

Pope meets with victims of clergy sex abuse

By Victor L. Simpson
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Pope Benedict XVI, after urging bishops, priests and parishioners to heal the wounds caused by the clergy sex abuse scandal, talked and prayed privately with survivors Thursday in what was

believed to be a first-ever meeting between a pontiff and abuse victims.

The Rev. Federico Lombardi, a papal spokesman, said that Benedict and Boston Cardinal Sean O'Malley met with a group of five or six victims for about 25 minutes in the chapel of the papal embassy, offering them

encouragement and hope.

Lombardi said the pope told the survivors he would pray for them, their families and all victims of clergy sex abuse. Each of the victims spent a few minutes with Benedict privately. Some were in tears during the meeting, Lombardi said.

Benedict has spoken repeat-

edly about the abuse crisis during his first trip to the United States as pope.

He called the crisis a cause of "deep shame," pledged to keep pedophiles out of the priesthood and decried the "enormous pain" that communities have suffered from such "gravely immoral behavior" by priest.

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group."

All candidates are expected to read the building policies for each building that they post fliers in. McVicker violated the Baylor Sciences Building policy, which states that a candidate cannot post more than one flier on the same bulletin board and that fliers can't be posted in bathrooms.

Strikes two and three.

The Electoral Commission notified McVicker at 11:50 p.m. the night before voting was to begin that they unanimously voted to remove him from the ballot.

"My thought was that they would tell me to take down all my fliers, and maybe disband my Facebook group," McVicker said. "I thought that would be a judgment fitting of the severity and intent of the violation."

The commission claimed that their decision to eliminate him from the ballot was based on his repeated violation of their code.

McVicker then requested an appeal from the Student Court on the grounds that the Electoral Commission allegedly violated

section 5.2.2 of the Electoral Code requiring that consideration be given to the severity of the violation and the intent of the violator when making punishments.

"We feel that we were given the worst possible punishment without committing the worst possible violation," McVicker said.

The results of student body president are prohibited from being announced until after McVicker's hearing, which will be Friday night. If the Court rules in his favor, McVicker's name will go back on the ballot and voting for student body president will start over Tuesday.

Another presidential candidate, Wescosville, Pa. junior Sam Chen, was declared ineligible to run for president by the Electoral Commission and Student Court on the grounds that it is unconstitutional.

The Constitution states that a student body president must have been a student body officer, an elected member of student government, or a representative of Student Senate before being elected.

"As a justice on the student

court, Sam is not an elected member of student government — he was appointed," current student body president Travis Plummer said. "He was made aware of the situation prior to the election, given the opportunity to amend the constitution, and he failed to act upon it."

Chen claims to have known nothing about this issue prior to the election.

"If I had sincerely thought this was a violation, I wouldn't have done the student body a disservice by running," he said.

Because his appeals were still going through the student court at the time voting began, Chen's name was still allowed to be on the ballot. But now his name will be removed.

His violation, like McVicker's, was only reported to the commission the night before voting was to begin.

"It is frustrating to me when violations against any candidate are known prior to 24 hours before the election and aren't filed until just hours prior to polls opening," Plummer said. "I think it is a clear sign of children attempting to play grown — up politics in a service organization."

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The American Association of University Professors is "a national organization of college professors that seeks to safeguard academic freedom and shared governance in the university setting," said Ann McGlashan, president of the AAUP.

McGlashan said the forum is held every spring and is "a time for the administration to acquaint the faculty with how the university is doing."

Former presidents gave a state-of-the-university address, but Lilley prefers the forum structure, McGlashan said.

McGlashan said this meeting has been held many years at Baylor, but expects a better turnout this time. The meeting place moved from the Great Hall of Truett, a facility with a capacity of about 175, to Bennett Auditorium, which holds more than 250, McGlashan said.

At the faculty senate meeting last week, Matt Cordon, chairman of faculty senate, encouraged faculty members concerned with the recent tenure decisions or other university actions to attend the meeting.

"I hope faculty members as a whole get answers to their questions," Cordon said. "I hope we have a good turnout."

McGlashan thinks the format will have positive effects on the university.

"Whenever faculty and administration can get together to discuss matters of interest to the university community, it can only help the well-being of the university," she said.

McGlashan also said faculty that have a question but do not wish to ask it publicly can e-mail it to her, but inquiries from faculty at the meeting will have first priority.

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Kilgore acknowledged the significance of the event.

"There's more emotion and human element in this program than any thing else we do for alumni," Kilgore said.

The president's office and the university development office suggested Cunningham attend since President John M. Lilley was out of town, Kilgore said.

John Barry, vice president of marketing and communications, said Cunningham couldn't attend because a family health matter required he leave town.

Barry said a "communication error" occurred regarding Cunningham's attendance.

"The development people never believed they made a

commitment for the board chair," Barry said.

Barry noted the involvement of other administrators in the Heritage Club reunion, including Provost Randall O'Brien and Dub Oliver, vice president for Student Life.

The president's office has historically sponsored the Heritage Club banquet, which costs roughly \$6,000 to \$7,000 according to Kilgore's estimation, but the president's office declined the association's offer to sponsor this year.

Barry said this was a communication error as well, stemming from the president's inability to attend the banquet.

Heritage Club members noticed the president's lack of attendance, but "it didn't ruin the weekend," Kilgore said.

Although the absence hasn't

made it to the new forum, some heated topics of university-community discussion have a thread in the forum.

Many alumni weighed in on the national trend of skyrocketing tuition costs, the cover story of the most recent issue of the Line, through the forum.

A thread addressing the recent university tenure decisions has also manifested.

Kilgore and Copeland said open conversation of these topics is necessary.

The "crossroads" of advocates and adversaries lies in how a group interprets what it means to support the alma mater, Kilgore said.

He said he thinks the BAA supports the university not by unconditional endorsement, but by functioning as the voice of alumni serving as the conscious of the university.

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picture of a hard-working individual who was proud of her Southern roots and left a legacy of friendship, backyard barbecues and a mouth-watering five-layer dip.

"You always knew she was from Texas," said Micheline Jedrey, vice president for information services and college librarian at Wellesley.

"We would joke about the way she liked her iced tea," said Becky Atwood, a project manager in instructional technology at Wellesley. She said Orr had a habit of seeking out fellow Texans at the college.

"Every group she was in she would ask, 'Is anybody here from Texas?' If there was anybody from Texas she would make it known she was from there too," Atwood said. "She had Texas maps and posters, even a Texas clock in her office. You never could forget where she was from."

The same enthusiasm and pride Orr held for her Texas roots also resonated in her work and attention to detail.

"Pattie was a force of nature," said Kenny Freundlich, director of instructional technology at Wellesley. "It was clear she had capabilities far beyond the job itself."

Freundlich and Orr worked corroboratively as directors during her time at Wellesley. Freundlich nicknamed her the "talent scout" because of her extraordinarily perceptive personality.

"I have the utmost respect for her and her abilities," Freundlich said. "I don't think there is anyone that works harder than Pattie."

The decision to come to Baylor came as a complete surprise to Orr. She and her husband had agreed on moving back to Texas for retirement, but had not expected the move for a few more years. Baylor had hired a consultant to conduct a national search for someone to fill the position of dean of libraries and vice president of IT.

After being approached by four colleagues who thought she would be perfect for the job, Orr began to seriously consider a move back to Texas.

"I knew I wanted to be in a private institution, and I had always thought I might want to go to a faith-based institution," Orr said. "Baylor met all of that criteria and it was meant to be." Orr's daughter and son-in-law are assistant professors at Baylor, and she has a niece who is a current student.

"It's like going home, coming to Baylor," Orr said. "Even though it's a new job and there are lots of new things to learn, it was so comfortable and easy to come back to Texas."

Orr has had the greatest impact with her leadership on tackling sustainability issues on campus. Coming from Wellesley, which already had an established recycling program, Orr said she quickly noticed several areas of improvement needed around campus.

"I would drink my Dr. Pepper and ask, 'Where am I going to put this?'" Orr said. "It seemed like it needed to happen."

Carl Flynn, information technology specialist and member of the University Sustainability Committee, credits Orr with having strong ideas and a clear vision, along with being a good motivator.

"It's been great working with her," Flynn said. "She's got big ideas, but she also understands from her experience the realities of what needs to happen to get an idea from point A to point B."

The committee was formed in the fall, with Orr serving as head chair, and consists of 20 members from various departments including faculty, housekeeping, IT, dining services and students. The goal is to continually improve and coordinate the sustainability efforts on campus through education.

"It has been great to see the progress with Baylor's recycling program," said David Cortes, sales representative for Sun-Bright, the recycling company used by Baylor.

"There have been several groups that have worked very hard to keep the program going over the past several years," Cortes said. "And Pattie has been able to pull the various groups together and has worked to get additional support from the top."

The committee is wrapping up its first year and has completed phase one of its goal, which was implementing a recycling program in residence halls. The program brought 420 new recycling receptacles into the buildings.

"I think we should recycle because it is good to take care of our environment," Orr said. "God gave us only so many resources so we should take care of them."

Looking toward the future, Orr has high hopes of maintaining a sustainable campus and improving the libraries to a top-tier standard.

"I think a year from now we are going to say, 'We have come so far in one year,'" Orr said.

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Jordan Rux hits a backhand in Wednesday's game against the Longhorns. Baylor lost, 4-3.

Bears fall to Big 12 rival Longhorns, 4-3

By Justin Baer
Sports writer

In a match between two of the conference elites, Baylor suffered a disheartening 4-3 loss against the University of Texas-Austin Longhorns Wednesday night at the Baylor Tennis Complex.

Battling fierce winds, Baylor had its back against the wall for the majority of the match yet still managed to make things interesting as the Bears refused to easily hand the match over to the No. 7 Longhorns.

The four-hour match snapped Baylor's seven-game winning streak heading into the weekend when the Bears have two more Big 12 conference matches slated.

"The character of our team is unquestioned," head coach Matt Knoll said. "I just think we have got to be better. But that's a process. We needed to see where we are against a Top-25 team, and we're not there yet."

After losing the doubles point, the No. 13 Bears (17-8, 3-1) lost five of their first six sets. No. 12 Denes Lukacs, who defeated No. 37 Kellen Damico 6-3, 6-2, was the only Bear to win his first set. The rest of the Baylor team looked to be in disarray from the defeats in the early going.

However, an unknown variable struck a match under the Bears, and Baylor stormed back into contention. After Lukacs notched Damico for the first finish of the night, Ed Corrie upended David Galic, who couldn't overcome costly errors, 6-1, 6-4.

In the No. 1 seeded game, No. 17 Dimitar Kutrovsky upset No. 8 Lars Poerschke 6-4, 7-6 (8-6). Poerschke managed to wean his way back into the game after losing the first set, but after drawing the second set to a dramatic

finish, the Buseck, Germany, senior couldn't overcome the first set defeat.

"Those are guys that we need in a big match," Knoll said of his top players. "I think in general when you have these big matches you need guys that step up and win close matches. We haven't done that over the year, and that's been a big difference for us."

After losing his first set 6-4, No. 96 Dominik Mueller was able to battle back and take the second set 6-1. But Mueller was unable to retain any momentum gained in the second set, as the Frankfurt, Germany, sophomore lost the final set 6-2, clinching the match for the Longhorns.

Perhaps the most exciting comeback of the night came via Attila Bucko. Bucko, who was defeated in the first set 6-1, overcame Milan Mihailovic 7-6 (9-7) before clinching the personal match with a 6-2 showing in the third set.

"To be honest, I don't know where I was in the first set," Bucko said. "Coach Knoll came on the court and got my mind straight. I was able just to play different and turn things around and won."

Freshman Jordan Rux also came back after suffering a 6-3 loss in the first set to Miguel Reyes Varela. Rux's match was the final one of the night to conclude, as the Kerrville native went on to defeat Varela 7-6 (7-3), 7-5 in the last two sets to pull off the victory.

"We are going to go to bed tonight and know exactly where we stand," Knoll said. "We have some time to get better, and we have to make good use of that time."

The Bears continue in action Friday as they travel to Lincoln, Neb., to take on the University of Nebraska Cornhuskers.

By Will Parchman
Sports editor

There hasn't been anywhere quite like home for Baylor track and field over the past few years.

As the team gears up for the Michael Johnson Classic on Saturday at the Baylor track and field complex, they'll do so with the knowledge that they'll be running in front of friendly and familiar faces.

"I think our athletes enjoy running in front of friends and family," said head coach Todd Harbour, who watched Baylor notch a season-high 20 qualifying marks at the event last year. "We don't get too many chances to do that, and when you do you just take advantage of it. I think they'll really enjoy it. I look forward to come out and see some really good performances."

The team is coming off a week of rest after winning a school-record three relay events

at the Texas Relays in Austin to fortify a solid position with the Big 12 Championships now less than a month away.

The Bears also get to run alongside a bevy of Olympic gold medalists Saturday.

Former Baylor stars and Olympians Jeremy Wariner and Darold Williamson will form half of the 4x400-meter relay team that will face Baylor's current squad in the day's star-studded finale.

All-American hurdler Jerome Miller and sprinter Sanya Richards, who was dubbed by many "the fastest woman in the world" after winning gold in the 2004 Olympics, will also headline a talented group on display Saturday.

Most of the invited non-collegiate runners are in the final stages of their preparation for the 2008 Summer Olympics in Beijing, which Harbour said should add kindling to a fire that needs very few embers to spark into a roaring fire.

By Pete Iacobelli
The Associated Press

HILTON HEAD ISLAND, S.C. — Davis Love III is back on top at Harbour Town.

The five-time tournament champion shot a 5-under 66 on Thursday for a share of the first-round lead in the Verizon Heritage with Justin Leonard and Lucas Glover.

The 44-year-old Love has struggled to bounce back from tearing ligaments in his left ankle last September.

On Thursday, he shot his best round since August and gave him confidence things might keep improving at one of his favorite locales.

"It's getting close," Love said.

There have been many oddities for Love the past few months. He failed to qualify for the Masters, missing his first major championship since the 1990 U.S. Open.

"That was weird," Love said.

He spent the week with family, hunting turkeys and only sparingly tuned in to Masters coverage to follow his buddy Fred Couples and Brandt Snedeker, who spend time in Love's residence of Sea Island.

Love also worked to tune up his game to compete at a place where no one's won as much as he has.

"You keep sticking the tokens

in the machine, eventually you'll get it right," Love said.

Not that it'll be easy.

Leonard, the 2002 Harbour Town winner, is coming off a top-20 finish at the Masters. Glover had his best finish of the year in his last event, a tie for 14th at the Shell Houston Open.

A large group a stroke behind the leaders included two-time Heritage winner Stewart Cink and Camilo Villegas. Jim Furyk, ranked No. 9 in the world, was another shot back at 68.

Snedeker was also in the mix after a 70. He tied for third at the Masters with Cink but probably gained as much attention for allowing the emotions and tears to flow when his chance at a green jacket fell apart last Sunday.

Ernie Els figured as a strong favorite here given his status (world's third-ranked player) and Harbour Town history (seven top-10 finishes in nine starts). However, the "Big Easy" faltered with a 1-over 72 in a round that included only one birdie.

Love started quickly with four birdies in his first seven holes. He tied Leonard for the top spot with a birdie on the par-5 15th hole after landing his approach within 4 feet of the flag.

Leonard set the standard for much of the round, the former

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Harbour said that an event with this much headline talent could bring in close to 30 or 40 thousand people in most European stadiums and "you wouldn't even be able to get a ticket."

"They always enjoy bringing it up a notch when you know you've got Olympic gold medalists out there on the track at the same time you are," Harbour said.

For Baylor's 4x400-meter relay team, which has been consistently re-writing the NCAA record books over the past two years, the Olympians may provide the only real competition.

Baylor's 4x400 crew hasn't lost to collegiate competition since the 2006 NCAA Outdoor Championships when it finished behind Louisiana State and Texas Christian universities.

So when the team faces the talent of a 4x400 crew that features Reggie Witherspoon and gold medalists Williamson and

Wariner, they'll have plenty of motivation.

And while he might not be clad in the flashy gold running shoes he made so famous, Michael Johnson will be in attendance as well.

"They know the pride and the tradition that are behind them, and that motivates them," Harbour said. "Every time they step out, they know they represent a whole lot of great tradition. So when they get a chance to get on that 4x400 ... they've got to be ready to go."

And it helps that the locker room is in a good place entering what history says will be another solid weekend for Baylor track and field.

"We're starting to get a lot of the guys back that were hurt during the indoor season," Harbour said. "We've also got a lot of our ladies where they need to be, to get up there in the top echelon of NCAA track and field, and that makes you a pretty strong team as well."



Davis Love III tees off on the third hole Wednesday during the Verizon Heritage golf tournament pro-am at Harbour Town Golf Links on Hilton Head Island, S.C. Loveshot a 5-under 66 for a share of the first-round lead.

champion rolling in a birdie putt on the difficult closing light-house hole, No. 18. He finished with his lowest round in more than two months and cracked 70 for just the third time in his past 13 rounds.

This tournament is like a breath of fresh air compared with a pressure-packed week of Masters play, Leonard said. "You come here" to Harbour Town Golf Links, Leonard continued, "and you just kind of get embraced by the southern hospitality."

Glover pushed to the top with five birdies over an eight-hole

stretch. His back-to-back birdies on the 15th and 16th holes tied Leonard and Love.

Love admits he may never be 100 percent physically again as time goes on. He's also struggling to maintain his focus instead of "checking out" for several holes a round.

"I felt like I was playing 14 holes," Love said. "I'm leaving, mentally just leaving, losing touch there for a few holes every once in a while."

The familiarity of Harbour Town helped Love stay on track. Success, though, was coming no matter the location, Love says.

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Equestrian team off to good start in NCAA Varsity

By Victoria Turner
Reporter

The Baylor equestrian team took off to a good start in the NCAA Varsity Equestrian National Championship yesterday, winning the first rounds in the Hunter Seat and Western competitions.

Baylor's No. 6 hunter seat team won the fences and flat against University of Tennessee at Martin, 7-1. The No. 9 Western squad proved just as successful after facing New Mexico State University, 6-2.

"We are at a place where we can win a national championship," Waco junior Shelby White said.

When she participated in the flat, White scored 147 after one of the judges gave her an 81. She said the team is always looking to improve as riders, but had the capacity to have a victory.

Sophomore Heather Healy, who defeated both of her competitors in the fences and flat competitions, said that all riders individually need to improve on different aspects varying from their wrists to their necks.

"I think overall we're all riding really well and not giving up major points," Healy said. "If we keep riding the way we are, I think we definitely have a chance at the championship."

One of the strengths White sees within the team is their unity. When there's a need for one rider to replace another, White said everyone in the team proved to be talented.

"We have a really good base to pull from," she said.

Junior Nicole Brown agreed with White. She said the team was very supportive and work well together, but needed to stay focused.

"We come out with bang and then kind of lose it," Brown said. "If we can stay focused and stay

"We are at a place where we can win a national championship."

Shelby White
Waco junior

in the game mentally, I think we'll do really well."

Head coach Ellen White also said the team needed to stay focused.

"We can't be slacking off," she said. "We need to bring our game."

She said both the hunter seat and Western teams are strong, but the one weakness that can present itself is a lack of focus because even little mistakes could lead to a loss.

"We practice to win," coach White said.

As the first day was a successful one for the Baylor equestrian team, White's expectations for the weekend were positive.

"There's not a team here that's a surprise to us," she said. "It's just a matter of staying focused and getting the job done."

Brown agreed that if they stay focused they'll do well. Brown, No. 1 seed in equitation over fences, will compete against Ally Blais from Oklahoma State University.

"Of course I'm nervous, these are the top four girls in the country," she said. "I'm just going to go out there and ride my best, the way I know how."

The championships will continue at the Heart of Texas Fair & Rodeo complex, with competitions on Friday and Saturday. The Western championship will hold four competitions both days and the hunter seat will have five. The championship ends at 5 p.m. Saturday after the awards are presented.

Baseball prepares for series against Aggies

By Brian Bateman
Sports writer

Baylor's baseball team will play a home-and-home series this weekend against the Texas A&M University Aggies.

It's been a difficult week for squads. The Bears (23-14, 8-7) continued their erratic performance, crushing Dallas Baptist University 11-4 Tuesday, then dropped the Wednesday rematch 13-5.

Texas A&M (30-7, 12-3) found its way into the Baseball America top 25 for the first time Monday, but subsequently fell to Rice University, 11-2.

Both squads will look to rebound and re-establish their tracks to the post-season.

"Until we have players that play with some consistency at the plate, I will always be concerned," head coach Steve Smith said. "I think (that is true) until you solidify your spot in the

tournament — I don't think we've done that. There's probably only a couple of teams in the country that have done that."

Baylor's batting, which was projected to help carry the Bears this season, hasn't lived up to expectations until recently.

"The way we've been swinging the bats the last few series is how we've should have been swinging this season," outfielder Ben Booker said. "Good things are going to happen. Things started off slow, but they're picking up pretty good."

Texas A&M has one of the most explosive batting rosters in the nation. The Aggies hold a conference team batting average of .326 compared with the Bears .249. Dane Carter leads the Aggies batting .432.

Once the Aggies get on base, speed and quickness make for a quick transition to scoring position.

However, lapses in judgment and aggressiveness tend

to send the base runners back to the dug out. The Aggies have attempted to steal 85 bases, but only arrived 59 times.

"Last week against Kansas State (University) we knew that they were going to run a lot, so we kept their runners close," third baseman Shaver Hansen said. "We came off a tough loss yesterday and they came off a tough loss versus Rice. It'll be a tough conference series this weekend as far as standings in the Big 12."

Texas A&M's pitching staff is led by starters Brooks Raley (5-0, 3.42 ERA), Barrett Loux (2-1, 5.00 ERA) and Clayton Ehler (5-2, 3.00 ERA). Kyle Thebeau (2-2, 1.19 ERA) regularly appears in middle relief, and Travis Starling runs clean up with seven saves.

The Bears are 113-142-1 all-time against the Aggies, including a 35-70 record in College Station and a 72-61 mark in Waco. Friday's game will take place in

College Station, while the final two games will be played at Baylor Ballpark in Waco.

The next few weeks share an even more important role in the Big 12 standings.

Current conference leader Texas A&M sits one-half game above the University of Nebraska, six-and-a-half above the University of Missouri, and seven-and-a-half above the Bears and two other teams in the fourth-place log jam.

"We need to find out who we are," Smith said. "We started this week with 20 games left this season.... I told them that the final 20 games of this season would define them as a team and define them as players."

Kendal Volz (3-3, 4.78 ERA) will take the mound against Brooks Raley at 6 p.m. today at Pat Olsen Field in College Station.

The series returns to Waco at 6:30 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday at the Baylor Ballpark.

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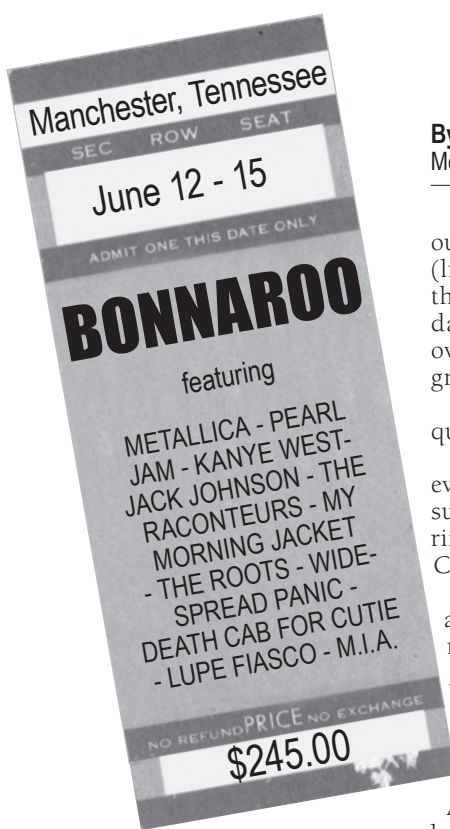
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Outdoor rock festivals revamp summer plans with bigger, better bashes



WHAT IT'S LIKE:

Set on a fertile, tree-lined ranchland south of Nashville, Bonnaroo has the most middle-of-nowhere site of the big fests. Throw in its psychedelic decor and camping out, and you probably have the nearest thing to the (original) Woodstock.

By Chris Riemenschneider
McClatchy Newspapers

It looked as if the demand for giant outdoor rock festivals went up in flames (literally) with Woodstock '99, the fest that notoriously became known as three days of overflowing port-o-potties, overpriced pizza and oversold campgrounds.

Behemoth rock festivals, however, quickly bounced back.

There are now more of them than ever nationwide, from big-kahuna events such as Coachella and Bonnaroo to terrific copycats like Austin City Limits and Chicago's revamp of Lollapalooza.

Several ambitious new rockathons are entering the landscape this summer, including All Points West in New Jersey and Outside Lands in San Francisco.

"The festivals themselves have gotten better and better, and fans have responded favorably," said Charles Attal, co-founder of C3 Presents, which books Lollapalooza and Austin City Limits.

Ticket sales for both were up this year, even before the lineups were announced, he said.

For a lot of 20- and 30-something fans, these outdoor events have become anchors to plan vacations around (and blow their savings on).

"It's about the whole experience as

much as it is the music," said Kevin Jewitt, 31, a data analyst from Minneapolis who figures he spent about \$1,000 to travel to Indio, Calif., for last year's Coachella festival.

Tickets to Coachella start at \$90 for a one-day pass and reach up to \$269 for three days, comparable to most fests.

Despite the cost, Jewitt not only plans to hit Coachella again this year, but also Lollapalooza.

"I think a lot of people go to (a festival) just to say they've done it," he said, "and they wind up having so much fun they do it again and again while they still can, before they have families or too many other demands."

Lollapalooza, in particular, has become a big draw for Midwestern fans because of its Chicago location.

Originally a traveling, multi-band concert like the Warped Tour, the event went out of business for several years before it was recast as a three-day destination in 2005. It now draws about 60,000 attendees per day.

"The atmosphere was great," said Drew Bryan, 21, a St. John's University student from Eden Prairie, Minn., who attended Lolla last year and loved being "able to see tons of awesome bands and hang out with people who are all looking to have a good time."

Bryan was able to shave his Lolla costs to about \$400 by crashing at a friend's house and taking the train into town.

However, the trend at most major festivals is to actually go more high-end.

For hefty prices, organizers are offering fans ways around the two big deterrents at these fests: enormous crowds and unpredictable weather (either sweltering heat or sheets of rain).

Bonnaroo, for instance, sells VIP packages for two people for \$1,170, which includes upgraded showers, food buffets and bleacher seats for the music.

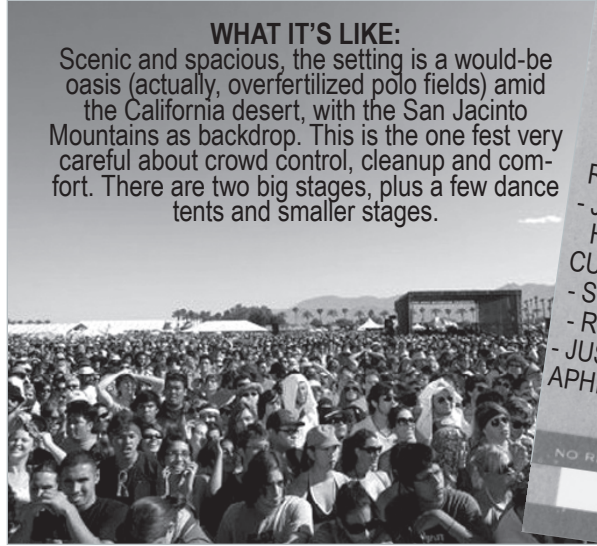
Coachella now offers \$700 to \$4,000 "premium camping" packages complete with airbeds and air-conditioned tents.

"The range of our clientele is expanding, and we want our events to be just as great an experience for the people who want a little more," said Attal, whose Lollapalooza notoriously offered private "cabanas" for 30 to 40 people for \$32,500. "The extras are there if you want them, but if not, they don't drive up any other costs," he said.

Even before the buzz of a U.S. economic recession, there was talk that the festival market might soon reach overload.

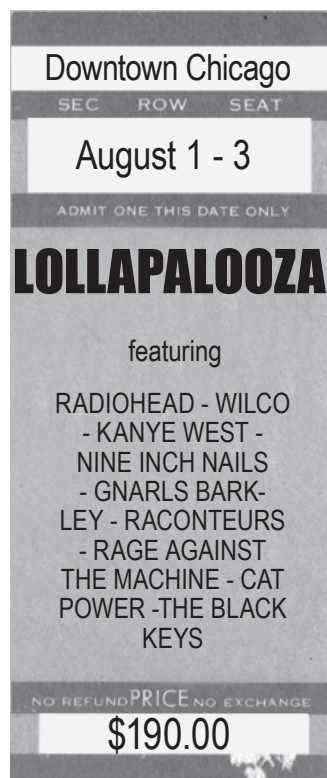
Attal's company put off its inaugural Vineland festival in New Jersey until next year because Coachella organizer Golden Voice planned All Points West around the same time and place this year.

"We won't know until the end of this year if the market is starting to oversaturate," Attal said, "but we're still planning to go full steam ahead."



WHAT IT'S LIKE:

Scenic and spacious, the setting is a would-be oasis (actually, overfertilized polo fields) amid the California desert, with the San Jacinto Mountains as backdrop. This is the one fest very careful about crowd control, cleanup and comfort. There are two big stages, plus a few dance tents and smaller stages.



WHAT IT'S LIKE:

Imagine Coachella dropped in the middle of Chicago, with the city skyline replacing the mountains. If Lake Michigan's breeze doesn't keep things cool enough, you can duck into the Art Institute or Field Museum a few blocks away to get out of the sun.



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‘No Idea’ full of energetic electro-rock

By Rea Corbin
Copy desk chief

Does It Offend You, Yeah? has a ridiculous name. The album has a ridiculous name: *You Have No Idea What You're Getting Yourself Into*.

("Hey, next time, let's use the first line of *A Tale of Two Cities* as our album name! Or a line of Faulkner! You know what, let's just use an entire short story.")

ALBUMREVIEW

There's nothing particularly offensive about Does It Offend You, Yeah? except the tedium of reciting the name if someone asks you who's playing. And with such a name, can listeners have any idea what they're getting themselves into? It's going to be over the top, surely. Maybe it's trying a bit too hard.

The band is electro-rock, so cue up the synth. But it's good. *You Have No Idea* takes a certain sort of person to appreciate it; maybe someone schooled in the ways of both Daft Punk and Rage Against the Machine.

It starts off slow with "Battle Royale," a purely instrumental track that provides a wide definition of "instrument," with a slow-building intro that takes its sweet time building to full strength. But follow that with the sudden crash of "With a Heavy Heart (I Regret to Inform You)," and the album starts to grow on you.

"We Are Rockstars" relies on instruments again and seems to be the instrumental that "Battle Royale" wanted to be, until a synth voice cuts in. The voice makes the song stronger, cutting through the intensely-focused synth bass and drums to give the track a bit of variety.

But in the fourth song, suddenly DIOYY gives listeners a song that balances everything



Stand-Out Tracks:

"We Are Rockstars,"
"Dawn of the Dead,"
"Being Bad Feels Pretty Good"

it's thrown out yet, from the synth to guitars to a surprisingly gentle voice.

DIOYY start to sound like the kid brother of We Are Scientists (truth be told, the two bands go well together). DIOYY does a good job of alternating intensities throughout the album.

"Doomed Now" could give you a good break from rocking out to get a drink (unless you love synthesized voices and the same thing you heard three tracks prior), before "Attack of the 60ft Lesbian Octopus" starts up. And that track will get you up and going again just in time for "Let's Make Out," a frantic paean to making out with beautiful strangers.

The next songs, "Being Bad Feels Pretty Good" and "Weird Science," are strong in their own rights and energetic enough to follow up without letting down. Each time the latter song starts to lag and you think of skipping to the next track, it changes and hooks you back in just a little longer.

The "Epic Last Song" is hardly epic, but it picks up the non-synthesized vocals again and like the rest of the album, it has an energy that draws you in. Despite being an electro-rock album, the chorus on this and the few other vocal songs are clear and memorable enough to sing along as you get down.

All of this isn't to say DIOYY are the next huge crossover success from across the pond, but for a juvenile jumble of synth and guitars, they're worth a spot on a party playlist.

Grade: B-

Calm atmosphere of Cathay House makes for chill Chinese cuisine

By Kate Gronewald
Contributor

Cathay House, a local Chinese restaurant, is enticingly serene. Diners find a quiet setting inside this pagoda-style restaurant. The atmosphere is calming while the service remains efficient.

RESTAURANTREVIEW

Here you can enjoy a full meal without sacrificing an entire evening. However, the full meal requires a full price. Expect to pay around \$10 for evening meals. But also expect to get more than your fair share.

Generous portions appear on every plate. Two people can easily share a dish, and requests for take-home boxes are frequent.

Each dinner entrée includes soup, white or fried rice and an eggroll. The menu may intimidate those who are indecisive, though. Its numerous options may require more than a few minutes to make a selection. Choices range from gourmet specialties, seafood and even vegetarian tofu dishes. While the "gourmet" designation may be a slight exaggeration, the vegetables are served fresh, the soups are steaming and the fried won ton is crunchy perfection.

The sesame chicken arrives heaped on a platter surrounded by meticulously arranged broccoli spears, while the kung-pow beef is lean, tender and precisely spicy. A typical favorite, the almond chicken pleasingly juxtaposes sweet and salty.

Godspeed by Ben Humeniuk



Alex Song/Lariat staff

Cathay House Restaurant, located at 825 Wooded Acres Drive, offers Chinese dishes from 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday.

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Cathay House is certainly a step above the typical take-out, providing classic Chinese dishes in a simple, clean setting. Here, you'll find the art of Asian cuisine refined to a consistent science with almost methodic efficiency.

Serenity and consistency aren't the only enticing features Cathay House offers. Daily lunch specials are available for \$5 and \$6 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. every Tuesday through Saturday.

With 40 specials on the menu and ample portions, these meals satisfy both hunger and a tight budget. On Sundays Cathay House serves a lunch buffet, which is its busiest meal of the week. The buffet costs \$5.50 for

an assortment of the restaurant's popular menu items. For some, the crowd and longer wait may counteract the cheap price and limitless servings.

The restaurant's simple design and soft Asian music fuel intimate conversations. Tall ceilings and a mural of a Chinese village contribute to the feeling that you can breathe deeply while eating. You also feel like you can stay as long as you'd like.

Cathay House is a small, unique restaurant where you quickly spot frequent patrons whose waitresses immediately know their usual order. In the evenings, families, couples and students feast on fried won tons and catch up on the day's events

while waiting for the main course. However, Cathay House also caters to those who don't have time to sit down.

Cathay House's take-out services are efficient and popular. While eating there during dinner, diners witness numerous patrons picking up call-in orders after work. While it's not close to campus for quick pick-up, find your favorite dish on the menu and it may be hard to resist.

But when you're craving Chinese on a Monday, beware. That's the one day Cathay House is closed. Otherwise, enjoy the solace from 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. daily. It's located at 825 Wooded Acres Drive, just south of Valley Mills.

Grade: A-

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