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Tech community shares opinions, memories about space shuttle program

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NASA plans to complete its final space shuttle mission Friday at the Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral, Fla., by sending the shuttle, Atlantis, for a 12-day resupply mission to the International Space Station.

The program has been in use more than 30 years, since NASA launched its first shuttle, Columbia, on April 12, 1981.

"As humanity's first reusable spacecraft, the space shuttle pushed the bounds of discovery ever farther,

requiring not only advanced technologies but the tremendous effort of a vast workforce," NASA's website said. "Thousands of civil servants and contractors throughout NASA's field centers and across the nation have demonstrated an unwavering commitment to mission success and the greater goal of space exploration."

Joel Tumbiolo, a Texas Tech alumnus, works at the Cape Canaveral Air Force Station as a launch weather officer. A former member of the Air Force, Tumbiolo has been working with space shuttle launches for 20 years.

He has very clear memories of dozens of shuttle launches, Tumbiolo said, including the Endeavour, which was built to replace the Challenger shuttle that exploded after a failed liftoff in 1986.

"I started my career in 1991 and the Endeavour first launched in May 1992 and its last launch in May 2011," he said. "And I was here for both of those launchings."

The Bush administration made a decision in 2003 to close the space shuttle program, he said, after the Columbia shuttle disaster that claimed the life of astronaut and Tech graduate Rick Husband, among others.

Originally, former President Bush decided to retire the shuttle program in 2010 in favor of the Constellation program and its manned Orion spacecraft. However, President Obama signed the NASA Authorization Act in October 2010, which officially brought the Constellation program to an end.

Visiting astronomy professor, Maurice Clark said he is unsure what new program will replace the space shuttles, but he believes NASA will be at a standstill until then because the U.S. will be dependent on other nations for space travel.

"There's nothing to replace the shuttles yet," he said. "When Bush was president, he ordered NASA to come up with some sort of replacement, but there wasn't any money to do it with. So with the way things are going at the moment, NASA is going to try and hitch a ride with the Russians to get access to space."

Once the space shuttle program ends, Tumbiolo said he thinks the government's decision to end the space shuttle program was the proper choice in the long run.

"I think it's a good call," he said. "I think the space shuttle program still has some life in it, but I think it was time to retire the space shuttle."

I mean it's been in operation for over 30 years and it's time to move to new launch vehicles and that's what they're developing now."

He understands the reason for ending the program, Clark said, but thinks the lack of space shuttles will do more harm than good.

"To me, personally, I think it is really bad what they're doing at the moment," he said. "The government is trying to save money, even though the cost of NASA is actually quite miniscule compared to the rest of the federal budget."

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EMPLOYEES FROM WEST Texas Paving begin working on Main Street as it intersects with Flint in front of the Student Wellness Center. They estimate the paving will be done by Friday.

Tech hosts second annual Global Lens Film Festival

By KASSIDY KETRON
STAFF WRITER

Students, faculty, staff and the Lubbock community will have the opportunity to see films most local movie theaters do not offer.

Texas Tech's College of Mass Communications will host the Global Film Initiative's Global Lens Film Festival, a compilation of foreign films, which will begin at 7 p.m. July 15 in room 101 of the Mass Communications building.

Robert Peaslee, an assistant professor in the department of electronic media and communications, organizes the Global Lens films at Tech and has been doing so for the past three years.

"The Global Lens film series is something that is put together each year by a non-profit organization called the Global Film Initiative, and they're based out of San Francisco, and their mission is, essentially, to enhance intercultural understanding through the medium of cinema," he said.

The Global Film Initiative, Peaslee said, helps filmmakers from developing economies around the world with post-productions, distribution and exhibition in the U.S.

The organization hosts an open competition every year for the foreign films, and from there they choose the films that will be distributed to cultural and educational institutions, he said.

Jeremy Quist, Global Lens Series Manager for Global Film Initiative, said they are pleased with how the films have done at Tech, which is the first location in the South Plains for Global Lens.

Each year, he said GFI's returning partners report an increase in attendance after showing the films.

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White House seeks delay of Mexican man's execution

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — The U.S. Supreme Court on Thursday was considering whether to block a Mexican citizen's execution for the rape and murder of a teenager in a case where Texas justice clashed with international treaty rights. The White House was among those pleading for a stay, saying the case could affect not only foreigners in the U.S. but Americans detained in other countries.

The Obama administration asked the high court to delay Humberto Leal's execution, set for Thursday evening, so Congress could consider a law that would require court reviews in cases where condemned foreign nationals did not receive help from their consulates. Prosecutors say such legislation is likely to fail, and that Leal's appeals are simply an attempt to evade justice for a gruesome murder.

Leal, a 38-year-old mechanic, was sentenced to lethal injection for the 1994 rape-slaying of 16-year-old Adria Saucedo, whose brutalized nude body was found hours after Leal left a San Antonio street party with her. The girl's head was bashed with a 30- to 40-pound chunk of asphalt.

Leal moved with his family from Monterrey, Mexico, to the U.S. as a toddler. His appeals contended police never told him he could seek legal assistance from the Mexican government under an international treaty, and that such assistance would have helped his defense.

The argument is not new. Texas, the nation's most active death penalty state, has executed other condemned foreign nationals who raised similar challenges, most recently in 2008.

Leal's appeals, however, focused on legislation introduced last month in the U.S. Senate by Vermont Democrat Patrick Leahy. Leahy's measure would bring

the U.S. into compliance with the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations provision regarding the arrests of foreign nationals, and ensure court reviews for condemned foreigners to determine if a lack of consular help made a significant difference in the outcome of their cases.

The Obama administration took the unusual step of intervening in a state murder case last week when Solicitor General Donald Verrilli Jr. joined Leal's appeal, asking the high court to halt the execution and give Congress at least six months to consider Leahy's bill.

"The legislation would give Mr. Leal an opportunity to demonstrate that with consular assistance, he likely would not have been convicted, let alone sentenced to death," said Sandra Babcock, a Northwestern University law professor and one of Leal's lawyers.

The Mexican government and other diplomats also contend the execution should be delayed so Leal's case could be thoroughly reviewed. Some also warned his execution would violate the treaty provision and could endanger Americans abroad.

Measures similar to Leahy's have failed at least twice in recent congressional sessions. The Texas Attorney General's office, opposing the appeals, pointed to those failures in its Supreme Court arguments and said "legislative relief was not likely to be forthcoming."

Stephen Hoffman, an assistant attorney general, also said evidence pointing to Leal's guilt is strong.

"At this point, it is clear that Leal is attempting to avoid execution by overwhelming the state and the courts with as many meritless lawsuits and motions as humanly possible," Hoffman said.

Prosecutors said Saucedo was drunk and high on cocaine the night she was killed, and that Leal offered to take her home. Witnesses said Leal drove off with her around 5 a.m. Some partygoers found her brutalized nude body later that morning and called police.

There was evidence Saucedo had been bitten, strangled and raped. A large stick that had a screw protruding from it was left in her body.

A witness testified that Leal's brother appeared at the party, agitated that Leal had arrived home bloody and saying he had killed a girl.

In his first statement to police, Leal said Saucedo bolted from his car and ran off. After he was told his brother had given detectives a statement, he changed his story, saying Saucedo attacked him and fell to the ground after he fought back. He said when he couldn't wake her and saw bubbles in her nose, he got scared and went home.

Testifying during his trial's punishment phase, Leal acknowledged being intoxicated and doing wrong but said he wasn't responsible for what prosecutors alleged. A psychiatrist testified Leal suffered from alcohol dependence and pathological intoxication.

Saucedo's mother, Rachel Terry, told San Antonio television station KSAT her family already had suffered too long.

"A technicality doesn't give anyone a right to come to this country and rape, torture and murder anyone," she said.

In 2005, President George W. Bush agreed with an International Court of Justice ruling that Leal and 50 other Mexican-born inmates nationwide should be entitled to new hearings in U.S. courts to determine if their consular rights were violated. The Supreme Court later overruled Bush, negating the decision.

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"The series tends to do quite well in the college and university environment," Quist said. "The students, faculty and staff get very excited to have this kind of independent, international, art-house programming made available. It's definitely seen as a welcome and necessary alternative to the mainstream

offering of the local cineplex."

Jobi Martinez, director of Tech's Cross-Cultural Academic Advancement Center, which also sponsors the film series, said she has been a discussion panelist for the Global Lens films in the past for the Spanish speaking or Latin country films.

Martinez said she expected students who attended would leave immediately following the film, but said she has been surprised by student participation in the discussions.

"I've attended others where I wasn't a panelist and just sort of attended," Martinez said, "but students stay and they talk, and they find it interesting, and they're engaged and one conversation sort of sparks off another conversation. So, it's pretty neat."

Peaslee said the first year Tech hosted the films there was an average of about 20 to 30 people per screening, but now he believes the average has increased to 50 to 60 people at

each screening.

This year will be the third year for the Global Lens films at Tech, but the second year to have encore screenings in the summer in a festival format, which had an attendance of about 250 people over the three days, he said.

"In general, yeah, the numbers have been creeping slowly upward," Peaslee said, "but we're obviously interested in increasing that audience as much as possible. We can seat almost

200 in the room and we'd love to pack it every time."

Peaslee said feedback from the audiences has been "overwhelmingly positive."

Generally, he said, the films interest people who have not been exposed to many foreign films or interest people who are inspired by what went into making the film.

"I think it's a great opportunity as well," Peaslee said, "for people who are interested in visual media, art, story telling,

narrative etc. to, you know, see some new kinds of contact and hopefully be inspired by that."

The films, Peaslee said, are unrated and intended for adult audiences.

July 16, there will be five films shown, the first beginning at 12 p.m., and the last beginning at 8 p.m. July 17, the first of four films will begin at 1 p.m., and the last film will begin at 8 p.m.

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Shuttle

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Though the space shuttle program will be over, Tumbiolo said, he will still be responsible for providing weather advice for unmanned rocket launches, including military satellites and

robotic spacecrafts.

He said he is proud of all that has been accomplished by NASA since its inception.

"I've basically spent the last 20 years supporting the United States space program and I have a sense of pride and accomplishment that I can say that," Tumbiolo said.

"As a kid, I wanted to be a

meteorologist since back during the moon landing days in the '60s when I was growing up. I was always fascinated by that and to think I've been here throughout the (history of) the space shuttle is really a dream."

Clark said he believes the sooner the U.S. can have its own way of getting back into space and being a leader in

space exploration, the better.

"If you get private enterprises working on things like the International Space Station and other 'routine' things, then it gets NASA back to doing what it does best, which is venturing out to new places, whether it's Mars or (other galaxies)," Clark said. "Certainly it's going to be a change of an

era. But of course who knows what the future is going to hold?"

Al Sacco Jr., the dean of the Edward E. Whitacre Jr. College of Engineering, is another member of Tech who made an impact in space exploration. He flew as the payload specialist aboard the Columbia shuttle in 1995.

"Space is one of the final real frontiers," he said. "There are infinite possibilities; beyond all our imaginations. Reaching out and exploring is, and will always be, a part of the human spirit and (the future). NASA will be a part of that future."

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Fort Hood shooting suspect will face death penalty

FORT WORTH (AP) — The Army psychiatrist charged in the worst mass shooting on a U.S. military installation will be tried in a military court and face the death penalty if convicted, Fort Hood's commanding general announced Wednesday.

Maj. Nidal Hasan is charged with 13 counts of premeditated murder and 32 counts of attempted premeditated murder in the November 2009 shooting spree on the Texas Army post.

A military judge has not been named in the case, and it was not immediately clear when Hasan will be arraigned in a Fort Hood courtroom. He must plead not guilty because it is a death-penalty case, according to military law.

Lt. Gen. Donald Campbell's decision for Hasan to face a military trial and the death penalty came as no surprise and echoed the recommendations of two Army colonels who also reviewed the case.

"I believe the Army as an institution has long been planning to go this route," Hasan's lead attorney

John Galligan told The Associated Press on Wednesday from his office near Fort Hood, about 125 miles south of Fort Worth.

Many relatives and friends of those who survived the attack on that sunny autumn day reveled in the news Wednesday on social media sites. Staff Sgt. Jeannette Juroff, who was working in a nearby building that day and helped wounded soldiers, said many people affected by the tragedy feel that death is the only appropriate punishment.

"If he's convicted and sentenced to death, maybe the (victims') families can get closure because he won't be here anymore and we'll no longer have to talk about him," Juroff told the AP.

Leila Hunt Willingham, whose brother, Spc. Jason Dean "J.D." Hunt was killed that day, said she has mixed emotions about how Hasan's case will proceed.

"I'm glad I'm not the one deciding what happens to Hasan," she said. "People think the default (emotion) is always anger and revenge. ... No one seems to under-

stand that the outcome of this will not bring any more peace or closure

than what I can get on my own. No matter what happens to Hasan, my brother is still dead."

Keely Cahill Vanacker, whose father Michael Grant Cahill was the lone civilian killed in the rampage, said she doesn't think about Hasan.

"This may be unusual and certainly not everyone's opinion, but worrying about what happens to the man who killed my father — I don't spend time thinking about it," Vanacker said. She said she has "full faith in the prosecution team."

There will be a fair trial and justice will be done."

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JEANNETTE JUROFF
STAFF SGT.

death is not a punishment option for

military jurors, soldiers convicted of capital murder are automatically sentenced to life imprisonment without parole.

Galligan has declined to say whether he is considering an insanity defense for his client. He has refused to disclose results of a military mental health panel's evaluation of Hasan.

The three-member panel determined whether Hasan is competent to stand trial and his mental state during the shootings. It also determined if he had a severe mental illness that day, and if so, whether such a condition prevented him from knowing at the time that his alleged actions were wrong.

Hasan, 40, was paralyzed from the waist down after being shot by police the day of the rampage. He remains jailed in the Bell County Jail, which houses defendants for nearby Fort Hood.

Hasan has attended several brief court hearings and an evidentiary hearing last fall that lasted about two weeks. He sometimes took notes and showed no reaction as 56 witnesses testified, including more than two dozen soldiers who survived gunshot wounds.

Witnesses testified that a gunman wearing an Army combat uniform shouted "Allahu Akbar!" — which is Arabic for "God is great!" — and started shooting in a small but crowded medical building where deploying soldiers are vaccinated and undergo other tests. The gunman fired rapidly, pausing only to reload, even shooting some people as they hid under tables or fled the building, witnesses said. He fatally shot two people who tried to stop him by throwing chairs, and killed three soldiers who were protecting civilian nurses, according to testimony.

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Baltimore Colts Hall of Famer John Mackey dies

BALTIMORE (AP) — John Mackey, the rugged Hall of Fame tight end and union president who later fought for stronger health benefits of retired players and struggled with dementia, has died. He was 69.

Mackey's wife notified the team about her husband's death, Baltimore Ravens spokesman Chad Steele said Thursday. No official cause was given.

Mackey played for the Baltimore Colts from 1963-71, and helped the team beat the Dallas Cowboys in the 1971 Super Bowl by catching a pass from Johnny Unitas after it deflected off two other players for a 75-yard touchdown.

He also played for the San Diego Chargers in 1972, and finished his 10-year career with 331 catches for 5,236 yards and 38 touchdowns.

Mackey's efforts after his playing days were just as important as his performance on the field. An NFL labor agreement ratified in 2006 includes the "88 Plan," named for Mackey's number, 88. It provides up to \$88,000 a year for nursing care or day care for ex-players with dementia or Alzheimer's disease, or \$50,000 for home care.

"John Mackey is still our leader. As the president of the NFLPA, he led the fight for fairness with a brilliance and with ferocious drive," union executive director DeMaurice Smith said. "His passion continues to define our organization and inspire our players. His unwavering loyalty to our mission and his exemplary courage will never be forgotten."

The health care of former players has become a prominent issue in the negotiations for a new collective bargaining agreement. An NFL lockout has been going on since March.

"John Mackey was one of the great leaders in NFL history, on and off the field," Commissioner Roger Goodell said. "He was a Hall of Fame player who redefined the tight end position. He was a courageous advocate for his fellow NFL players as head of the NFL Players Association. He worked closely with our office on many issues through the years, including serving as the first president of the NFL Youth Football Fund. He never stopped fighting the good fight."

Mackey was drafted in 1963 out of Syracuse — by the NFL's Baltimore Colts in the second round, and the AFL's New York

Jets in the fifth round.

He wound up playing for the Colts just as the passing game was taking on a major role in pro football. His size, speed and ability to catch the ball while also blocking in the running game made him the prototype for future generations of tight ends.

"John revolutionized the tight end position during his Hall of Fame career, and he laid the foundation on and off the field for modern NFL players," Ravens general manager and fellow Hall of Fame tight end Ozzie Newsome said.

He caught 35 passes for 726 yards as a rookie in 1963, when he was selected to the first of five Pro Bowls. He also was voted first-team All-Pro by The Associated Press in 1966, '67 and '68.

Mackey helped the Colts beat the Dallas Cowboys in the '71 Super Bowl. His touchdown on a 75-yard pass play helped set the stage for a 16-13 win on Jim O'Brien's 32-yard field goal in the closing seconds.

After he retired, Mackey joined Mike Ditka as the first tight end selected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame. The John Mackey Award was established to honor the nation's top college football tight end, and Syracuse retired his number in 2007.

"John was the perfect role model for Syracuse football student-athletes," Syracuse coach and former NFL player Doug Marrone said. "He was a larger-than-life man and he influenced so many people. Many consider him the greatest tight end in NFL history and he was a pioneer in the development in the NFL Players Association."

Mackey has become closely associated with the plight of many former players who helped build the NFL in the era before million-dollar contracts, safer equipment and better health care.

He suffered from frontotemporal dementia in later years that is believed to have been caused by the contact associated with playing football. Four years ago, the dementia forced Mackey into living in an assisted-living facility.

The costs associated with his care, which far outpaced Mackey's pension, led to the "88 Plan" for retired players. Now, former players are pushing for better pension plans and health benefits from the league.

"John Mackey has inspired me and will continue to inspire our players," Smith posted on Twitter. "He will be missed but never forgotten."

Clemens not getting much love from jury pool

WASHINGTON (AP) — One-time baseball superstar Roger Clemens is in the midst of a tedious and humbling process that is one of the most important parts of his trial on charges of lying about drug use — selecting the jury members who will decide his fate.

So far the pitching great hasn't gotten a lot of love from the line of Washingtonians who have been questioned about their fitness to serve on his trial, expected to last into August. There were some sports fans in the group, but most said they don't know much about him.

"If he were sitting there, I would not know who he was," one woman said, as Clemens sat facing her about 15 feet away.

Among those who said she follows baseball was a retired writer and lawyer who acknowledged Thursday that she wants to be a juror.

"I would like to be on this jury because I think I can keep people focused," said the woman, who called herself a "die-hard" Washington Nationals fan.

Another person who said he knew a lot about Clemens and his case was 37-year-old Omari Bradley. The former personal trainer and Little League coach said he considers himself a fair person. But Bradley said he had to admit he would have a hard time finding Clemens not guilty after all he's heard in the media about how the seven-time Cy Young Award winner should just admit he used steroids. The judge excused Bradley.

Clemens steadfastly denies the allegations made by his former trainer, who says he injected Clemens with performance-enhancing drugs repeatedly as the pitcher maintained a blinding throwing speed into middle age. Clemens says the trainer, Brian McNamee, is a liar who fabricated evidence against him. McNamee gave federal agents their most important

physical evidence in the case — needles and gauze the trainer said he used to inject the star athlete.

Clemens is accused of lying under oath to the House Government Reform Committee in 2008 when he denied ever using steroids or human growth hormone. He faces six felony counts of perjury, false statements and obstruction of Congress.

Prosecutors and the defense read the jury pool a list of people who may be called as witnesses or mentioned at the trial. The list included some of the biggest names in baseball, including others who have been at the center of the steroid scandal, such as Mark McGwire, Barry Bonds, Sammy Sosa, Rafael Palmeiro and Jose Canseco. The list also included baseball Commissioner Bud Selig, New York Yankees General Manager Brian Cashman, former Yankees manager Joe Torre, former players' union director Donald Fehr and several other officials

and teammates from the four major league teams Clemens played for.

Jurors were asked about their knowledge of those figures as well as their feelings about the case, baseball, Congress and principles of criminal law. They were asked whether they had scientific training, played organized sports or were baseball fans. One public relations consultant was not. "I can't imagine spending money to watch a sport where guys scratch themselves and spit a lot," she said, drawing a smile from Clemens, who otherwise sat expressionless through most of the proceedings.

The woman said she could still be fair to Clemens, quipping that she doesn't consider spitting and scratching crimes. She was qualified to serve along with six others so far. In addition to Bradley, others excused were a woman with medical issues and another who said she couldn't be gone from work for the duration of the trial.

Marvel Comics takes its franchise to Dallas, NFL for the first time

DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys are getting some super-powered support.

Marvel Comics' heroes are throwing in with the Cowboys as the publisher's parent, Marvel Entertainment LLC, expands its efforts to bring the characters into the world of professional sports.

Debuting Wednesday, the five-time Super Bowl champion Cowboys will offer apparel from T-shirts to caps that feature Spider-Man and Captain America, among others.

Jerry Jones Jr., the Cowboys' chief sales and marketing officer, said the pairing of characters from Marvel with the team was a way to blend a well-known team with members of a famed super team, the Avengers, whose own members include Iron Man and Thor.

"We are constantly looking for new and innovative ways to energize our fans, and what better way than to combine our brand with some of the all-time great Super Heroes that everyone has grown up with," he said in a statement.

The move is part of Marvel's growing effort to expand its characters' appeal in new markets and to fans outside comics, too. Earlier this year, it started offering NBA-themed apparel in conjunction with the Los Angeles Lakers, New York Knicks and Boston Celtics.

"We continue to expand our consumer products into new distribution channels through this exciting partnership with the NFL's most popular franchise," said Paul Gitter, president of Consumer Products for North America at Marvel Entertainment.

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33 29-Across's "amatoria"
34 "So soon?"
36 Pop-ups, perhaps
37 "Apt" geographical element needed to complete the answers to 10 of this puzzle's clues
40 Diamond stat
42 Assault
43 Spot in a poker game
46 Isn't far from reaching
48 Like some blog comments: Abbr.
49 Peruvian pronoun
50 "So soon?"
53 Kind of acid
55 Width measure
56 Relax
59 European wine area
60 "Shoot!"
62 Relative position
63 "... of Bread ..."
64 "... take arms against a sea ...": Hamlet
65 Prado display
66 Morels, e.g.
67 Aptly, Israeli-occupied territory
68 Aptly, Oval Office site

DOWN
1 Aptly, about 5 percent of the Earth's surface
2 Latin agreement
3 Machine makeup, informally
4 Amtrak's bullet train
5 Word of impatience
6 Lax
7 Prefix with logical
8 Heads with lists
9 Big name in compact
10 Eye-popper response
11 Succinctly
12 Bee drawers
13 Aptly, Pierre's state
21 Break off
22 Warned the bench
25 "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon" setting
27 Certain counter's unit?
30 Quebec's Sept.—

By Don Gagliardo and C.C. Burnikel 7/8/11

69 Aptly, Hollywood locale

Wednesday's Puzzle Solved

REED	GWEN	BOOZE
ALAR	ERSE	AUDIO
YESOR	NOQUESTION	
ONEPUT	FATTENS	
NAS	PLEB	TEA
	LEE	EWER
PEPPER	CORN	LEGO
ALTG	OWE	URAL
PENA	COUNTY	CORK
AVE	PALL	WAY
	COR	FAIL
SCRUPLE	KNEE	PAD
CHAMPA	AGNEB	UBBLE
AERIE	GALE	ROLO
TREND	SHAD	OWEN

31 Orders
35 Thames landmark
37 Urgent resident
38 It may be dramatic
39 Luxury hotel
40 Freshen one's familiarity with
41 70s Robert Blake cop show
43 Public projection
44 "Are we in?"

45 Aptly, "Talk" musical
46 Aptly, Pyongyang
47 Slump
51 Trendy headgear
52 Long
54 Foot bone
57 Objector
58 Slant, as to a specific audience
61 Graveside sound
63 Popeye's behind?

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In Sudoku, all the numbers 1 to 9 must be in every row, column and 3 x 3 box. Use logic to define the answers.

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2	7	3	5	9	6	4	8	1
1	4	6	2	8	7	5	9	3
8	9	5	1	3	4	6	7	2

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Abortion-sonogram law wrongs women, doctors

As the Casey Anthony court case comes to a close, Texans should be keeping tabs on another important case that began on Wednesday.

Texas Medical Providers Performing Abortion Services v. Department of State Health Services Commissioner had its first hearing with presentations from opposing legal teams regarding the new Texas abortion-sonogram law. Hopefully, the court will rule in favor of the plaintiff and, to that end, Texan women in general.

The new abortion-sonogram law basically requires physicians performing abortions to conduct a sonogram of the fetus and then give a detailed description to the mother, who must wait 24 hours following the sonogram to get the actual abortion, unless she lives more than one hundred miles away from a clinic, in which case the waiting time is shortened to only two hours. The law provides an exception to victims of rape, incest, medical

emergency, or fetal defects. Doctors who violate the new requirements of the law would face non-renewal of the medical licenses as mandated by the legislation.

The Center for Reproductive Rights, a New York-based organization that focuses on legal action to advocate reproductive freedom around the world, first filed suit against the law in June.

They argued that the law violates the equal protection clause by "subjecting [women] to paternalistic 'protections' not imposed on men." They also argue that the law violates the First Amendment rights of doctors by forcing them to give blatantly "politically motivated communications to their patients."

The Center also argues that the wording of the law is unconstitutionally vague, as it leaves the determina-

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tion of how to enforce the language of the law to the discretion of state agencies in charge of it.

U.S. District Judge, Sam Sparks, has stated that he hopes to rule whether or not the measures may take effect by September.

The simple fact that this law was written by State Senator Dan Patrick, a Republican senator from Houston notorious for his strong anti-abortion sentiment, suggests to me that this law is just another attempt by social conservatives to make the process of getting an abortion more difficult and emotionally taxing for women than it already is. He said he hopes the law will encourage women to change their minds.

Many women that I know have said contrary to what the pro-life movement supporters would have you think, the decision to get an abortion is very rarely

taken lightly. The operation is also physically and mentally traumatic for the woman, who will have to live with that decision for the rest of her days.

This law does nothing more than make a difficult process even more so. What's more, it also shows the hypocrisy of the Republicans who support it. I find it interesting that a group of people known best for their platform on limited government should push so hard for a law that gives the government direct power over the lives of its constituents.

I, personally, find this law to be a disgusting reminder of the attitude our state legislature has toward the rights of women, as well as proof that the conservative leadership has no qualms with sacrificing the freedom of medical professionals and patients for the advancement of a political agenda.

Something is seriously wrong with the way this state is being run if this law is allowed to be put into effect.

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Verdicts in Casey Anthony case are correct

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When Casey Anthony was acquitted of first-degree murder charges relating to the death of her infant daughter, Caylee Anthony, in an Orlando courthouse Tuesday, jaws dropped.

When Casey Anthony was subsequently acquitted of charges of aggravated child abuse and aggravated manslaughter of a child, they dropped even further.

Justice was served in that 23rd floor courtroom Tuesday, even if it unfortunately did nothing to ease the pain and outrage relating to the death of young Caylee Anthony.

Swayed by Casey Anthony's history as a compulsive liar, most members of the

national media — including Nancy Grace — assumed she was guilty. It was Grace herself that made this case national news and convinced most of the country to agree with her. As Orange County Sheriff Jerry Demings pointed out after the conclusion, this was just one of 11 current infant homicide cases in his county alone, yet this was the only one that grabbed national headlines.

As harsh and uncomfortable as it may seem, the verdicts rendered in the case were proper based on the evidence presented.

The state of Florida's prosecution team, led by attorneys Linda Drane Burdick and Jeff Ashton, failed to prove Casey Anthony was guilty beyond and excluding all reasonable doubts, as is required under Florida law. It is important to note that the burden

of proof lies on the prosecution.

It was Florida's job to prove beyond reasonable doubt that Casey Anthony intentionally and knowingly killed her daughter. The defense only had to poke holes in the prosecution's story rather than prove an alternate theory.

The prosecution alleged that Casey Anthony killed her 2-year-old by making her breathe chloroform and then using three strips of duct tape to seal her nose and mouth, according to CNN.

Yet the autopsy, performed by Orange County Medical Examiner Jan Garavaglia, was inconclusive and only trace amounts of chloroform were found in the trunk of Casey Anthony's car — the only place it was ever found, according to CNN.

The prosecution could provide no evidence that their theory of death oc-

curred, instead hoping the jury would make a leap of faith after computer search records showed that someone in the Anthony home had used Google to search for "chloroform" and "neck breaking."

Without hard physical evidence, prosecutors relied on testimony regarding Casey Anthony's reputation as a party-going drinker, even while the body of her deceased daughter lay in a laundry bag in the woods unreported for 31 days in 2008.

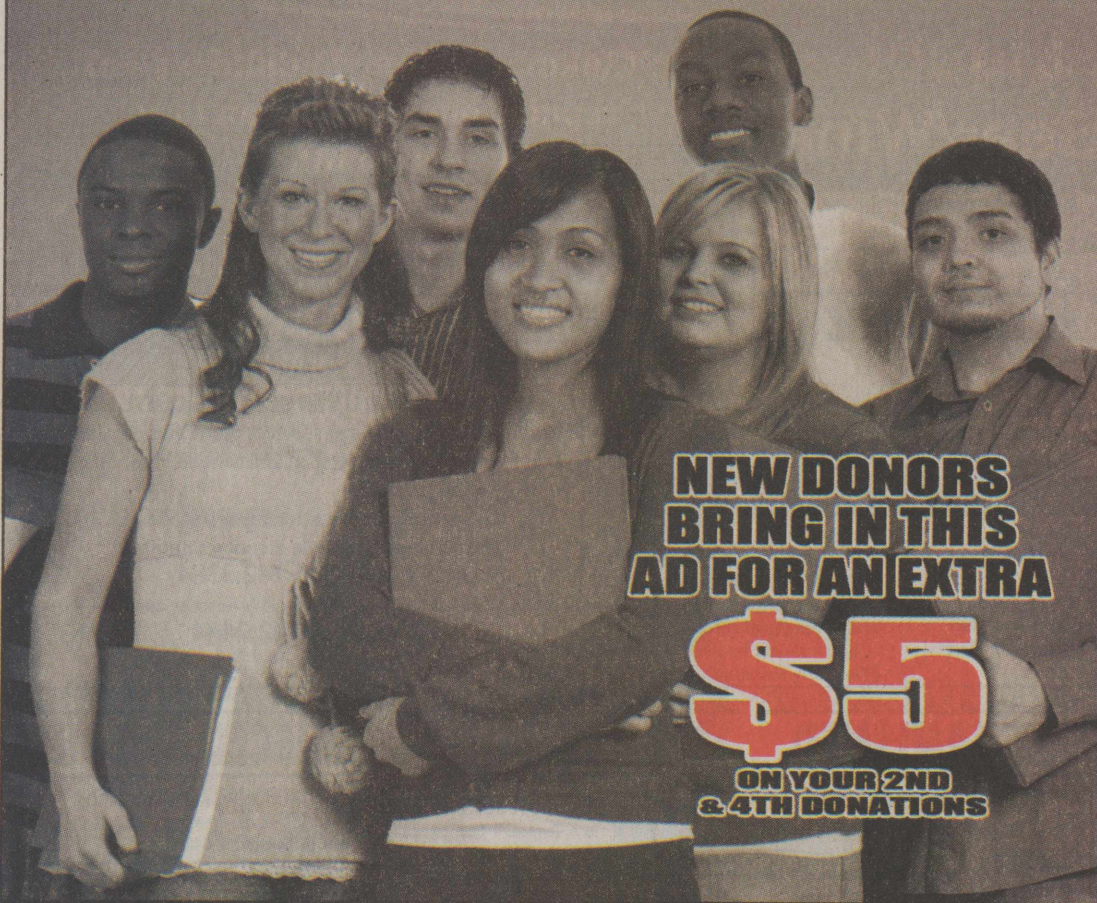
A public lack of remorse paired with an array of loose, circumstantial evidence should not have been enough to convict Casey Anthony or send her to death row.

Free from the influence of Grace and the national media, the jury made an informed decision, avoiding emotion and choosing not to take the leap of faith the prosecution needed to secure a conviction.

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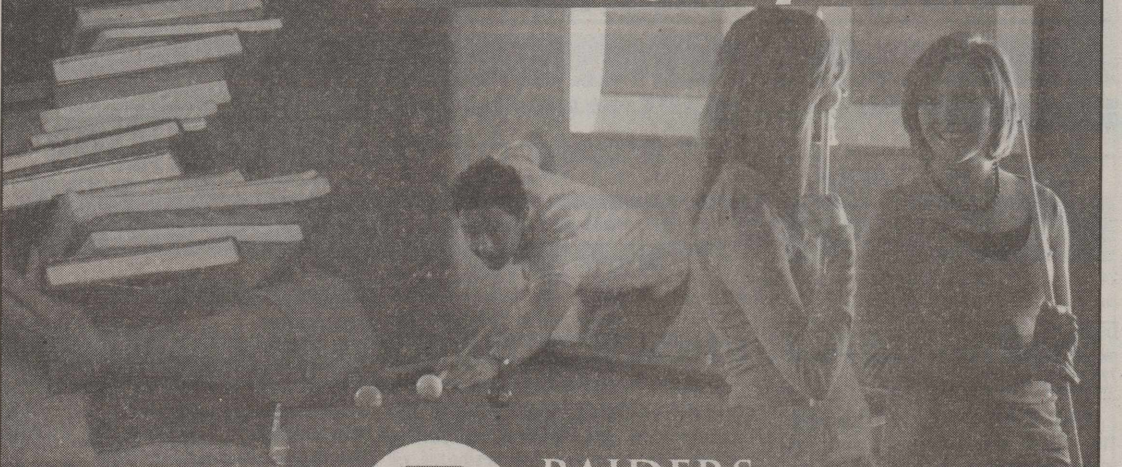


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