group of friends.

Because the team placed first at the Arabian show and second at the American Quarter Horse Congress earlier this month in Columbus, Ohio, Wilson said a first-place win at the American Quarter Horse Association World Championship Show Nov. 14 would give Tech the national title.

Though Richards is a psychology major aspiring to be a nurse, she said

she has ridden horses and entered competitions all her life, and is only working on a minor in animal sciences to learn more about horses.

"I decided, as much as I would love to go into the horse business, I can't make my hobby a job," she said. "That's my hobby, that's my true love and that's my passion, and I want to keep it that way."

The Arabian Horse Association is an organization with 46,000 members that hosts numerous competitions across the country according to its Web site, www.arabianhorses.org.
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Egypt announces plans to build nuclear plants

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — Egypt's president announced plans Monday to build several nuclear power plants — the latest in a string of ambitious such proposals from moderate Arab countries. The United States immediately welcomed the plan, in a sharp contrast to what it called nuclear "cheating" by Iran.

President Hosni Mubarak said

the aim was to diversify Egypt's energy resources and preserve its oil and gas reserves for future generations. In a televised speech, he pledged Egypt would work with the U.N. nuclear watchdog agency at all times and would not seek a nuclear bomb.

But Mubarak also made clear there were strategic reasons for the

program, calling secure sources of energy "an integral part of Egypt's national security system."

In Washington, State Department spokesman Sean McCormack said the U.S. would not object to the program as long as Egypt adhered to the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty and International Atomic Energy Agency guidelines.

WORLD EVENTS IN BRIEF

Blaze that killed 7 may have started on deck

OCEAN ISLE BEACH, N.C. (AP) — For the group of college buddies spending a late-season weekend at a friend's beach house, the deck overlooking a canal was the center of their good times.

It was where they talked, listened to music and danced late into the night. But investigators fear the deck just two blocks from the beach may also have been the starting point of a fast-moving fire that killed seven people, including a group of high school friends who went off to college together.

"It sounded like they were having a good time. Unfortunately, the fire didn't show any mercy," said Terry Walden, whose 19-year-old daughter, Allison, died in the blaze. "They probably never woke up."

The storm of fire and smoke — so daunting that firefighters radioed for backup before they even arrived at the scene — enveloped the home early Sunday, killing six students from the University of South Carolina and one from Clemson University. Six other South Carolina students in the house survived.

Classes went on as scheduled Monday at South Carolina's Columbia campus, but grief counselors were available for the 27,000 students. Clemson also offered counseling.

Government puts focus on boosting graduation rates

WASHINGTON (AP) — It's a nickname no principal could be proud of: "Dropout Factory," a high school where no more than 60 percent of the students who start as freshmen make it to their senior year. That description fits more than one in 10 high schools across America.

"If you're born in a neighborhood or town where the only high school is one where graduation is not the norm, how is this living in the land of equal opportunity?" asks Bob Balfanz, the Johns Hopkins researcher who coined the term "dropout factory."

There are about 1,700 regular or vocational high schools nationwide that fit that description, according to an analysis of Education Department data conducted by Johns Hopkins for The Associated Press. That's 12 percent of all such schools, about the same level as a decade ago.

While some of the missing students transferred, most dropped out, says Balfanz. The data look at senior classes for three years in a row to make sure local events like plant closures aren't to blame for the low retention rates.

The highest concentration of dropout factories is in large cities or high-poverty rural areas in the South and Southwest. Most have high proportions of minority students. These schools are tougher to turn around because their students face challenges well beyond the academic ones — the need to work as well as go to school, for example, or a need for social services.

Anti-Clinton video proliferates on YouTube

WASHINGTON (AP) — First came the Orwellian mash up YouTube video that portrayed Hillary Rodham Clinton as Big Brother. Then came a clip of her off-key rendition of the Star Spangled Banner. Now, a stinging 13-minute video by a bitter Clinton foe is finding its own Internet audience.

The clip, a preview of a longer film by one-time Clinton donor Peter Paul, has scored more than 1.4 million hits on Google Video and about 350,000 on YouTube during the past week. Its popularity has driven it to the top spot on Google Video over the past two weeks.

Paul is a Hollywood entrepreneur, former partner of Spider-Man creator Stan Lee and convicted felon who has sued the Clintons in connection with a celebrity-packed fundraiser he helped organize for her 2000 Senate race. A California appeals court earlier this month ruled that Sen. Clinton should be dismissed from the suit.

But Paul has devoted a Web site to the case and has been on tour in recent days showing his film, "Hillary Uncensored," at New England College campuses. On Tuesday, he is scheduled to screen it at the Metropolitan Club in New York City.

The Clintons have long argued that Paul's criminal record discredits him and in court pleadings have denied Paul's claims against them.

Schiro: FBI used mob to crack civil rights case

NEW YORK (AP) — The FBI used mob muscle to solve the 1964 disappearance of three civil rights volunteers in Mississippi, a gangster's ex-girlfriend testified Monday, becoming the first witness to repeat in open court a story that has been underworld lore for years.

Linda Schiro said that her boyfriend, Mafia tough guy Gregory Scarpa Sr., was recruited by the FBI to help find the volunteers' bodies. She said Scarpa later told her he put a gun in a Ku Klux Klansman's mouth and forced him to reveal the whereabouts of the victims.

The FBI has never acknowledged that Scarpa, nicknamed "The Grim Reaper," was involved in the case. The bureau did not immediately return a call for comment Monday.

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Morality more than just right and wrong

In countless classes, workshops and critical thinking exercises, we are commonly urged to consider the concept of morals. However, when defining morality, far too many people fall victim to the complacent acceptance of a universal "right and wrong" — rather than attempting to form their own moral standards.

Already some people may be thinking to themselves, "We can't create moral standards of our own — something is either right or wrong, and it's certainly not a matter of opinion." Well, right there you've already repeated one of the most basic tenets instilled in us from birth: that morality is based off of some sort of fundamental law. This idea revolves around the very center of civilization, but is not necessarily vital to ongoing stability, (if you can even call today's world stable with a straight face), especially if it is incorrect.

Ty McDonald

Originally, one would presume the idea of "moral law" originated in religion, (the Ten Commandments come to mind). However, despite signs of an increasingly atheistic and anti-religious state of society, the strength of the moral law idea has not wavered in the slightest. People now tend to believe the fundamentals of morality can still be grounded in something other than God's laws — such as what is good for the majority, or what one feels "called to do."

At the same time, possible explanations of why standards like these necessarily constitute a "universal law" are scarce. The arguments are not based on rational thought, but on emotional reactions.

"But don't you think rape is wrong?" someone will ask, as if shared opinions act as evidence of cold, hard facts. Others argue that morals serve as something to believe in, something that is greater than themselves, as if the need to believe in something will magically cause it to be true.

We can debate the existence of the universal laws of morality all day, but unfortunately the idea asserts the existence of something we know nothing about. Like other intangible subjects, such as global warming and climate change, there is no "ultimate source" to turn to, no shiny tablet upon a storm-swept mountain bearing the universal laws of right and wrong. The only sources of information we have are either: A) Our own instinctual feelings or B) The word of various religious leaders and other self-appointed moral experts (who don't even agree on many of the is-

ues amongst themselves — abortion, death penalty, etc.).

Ultimately, morality comes down to one simple question — do you create your own idea of morality or do you accept someone else's?

Make your own right and wrong. Morality has been justified externally for so long that to think of it in any other way is downright foreign to us. We still feel our actions must be justified by something greater than ourselves, be it God, justice, love of man, etc.

I'm sure many are thinking that the idea of each individual evaluating his or her own moral standards is horrific. Wouldn't everyone kill each other? Theft, rape

and instinctual urges would run wild. There would be nothing but chaos!

These thoughts assume humans are naturally bloodthirsty, conniving and evil people. They assume the only things holding the sanity of humanity in place are the flimsy "universal

laws" that bind us.

Now yes, there are plenty of exceptions out there — plenty of bad people — but do you really believe that most people need to be told murder is wrong before they can realize it for themselves?

On a side note, your personal code of ethics may happen to clash with whatever institution is over your head at the moment. What you need to keep in mind is while you are, for example, paying Texas Tech University for the privilege of staying and learning here, you must abide by the rules it has set. In the same way, you have to abide by a nation's law while you remain a citizen — where murder and things of that nature aren't looked at too fondly in many places in the world.

■ **McDonald is an undecided major from Garland. E-mail him at mt.mcdonald@ttu.edu.**



You're going to pay for it

Skipping class — what an interesting phenomenon.

Every student has a different reason for skipping. The student is too busy, feels too tired, just doesn't want to go or feels like going to class is a waste of time.

I don't get skipping class. Sure, you're sick. Don't go to class and get others sick. Okay, you're stressed and need that extra hour to study for tonight's test — I get that. But, I don't understand why some students can think skipping class is cool.

Now don't be mistaken — I have skipped a few classes myself during my college career. However, why do people pride themselves on skipping class?

You paid for that class; you're wasting money by not going. Don't say you're not going to a particular class because you're not learning anything. If that's what you think, you must not be applying yourself. Something positive comes from every class, even if it's just learning to tolerate a difficult teacher. And — news flash — you're not going to like everyone in the real working world. Learn to deal with difficult individuals while you're still in college.

A small reminder: You're not allowed to just skip work in the real world. Consider practicing good habits now.

Perhaps you're not concerned about wasting money. Maybe you have been granted a scholarship, or maybe your family is willing to fund your education. These circumstances are wonderful. Why not take advantage of the generosity and truly get an education?

I know college should be fun and the Thursday night club scene is hard to pass up. But, don't go out on a Thursday night when you have quiz in a class Friday morning. While I can't blame people for wanting to have fun Thursday nights, I don't want to hear people

Allison Griest



complaining about the negative circumstances that result from a late school night. If a student is going to show up for Friday's class half asleep, that student's tiredness is not my problem. I cannot stand listening to that half-asleep student complain about the quiz after class. At

be loaded because they're supposedly so busy getting an education they don't have time to work. Therefore, if students are going to invest their money in something, they should take full advantage of it.

Students won't buy alcohol and not drink it. After all, alcohol is expensive at the strip. Students will pinch pennies at the grocery store during the week so they can afford weekend festivities. So, why can't students realize if they're paying to take classes, they should attend them? A student wouldn't buy a car and not drive it. Hypothetically, a student wouldn't pay for a class and not go to it.

Further, several teachers choose to make attendance part of the final class grade. This choice is controversial.

I myself am not sure if I think teachers should be able to base a percentage of a course grade on attendance. After all, we paid for the class; we should get credit for taking the class. But, in the end, attendance grades should work to a student's advantage. If a student is paying for the class, then he or she should go. Therefore, the attendance portion of a grade is as easy as pie. Go to class and get an A+ for participation and attendance.

Personally, I find attendance grades particularly comforting when I bomb an assignment. I know the imminent rebuttal to this opinion. "I paid for my class. It's easy, and I don't have to go to get an A. Why waste my time?"

Who am I to tell you how to spend your money? However, college is created to give students an education and prepare them for the real world. How can you ever get prepared if you don't go to class? After all, you did pay for it.

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this point, I usually remove myself from the aggravating situation and walk away.

The most contradictory thing about students skipping class is that college students are stingy. They're understandably stingy; most students don't have an unlimited supply of money. However, students aren't supposed to

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

In response to Kirk Essary's Monday column regarding Ron Paul's platform, it is unfair for *Daily Toreador* readers to hear such a one-sided article attacking a single issue from Ron Paul's repertoire, out of context nonetheless, and to generalize such narrow-minded conclusions.

Despite assertions that Paul's views are rooted in Nietzscheanism, Paul champions the Constitution to support his stance on the issues. I will not bore the reader with opposing rhetoric and statistics that portray the true fiscal reasoning of Ron Paul's economic platform (as argument enlightens no one and perpetuates tension). But, I do think it's fair for Texas Tech readers to hear an argument in defense of Paul, with election season underway, after such a blatant foray of the underdog.

All elected officials take an oath of office to uphold the Constitution. Ron Paul is trying to merely live up to his oath of office — since we sometimes tend to forget about it. And while it is true Paul would overhaul or otherwise eliminate institutions such as the Departments of Education and so on, its extremity is not as severe as Mr. Essary would have us believe. The founding fathers certainly never envisioned such massive federal institutions that soak through the taxpayers' dollars like a virus. Like all true paleoconservatives, Ron Paul favors smaller federal government, returning more powers of such issues as education to the state where they belong — and can emphasize more local control.

So, which candidate would Mr. Essary have us support? Perhaps one of the other Republicans?

All 11 remaining Republican candidates support preemptive war — preemptive nuclear war even. Where is the

Christianity there? This platform dynamically dismisses the "just war theory" of Christianity — practiced for nearly a thousand years — the inception of which was born with St. Augustine in ancient Greek society.

Paul and slanders the practice of capitalism — the fuel and lifeblood of the "American dream" — realize our liberal friends' alternative supports medical socialism and the government hand-holding of its citizens from cradle to grave. Let's not be so hasty to pat Canada on the back just yet.

My purpose, of course, is to attack no one. I merely want to defend a candidate I see as being honest with the American people, and to propose a more well-rounded stance of his otherwise ballooned passions towards

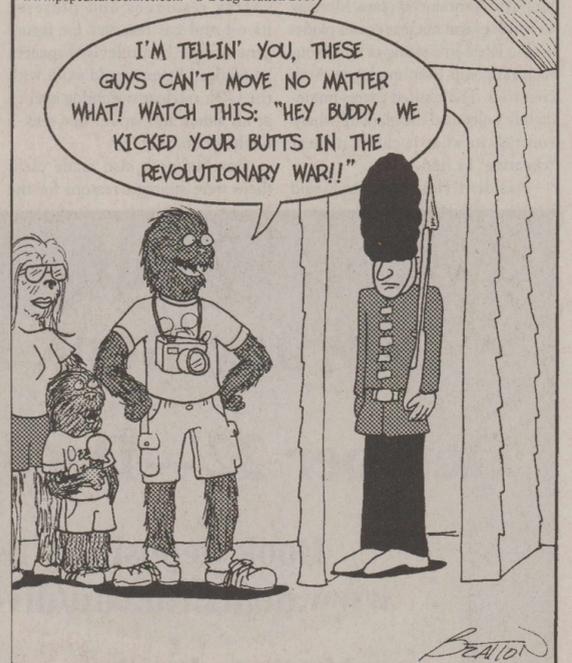
the role of government. For more information, of course, go to the source and check his campaign Web site, www.ronpaul2008.com

By Our Father's Grace,
Matthew Lennard

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Or perhaps maybe a Democrat? While I will not be so bold as to straight-up attack or slander any political party, for practical reasons, Mr. Essary attacks Ron

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An American Werewolf (and his family) in London

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PHOTO BY KELLY MATHERLY/The Daily Toreador
GOIN' BAND FRESHMAN Taylor Crutsinger, a business major from Denton, plays the guitar for the Goin' Band's Guitar Hero show during halftime at the football game Saturday at Jones AT&T Stadium.

Check out an exclusive slideshow of the Goin' Band's performance at www.dailytoreador.com

ODDBALL DAILY

West Virginian searches for African lion in woods

LEWISBURG, W.Va. (AP) — Using a video camera and raw chicken, state officials hope to learn whether the king of the jungle is prowling the woods of West Virginia.

Bow hunter Jim Shortridge believes he saw a full-grown, male African lion weighing between 250 and 300 pounds at the foot of Cold Knob Mountain earlier this month. The state Division of Natural Resources confirmed that at least one other person has reported seeing the lion.

Using a camera normally employed to catch people dumping trash illegally, the state Department of Environmental Protection has joined with Greenbrier County Animal Control Officer Robert McClung and exotic animal expert Jim Farga to see if they can substantiate the sightings.

Twenty pounds of raw chicken left on the site last week were devoured, but McClung said that doesn't prove the lion's existence. "Anything could have eaten that," he said. If officials do spot the lion on videotape, they may set a bear trap for the animal. If caught, it would be turned over to Forga, who runs Tiger Mountain Refuge in Rainelle, a shelter for exotic animals.

Octogenarian couple gets penthouse stay at 1947 price

CHICAGO (AP) — It was 1947 when newlyweds Larry and Mariam Orenstein honeymooned in Chicago, paying just under \$10 a night for a room at The Palmer House.

Six decades later, the couple stayed in the hotel's penthouse suite for the same price — part of an offer for long-ago patrons.

The Palmer House allows one-time guests who visited more than 50 years ago to stay at the historic

hotel for the price of their original stay — provided guests can submit an original receipt. The Orenstein's room goes for \$1,600 today.

The Milwaukee-area residents, both 81, saved their hotel bill, along with other items from their wedding.

"I feel wonderful," Larry Orenstein told the Chicago Sun-Times at the ornate, downtown hotel. "I feel 2 years old."

The long-running deal at the 136-year-old hotel has been offered to guests since 1925. But customers have taken advantage of the offer fewer than 10 times over the last 25 years, said hotel spokesman Ken Price.

In the end, the Orensteins did not even have to pay the \$10-a-night bill. As a gift, their 12-year-old grandson, Ze Orenstein, footed the bill.

Hot dog champ eats 103 small hamburgers

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. (AP) — A competitive eater who has already triumphed at a famous hot dog eating contest swallowed 103 small hamburgers in 8 minutes Sunday to take home \$10,000.

Joey Chestnut, 23, of San Jose, Calif., surpassed the previous record of 97 Krystal burgers — 2½ inches square — held by Japan's Takeru Kobayashi, set at last year's Krystal Square Off.

"We never thought we'd see someone anywhere near, let alone past, the century mark when we started the Krystal Square Off in 2004," said Brad Wahl, vice president of marketing for The Krystal Co.

Chestnut beat 12 other contestants. Kobayashi, who won all previous Krystal Hamburger Eating Championships, didn't compete this year because of lingering jaw pain from having a wisdom tooth extracted in June.

The 29-year-old Kobayashi received chiropractic treatment before losing his hot-dog-eating belt in the Nathan's Famous Fourth of July tussle in New York.

Images stir Internet debate among Bigfoot believers

RIDGWAY, Pa. (AP) — It's furry and walks on all fours.

Beyond that, about the only thing certain about the critter photographed by a hunter's camera is that some people have gotten the notion it could be a Sasquatch, or bigfoot. Others say it's just a bear with a bad skin infection.

Rick Jacobs says he got the pictures from a camera with an automatic trigger that he fastened to a tree in the Allegheny National Forest, about 115 miles

northeast of Pittsburgh, hoping to photograph deer.

"We couldn't figure out what they were," Jacobs said of the images captured on Sept. 16. "I've been hunting for years and I've never seen anything like this."

He contacted the Bigfoot Research Organization, which pursues reports of a legendary two-legged creature that some people believe lives in parts of the U.S. and Canada.

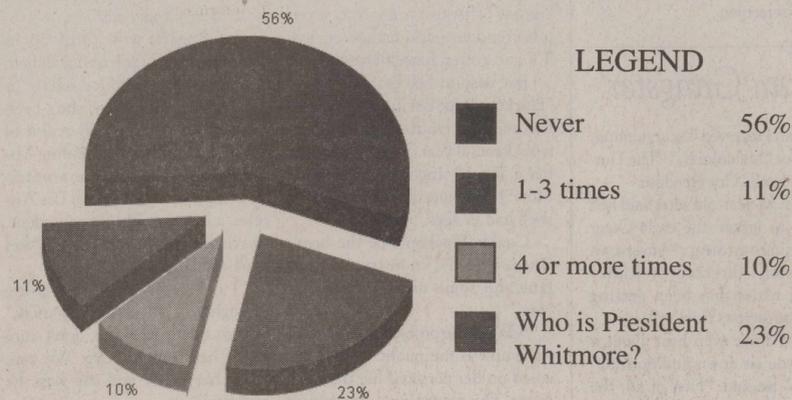
"It appears to be a primate-like animal. In my opinion, it appears to be a juvenile Sasquatch," said Paul Majeta of the bigfoot group.

However, the Pennsylvania Game Commission has a more conventional opinion. Agency spokesman Jerry Feaser said conservation officers routinely trap bears to be tagged and often see animals that look like the photos.

"There is no question it is a bear with a severe case of mange," Feaser told The Bradford Era.

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Pen pals: Up 'til Dawn campaign to help fund research for St. Jude's

By LONDON CLARK
STAFF WRITER

The Up 'til Dawn letter-writing campaign for charity will be held at 6 p.m. Nov. 6 at the Frazier Alumni Pavilion.

Up 'til Dawn is a charity event for students to help raise funds for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. The student-run event recruits Texas Tech students who form teams of six or less people to write letters to his or her own family and friends asking for donations.

Zach Bean, a junior management major from Amarillo, said all the letters are pre-written from St. Jude, and students fill out the names and addresses of the recipient.

"At all the teams' meeting, (students) write their letters on a pre-printed template, and we pay for all the postage," Bean, an executive board committee member, said.

Food and prizes will be available

at the all-team meetings and letter-writing events.

Each team competes with others to write the most letters, Liz Conley, a sophomore exercise sports sciences major from Coahoma, said. The more letters written, the better the value in prizes an individual could win.

"For every 10 letters (written) you get a general ticket," she said. "If you write 50 letters, you get a ticket to be in a raffle toward an iPod."

The prize was donated from St. Jude. Participants who write 50 or more letters become eligible for a \$300 metabolic weight loss gift certificate, said Conley, an Up 'til Dawn advisory board member. Participants who write a minimum of 10 letters are eligible for certain prizes

of their choice as well. All prizes are donated from different supporting local businesses.

The Up 'til Dawn campaign has been on Tech campus for three years, according to St. Jude's press release. Last year, the organization raised more than \$50,000 in donations for the children of St. Jude. The executive board hopes to double that amount this year. This year, the campaign will calculate how much money has been raised by Spring 2008.

Kyle Gregory, a sophomore from Kerrville, said for every 50 letters written, approximately \$250 is donated.

"The money goes toward the upkeep of the hospital, so that their patients do not have to pay (for their

treatments)," said Gregory, who also is a member of the advisory board.

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, located in Memphis, Tenn., is internationally recognized for its clinical research in finding cures and saving children with cancer and other catastrophic diseases, according to a press release. It is the largest childhood cancer-research center in the world in terms of patients enrolled and successfully treated.

According to a press release, St. Jude's has one of the lowest fundraising costs of any national charity, and the daily operating costs are covered primarily by public contributions.

Gregory said no patient ever pays for treatments not covered by insurance, and patients without insurance are never asked to pay.

"If a patient doesn't have insurance, the hospital pays," she said. "That is why there are so many sponsorships."

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MORE INFO ABOUT ST. JUDE'S

- St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, founded by the late entertainer Danny Thomas in 1962, has treated about 20,000 children from across the United States and 70 foreign countries. The hospital maintains about 60 inpatient beds and treats about 230 patients each day.
- St. Jude, which is non-sectarian, has approximately 4,900 patients in active status. It treats children without regard to race, religion, creed or ability to pay.
- The hospital's daily operating costs are approximately \$1,216,247, which are primarily covered by public contributions.
- St. Jude has one of the lowest fundraising costs of any national charity. Over the past five years, 85 cents of every dollar raised has gone to the current or future need of St. Jude.
- Since 1962, treatment protocols developed at St. Jude's have brought survival rates for childhood cancers from less than 20 percent to better than 70 percent overall.
- St. Jude's was the first facility outside the National Institutes of Health to receive federal approval for research involving human gene therapy. The hospital has more open-cell and gene-therapy protocols than any other single institution in the world.

Source: www.stjude.org

Cost of birth control rises at universities across the nation

By MEGHAN HAYWARD
THE MAINE CAMPUS (U. MAINE)

(U-WIRE) ORONO, Maine — A recent issue for students at many colleges and universities across the nation is affordable access to contraceptives on campus.

"I think a lot of efforts are put forth by a lot of different groups on this campus [University of Maine] to make sure there are opportunities offered for students regarding safe sex practices," Richard Young, Interim Practice Manager for Cutler Health Services, said. "I don't see it as something being overlooked."

The University of Maine is home to the Cutler Healthcare Facility. Students are provided with free condoms and females can have their birth control pre-

scriptions refilled at the facility. These are all steps toward safe sex practices on the UMaine campus. However, there are some downfalls and concerns with these resources.

For over a decade college campus health care facilities have been a resource for budget-conscious female students seeking birth control. As a result of agreements with pharmaceutical companies, most campus clinics were able to distribute brand name prescription contraceptives, from pills to the patch to the monthly vaginal device NuvaRing, for no more than a few dollars.

However, that all ended earlier this year. The Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 has altered how drug makers calculate Medicaid-related rebates that are paid to the state. This has made it difficult for

companies to offer discounts to schools on birth control. It has changed the cost of campus birth control prescriptions from the \$3 to \$10 range to the \$30 to \$50 range per month.

At UMaine the cost of birth control for female students can range anywhere from \$15 to \$60 a month. The price depends on whether it is a generic or name brand. The Cutler facility carries around seven different types, varying in generic and name brand. The price increase has caused some campuses to stop offering birth control. Bowdoin College is the closest.

While Bowdoin has stopped providing birth control on their campus, a middle school in Portland is now beginning to offer birth control prescriptions through their health center to its students, who range in age from

11 to 13. Condoms have been available at the school since 2000. Some college females have begun using an alternative source by going to a family planning center.

According to the Family Planning Association of Maine's Web site, the association in Maine provides funding, technical support and quality assurance to 30 clinics statewide serving over 30,000 women and teens annually. There are clinics located in Augusta, Belfast, Damariscotta and Rockland. These facilities provide various health care services including oral and injectable contraceptives, emergency contraceptives, screening, diagnosis and treatment of sexually transmitted infections and breast and cervical cancer screening.

Britney Spears' new album looks to break bad press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — On her new CD, "Blackout," Britney Spears acknowledges that 2007 hasn't been a charmed year.

"I'm Mrs. Bad Media Karma, another day another drama," the 25-year-old pop princess croons to a thumping dance groove on the song "Piece of Me."

"Another day, another debacle" might have been a more apropos lyric. In just a year's time, Spears has become the ultimate case study for the "When Celebs Go Bad" file. She's been an out-of-control party girl, landed in rehab, lost temporary custody of her two young sons, given a horrendous performance on live TV and gotten herself arrested.

But despite her litany of woes, "Blackout," due out Tuesday, may be the one positive note in an otherwise dreadful year. So far, it's earned her a Top 10 single (with "Gimme More") and some of the best reviews she's had in ages.

Could "Blackout" be the break Britney needs? Industry insiders, fans and some critics are saying "yes."

"One of the problems for Britney right now is the public is more focused on her personal life than her music. This record is an opportunity to change that," says Rolling Stone executive editor Joe Levy, who called the album "state of the art."

"A lot of people are tired of hearing about the negative stuff going on in her personal life and they'll gravitate to the new sound she's putting out," says Nate "Danja" Hills, who produced five songs on dance-focused "Blackout."

"This is a rebirth. It's a new musical chapter for her," he says.

Spears' musical past is already the stuff of legend. She was 16 when she put out her first album, "... Baby One More Time," in 1999. Fueled by title track, which had the teen crooning the refrain "hit me baby one more time," the album sold more than 14 million copies in the United States and made her an international superstar. She's released three multiplatinum studio albums since then, had best-selling tours, several hit singles and starred in a movie (the less-than-successful 2002 flick "Crossroads").

But Spears, who turns 26 in December, hasn't released an album of original material since 2003's "In the Zone." Since then, she's been relegated to the tabloid realm of celebrity, in danger of rivaling Michael Jackson in freak-show status.

Still, Junior Sanchez of Los Angeles, a 21-year-old college student, says the singer's woes make him "feel more attached to her."

"I can really tell she's going through a lot of bad stuff right now," he says. "Her real fans don't care about her personal life. We care about her music and the way she performs."

Though Sanchez was "really disappointed" with Spears' appearance at MTV's Video Music Awards, he eagerly sought leaks of her new album online and says he likes what he's heard so far.

"It's one of her best, I honestly think," he says. "I'm ready to buy her records and I'm ready to buy tickets to her concert."

Washington and Crowe worked as team on the set of 'American Gangster'

NEW YORK (AP) — There was no power struggle between Oscar winners Denzel Washington and Russell Crowe on the set of their new crime drama, "American Gangster." Instead, they worked as a team when filming their scenes together.

"It's not about a heavyweight fight," Crowe said in an interview with AP Television News. "What it is, is much more like two (guitarists) playing together, two people singing together."

"American Gangster" is based on the life of Frank Lucas, played by Washington, who became filthy rich in the 1960s by smuggling heroin into New York.

Crowe portrays a police officer who investigates Lucas and his dirty dealings.

"... If you can blend, if you can harmonize and you can sing together still from two completely separate points of view, now you are talking," said Crowe, 43, who won an Acad-

emy Award in 2001 for "Gladiator." He also received Oscar nominations for his roles in "The Insider" and "A Beautiful Mind."

Washington said he felt less pressure to perfect his role in "American Gangster" than he did for 1992's "Malcolm X" because the real-life Lucas put him at ease.

"In 'Malcolm X,' we were under a lot of pressure," he said. "There were a lot of folks showing up, like, 'You better get this right or it could cost you.' ... One might have expected it to be the case in this film. That wasn't the case with Frank. He was real cool."

Washington won Academy Awards for "Glory" and "Training

Day," and received Oscar nominations for "Malcolm X," "The Hurricane" and "Cry Freedom."

The 52-year-old actor said he's trying to ignore the early Oscar buzz surrounding "American Gangster," directed by Ridley Scott, which has been getting positive reviews from critics.

"We don't even hear about it until you sit down and do interviews," he said. "First of all, the film hasn't even come out yet. Let the film come out and let the public decide how they feel about it."

"American Gangster," a Universal Pictures release, opens Friday.

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COLORADO RUNNING BACK Hugh Charles is tackled by Texas Tech linebacker Kellen Tillman.

Tillman returns after arrest

By ADAM COLEMAN
STAFF WRITER

Tech linebacker Kellen Tillman had one tackle Saturday against Colorado, but that one tackle may have more meaning than others have in the past for the senior.

Tillman found himself back on the field against Colorado after being arrested for marijuana possession on Oct. 1.

He replaced redshirt freshman Brian Duncan for a play in the third quarter and tackled Colorado running back Hugh Charles who ran 11 yards on a 2nd and 10 for a first down. He also was placed in the game for one play in the second quarter.

Interim defensive coordinator Ruffin McNeill said his decision to put Tillman on the field was because of his play in practice and the goal-line situation the team faced at the time in the game.

"He had a good week of practice, and he went through the sessions with

me," McNeill said. "At that time, he had been playing pretty physical this week in practice. Down in that goal line area, I thought Duncan got a little knicked, so I put Kellen in to get a little more physical play. He had done everything we had asked him to do this week as far as meeting me in sessions and in practice, and I just felt I needed a physical guy right there at that time."

Prior to the game against Colorado, Tillman started the first four games of the season. He then saw limited action against Northwestern Louisiana State, and he did not see the field in the next three games. Tillman has 22 total tackles with a sack.

He is in his sixth year as a Red Raider football player. In 2006, Tillman completed his first, and only, year of full competition, as he had been unable to compete in other seasons because of a knee injury. Tillman finished 2006 with 41 tackles and one sack.

After his arrest, Tillman was sus-

pended indefinitely; it was uncertain when or if the senior linebacker would make a return.

Although it is still unknown whether Tillman will see more playing time because of his actions off the field, some of his teammates were happy to see the senior back on the field after three games.

"(I've) been knowing him for four years now," Tech defensive back Chris Parker said. "He's a good friend of mine, and it was exciting to see him back out there. I'm ready to see him back on the field."

Other defensive players share similar feelings after seeing Tillman receive playing time.

"We're good friends, and it's nice to see him back out there," Tech linebacker Ty Linder said. "Sorry (for) what he went through, but we're happy to see him out there again."

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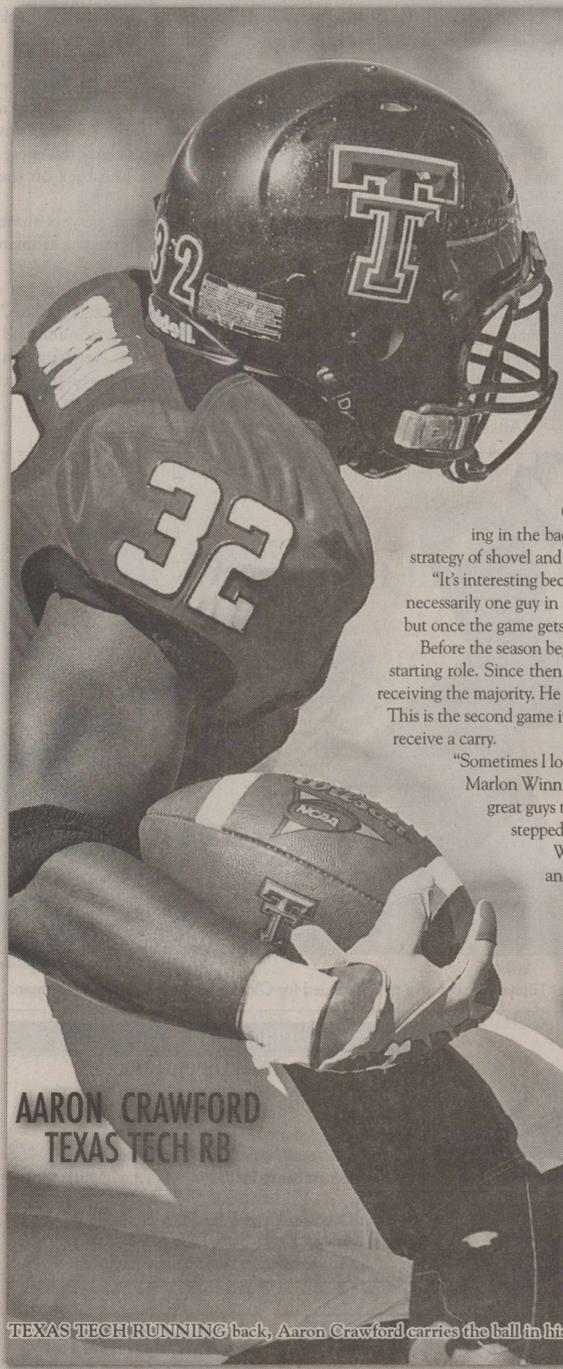
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TRUE FRESHMAN EARNS FIRST CAREER START, MAYBE MORE



AARON CRAWFORD
TEXAS TECH RB

TEXAS TECH RUNNING back, Aaron Crawford carries the ball in his first start Saturday at Jones AT&T Stadium.

By ADAM COLEMAN
STAFF WRITER

At the start of Texas Tech's game against Colorado, running back Shannon Woods was not in the backfield.

True freshman running back Aaron Crawford made the first start of his Tech career against Colorado Saturday. Crawford finished the game with two carries for 31 yards, as his play in practice impressed the coaching staff.

"The biggest thing, and it's important to us, is to — we want guys that play hard," Tech coach Mike Leach said. "We want guys that are motivated and then also your ability to make plays factors in there too. Quite frankly, our evaluation has Aaron ahead of the others."

Tech's running game was not a factor in its game against Colorado, as the team focused on its usual strategy of screen and shovel passes. With strategy in mind, Crawford caught one pass for five yards.

The Red Raiders rank No. 116 in the nation in rushing offense, averaging 66.8 yards per game. Tech finished the game with 39 yards on the ground on 12 attempts. Crawford ran the ball twice for a career high 31 yards.

Colorado, in preparing for Tech, had no worry in Woods or Crawford being in the backfield as the Buffaloes were expecting the Red Raiders to maintain their strategy of shovel and screen passes to replace the ground game.

"It's interesting because when you're scheming up a team, it's not so much that you scheme up necessarily one guy in a sense," Colorado coach Dan Hawkins said. "That's part of the equation, but once the game gets going, you're playing your defense regardless of who's in there."

Before the season began, Woods and fellow running back Kobey Lewis were competing for the starting role. Since then, Lewis and Woods have split carries for most of the season with Woods receiving the majority. He has 84 carries for 439 yards and eight touchdowns for the 2007 season.

This is the second game in which Woods was denied the start, but the first game in 2007 he did not receive a carry.

"Sometimes I look for that No. 2 back there every once in a while," Tech offensive lineman Marlon Winn said. "I'm used to his presence on the field, but all of our running backs are great guys that can do what they're supposed to do. Crawford is a younger guy, but he stepped up. He's doing what he needs. (It) hasn't really had an affect on us."

With the possibility of Crawford continuing to split carries with Woods and Lewis, Tech offensive lineman Steven Hamby said there is no wrong way to go.

"All three of them are good at what they do," Hamby said. "All three of them are different running backs, so whoever's in there is going to play (well)."

The Red Raiders are preparing for a Baylor team that allowed 208 yards on the ground in a 51-13 loss to Kansas State Saturday.

Though Crawford's numbers did not stand out in the game against Colorado, Leach said his intangibles did, which could earn him more time on the field.

"We think he's explosive, we think he's very driven — like when he blocks somebody, he moves him," he said. "He's assertive and makes a decision and reacts quick. In other words, we think Aaron's practicing better. If he keeps going, he's ahead of the pack. You'll probably see more of him."

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	Harris	USA Today	Computer	BCS
1. Ohio State	1	1	2	0.9756
2. Boston College	2	2	1	0.9559
3. LSU	3	3	4	0.8879
4. Arizona State	6	6	2	0.8493
5. Oregon	5	4	6	0.8390
6. Oklahoma	4	5	9	0.7920
7. West Virginia	7	7	7	0.7759
8. Kansas	8	8	5	0.7723
9. Missouri	9	9	13	0.6100
10. Georgia	12	10	8	0.5820
11. Virginia Tech	14	13	10	0.5240
12. Michigan	15	14	16	0.4258
13. Connecticut	19	20	11	0.3801
14. Hawaii	10	11	NR	0.3627
15. Texas	11	12	NR	0.3444
16. Auburn	18	16	14	0.3296
17. Alabama	17	16	14	0.3296
18. South Florida	20	21	12	0.3217
19. Southern Cal	13	15	25	0.3177
20. Florida	16	17	17	0.3146
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23. Virginia	27	26	18	0.1535
24. Wake Forest	25	28	19	0.1407
25. Clemson	29	24	19	0.1353

MLB criticizes A-Rod, agent over timing of announcement

NEW YORK (AP) — Major League Baseball had this message for Alex Rodriguez and agent Scott Boras: Shame on you.

Boras announced during Game 4 of the World Series on Sunday night that A-Rod was opting out of the final three seasons of his contract with the New York Yankees. The timing left baseball officials livid.

"We were very disappointed that Scott Boras would try to upstage our premier baseball event of the season with his announcement," Bob DuPuy, baseball's chief operating officer, said Monday in an e-mail to The Associated Press.

"There was no reason to make an announcement last night other than to try to put his selfish interests and that of one individual player above the overall good of the game," DuPuy said. "Last night and today belong to the Boston Red Sox, who should be celebrated for their achievement, and to the Colorado Rockies, who made such an unbelievable run to the World Series."

Red Sox fans sure took notice fast. After their team won the title for the second time in four seasons, they stood behind the visitors' dugout at Coors Field and chanted: "Don't sign A-Rod!"

"Kind of strange timing," Red Sox president Larry Lucchino said after Boston completed its sweep of Colorado.

New York, which failed to make the World Series in all of Rodriguez's seasons, maintained Monday that it will not attempt to re-sign A-Rod now that he has opted out.

"No chance," Hank Steinbrenner, a son of owner George Steinbrenner, said Monday at Legends Field. "Not if it's made official."

Hank Steinbrenner did not make much of Boras' timing.

"It doesn't matter to me," he said. "But I'm sure there's a lot of people that aren't very happy about it. Other baseball people, the commissioner's office, the Red Sox."

Hank Steinbrenner said the team left messages with Rodriguez, and "we really wanted to meet with him."

Girardi may be next Yankees skipper

NEW YORK (AP) — The New York Yankees picked experience over popularity, offering the manager's job to Joe Girardi at the risk of watching Don Mattingly walk away from the franchise.

Beloved as team captain, Donnie Baseball was the early favorite to replace Joe Torre and openly coveted the spot. After finding out Monday he didn't get it, Mattingly told the Yankees he had no interest in returning next year as bench coach or in any other coaching position.

"Don was extremely disappointed to learn today that he wasn't the organization's choice to fill the managerial vacancy," Mattingly's agent, Ray Schulte, said in an e-mail. "Instead, he was informed the organization offered the position to Joe Girardi."

Girardi was the 2006 NL Manager of the Year with Florida, plus he has a pinstriped pedigree. The hard-nosed catcher played on three Yankees teams that won the World Series, served as their bench coach and was a TV announcer this year.

Still, spurning Mattingly — who always receives one of the loudest ovations on Old-Timers' Day — was sure to be compared to another famous Yankee snub: Babe Ruth was never offered the manager's job he so desperately wanted.

Mattingly was the Yankees hitting coach for three years before moving next to Torre this season. Schulte said Mattingly congratulated Girardi and wished him well.

A baseball official confirmed the Yankees are negotiating with Girardi's agent, Steve Mandell.

The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because a deal hasn't been formalized, said general

manager Brian Cashman made the recommendation and it was accepted by the Yankees.

Messages left for Cashman were not immediately returned.

"The Yankees contacted us," Mandell said. "They have an interest in Joe becoming their manager. We've had some discussions. It's a process and we'll go through the process."

He declined to say when there might be an announcement.

Girardi also beat out Yankees first-base coach Tony Pena, who had the most managerial experience of the candidates.

Girardi caught for the Yankees from 1996-99, served as a bench coach in 2005, then managed the Marlins the following year. He kept a young team in contention until September and then was fired, apparently for clashing with owner Jeffrey Loria and others above him.

The 43-year-old Girardi often told many in the Marlins about how the Yankees did things, reinforcing the winning ways he learned in New York. Now, he'll get a chance to try them out himself.

Girardi was the first person to interview to replace Torre, who managed the team to the playoffs in each of his 12 seasons. He spent about five hours with the Yankees' baseball operations staff last week, and an hour with George Steinbrenner, sons Hank and Hal, son-in-law Felix Lopez and team president Randy Levine.

Girardi turned down the Baltimore Orioles' managing job last summer, choosing to spend time with his ailing father.

Mattingly also interviewed for the Yankees spot last week, telling team management how much he wanted it. Earlier this month, he said replacing Torre would be quite a challenge.

Romo cashes in with new 6-year, \$67 million contract with Cowboys

IRVING (AP) — Tony Romo didn't have to wait until the offseason to get his big payday from the Dallas Cowboys after all.

Romo has agreed to a six-year, \$67 million deal that will be announced Tuesday, according to a person familiar with the deal who requested

anonymity because the contact has not been announced.

The contract, which will become effective this week and provides salary cap relief for Dallas, includes \$30 million in guaranteed money.

Cowboys spokesman Rich Dalrymple said the team would have

no announcements Monday night. Other club officials did not immediately return calls.

Ken Kramer, who negotiated the contract for Romo, also was not available for comment.

Recently, quarterbacks Matt Schaub of Houston (\$48 million) and Marc Bulger of St. Louis (\$65 million) received six-year contracts. Bulger got \$27 million guaranteed.

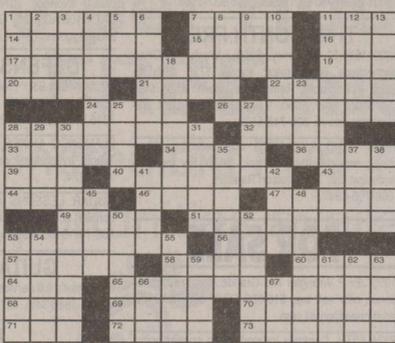
Schaub's Texans are 3-5, while Bulger's Rams are 0-8. Both have also been injured this season.

The Cowboys, meanwhile, are 6-1 and lead the NFC East.

Romo hoped to get a new deal this past summer. Team owner Jerry Jones opted to let the relatively unproven quarterback go into his first year in charge just to make sure he was worth a huge commitment.

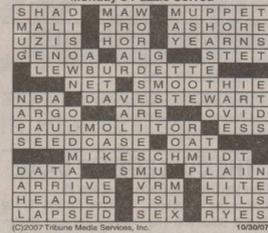
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- ACROSS**
- Work hard
 - Big bike, colloquially
 - Orch. section
 - Pencil and
 - Banned spray
 - Ms. Zadora
 - Hit by the Doors
 - Stock-market abbr.
 - Kind of rubber
 - Minute amount
 - Hit the tub
 - Indigenous Japanese
 - Base thief
 - Proposal
 - Morales of "La Bamba"
 - Bay on the English Channel
 - Trot or canter
 - Puts on years
 - Compass dir.
 - Apparition
 - Monarch's letters
 - Cry of dismay
 - Indy-winner
 - Luyendyk
 - Better
 - Doe's baby
 - Lionel product
 - Attempt to replicate
 - ... right with the world?
 - New Indian city?
 - Do ... others..
 - Small salamander
 - Unkindly
 - Monitor display
 - Meeting of
 - U.K. honor
 - Muffled sound
 - On one's back
 - Small bit
 - Meeting of Cong.
 - Beginnings
- DOWN**
- Part of SASE
 - Small combo
 - Hindu music
 - Son of Abraham
 - Ex-G.I.
 - Royalty fur
 - Knife handle
 - False name
 - Armed conflict
 - Diving birds
 - Strong beams
 - Ten-percent donation
 - Daytona entry
 - Less mature
 - Perfect report card
 - Frosts
 - Beret filler
 - facto
 - Snack
 - Like some pillows
 - Unspoken
 - Say again
 - "Das Lied von der ..."
 - Report
 - Huff and puff
 - Stir up
 - Solemn vow
 - Clicks open
 - Middle sections
 - "The Tempest" king
 - Dunce
 - Crisp toast
 - Greek god of the east wind
 - Beatty and Buntline
 - Actress Arden, casually
 - Left
 - Very: Fr.
 - Ernesto
 - Guevara
 - Word before 17A, 65A, 11D and 30D



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