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Oil, blobs of tar washing up on South Padre Island

SOUTH PADRE ISLAND (AP) — Oil is washing up on the beach at tourist-popular South Padre Island and the state is trying to figure out the source of the muck.

Tar-like blobs as big as basketballs were spotted Thursday.

Texas General Land Office Commissioner Jerry Patterson says crews were working on cleanup and the state will "take any steps necessary to protect South Padre Island beaches, as well as the South Bay Coastal Preserve."

NATION

Democrats leave health care vote until the fall

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate Democratic leaders on Thursday abandoned plans for a vote on health care before Congress' August recess, dealing a blow to President Barack Obama's ambitious timetable to revamp the nation's \$2.4 trillion system of medical care.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., delivered the official word on what had been expected for weeks, saying, "It's better to have a product based on quality and thoughtfulness rather than try to jam something through."

WORLD

Dutch return severed head of Ghanaian chief

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP) — The descendants of an African chief who was hanged and decapitated by a Dutch general 171 years ago reluctantly accepted the return of his severed head Thursday, still angry even as the Dutch tried to right a historic wrong.

The head of King Badu Bonsu II was discovered last year in a jar of formaldehyde gathering dust in the anatomical collection of the Leiden University Medical Center. The Dutch government, embarrassed by its discovery, agreed to Ghanaian demands that the relic be returned.

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Gonzales discusses plans for political science class

By ALEX YBARRA
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Former U.S. Attorney General Alberto Gonzales, who recently accepted a one-year teaching and recruiting position with Texas Tech, discussed on Thursday how he plans to approach his junior-level course entitled Contemporary Issues in the Executive Branch.

For most students across campus who are hoping to land a spot in his class, which only has 15

spots, a main point of interest has been to ask him about the controversial issues that took place toward the end of his tenure as attorney general two years ago.

Those include practices used in hiring and firing federal prosecutors based on political partisanship, the discussion of torture stipulations and his involvement with a wiretapping program.

"Maybe he'll be open to answering those types of questions: 'So what was the deal with your career

with the Bush administration?'" said Paul Olgin, a political science major from Midland. "Maybe he can answer those types of questions by being here."

Gonzales, who spent Wednesday house hunting with his wife and meeting local leaders in Lubbock, said if a student asked him a question about a controversial issue, he would inquire if he or she has read the 100-page report issued by the inspector general's office in which Gonzales said he has been exonerated.

"If they haven't read the report, I'm gonna say, 'I'm not gonna talk about that until you go and read that report,'" he said. "All these issues have now been fully bedded. All these accusations, allegations, they've been looked at, and so I think students need to do their work. That's part of being a good citizen, being informed, educate yourselves. Don't just assume that what you read and what you hear is the truth because often times it's not."

Tech Chancellor Kent Hance said

a group from the inspector general's office came to Lubbock last week and told him there was no intentional misleading of congress.

"I think some of the congressman thought they had been misled, because he didn't tell them everything," Hance said, "but some of it was classified information, and you can't go around telling congress everything."

"There's been no finding of wrongdoing, no finding that I intentionally

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House of healing

Ronald McDonald House provides helpful services to those who need it most



AMBER WARREN, MOTHER of Keifer Warren, talks to her son Monday in the Neonatal ICU at University Medical Center where he is receiving constant care after being born prematurely with health problems.

By HANNAH MOORE
STAFF WRITER

Born three months premature, with two heart conditions and a part of his spine missing, Keifer Warren seemed a lost cause.

Diagnosed with diabetes as a child, Amber Warren knew her pregnancy was at high risk from the beginning, but after trying for 10 years to get pregnant, she and her husband Daniel were not willing to give up hope.

Amber gave birth at the University Medical Center but the Warrens, Rotan residents, had concerns about traveling back and forth between Lubbock and Rotan.

"Our son was born premature on April 15," said Amber, after explaining she wasn't supposed to be induced until July, "and they had told us about the Ronald McDonald House — the social worker did."

Dina Jeffries, the executive director of the Ronald McDonald House Charities of the Southwest, said their charity was established to assist families like the Warrens, who have been

staying at the house since Amber gave birth in April.

Based out of the house in Lubbock, Jeffries said she is in charge of the operations in the Southwest region, including the house in Lubbock, three Family Rooms, and a Ronald McDonald Care Mobile.

According to the Ronald McDonald House Charities of the Southwest Web site, the Family Rooms are an extension of the program for all families inside the hospital, and are located in Covenant Medical Center and University Medical Center in Lubbock, as well as Medical Center Hospital in Odessa, TX.

"We provide services to families who have critically ill children," Jeffries said. "The original vision is to provide services to people who live outside the area traveling to Lubbock."

"We can provide them just the basic necessities of living. A roof over your head, food in your stomach, support from a loving community who knows what you're going through. So that's what we do here."

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Texas Tech student shot after helping police in arrests

By ALEX YBARRA
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Edward Lee was just trying to do something helpful: tailing some troublemakers while giving information to the police. But after several minutes of chasing early July 17, he realized the man walking toward his driver's side door was wielding a hand gun.

Frantically, Lee put the car in reverse and slammed into a parked car behind him, but by that time it was too late. The gun went off, and Lee said he immediately felt a burning sensation in his left side.

The 22-year-old had been shot.

"At first, I could still breathe, and I was like, 'Cool man, he didn't hit anything major,'" said Lee, an animal and food sciences major from Irving. "Then I started having trouble breathing, and I started panicking. Then I started going into shock. It was bad."

"It crossed my mind that this might be the end, but apparently I'm really lucky."

And really brave. And really unlucky, all rolled into one night.

About half an hour before

the shooting, Lee and a couple friends were leaving Fast Eddie's Billiards near the 7300 block of University Avenue around 2 a.m. Friday when a car with three men pulled up alongside them at a stop light.

"We had no altercation with them when we left," Lee said. "But as soon as we got outside, and we were on University Avenue, they came up to the car; it's a bunch of 40-year-old dudes, talking (trash). We were just like, 'What the hell's your problem? Go piss off.' Then we roll up our windows."

At another stop light at 50th Street and University Avenue, Lee said the men got out of their car and broke his back windshield. That's when he got out of the car and threatened to call police, which he did.

Lee got the car's license plate number, called 9-1-1 and began following the men, talking to the police for about 10 minutes as he weaved through Lubbock neighborhoods. Lee said the driver turned the headlights off to lose him, and as he drove around a corner Lee saw the dome light come on as a man stepped out with a gun.

After Lee was shot, the police arrived within seconds. Officers arrested Bobby Dale Furr, 41, Justin Wayne Crouch, 24, and Phillip Bryan Oxford, 41, on charges of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. Furr also was charged with felon in possession of a firearm and violation of parole, according to his public information sheet on Lubbock's active jail roster.

"We weren't trying to be a good Samaritan or anything," Lee said. "If we had known he had a gun, we would've just (dropped it)."

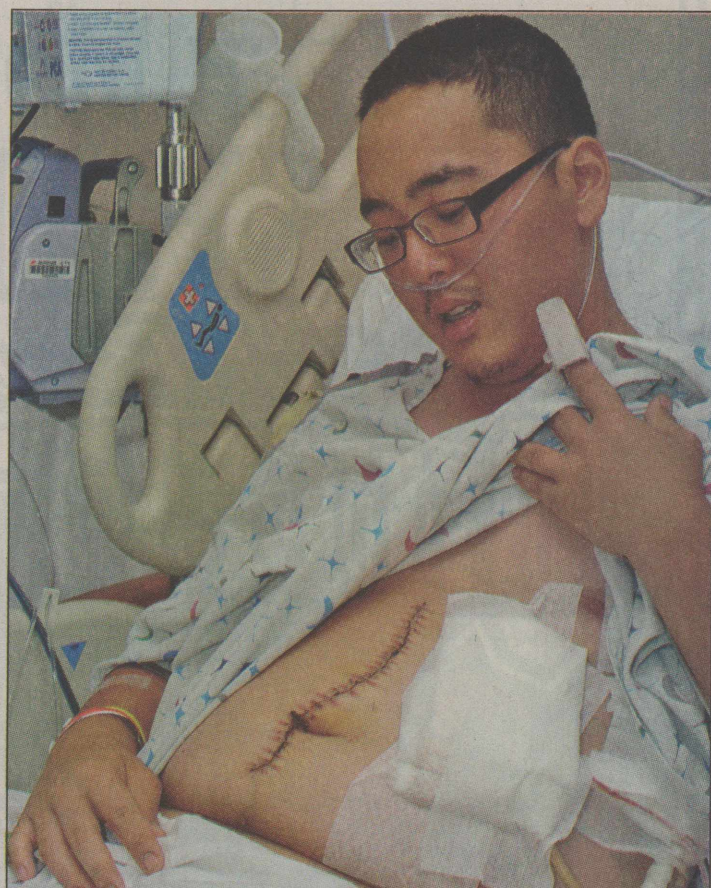
Capt. Greg Stevens of the Lubbock Police Department, said it is still unclear exactly why the altercation started, however, he mentioned it could have stemmed from someone getting cut off in the parking lot while leaving Fast Eddie's.

"It's irrelevant now that we're at the end of the deal," he said. "It doesn't really matter what started it."

The identity of the shooter is known by police, however, that information has not been released.

Lee was in stable condition

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EDWARD LEE, A senior animal and food science major from Irving, was shot in the torso July 17 after his phone call led to the arrest of three men. He had his spleen and part of his stomach removed.

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Construction nearly finished

By STEVEN SCHWARTZ
STAFF WRITER

The renovation of an underground utilities tunnel along Memorial Circle that has diverted traffic and made the east side of Boston Avenue inaccessible since December is near completion.

Michael Ellicott, vice chancellor for facilities planning and construction, said the construction is ahead of schedule. Paving of the area is done, he said, and the fence surrounding the construction zone should come down Monday or Tuesday — with traffic returning to normal soon after.

He said the goal for the project was to have the surrounding roads open by August 15, barring any serious weather conditions.

The tunnel is part of the extensive network of underground tunnels that distribute chilled water and steam to areas on campus. Those tunnels also carry telephone lines, fiberoptic cables, compressed air and specialized water for research, Ellicott said.

"Basically, all of the work is essentially done," he said. "The chilled water is circulating. We are burning in the steam now."

This particular tunnel was one of the oldest and needed to



PHOTO BY KEN MUIR/The Daily Toreador

TEMPORARY GATES AND construction equipment that have become an everyday sight in Memorial Circle will soon be removed, as the tunnel renovation project is ahead of schedule.

be reinforced to prevent a collapse, he said, and the cost of the renovation was about \$3.8 million.

"That tunnel was one of the first ones built and the part under memorial circle, where it's been irrigated for the past 50 years or so, almost 60 now, had deteriorated to the point where we were concerned structurally

for the structural integrity of the tunnel," he said.

Along with reinforcing it, the project designed to replace the tunnel was intended to straighten it out, and make it bigger for workers to maneuver in it.

While certain minor issues have risen over the duration of the project, he said, there have been no major setbacks. He said

the student body and faculty have been very understanding about the closure of the roads and no outstanding complaints have been made.

"With any construction projects there are always unknowns and certain problems," Ellicott said, "but everything has gone very well."

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Businesses, Texas Tech ready for wage increase

By KATE OZMENT
MANAGING EDITOR

Web site.

Those making minimum wage will have a few more dollars to spend starting today, as minimum wage is raised to \$7.25 an hour across the nation.

The raise is part of a series of amendments passed in 2007 that increased the minimum wage from \$5.15 to \$7.25 over three years, according to the U.S. Department of Labor's Web site.

For those working at Texas Tech, the change was instituted July 16.

Dave Gruver, assistant managing director of human resources, said

One student who will see a change is Amber Grice, a student assistant at the library. Grice, a junior exercise and sport science major from Dumas, said she was excited about the raise because she is a "poor college kid."

"It will help me big time — with gas and rent," she said.

Students with off-campus jobs will see the change as well. Ken Wiley, general manager of the Spirit Shop and Double T Bookstores, said some of his employees will receive a raise because of the new level, but his business will not be dramatically altered.

"It hasn't had a significant impact. We saw this coming and planned for it," he said. "We budgeted for this."

Wiley, who oversees three stores, said despite the economy and the new minimum wage level, he is planning on

"This is the third part of a three-year change, so yes, it was planned."

DAVE GRUVER
Assistant Managing Director
Human Resources

the university switched earlier because the federally-mandated date was in the middle of a pay period.

"It's difficult to start a change like that on so many students in the beginning of a pay period," he said. "We do this so there's no confusion with what students should be getting paid and when."

Gruver said the university has changed the rate every summer for three years, and did the same thing this time as they had in the past.

"This is the third part of a three-part change over the last three years, so yes, it was planned," he said. "When students turn in their time sheets for the last two weeks in July ... they'll be at (\$7.25."

The change only affects some undergraduate students, as graduate students and other campus employees are paid above minimum wage, and some undergraduate students will not even be affected, Gruver said.

"This could be any gamut across campus. It could be in any department that's paying the federal minimum wage — anything from office support to Rec Sports," he said. "(Hospitality) Services pays more than minimum."

Hospitality pays their college-age employees \$7.65 as a base pay and \$7.95 after training, while supervisors and specialized positions receive more, according to the department's

increasing his workforce during the next year.

"I'm sorry I don't have a story of gloom and doom to tell you," he said, laughing. "It's different for us than a store that produces their own goods."

"For some people it will come as a pretty big shock if there's no preparation for it. With a wage increase you see a price increase, and it's passed on to the consumer. Our business depends on how many students are at Tech."

The change affects those in the public sector as well, as some employees with the City of Lubbock also will experience a change in income.

Steve Synk, compensation coordinator for the city, said about 40 city employees will see a raise in their income, but most are above the minimum wage level.

"Some part-time employees will be raised starting effective Saturday," he said. "Something we're doing differently this year is we are only raising those salaries that have to come up to (\$7.25 (instead of a general raise.)"

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Bin Laden's son may have been killed

WASHINGTON (AP) — Saad bin Laden, a son of al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden, may have been killed in a U.S. airstrike, U.S. officials said Thursday.

The son was likely killed in Pakistan in the last several months, approximately in late spring, said a counterterrorism official, one of three Obama administration officials who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss intelligence.

Though many in the intelligence community believe he is dead, they can't be 100 percent certain because no body or DNA evidence was recovered to prove it, one official said.

The U.S. has carried out more than 45 missile attacks with drones in Pakistan's border region since last August, most targeting foreign al-Qaida militants and those accused of violence in neighboring Afghanistan.

Saad was not considered a heavy hitter in his father's organization and was not the target of the strike, but rather was killed during a strike

intended for someone else, National Public Radio said, quoting unidentified officials.

Saad was born in 1982 and is one of 19 children Osama bin Laden is thought to have, officials have said.

The younger bin Laden was believed to have fled Afghanistan shortly after the U.S. invasion of Afghanistan in late 2001 that routed his father from safe haven there and overthrew the Taliban regime.

Officials have said he went to Iran and was held under a form of house arrest from 2003 to 2008, before turning up in Pakistan, where his father has reportedly been in hiding somewhere in the ungoverned border region near Afghanistan.

In January, the Treasury slapped financial sanctions on the younger bin Laden and three other al-Qaida figures. In announcing a freeze on their assets held under U.S. jurisdiction, Treasury also said that people from the United States would be barred from engaging in financial transactions with them.

Non-embryonic stem cells pass major hurdle in mice

WASHINGTON (AP) — Two teams of Chinese scientists have made a major advance in mice in the development of a new kind of stem cell that doesn't involve destroying embryos.

Those cells are derived from ordinary skin cells, and when they were created two years ago from human skin and genetically reprogrammed, it was hailed as a breakthrough. But questions remained whether they could act as chameleon-like as embryonic stem cells and morph into any cell type in the body.

One way to show that versatility is if the new reprogrammed stem cells could be used to produce an entire new life.

And now researchers have shown they can in mice.

For the first time, they were able to produce live mice from stem cells

that were coaxed from skin tissue of adult mice and then reprogrammed. And while there were abnormalities and unusual deaths with some of the first generation of mice, one team produced enough normal mice this way to create hundreds of second and third generation mice.

Studies on this type of stem cell, called iPS for induced pluripotent stem cells, were released Thursday by two competing scientific journals, Nature and Cell Stem Cell.

"We demonstrated the practicality of using iPS cells," said Fanyi Zeng, associate director of the Shanghai Institute of Medical Genetics and co-author of the larger, more successful study, which appears in Nature.

The new type of stem cells use a virus to reprogram the genetic information of the skin cell to make it a stem cell.

Shooting

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at United Medical Center as of Wednesday, having already undergone surgery since the shooting.

"On the left side, (the shooter) missed the lung," Lee said. "He got the diaphragm. They had to take out my spleen. They took a quarter of my stomach out, and the bullet is still lodged in my spine."

Although Lee is lucky to survive the shooting, Stevens said the situation was unlucky considering "nine out of 10 times" a dilemma such as Lee's does not end violently.

"It's an unfortunate situation," Stevens said. "You listen to the 9-1-1 call, Lee and his friends in the car, they just figure they're dealing with somebody that carries the same value systems they

do. (Someone) that would never do anything like that."

"(To Lee and his friends) they were just a couple of schmoes, some jerks, that broke their window and boy it all goes back quick. It's that one out of 10 (chance) that you just didn't know you had. So fortunately, he is one lucky individual."

Stevens said the police department "does not encourage nor discourage" people from calling in a complaint, but wants them to understand the "inherent danger" involved.

"As far as Texas Tech students in general," he said, "whether you're in traffic and somebody cuts you off, of course you're gonna honk or flip someone off. Whatever it may be — just always keep in mind that you never know who is in that other car, or who it is you're dealing with in those kinds of situations."

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Gonzales

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tried to mislead Congress or intentionally lie to anybody," Gonzales said. "That was important, it was important for me. It was important for my family, important for my sons to know that all the accusations that were made were wrong. They were reckless. They were political."

Other issues Gonzales said he plans to focus on include those affecting the administration under President Barack Obama: domestic issues, the economy, health care and national security, among others.

"As we look at some of these issues, to appropriately evaluate them we have to put them in the appropriate context, which means going back and seeing how did we get here in the first place?" Gonzales said. "So we'll have to go back and look at and explain some of the Bush policies and some of the decisions in the Bush administration."

Gonzales said he wants students to understand the process and negotiations behind how decisions are made in the White House, saying he can talk about those things because "I've been there."

He used examples such as compromising on a piece of legislation or how the Department of Justice recommends Judge Sonia Sotomayor to the president and how Sotomayor prepared for her confirmation hearings.

"I'm not saying that this makes me a better professor than others who haven't had the experience," he said. "We all bring different strengths, I think, gifts to students as professors. I have these that are unique to me based upon my opportunities as attorney general, as White House counsel."

As for the limited 15 students, Gonzales said he wanted to have "serious" and "candid, in-depth discussions" on each issue, and a smaller class allows him to do so.

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Texas Tech officials believe study abroad safe

By HANNAH BOEN
STAFF WRITER

Nelson Gonzalez spent what he calls the worst Christmas of his life in a crowded hostel in Seville, Spain.

Gonzalez, a personal financial planning junior from Houston, studied abroad at Texas Tech's Seville campus from August 2006 to June 2007 and recalls having the time of his life. However, his 10-month venture was not flawless.

"I was an arms-width away from other people," he said of how he spent Christmas of 2006, "with a bed, a sink and disgusting surroundings. It was the worst Christmas ever, but just a minor speed bump in my trip."

A May 2009 issue of USA Today reported 2,364 deaths of healthy Americans abroad from 2004-2006, according to State Department data, leading some students and parents to question the safety of education abroad programs.

However, Gonzalez was faced with situations that could have been dangerous, but said he would recommend studying abroad to everyone who would treat the opportunity responsibly.

After finding his host home too expensive, Gonzalez spent two weeks living in hostels. He also had an allergic reaction that required immediate medical attention, however, he said he never felt unsafe or in danger during his time in Spain.

Serious crimes are rare, he said, and his safety and comfort were treated as a priority to those around him. In fact, he said he felt more safe abroad than in his hometown.

"There was not once I felt unsafe," he said. "You walk back home from clubs at 4, 5 or 6 o'clock, you can completely feel safe. Way safer than on the streets in Houston."

Texas Tech study abroad officials feel comfortable sending students outside the U.S., and Sandy Crosier, director of study abroad, said the university has never experienced a student death or emergency.

"I have worked with study abroad since 1994," she said, "and I think I am safe in saying we have never had a student who was in a critical situation."

The program is safe, she said, because the university takes precautions to make it so. She receives State Department and Center for Disease Control warn-

ings and alerts, and is selective in choosing which organizations she recommends to provide education abroad opportunities.

"Things happen here and, occasionally, those same things happen abroad," she said. "Students get sick or have emergencies, but another precaution we take is to provide worldwide insurance."

HTH Worldwide Insurance provides medical insurance, coordinated by Tech, to students traveling abroad.

Alison Abbott, a global health and safety team leader for HTH Worldwide, said emergencies can happen anywhere, so students should be prepared while traveling abroad.

"Preparing is the best thing you can do," she said. "People don't need to be limited, just prepared."

Gastrointestinal problems and homesickness are common issues that arise when students are in a country other than their own, she said. However, there are several common health issues that can arise in college-age individuals no matter where they are, and are sometimes more difficult to handle overseas.

Appendicitis, broken bones and respiratory infections are

among the things commonly and easily treated in the U.S., however, some students may feel uneasy having them treated in a foreign place.

While preparation, can offset most medical problems students face, she said challenges arise when students are diagnosed with an illness abroad they had not prepared for while at home.

"When students study abroad, they're around the age where mental illness tends to emerge," she said. "They think they're undergoing culture shock or homesickness, but actually, it's mental illness."

While HTH Worldwide faced medical treatment issues daily, fatalities are very uncommon,



PHOTO COURTESY OF NELSON GONZALEZ
NELSON GONZALEZ, A junior personal financial planning major from Houston, poses in front of a castle while studying abroad in Seville, Spain.

she said, and the organization provides medical coverage to approximately 450,000 students studying abroad and averages three deaths a year.

While data shows studying abroad can at times be dangerous, Tech officials believe their education abroad opportunities are safe and beneficial to students, and

students such as Gonzalez have found studying abroad to exceed expectations.

"I do not discourage anyone from studying abroad. Embrace the culture and don't disrespect it," he said. "The quality of life is so rich and it will open your mind to new experiences."

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Researchers: Capa Civil War photo likely staged

MADRID (AP) — Robert Capa's photograph of a falling Spanish Civil War militiaman became one of the most famous and enduring images of conflict in the 20th century. Now, Spanish researchers who have studied events surrounding the picture believe it may have been staged.

When first published in September 1936 by French magazine Vu, and later in Life magazine, the caption on the legendary photojournalist's "Falling Militiaman" said it depicted the moment a Republican rifleman was mortally wounded.

The location was given as Cerro Muriano on the Cordoba front, where forces backing Gen. Francisco Franco were engaged in fierce fighting with soldiers loyal to the elected Republican government.

Now Spanish researchers say that not only was the photograph not taken where Capa said it was, but that the militiaman was most likely not shot either.

After studying the photograph and new images released as part of a traveling exhibition called "This is War" now at Barcelona's art museum, four researchers say the photographs were shot 55 kilometers (34 miles) away in an area where there was no fighting the day they were taken.

"It quickly became obvious to us that among the new photographs — 34 attributed to Capa, 6 to his companion Gerda Taro — there were four that revealed the exact place where Capa had taken the shots," filmmaker Raul Riebenbauer told The Associated Press.

Historian Francisco Moreno has taken geographical information in the photographs — the shape of seven hills, the location of two farmhouses and several roads — and found it matched exactly a hillside just east of the town of Espejo.

For Spaniards, "Falling Militiaman" is a searing reminder of a 1936-39 internal conflict that deeply divided a

nation along political lines and cost at least 500,000 lives. For Capa it was the image that catapulted his career as the world's foremost war photographer.

The International Center of Photography, founded by Capa's brother, Cornell and custodian of his legacy, has spent 25 years trying to ascertain the veracity of the image, director Buzz Hartshorn told The AP.

"Capa was partisan, he believed in the anti-fascist cause and he saw Spain as one of the last places where you could make a stand," said Hartshorn. He said the truth behind the picture was almost certainly "unknowable."

Filmmaker Riebenbauer said he and colleagues worked extensively with forensic doctors and found puzzling aspects to the photograph which they aired in a film called "The Shadow of the Iceberg."

Among other issues, they find it troubling there is no evidence of a bullet wound in the photograph.

That Vu should have published a

separate Capa photograph of another militiaman shot dead at the exact same hillside spot has also always raised eyebrows. Even Capa's otherwise reverential biographer Richard Whelan had doubts about "Falling Militiaman."

"I have wrestled with the dilemma of how to deal with a photograph that one believes to be genuine but that one cannot know with absolute certainty to be a truthful documentation," Whelan wrote in his book, "This Is War: Robert Capa at work."

To David Valsells, curator of the Barcelona show, the image reveals the full historical context of war photography at the time.

Capa and Taro — who co-founded Magnum Photos — had recently arrived in Spain keen to make their names, he said.

"They traveled to the Cordoba front bearing safe passages issued by the Republican government's Barcelona-based Propaganda Commissariat," Valsells said.

Cronkite funeral packed

NEW YORK (AP) — Loved ones, friends and colleagues gathered Thursday for Walter Cronkite's funeral as flowers arrived at the church and tourists lingered outside to pay their respects.

The service was being held at St. Bartholomew's Church in midtown Manhattan, where the CBS newsman's family worshipped for decades.

Broadcast journalists — co-workers, competitors, successors — entered the church, including Connie Chung, Bob Schieffer, Diane Sawyer, Brian Williams, Dan Rather, Barbara Walters, Charles Gibson, Matt Lauer, Tom Brokaw, Morley Safer and Meredith Vieira.

Spectators lined both sides of Park Avenue, looking on as the casket arrived.

Earlier, flowers arrived from Yoko Ono, who wrote: "Walter, my son Sean and I will always remember you for your kind word to us. You will be missed. With love, Yoko Ono Lennon."

Tourists from Canada were walking to Times Square and saw the news vans outside the church and were told

the vans were there for Cronkite's ceremony.

Ethel Bratt and her daughter Holly from Saskatchewan stood outside and remembered how her family followed U.S. news events closely and how tumultuous the 1960s were — with the Vietnam War, the space race, the assassinations of John and Robert Kennedy as well as Martin Luther King Jr.

"It's overwhelming to be here," said Bratt, who's in her mid-50s. "He was just part of my growing-up years. He was part of the news events of that generation when everything was going on."

Although the service was planned as a traditional burial service from the Episcopal Book of Common Prayer, announced speakers included "60 Minutes" commentator Andy Rooney and longtime Cronkite producer Sanford Socolow, as well as son Chip Cronkite.

For his reporting, Cronkite came to be called "the most trusted man in America" and was widely considered the premier TV journalist of his time.

Cop who arrested black scholar is profiling expert

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP) — The white police sergeant criticized by President Barack Obama for arresting black scholar Henry Louis Gates Jr. in his Massachusetts home is a police academy expert on understanding racial profiling.

Cambridge Sgt. James Crowley has taught a class about racial profiling for five years at the Lowell Police Academy after being hand-picked for the job by former police Commissioner Ronny Watson, who is black, said Academy Director Thomas Fleming.

"I have nothing but the highest respect for him as a police officer. He is very professional and he is a good role model for the young recruits in the police academy," Fleming told The Associated Press on Thursday.

The course, called "Racial Profiling," teaches about different cultures that officers could encounter in their community "and how you don't want to single people out because of their ethnic background or the culture they come from," Fleming said. The academy trains cadets for cities across the region.

Obama has said the Cambridge officers "acted stupidly" in arresting Gates last week when they responded to his house after a woman reported a suspected break-in.

Crowley, 42, has maintained he did nothing wrong and has refused to apologize, as Gates has demanded.

Crowley responded to Gates' home near Harvard University last week to investigate a report of a burglary and demanded Gates show him identification. Police say Gates at first

refused, flew into a rage and accused the officer of racism.

Gates was charged with disorderly conduct. The charge was dropped Tuesday.

Gates' supporters maintain his arrest was a case of racial profiling. Officers were called to the home by a woman who said she saw "two black males with backpacks" trying to break in the front door. Gates has said he arrived home from an overseas trip and the door was jammed.

Obama was asked about the arrest of Gates, who is his friend, at the end of a nationally televised news conference on health care Wednesday night.

"I think it's fair to say, No. 1, any of us would be pretty angry," Obama said. "No. 2, that the Cambridge police acted stupidly in arresting somebody when there was already proof that they were in their own home. And No. 3 — what I think we know separate and apart from this incident — is that there is a long history in this country of African-Americans and Latinos being stopped by law enforcement disproportionately, and that's just a fact."

In radio interviews Thursday morning, Crowley maintained he followed procedure.

"I support the president of the United States 110 percent. I think he was way off base wading into a local issue without knowing all the facts as he himself stated before he made that comment," Crowley told WBZ-AM. "I guess a friend of mine would support my position, too."

Former counseling director took gunman files by mistake

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — The former counseling center director at Virginia Tech inadvertently took home mental health records for the student gunman when he left his job a year before the massacre, the director's attorney said Thursday.

In a statement given to The Associated Press, attorney Ed McNelis said Dr. Robert Miller accidentally placed Seung-Hui Cho's records in a box he packed with his personal documents when he was leaving his job at the center in February 2006.

He said Miller opened the box for the first time last week while searching for any material that could be relevant to a lawsuit filed by families for two of the slain victims in the nation's worst mass shooting, on April 16, 2007.

The attorney said Miller was surprised to find Cho's records that evening and he returned them to the center the next morning. The file has not yet been released to the public.

"Dr. Miller deeply regrets that his inadvertence has caused so much distress for the families of the victims as well as his former colleagues at Virginia Tech," McNelis said. "Dr. Miller's candor and diligence in returning these records to the Cook Counseling Center dispels any inference of ill intent."

Wednesday's news that the records had been found at Miller's home prompted questions from victims' families and attorneys on why they were discovered there after eluding authorities, a state commission and an internal university search.

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Winehouse: I'm too short to have hit tall fan

LONDON — Amy Winehouse told a London court Thursday that she was too short to have punched a fan in the face, saying her trademark beehive makes her look taller than she is.

The 25-year-old "Back to Black" singer is on trial accused of hitting dancer Sherene Flash in the eye after the fan asked to take her picture following a September charity ball in London's Berkeley Square.

Winehouse told District Judge Timothy Workman that, at "5 foot 2½ or 5 foot 3" (about 160 centimeters), she was too short to have hit the woman in the face. Flash is 5 foot 7 inches (about 175 centime-

ters) tall.

"My hair does make a difference," said the singer, who sported her signature hairdo in court.

Winehouse left the witness box to show Workman her shoes, which she said were similar to those she wore on the night of the alleged assault.

"These are really flat. They don't even have a sole," she said.

Winehouse, known as much for her chaotic lifestyle as her soulful music, arrived at City of Westminster Magistrates' Court for the hearing dressed in a gray pinstripe suit.

Winehouse, who was granted a divorce from her husband Blake

Fielder-Civil a week ago, gave her name in court as Amy Jade Civil and sat quietly, occasionally taking notes, as prosecutors outlined the case against her.

She appeared relaxed and healthy as she took the stand and denied punching Flash. She said she had felt intimidated and annoyed when Flash "lunged at me and put her arm around me," and had only meant to push the other woman's arm away.

"I pushed her up, like away. I wanted her away from me," Winehouse said.

"It was more like an indication of 'leave me alone, I'm scared of you.'"

Officials probe Jackson's doctors in star's death

LOS ANGELES — Police and federal drug agents investigating the death of pop star Michael Jackson have seized documents and computer records from his doctor's clinic as they narrow their focus in what could become a criminal probe.

Almost one month after the King of Pop died, investigators from the Drug Enforcement Administration and Los Angeles police on Wednesday raided the Houston clinic of Conrad Murray, the personal physician Jackson hired in May to look after him as he prepared for a series of comeback concerts in London.

Among the items seized were files copied from an office hard drive

and 21 documents. Murray's lawyer, Edward Chernoff, said authorities believed the evidence "constituted evidence of the offense of manslaughter." He did not provide further details, and police said they do not consider Murray to be a suspect.

Authorities are investigating several doctors who associated with Jackson to see if they inappropriately provided him with prescription drugs.

A manslaughter charge would require proof there was a reckless action that created a risk of death or great bodily injury. If a doctor is aware of the risk, there might also be an issue of whether the patient was

made aware of that risk and decided to take it.

In the weeks since he died, rumors about what killed him have been rife. Several members of Jackson's family have said they suspect foul play. Investigators appear to be focusing on a powerful anesthetic, propofol. The drug was found in the Beverly Hills mansion Jackson was renting, according to a person with knowledge of the investigation who is not authorized to speak publicly.

Wednesday's raid of Murray's clinic in a lower-income area of north Houston was the most visible sign yet that Murray remains a central figure in the investigation.

Angelina Jolie visits displaced Iraqis

BAGHDAD — Angelina Jolie on Thursday visited a settlement for displaced Iraqis in northwest Baghdad in her role as a goodwill ambassador for UNHCR.

The actor met four families whose members said their children could not go to school and they could not afford to pay for medical

treatment, the U.N. refugee agency said.

Jolie said during her one-day trip that there is progress in returning Iraqis to their homes after years of war, but more needs to be done, according to UNHCR.

"This is a moment where things seem to be improving on the ground, but Iraqis need a lot of support and help to rebuild

their lives," the agency quoted Jolie as saying. It was the actor's third trip to Iraq.

UNHCR estimates that 1.6 million Iraqis were displaced within the country by sectarian violence, and that 300,000 have returned home amid improving security. It says hundreds of thousands of Iraqi refugees live in neighboring countries, mostly in Syria and Jordan.

Sugarland's Nettles to miss three more concerts

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The hit country duo Sugarland will miss three more concerts after a doctor ordered singer Jennifer Nettles to rest her voice for a week.

Mercury Records said Thursday that Nettles has strained and overused her vocal cords because

of "health issues" she has been battling since January. No other details were immediately available.

The group will miss shows Thursday in Sandy, Utah; Friday in Primm, Nev.; and Saturday in Phoenix.

The Nevada concert is postponed until Aug. 6, 2010. It has yet

to be determined whether the two other dates will be rescheduled.

Sugarland, which includes guitarist Kristian Bush, had to cancel shows in San Francisco and Los Angeles last weekend.

Their "Love on the Inside" tour is expected to resume July 30 in Bend, Ore.

Taco Bell ad star Gidget the Chihuahua dies at 15

LOS ANGELES — Gidget the Chihuahua, the bug-eyed, big-eared star of 1990s Taco Bell commercials who was a diva on and off the screen, has died. She was 15.

Gidget suffered a massive stroke late Tuesday night at her trainer's home in Santa Clarita and had to be euthanized, said Karin McElhatton, owner of Studio Animal Services in Castaic, which owned the dog.

Although she was hard of hearing, Gidget was otherwise in good health up to the day of her death, eating well and playing with her favorite squeaky toys at the home of trainer Sue Chipperton, McEl-

hatton said.

"She was retired. She lived like a queen, very pampered," McElhatton said.

Gidget was found at a kennel and wasn't show quality, McElhatton said; she had an undershot jaw and huge ears.

But Gidget knew she was a star, McElhatton said.

"She was a prima donna, basically. She absolutely knew when she was on camera," McElhatton said.

In a 1997 Taco Bell television commercial, Gidget was seen as a male dog who, through the magic of special effects and a voice actor, pro-

claims in a richly accented voice: "Yo quiero Taco Bell" — Spanish for "I want Taco Bell."

Viewers were charmed. What was supposed to be a single ad became a campaign that ran from 1997 to 2000.

The ads made the Taco Bell mascot wildly popular, although they provoked criticism from activists who accused them of promoting Hispanic stereotypes.

While other Chihuahuas had bit parts, McElhatton said it was Gidget who got the closeups and the quips (Carlos Alazraqui was the voice).

HIT ME WITH YOUR BEST SHOT



PHOTO BY COLEMAN MOREFIELD/The Daily Toreador
SAM REBER, LEFT, a junior history major from Fort Worth, and Myles McKellop, a sophomore from Houston, box with inflatable gloves at a Tech Activities Board event held Tuesday in Urbanovsky Park.

HOUSE

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Daniel said although it would not have been possible for them to travel back and forth because of the expense, they now have the opportunity to see Keifer several times a day because of the house.

"I'm so grateful for this house, too, because back home we would have only made it up here once or twice a week, and now it's six times a day," Daniel said. "So that makes a big difference."

Amber said they knew about Keifer's health problems before he was born, but his premature birth still came as a shock.

Jeffries said most families in the house, like the Warrens, did not plan to be where they are today, and the house works closely with hospitals to identify who would benefit most from their services.

"We see a lot of premature births, a lot of vehicular accidents, we see a lot of burn victims, cancer patients, and really the commonality with all of these illnesses is that they are never planned," she said. "That's not how it works."

"That's why so many people don't know of our services until they need them. And then when they need them, we go through a whole gamut. We see a family go through this same thing — it's universal. They're numb, they're here and they just need to be taken care of. We step up, we take care of them, and then we provide that support."

Daniel and Amber said they have learned how to deal with the stress of having Keifer in the hospital, but that the relationships they have developed with staff members and families in the house have been beneficial.

"We don't go to church or



PHOTO BY COLEMAN MOREFIELD/The Daily Toreador
KEIFER LOGAN WARREN, born April 15 2009, resides in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at the University Medical Center Monday.

anything, but we do believe," said Daniel, referring to their religious beliefs. "We'll have timeouts to ourselves. Mostly, we've developed a close-knit relationship to everyone in the house."

With a base of approximately 200 regular volunteers, Jeffries said the staff would not be able to run the house or other programs without the support of the community. She also said they depend on volunteers to keep their doors open, and encourage the public to volunteer in any way it can.

"The community and the (Texas) Tech students are so gracious and so giving, it's almost overwhelming to the families," she said. "We constantly talk to them about the fact that they are in a low spot and it's okay to accept peoples' grace and kindness."

"And then when you come out on top, you'll come through this, that's when we really talk to our families and we try to teach that it's your responsibility to give back grace and kindness."

Daniel said it has been a life-changing experience, and he has learned to accept the

help of others and the house, but watching his son and other families struggle has been a bittersweet experience that taught him patience and compassion.

Now, facing three more surgeries for Keifer's heart, Daniel said they are excited but nervous to start the next part of their journey, and that he hopes to give back to the community that helped him and his family.

"I want to talk about it, too," he said. "I want to go to schools and talk about this, ya know — talk to teens about teen pregnancy and what might happen. I can take pictures of Keifer with me and show them. I want to show them what I've gone through, and maybe they aren't ready to go through that yet. I just want to get my story out there. I want to help others. That's what I plan on doing."

Amber agreed with Daniel and said service and giving back will be important to them once they get back on their feet. She also said she is excited to see what the future holds.

"Everything happens for a reason," Amber said. "That's what I always tell (Daniel)."

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Clinton: US will enforce sanctions

PHUKET, Thailand (AP) — North Korea refused to re-enter talks to terminate its nuclear weapons program Thursday despite a united front of Asian nations spearheaded by U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton to get it back to the bargaining table.

Warning that Pyongyang's nuclear ambitions could spark an arms race in the region, Clinton said the U.S. will continue to vigorously enforce tough U.N. sanctions, insist that it "irreversibly denuclearize" and press for a return to so-called six-party negotiations.

But she held out the prospect of restoring U.S. diplomatic ties and other incentives — actions the Obama administration would be willing to consider if the North Koreans dismantle their nuclear program.

Clinton said the communist regime had "no friends left," citing near unanimity among Asian nations, including China, on fully enforcing the latest U.N. sanctions against North Korea for its repeated nuclear and missile tests.

Disney's iron fist on Internet copyright hurting, not helping

You remember "Alice in Wonderland," right? The trippy animation, the creepy wide grin of the Cheshire Cat, the rolling eyes of the Mad Hatter — it is a true Disney classic.

Did you know they're remaking the film? Yep, "Alice in Wonderland" will return to the silver screen in live action-ish form next year under the reins of the visionary Tim Burton. It'll star Anne Hathaway as the White Queen, Johnny Depp as the Mad Hatter and Helena Bonham Carter as the Queen of Hearts — an all-star cast indeed.

As is generally the custom for movie releases nowadays, Disney made a teaser trailer for the film, which (as most trailers do) made its way to the Internet a couple of days before its official release thanks to some excited fans. It hit the popular gaming news site IGN and the ubiquitous YouTube on Wednesday.

However, just as buzz about this exciting new trailer was growing on the Web, none other than Disney stopped that in its tracks. Shortly after the video leaked, Disney issued a formal takedown request to anyone hosting the "Alice in Wonderland" trailer. Instantly, millions of interested fans were left hanging.

But as Mr. Universe might say, "You can't stop the signal."

The trailer spread across the Web anyway, going underground, jumping between obscure video hosts, finding cracks in the wall and punching through. It found the fans, but it took much longer to do so and the reposts were generally of much lower quality.

Disney claims such postings are a copyright infringement. And technically, they are. Disney owns the copyrights to any and all content associated with the new film, and most who distribute the trailer probably aren't paying Disney for the right to do so. The company's action is perfectly logical from a legal standpoint.

Stephen Torrence



But let's step back for a second and examine this move from a promotional standpoint. Disney was essentially handed one of the hardest marketing phenomena to pull off artificially — a viral sensation. The trailer leak was poised to grant them millions of dollars worth of free positive publicity, but they essentially threw that all into the toilet.

Disney is still desperately fighting to keep the trailer release confined to only their approved channels, funneling potential fans into a promotional framework they control. The thing they don't seem to realize is that fans no longer seek out content, they want content to come to them, on demand, where they are.

Here's what Disney should've done. Instead of sending takedown notices during the peak of the trailer's buzz, they should have immediately posted a full 720p HD version of the trailer on YouTube. It would have instantly become the de facto link source. News flash: users prefer quality. Best for Disney, they would have been at the center of the viral spread.

This isn't the first time Disney has failed to adapt to rapid changes in technology. They still follow the archaic practice of creating artificial scarcity for their animated classics by releasing them only every decade or so for limited periods of time before locking them back in the "Disney Vault."

I know Disney already makes billions of dollars each year, but they are

missing clear opportunities to make even more. Why isn't the entire collection of Disney films available on Blu-Ray? Don't tell me they don't have the manpower to make it happen.

To be perfectly clear, I think Disney has made some great films over the years. Restrictive policies like setting arbitrary moratoria on film releases, and stifling viral distribution serve only to frustrate fans of Disney's timeless work and encourage piracy.

We live in an on-demand media world where content consumers are used to getting what they want, when they want it. Just look at how popular DVRs and services like Netflix On-Demand have become.

Disney needs to seriously re-evaluate its policy toward content distribution. If they truly seek to spread happiness and enjoyment through their entertainment, they should make it all available, accessible and of the highest quality in the standard and emerging marketplaces. Punishing fans for showing interest is the complete antithesis of that.

I will probably pay to go see "Alice in Wonderland" when it comes out in theaters next year, because I generally enjoy Disney films, I love Johnny Depp and I appreciate Tim Burton's unique style.

I believe art speaks for itself, and its reach should never be molded, suppressed, or artificially throttled because of some executive's antiquated notions of copyright.

Disney must plunge down the rabbit hole, wise up to new media and learn to adapt rather than fight, or they will be left behind with dinosaurs like the giant record labels, crumbling under a half-century of insidious precedent.

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Food for thought, health

Mark Guerra



One of the most frightening experiences for children is going to the doctor to get their shots. We've all sat on the examination table with that annoying paper rustling as we squirm while our parents distract us so some nurse can stick us with a needle. Although the experience is never pleasant, the lollipop and Scooby-Doo Band-Aid are pretty good consolations ... that and not getting polio.

As we get older vaccinations are still necessary, especially if one decides to enter the medical field, but knowing that we are taking the steps to avoid illnesses such as the flu, staph infections, tetanus, diphtheria, shingles, and whooping cough definitely outweigh a cartoon Band-Aid. However, there is no need to quit giving out lollipops.

Seriously though, vaccinations have changed the world. More than 20 million people die each year because the current method of making vaccinations does not yield enough for the entire world and is not conducive for long distance transportation or storage. Unfortunately, the deprived are currently the most in need because many of them live in environments with poor sanitation, crude hospitals and primitive clinics, thus the difficulty in storing these life-saving shots.

So how do we overcome the shortage, transportation and storage issues? With the same technology that is making many people very pussed off with the agriculture industry: genetically modifying plants.

Currently, vaccines come from animals, bacteria, viruses, and yeast. Animal vaccines are expensive while bacterial and viral derived vaccines are low-yielding; only one vaccine comes from yeast.

All of them require extensive purification, are heat-sensitive with instability as the consequence and some are preserved with formaldehyde and/or therosil, which are toxic substances.

Plant vaccines are unlike any of the current ones because they can be grown anywhere with age-old techniques, growing them is cheap, stability of the vaccine essential proteins has proven to be extremely stable and they do not harbor human or animal pathogens, which eliminates the risk of becoming infected from a vaccine.

Oh, and no more shots. Unfortunately, this may result in no more lollipops, but one day kids won't even know about the lollipop incentive.

Amazingly, edible vaccinations are not a future in biotechnology, but they are rather a modern marvel. Arizona State University plant biologist Charles Artzen, Ph.D., was the first to successfully genetically modify a plant with a vaccine. During clinical trials, the oral vaccine was used as a booster since all participants had already received an injection of the current hepatitis

B vaccine. As expected, the trials worked beautifully.

Even though there have been successful clinical trials, the Federal Drug Administration will not allow trials on participants who have not received an injection of the hepatitis B vaccination because they are unsure if using the oral vaccine before the injection will work the same.

In addition to the FDA's concerns are activist groups arguing the ethics and methods of producing these life-saving plants because the only pharmaceutical company, ProdiGene, to have permission from the U.S. Drug Administration to grow test crops with vaccinations violated the terms of their permit, twice. Fortunately, the violations bankrupted the company. Hopefully now a responsible

pharmaceutical company can convince the USDA for a second chance at a very promising medical advancement.

Only time will tell if regulatory agencies and the public can be swayed to accept oral vaccinations, but with current

practices proven to be inefficient and with the Third World still being plagued by diseases, that most of us are immune to, plant vaccinations seem to be a promising alternative.

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“More than 20 million people die each year because the current method of making vaccinations does not yield enough.”

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Neel sentenced in child support case

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Former major leaguer Troy Neel has been sentenced five years of probation for failing to pay more than \$700,000 in child support.

A federal judge in San Antonio on Thursday issued the sentence to the former Oakland Athletics first baseman, sparing him the maximum sentence of two years in prison because he would not have been able to pay child support while incarcerated.

Neel's debt makes him the biggest child support debtor in Texas history.

The judge ordered Neel to pay \$779,000 in restitution.

The 43-year-old lived on a million-dollar South Pacific island resort while \$5,000 in missed monthly payments for his two children stacked up. Neel played for the A's from 1992-94, then continued his career in Japan and Korea before retiring in 2001.

New Tour de France team announced

ANNECY, France (AP) — Lance Armstrong and Radio Shack are forming a new cycling team that will compete in next year's Tour de France.

The seven-time Tour winner

made the announcement Thursday in a video on his Livestrong Web site. He also is expected to compete in running and triathlon events for Team RadioShack beginning in 2010.

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Sox' Mark Buehrle pitches perfect game, second no hitter of career

CHICAGO (AP) — Mark Buehrle pitched the 18th perfect game in major league history, and Chicago White Sox center fielder DeWayne Wise got the assist.

Just into the game as a defensive replacement, Wise robbed Gabe Kapler of a leadoff home run in the ninth inning and Buehrle coolly closed out a 5-0 victory Thursday over the Tampa Bay Rays.

Wise took over in center field from Scott Podsednik, who shifted to left. With the count 2-2, Kapler hit a drive to deep left-center. Wise sprinted, jumped and got his glove about a foot above the 8-foot fence to rob Kapler of a home run.

The ball almost came out when Wise caromed off the fence, stumbled, fell to the ground and rolled. But he steadied it with his chest and bare left hand and bounced right up, proudly displaying the ball for the crowd.

"I was hoping it was staying in there, give him enough room to catch it. I know the guys were doing everything they could to save the no-hitter, the perfect game, whatever it might be," Buehrle said.

Wise knew the stakes.

"I was with the Braves in '04 and I was there when Randy Johnson of the Diamondbacks pitched a perfect game. So I've been on both sides of it," he said. "It was probably the best catch I've ever made because of the circumstances.

"It was kind of crazy, man, because

when I jumped, the ball hit my glove at the same time I was hitting the wall. So I didn't realize I had caught it until I fell down and the ball was coming out of my glove, so I reached out and grabbed it."

White Sox manager Ozzie Guillen was happy he made the switch.

"I guess that's our job," he said.

Michel Hernandez then struck out, and with fans chanting Buehrle's name, Jason Bartlett grounded to shortstop. Buehrle put both hands on his head and was mobbed by teammates between the mound and first base.

"I don't know if it's really sunk in yet. We have a short flight to Detroit. I'm sure it will be a little hectic later," Buehrle said.

The pitcher had already received a congratulatory telephone call from President Barack Obama — a White Sox fan — following the 16th perfect game since the modern era began in 1900 and the first

since Johnson's on May 18, 2004.

White House press secretary Robert Gibbs said Obama told Buehrle: "It was an unbelievable achievement, something that everyone will always remember."

Buehrle (11-3), backed by Josh Fields' second-inning grand slam, threw 76 of 116 pitches for strikes and fanned six in his second no-hitter, helping Chicago move within a percentage point of AL Central-leading Detroit.

In a 6-0 win over Texas on April 18, 2007, he also faced the minimum 27 batters. He walked Sammy Sosa in the fifth inning of that game, then picked him off two pitches later.

"I bought everyone watches after the last one. That was an expensive no-hitter," Buehrle said. "This one will probably be more expensive."

Before the ninth, Buehrle needed no great plays behind him. In the fourth, Evan

Longoria hit a line drive right at shortstop Alexei Ramirez. In the eighth, third baseman Gordon Beckham didn't have to move to catch Pat Burrell's liner.

Buehrle went to three-ball counts on just four batters, including 3-0 to Bartlett in the sixth. Bartlett took the next two pitches for strikes, fouled one off and then hit a routine grounder to Ramirez. As the shortstop threw to first, those in the crowd of 28,036, sensing history, cheered loudly.

With one out in the eighth, Ben Zobrist hit a weak grounder that just rolled foul and later popped out on a 3-2 pitch. The next batter, Burrell, lined one just foul to left, with third-base umpire Laz Diaz making an emphatic "foul" call. Burrell then lined out to third moments later.

The 30-year-old left-hander became only the second pitcher to throw two no-hitters for the White Sox: Frank Smith did it against Detroit in 1905 and the Philadelphia Athletics in 1908. The only previous perfect game for the White Sox was by Charles Robertson at Detroit on April 30, 1922.

It was the second no-hitter against the Rays. Derek Lowe accomplished the feat for Boston on April 27, 2002.

Scott Kazmir (4-6) allowed five runs and five hits in sixth innings. In addition to Fields' grand slam, Ramirez hit an RBI double in the fifth.

"I know the guys were doing everything they could to save the no-hitter, the perfect game, whatever it may be."

MARK BUEHRLE
White Sox Pitcher

NY Post: ESPN outed own reporter in nude video

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — The New York Post on Thursday defended its publication of photos from an illicitly filmed Internet video showing ESPN reporter Erin Andrews naked in a hotel room by accusing the sports network of having outed her.

ESPN on Wednesday said it was banning Post reporters from appearing on the company's programs because the newspaper published three photos from the video.

A newspaper spokeswoman declined to comment on the ban. She referred The Associated Press to an item on the Post's gossip page published Thursday that takes ESPN to task for allegedly outing Andrews.

"No one would have known that a sick voyeur had secretly videotaped ESPN reporter Erin Andrews nude in her hotel room, if the Mickey Mouse sports network hadn't sent a letter to an obscure Web site demanding that it take down its link to a fuzzy video of an unidentified blonde," the Post said in its popular "Page 6" column.

The Post quoted ESPN spokesman Chris LaPlaca as saying the network is

acting "in concert with Erin and her team." A spokesman for the Bristol, Conn.-based company, which is owned by the Walt Disney Co., declined further comment Thursday.

ESPN last week sent a letter to a Web site demanding that the video be removed. The person who posted the video didn't identify the nude woman, but her attorney has confirmed the video was of the 31-year-old reporter.

The Post was one of several TV networks and newspapers that aired or published images from the video, which Andrews' attorney says was shot without her knowledge. Andrews plans to seek criminal charges and file civil lawsuits against the person who shot the video and anyone who publishes the material, attorney Marshall Grossman said.

Grossman previously told the AP that Andrews decided to confirm it was her "to put an end to rumor and speculation and to put the perpetrator and those who are complicit on notice that they act at their peril."

Post reporters, including columnists Lenn Robbins, Kevin Kernan, Joel Sherman and Mark Cannizzaro, are regular guests on ESPN shows.

Andrews, a former University of Florida dance team member, was an Internet sensation even before the video's circulation. Some Web sites have referred to her as "Erin Pageviews" because of the traffic she can generate, and Playboy magazine named her "sexiest sportscaster" in both 2008 and 2009. She has covered numerous sports for the network since 2004, often as a sideline reporter.



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Armstrong in third at Tour de France

ANNECY, France (AP) — Alberto Contador all but assured his second Tour de France victory Thursday, winning the race's final time trial while Lance Armstrong moved up one spot to third place.

Contador, Armstrong's Astana teammate and the 2007 Tour champion, increased his overall lead in the 18th stage in which cyclists rode against the clock on the 25-mile course in and around Annceny. The three-week race ends Sunday on the Champs-Elysees in Paris.

Contador finished in 48 minutes, 31 seconds, beating Fabian Cancellara of Switzerland by three seconds. Russia's Mikhail Ignatiev was third, 15 seconds back.

"I went all out," said Contador, adding his earpiece radio linking him to team managers stopped working during the stage and he was worried about Cancellara's skill at time trials.

"Of course, what I especially wanted was to think about general class. A stage victory was less important," he said. "I'm very happy. I didn't expect it."

Armstrong was 15th, 1:30 behind. But the seven-time champion easily overcame a 30-second deficit to Frank Schleck, who began the day in third place but slipped to sixth after finishing 2:34 behind Contador.

Schleck and younger brother Andy had bumped Armstrong from second place to fourth a day earlier in the last punishing Alpine stage.

Overall, Contador leads Andy Schleck by 4:11. Armstrong is 5:25 back and Britain's Bradley Wiggins is fourth, 5:36 behind. Germany's Andreas Kloeber, another Astana rider, is fifth, 5:38 back. Frank Schleck is sixth, 5:59 behind.

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