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Police shouldn't pepper spray peaceful protesters

Editorial

The streams of rust-colored pepper spray shot at Occupy protesters at the University of California, Davis may have obscured their vision, but they also made one thing clear — speech is not always free.

Campus police sprayed the peaceful protesters at close range on Nov. 18 as they sat huddled in an on-campus protest, refusing to move despite “orders to disperse,” according to the Associated Press.

“The right to speak freely and the right to protest should be rights we can all agree upon and exercise.”

YouTube videos of the incident show protesters trying to shield their faces as the officers spray them repeatedly and even tug at them, trying to break them apart.

The videos show a sickening display of unnecessary police force against a group of students simply expressing their views.

But those sprayed took what could be a step toward justice when they sued the school's chancellor, Linda Katehi, and other campus administrators Feb. 22. With the suit, they are “seeking unspecified damages” as well as campus policies to help safeguard nonviolent protesters from similar situations in the future, the AP reported.

The protesters feel that their constitutional rights were violated, and it seems clear that they were.

If a group of university students cannot demonstrate peacefully on its own campus, one has to wonder where they can. Universities should be places open to the free expression of views, the consideration of various angles of an issue.

It is within our country's universities that so many young people figure out where they stand on moral, social, theological and philosophical issues. Many of those issues are tough and con-

troversial. Some stem from nationwide debates; others, local ones. But students have the right to debate each of these issues.

Universities should rejoice when students take the initiative and become involved enough in these conversations to take a stand, to start a protest.

But that also means respecting students' freedom of speech, which is essential for students to form their stances and understand all sides of each issue.

Hopefully this lawsuit will indeed lead to compensation for the protesters as well as new campus policies that ensure future protesters' freedoms are uninhibited.

Outside the courtroom, UC Davis president Mark Yudof has launched an investigation into police methods of handling student protests at all 10 University of California campuses.

A report on Yudof's investigation is due in March and will hopefully come guidelines that protect not only student protesters' rights, but also their safety.

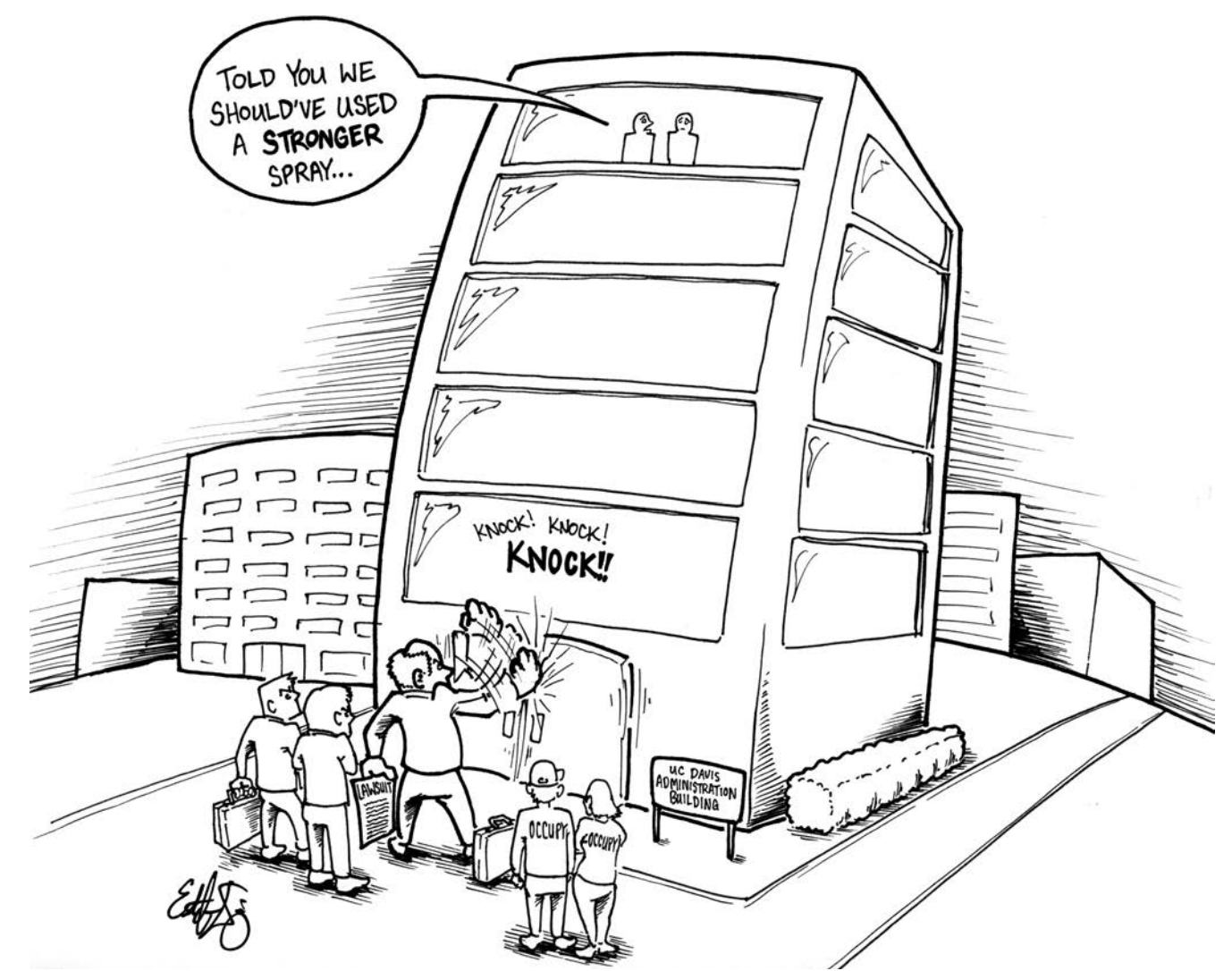
The school has also taken initiative in creating a task force led by former California Supreme Court Justice Cruz Reynoso, a professor emeritus at the UC Davis School of Law. The task force is looking into the incident and preparing a report — to be ready in early March — that will also include “recommendations to prevent similar incidents.”

Hopefully these recommendations will actually be implemented, as a sign to students — both current and future — that UC Davis wants to right the situation and improve its policies for the generations to come.

Surely the U.S. District Court in Sacramento, where the lawsuit was filed, will also stand behind the students and ensure that new policies are created and upheld effectively.

The issues at hand may not become less complex with time, and we as a nation will almost certainly never all see eye-to-eye. But the right to speak freely and the right to protest should be rights we can all agree upon and exercise.

The U.S. District Court in Sacramento and the administrators of UC Davis themselves can take one step toward getting us there by safeguarding those rights for its own students.



In this Nov. 18, 2011 file photo, University of California, Davis Police Lt. John Pike uses pepper spray to move Occupy UC Davis protesters.

If Paula Deen can adopt healthy lifestyle, everyone can



Mallory Hisler | Reporter

Paula Deen announced in January she has Type 2 Diabetes, in which the body cannot process insulin. Her efforts to curb her deep-fried, high-in-all-the-bad-stuff cooking brings to the table again a popular topic in America — obesity.

Now that the hailed “Queen of Southern Cooking,” who is known for having a less than healthy relationship with butter and frying, is trying to shape up (pardon the pun) her diet to better herself, isn't it time to look at our own food choices and see what we can do for ourselves?

First I must say that I am by

no means a super healthy eater. I enjoy Cracker Barrel's Sunday Homestyle Chicken, a fresh pot of gumbo and chocolate chip cookies more than I might like to admit. But does that really mean that I need to eat those things on a regular basis? No, not at all.

Leading a healthy lifestyle doesn't have to mean denying yourself things that you love, nor does it have to mean participating in a marathon and living off of food that tastes like cardboard. There are plenty of ways to enjoy a delicious meal and burn off calories in a fun way.

There are countless recipes in

books and on the Web that offer meals that are good for you and don't skip out on the flavor. Most restaurants also have selections that you can tell are better for you just by reading the description. Eating better can keep you from developing scary conditions like diabetes, but it can also make you feel better in your day-to-day life.

Then there is exercising, which seems to be hard for many people, including myself. However, you don't have to go to a gym or run the bear trail to stay in shape (although those are great). Something that my mom and my aunts used to do to stay fit was walk-

ing laps around the community building together. They would meet up and do stretches, then walk about 10 laps, which equated to around 3 miles. Catching up on things that had happened during the day and laughing was a great motivator to go, and the fact that they weren't at a gym or another crowded place made them feel comfortable.

I have started a combination workout, which I found on Pinterest, of cardiovascular and strengthening sets that I can do at my house watching TV. It is not traditional, but it is something that I feel at ease doing, and I defi-

nately can tell the difference.

My point is that you don't have to be a health guru to know how to make wise choices and give your body what it deserves.

We owe it to our future generations to be good examples. We owe it to ourselves to treat our bodies better and give it things that will help strengthen and energize it.

I mean if Paula Deen can do it, we should all have some kind of inspiration.

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Dancing queens

Members of different organizations dance Wednesday in front of the Rena Marrs McLean Gymnasium in celebration of Hump Day, part of Alpha Week.

Costa weathers storm of press

By COLLEEN BARRY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

MILAN — Costa Crociere S.p.A., the largest cruise brand in Europe, is facing a legal and public relations nightmare after seeing two high-profile disasters on its ships barely six weeks apart.

Costa Crociere bookings already had dipped by an estimated one-third following the Jan. 13 wreck of its Concordia ocean liner off a Tuscan island that killed up to 32 passengers and crew. Now, following an engine room fire this week that left its Allegra cruise ship drifting without power in the Indian Ocean, Costa faces an even more difficult future.

Industry experts said Costa's survival after 60 years in the passenger ship business could depend on the company changing its name or getting a bailout from its parent, U.S.-based Carnival.

Magda Antonioli, the director of the tourism Masters program at Bocconi University in Milan, said Costa should think about re-branding itself after the back-to-back disasters.

"Certainly, images of the two accidents have been around the world," Antonioli said.

But many in the cruise business don't think the disasters will prove to be Costa's death knell or even have a long-term impact on the wider cruise industry, which is experiencing phenomenal growth as the number of healthy elderly rises and more families choose cruises for intergenerational vacations.

"No, not the end for Costa, which has operating passenger ships for over 60 years," Douglas Ward, author of the 2012 Berlitz Guide to Cruising & Cruise Ships, said in an email from a ship off the Australian coast. "But the relentless media spotlight may dilute the brand and perhaps the number of ships in fleet."

Based in Genoa, Costa has a 7 percent global market share, the largest of Carnival's subsidiaries. With two ships now disabled by accidents, two more are scheduled for launch before the heavy summer European cruise season opens, and another is expected by 2014.

Carnival, the parent company, has a strong cash flow, which

would put them in a position to help out Costa if needed, said Jaime Katz, an analyst at Morning Star. She noted that much of the liability that Costa faces from the Concordia tragedy will be covered by insurance — and that the industry as a whole can expect premiums to go up.

Ward said the real impact would be the lost jobs among people who work on the ships, many from developing nations whose families depend on those seafaring jobs.

In Italy alone, Costa contributed euro2.2 billion (\$3 billion) to the economy in 2010 through tourism, shipbuilding, shipboard suppliers and other related spending, according to a study by Milan Polytechnic.

Bookings on Costa dropped some 30 percent after the Concordia, and are down around 22 to 25 percent in the wake of the Allegra's generator fire on Monday, said Roberto Corbella, president of Italy's tour operator industry group.

But he said the early estimates are not reliable and can pick up at any time.

Two days after the Allegra fire, the ship's 1,000 passengers and crew were facing a third night without lights, air conditioning or power. Passengers were sleeping outside and eating only cold foods. Canned food was being helicoptered onto the stricken ship, which was being towed and expected to reach the Seychelles' main island on Thursday.

The company faces dozens of lawsuits, besides paying compensation to the 4,200 people who were on board the ship.

Costa's real image issue stems from the two accidents happening in such a short time span.

"I think the problem now for Costa is that it is too close to the Costa Concordia disaster, which is totally different from what happened to the Allegra. Engine room fires can happen. But usually they are more of an annoyance," said Teijo Niemela, the Helsinki-based editor of Cruise Business Review.

Ironically, if Costa's response to the Allegra fire is sure-footed enough, experts said that could help dispel impressions the company has issues in training its crew.

Jobs and energy: Common goal offers hope of uniting legislators

By JIM KUHNHENN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — After quarreling for months, President Barack Obama and the top two Republicans in Congress expressed optimism Wednesday about finding a common jobs and energy agenda, prodded by politics to show results in an election year.

Meeting face-to-face for the first time since July, Obama, the Republican leaders and top Democratic lawmakers emerged without the acrimony and crises that have been normal hallmarks of their relationships.

"The president believes that there were some areas where we could find common ground, and

frankly I was encouraged," House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, said.

The session, called by Obama, came after bipartisan majorities in Congress passed an extension of a payroll tax cut sought by the president.

"I think there is an indication here that we can get some things done, and we look forward to doing that," White House spokesman Jay Carney said.

Cooperation is likely on measures that face the least resistance, such as uncontroversial initiatives aimed at helping small businesses raise capital and create jobs.

Carney said elements of a House Republican bill that extends assistance to small businesses

"overlap considerably with the president's priorities."

Though hardly an all-out thaw in the relationship, the meeting signaled a new emphasis on finding common ground. Driving Republican efforts to find legislative successes are public approval levels for Congress and congressional Republicans in particular that are at historic lows.

And while White House officials believe the clashes with Congress have improved Obama's standing, they say any legislative accomplishments would accrue to his benefit as well.

Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., said the burden now falls on Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev.

"I hope that the majority leader, who's responsible for deciding what bills we turn to, will turn to bills that can actually pass and be signed into law," McConnell said.

Still, Obama and the leaders disagreed on whether the president should grant a permit for a Canada-to-Texas oil pipeline. Obama blocked the Keystone XL pipeline this year, citing uncertainty over the route. The pipeline's Canadian builder, TransCanada, said Monday it still hopes to build the full 1,700-mile pipeline, and the White House said it would review an application for a new route.

The House Republican bills aimed at small business would remove a Securities and Exchange Commission ban preventing small

businesses from using advertisements to solicit investors; eliminate SEC restrictions that prevent "crowdfunding" so entrepreneurs can raise equity capital from a large pool of small investors; make it easier for small businesses to go public by increasing the threshold under which companies are exempt from SEC registration; and raise the shareholder registration requirement threshold from 500 shareholders to 1,000 shareholders.

Underscoring the effort to keep the meeting low-key, the White House didn't permit photographs of the start of the session.

Attending the meeting were Obama, Boehner, McConnell, Reid, Vice President Joe Biden and House Minority Leader Nancy Pe-

loisi, D-Calif.

The meeting contrasts with the hard-line tone the White House took against congressional Republicans after the summer's debt crisis talks failed to result in a deficit-reduction "grand bargain." Obama then launched a \$447 billion jobs proposal and campaigned in two high-profile bus tours to draw attention to his plans.

Congress approved some elements of his economic agenda, including trade agreements with South Korea, Panama and Colombia. But proposals to create construction jobs and to prevent layoffs of public employees went nowhere, and Obama's plan to pay for his plan by raising taxes on the wealthy also fell by the wayside.

Pentagon relegates Star Wars jet to storage

ASSOCIATED PRESS

EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. — The Pentagon has mothballed a laser-equipped jumbo jet after 15 years and \$5 billion worth of research to develop an airborne missile defense system.

Budget cuts shot down the Airborne Laser Test Bed but some research into anti-missile lasers will continue, according to the U.S. Missile Defense Agency.

"We didn't have the funding to continue flying the aircraft," said agency spokeswoman Debra Christman.

The plane, a Boeing 747 mounted with a high-energy chemical laser, has been sent into storage at Davis Monthan Air Force Base, the agency said. The base near Tucson, Ariz., serves as a boneyard for military aircraft.

The Boeing was the centerpiece of the laser-based missile defense system research program that began in 1996. The conclusion of the program "represents the end of a historic era in airborne directed energy research, not only for Edwards Air Force Base but for the Department of Defense at large," Lt. Col. Jeff Warmka, director of the Airborne Laser Test Bed Combined Test Force at Edwards.

It was one in a series of missile defense programs that originated in President Ronald Reagan's Strategic Defense Initiative in 1983 — the so-called "Star Wars" missile shoot-down effort that was criticized as expensive and overreaching. The airborne laser program never got beyond the testing stage.

It was years behind schedule and billions of dollars over budget when then-Defense Secretary Robert Gates canceled money for a second aircraft several years ago, calling the concept fatally flawed.

Gates said the laser wasn't powerful enough to knock out missiles without forcing a plane carrying it to loiter in enemy air space. He also said an operational airborne system would have required a fleet of up to 20 aircraft costing around \$1.5 billion each.

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‘Troubadour, TX’ artists try for success

By CANDY RENDON
REPORTER

“I’m in love with genuine stories that present that human quality,” country singer songwriter Zane Williams said. “And this new documentary ‘Troubadour’ shows the real stories of real artists. I know that is rare.”

“Troubadour, TX” is a television series from London Broadcasting Co. and 41 Entertainment that follows a group of more than 30 singer-songwriters as they pursue success as musicians all across Texas. The television series is unique because it is part documentary and part reality television, but its star quality comes from its ability to provide objective truth and personality to the artists that it follows.

The show takes viewers behind the scenes and into the lives of the artists from highs of joy and passionate entertainment to sometimes depressing but brutally honest lows, the show grants a wide assortment of perspectives on the journey to make it as a musical artist in Texas.

“‘Troubadour, TX’ is sure to bring audiences something exceedingly exciting,” Elisabeth Jordan, the artist development manager for Be Music & Entertainment, said.

Jordan, who graduated Baylor in 2007, found her role with Be Music & Entertainment and described it as a company that has partnered with “‘Troubadour, TX” to bring a more insightful view on artists’ daily livings.

Jordan runs the Dallas office and coordinates the artists’ bios and public relations information with fellow Baylor graduate Robin Creasman. Creasman is the supervising producer for “‘Troubadour, TX” and he orchestrates a large portion of the artists’ recordings as responsibility.

“Above all this is a documentary with two main purposes,” Creasman said. “One, we want to expose these talented artists to the public, so that they may hopefully develop with much deserved support, and second, we want the ability to find those rarities, or diamonds in the rough, among a crowd of several, so that others can recognize the magic

of true musical prowess.”

“Authenticity is key,” Jordan said. “We wanted our artists to have genuine talent and strong singer-songwriter skills.”

Creasman said too much of modern television focuses on overblowing mediocre talent with fancy edits and elaborate stages. He says that with “‘Troubadour” the documentary-series format prevents the artists from covering up possible flaws. The audience sees them for who they really are, on and off the stage.

“That is the real power of this series,” Creasman said. “These uniquely different people all share one commonality, and that is their gift for musical expression. Why would you want to cover that up? We’re not ‘American Idol.”

Creasman said the artists vary widely in terms of their ages and that the artists who are participating find communion in their differences.

“We have this one really talented girl on the show,” Creasman said. “Her name is Kylie Rae Harris, and she is this adorably cute young girl with a sound that just parallels Sheryl Crowe. Then we have Zane Williams, this strong-looking good ol’ boy who just gushes with country soul. The two, who have different sounds on their own, sing with such a unique harmony when joining each other on stage that you would think they were brother and sister.”

Kylie Rae Harris, a 22-year-old from Texas, was nominated for Best New Female Vocalist of the Year in the state of Texas in 2011. She has performed with Chuck Cannon, Roger Creager, Kevin Fowler, Radney Foster, Walt Wilkins and Josh Abbott, among several other artists, and she often writes with Wayne Kirkpatrick.

Zane Williams is an award winning Texas singer-songwriter from Nashville. For him, the slope of success didn’t start until three years ago, when people began listening to his work. His 2010 song “Hurry Home” was cut by Jason Michael Carroll, and it peaked at No. 15 on the Country charts.

“They are both picking up on each other’s timing and talent to bring really powerful, really good



COURTESY PHOTO

“‘Troubadour, TX” follows several native Texas artists who are looking for success in the music industry. Several artists from the show will be performing on Friday at 7:30 p.m. at Common Grounds, including Kylie Rae Harris and Zane Williams, who often perform together. Episode 16 of “‘Troubadour, TX” airs this weekend.

music to the people,” Jordan said. “The main obstacle is getting people to listen.”

Jordan and Creasman both said they are astonished with the volume of talent in the group of potential stars. They said they are in disbelief that these artists are struggling to make it. Each of the artists has shown something new to the viewers, they said, and many of them have been

able to grow and adapt to the new demands of the music industry.

“You see that’s the thing about this series. There is so much change going on,” Williams said. “For example, from the start of the show to where we’re at now [episode 16 airs this weekend] Kylie and I have grown so much. We both started with a handful of gigs and what not, but now we’ve got partnerships with

Be Music & Entertainment, and this weekend we are going to be opening for Texas’ Heritage Hall of Fame Awards.”

“‘Troubadour, TX” is making a guest appearance this Friday at Common Grounds to promote the second half of this year’s season.

The festivities start at 7:30 p.m. on Friday at Common Grounds where KCENTV will also be joining. Art-

ists from the show will be performing and tickets are \$5. Creasman and Jordan encouraged people to come by and share support, and also to catch up with the early episodes at troubadourtexas.com.

“We are bringing the public a firsthand glimpse into the daily lives of Texas musicians,” Creasman said. “And for that, any fan of any music should take a look.”

Anniversary marks chance to recognize ‘Yoshi’ greatness

Editor’s Note: This is an article in our ongoing “Great Video Game” series in which readers and staffers alike are asked to submit a few hundred words about a video game that they consider to be great.

By JOSHUA MADDEN
A&E EDITOR

Many of the uninformed in the audience may not realize that today marks a very special day in video gaming history. “Yoshi’s Story,” for the Nintendo 64, was released 14 years ago today in North America.

So no, “Yoshi’s Story” cannot yet purchase cigarettes or alcohol or even rent a car, but that’s probably not a big deal since Yoshi never goes to stores with a “No Shirt, No Service” policy. I would’ve thought that in this modern day and age we would be more open-minded, but unfortunately Yoshis are still very much discriminated against.

“Yoshi’s Story” is one of those games that seldom comes up in

great video game discussions, despite the fact that a large portion of our generation spent time playing it. I’m not sure what it says about our childhood that we chose to stay inside playing as a fictional lizard jumping around on clouds, but that’s what we did and it was fun.

My personal favorite aspect of “Yoshi’s Story” was the ability to unlock “White Yoshi” and “Black Yoshi” who had special abilities that the other Yoshis didn’t have. I’m not 100 percent sure what happened to “Hispanic Yoshi” and “Asian Yoshi,” so I assume that they were cut during the development process.

I’m still sure, however, that because of the option to play as Yoshis of so many color, “Yoshi’s Story” must be a real smash hit at the United Nations. From my understanding, Secretary General Ban Ki-moon is a major fan of the game, although China is always threatening to veto his requests to build a “Yoshi’s Story” game room

somewhere in the U.N. offices.

I would summarize the plot here, but there’s not one. You spent your time eating fruit and chasing down Baby Bowser. It is much like being a member of PETA, except it’s more fun and you get to keep your dignity.

The artistic style was remarkably creative. If Salvador Dali had spent time designing video games instead of painting melting clocks, he wouldn’t have created anything even half as trippy as “Yoshi’s Story.”

Due to the playability and the artistry, “Yoshi’s Story” has earned a place as a great video game.

Does reading this article make you think of a video game that you consider great? Please send us an email at lariat@baylor.edu with a suggestion for a “Great Video Game.” Please include a few hundred words on why you consider your game to be great and you just might find your opinion here.

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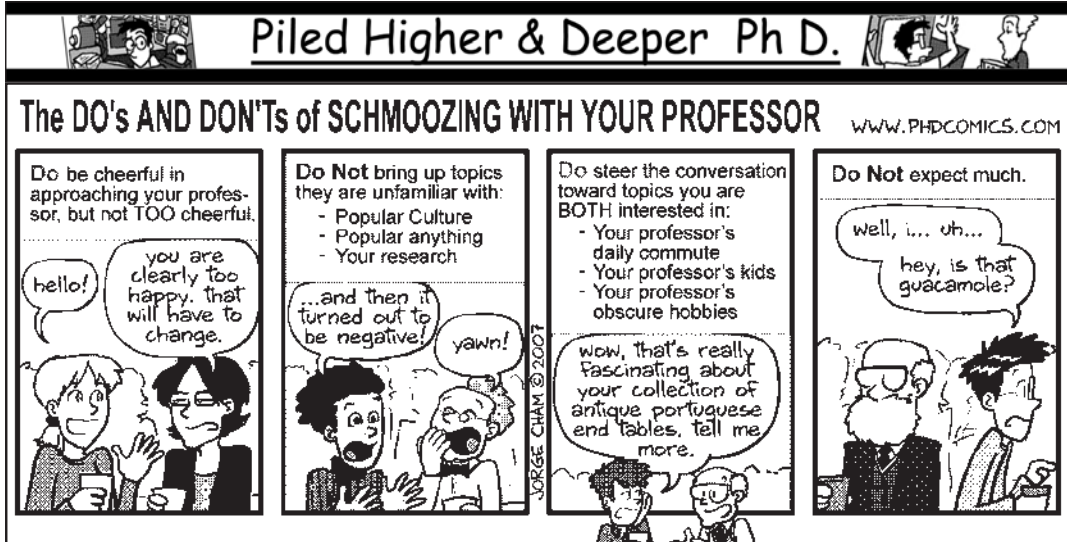
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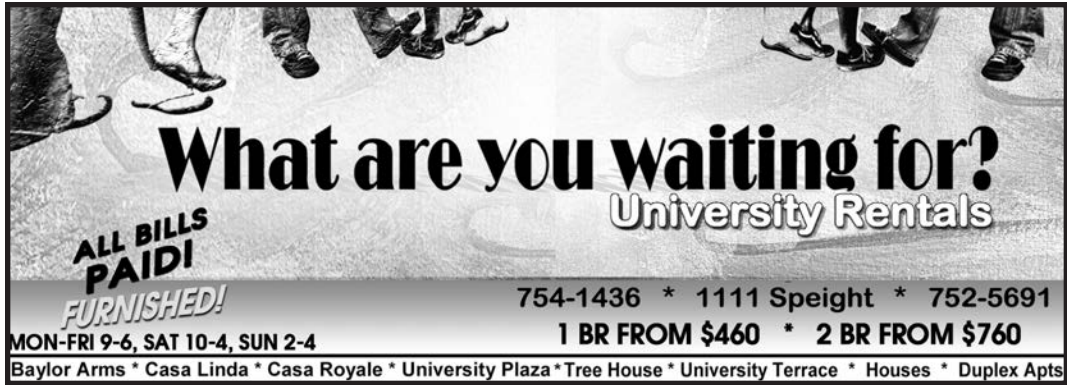
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‘Little’ guy Big plays

Jackson goes from junior college to coming through in clutch for Bears

By GREG DEVRIES
SPORTS WRITER

Not very many people knew who Pierre Jackson was when he first arrived on campus. After earning a starting spot and pulling through in the clutch, Jackson has made a name for himself. Students are starting to recognize him despite his stature. “They do [recognize me] a little bit. They notice me from my tattoos because I’m still average height,” Jackson said. “Average” is awfully generous considering he spends a lot of his time around people who are near 7 feet tall. Jackson is listed as 5 feet 10 inches and is the smallest player on the team. But Jackson has not let this hinder his basketball career. Before Jackson signed to play at Baylor, he led the College of Southern Idaho to two straight National Junior College Athletic Association Division I national championships. “Pierre, as with most junior college players, [took] about a semester just to adapt to the defensive schemes and the help side, and the scouting that goes in at this level,”



Jackson

head coach Scott Drew said. “At that point you can not worry about thinking the game but you can play and it seems natural to you rather than trying to run certain offenses or defenses.” Jackson adapted to Big 12 play smoothly. Earlier this month, he was named Big 12 Rookie of the Week after averaging 15 points, three rebounds and 4.5 assists while helping Baylor beat Texas A&M and Oklahoma State. Jack-

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Pierre Jackson | Junior guard

son was also named a finalist for the Bob Cousy Award, an honor given to the nation’s best point guard. “[I wanted to] just come in and try to be a big part of the team. I know they were losing another guard from last year. [I wanted to] just come in and fill that void,” Jackson said. Jackson wasn’t just a player Baylor wanted. With guards graduating, the Bears needed to recruit a point guard. “I made sure when we were recruiting him that I really had a big

impact on him. I knew we were going to be lacking in the back court,” senior Quincy Acy said. “A.J. [Walton] was the only remaining point guard, so we definitely needed another point guard. When I saw him at open gym I was like, ‘We’ve got to get him.’” Jackson sets his goals around the success of the team. With the Big 12 tournament beginning on March 7, the Bears look to perform at a high level throughout their trip to Kansas City, Mo. “I honestly think we can win it all. We’ve just got to stick together and play as a team. When adversity hits, we’ve got to hit it back and capitalize on little things,” Jackson said. A much bigger goal for the Bears is to open some eyes during March Madness. Jackson may have played in the NJCAA tournament, but he has never been on a stage as big as the NCAA Tournament. “I just know I’ve been waiting for this my whole life and I’ve been watching it on TV all the time. I just know it’s going to be really big,” Jackson said. “We’re going to have a lot of tension, but we have had a lot of exposure this year, so I think we can go out there and make it pretty far in the tournament. I think we can win it all.” Jackson ranks 15th in the Big 12 in points per game with 12.7, third in assists per game with 5.73 and second in steals per game with 1.7.

Dempsey, U.S. squad net first-ever win against Italy

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GENOA, Italy — The United States beat Italy for the first time in 11 games over 78 years, a 1-0 victory in an exhibition Wednesday night on Clint Dempsey’s goal in the 55th minute. Dempsey took a short pass from Jozy Altidore following Michael Bradley’s cross and put a right-footed shot from just inside the penalty area just past an outstretched hand of goalkeeper Gianluigi Buffon. Although just an exhibition, it was a rare U.S. victory over a world power. “I’d like to think that we’re closing the gap and hopefully one day we can do something special,” Dempsey said. It was the 25th goal in 83 international appearances for Dempsey, a veteran of two World Cups and one of the players counted on to lead the Americans in qualifying for the 2014 tournament. “Initially, I was going to stay where I was and have him lay it back to me,” Dempsey said. “I saw the guy was covering. So I tried to move to my right to try get open so he could play me the ball. He did a great job of holding it up, playing me, and I just tried to hit it low and hard, far post, and it went in.” A native of Nacogdoches, Texas, who turns 29 on March 9, Dempsey has had the most accomplished season by a U.S. attacking player in European soccer. With 16 goals this season for Fulham, he’s become the American career scoring leader in England’s Premier League with 43 goals. Dempsey also had the best U.S. chance in the first half, with a free kick from about 28 yards that Buffon saved with a two-handed punch. After returning to the World Cup for the first time in 40 years in 1990 and advancing to the quarterfinals in 2002, the Americans have struggled to make additional progress. They were knocked out in the first round of the 2006 World Cup and the second round of the 2010 tournament, eliminated both times with defeats to Ghana. They wasted a two-goal lead against Mexico last June and lost 4-2 in he final of the CONCACAF Gold Cup, their regional championship. “It’s a work in progress, trying to get there,” Dempsey said. “It was a little bit of workout tonight, but we got the result.” The loss was particularly deflating for eighth-ranked Italy, a four-time World Cup champion preparing for the start of the European Championship in June. The No. 31 Americans, who are getting ready for their opening World Cup qualifier in June, had been 0-7-3 against Italy and had been outscored 32-4. Italy dominated for stretches but the American



U.S. midfielder Clint Dempsey, right, celebrates with a teammate after scoring against Italy Wednesday at the Genoa Luigi Ferraris Stadium in Italy. USA won 1-0.

defense held and the Azzurri were called for offside nine times. With retired baseball star Mike Piazza watching from the stands alongside former U.S. forward Brian McBride, the Americans won their fourth straight match to improve to 5-4-1 under Jurgen Klinsmann, who took over as U.S. coach from Bob Bradley last summer. It was a measure of personal revenge for Klinsmann, the former German World Cup great. Germany, then coached by Klinsmann, lost to Italy in the 2006 World Cup semifinals and the Azzurri went on to win the title. U.S. goalkeeper Tim Howard had a big kick save in the fifth minute. Italy nearly tied the score in injury time when Riccardo Montolivo’s shot went past a post. Italy lost in Genoa for the first time since 1924. The previous time the Azzurri played at Stadio Luigi Ferraris was a match stopped in the seventh minute by crowd trouble. Italy was awarded a 3-0 win over Serbia in a Euro qualifier. Notes: Dempsey became just the fourth American to score against Italy, joining Buff Donelli (1934), John Harkes (1992) and Donovan (2009). There was also one own goal in 2006.



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troops based in South Korea, a legacy of the 1950-53 Korean War. The war ended in an armistice rather than a peace treaty, leaving the divided Korean Peninsula formally in a state of war.

Wednesday’s announcement followed talks in Beijing last week between U.S. and North Korean negotiators, the first since negotiations were suspended after Kim Jong Il’s death in December from a heart attack.

Before Kim’s death, the U.S. and North Korea were close to the agreement, which appears to meet U.S. preconditions for restarting the broader six-nation talks suspended three years ago.

The talks also include China, Japan, Russia and South Korea.

Outsiders have been closely watching how the younger Kim, believed to be in his late 20s, handles nuclear diplomacy with the United States and delicate relations with rival South Korea.

His consolidation of power, with the help of a group of senior advisers who worked with his father and grandfather, appears to be going smoothly, although determining the intentions and internal dynamics in Pyongyang is notoriously difficult.

Since Kim Jong Il’s death, North Korea has vowed to maintain the late leader’s policies and has linked its nuclear program to Kim’s legacy.

Many observers are skeptical whether North Korea will ever give up its nuclear program.

“North Korea uses (the nuclear program) as leverage to win concessions in return for disarmament measures.

Since Kim Jong Il’s death, it has called (the program) the country’s most important achievement,” Baek Seung-joo, an analyst at the state-run Korea Institute for Defense Analyses in South Korea, said. “There is still a long way to go.”

South Korea welcomed the agreement.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Cho Byung-jae said it reflected the close work Seoul and Washington have done to try to resolve the nuclear standoff.

The U.S. said it had no hostile intent toward North Korea and



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Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton calls North Korea’s agreement to suspend nuclear activities and accept a moratorium on testing “a modest step” in the right direction, as she testified on Capitol Hill in Washington, Wednesday before the House State,

was prepared to increase people-to-people exchanges, including in the areas of culture, education, and sports.

“The United States still has profound concerns but on the occasion of Kim Jong Il’s death I said it is our hope that the new leadership will choose to guide their nation on to path of peace by living up to its obligations,” Clinton said.

She said the United States will judge the new government by its actions.

There were some differences in the U.S. and North Korean statements on the nuclear moratoriums.

The U.S. said North Korea has agreed to a moratorium on “nuclear activities” at Yongbyon, including uranium enrichment, while the North Korean statement referred only to uranium enrichment.

It was not immediately clear if that implied the plutonium-based program would remain.

A senior Obama administration official acknowledged that omission in the North Korean statement but said the U.S. was in no doubt that the North has agreed to let international inspectors into its plutonium facility at Yongbyon.

The official, speaking to reporters on condition of anonymity because of diplomatic sensitivities, said it was up to North Korea to contact the U.N. nuclear watchdog, but the U.S. had alerted the Vienna-based agency of its agreement with Pyongyang.

The IAEA confirmed it was ready to return to Yongbyon to do monitoring when requested by its board of governors.

The North said that once six-nation nuclear talks are resumed, “priority will be given to the discussion of issues concerning the lifting of sanctions on the (North) and provision of light water reactors.” Those details were not included in the U.S. statement.

Although the North has conducted two nuclear tests and has developed a battery of ballistic missiles, it says it is constructing its own light water reactor to generate electricity to alleviate chronic power shortages.



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IFC president, said he is thrilled to have the event for new members to both bond and compete with the new members from other fraternities.

“The tournament is a unique opportunity to bring IFC fraternities together in a manner different than a tailgate,” Partida said. “One of the purposes of IFC is to foster unity among its chapters, but we were looking for various ways to do so, and the tournament is one of those ways.”

Tournament champions will have their chapter’s name and the year engraved on a plaque to adorn the championship trophy.

Each winning team member will also receive a T-shirt commemorating the championship.

The shirt, trophy and a photo of the team will all be displayed in the Bill Daniel Student Center for the two weeks following spring break

while the IFC works to finish creating a permanent display for all Greek-related activities.

Austin freshman Adam Hill, a new member of Sigma Phi Epsilon, said the tournament will be a good way to meet guys in other fraternities and to create memories with brothers.

“I think this tournament is important because it expands the friendships of new members beyond just their individual fraternity,” Hill said.

“It gives them the chance to see other guys have the same interests as them, and [it] helps place them in a situation where [competition] with those outside of your fraternity is acceptable,” Hill said.

Hill believes students should attend the tournament because school spirit is vital to any thriving campus activity.

“This is a great time to go to

Baylor, and [students] supporting as many events as possible just keeps the ball rolling,” Hill said.

Laura Whitmire, graduate school assistant for Greek life and IFC adviser, shared Hill’s sentiment.

She said she hopes students will make an effort to attend the tournament and stay through the championship game.

“The council has worked really hard to put it together,” Whitmire said.

Frisco junior Brantley Carroll, IFC vice president of activities, came up with the idea for the new member tournament.

“I think it can become a tradition because there really isn’t any event for the new members,” Carroll said.

“This gives them a chance to compete against their peers right after they get done with pledging,”

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left and agreed to stay away for 48 hours to give the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs time to intervene, according to sheriff’s officials.

Nedra Darling, a BIA spokeswoman, told The Associated Press she was looking into whether the agency had been asked to intervene and what, if anything, it planned to do.

“We’re pretty much at a non-

violent standoff,” Madera County Sheriff John Anderson said. “They are not in contact with each other. We’re at an impasse.”

The leader of one of the factions objected to the sheriff’s decision to move in to end the standoff, calling it a violation of tribal sovereignty.

Anderson had threatened to arrest anyone who did not leave the government compound.

Stuart said the sheriff’s office has jurisdiction when a crime occurs.

Other casino-owning tribes in the state that have kicked out members include the Pala Band of Mission Indians in northern San Diego County.

That tribe owns the Pala Resort and Casino and expelled more than 150 people earlier this month.

Obama salutes Iraq war vets at White House dinner

By NANCY BENAC
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — With a formal dinner for the few, President Barack Obama on Wednesday paid solemn tribute to the many.

The president who opposed the Iraq war from its outset thanked those who fought its battles by sitting down to a candlelit meal with a small cross section of the million-plus who served there over the past nine years.

Looking out over a sea of dress uniforms sparkling with medals attesting to years of wartime strife, Obama told the gathering: “In a culture that celebrates fame

and fortune, yours are not necessarily household names. You are something more: the patriots who served in our name. And after nearly nine years in Iraq, tonight is an opportunity to express our gratitude and to say once more, welcome home.”

The faces of war were reflected in the 200 veterans and their guests who gathered in the East Room to dine on aged rib-eye steak, potato croquettes and chocolate crème brûlée. They came from all 50 states, the District of Columbia and U.S. territories, and spanned generations, gender and all five branches of the military.

There was a 24-year-old sailor

from Colorado, Petty Officer 3rd Class Max R. Rohn, who spent just five months in Iraq before losing part of his right leg in a blast. There was a 31-year-old Air Force sergeant from Georgia, J.H. Smith, who deployed to Iraq six times in five years and won the Distinguished Flying Cross.

The first person injured in the war, Marine Staff Sgt. Eric Alva of Texas, also was there. Alva, 41, had a leg amputated after stepping on a land mine just hours after the war began in 2003. He later revealed that he was gay and became a prominent advocate for ending the military’s ban on openly gay service members.

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