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Officers work together for investigation

by Matt Green
Staff Writer

The Texas Tech Police Department is allowing the Lubbock Police Department to conduct all investigations involving the 18-year-old suspect arrested last week for impersonating a police officer.

Michael Adams Cardona was arrested July 27 after identifying himself as a police officer and attempting to search a woman in the 1600 block of 19th Street.

The case is very similar to five others reported in Lubbock since February. In four of the incidents, a suspect reportedly claiming to be a Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission agent stopped and searched young women who were driving late at night.

In another case, a 16-year-old female was reportedly abducted from South Plains Mall by a man claiming to be Mall Security. The woman was taken to the Music building on the Tech campus, ordered to disrobe, and was searched by the suspect.

Dan Hale, public information officer for the TTPD, said this incident could result in a more severe penalty than the four

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Third athletic assistant exits

Brashear leaves for private sector

by Andy Jones
Staff Writer

Another Texas Tech assistant basketball coach resigned his position Friday, head men's coach James Dickey announced Monday.

Robert Brashear, who has been an assistant at Tech since the 1992 campaign, resigned to take a position as sales and marketing coordinator for SAIA Motor Freight Lines, Inc., of Lubbock.

Upon graduating from Tech in 1990, Brashear served as a graduate assistant until 1992 when he became an assistant coach. He also played two seasons for the Red Raiders

after transferring from the Air Force Academy.

Dickey said Brashear's resignation was unexpected.

"It kind of hit us quickly," Dickey said.

"It was a surprise."

Dickey said a great business opportunity presented itself to Brashear and he had a short time to make a decision.

"His loyalty, character and love for the university will be missed," Dickey said.

Dickey said the search to replace Brashear will begin immediately.

Brashear was in Dallas training for his new job and was unavailable for comment Monday.

Winds damage scoreboard

by Andy Jones
Staff Writer

The Double T scoreboard at Jones Stadium leans to the west these days.

The current stature of the large red scoreboard at the south end of the stadium was reportedly caused by near 90 mph winds.

Associate Athletic Director Ron Damron said the scoreboard received damage due to high winds on or around June 11.

"Anything that strong can do a lot of damage," Damron said.

An engineer has looked at the scoreboard and a claim has been filed with the insurance company, Damron said.

Greg Hotchkiss, assistant director of media relations, said although the scoreboard is leaning, there is no danger of it falling.

Because the supports of the scoreboard are well below the athletic department offices, Hotchkiss said, it is still structurally sound.

The damage has been attributed to high winds and actual damage will be assessed by Sanford Insurance Agency of Lubbock.

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◀ **Twisted:** Despite its structural shift, the scoreboard is structurally sound.

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Tech doctor, 36, dies of cancer

by Andy Jones
Staff Writer

A three-year veteran of the Texas Tech School of Medicine, Dr. Harry Galanty died July 27 at University Medical Center due to complications from cancer.

Galanty served as the direc-

tor for the sports medicine fellowship, assistant professor of orthopaedics and assistant professor of pediatrics.

Galanty also was a staff physician for Student Health Services and a consultant for occupational medicine.

Galanty, 36, is survived by his wife, Elizabeth, 32; his 16-

month-old daughter Samantha Beth; his sister Jill and his parents Sanford and Janet Galanty of Pittsburgh, Pa.

Services were Friday in the McInturff Conference Center at UMC, and Galanty was buried Sunday in Pittsburgh.

"He really will be missed,"

said Dr. David Smith, president of the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center. "He was just a nice combination of assets. He really cared for patients and Tech athletics."

Galanty also was a team physician for Tech athletics as

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Drought disasters declared in six states

CHARLES TOWN, W.Va. (AP) — With a yearlong drought showing no signs of letting up, federal officials on Monday declared West Virginia and parts of five neighboring states disaster areas.

The damage was apparent here as Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman stood at the edge of a stunted cornfield producing sickly, 3-inch ears.

"Drought is like an insidious cancer," he said. "It's slow, it infects and it's harder to deal with as a disaster."

The federal declaration, which could be expanded this week, makes farmers in West Virginia eligible for

low-interest loans, along with their counterparts in drought-stricken parts of Kentucky, Ohio, Maryland, Pennsylvania and Virginia.

President Clinton said he would work with Congress to provide \$10 billion in drought relief, and he said efforts are being made to help farmers get water and hay for their livestock.

While the heat wave blamed for nearly 200 deaths in 20 Eastern states let up in many places Monday, officials said there's no substantial rainfall in sight in the places that need it most.

The National Weather Service said

rainfall levels in West Virginia range from 5 inches to 13 inches below normal.

"We would need about 15 inches of rain to make up for the loss, but the damage is already done," said West Virginia Agriculture Secretary Guy Douglass.

The state's farm losses have surpassed \$100 million, and this year may be the last that up to 10 percent of West Virginia's 21,000 farmers can remain in business, Douglass said.

From tree nurseries to fruit orchards, the arid weather has sucked the life out of crops, causing limbs to wilt and fruit to fall off branches.

Scientists find gene for 'good' cholesterol

(AP) — After a four-decade search, scientists have identified a gene that regulates the body's level of so-called good cholesterol, a breakthrough that could someday lead to a new way to treat one of the most common causes of heart disease.

Flaws in the gene, known as ABC1, prevent the production of a protein that the body needs to rinse excess bad cholesterol and other fats out of cells and the bloodstream.

The gene was discovered by researchers looking for the cause of Tangier disease, an extremely rare

inherited illness in which the body produces virtually none of the good cholesterol, HDL. Without it, the level of the bad cholesterol, LDL, and other fats that contribute to heart attacks and clogged arteries rise unchecked.

Scientists not involved in the studies said the discovery was a significant advance in heart disease research because millions of people with cardiovascular problems have lower-than-normal HDL levels.

"Patients can have a normal LDL level, but still have cardiovascular disease because their HDL is so low,"

said Sonia Skarlatos, genetics research leader at the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute in Bethesda, Md.

"We don't have any drugs right now that raise HDL significantly. Now we know where to look for the gene and its mutations, and how we might enhance the gene's expression to make more HDL."

As many as 10 labs were looking for ABC1. It was isolated in separate studies by two sets of scientists in Germany and one in Canada. Their results appear in the August issue of Nature Genetics.

Police investigate mother whose baby died in hot car

HOUSTON (AP) — Police are investigating a woman who allegedly abandoned her 8-month-old son at a gas station, where he died inside her locked car while outside temperatures were in the 90s.

A sheriff's deputy found the boy, whose name was not released, in the car Sunday afternoon. The boy appeared to have been dead for hours.

Houston's high temperature was 97 Sunday. A thermometer police used to measure the heat inside the car only went as high as 106, but officers estimated the temperature to be much higher than that.

The boy's mother, who apparently had been intoxicated, had

driven to the gas station early Sunday but decided to take a taxi home with another of her children, who is 3, police said.

Hours later, the children's father asked the woman where the younger child was, and the woman said she did not know but remembered leaving the car at the gas station, police said.

In San Jose, Calif., on Sunday, a 2 1/2-year-old boy disappeared while playing and later died in a locked car parked in warm afternoon sun.

Luis Fernando Pineda was found unconscious on the back floor of the car three hours after his family began searching for him.

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physician for Tech athletics as well as Lubbock Christian University, the Lubbock Ballet and the now defunct Lubbock Crickets baseball team.

In honor of Galanty, the School of Medicine and HSC is establishing the Harry L. Galanty, M.D. Presidential Endowed Scholarship.

Sharon Bennett, HSC director of development, said the scholarship will be a \$50,000 endowment fund,

\$35,000 of which already had been donated Monday by friends and colleagues of Galanty.

"The scholarship will go to first year medical students on the basis of academics and leadership in college and community activities," Bennett said.

For more information on the Harry L. Galanty, M.D. Presidential Endowed Scholarship please call the HSC Development Office at 743-2786.

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charges of impersonating a police officer.

"This incident will mostly likely be considered a sexual assault," Hale said.

Sexual assault is a second degree felony that can result in a

two to 20-year imprisonment term.

At this time, the TTPD is not participating in the investigation of Cardoza.

"Even though part of the course of events happened on Tech property, it still falls under LPD jurisdiction," Hale said.

Because the incident began at

South Plains Mall, it will be investigated by the LPD.

Hale said Tech police will aid the LPD if necessary, but the TTPD is not pursuing the case for time reasons.

"The involvement of other agencies might slow down the process," Hale said.

LPD Sgt. Tony Gribben said the July 27 case has gone before the district attorney, but police are still trying to determine Cardoza's involvement in the other incidents.

"We are conducting a thorough investigation which will take some time," Gribben said.

The LPD still is conducting inves-

tigations on several other suspects who may be responsible for the other cases and are working with other victims to find evidence and testimony that may link Cardoza to previous incidents.

"It will take a lot of leg work to run down all of the other cases," Gribben said.

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Texan slain in Atlanta office shooting

HOUSTON (AP) — Though slain seemingly in his prime during last week's Atlanta office-building massacre, Kevin Dial already had made his peace with death.

The vibrant 36-year-old office manager was suffering from an inoperable brain tumor, his family revealed publicly at the Texan's funeral Monday. The tumor had not responded to treatment.

"If it's worth seeing or hearing or doing, I want to see it or hear it or do it now," Dial wrote in a letter he faxed

to his mother, Janice Marye of Austin, the day before Thursday's shooting rampage.

Dial's sister, Sherri, read the letter to around 500 mourners who filled the sanctuary at Second Baptist Church in Houston. Ms. Dial sobbed throughout the eulogy about her "best friend."

She continued reading the letter: "Every day, every breath, every thing in life really is a gift from God."

Dial was helping to establish a Momentum Securities day-trading

office in Atlanta. Trader Mark O. Barton killed Dial and three others at the office Thursday, then killed five more at another firm.

Nine shooting victims remained hospitalized Monday.

Barton also fatally bludgeoned his wife and two children in the two days preceding the rampage. He committed suicide after the shootings as police closed in.

"What happened that day was not God's will," the Rev. Richard O'Brien said. "It was the evil act of one man,

no matter the provocation."

Dial's sister and other speakers recalled a natural leader with a magnetic personality.

"I'm pretty sure you're with Elvis, having cocktails, trying to convince God to let (John) Belushi visit," Ms. Dial said, speaking to her brother and drawing chuckles from mourners. "And I think he'll probably do it."

After the service, Dial was buried at Forest Park Lawndale Cemetery in Houston.

Dial's father, former Rice Univer-

sity football great Buddy Dial, attended the services despite a recent stroke and chronic injuries from his days with the Pittsburgh Steelers and Dallas Cowboys.

Dial visited his father in nearby Tomball over the July 4 holiday weekend and told him he was prepared to die, relatives said. However, in his letter last week, Dial admitted frustration that he would not grow old: "It's those little things left undone that make me angry that my days are limited."

Pentagon scores hit in test of anti-missile system

WASHINGTON (AP) — An experimental Army rocket sped into the skies over New Mexico, pinpointed an "enemy" missile and smashed it to bits Monday more than 50 miles above the Earth, the Pentagon said.

The successful test of the Theater High-Altitude Area Defense, or Thaad, missile was cheered by Defense Department officials as an important step toward developing an effective defense against medium-range ballistic missiles of the kind U.S. officials say are owned by about two dozen countries.

"Today was probably one of the watershed events in the technologi-

cal history of our country," Air Force Lt. Gen. Ronald T. Kadish told reporters at the Pentagon in describing the Thaad test conducted shortly before dawn at White Sands Missile Range in New Mexico. He said it was only the second time the United States had "basically hit a bullet with a bullet in outer space."

After six consecutive test failures for the Thaad, dating to 1995, the missile scored its first successful intercept in June. The Pentagon had said it would wait until it managed three successful intercepts before advancing the project beyond its current "demonstrative-validation"

phase of development. But Monday, Kadish pointedly left open the possibility of moving ahead after just two successes.

"We have great confidence now ... that we are well on our way to proving the technology out," Kadish said.

Critics said Monday's intercept left the Pentagon far from proving that Thaad and its system of launchers, radars and battle management computers can provide reliable protection for U.S. forces abroad.

"Today's Thaad test was akin to getting a hit in slow-pitch softball," said Tom Z. Collina, an arms control specialist at the Union of Concerned

Scientists.

He said the Pentagon needs to show it can hit a target moving at much higher speeds than the unarmed Hera target missile used in Monday's experiment.

The Hera is a modified Minuteman II missile; in May the Pentagon had to scrap a Thaad test because of a problem with the Hera target missile.

The Republican-controlled Congress supports Pentagon development of missile defenses, but many critics question whether the Thaad can be made to work at a reasonable cost.

Reno visits summer camp in high-crime Houston area

HOUSTON (AP) — In the same crime-ridden neighborhood where a botched drug raid left a man dead in a hail of police bullets and touched off civil rights protests, U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno Monday praised a newly forged "bond" between law enforcement and residents.

"When police officers involve citizens in the neighborhood and work together and build that understanding, it can be one of the best things

that happens in a community," Reno said while touring the Campo Del Sol Summer Day Camp in the Gulfton area of Houston. "Judging from some of the comments I've heard today ... it's happening."

A nearby apartment complex was the scene of a fatal police shooting in July 1998.

Houston police officers shot a Hispanic man 12 times in a nearby apartment complex during a July

1998 raid. The officers said Pedro Oregon Navarro had pointed a gun at them, but did not fire.

Activists condemned the shooting, and the six officers involved were eventually fired. A federal grand jury is investigating the incident.

Most of the children attending Campo Del Sol live in dozens of similar, inexpensive apartment complexes. Police officers participate in activities with the children at the camp, which receives more than \$100,000 in annual funding from the Justice Department's "Weed & Seed" crime-reduction program.

Campers play organized sports, take dance and art lessons and organize fundraisers to buy recreational equipment, organizers said. A planned car wash will help raise money to build a community center.

"Here I can be with my friends," said Tomas Rojas, 13. "If I wasn't at camp, I'd probably be at home alone or outside in the streets."

Speaking earlier at the national Weed & Seed conference luncheon, the attorney general hailed falling crime rates nationwide and said the booming economy offers a "splendid opportunity."

Death count continues to climb as heat wave slacks

CHICAGO (AP) — Though temperatures began to drop Sunday across the Midwest, the death toll from last week's record-breaking heat rose even higher, with another 30 deaths here blamed on the heat and humidity.

In much of the country, the worst had passed, with Sunday's temperatures 10 to 20 degrees cooler across the Great Lakes and much of the upper Midwest. Chicago warmed to 81 by early afternoon, compared to a high of 104 on Friday.

But 50 more bodies were brought to the Cook County morgue from Friday to Sunday, said city Health Commissioner John Wilhelm, and officials expected the death toll to rise. A refrigerated trailer was brought in to store bodies until autopsies could be done.

The new deaths added Sunday brought the Illinois total to 80 and the nationwide number to at least 191 since July 19. Six more bodies were discovered in South Carolina, bringing that state's total to seven.

In Louisville, Ky., the afternoon temperature was down to 78 — from a high of 104 on Friday and 99 on Saturday.

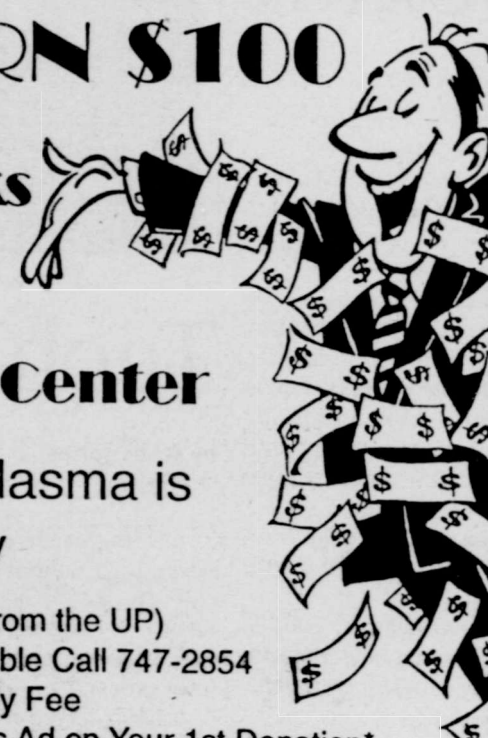
While the cooler air pressed slowly toward the east and south, heat advisories and warnings also remained in effect for areas scattered from Oklahoma and Arkansas to Georgia and the Carolinas, the National Weather Service said.

Three heat-related deaths had been reported in North Carolina, where the early afternoon temperature at Raleigh-Durham International Airport was a record-breaking 104, the third consecutive day of temperatures over 100.

The cold front isn't expected to arrive in Alabama until Monday.

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WCW welcomed back to Hub City

by **Adrienne Gaviglio**
Staff Writer

The Hub City will once again be the site of a World Championship Wrestling match Aug. 19 in the Lubbock Municipal Coliseum.

As ticket sales skyrocket, city of Lubbock officials are excited about the attention the city will receive from this main event.

"This will be a chance once again for Lubbock to showcase our area," said Freddy Chavez, director of the Lubbock Municipal Coliseum. "The

ticket sales this past Saturday sold more than we expected."

John Walker, manager of Select-A-Seat, said tickets are expected to sell out.

"There is to be a top notch lineup, some of the wrestlers that are expected to be in attendance are Kevin Nash, Bill Goldberg, Sting, Lex Luger and Rick Flair," Walker said.

"Ticket sales have been so good that Select-A-Seat has only seven rows at the top of the Coliseum left for ticket sales."

Turner Broadcasting will air the

show at 6:30 p.m. Aug. 19 on the TBS Superstation, Cox Cable channel 17. The audience for the match is expected to reach more than 7.5 million viewers nationwide.

Headlining matches will not be announced until the day of the event because of the "TBS Thunder" rules, said Allen Sharp WCW representative.

"We have had all age groups of people trying to win their way to a ring-side seat all week long," said Jay Shannon from KZII-102.5 FM. "We have already given out 40 pairs of

tickets, and the phones ring off the hook every day from people trying to win."

Tickets are on sale at local Select-A-Seat locations or by calling 770-2000.

Radio stations such as KZII will offer contests all week to win ring-side seats, and, Shannon said, if you carry their station's sticker on your car you can win.

"We are looking forward to the various tourism that the WCW will bring to Lubbock," Chavez said. "This is a family-oriented event."

'Blair Witch' success holds hope for independent filmmakers

LOS ANGELES (AP) — "The Blair Witch Project," shot for \$60,000, is a reminder for movie moguls that filmmakers with cheap cameras can outdo a \$70 million blockbuster at the box office.

The film, which went into wide release nationwide over the weekend, was a close second behind "Runaway Bride," the Julia Roberts-Richard Gere reunion. "Runaway Bride" took in about \$35 million over the weekend, roughly half what it cost to make.

"Blair Witch" cost just \$60,000 for filmmakers Eduardo Sanchez and Daniel Myrick to produce, plus \$300,000 in other production expenses by distributor Artisan Entertainment.

It has already made almost

100 times that much.

"Blair Witch" did \$29.2 million over the weekend, with the rest coming from a two-week limited release at a handful of packed moviehouses.

"Blair Witch's" per-screen average was \$26,528, nearly 2.5 times that of "Runaway Bride."

"Every year there's a phenomenon, and 'Blair Witch' is this year's," said Chuck Viane, head of distribution for Disney.

A sequel already is in the works, said Artisan President Amir Malin, and sales of "Blair Witch" books, T-shirts and other merchandise are bringing in millions more.

Movie history is filled with stories of out-of-nowhere films, such as "Easy Rider," "Dirty Dancing" or

"The Full Monty," that rise to commercial success. Even Steven Spielberg and George Lucas were relatively unknown before "Jaws" and "Star Wars" launched the era of blockbusters.

But there's been nothing quite like "Blair Witch," which has captured attention largely through word of mouth and promotion on the Internet.

With the movie expanding from 1,100 theaters to about 2,000 next weekend, it's a safe bet "Blair Witch" will easily pass \$100 million in ticket sales.

In terms of return on initial investment, "Blair Witch" is in good position to become the most profitable movie ever made, said Tom Borys, president of ACNielsen EDI Inc., which tracks the industry.

"It's a reminder that there's no substitute for originality. Expensive stars and big-budget films aren't the only path to success," Borys said.

A fictional movie, "Blair Witch" presents itself as a documentary pieced together from video shot by three student filmmakers who disappeared in the woods while hunting for a witch.

Researchers create flu virus in lab

WASHINGTON (AP) — Researchers have created a flu virus in the laboratory by combining the genetic pieces of an existing flu bug — work they said could lead to a new type of vaccine.

Yoshihiro Kawaoka of the University of Wisconsin said he and his colleagues were able to make a flu virus that precisely duplicated a virus that was isolated in 1933 and is now used commonly in influenza research.

A report on the research was being published Tuesday in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

Kawaoka said the importance of making a flu virus is the understanding gained about the inner workings of one of humankind's most troublesome pathogens.

"This technology should help us gain a greater biological understanding of influenza and improve our methods of disease control," he said.

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EDITORIAL

New law will free volunteering doctors from malpractice suits

(AP) — For several years, it has been safer for a Texas medical professional to provide free care to someone deep in Mexico than to volunteer at a clinic across town.

Fearing potential malpractice lawsuits, many physicians and other health care providers have balked at offering their services at clinics and other facilities where patients cannot afford to pay.

That will change Sept. 1, when the "Good Samaritan" law authored by state Sen. Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock, goes into effect. This welcome legislation makes it clear that health care workers who volunteer in charitable clinics are protected from being sued for alleged negligence.

Under the Charitable Immunities Act, charity clinics themselves or nonprofit groups that operate them still can be sued if a patient is hurt or dies as a result of services

given at the facility. But the threat of liability is removed from individuals such as retired physicians or nurses who have time on their hands but until now have been reluctant to volunteer because of legal risk.

Medical personnel have had less litigation to worry about on trips such as the one an Amarillo church group takes to Mexico each summer. Physicians, dentists and others set up a temporary clinic in a small village, where lines of residents wait for hours to be treated.

On those mission trips, a local Mexican physician takes responsibility through Mexican authorities, and the Texas visitors are free from liability.

Thanks to Duncan's bill, medical professionals will be free to do the same kind of volunteer work at home.

— Amarillo Globe-News

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Underdog films sweep Hollywood

For most people, summer means hot dogs in the backyard and weekend getaways to the lake. To Hollywood, it means romantic comedies starring Julia Roberts, action-packed Fourth of July films starring Will Smith, and plotless flicks starring everything from an overgrown lizard to asteroids to comic book superheroes.



Brandon Formby
Columnist

Somewhere along the way, studio movie-making has gone from meaningful entertaining movies to mindless formulaic marketing tools.

But in galaxies far, far away from the sprawling California movie lots, with budgets that an average college student would find abhorrent, are people that actually use creativity (what?), ingenuity (huh?) and persistence (what's that mean?) to create films that manage to do what the studios only think they can give the movie-going public a reason to lay down \$7 at the local cineplex.

It's not hard to imagine how movies are created nowadays. Can't you picture a bunch of overpaid, underworked, mindless (read: sell-out) movie execs sitting around concocting the next "big" movie? "OK, let's do a comedy. But we'll throw in a love story. Maybe get Julia and Tom. Something suspenseful — maybe throw in a hurricane for cool special effects. Or an alien! Yeah a funny alien. We'll have Arnold be the bad guy and give him a couple of one-liners. Blow up New York, have them save the world, kiss at the end — Baam! Sound good? Cool let's do it."

But what movie-goers are finally telling Hollywood hard-ballers is that this is going to go over as well as Leo in the next Star Wars movie. Independent movies are finally beginning to draw in movie buffs and gain acclaim from critics for one simple reason — they're good.

This weekend "The Blair Witch Project" landed in the No. 2 spot at the box office with more than \$29 million. It may not have beat out "Runaway Bride" in overall numbers, but its wide-release has managed to make a very important statement — creativity sells.

"Blair Witch" was shown in less theatres than the other nine movies in the top 10 and managed to make it to only 1/3 of the screens as "Runaway Bride." It broke the per-screen average for any movie ever in wide release, raking in \$25,885 per screen. "Bride" brought in less than half of that.

But "Blair Witch" isn't the first independent film to make headlines and fight its way to the spotlight. Box office powerhouses like "Pulp Fiction," "Scream," and "Dazed and Confused" were all small studio or independent movies before they became huge hits and ticket-selling vehicles. And what did Hollywood do in response? Did they stray from time-tested and quickly wilting formulas to try something new, something different, something (ahh!) good? No they copied these flicks (remember "Two Days in the Valley," "I Know What You Did Last Summer," and "Half-Baked"?) Exactly.

And while Taco Bell collector cups, Happy Meal toys, and special edition action figures may make for fun marketing projects and style, they lack substance. And substance is something that we want. Too bad there's no formula for creativity, and if there was, maybe the big studios would finally produce a film that's actually (gasp!) good.

Brandon Formby is a junior journalism major from Plano. He thinks event movies are finished, computer-generated monsters are over and he refrained from seeing "Wild, Wild West."

Davis to battle Williams in Saints backfield

LA CROSSE, Wis. (AP) — Troy Davis isn't surprised to see Ricky Williams slip into the spot he covets in the New Orleans Saints backfield.

Davis and Williams both had record-setting college careers, but while Williams attracted believers, Davis, because he is smaller than most backs, drew doubters.

"I never got credit for what I did in college," Davis said without bitterness.

"People found all kinds of reasons to not take what I did seriously. Now they still don't think I can make it in the NFL."

Williams set 20 records, including the career rushing mark held by Tony Dorsett for 22 years, and won the Heisman Trophy and Doak Walker awards.

Davis has found recognition hard

Former ISU standout fights size, doubters

to come by, although he has had some pretty impressive statistics.

As a 5-foot-8, 180 pound back for Iowa State, Davis rushed for 4,382 yards, had 5,177 all-purpose yards, and in 20 games gained 100 yards or more. All in just three years.

His yardage figure at Iowa State his last season was 2,185, the third highest in NCAA history, and his 402 carries were just one less than Marcus Allen's NCAA record. Davis is the only player in NCAA history to have rushed for more than 2,000 yards twice in his career.

Yet, he finished second in the voting for the Heisman and Walker.

"If I'd stayed in college another year, I think Ricky would have been

chasing some of my records," Davis said. "That would have been interesting, because he's a really good running back."

Williams, 5-10 and 236 pounds, is certainly a more standard size for an NFL back. Even after three years in the league and countless hours in the weight room, Davis only weighs 192 pounds.

"Ricky and Troy are a lot alike," Saints offensive coordinator Danny Abramowicz said.

"They're both hard workers, quiet guys who do everything you ask. I'd take both of them for sons."

"I'd say the advantage Ricky has is his size. That's the big difference in them. But Troy is strong as heck. You

know that when he played every game and almost every down for two years in college."

So once again Davis is trying to prove himself.

Williams, the Saints only draft pick this year, is the starter. Davis, a third-round pick in 1997, is penciled in as No. 3 behind Lamar Smith.

"Troy is a good runner inside," Abramowicz said. "He's got great quickness, great vision. And he's got really good hands, so he can catch the ball."

But he's probably not an every down player in the NFL. He's probably going to have to come up big on special teams to really help us."

Or even stay on the team since the

Saints have eight other backs on the roster and will want some of them to fit the fullback mold to help open holes for Williams.

Even coach Mike Ditka, a consistent fan of Davis, admits he's not sure what Davis' role will be.

"I don't know, but I just know he's one solid football player," Ditka said of Davis.

"You look at the guys that make the least mistakes and he makes the least mistakes. He's steady out there. Maybe this year a lot of things will happen out there for him."

Davis certainly believes they will.

"I'm glad Ricky is here. Now we'll just see what happens," Davis said. "If I do my job every time I get the opportunity, who knows how the year will turn out. Hey, look at Doug Flutie last year."

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Packers receiver can't take pain anymore

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) — Robert Brooks played football longer than he ever thought he would. When his body couldn't endure any more pain, he accepted it.

"I just couldn't cover it up any more," the Packers wide receiver said. "I found myself missing so many practices and taking so much medication just to practice. When you get to that point, I think it's time to call it quits."

Brooks retired Monday after seven injury-plagued seasons with the Green Bay Packers during which he never became the superstar many thought he would.

He said his knees, back and hamstrings could no longer withstand the punishment of playing pro football anymore.

"You can fool a lot of people, but you can't fool yourself," he said.

"I'm 29 years old, and after a practice, I feel like I'm 50."

Brooks retires as the Packers' career leader in postseason catches and receiving yards. He is the seventh-leading receiver in the club's 80-year history.

Brooks retires after seven injury-plagued seasons with Green Bay

His career followed the arc of the Packers' franchise rebirth, and he was one of the team's most popular players during its run to consecutive NFC championships and a league title. Brooks originated the "Lambeau Leap," the Packers' trademark jump into the Lambeau Field stands to celebrate a touchdown.

"Robert has meant a great deal to this organization and to me personally," offensive coordinator Sherman Lewis said. "If he couldn't perform at the level he wanted to, then I understand that."

Brooks was drafted out of South Carolina in 1992, the same year coach Mike Holmgren and Lewis were hired.

In 1995, Brooks caught 102 passes for a team-record 1,497 yards.

But the next three seasons he had just 114 catches for 1,774 yards while missing 16 games with injuries. He had 31 receptions for 420 yards in 12

games last season while playing in he what called "almost constant pain."

Brooks participated in a team minicamp this summer and said he was in the best shape of his professional life.

But when he dropped several balls during his first day of practice Friday at training camp, it was obvious something was still wrong.

He skipped weekend workouts and told coach Ray Rhodes on Saturday he would retire.

"I can't put up the facade any more of being a tough guy," Brooks said of the pain.

"I think I've done that long enough. It's allowed me to play in this game longer than I think anybody expected me to play."

His departure leaves the Packers alarmingly short of depth at wide receiver.

Green Bay's top receiver, All-Pro Antonio Freeman, is in the midst of a

contract dispute which the team may now be ready to resolve quickly. Freeman's agent, Joel Segal, did not immediately return a phone call Monday.

Corey Bradford, Bill Schroeder, Derrick Mayes and an assortment of free agents and rookies are left to be quarterback Brett Favre's targets.

"Obviously, that concerns me a great deal," Lewis said.

"But we'll get Antonio in here and some of our young guys will step up. We have a fine group of receivers."

The Packers' first exhibition game is Aug. 14 against the New York Jets.

Brooks' injury problems began in October 1996, when he tore both the ACL and the patellar tendon in his right knee on the first offensive play from scrimmage of a game against San Francisco.

Such a catastrophic injury would have ended many careers, but Brooks surprised team doctors by returning

for the 1997 season and catching 60 passes for 1,010 yards and seven touchdowns.

But Brooks said his gimpy knee caused him to overwork his other joints, leading to chronic back pain. He had arthroscopic surgery during training camp last year for a herniated disc, and he had a similar operation Jan. 6.

Brooks attended minicamp in June but various aches remained. He thought about retiring then but reconsidered after talking with Rhodes.

"They gave me the feeling as if they were counting on me," Brooks said.

Brooks, who signed a five-year, \$15 million contract in 1998, agreed to a \$1.1 million pay cut in June, which the Packers said eased their salary-cap restrictions.

Brooks said he will keep a home in Green Bay and he plans to focus his energies on his interest in music and a ministry he recently founded.

"I really feel comfortable about closing this chapter of my life and opening whatever chapter God has for me," Brooks said.

Salaam says marijuana nearly ended his career

(AP)—Running back Rashaan Salaam, attempting a comeback with the Oakland Raiders, says an addiction to marijuana made him withdrawn, caused him to fumble and nearly ended his career.

"I wasn't the kind of person I was," he told ESPN. "I wasn't outgoing like I was. I was just to myself. All I wanted to do was go home and do what I wanted to do. I wasn't a social person. I was just an outcast."

Salaam, who won the Heisman Trophy at Colorado in 1994, was plagued by fumbles with the Chicago

Bears, losing 14 in 31 games.

He thinks the fumbles most likely were related to marijuana.

"It probably had me out there lackadaisical instead of being out there 100 percent," he told the cable network in an interview first broadcast Sunday.

"Everybody thinks getting high is cool, you can let it go when you want to let it go," he added.

"But it's just as potent as alcohol. It's just as potent as cocaine."

Salaam broke his leg in the third game of the 1997 season, a game in

which he committed two costly fumbles.

He said the injury increased his addiction.

"When I got hurt, I knew it was a problem because it pretty much consumed all my time," he said. "I wasn't going to practice or anything like that so I pretty much spent my time sitting around getting high, and that's when I knew I had to let it go."

Salaam told ESPN that he informed the Bears of his problem in early 1998 and entered a rehabilitation program.

The Bears later cut the former first-round draft choice.

He was out of professional football last season.

"It was hard," he said. "It was embarrassing. My pride was shot. It was just a nightmare to be 23 years old and out of football. I couldn't believe what was going on."

The Raiders signed Salaam as a free agent.

"We think the upside is tremendous," coach Jon Gruden said.

"He was a first-round draft choice an 1,100-yard back his rookie year, so we think there is a real upside there if he can regain the rhythm he had coming out of Colorado. I like him as a person and he has something to prove and is extremely hungry."

Salaam said the experience of being released changed him.

"I don't never want to go back to how I was in Chicago," he said.

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Minor league umpires work their way up in major way

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Eight years of long drives, cheap motels and ballpark food finally paid off for minor league umpire Jim Reynolds.

He made it to the big leagues as a substitute this season. And it looks like he's there to stay because of the labor dispute between umpires and major league baseball.

"It's a completely different atmosphere" in the majors, Reynolds said last week from Anaheim, Calif., where he was working a weekend series between the Angels and the Minnesota Twins.

"There's a big difference between going into Toronto and working in front of 30,000 or 40,000 people and four or five thousand in Syracuse."

Reynolds is talkative about the life he's giving up, but he says little about being in the middle of a labor mess.

"I just hope they can get it all resolved up there," he said.

Members of the Major League Umpires Association, wanting a new collective bargaining agreement, said in July they were quitting Sept. 2. The leagues called their bluff, accepting

22 resignations. Reynolds is one of 25 minor league umpires hired as replacements.

"I think the magnitude of it all is more than I expected," Reynolds said. "The intensity and the atmosphere — I don't think you can anticipate that."

Professional umpires usually get their start at one of two schools — Jim Evans' Academy of Professional Umpiring and Harry Wendelstedt's Umpire School — where they pay roughly \$2,500 to \$3,000 for a five-week course in umpiring.

Students are monitored during the course by Professional Baseball Umpire Corp. scouts, who pick the top candidates for minor league openings.

Like most baseball players, umpires must work their way up league by league until they have a chance at the majors. But unlike players, who can bypass the minors if they're talented enough, umpires don't usually skip levels.

"If you're a prospect player, you're going to play maybe two or three

years in the minor leagues. There are some guys who have never been in the minors," Reynolds said. "Umpires, the way the system is set up now, it's six or seven years before you even get a look."

Still, Reynolds said, the players remember the umpires from their early days.

"When you see the guys who you used to see in the minors, they have a smile on their faces and so do you. You spend a lot of time with a lot of those guys," he said.

A minor league umpire's season starts with spring training in late February and can last through September if he is selected to work the playoffs.

The pay is nothing to brag about. Umpires in Single-A make an average of \$1,800 to \$2,000 a month while the top minor league umps in Triple A make \$2,500 to \$3,400, said Eric Krupa, administrator for the St. Petersburg, Fla.-based PBUC.

Life on the road in the lower minors can be tough.

Umpires have to drive hundreds of miles after a night game to be in a new city for a game the next afternoon, Reynolds said. And the motel

accommodations are lacking.

"You try to figure out which bed has the least bend in it," Reynolds said.

As a Triple-A umpire, Reynolds was making more money and getting to fly between cities.

Umpires are booed almost nightly by sometimes ruthless spectators. But Reynolds and his International League crew, during a stopover earlier this season at the Columbus Clippers' stadium, said they usually have fun at the ballpark.

"There are 14 teams in this league," Reynolds said. "There's two teams that think you're the worst crew and can't believe that you ever made it to Triple-A. There's two teams that think you're the best crew in the league and can't do anything wrong. The other 10 teams tolerate you."

Reynolds was finally called up to the majors in June, when the Boston Red Sox were home against the Atlanta Braves.

"That signified the major leagues to me — Fenway Park," said Reynolds, who grew up about 100 miles southwest of Boston outside Hartford, Conn.

"It was absolutely incredible."

Texas to offer sports reporting program

AUSTIN (AP) — The University of Texas is launching the nation's first undergraduate program for journalism majors who want to specialize in sports reporting.

The Sports Journalism Specialization program will begin next spring with the help of a \$200,000 anonymous gift, UT officials said.

Former football player and Heisman Trophy winner Earl Campbell is heading a steering group that will establish a \$4.5 million endowment for the program.

"It's consistent with what we've been doing all along: trying to provide niche training to students so they can go out and find a career," said Elizabeth Dunn, assistant dean for development in the UT College of Communication.

"What people are telling us is they want graduates who are ready to rock and roll when they hire them."

The school expects heavy competition among juniors and seniors for the program's 15 spots, possibly even applicants from other universities, Dunn said.

"I think we're going to have a line going around the block when word goes out," she told the *Austin American-Statesman*.

UT officials say they envision a program in which nationally known sports journalists lecture and students cover games as they study basic sportswriting.

The program received a wary reception from some UT graduates.

"What are you going to do?" asked Danny Robbins, a UT graduate and sportswriter for the *Houston Chronicle*.

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