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## BIN breached over break, ITS still recovering

By Shannon Daily  
Staff writer

Some time between Dec. 10 and Dec. 13 a student employee breached the security of the Baylor Information Network to access the Bear ID and passwords of those logging on to the BIN. This access, both unauthorized and unlawful, “didn’t

include sensitive information like Social Security Numbers, financial information or academic records. It was just access — unlawful access to Bear IDs and passwords,” director of media communications Lori Fogleman

Baylor ITS also battled a virus and power outage on Dec. 27. For more, see story, page 4.

said. The information did, however, give access to Baylor e-mail and Blackboard accounts. Once the problem was detected the BIN was taken offline and will remain offline until all of the security issues are worked out, Fogleman said. Authorities were unable to comment on how the breach was discovered or what actions are being taken against the

perpetrator due to the ongoing investigation between Baylor officials and the FBI. Of the more than 14,000 students, 2,000-plus staff and 800-plus faculty at Baylor, around 526 people were affected, Fogleman said. “Still, one person being a part of this incident is too many, especially when it comes to your information. But we certainly want no other incidents like

this to happen again,” she said. “Baylor is committed to maintaining the privacy of the confidential data which it’s entrusted to maintain.” When the breach was detected, the accounts affected were automatically expired. This meant the passwords had to be changed in order for the account to become active again. “You know this was a bit of an inconvenience I’m sure to

some people and caused some concern, but Information Technology Services responded very quickly,” Fogleman said. ITS alerted those affected by the breach via e-mail, text and phone messages. ITS also set up a telephone help line where those who were affected could receive more information.

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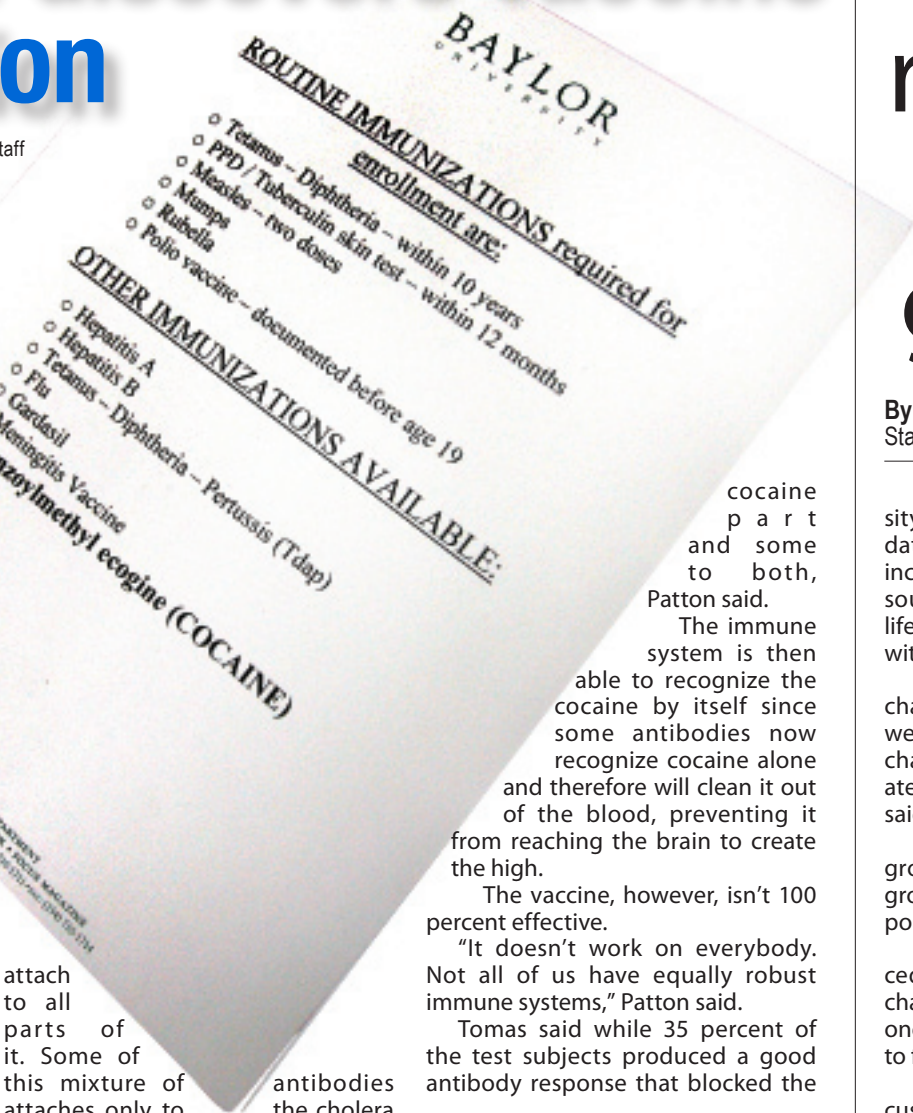
## BU medical school discovers vaccine for cocaine addiction

By Shannon Daily  
Staff writer

After years of work, Baylor College of Medicine researchers have brought a cocaine vaccine to its final stages of testing. With the number of cocaine addicts in the United States reaching around 2.4 million in 2005, researchers have been working to find a medical treatment to assist counseling and rehabilitation programs already in place. “Behavioral interventions are helpful in treating cocaine addiction, but currently there are no approved medications to treat this disorder, despite over 60 medications having been investigated,” according to “Therapeutic options and challenges for substances of abuse,” an article co-written by Dr. Thomas Kosten and Dr. Tracie Gardner, two Baylor College of Medicine researchers. Kosten, a professor of psychiatry, neuroscience and addictions at the college, has been working on the vaccine for 12 years. “I see drug abuse as a very treatable and curable chronic relapsing disease of the brain,” Kosten said. “Medications and these immunotherapies can make more impact on public health in young, promising people than any other medical

Illustration by David Poe/Lariat Staff

intervention since we first started vaccinating for smallpox.” The cocaine vaccine uses the same basic principle as the smallpox, flu and polio vaccines. With the polio vaccine, “what Dr. Jonas Salk did was disable the polio virus so it can’t hurt you,” said Dr. Jim Patton, a professor in the department of psychology and neuroscience. However, this process doesn’t work for cocaine. Cocaine molecules aren’t recognized by the immune system as foreign particles because they’re small — therefore they’re able to make it to the brain to create a high. The researchers attached the cocaine molecules to a larger protein molecule, an inactive cholera protein, and this combination is what the body learns to attack. Once the cocaine/cholera complex gets recognized, antibodies



attach to all parts of it. Some of this mixture of attaches only to part and some attach only to the

cocaine part and some to both, Patton said. The immune system is then able to recognize the cocaine by itself since some antibodies now recognize cocaine alone and therefore will clean it out of the blood, preventing it from reaching the brain to create the high. The vaccine, however, isn’t 100 percent effective. “It doesn’t work on everybody. Not all of us have equally robust immune systems,” Patton said. Tomas said while 35 percent of the test subjects produced a good antibody response that blocked the

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## Officials review Sing alcohol guidelines

By Shannon Daily  
Staff writer

Each year changes are made to All-University Sing policies to keep the production up to date. This year, in addition to a \$500 budget increase and the ability to use an extra outside source, officials in the department of student life are setting clearer guidelines for how to deal with alcohol issues. “Every spring, based on feedback from Sing chairs on what went well and what didn’t go well, we do an annual review of what can be changed to make the process better,” associate director of Student Activities Mike Riemer said. Riemer also said they put together focus groups of members or chairs from each Sing group to go over rules and suggest changes to policy once they’ve been through it all. “Before we take anything to the Sing procedures committee, we consult with the Sing chairs to get their take on it because they’re the ones that are having to go through it and having to follow the rules,” Riemer said. This year a focus group was formed to discuss the procedure for handling alcohol infractions. Sing policies state, and always have, that “the consumption of alcohol prior to a performance is strictly forbidden.” “We try to be very clear with our Sing chairs that this is not to happen, and if it does, there are ramifications,” Riemer said. “We rely a great deal on our Sing chairs to self-police their groups. But, there are 1,200 plus students in Sing — to be able to keep tabs on them, alcohol or any other issue, is extraordinarily difficult.” Blake Reeves, Student Activities program coordinator, has been working with Riemer and other authorities within Student Activities to create stricter guidelines as to how the consumption of alcohol will be monitored. These guidelines are now in the approval process. If they’re approved before this year’s Sing performance, they’ll be enforced as a part of this year’s rules. “There’s never really been a standard as to the way that we manage issues related to that. We want to clarify what we’re going to do so students on the front end know what the expectations are,” Reeves said. Reeves is in charge of Sing and Pigskin Revue, among other special performances. In the past, alcohol issues have been dealt with by asking the specific member of the group to leave the hall. The group is then issued a letter, which the member and the president of the organization must both sign, acknowledging the incident. If the group has another infraction, they are removed from Sing until the Sing procedures committee approves their return.

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## Baylor cancels Kenya mission trip

University Missions, students keep in contact with Kenyans during civil unrest

By Stephen Jablonski  
Reporter

University Missions has been forced to cancel all programs to Kenya for 2008 due to the area’s civil unrest. Since Kenya’s Orange Democratic Movement candidate Raila Odinga claimed the Dec. 27 election was rigged in favor of President Mwai Kibaki, the conflict has amounted to a death toll reaching 600 nationwide and forcing 250,000 people to flee their homes. “Most of the people that Baylor have been in contact with are probably just caught in the middle of it,” said Ashley Mangrum, a George W.

Truett Theological Seminary student from Brandon, Mississippi. “More than likely, the kids from the schools that they’ve worked with or from the AIDS orphanage that they’ve worked with are going to be people that are trying to flee those areas and try to go to places where they can get food and shelter.” Rebecca Kennedy, director of University Missions, said she receives updates through a security agency called International S.O.S. and other contacts in Kenya such as pastors and missionaries. Kennedy said University Ministries works to build long-term relationships with people in the countries that they’re involved in. During times of civil unrest, they’re able to keep in close contact with those affected by the struggle. “Many have barricaded themselves in their houses,” Longview junior Ben Carroll said. “Even when I was there...there were lots of political



Associated Press

A prison police officer keeps displaced Kenyan women in line Tuesday, as they wait for food and blankets outside the International Trade fair in Nairobi, Kenya. Former U.N. Secretary General Kofi Annan was due to arrive late Tuesday to try to bring the two sides together, as U.S. Ambassador Michael Ranneberger urged a political settlement.

rallies. They weren’t nearly as violent as they’ve gotten.” From Aug. 14 to Nov. 16, Carroll interned with City Harvest Church in Nairobi. Through University Baptist Church, Carroll was able to become involved in City Harvest’s social programs, such as the Kibera Transformation and Development Project and the Practical AIDS Care and Education support group. Through e-mail

and Facebook, Carroll has remained in contact with people in Kenya. One of Carroll’s contacts, Edward W. Simiyu, team leader and senior pastor at City Harvest Ministries, provided Carroll with graphic accounts of Simiyu’s attempts to aid those affected by the political struggle.

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## Group of students robbed at gunpoint Friday at George’s Restaurant

By Christina Kruse  
Reporter

Weekend festivities for Baylor students do not usually include being robbed at gunpoint. However, this was the case for a group of students walking out of George’s Restaurant on Speight Avenue just before 8 p.m. Friday. According to a police report,

the students were approached by two Hispanic men around 5’10” tall. One of the suspects approached the students walking out of the restaurant and demanded one of the victims’ wallets while firing a gun in the air. Then, the suspects approached a vehicle with students inside and demanded cash from them. Another gun-

shot was fired, hitting a nearby truck. One witness was able to record the license plate from the suspect’s vehicle. Over \$300 in cash was stolen from the victims. No arrests have been made, according to Waco Police Department spokesman Steve Anderson. The students had left the restaurant because the wait

was too long and were robbed on the way back to their vehicles. However, the crowded restaurant quickly cleared out after the ordeal, and the students were able to eat dinner at George’s. Kensington, Connecticut, freshman Cody Paladino was one of the victims. “I just happened to meet eyes with (one of the suspects). ‘You looking at something?’ I couldn’t

even say anything.” “I was just shaken up the rest of the night,” Conway, Arkansas, freshman Jeff Campbell said, who was also one of the victims. “This is a very safe place and it was a rare occasion,” said George’s Restaurant owner Sammy Citrano. The restaurant is patrolled by security guards between 6 p.m. and 1 a.m. on

the weekends. Citrano also said more security precautions are being taken to ensure a safe environment at the restaurant. One such precaution includes expanding the parking lot so customers may park closer to the restaurant. Yellow-blinking lights are also being placed on top of the golf cart that patrols

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# Clinton's weeping more crocodile than convincing

There were some big events over the Christmas break, including Britney Spears' 17th breakdown and the beginning of a brand-new year, but none of them seem to shock or stand out as much as the debut of Hillary Clinton's first tear.

That's right. In case you missed it, the ice queen seems to be melting. Or at least that's what she wants you to think.

I am not in any way, shape, or form a supporter of Clinton (D-N.Y.) and so my happiness during the first few days of 2008 was high.

This was due to the Jan. 3 Iowa Democratic caucus, in which Clinton not only lost, but came in third, nearly 10 percent-

age points behind Sen. Barack Obama (D-Ill.).

After that loss, there were even rumors in political circles that she might drop out of the race completely, considering she was also trailing in the upcoming New Hampshire primaries as well.

We obviously weren't lucky enough to see that manifest.

Instead, the world became witness to a New Year's miracle: Hillary Rodham Clinton crying on national television.

It never could have been predicted, but her moment of (pre-planned) weakness apparently exhibited an emotional appeal that voters connected with and shot her ahead of Obama

## point of view

BY AMANDA ROBISON



to a surprising win in the New Hampshire primary.

So she won that primary. I've accepted that, but what I can't accept is the fact that she is using false emotions to gain empathy from voters.

Her crocodile tears don't fool me one bit.

As I watched her speaking in that café in New Hampshire, all I felt for her was disgust.

The normally brash and direct-speaking Clinton (who is known behind the scenes to have a very foul mouth) spoke with the soft tone of a mother reading bedtime stories to her small child as the water welled up in her eyes.

As she told of her struggles and her "genuine" caring for the American people, she weepily said she "just doesn't want to see us fall backward."

Well, Hillary, it seems you are leading us on a path straight backward with your silly crying campaign tactics.

This is one of the most trying times our nation has ever faced, and the last thing we need is a leader who cries when something

doesn't go right and is willing to use the empathy of the American people to her own advantage.

If one of the men on the campaign trail broke down in public, he would be viewed as weak and would be immediately written off by many Americans.

But Clinton uses (and abuses) the fact that she is a woman in this case.

This is hypocritical because she is trying to prove she can run with the boys, while still fully using her gender to propel her position.

Unfortunately, since her little tear tactic seemed to work, we may be seeing even more of the "softer" side of the normally hardened Clinton to score sym-

pathy votes.

But instead of running out to vote for her ability to cry on cue, we should instead be considering the qualities we need in a leader.

Since when has crying been a quality desirable for the position of the president of the United States?

It actually makes me want to cry.

But I'm not sure what's sadder: the fact that Hillary has had to stoop to this level to get votes or the fact that the American people seem to be falling for it.

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## Editorial

# Petitions should go electronic

The diploma might be what everyone talks about, but there's a lot more paperwork involved in getting to graduation.

Months before graduation, each hopeful senior has to turn in a degree audit to have his degree approved.

Obtaining the coveted phrase "all requirements completed" is no easy task.

For many seniors, it involves at least one petition, which in turn means getting three or four official signatures.

And obtaining those signatures requires a lot of walking.

By the time graduation rolls around, the path to the degree plan office is well-worn by students seeking a little more time to fill out all that paperwork.

And that's just in order to graduate. If, for example, you are an undergraduate seeking to take a graduate level class, there's a whole different set of forms to fill out.

Those forms need signatures and signatures mean more walking.

In an age (and on a campus) as tech-savvy as ours, it makes no sense for all of these petitions to be on paper.

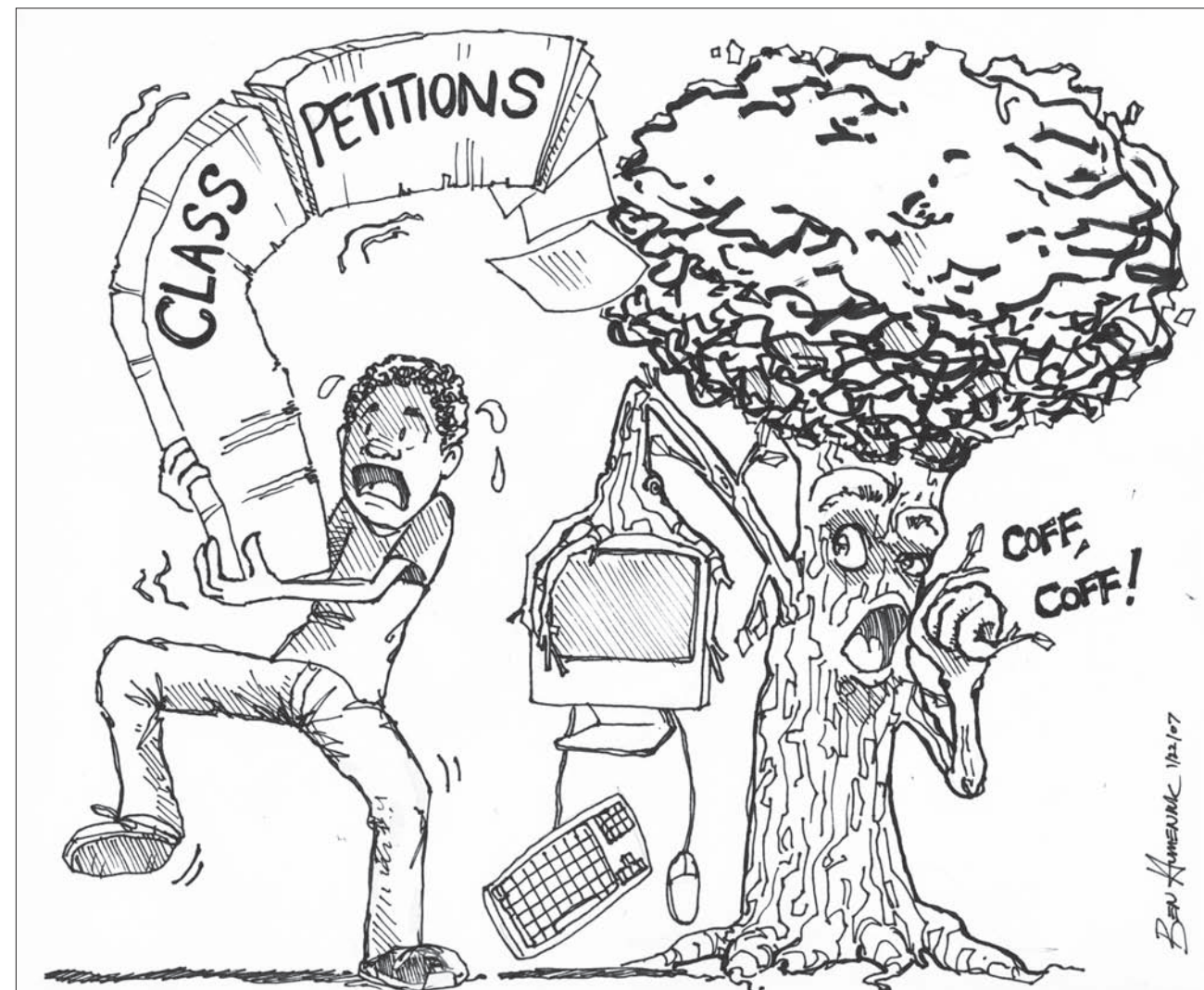
Why not put them online?

Putting these forms online would not only streamline the process for students, but for staff and faculty as well.

Students already use BearWeb and Blackboard on a regular basis to deal with everything from registration to class assignments, so these degree petitions would be more of the same.

It would also make life easier for Baylor staff who deal with lines of students crowding the degree plan office at the last minute.

As it is, getting an okay on the degree audit often means devoting an af-



ternoon or two to the process, because of the required number of back-and-forth trips between the offices and the logistics of getting several very busy people to sign the same sheet of paper.

Online petitions would be faster, and that would hopefully encourage students not to put the process off until the last minute.

It would also save a lot of paper. Since Baylor has recently switched to duplex printing, putting petitions online will be one more step towards becoming a more environmentally friendly place.

Given the C- grade Baylor earned on

its college sustainability report card in the fall semester, it is a step that could mean a lot.

There are doubtless some complications that will come along with putting petitions online, but any change of this nature has initial difficulties. Usually, the benefits outweigh the problems in the long run.

For example, Baylor's switch to duplex printing had an initial start-up cost of \$3,000.

Pattie Orr, chairwoman of the sustainability committee, told the *Lariat* that she believed the paper savings would make up for the initial cost.

Orr was right: as of Nov. 30, the sav-

ings in paper had added up to \$2,830.

In just two and a half months the duplex switch had almost paid for itself.

While petitions involve paper use on a much smaller scale, the underlying principle of conservation is the same. Small steps do make a difference.

Besides, when the convenient and the environmentally friendly unite in one idea, why not give it a try?

In the meantime, students will just have to look at all of this walking back and forth as practice for the final walk across the stage ... that is, if they ever get enough signatures to make it there.

# Hardworking coaches behind Baylor's rise to the ranks

Last fall, football fans witnessed what was probably the strangest season on record.

Five No. 1 seeds lost, the BCS champion had two losses and the prolific Heisman winner guided his team to a slightly above average 9-4 record.

The difference between 2006 and 2007 is simple: there was not a single dominant player.

It's years like 2007 when coaching takes precedence.

And for Baylor basketball, that's not a problem.

Baylor fans take notice: the Bears — both men and women — are undefeated in conference play.

It's nothing to take lightly,

either, since you will probably not hear it again for a long time. Spring sports play so many games that an undefeated record is tough, and the men who play at Floyd Casey are far from winning consecutive Big 12 games.

But Baylor can take solace in a combined 7-0 record.

The 4-0 Lady Bears are sitting atop the conference and the 3-0 men are tied with national No. 2 University of Kansas.

And no, it doesn't have anything to do with Baylor's alphabetical location above the rest of the division.

What it has everything to do with is the coaches.

## sports take

BY BRIAN BATEMAN



Thanks to Scott Drew's recruiting, the men now have the talent to compete where before was a last-ditch effort to manufacture points.

The women are moving back toward a title.

This season is much different from the past few years. There is no consistently dominant player

on this squad, even though several erratically put up remarkable numbers.

When the Lady Bears won the title, there were superstars everywhere, including Stephanie Blackmon, Sophia Young and the often-forgotten Emily Neimann, who could score from the post and shoot threes.

Then there was Bernice Mosby; a transfer from the University of Florida whose presence kept Baylor from falling into a rebuilding year.

But their outstanding talent took the spotlight off the engineer, leaving a void. Several players show promise of filling it, but no one has claimed it.

Yet.

2003 held a similar problem for the Lady Bears.

Jessika Stratton, Young, Blackmon and Neimann were at the threshold, losing to a hot Tennessee squad in the sweet 16 on a last second foul.

Just like an apple in August, the team needed a little more time.

And yet the Lady Bears are still ranked No. 7, and the men ranked No. 25 for the first time since 1969, thanks in no small part to head coaches Kim Mulkey and Scott Drew.

It's tough to be a coach.

Sure, they will make more in a decade than the majority of the

world will earn in a lifetime, but they have to endure abuse far beyond anything we will receive.

They are fired for not assembling the right personnel, ridiculed for player's poor performances and scoffed at for making tough decisions in a split second.

So it's only fair that they receive praise when they perform well.

Everyone needs to hear a "good job" once and a while.

So to Drew, Mulkey and coaches everywhere, congratulations.

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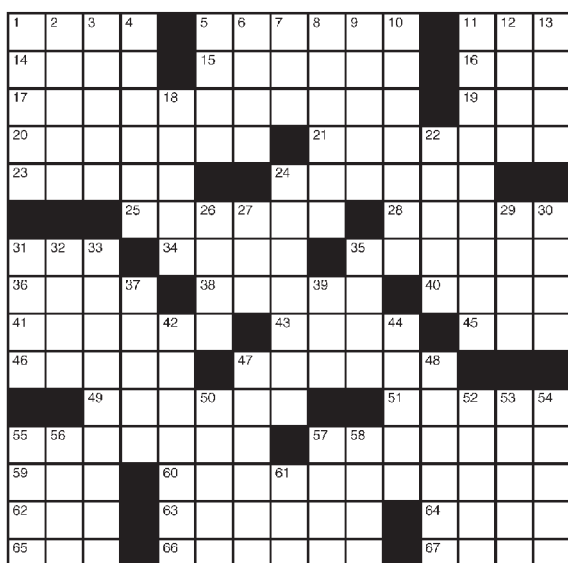
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