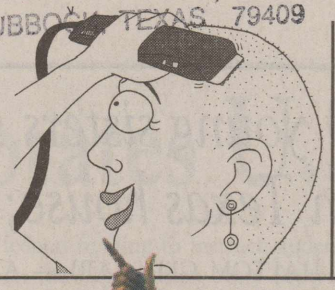
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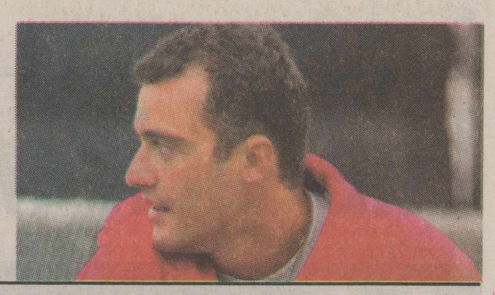
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Texan and three other Fort Hood soldiers killed

TYLER(AP) — An East Texas soldier was one of four from Fort Hood who died in Iraq when a bomb exploded near their vehicle during combat, the U.S. Department of Defense said Monday.

The four Fort Hood soldiers killed in Baghdad on Friday were Staff Sgt. Terry D. Wagoner, 28, of Piedmont, S.C.; Spc. Todd A. Motley, 23, of Clare, Mich.; Spc. Jonathan Rivadeneira, 22, of Jackson Heights, N.Y.; and Pvt. Christopher M. McCloud, 24, of Malakoff, Texas.

NATION

Police insist Simpson treatment is fair

LAS VEGAS (AP) — News conferences, a slew of felony charges, a perp walk in handcuffs and detention in a holding cell without bail — it's clear authorities aren't giving O.J. Simpson any celebrity breaks.

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WORLD

Iraq expels American Security Firm

BAGHDAD (AP) — The Iraqi government announced Monday it was ordering Blackwater USA, the security firm that protects U.S. diplomats, to leave the country after what it said was the fatal shooting of eight Iraqi civilians following a car bomb attack against a State Department convoy. The order by the Interior Ministry, if carried out, would deal a severe blow to U.S. government operations in Iraq by stripping diplomats, engineers, reconstruction officials and others of their security protection.

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U.S. Military deaths in Iraq since fighting began

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Bush replaces attorney general

By LARA JAKES JORDAN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON (AP) — Former federal judge Michael Mukasey, a tough-on-terrorism jurist with an independent streak, was tapped by President Bush on Monday to take over as attorney general and lead a Justice Department accused of being too close to White House politics.

Mukasey, the former chief U.S. district judge in the Manhattan courthouse just blocks from ground zero, will likely face a relatively smooth confirmation by a Democratic-led Senate that has demanded new Justice Department leadership for months. He replaces Alberto Gonzales, a Texan who announced his departure three weeks ago amid investigations that began with the firing of U.S. attorneys and mushroomed into doubts about his credibility.

Appointed to the bench in 1987 by President Reagan, Mukasey also worked for four years as a trial prosecutor in the U.S. attorney's office in New York's southern district — one of the Justice Department's busiest and highest-profile offices in the country.

"The department faces challenges vastly different from those it faced when I was an assistant U.S. attorney 35 years ago," Mukasey, 66, said as he stood next to Bush on the White House lawn. "But the principles that guide the department remain the same: to pursue justice by enforcing the law with unswerving fidelity to the Constitution."

Mukasey said that, if confirmed, he hopes to give Justice employees "the support and the leadership they deserve."

Bush had a close personal relationship going back to Texas with Gonzales, whose resignation was effective Monday. He does not have such ties with Mukasey.

Mukasey had an interview with White House staff on Aug. 27, the day Gonzales announced his resignation, a senior administration official said. The president then met

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Helping hands

Fundraiser held to raise money for family of lung disease victims



PHOTO BY CAITY COLVARD/*The Daily Toreador*

MELISSA CAVAZOS AND Amanda Castillo make brisket burritos to help raise money for innersticial lung disease victim Jonathon Michael Ramirez's funeral costs, Sunday afternoon in the Chimy's parking lot. Ramirez, 6, died Saturday evening because of the disease.

By ADAM YOUNG
STAFF WRITER

A fundraiser to cover the funeral and medical expenses for a Lubbock family's two children, who both died in the last three months, took place Sunday at Chimy's Cerveceria.

Vickie Ramirez said her 6-year-old nephew, Jonathan Ramirez, died of an unknown lung ailment while waiting for a lung transplant Saturday night at Texas Children's Hospital in Houston.

She said Jonathan's 4-year-old sister, Mia Ramirez, died of the same unknown lung ailment July 5 at Children's Medical Center in Dallas.

"We had already planned on having this fundraiser for (the parents) to help them out," she said. "But, then he passed away yesterday, so now it's a memorial to help raise money for the funeral expenses."

Anna Morin, a manager at Chimy's and friend of the

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Tech Police investigate aggravated robbery near alumni pavilion

By GLENYS BOLLS
STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech Police are looking for a man who allegedly robbed a Tech student with a knife last week on campus.

According to the crime alert on the Tech Police Department's Web site, www.depts.ttu.edu/ttpd, the student — whose name has not been released — said she was robbed near the Frazier Alumni Pavilion Sept. 11 at approximately 12:20 p.m. She said she was walking from her class to her car when a man threatened her with a knife, then took her money and her cell phone.

"(An aggravated robbery) is where somebody is put in fear of their life," said Gordon Hoffman, deputy chief of the Tech Police Department. "Where a weapon is used or exhibited, that boosts the offense up a little bit."

The student described the suspect as a clean-shaven man of Indian or Asian descent who is between 5-feet 11-inches and 6-feet tall, 180 to 200 pounds, with dark hair and khaki-colored clothing.

Hoffman said the Police Department does not have any suspects at this time, and there is no information about the suspect's age.

The occurrence of a serious crime like this is rare on the Tech campus, he said.

"We don't have a lot of what they call 'index crimes', which are the big crimes like murder, homicide, rape, robbery, assault and things of that nature," he said. "We don't have a lot of that serious crime. Most of ours is misdemeanors, theft, vandalism and things like that."

Tech police officers are working on visibility around campus in an effort to deter crime, but Hoffman said he believes Tech is already a relatively safe campus.

"For the number of students we have — 28,000 or whatever it is — really it's going to be more of the property crimes we're seeing more of than any other type of violent crime," he said. "Surprisingly, we don't get that many violent crimes at all.

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Lubbock woman hit by car, dies

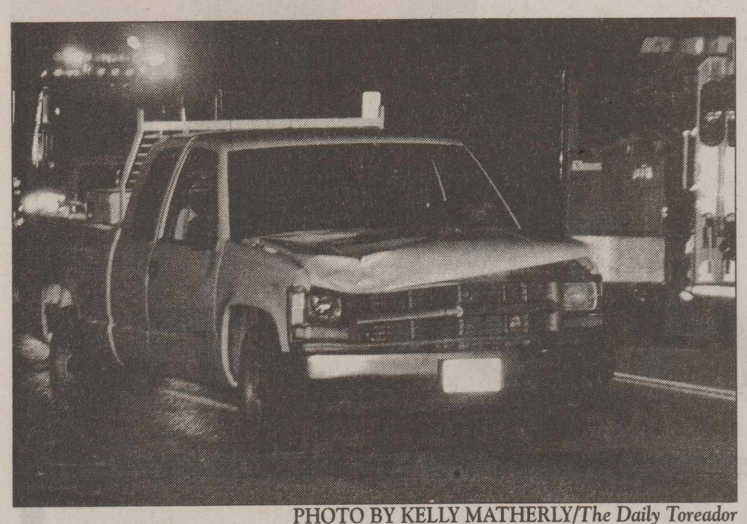


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A WOMAN IS pronounced dead on the scene Sunday night after she was struck by a truck on Frankford between Loop 289 and 26th Street.

By GLENYS BOLLS
STAFF WRITER

A Lubbock woman died Sunday night after she and her daughter were hit by a white Chevrolet truck at 16th Street and Frankford Avenue.

Sgt. Jim Curtis of the Lubbock Police Department said Erika Knighten, 37, died at the scene after being hit by Coronado High School senior Chad Weber, 17, around 8:30 p.m. Jasmane Johnson, 16, was grazed by the vehicle.

According to the police report, the women were walking southbound on Frankford Avenue in the far right lane of traffic. They failed to yield the right of way to Weber, who was driving southbound in the same lane.

"We believe there was limited visibility," Curtis said. "It is still an ongoing investigation."

According to the police report, Johnson was visibly injured but refused medical treatment by Emergency Medical Services workers at the scene.

Curtis said Weber was interviewed at the scene and Johnson will be interviewed in the next few days.

Neither Weber nor Johnson could be contacted for comment.

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3 young sisters severely burned in Texas house; mother arrested

HALTOM CITY (AP) — A woman whose three young daughters were seriously burned was arrested, and neighbors said the mother told a fire investigator she had doused the children with gasoline and set them on fire.

The oldest girl, just 7, screamed, "Why mommy? Why mommy? Why did you do this to me?" after she and her sisters were pulled out of their burning house Saturday, neighbor Kevin Lopez said Monday.

The woman, Alysha Green, 29, had no answer for the fire investigator, Lopez said.

"She was crying and saying `I'm sorry' and she didn't know why she did it," Lopez told The Associated Press.

The girls — ages 7, 5 and 3 — remained in the burn unit of a Dallas hospital Monday; their conditions were not released.

Green, 29, who also was burned and remained hospitalized, was arrested Saturday on three counts of causing serious bodily injury to a child, police said. Each count carries a maximum sentence of life in prison.

Greg Donihoo, who pulled the two oldest girls out of the smoke-filled house, said Green told authorities that she coaxed her daughters into the closet by saying they were playing a game. He also said he saw investigators remove a gas can from the house.

Police would not confirm neighbors' accounts of what happened or fire officials' earlier statements that Green put her daughters in a closet, poured gasoline on them and herself and set them on fire.

"It's part of an ongoing investigation, and we're not going to discuss specific details of what occurred," police Sgt. Terry Stayer said.

Lopez said that after hearing a commotion on Saturday just before noon, he looked toward the Greens' house a few doors down and saw the girls and their mother in the yard, screaming.

As another neighbor sprayed the kids with a hose, Lopez grabbed some wet towels and ran to the house, which he wrapped around the 7-year-old. Her youngest sister's hair and body were so badly burned that Lopez thought she was a little boy.

"I couldn't recognize them," Lopez said of the children.

The girls' father arrived a short time later, saying his wife must not have taken her medication and that he could not believe what had happened, Lopez said.

Adam Green, the father, could not be reached for comment Monday by phone or at his home. Police said they did not know whether Alysha Green had a lawyer.

In May, Child Protective Services investigated a complaint that the youngsters had witnessed domestic violence between the parents, but that claim could not be substantiated, said agency spokeswoman Marissa Gonzales.

Police in Haltom City, a Fort Worth suburb, had not been called to the Greens' house for criminal matters, but city officials had cited them for code violations, Stayer said.

On Monday, a row of balloons, teddy bears, flowers and candles lay in the front yard of the wood and tan brick house. Someone placed a sign that read, "Get well soon; we are praying for you" by a front window. A doll house, small purple plastic car, pink scooter and pink bicycle were by the front porch.

On a boarded side window, soot was visible on the window sill and a faint odor of smoke was in the air.

The alleged arson would be yet another high-profile case in which a Texas mother turned against her children.

In August in Flower Mound, Andrea Roberts shot her husband and 11- and 7-year-old children to death before killing herself. In May, Gilberta Estrada hanged herself and her four children in their Hudson Oaks mobile home. Only the 8-month-old survived.

Andrea Yates drowned her five children in the family's Houston bathtub in 2001. In 2003, Deanna Laney beat her two young sons to death and injured a third with stones in East Texas, and Lisa Ann Diaz drowned her two daughters in a Plano bathtub. Dena Schlosser fatally severed her 10-month-old daughter's arms with a kitchen knife in 2004.

Attorney

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Mukasey on Sept. 1 and spent an hour with him.

Bush on Monday called Mukasey a "tough but fair judge" and praised his reputation as a smart and strong manager.

"Judge Mukasey is clear-eyed about the threat our nation faces," Bush said.

Senators who will vote on Mukasey's confirmation stopped short of pledging to support him. But most agreed to try to begin quickly confirmation hearings to fill more than a half-dozen vacant senior positions at the scandal-scarred Justice Department. The department has been under siege for months over criticism it was too closely tied to politics under Gonzales' reign.

"I think that he'll not only provide the president with first-rate legal counsel, but this nomination will go through Congress without much, if any, partisan politicking, and I think the country needs a break from another explosive, controversial nomination," said Sen. Joe Lieberman, I-Conn., who knew Mukasey at Yale Law School in the mid-1960s.

Even so, Bush's pick did little to appease a simmering fight between the White House and Senate Democrats who want the administration to hand over data about its terrorist surveillance program. Senate Judiciary Chairman Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., threatened to hold up Mukasey's nomination until the White House gives up the information.

"Our focus now will be on securing the relevant information we need so we can proceed to schedule fair and thorough hearings," Leahy said. "Cooperation from the White House will be essential in determining that schedule."

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> PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Later Monday, Leahy said he had been assured by White House counsel Fred Fielding that the Senate panel would get at least some answers to its questions about Gonzales' conduct in the Bush administration's wiretapping program and interrogation methods.

Mukasey oversaw some of the nation's most significant terror trials in the years before and after the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

He sentenced so-called "blind Sheik" Omar Abdel Rahman to life in prison for a plot to blow up New York City landmarks, and he signed in 2002 the material witness warrant that let the FBI arrest U.S. citizen Jose Padilla. That warrant marked the start of a case that wound its way through several federal courts as the government declared Padilla an enemy combatant and held him for 3 1/2 years before he was convicted last month on terrorism-related charges.

In an opinion article published last month in The Wall Street Journal, Mukasey criticized U.S. national security law as too weak in some areas by noting that prosecutors are sometimes forced to reveal details of cases at the risk of tipping off terrorists. He is also a supporter of the government's anti-terror USA Patriot Act, wryly writing in 2004 that the "awkward name may very well be the worst thing about the statute."

Yet Mukasey also criticized the Bush administration while he was on the bench.

In December 2002, Mukasey ordered the government to let Padilla talk to a defense attorney. Prosecutors who initially resisted were rapped three months later in a terse and sternly worded response from the judge.

"Lest any confusion remain, this is not a suggestion or a request that Padilla be permitted to consult with counsel, and it is certainly not an invitation to conduct a further 'dialogue' about whether he will be permitted to do so," Mukasey wrote in the March 2003 order. "It is a ruling — a determination — that he will be permitted to do so."

That ruling offered a glimpse of what colleagues describe as Mukasey's trademark brusqueness and impatience with people who waste his time. But it also endeared him to the liberal-leaning American Center for Law and Justice, which supports his confirmation, while raising a red flag for conservatives with whom Mukasey met Sunday to try to appease.

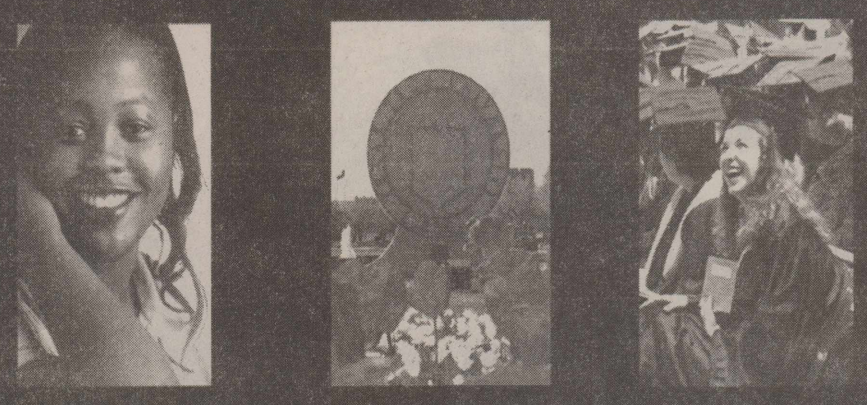
Sen. Arlen Specter, top Republican on the Senate Judiciary panel, urged his colleagues to begin Mukasey's confirmation quickly.

"There is no doubt that the Department of Justice has been in disarray for some time," said Specter, R-Pa. "So that I think it is very important to act promptly, not with undue haste, getting an opportunity to review Judge Mukasey's background."

Assistant Attorney General Peter Keisler will serve as acting attorney general during Mukasey's confirmation process.

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Tech celebrates U.S. Constitution Day and Citizenship Day

By CHASE YORK
STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech students and personnel celebrated U.S. Constitution Day and Citizenship Day Monday to commemorate the 220th anniversary of the signing of the U.S. Constitution Sept. 17, 1787.

According to the Library of Congress Web site, http://www.loc.gov, the federal holiday began in May 1940 as "I am an American Day." In 1952, President Truman moved the date to Sept. 17, naming the celebration Citizenship Day. It later was extended to Constitution Week by President Eisenhower in 1955.

According to the Web site, Congress renamed the holiday "Constitution Day and Citizenship Day" in 2004 and mandated schools receiving federal funding to instruct students on the Constitution every September 17.

Suzette Mátthews, Tech Student Government Association internal vice president, said the mandate is not the only reason the SGA and other groups on campus participate in Constitution Day and Citizenship Day.

"It's a great day to refresh your knowledge about the Constitution," she said, "and celebrate the founders of America."

Matthews said the SGA made efforts to raise student awareness about Constitution Day and Citizenship Day by displaying a poster series outlining constitutional rights and amendments throughout campus buildings, such as the Student Union Building and Holden Hall, and by placing a downloadable copy of the Constitution on the SGA Web site.

The Tech Center for Campus life participated also in the day's celebrations by hosting three mock naturalization exams, or citizenship tests, in the Mesa Room of the SUB. The exam consisted of 25 sample questions that appeared in real naturalization exams and that were designed to assess the test-takers' knowledge of U.S. history and government.

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Jobi Martinez, assistant director for the center for campus life, said the purpose of offering the exam to students was to refresh their knowledge of U.S. history and to raise awareness about the U.S. naturalization process.

"Because immigration is a big debate right now," she said, "we want students to understand that naturalization is a lengthy process."

Martinez said people trying to earn their U.S. citizenship must answer 10 oral questions correctly, in English, during a naturalization exam, which is part of the process. The government releases a study guide with 100 questions and offers support services to help candidates study for the exam.

Martinez said she thinks it is necessary for students to be aware of their constitutional rights and U.S. history.

"The main goal of this activity and of Citizenship Day," she said, "is to prepare our students to be active citizens."

Martinez said students can access the mock exam and two National Public Radio downloads, "Does Free Speech Stop at the Schoolhouse Door?" and "The Death Penalty: Is Justice Being Served?," on The Tech Center for Campus Life Web site for the remainder of Constitution Week.

Candice Laster, a graduate student from Austin, and Benjamin Brown, a junior mechanical engineering major from Dallas, both took the mock exam, and said they thought the event was a good way to celebrate the occasion.

"I think we take a lot of what is afforded to us in the Constitution for granted," Laster said. "This is a good way to remind ourselves what rights we have."

Brown said he thought Tech could have made more effort to promote the day by utilizing the free speech area to make students aware of Constitution Day and Citizenship Day, but he expressed appreciation for the activities that did occur on campus.

"I am a very political person," he said, "so I think the Constitution is very important for people to know and respect."

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Juice in the joint: Simpson arrested

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"It is regrettable that America has not gotten over the O.J. Simpson criminal case," said Carl Douglas, who was co-counsel with Johnnie L. Cochran in Simpson's 1995 criminal trial.

"The fact that he is being held without bail seems unfair and over the top," Douglas said. "O.J. has always been able to satisfy his obligations to the court. He cooperated with the authorities in this case. He is not a flight risk. And he certainly can't hide anywhere."

At least six plainclothes policemen, accompanied by a handful of hotel security guards, arrested Simpson on Sunday at The Palms casino-hotel. He was accused of leading an armed heist of sports memorabilia. Simpson said he was only reclaiming possessions that had been stolen.

"By our standard, there was no major show of force," Sgt. John Loretto said.

Simpson was handcuffed and taken in a police vehicle to the Clark County Detention Center to be booked on six felonies, including two counts of robbery with use of a deadly weapon. If convicted of the charges, he could get up to 30 years in state prison on each robbery count alone.

Simpson became inmate number 2648927.

Justice of the Peace Douglas Smith, who made the decision to hold Simpson without bail, was "concerned about the flight factor" and because Simpson had no ties to the Las Vegas area, said Judge Nancy Oesterle, who addressed reporters on Monday.

Arraignment was set for Wednesday.

Police said they were giving Simpson no special treatment — other than keeping him separated from the rest of the general prison population for his own protection.

Fundraiser

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Ramirez family, said she helped organize the fundraiser, where food and drinks were sold and a donated set of new golf clubs was raffled for $500.

"It's been very successful," Morin said. "A lot of people donated food and some people have given $100 bills, and it's been tremendous."

Vickie Ramirez said this event raised approximately $3,000, but the Lubbock Cooper Independent School District and South Elementary, where Jonathan Ramirez attended kindergarten, also have organized several fundraisers to benefit the family.

On July 6, the day after his sister's death, Jonathan Ramirez was admitted to Covenant Children's Hospital but was taken to the Children's Hospital in Houston within three days, Vickie Ramirez said.

"He got sick, and they got worried so they were going to fly him down there because there were specialists," she said. "He was there ever since."

The children's symptoms started as coughing but as it persisted, Vickie Ramirez, and the children's parents and doctors became concerned.

"There was no medicine that would work on them," she said. "We took them to Covenant and they couldn't find what was wrong with them at all, and they tried all kinds of tests and couldn't find anything."

Vickie Ramirez said Mia Ramirez's autopsy cited environmental factors as the cause of death, but the family and doctors are still unsure about the source of the illnesses.

Before Mia and Jonathan became ill, the Ramirez family lived in a mobile home on Woodrow Road near South Elementary.

"They moved out of there because the doctors told them they couldn't take the kids back there because of the environment," Vickie Ramirez said. "I don't know if their was mold in the house or if it was something about the surrounding area."

Tigi Ward, public health coordinator for surveillance with the City of Lubbock Health Department, said the department did not handle the Ramirez case. She said no other similar cases have been reported in the area where the Ramirez family lived.

Morin said donations can be made to a savings account at First Bank and Trust in Lubbock under the name Jonathan Michael Ramirez.

"All money donated will be used to help the family with funeral expenses because funeral expenses are very high," Morin said.

Funeral plans have not yet been made, Vickie Ramirez said.

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Robbery

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That's really pretty uncommon."

The Police Department Web site offers several safety tips for the campus community: Use the buddy system because there is safety in numbers; stay on the main pathways and avoid taking shortcuts through isolated areas; be attentive to surroundings and report any suspicious activity to the Tech police immediately; do not wear restrictive clothing that would impair the ability to run from an attacker; do not openly display large sums of money or expensive valuables.

According to the Web site, the Tech Police Department is investigating the report. Anyone with information about this offense or suspect is encouraged to call the Tech police at (806)743-2000 immediately.

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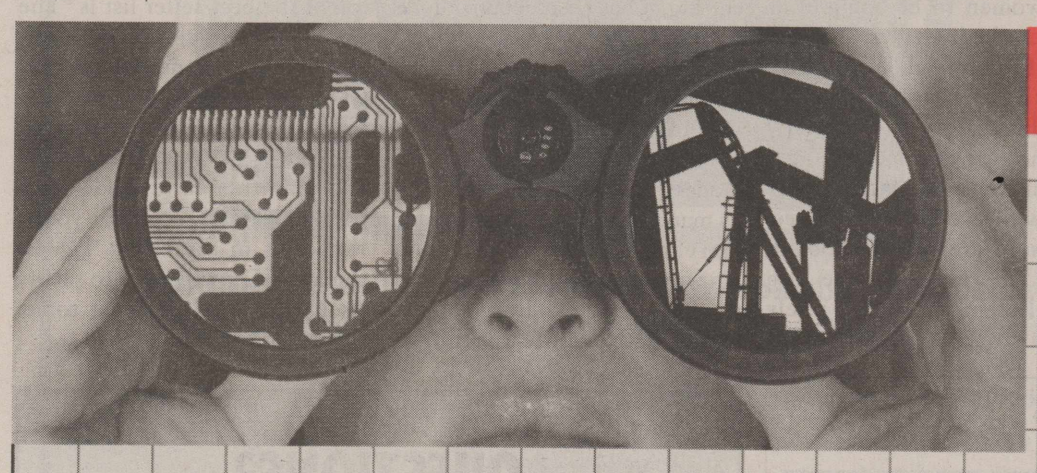
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OPINIONS

A drop in support for extremists

By KAREN P. HUGHES
THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON — The video reappearance of Osama bin Laden is a reminder that extremists with murderous methods continue to threaten innocent people worldwide. His emergence after three years of hiding also provides an opportunity to take stock of how differently the world now views the terrorist leader — and that view is turning darker than bin Laden's newly dyed beard.

People in America and many other Western nations have expressed strong disapproval of bin Laden and al-Qaida since the Sept. 11 attacks. What's new is the dramatic decline in his standing in majority-Muslim countries. Polls in the two nations that have suffered some of the worst of al-Qaida's violence — Afghanistan and Iraq — show that more than 90 percent of those populations have unfavorable views of al-Qaida and of bin Laden himself.

Pollsters say that it is difficult to find 90 percent agreement that apple pie is American — yet polling in Turkey two years ago found that 90 percent of citizens believe the al-Qaida bombings in London, Istanbul, Madrid and Egypt were unjust and unfair; 86 percent thought that there was no excuse for condoning the Sept. 11 attacks; and 75 percent said bin Laden does not represent Muslims.

Support for terrorist tactics has fallen in seven of the eight predominantly Muslim countries polled as part of the Pew Global Attitudes Project since 2002; in most cases, those declines have been dramatic. Five years ago in Lebanon, 74 percent of the population thought suicide bombing could sometimes be justified. Today it's 34 percent — still too high, but a stark reversal. Similar declines in support have occurred in Bangladesh, Pakistan, Indonesia and Jordan.

Perhaps most significant, Muslim populations are increasingly rejecting bin Laden's attempts to pervert their faith. WorldPublicOpinion.org found in April that large majorities in Egypt (88 percent), Indonesia (65 percent) and Morocco (66 percent) agree: "Groups that use violence against civilians, such as Al Qaida, are violating the principles of Islam. Islam opposes the use of such violence." These shifts in attitude are beginning to show up in actions. Sunni leaders in Iraq's Anbar province are working with coalition forces against al-Qaida because, as one local leader said to journalists, all the terrorists bring is chaos — "killing people, stealing goats, everything, you name it." After recent terrorist attacks in Algeria, protesters shouted: "Terrorists are not Muslims" and "no to terrorism; don't touch my Algeria."

While it is good that many Muslims are recognizing that terrorist groups such as al-Qaida are a common threat, many polls show that much remains to be done to improve foreign perceptions of the United States. The drop in support for violent extremists presents an opportunity to expand our efforts to nurture common interests with people overseas and work with them to counter al-Qaida's attempts to radicalize young people.

Al-Qaida's growing Internet propaganda activities glorify violence and seek to exploit local grievances, from political oppression to a lack of economic opportunities. In contrast, America's public diplomacy programs are engaging young people constructively, through English-language teaching, educational exchanges, music and sports diplomacy.

This summer, we partnered with local governments in predominantly Muslim countries to host programs to teach young people English and leadership and citizenship skills. It was the first time many of these youths had met an American. Evaluations show they left with much more positive views of our country.

This year, we will teach English to thousands of young people in more than 40 majority-Muslim countries. I met with a group in Morocco, in the same neighborhood that produced the Casablanca suicide bombers of 2003.When I asked one young man what difference learning English had made in his life, he told me: "I have a job, and none of my friends do." That young man also has hope — a reason to live rather than to kill himself and others in a suicide bombing.

Thanks to strong bipartisan support from Congress, we are expanding our education and exchange programs as well as bringing "key influencers" such as Muslim journalists and clerics here to experience America for themselves.

These kinds of programs are invaluable in challenging stereotypes and countering the misinformation that radical extremists put out to drive a wedge between our cultures and countries.

Osama bin Laden's recent tape was a reminder that al-Qaida offers only destruction and death. Al-Qaida terrorists murder those who don't agree with them — including Muslims. Their attacks on mosques, shrines and even wedding celebrations confirm that they don't care about innocent Muslims. As one woman in Algeria put it, "They are criminals who want to sabotage the country." That's a message bin Laden's words don't convey, but his actions do. Six years after Sept. 11, good and decent people of many faiths and cultures are increasingly rejecting his brutal methods.

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Should TV show Kid Nation be seen?

By MEGHAN DAUM
LOS ANGELES TIMES

On Wednesday , CBS will premiere "Kid Nation," a reality show that puts 40 youngsters, ages 8 through 15, in a New Mexico "ghost town" for 40 days without electricity, indoor plumbing or adult supervision. While six weeks off the grid may sound like exactly what today's over-mediated, nature-phobic, hyper-parented kids need most, some people are suggesting that the finer points of the arrangements are more reminiscent of "Oliver Twist" than a Sierra Club camping trip.

In recent weeks, news has surfaced that a few of the children sustained minor injuries during filming and that the producers may have violated New Mexico child labor laws (they claim these weren't applicable because the kids were "participants," not "employees"). It's been reported that the kids' parents signed contracts not only promising confidentiality (a violation of which carries a $5-million penalty) but also waiving their rights to sue in the case of "serious bodily injury, illness or death."

The payoff for this gamble? Each child received $5,000, plus chances to win many times that amount in prizes. Every week on the show, one child is awarded a gold star worth $20,000. "That's gonna pay for a lot of college," host Jonathan Karsh says in the promotional trailer that's just about all anyone's seen so far of "Kid Nation." Other highlights of that footage include scenes of kids pulling oxcarts, cleaning outhouses and weeping during "Lord of the Flies"-style power struggles.

Being a reality show, it's likely that many of these scenes were staged and that some of the kids' lines were fed to them (for the record, CBS has stated that there were counselors on set, just not on camera). Because we don't know exactly what went on, it's hard to say how much exploitation actually happened. But what's interesting about all the fuss is the way it's contradictory to the fuss we usually hear about youth.

With nary a thong, video game or cellphone in sight, the children on the "Kid Nation" promo appear more physically active, intellectually engaged and (no small thing) appropriately dressed than most kids on TV (and in real life) these days. Instead of tempting diabetes with junk food or singing 50 Cent songs to their Bratz dolls, they're working with their hands, breathing fresh air and wearing clothes (think head kerchiefs and galoshes) that suggest the cast of "Little House on the Prairie" as models for Gap Kids (no doubt they were told what to wear, but still . . .).

So good enough, at least they look and act like kids. But somehow it's hard to stop thinking about their parents, and about everyone's motivation.

With rare exception, grown-ups go on reality shows to win the game, take home the cash and, with any luck, parlay the attendant fame into some way of quitting their day job. And while it's unlikely that the youngest citizens of "Kid Nation" were specifically in it for the dough, a quick YouTube search suggests older kids might see things differently. In an audition video for the second season of "Kid Nation" (already in the works) a Seattle preteen sheepishly explains that part of her reason for wanting to be picked is "we're kind of in a situation of us needing money."

On YouTube you can also find a startlingly prescient parody cooked up by comedian Jamie Kennedy back in 2002. Addressing a group of parents, he poses as a producer of "Child Island," in which half a dozen kids get dropped on an island for 13 days with "no food and no fun." After being told several outrageous things, including "no one's going to push your kid off a cliff, but if it happens we'll shoot it," a few of the parents still appear to be entertaining the idea of putting their kids on the show. "If she gets bullied, is it OK if she hurts them back?" asks one father.

All this makes for a fascinating case study in the way "having big plans" for your kids may be changing. A few decades ago, these same folks might have been pushing their kids to win a science fair. But now that the culture of celebrity worship spans several generations, and because it's a biological imperative for parents to want for their children what they couldn't attain themselves, it makes perfect sense that some may want to see their kids on reality shows more than they want them becoming doctors.

Success, we're told these days, is not just about achievement but public (preferably televised) achievement. Parents who buy into this might be foolish, but they're also fiercely protecting their kids from the fate we've come to fear most: invisibility.

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Modesty Movement isn't what it seems

By ANNE K. REAM
LOS ANGELES TIMES

What is it about the growing "modesty movement" that makes me so nervous? On the face of it, there's a lot to like about a girl-driven "revolution" that offers an alternative to the in-your-face fashion popularized by the Britneys and Bratz of the world. When a statement T-shirt can turn a girl from a subject to an object -- "I'm blond. I don't need to be good at math." -- in no time flat, who could argue that a return to sartorial decency is in order?

Enter the modesty movement. On Web sites such as Modestly Yours, Modesty Zone and Dress-Modestly.com, the movement's adherents argue for curfews on college campuses, decry coed bathrooms and advocate a "chaste but chic" dress code for teens and young women. They call themselves sexual revolutionaries, but that might be something of a misnomer: In their world, abstinence is the order of the day and female virtue is the best way to ensure female safety.

The faith-based Web site purefashion.com, which encourages teen girls to "live the virtues of modesty and purity," instructs young women to be "helpful at home ... obedient and happy." What's troubling about this language is how neatly it anticipates the findings of a Yale University study showing that men who get angry in the workplace are admired, while women who express displeasure are seen as "out of control." So much for the idea that well-behaved women rarely make history. Apparently, it's far more important for girls to make nice.

Marketers are getting modest, too. Macy's now carries "Shade" clothing, created by a team of Mormon women devoted to demure dress, and Nordstrom features "Modern and Modest" apparel.

The mother of the modesty movement is Wendy Shalit, whose 1999 book, "A Return to Modesty: Discovering the Lost Virtue," argues that today's young women have reverted to an earlier mode of femininity, deciding that in the face of sexual excess, chastity is the ultimate 21st-century rebellion.

No one would argue that the right to say no to sex isn't a good thing. And surely we can agree that talking to girls about the value of their bodies, and their selves, is a welcome cultural shift. But when Shalit argues that "many of the problems we hear about today -- sexual harassment, date rape ... are connected to our culture's attack on modesty," she is making a dangerous leap.

It's not a lack of female modesty but a sense of male entitlement that leads to sexual violence. And the idea that we women can change men's behavior by changing our clothes is not only disconcerting, it has been debunked. As millions of women know all too well, no one ever avoided a rape by wearing a longer skirt.

One of the most vocal advocates for a return to female modesty is, perhaps not surprising , a man. In his book "Manliness," Harvard University professor Harvey Mansfield argues that women, in demanding equality inside and outside the home, have created a crisis for men. According to Mansfield, modesty is one way to set right what feminists have wrought: "Women play the men's game, which they are bound to lose. Without modesty, there is no romance -- it isn't so attractive or so erotic (to men)."

And therein lies the problem with so much of the modesty movement. Scratch the surface and what's supposed to be good for girls reveals itself to be all about the boys: dressing in a way that doesn't over-excite them, demurring so that their manhood remains intact and holding tight to our sexuality until we find a husband who is worthy of that ultimate "prize."

What's lost in this view of the world is the power of female desire: not just sexual and sartorial but professional and intellectual. There is something liberating about a girlhood (and womanhood) that is not lived solely in anticipation of, or in response to, a man. There's something freeing about a world in which women have the right to take risks (and to get mad).

I suppose I'd feel better about the modesty movement if it had a parallel in the world of men. But quite the opposite is true. At the top of the best-seller list is "The Dangerous Book for Boys," a celebration of male derring-do that encourages boys to dive into life headfirst, taking and embracing risks along the way. The authors and publisher have made clear that no parallel book for young women is in the offing. I guess the fairer sex will have to satisfy itself with Shalit's latest tome: "Girls Gone Mild."

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Firemen rescue feline from tree

YONKERS, N.Y. (AP) — A fearful feline that was stuck in a tree for a week, clinging to branches several stories high, was finally blasted to safety with a high-pressure fire hose.

Volunteers with an outstretched sheet made the save as the cat — soaked and hungry but unharmed — was hosed out of the tree by firefighters Sunday night.

"Everyone was cheering," said artist and animal rescuer Greg Speirs, who was among about 50 people assembled beneath the willow tree.

The cat had previously ignored people who banged cans of cat food and climbed ladders that were just out of reach. It took two shots with the hose to do the trick.

"As soon as the cat landed it jumped out and ran into the woods," Speirs said Monday.

"Some kids helped us bring the cat back, and a man said he would adopt the cat right on the spot," Speirs said. "You can't come up with a nicer ending than that."

Jack Hanna, flamingo get stuck in airport turnstile

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Animal expert Jack Hanna and an 11-month-old flamingo became trapped while trying to squeeze through an airport security turnstile. It took firefighters to finally get the flamingo out.

Hanna, the director emeritus of the Columbus Zoo and a frequent guest on nationally televised talk shows, was returning from a zoo fundraiser with a mongoose, a small leopard and the flamingo. Three other people were with them.

The entourage arrived at the Ohio State University Airport just after midnight Sunday to find the terminal closed. The only way to leave the tarmac was through a 10-foot-tall metal turnstile with several horizontal bars _ not the easiest exit to squeeze through when you're traveling with boxed-up animals, Hanna said.

"I never thought about the crate being square and the turnstile being round," he said.

Hanna, 60, pushed the flamingo's 2-foot-by-3-foot compartment into the turnstile, then continued pushing while straddling the crate.

"I was stuck like a worm. My eyes were as big as grapefruits," he said. "I can't describe the feeling in my stomach. I can't move up or down. The bars are on your face."

Hanna said he eventually squirmed free, leaving the flamingo still wedged inside and everyone else trapped on the tarmac. He then walked to a nearby fire station for help. It took three firefighters to hoist the flamingo's crate up and out of the turnstile, he said.

Columbus fire department logs show the firefighters arrived at the airport at 12:30 a.m. for a "flamingo rescue," spokeswoman Kelly McGuire said.

Hanna joked that the next time he flies through the airport, the biggest animal he'll bring is a gerbil.

Senator sues God in protest of another lawsuit

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — The defendant in a state senator's lawsuit is accused of causing untold death and horror and threatening to cause more still. He can be sued in Douglas County, the legislator claims, because He's everywhere.

State Sen. Ernie Chambers sued God last week. Angered by another lawsuit he considers frivolous, Chambers says he's trying to make the point that anybody can file a lawsuit against anybody.

Chambers says in his lawsuit that God has made terroristic threats against the senator and his constituents, inspired fear and caused "widespread death, destruction and terrorization of millions upon millions of the Earth's inhabitants."

The Omaha senator, who skips morning prayers during the legislative session and often criticizes Christians, also says God has caused "fearsome floods ... horrendous hurricanes, terrifying tornadoes."

He's seeking a permanent injunction against the Almighty.

Chambers said the lawsuit was triggered by a federal suit filed against a judge who recently barred words such as "rape" and "victim" from a sexual assault trial.

The accuser in the criminal case, Tory Bowen, sued Lancaster District Judge Jeffre Cheuvront, claiming that he violated her free speech rights.

Chambers said Bowen's lawsuit is inappropriate because the Nebraska Supreme Court has already considered the case and federal courts follow the decisions of state supreme courts on state matters.

"This lawsuit having been filed and being of such questionable merit creates a circumstance where my lawsuit is appropriately filed," Chambers said. "People might call it frivolous but if they read it they'll see there are very serious issues I have raised."

U.S. District Judge Richard Kopf, in an order last week, expressed doubts about whether Bowen's lawsuit "has any legal basis whatsoever" and said sanctions may be imposed against Bowen and her attorneys if they fail to show cause for the lawsuit.

The Associated Press usually does not identify accusers in sex-assault cases, but Bowen has allowed her name to be used publicly because of the issue over the judge's language restrictions.

Cheuvront declared a mistrial in the sexual assault trial in July, saying pretrial publicity made it impossible to gather enough impartial jurors.

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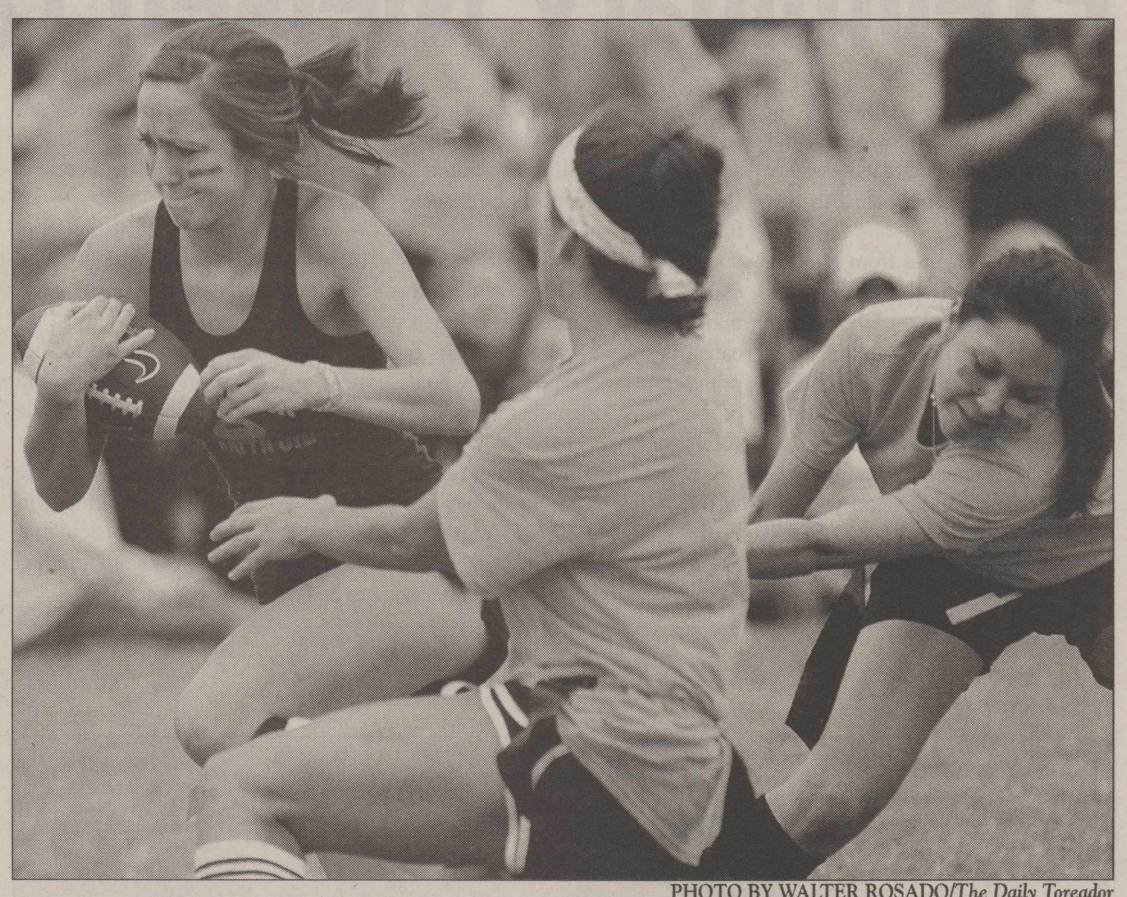


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KAPPA KAPPA GAMMA defenders surround Alpha Phi receiver Tristyn Taylor, a freshman restaurant, hotel, and institutional management major from Alvarado, at the Kappa Sig Bowl Saturday afternoon.

Woman celebrates 100th with ride in sidecar of motorcycle

BERWICK, Pa. (AP) — You might say she was born to be wild — a century ago.

Evelyn Warburton rode to her 100th birthday party Saturday in a motorcycle sidecar. She sported a black leather jacket, a helmet and a pair of sunglasses for the 10-minute ride from her home in Lightstreet to her granddaughter's house in Berwick.

"It was fun today," said Warburton.

Her chauffeur on the green 2000 Harley-Davidson Ultra was George Crawford, a friend who had been offering to take her to church on his motorcycle for several years.

Warburton finally accepted Crawford's offer of a ride to her party. She had actually turned 100 on Thursday.

Crawford said Warburton was nervous at first, but relaxed after he assured her she wouldn't fly out of the sidecar. The duo hit a top speed of 40 mph.

"She's always willing to try new things," said Warburton's daughter, Nancy Hartzel.

Travelers clamoring to see airport bathroom in Craig arrest

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. (AP) - When tourists ask for the bathroom in the Minneapolis airport lately, it's usually not because they have to go.

It's because they want to see the stall made famous by U.S. Sen. Larry Craig's arrest in a sex sting.

"It's become a tourist attraction," said Karen Evans, information specialist at the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport. "People are taking pictures."

Craig was arrested June 11 by a Minneapolis airport police officer. The Idaho Republican pleaded guilty to misdemeanor disorderly conduct.

Craig has since said his guilty plea was a mistake. His request to withdraw the guilty plea will be heard Sept. 26, just four days before he has said he will step down from his Senate seat.

Just 15 minutes into her shift on Friday, Evans said she had been asked directions to the new tourist attraction four times. Other airport workers field the same question.

"It's by the Lottery shop, right next to the shoeshine shop," said newsstand worker Abdalla Said, adding he gets the question daily.

The Royal Zino Shoeshine shop owner's grandson, Royal Zino, said it has been hectic.

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Preliminary Nielsen ratings low for Emmys

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A big loser at this year's Emmy ceremony? The Emmys broadcast, which may have been the least-watched in history.

Preliminary figures from Nielsen Media Research put the audience for Sunday's show, aired on Fox, at 13.1 million viewers. That's 3 million fewer than for last year's telecast, on NBC, and less than the record low 13.8 million three years ago on ABC.

One likely reason for Emmy's poor performance: Tough head-to-head competition in much of the country from NBC's National Football League game. About 13.3 million viewers chose to watch the New England Patriots clobber the San Diego Chargers, according to preliminary numbers. (Final audience numbers are expected from Nielsen on Tuesday.)

Ratings aside, "The Sopranos" claimed its final Emmy as best dramatic series. Winners in other top categories were scattered across the prime-time landscape like the bodies of the show's fallen characters across New Jersey.

A stunned James Spader felt like he just "stole a pile of money from the mob" in winning best drama series actor as a devilish lawyer on "Boston Legal" at Sunday night's ceremony. And Sally Field was her flustered self as winner of best actress in a drama for her matriarchal role in "Brothers & Sisters."

Spader rubbed out three-time winner James Gandolfini of "The Sopranos" and last year's upset victor, Kiefer Sutherland of "24."

Field, fondly remembered for her years-ago TV stints as "Gidget" and "The Flying Nun," bumped off Edie Falco of "The Sopranos."

"Surely this belongs to all the mothers of the world," Field said in a rambling acceptance speech that wound up with a swear word that had to be bleeped by Fox censors.

Field's speech recalled her much-parodied 1985 acceptance of the best-actress Oscar for "Places in the Heart," in which she said the famous line: "I can't deny the fact that you like me. Right now, you really like me."

Presenter Ray Romano also got attention from the evening's word police.

Fox blacked out the show for a few seconds when Romano used a strong word in a joke about his former "Everybody Loves Raymond" wife, Patricia Heaton, sleeping with her new "Back to You" co-star Kelsey Grammer.

Supporting dramatic actress winner Katherine Heigl of "Grey's Anatomy" mouthed another expletive, which Fox unsuccessfully tried to evade by switching camera angles.

"30 Rock" took top comedy series honors for its behind-the-scenes look at the craziness of a late-night sketch show.

Tina Fey, the show's star and creator, acknowledged the show's low ratings in its freshman year by thanking its "dozens and dozens of viewers."

Ricky Gervais of "Extras" beat out Steve Carell of "The Office" for lead comedy series actor. Gervais originated the buffoonish boss role that Carell fills on the American version of the British sitcom.

The biggest laugh of the night was earned by presenters Jon Stewart and Stephen Colbert, after they announced that Gervais won.

"Ricky Gervais could not be here tonight. Instead we're going to give this to our friend, Steve Carell," Stewart said. Carell bounded on stage, sharing a group hug with Stewart and Colbert.

America Ferrera, TV's breakout star as the dumpy fashion magazine assistant on "Ugly Betty," was the lone acting front-runner to win. She added an Emmy as leading comedic actress to her Golden Globe and Screen Actors Guild victories this year.

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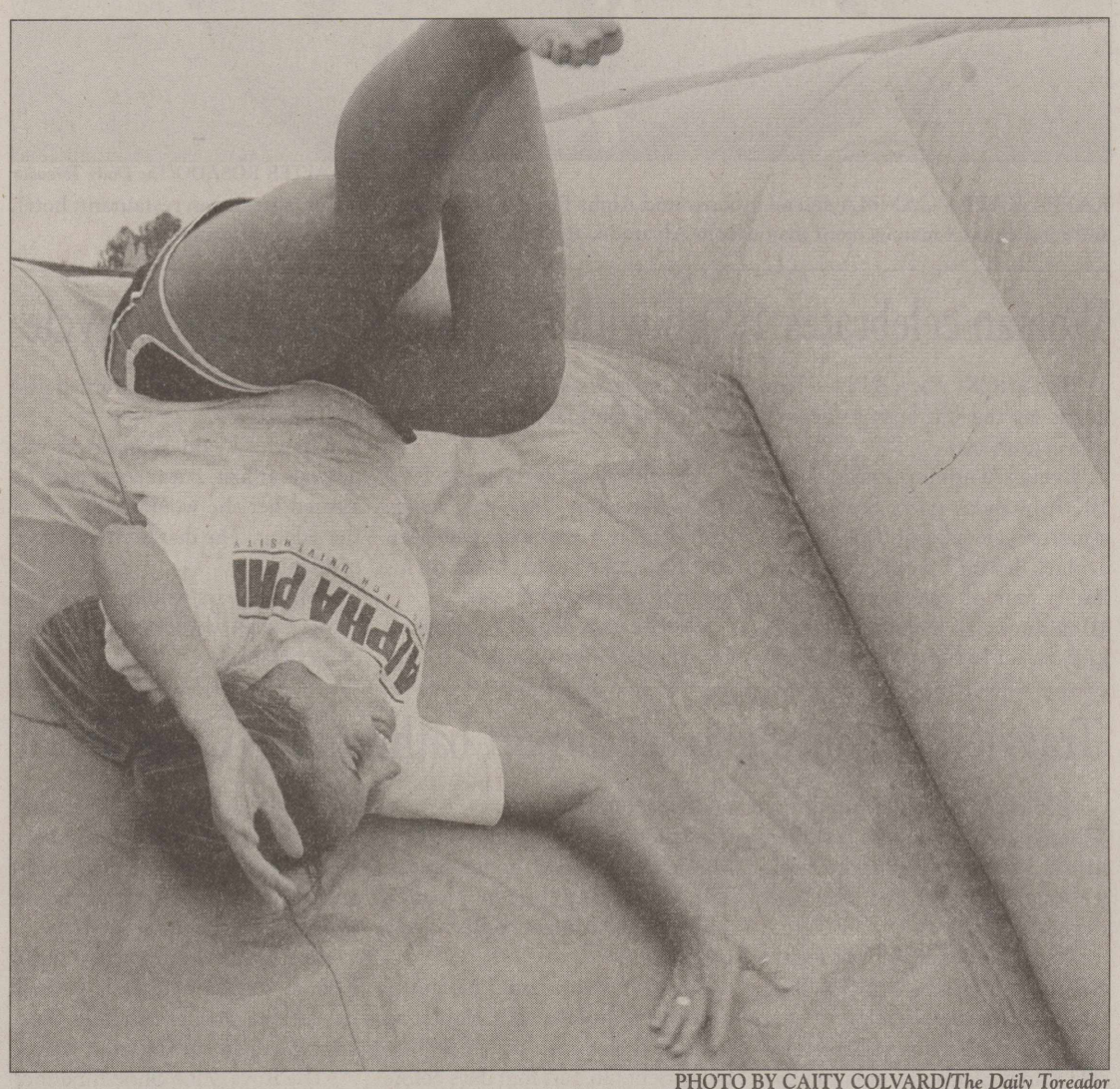


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STEPHANIE LANTER, A junior marketing major from Austin, slides down an inflatable slide during the Alpha Phi Start Heart Walk Saturday morning.

U. Minnesota ranks No. 1 in sexual awareness

By TOM MORAN
MINNESOTA DAILY (U. MINNESOTA)

(U-WIRE) MINNEAPOLIS — Trojan brand condoms' "Sexual Health Report Card," released Sept. 10, gave the University of Minnesota a No. 1 ranking in sexual health and awareness.

The survey assigned letter grades in 11 categories to 139 colleges and universities. The University had a cumulative grade point average of 3.91 for the report card, and moved up 54 positions from last year in the second annual survey.

According to the survey, the areas in which the University improved since last year were condom and contraception availability and the presence of anonymous advice. The survey gave the University failing grades in those areas last year.

Eli Coleman, University director of the Program in Human Sexuality, said he was very proud of the University's achievement.

Coleman said even though the University ranked highest, it should continue to improve the sexual health and awareness on campus.

"We always need to do more," Coleman said.

The University gives out 100,000 condoms on campus each year, Dave Dorman, a health educator at Boynton Health Service, said.

Dorman said the University didn't change its practices from last year's; instead the way data was collected was adjusted.

"I'm not sure of the validity, but it is nice to be recognized," he said.

Dorman credited the University's success to the cooperation between Boynton and other programs.

The Aurora Center, student groups and health advocates all do their part, he said.

He said the University emphasizes abstinence as well as safe sex.

One of every six students at the University chooses abstinence, he said.

Joe Lai, a junior microbiology student, is a health advocate in Middlebrook Hall.

Advocates are trained throughout the year in a wide range of health topics concerning students, including sexual health, Lai said.

Health advocates have medication and contraception available for students free of charge.

Lai said he has only seen a few visitors this year, but heard that some health advocates have been busier.

"A girl living in the superblock has already given out over 200 condoms," Lai said.

Survey expanded

The survey was conducted by Sperling's BestPlaces on behalf of Trojan.

Jim Daniels, vice president of marketing for Trojan brand condoms, said in a press release that the survey is issued to help schools focus on areas to improve and celebrate their areas of success.

"The fact is, college students are at serious risk for STIs and unplanned pregnancies," Daniels said.

The survey was expanded from 100 to 139 colleges and universities this year.

Four categories for grading were added to bring the total from seven to 11.

The survey information was gathered by telephone and through e-mail interviews with each school's student health center.

Opinion surveys were given to 3,300 students across the country, but those results didn't factor into the rankings.

According to the press release, 53 percent of students said their health centers could improve and 66 percent said their centers were doing a good job.

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Tech men's tennis announces hiring of new assistant coach

By ADAM COLEMAN
STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech men's tennis team has added additional help to the coaching staff.

Marcelo Ferreira was hired on the Tech coaching staff as an assistant coach to replace former player and assistant coach Peter Danolic.

"The best quality about him is that he's a high character person," Tech coach Tim Siegel said. "He's a good guy. He's somebody that I think the players are really going to respond well to, and he's got a lot of energy when it comes to being on the court. He's very, very positive and (has) a lot of energy. So, I think he's going to be a great assist for us."

Ferreira comes to Tech from Division II Georgia College & State University, where he served as assistant coach and played for three years.

During Ferreira's career in Division II tennis, he posted a 47-33 singles record and a 32-23 doubles record.

Ferreira comes from a school with perennial success as GCSU has reached the NCAA Tournament eight of the last nine years.

"I was working at a Division II school; my dream was always to become not a big-time, but a Division I coach," Ferreira said. "I know it's more competitive, and it would be a big challenge. So, when the position became open and I was offered a job I just thought it was a big challenge, and I just took it."



MARCELO FERREIRA

Ferreira's career dates back to 1998, teaching tennis lesson at his native home of Sao Paulo, Brazil. He made his way to the United States, staying involved with tennis by working as an assistant director at a tennis camp in South Hampton, N.Y., and founding two sports management companies to help organize events for prospect tennis players to compete in the U.S.

"It's kind of interesting how this worked," Siegel said. "I had hired another assistant coach, and after nine days he had to leave for personal reasons. I was so fortunate not only because of the timing, but to find someone of the caliber."

Ferreira will become part of a men's tennis team returning six starters including the No. 10 ranked doubles team of Christian Rojmar and Bojan Szumanski. Also ranked is No. 93 Sinisa Markovic.

Szumanski said based on a meeting Ferreira, he has a good feeling about where the new assistant coach will take the team.

"First impression is he seems like a really, really nice guy," Szumanski said. "For sure, he'll be able to relate to us. Assistant coach is always a position where you're like a player's coach, maybe a player's friend. I think it's a big advantage."

Ferreira said although it may be difficult making a move from Division II to Division I, he welcomes the task and plans to use it to his advantage.

"I think it's going to be a great opportunity, a great experience," he said. "I think I'm going to have the chance to learn a lot, so it's a big challenge, I know; but I think I'm ready for it."

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Romo, Cowboys off to strong start

IRVING(AP) — Two games into his first full season as a starting quarterback, Tony Romo has been exposed.

He doesn't know how to slide.

Romo's headfirst dive onto the hard baseball infield in Miami on Sunday was curious at best, a needless risk that prompted enough teasing that maybe he'll play it safe next time. Yet the real lesson of that scramble is that it's one of the few questionable decisions Romo has made thus far.

His stellar leadership is the main reason the Dallas Cowboys are 2-0 for the first time since 1999. He was the NFC offensive player of the week after producing five touchdowns against the Giants in the opener, then might have been even better in a 37-20 victory over the Dolphins.

Although his numbers were down, Romo kept coming through in the clutch. His best highlights produced touchdowns — spinning from the grasp of Miami's Joey Porter and ducking beneath another rusher to somehow find tight end Tony Curtis open in the end zone, then throwing a 34-yard touchdown pass to Terrell Owens on fourth-and-5 with about four minutes left to seal the win.

"I think he played better against Miami than he did against New York," tight end Jason Witten said. "He made things happen. He created things on his own. When he does that, it allows our offense to be a lot better."

Coach Wade Phillips called the 2-yard TD pass to Curtis "an amazing throw," then gave Romo the ultimate compliment — comparing the Wisconsin-reared quarterback to his childhood idol.

"He made some scrambles that you don't see many people make, Brett Favre-ish," Phillips said. "He made some really outstanding plays and he's still looking downfield all the time. That's what really amazes me about him. A lot of guys, they can get away from people at times but they don't see what's going on. He sees receivers."

Romo is averaging a ridiculously high 10 yards per attempts, with six touchdowns and only one interception. He's been sacked twice — one of them for 0 yards, Phillips noted — and he's turned seven runs into 47 yards and a touchdown.

His quarterback rating is 119.3 and he's guided the Cowboys to 82 points, their highest two-game total since 1971.

Just like everyone expected — right?

Actually, Romo's strong start answers many of the questions that were still being asked about him despite his Pro Bowl breakout last season.

Because Romo went 5-1 then 1-4, some folks wondered if his success was a fluke. Others were concerned his bobbled snap of a hold in the playoffs would mess with his head. A swollen head was the fear of talk-radio callers who saw Romo in the celebrity pages more than the sports pages this summer.

Plus, he had to cut down on what Bill Parcells called "impulse throws" and eliminate other risks he took that went beyond dive vs. slide.

Now September is only halfway done and Romo has won everyone over again, just like he did last November. Once again the buzz is about him carrying on the legacy of Roger Staubach and Troy Aikman.

"I don't ever think about that stuff," Romo said. "I'm just trying to prove to myself that I'm as good as I can be."

Well, there is one person whose opinion matters: Cowboys owner Jerry Jones.

The DT's Big 12 Players of the Week

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1. Graham Harrell, Texas Tech,	28-37	414yds	6TD
2. Todd Reesing, Kansas,	16-35	313yds	4TD
3. Blake Szymanski, Baylor,	30-50	411yds	5TD

RUNNINGBACKS:

1. Jamaal Charles, Texas,	22car	153yds	1TD
2. James Johnson, Kansas State,	16car	114yds	3TD
3. Kendall Hunter, Oklahoma St.	16car	125yds	

WIDE RECEIVERS:

1. Michael Crabtree, Texas Tech,	11Rec	244yds	3TD
2. Jordy Nelson, Kansas State,	15Rec	209yds	1TD
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A&M player's move to honor injured Everett lauded by Hurricanes

CORAL GABLES, Fla. (AP) — Martellus Bennett was someone the Miami Hurricanes badly wanted. They wooed the talented tight end out of his native Texas for a recruiting visit, got a verbal commitment before his junior year of high school, then watched him change his mind and eventually enroll at Texas A&M.

No hard feelings, though.

Not after the way Bennett is paying tribute to the player who hosted him on his recruiting trip to Miami. Bennett switched his number from 13 to 85 for the 20th-ranked Aggies' 54-14 win over Louisiana-Monroe in honor of former Miami tight end Kevin Everett — the Buffalo player who sustained a life-threatening spinal cord injury in the Bills' opener against Denver.

That gesture was warmly received by the Hurricanes, many of whom didn't know about Bennett changing to Everett's number until told of it Monday.

"That's a great move," said Miami tight end DajLeon Farr, who grew up in Texas. "That's showing good character. That shows what kind of person Martellus is. To show respect in that way, that's a great thing."

Bennett may keep showing that respect the rest of the season, too.

School officials said Bennett will be back in his customary No. 13 jersey Thursday night when the Aggies (3-0) come to the Orange Bowl to meet the unranked Hurricanes (2-1). But Bennett said he plans to ask Aggies coach Dennis Franchione on Tuesday if he can stay in No. 85 for the remainder of the year.

"I'm not sure what will happen yet," Bennett said Monday. "A lot of my teammates want me to continue to wear it."

Everett has made great progress since his injury. Doctors originally feared he would never walk again, but he since wiggled his toes, bended his hip, moved his ankles, elevated his legs, moved his arms and had slight movement in both hands.

Bennett, obviously, is thrilled by those developments.

"It's very uplifting," Bennett said. "It gives people hope and faith to keep believing that anything is possible. It gives people more hope to do things they haven't done before. And the better he gets, the more hope we get."

Bennett is the Aggies' leading receiver, with 14 catches for 166 yards through the season's first three games. The 6-foot-7 junior — who made himself eligible for the NBA draft before joining the Aggies and formerly was a two-sport athlete at Texas A&M — also has 34 knockdown blocks so far and is a matchup nightmare for most teams.

"Blocking is part of the game, is what (Everett) always told me," Bennett said. "He took a lot of pride in his blocking and catching."

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>
> — MARTELLUS BENNETT
> Texas A&M Tight End

Bennett ranks sixth among all major college tight ends in total catches so far this year, and is a big reason why Texas A&M is averaging nearly 445 yards per game and is unbeaten through three games for the second consecutive season.

"He's an excellent football player, a heck of a player," Miami defensive coordinator Tim Walton said. "He's a good blocker, a good receiver and we have to play a good game against him. We have to make sure we're aware of where he's at at all times."

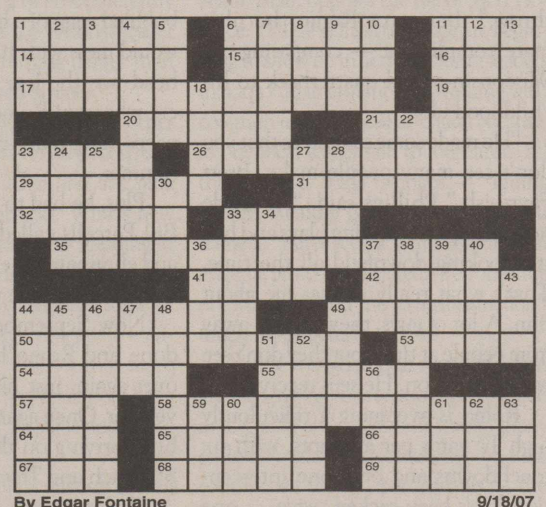
It's not like Bennett won't be too hard to find, no matter if he's wearing 13 or 85.

"What he did shows a huge amount of respect for our program," said Miami offensive lineman Reggie Youngblood, another Texan who roomed with Bennett during a trip they took to a high school all-star game.

Added Hurricanes kicker Francesco Zampogna: "To change numbers, that's very impressive."

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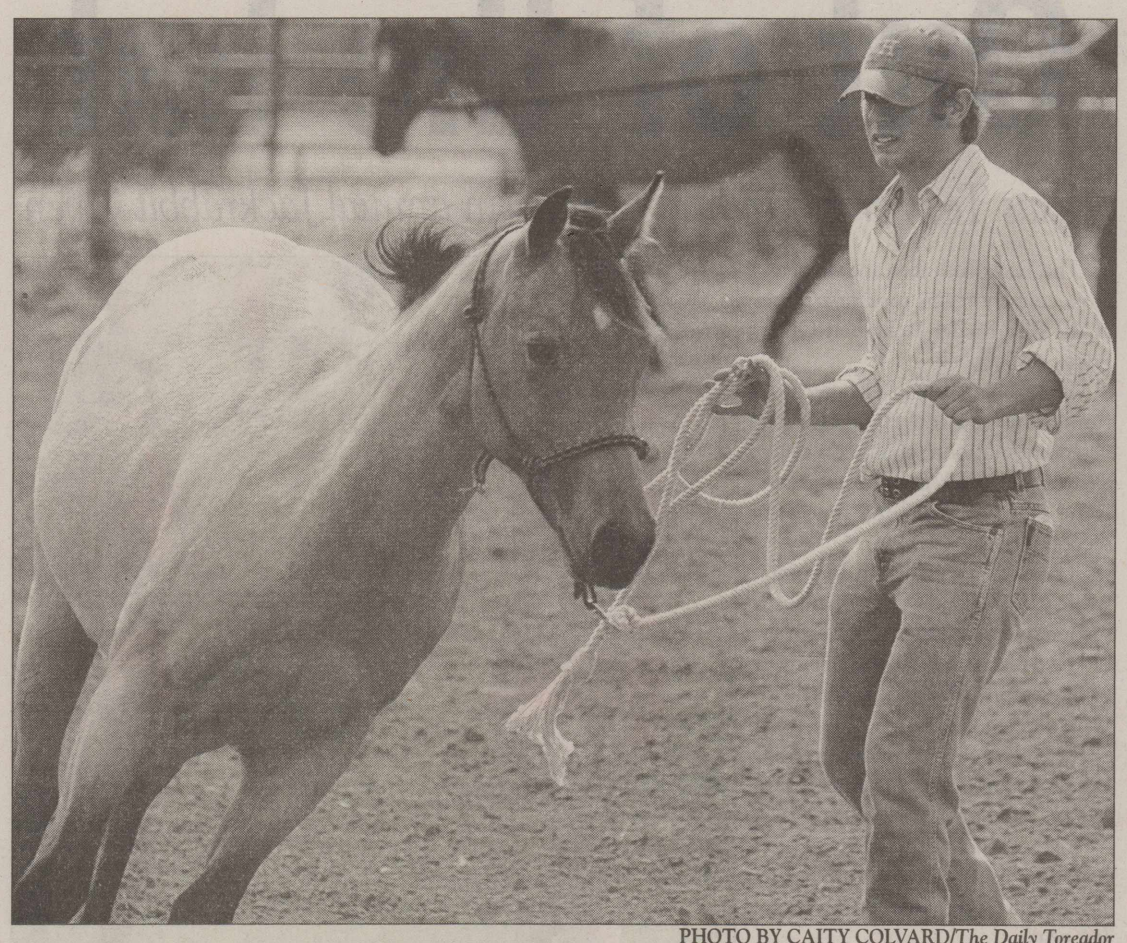


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3 Texas Longhorn players reinstated

AUSTIN(AP) — Three Texas players suspended for the first three games have been reinstated and should be available to play Saturday against Rice, coach Mack Brown said Monday.

Sophomore linebacker Sergio Kindle and junior defensive end Henry Melton were suspended for three games at the start of training camp after summer drunken driving arrests.

Wide receiver Billy Pittman was suspended for three games after the school determined he received improper benefits for the use of a friend's car.

"(Kindle and Melton) are great players. I think they can be very effective," cornerback Brandon Foster said.

Stoops: Friday night lights should shine on high schools

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — For years and years, an unwritten rule in college football said you never schedule games on Friday nights.

Those belonged exclusively to high schools. It was sort of a gentleman's agreement between universities and secondary schools because colleges did not want to cut into high school attendance or harm high school programs in any way.

And they still don't, Bob Stoops says as he prepares to send his fourth-ranked Oklahoma Sooners against Tulsa in a made-for TV affair this Friday night.

"I think this is the only Friday night game we have had," the Oklahoma coach said Monday, apparently forgetting his season opener at Tulsa in 2002 also fell on a Friday.

"And it isn't something you'll see us doing again for a long, long time."

Oklahoma State played at Troy on Friday night, so Oklahoma's three biggest schools will all have broken the unwritten rule this year and apparently incurred the wrath of quite a few high school officials around the state.

"It's an absolute travesty for high school football," Butch Peters, head coach at Norman, Okla., High School told the Daily Oklahoman. "It's going to kill a lot of gates, a lot of crowds. I'm very upset about it. ... I can't believe the NCAA would allow any network to broadcast games on Friday nights."

Apparently, there are two main reasons universities have begun scheduling on Friday night — television money and television exposure.

"It's sad that money causes shifts in decades-old traditions," said Gary Savely, athletic director at Oklahoma's McGuinness High School. "But it is a fact of life that cannot be ignored."

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> **— BUTCH PETERS**
> Norman High School
> Football Coach

Oklahoma State coach Mike Gundy also said it's something the Cowboys do not do lightly.

"If we play a game on a Friday night, our thought is to play it out of state, not in-state," said Gundy. "Nobody wants to affect high school football. But then again, do you want to play on national TV? It's kind of a double-edged sword."

Stoops said Oklahoma consulted with high school officials about their plans.

"Our athletic director, Joe Castiglione, did go to the high school coaches association and check with them before we agreed to do it," he said.

"They were OK with it because it isn't something we're going to make a habit of. You probably won't see us do it again. It's not that we need to be on TV. We're on TV every week. This won't be something you see us making a habit of, for sure."

That may be little comfort to high school officials dealing with diminished crowds and shrunken ticket sales this weekend.

And who knows? maybe Oklahoma, Oklahoma State and Tulsa have unwittingly helped rival recruiters get their foot in the door at Oklahoma high schools — at least those who do not play on Friday night.

"The decision these three Oklahoma universities made to play on Friday was based on the revenue they will gain from the TV broadcast with a total disregard for the revenue Oklahoma high school athletic departments will lose," Steve Cothren, athletic director at Lawton High told the Oklahoman.

"I am not saying that because of these two football games we will not be able to fund athletics in Lawton. I am saying that the actions of these three universities are disappointing and show us that we are not important to them."

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Out of the hat

Texas Tech cross country teams win annual Jackrabbit Open

The Texas Tech men and women's cross country teams took first place at the Red Raider Jackrabbit Open Friday in Lubbock.

The women's team placed three runners in the top 10, including defending national champion Sally Kipyego and 2006 All-American Irene Kimaiyo finishing first and second, respectively.

The team finished with 29 points while South Plains College placed second overall with 60 points.

Tech placed third in the first meet of the season at Buffalo Stampede in Canyon Aug. 31.

Kipyego remains undefeated in her cross country career with seven straight victories.

Tech coach Jon Murray said he believes this year's opposition at the Jackrabbit Open was improved from last year's.

"Overall, compared to last year's meet at Tech, this year was a much better meet," he said. "The level of competition helped them run faster. Just overall, the same that ran (in the first meet) placed better in this competition against the same schools."

Asia Diaz finished sixth in 17 minutes 12 seconds and Katherine Priebe and Michelle Guzman finished 12th and 13th in more than 18 minutes each.

Murray said Priebe and Guzman provide strong depth for a women's team that was already loaded.

"Both Katherine and Michelle are going to just keep getting better," he said. "By the end of the year, I think they're going to be tremendous."

The men's team finished with eight runners in the top 15 and placed first for the second meet in a row.

Edwin Sang finished third overall and first for Tech in 23:39, a minute and a half faster than his time at last year's Red Raider Jackrabbit Open.

"That's the best depth I've had since I've been here," Murray said of the men's finish. "That's what wins cross country, to have that kind of depth and people stepping up. They're real close, and it makes it exciting to have a team like that."

Sophomore Silas Kemboi, who finished seventh in 24:18, said the men's team has a close relationship with each other, which could help make a historic run.

"Everyone is more competitive this year and looking forward to making nationals," sophomore Silas Kemboi said. "I think everyone is strong, and it's a very, very good group. My friends Edwin, John Means, Cory and the rest of the team, that is what we're working for."

Women's team runner Gladys Kipsang was held out of the race because of a groin injury.

The team will travel to Bethlehem, Pa., and race in the Sept. 28 Paul Short Invitational.

▶▶ *daniel.ybarra@ttu.edu*



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MEMBERS OF THE Texas Tech Women's Cross Country team run around the West Rec fields Friday evening during the Red Raider Jackrabbit Open.

Texans' Johnson could miss Colts game with knee sprain

HOUSTON (AP) — Pro Bowl receiver Andre Johnson could miss Houston's game against Indianapolis on Sunday after injuring his knee against Carolina.

Texans coach Gary Kubiak said an MRI on Johnson's sprained left knee revealed no damage that would require surgery, but that it was "doubtful" he would play Sunday.

Kubiak and Texans trainer Kevin Bastin said they should know more about Johnson's condition after he is re-evaluated sometime in the middle of the week.

"We're concerned with Andre right now and we can't answer all the questions right now," Kubiak said. "We expect him back, no doubt, and we hope it's sooner than later."

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> — **KEVIN BASTIN**
> Houston Texans
> Trainer

Johnson sprained his knee during the fourth quarter of the Texans 34-21 win over the Panthers on Sunday. He was hurt after falling awkwardly on his knee following a 10-yard reception and remained on the turf for several minutes.

He was able to walk off the field on his own, but could be seen limping on the sideline.

"After seeing the film, we're fortunate," Bastin said. "It could have been worse based on the way he was twisted around."

Bastin said Johnson is wearing a brace on his knee to keep him from moving it and that there was minimal swelling Monday, a positive sign.

Johnson had seven catches for 120 yards and two touchdowns on Sunday and his 262 yards receiving in the first two games rank fourth in the NFL.

It will be a major blow to the team if Johnson can't play in Sunday's AFC South matchup against the Colts. The Texans will look to Kevin Walter and rookie Jacoby Jones to fill in. Walter has two receptions for 17 yards this season and Jones has two catches for 33 yards.

Kubiak said Andre' Davis, who has been inactive for the first two games, could also help out if Johnson is unable to play.

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7 AM :30	Curious / Clifford	Today *Scheduled: musician James Blunt performs. (HD)*	The Early Show	Amer. Athlete / Eye for an Eye	The Daily Buzz *News show.*	Good Morning America . (HD)	Jack Hanna / Paid Programs
8 AM :30	Super Why! / Dragon Tales			Judge Mathis	Judge Lopez / Judge Lopez		
9 AM :30	Sesame Street		The 700 Club	Divorce Court / Divorce Court	The Steve Wilkos Show	Montel Williams	Martha *Cooking, home design.*
10 AM :30	Big World (HD) / WordWorld		The Price Is Right	Judge Alex / Paid Program	Temptation / Paid Programs	The View	The Tyra Banks Show
11 AM :30	Barney / Caillou	Jeopardy! (HD) / Crosswords	Young and the Restless (HD)	Jerry Springer	Cosby	Paid Programs	The Dr. Keith Ablow Show
12 PM :30	Sewing / Painting	News / Days of Our Lives	News / Bold Beautiful	Maury	Cosby / Roseanne	All My Children	Access / Extra
1 PM :30	Creative Living / Place	Jeopardy! (HD)	As the World Turns	Paid Programs	Roseanne / Degrassi	One Life to Live	The People's Court
2 PM :30	Teletubbies / Betw. Lion	Crosswords / Inside Edition	Guiding Light	Jerry Springer *Talk show.*	I Like (HD) / I Like (HD)	General Hospital	Cristina Court / Cristina
3 PM :30	Reading / Cyberchase	The Oprah Winfrey Show	Brown / Brown	Maury	Reba (HD) / Reba (HD)	Paid Program / The Insider	Ellen DeGeneres
4 PM :30	Clifford / Arthur	Dr. Phil *Changing lives.*	Judge Judy / Judge Judy	Access / Family Feud	The Steve Wilkos Show	Rachael Ray	FOX 34 First @ Four
5 PM :30	Maya & Miguel / Bus. Rpt	News / NBC News	News / CBS News	Family Feud / Extra	Still Standing / Still Standing	News / World News	Friends / The Simpsons
6 PM :30	The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer	News / Wheel Fortune	News / Millionaire?	The Academy *"My O'Miley"*	Queens (HD) / Queens (HD)	News / Entertainment	Jim (HD) / Raymond
7 PM :30	Live from Lincoln Center *Performance with cellist Yo-Yo Ma.*	The Biggest Loser	Power of 10 / Big Brother 8 *One will win.*	Jail *"Episode 5"* / Jail *"Episode 1"* / Jim (HD) / Wife and Kids	Beauty and the Geek	Just Laughs / Just Laughs / Elvis: Viva Las Vegas . (HD)	House *"Human Error"* (HD) / K-Ville *"Pilot"*
9 PM :30	Letters From the Other Side	Law & Order: SVU *"Screwed"*	NCIS *"Angel of Death"* (HD)	'70s / King of Hill	Bernie Mac / Bernie Mac		FOX 34 News @ Nine
10 PM :30	Bus. Rpt / Charlie Rose	(:59) News / (:35) The Tonight Show	News / (:35) Late Show (HD)	Malcolm / Malcolm / Becker	Will & Grace / Will & Grace / Sex and City	News / (:35) Nightline / (:06) ET	Seinfeld / Frasier / Friends
11 PM :30	News	Late Night	(:37) Late Late Show	Paid Program	Sex and City	(:36) Jimmy Kimmel Live	Scrubs
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