

IN BRIEF

STATE

Bomb scare in Laredo shuts down 3 city blocks

LAREDO (AP) — Authorities say a bomb scare in downtown Laredo shut down three city blocks while a suspicious object was removed from the courthouse.

and taken away in a bomb container. Vega said he could not immediately provide more details about what was found.

NATION

Toddler among 6 killed as storms drench Southeast

ATLANTA (AP) — A two-year-old Georgia boy swept from his father's arms Monday was among six people killed by storms pounding the Southeast, and more rain was expected after the historic dumping that also forced drivers to scramble onto the roofs of cars on Atlanta's main artery.

Baskin, deputy coroner in Carroll County. The parents had been rescued as another son, age 1, clung to his mother's arms in the county southwest of Atlanta.

WORLD

Quake kills at least 11 in Bhutan, shakes India

GAUHATI, India (AP) — A 6.3-magnitude earthquake shook the remote mountain nation of Bhutan on Monday, killing at least 11 people, damaging an ancient monastery and forcing hundreds to flee, officials said.

eastern region of the tiny nation of Bhutan. Much of Bhutan, a Himalayan nation sandwiched between India and China, is sparsely populated, reachable only by walking paths and without electricity or telephones.

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Alumni honored during HSC School of Medicine 40th Anniversary dinner

By JASON HARTLINE STAFF WRITER



The Texas Tech Health Sciences Center Paul L. Foster School of Medicine paid tribute to various faculty and prominent alumni during its 40th anniversary celebratory dinner by announcing several winners of the Distinguished Alumni Award.

Dr. Jeffrey Oliver, a 1995 graduate and associate professor in the Department of Pathology, and Lorenz Lutherer, a 1977 graduate and professor in the Department of Physiology, were honored with the Distinguished Alumni Award.

ated and contributed to the school." Dr. Gail Demmler-Harrison, a 1977 graduate and professor of pediatrics and pathology at Baylor College of Medicine, also was a recipient of the award.

educates about 140 students with an almost balanced male to female ratio, Berk said.

Kennedy successor bill nearing debate in Senate

BOSTON (AP) — Massachusetts could have a new U.S. senator by the end of the week. The state Senate is expected to debate a bill Tuesday that would allow the governor to appoint an interim replacement for the U.S. Senate seat left vacant by the death of Edward Kennedy last month.

vote. They concede backers of the bill likely have a narrow majority. Senate President Therese Murray, a Democrat, also said she anticipated action on the bill on Tuesday.

Deval Patrick. The House gave the bill initial approval last week on a 95-58 vote. Patrick supports the measure and could name an appointment as soon as he signs the bill.

sure from the White House and national Democratic leaders like Senate Democratic Leader Harry Reid of Nevada.

They're using all the tools at their disposal and they'll be out of tools tomorrow and we'll have a healthy debate.

THERESE MURRAY SENATE PRESIDENT

Ahmadinejad proud of Holocaust denial

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Iran's president said Monday he is proud to stoke international outrage with his latest remarks denying the Holocaust as he heads for the United Nations this week — showing he is as defiant as ever while his country comes under greater pressure to curtail its nuclear program.

powers seeking concessions on Iran's nuclear program. The U.S. and its allies suspect Iran is secretly pursuing a nuclear weapon, warning that Tehran already has enough enriched uranium to build a bomb.

plan protests over his government's postelection crackdown against the opposition. Already, exiles have been lobbying New York hotels to reject events where the Iranian president is to appear.

Germans focused on Afghanistan

DENVER (AP) — Counterterrorism officials are warning mass transit systems around the nation to step up patrols because of fears an Afghanistan-born immigrant under arrest in Colorado may have been plotting with others to detonate backpack bombs aboard New York City trains.

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Buses to provide holiday transportation for students

By **CARRIE THORNTON**
STAFF WRITER

For the first time, the Texas Tech Parents Association will provide three buses to transport students home for Thanksgiving break to the Dallas and Fort Worth area as well as Houston.

"Students can ride in style from Lubbock back to Houston and don't have to worry about a thing," said Dan Furnish, president of the greater West Houston Tech Parents Association.

All buses will take one uniformed route, making a stop in Arlington to allow students to stretch their legs, then continuing to Houston, Furnish said. Only one bus will stop in Dallas/Fort Worth.

There are several benefits, Furnish said. Because of Lubbock's location, a considerable amount of students do not have transportation for short breaks.

He said Thanksgiving break is brief, and by the time students are finished with exams and have to load up their cars and drive home, it can be very draining.

"We decided to do this because of the cost of airfare between Lubbock and (the major cities) can be very expensive," Furnish said.

Parent chaperones will ride along on each bus to supervise, he said. Students can sign up for the bus trip on the Tech Parents Association Web site, and the three buses seat 165 people, 149 of whom have signed up.

"One of the great things about this project is it's going to be able to connect students with friends and family," Ken Gassiot, associate director of Parent and Family Relations. "(In other cases) they might not be able to go because transportation is too much and there is other safety concerns."

Gassiot said his department has worked with groups on campus that have dealt with mass transportation in the past to decide on what bus company to

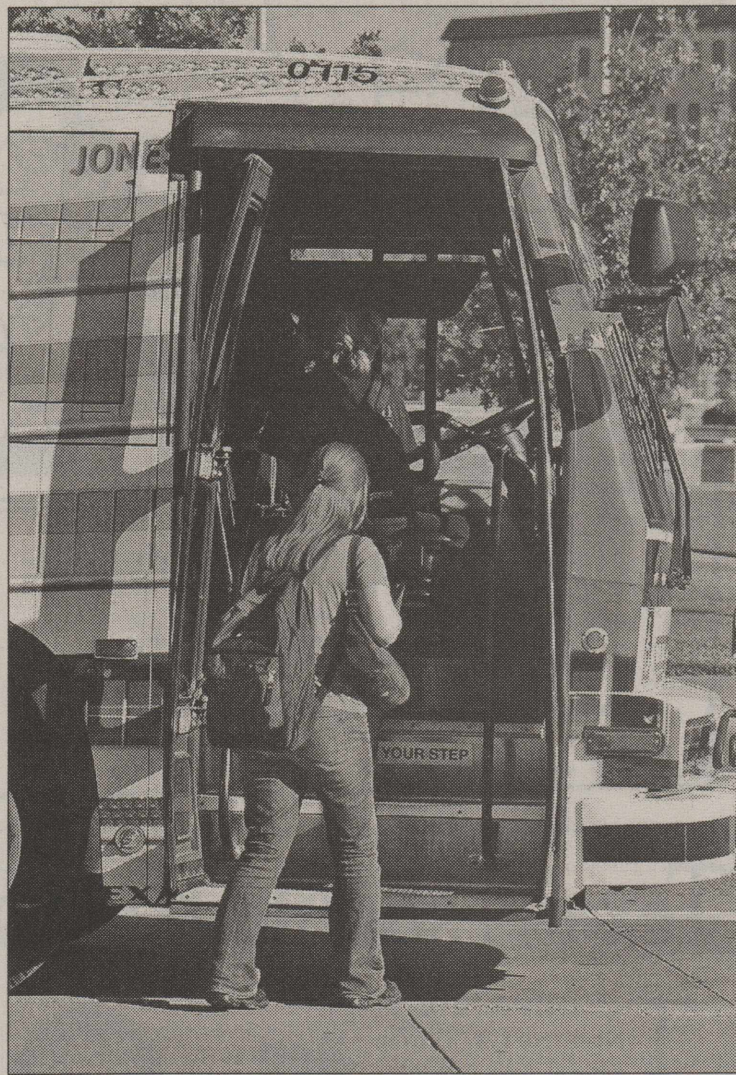


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THE TEXAS TECH Parents Association will provide busing for students during Thanksgiving break.

use. Based on price and experience with the university, King's Highway was chosen.

Riding the bus provides students with an inexpensive and convenient way to travel home, Gassiot said.

"As far as travel time, you are on the bus for a little bit longer, but the payoff in the end is getting to see your family for less," he said.

The bus project has received overwhelming support from parents and the Tech Parents Association, he said, and will probably continue in years to come.

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ents Association Web site, each passenger is responsible for his or her own food and belongings and is allowed to bring a maximum of two bags.

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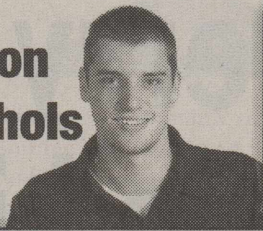
'Informant!' showcases Matt Damon at his heftiest

"The Informant!" tells the story of a man who spies on his company for the FBI because of their fraudulent business dealings that involve price fixing and dipping into the pockets of everyday people. This is obviously significant for the current times with the federal bailout and the controversy that has followed.

The last film Matt Damon impressed me in was "The Departed" three years ago, but I consider his performance in his latest film to be one of his best since "Good Will Hunting," especially considering the hefty weight gain he went through for the role. Both the performances and the film itself reach out and grab viewers and hold on tight for about 108 minutes.

I know most people get stuck on the Jason Bourne series Damon has appeared in during the decade, but his comedic talents

Aaron Nichols



Scott Z. Burns, who also wrote the screenplay for "The Bourne Ultimatum."

The events unfold perfectly and the dialogue is both witty and intelligent without sacrificing the comedy. The funniest quality of the film is Damon's narration in which he speaks at a rapid pace, conveying his neurotic personality.

Though a comedy, this film is both dark and dry in nature. It is a thinking person's comedy and some things may be lost on those who expect to roll into the aisles from laughing too hard. Nobody who sees this movie will fall out of their seat laughing, but they will be entertained nonetheless.

Four and a half guns up.



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are brought to the forefront in "The Informant!" and drive the film almost single-handedly.

Although the rest of the cast is capable in their roles, they lack any comedic presence and rely entirely on Damon to lead the way. This is one of the only flaws I found with the film.

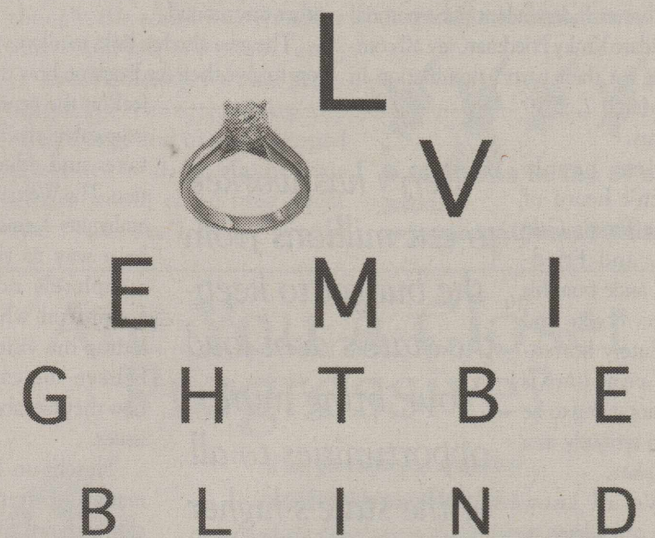
Many people see a movie and focus on the actors and the action. Many film buffs even recognize the work of certain directors. The thing that impressed me the most in this film was neither the acting nor the direction but the writing. I found it to have a fresh script from

Facebook set to end tracking tool

NEW YORK (AP) — Facebook is shutting down its much-maligned Beacon marketing program, launched nearly two years ago amid fanfare only to generate a storm of privacy complaints over the tracking of user activities at partner Web sites.

Facebook agreed to end Beacon and create a foundation to promote online privacy, safety and security as part of a \$9.5 million settlement in a lawsuit over the program. A federal judge in San Jose, Calif., still must approve the terms.

Meanwhile, Facebook is teaming up with the Nielsen Co. to help advertisers grab the attention of the hordes that are spending more of their time at the Internet hangout.



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He played numerous shows in various venues around the Dallas area, and he said after touring Texas he began doing shows in the Midwest.

He said the music scene in Lubbock,

compared to other places he has been, isn't beneficial to artists with original content.

Thompson said it is risky playing original music because people want to hear what they know.

He said venues don't want to take on the risk of original artists because of customer reactions, and he wishes there

was a place in Lubbock that catered to local artists and new content.

"There isn't enough unity with the music scene here in Lubbock," Thompson said.

Thompson performs every Tuesday at Shooters and his band is performing Friday at Ladiosa.

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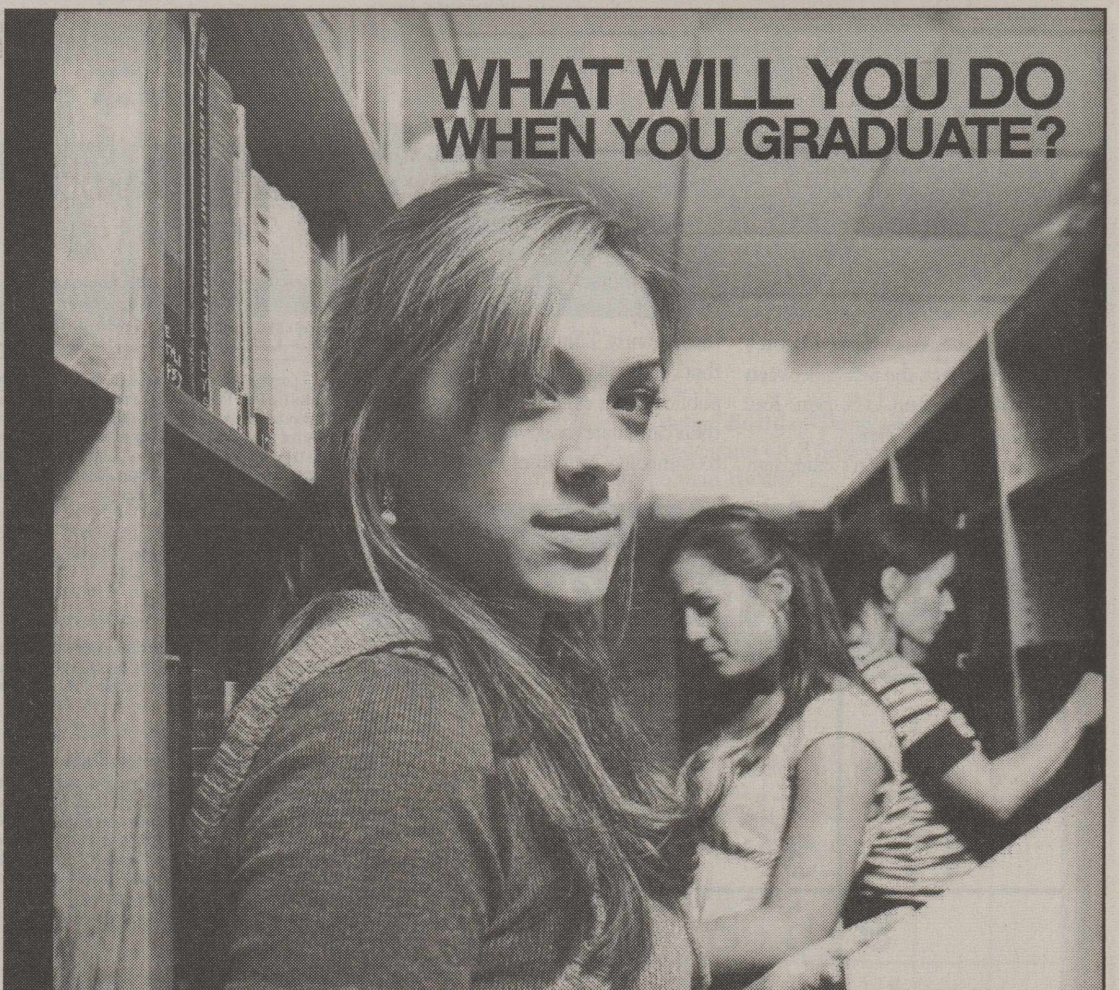
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Both Obamas could attend Olympics vote

WASHINGTON (AP) — As Michelle Obama prepares to make a highly personal appeal in Denmark on behalf of Chicago's bid to host the 2016 Summer Olympics, the White House is leaving open the possibility that President Barack Obama will make a last minute decision to join her.

Though the president has said the health care debate keeps him from committing to attend the International Olympic Committee's Oct. 2 meeting in Copenhagen, an administration official said an advance team traveled there Monday to make preparations should the president's schedule open up.

The official spoke on condition of

anonymity because a decision on the president's travel plans has not been made.

An advance team always travels ahead of the president to assess security and make arrangements for accommodations, even for trips the president doesn't end up taking.

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VALERIE JARRETT
SENIOR ADVISOR
TO THE PRESIDENT

Valerie Jarrett, a senior adviser to the president, said a trip to Copenhagen is not currently on the president's schedule. Chicago backers have urged the president to attend the meeting, but Jarrett said the bid committee is

thrilled to have the first lady — a Chicago native with sky-high popularity around the world — lead the city's 300-member delegation.

"Who better than Michelle Obama to represent our country right now?" Jarrett asked.

Jarrett, a former vice chair of the Chicago 2016 bid committee and head of the White House Office on Olympic, Paralympic and Youth Sport, also will travel to Copenhagen. She met with the first lady and her staff last week to develop a strategy for the home stretch.

Jarrett said Mrs. Obama's presentation to the IOC will be "very personal," and will draw on her experiences growing up on the city's South Side and later raising a family in a home that is within walking distance of some of the proposed Olympic venues.

During an Olympics rally at the White House last week, the first lady said she feels "deeply honored" to be able to make the case for her hometown in Copenhagen.

"I know that Barack and I would feel such tremendous pride to see the Olympic torch burning brightly in the city that we love so much," she said.

Coach cleared in player's death resumes teaching

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — A former Kentucky high school football coach acquitted last week in the death of a player was cleared Monday to return to the classroom as a technical teacher and apply for coaching positions.

David Jason Stinson, 37, can resume teaching at Pleasure Ridge Park High School on Thursday, Jefferson County Public Schools spokeswoman Lauren Roberts said.

Roberts said Stinson met Monday with school district officials, including Superintendent Sheldon Berman. After that, officials decided to allow Stinson to return to the school where he was teaching and coaching when he was indicted. Stinson also received a letter saying he could apply for coaching jobs.

"You are welcome to apply for positions of your choosing," employee relations director Caroline Meredith wrote in the letter released Monday. "We wish you well as you continue your career."

A jury last week deliberated less than 90 minutes before finding Stinson not

guilty of reckless homicide and wanton endangerment charges stemming from the collapse and death of 15-year-old sophomore offensive lineman Max Gilpin.

Gilpin became ill and fell at the end of practice on Aug. 20, 2008. He died three days later at a Louisville hospital of heat stroke, sepsis and multiple organ failure. A grand jury indicted Stinson in January.

Prosecutors said Stinson ran the players to the point of abuse, causing Gilpin's death. However, Stinson's attorneys said that the practice wasn't unusual and that multiple factors contributed to Gilpin's death.

A message left for Todd Thompson, the attorney for Gilpin's mother, Michele Crockett, was not immediately returned Monday.

Brian Butler, one of Stinson's attorneys, said Stinson wants to coach again. In a statement on the Web site www.supportourstinson.com, Stinson and his wife, Monica, thanked supporters for

their prayers during the trial.

"Your support did not put a teacher back in the classroom and a coach on the football field," the statement said. "What it did do was put a Jesus-loving teacher and coach back where he belongs and that is making a difference in the lives of our students."

Rodney Daugherty, a friend of Stinson's who runs the Web site, said Stinson may meet with school officials about coaching this season.

"He doesn't need to be a head coach," Daugherty said. "If he can help this football team by calling plays from the press box, that's what he'll do."

In July, Berman said Stinson would be allowed to teach and coach if he were acquitted. Berman also said Stinson used poor motivational techniques in handling the players the day Gilpin collapsed.

Crockett and her ex-husband, Jeff Gilpin, have sued Stinson and other school officials over the death. That case is set for trial in February.

Mayfield might see doctors soon

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — NASCAR asked a federal judge Monday to order a mental and physical examination on suspended driver Jeremy Mayfield to determine if he has a substance-abuse problem and/or attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder.

The filing in U.S. District Court includes three affidavits and one deposition from four different people who claim to have witnessed Mayfield using methamphetamines multiple times since 1999.

The deposition is from former brother-in-law David Keith, who testified he witnessed Mayfield snort methamphetamine in his house, garage and car from 1998 through 2000. The deposition was taken Aug. 19, with attorneys for NASCAR and Mayfield in attendance, and Keith testified the drivers' drug use escalated to daily usage.

NASCAR suspended Mayfield for failing a random drug test collected May 1 and said he twice tested positive for methamphetamines. Mayfield has denied using the illegal drug.

He is now suing NASCAR, alleging his positive test result from May 1 came from the mix of the prescription drug Adderall for ADHD and the allergy medication Claritin-D.

NASCAR asked U.S. District Judge Graham Mullen to order Mayfield to report for a psychiatric, neuropsychological and physical examination in November. NASCAR selected the physicians it wants to examine Mayfield.

Texans looking to stop inconsistency

HOUSTON (AP) — Coach Gary Kubiak celebrated Houston's bounce-back win over the Tennessee Titans with his team this weekend.

On Monday, jubilation was replaced with reality as Kubiak discussed Houston's pathetic running game and porous run defense. Houston is averaging 50.5 yards rushing a game and allowing 215.

"We're very realistic," Kubiak said. "You sit here and watch the film today and we understand our problems. And these statistics don't lie. So I think our guys are very humbled by what's going on and know the issues that we have and understand that we can be pretty darn good or pretty darn average."

He also knows that Maurice Jones-Drew, who'll visit on Sunday with the Jacksonville Jaguars (0-2), must be "licking his chops" at the prospect of facing this defense.

"I would think he's pretty excited with the yards we've been giving up on the ground," Kubiak said. "Like I told the guys today, 'It doesn't stop. The backs will keep coming and they'll keep trying to run the football on you until we stand up and get it stopped.'"

The Texans (1-1) believe their run defense can be fixed and that they have the right people to be successful. The Titans' Chris Johnson gained 148 of his 197 yards rushing on two plays on Sunday.

Steve Slaton must improve for Houston's running game to get going. He rushed for a franchise-record 1,282 yards last season, but has struggled so far this season. Kubiak believes he can run better, but is most concerned about his fumbles.

The second-year player's three fumbles this season match his total from last season.

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