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THE NATIONAL WEATHER Service reported that 75 percent of Joplin, Mo., suffered damages because of the May 22 tornado, while a branch of the American Red Cross reported that 25 percent of the city was either seriously damaged or destroyed completely.

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Another thing she said she noticed while she was there was the sense of community from the people in Joplin.

Corson said neighbors are helping each other and complete strangers are coming in from out of state and out of country to help the people in Joplin.

"You just get a real strong sense of people helping people and that kind of gives some hope for humanity," she said. "It just reminds you of how we can bond together during a destructive time like this."

Christine Robitschek, an associate professor of psychology at Tech, said there is a wide variety of way that people handle traumatic events.

Some people, she said initially experience stress then over time recover, some never recover and others may kick into "problem-solving mode."

Robitschek said in times of tragedy people tend to pull together and strengthen their relationships.

"There's a lot of property damage, there's a lot of loss of life usually associated with natural disasters," she said. "It can really draw people together because whoever's left that's often all they have to rely on, is each other and so it can really draw people together and build relationships."

Corson said seeing the destruction and hearing people's stories first hand had a "strong" emotional impact on her even though she wasn't there when the tornado hit.

Before conducting the survey Corson said she had to prepare and ground herself, but she wouldn't hold back her emotions and let herself be in the moment with the people she spoke with.

"I was crying with them so it was really tough, but as I said there's sort of a sense of hope they're holding on to," she said. "So that's sort of a silver lining that they haven't destroyed their hope — it may have destroyed their land, but it didn't destroy their hope, which is good."

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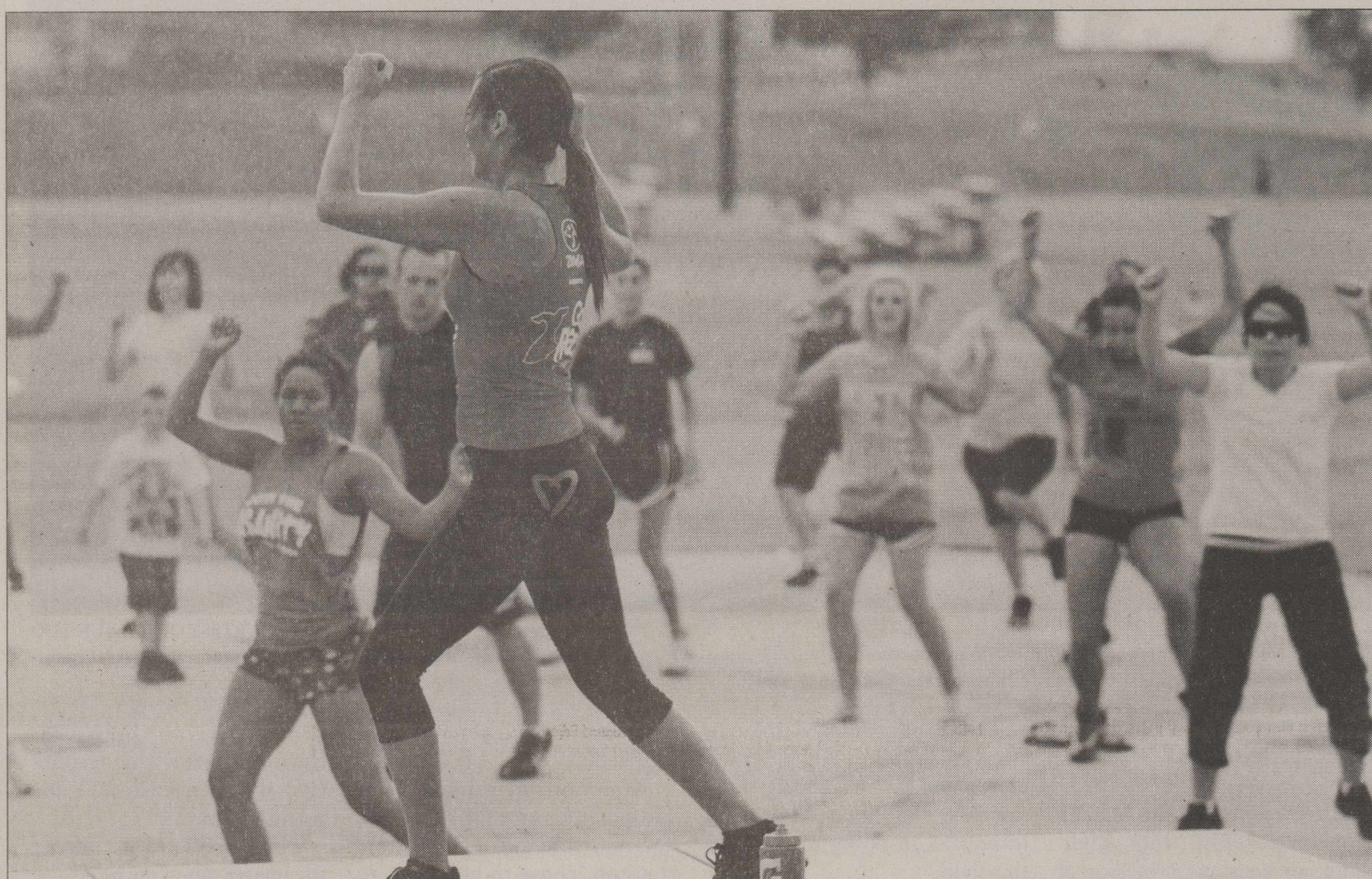


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Burress leaves jail for uncertain NFL career

NEW YORK (AP) Locked up for 20 months for illegally carrying and firing a gun at a Manhattan nightclub, Plaxico Burress is ready to walk out of prison and face another grim reality, a lockout that could jeopardize the resumption of his football career.

The former New York Giants receiver who caught the game-winning pass in the 2008 Super Bowl is set to leave the Oneida Correctional Facility in upstate New York on Monday. Burress, who turns 34 in August, plans to return to his Florida home to spend time with his wife, son and a daughter born while he was in jail.

Unlike Michael Vick, released in 2009 from a federal term for dogfighting, Burress doesn't have a league waiting to bid on his services.

But "he will play in the NFL this year," Drew Rosenhaus, Burress' agent, said in an email to The Associated Press. "Many teams want him. He will be a top free agent. He is healthy and ready to go. He will be signed shortly after the lockout ends."

Burress' release caps a more than

three-year saga that saw yet another athlete put behind bars, separated from family and friends and losing the riches and lifestyle most only dream about.

"You go from being the absolute hero to finding yourself in jail for a mistake in judgment," Peter M. Frankel, Burress' attorney, told the AP in an interview. "It's really a tragic story."

Burress was at the pinnacle of his career when everything went south.

The lanky 6-foot-5 receiver seemingly had a career-defining moment when he caught a 13-yard pass from Eli Manning with 35 seconds to play to give the Giants a stunning 17-14 win over the undefeated New England Patriots in the 2008 Super Bowl.

Nine months later his world unraveled. Burress, with a handgun tucked in his sweatpants, hit a New York City nightclub with then Giants linebacker Antonio Pierce. Burress' weapon slipped from his waistband and discharged as he attempted to grab it, injuring him in the thigh. The bullet narrowly missed a security guard, prosecutors said.

Burress' wound was not serious. The fallout was disastrous.

Mayor Michael Bloomberg called for him to be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law and was irate that officials at New York-Presbyterian Hospital/Weill Cornell Medical Center treated Burress and failed to report the shooting, as required by law. A doctor who treated Burress was later suspended.

Burress was sentenced to two years in prison in September 2009 after pleading guilty to attempted criminal possession of a weapon. The gun was not licensed in New York or in New Jersey, where Burress lived. His license to carry a concealed weapon in Florida had expired in May 2008.

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"X-Men: First Class" rejuvenates once-dead comic book franchise

Summer blockbusters have been dominated by superhero films over the past 10 years and the film that kick started this movement was Bryan Singer's "X-Men." The 1978 "Superman" and 1989 "Batman" were more the exception than the rule, but Singer's adaptation made the public interested in seeing more comic to film adaptations.

The franchise, however, has been tarnished in the past few years, Singer's departure from "X-Men: The Last Stand" was felt as the film failed commercially and critically.

After that disaster, the studio then tried to cash in on each character's origin starting with the most popular character, Wolverine. Unfortunately, that film managed to destroy the X-Men label even more than the previous film.

Fortunately for X-Men fans, the latest installment in the widely popular comic series rejuvenates the once-dead franchise.

"X-Men: First Class" is set in an

Tyler Ware



era before Professor Charles Xavier and Erik Lehnsherr became enemies.

During the height of the Cold War, both men realize they could use their unique powers to avert a

global thermonuclear disaster. The two powerful mutants then launch an intense recruitment campaign with the support of the CIA.

Charles (James McAvoy) and Erik (Michael Fassbender) assemble a crack team that includes Mystique (Jennifer Lawrence), Beast (Nicholas Hoult) and others.

Meanwhile, the malevolent Sebastian Shaw (Kevin Bacon) plots to plunge the world into war with the help of his own villainous mutants.

In the process of saving the world, however, Charles and Erik clash on their ideas of humanity, setting the stage for Professor X and Magneto to become enemies.

Director Matthew Vaughn does a magnificent job creating a period piece while keeping it highly stylized like his film, "Layer Cake."

This style makes the audience recognize this as its own independent film rather than just a prequel or an extension of the franchises previous work.

The film is unfortunately halted when new mutants are introduced to the story just to show off their powers. This aspect tends to get extremely annoying as the relationship between Charles and Erik is way more enticing than any special effect.

"X-Men: First Class" does suffer from some abnormalities prequels fall into. The film makes snide hints like Charles saying, "Why, I'll never go bald," and them sighting Wolverine. The film also gets almost childish at points like Erik exclaiming at the top of his lungs, "I am Magneto."

These elements don't destroy the movie but it's strange for a film that touches on mature themes thoughtfully to produce these scenes that are extremely cliché and dumb.

Overall, "X-Men: First Class" achieves great performances from its well-rounded cast and with a strong script and stylish direction vastly overshadow the usual faults of prequels and brings the franchise back to prominence.

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Robert Pattinson sinks teeth into MTV Movie Awards

UNIVERSAL CITY, Calif. (AP) — The MTV Movie Awards was more like "The Team Edward Show."

"Twilight" star Robert Pattinson sucked up the spotlight — and some popcorn-shaped trophies — at Sunday's shenanigan-packed ceremony. Among the goofy actor's moments: winning three different awards, unexpectedly kissing co-star Taylor Lautner, and slipping the F-word past censors when presenting Reese Witherspoon with the special MTV Generation Award.

"It's not always a bad thing to have sexual chemistry with your mother," joked Pattinson, who played the son of Witherspoon's character in "Vanity Fair" and her love interest in "Water for Elephants."

For his role as vampire Edward Cullen in "The Twilight Saga: Eclipse," Pattinson won best male performance, best fight with Bryce Dallas Howard and Xavier Samuel, and best kiss with Kristen Stewart. Instead of smooching each other, Pattinson declared he didn't

"feel like kissing" Stewart before he descended back into the audience and planted his lips on Lautner.

Team Jacob also earned some love from "Saturday Night Live" star Jason Sudeikis, the show's host, who kicked off the silly ceremony at the Gibson Amphitheater by starring in his own version of "The Hangover" in which he went in search of a lost Lautner. The other "Twilight" winners were Stewart for best female performance and "Eclipse" for best movie.

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OPINIONS

College students can save print journalism

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The word on the street is that print media is meeting a slow, painful death. With major newspapers such as the *New York Times* and the *Washington Post* laying off hundreds of workers at various instances, one may wonder what the future holds for journalism.

Many doomsayers give it a decade or two before all of print media will be abandoned. Others predict that the federal government will begin to subsidize newspapers and magazines. Everyone in the media seems to be panicking. Most blame the advent of the Internet for the rapid deterioration of print journalism. After all, it does make sense that no one is going to pay for something that they can easily procure for free.

But I think the problem runs much deeper than most people think. Radio didn't kill theater and the VCR didn't kill television. Why does every new technology have to kill an older one in order to survive? This has not been the case in the past. Why should we pretend that it is going to start now?

I believe the main problem newspapers and magazines face is not a result of Facebook, Twitter and bloggers. The problem lies with the society we live in. Largely, Americans are a lazy and superficial people. We as a society glorify ignorance in its most perverse forms. Many of us race home from work to watch *Dancing with the Stars* or *American Idol* rather than read that day's edition of the newspaper.

It's not that Americans are getting their news online; it's that

they're not getting it anywhere. Don't believe me? As college students we are supposed to exemplify aptitude and intellect in our daily lives. But most of us would rather find out who is fornicating and fighting with one another on the latest episode of the *Jersey Shore*.

I have met many people in college that think it's strange for me to be reading the newspaper on a daily basis. I do not understand where this aversion to reading is coming from. Have college students always been like this or is it a new trend? Let's hope it's just a passing phase.

There will always be partying and debauchery in college. But to what extent are college students taking this level of ignorance? These are questions that the young people of our generation need to ask themselves.

Overall, what bothers me the most about the decline of print is one simple fact. Most good investigative journalism comes from newspapers and magazines. Without print institutions like *Time*, the *Wall Street Journal*, and the *New York Times* where will transparency come from? Who will uncover the scandals and frauds inside of our own government? In order for a society to be free, these checks and balances are needed on the federal, state and local governments. Good reporting will rest in the fate of print.

Hopefully, we as students can reverse the startling trend of ignorance that is sweeping across our country. So occasionally would it really hurt to step away from Facebook and pick up a newspaper or magazine? Who knows, you might actually learn something.

Advice on giving advice

Asking for advice and actually taking the advice given to you are two completely different things. It seems like we have no problem

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again believes his lies and the cycle continues. What was the point of asking for the advice from an outside eye if she was just going to ignore everything and do what she

asking our neighborhood coffee shop worker what their favorite menu item is and then immediately ordering it, but when it comes to following the advice of a close friend on what to do in life, we freeze.

Ordering the new caramel latte probably isn't as important as whom to date, but it seems like the act of asking for advice can be done all day

long. It's the acting on the advice we can't handle. It seems we ask as many friends as possible on what to do until we finally hear the agreeable friend give us the response we want.

Both girls and guys have equally spent their fair amount of time listening to a close friend cry over a bad break up. Girls comfort their best gal pal by feeding her chocolates and insisting the guy was not good enough for her. After tons of questions by the broken-hearted girl about what to do; where to go; what to wear next time she sees him, the friends demand the girl never speak to him again, and if she must run into him "accidentally" at a restaurant to wear her sassiest little shirt to remind him what he let go. Confident, the girl in tears swears she'll never go back to the cheating liar. And time and time again, like we've all seen, the once broken-hearted girl once

pleased?

For most, lending words of encouragement and offering counsel to close friends is not a chore, but proves frustrating when they deliberately ignore the advice you give them.

The friend in need knows your advice is most helpful, but continues to go against it.

On the guys' side of the break up it's no different. A guy will

ask his "bros" for advice on whether to drop the ball or chain or not, and more times than not the "bros" give the thumbs up to him being a single man. The guy is clearly not happy in the relationship and promises he'll be free soon enough. A week later, he's blowing off his friends again to hang out with the girl he said made him crazy.

At the end of the day, people make their own decisions. It's their life, they have to live and it doesn't matter if it pleases anyone else. It's just irritating when someone asks their good friend to listen to their sob story for hours and beg for guidance, and then do the complete opposite. It seems no one truly wants to ask for advice; they just want someone to agree with them and reassure them why they are right.

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Academics help Ohio State football program's image

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Amid the biggest scandal in the football program's history, there is a silver lining for the Ohio State athletic department.

A record 523 scholar-athletes were honored Monday night for academic achievements, including 40 from the "corrupt" football program.

Cornerback Chimdi Chikwa, who was drafted by the Oakland Raiders on April 30, was one of five male finalists for the Big Ten Medal of Honor for his success as an honors student in accounting and his on-field play.

OSU football also was hon-

ored by the NCAA on May 17, receiving public-recognition awards for the team's academic progress rate from 2006-10. These awards are given to teams in the top 10 percent in each sport.

OSU football was one of 14 BCS schools that received this award. Northwestern was the only other Big Ten school to earn it.

Four other sports at OSU — baseball, men's gymnastics and men's and women's tennis also were awarded for their academic progress rates.

For all the trouble the athletic department and football program are in, the coaches of each team have obviously set

high academic standards for their players.

Absent from the list of BCS schools honored are football powerhouse schools from the SEC. The only SEC school honored was Vanderbilt, far from a contender in the conference.

OSU's multiyear APR is 985, 15 points short of a perfect 1,000 and 36 points higher than the average of all Football Bowl Subdivision schools.

That the football team has attended a BCS bowl each of the past five seasons and that its players have exceeded 90 percent of FBS schools in the classroom, is unbelievable — despite the controversy surrounding the program.

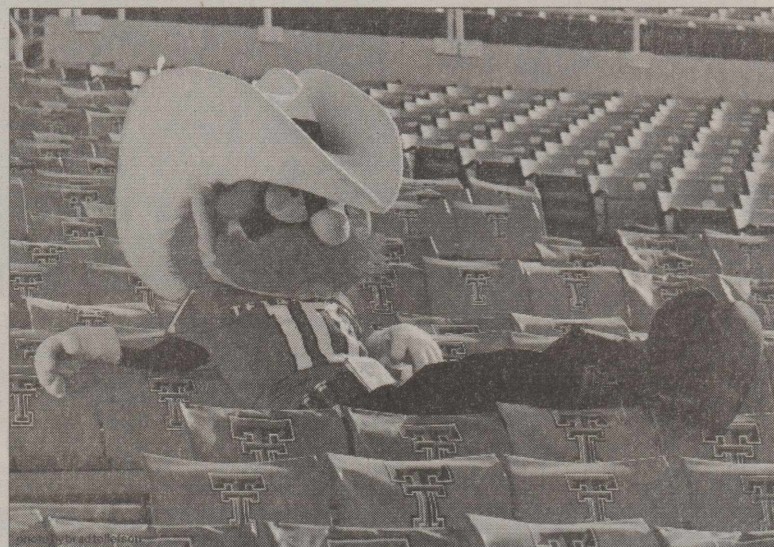
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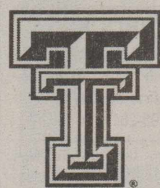
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ACROSS													
1	Ivan the Terrible, e.g.	5	Deadly snakes	9	Simple hoops shot	14	Restrictive membership word	15	Digital water testers?	16	Make laugh	17	All ring trademark
18	Alumnae, e.g.	20	La la lead-in	21	Conestoga-made grooves	22	Church-owned Dallas sch.	23	Epcot's "giant golf ball"	28	Victoria in Africa	29	Comics scream
30	Easter basket delivery gal?	32	Miracle Mets' stadium	35	Eyelid annoyance	36	Stat for Cliff Lee	37	Painter of outdoors scenes	42	Coffee hour vessel	43	It was often worn over a tunic
44	Rocks to refine	45	Academic address letters	46	Carnival resort	47	Battling group	50	Rolling over, so to speak	55	Fingers for the D.A.	57	Opposite of pre-
58	Subside, with "down"	59	Subside	62	Soup ingredients, and a hint to the hidden theme in 17, 23, 37, and 50	64	Des Moines resident	65	Silvery fish	66	"Heck!"	67	Lived

DOWN													
2	Poke around	3	Pack leader	4	Corned beef bread	5	Just after sunset	6	Relieve	7	For those who think young" soft drink	8	Duluth-to-Dubuque dir.
9	Member of Congress, say	10	Love in Lille	11	"Tasty"	12	Exploit	13	Con's home	18	Vicinity	22	"Gotta run!"
24	Dressed	25	Red Rose	26	"A League of Own"	27	Silver in old Westerns	31	Loving strokes	32	Swing around	33	Game start?
34	Listless feeling	35	Hot tub	38	Grating	39	Nickel and dime	40	Wide-eyed	41	Kids' stuff	47	17-mission NASA program
48	Fight back	49	Demon of "Invictus"	51	Indispe	52	Berth place	53	Perfect	54	Some storytellers	55	Like some limited-choice questions
59	Help	60	Gift decoration	61	Blow away	62	Tennis unit	63	iPhone, e.g.				

By Don Gagliardo and C.C. Burnikel 6/7/11

Friday's Puzzle Solved

SWIPE	THAIS	DEM
AURAS	RECAP	ICE
GRAVED	UNCLE	RCA
ESTER	REST	EATEN
STEROL	EDDY	
ST	LAID	TROOPER
HEM	HOORAY	POLO
ALAMO	NYU	ATOLL
ISLE	PIEPAN	LEE
RAID	INCREASE	
CALC	HEPCAT	
SHILL	DEKE	HERO
LOO	FRAYED	TRAIN
APU	EARED	POSSE
MES	DEEDS	SNEER

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