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## Thai military stages coup in capital city

Director of Thailand programs downplays events taking place in army-controlled Bangkok

By Analiz González  
Staff writer

A state of emergency was declared Tuesday in Bangkok, Thailand, after the Thai military took control of the country's capital city. But as far as Katherine Mueller is aware, Baylor alumni in the area are doing well.

Since Tuesday Mueller, the director of Baylor in Thailand Programs, has received e-mails that confirmed the safety of three of the 17 alumni living in the city.

Mueller said the military response in Bangkok is due to some military leaders' feelings that Thai Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra is overstepping his duties as an elected official and is acting

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Associated Press

The Thai military launched a coup against Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra on Tuesday, circling his offices with tanks, seizing control of television stations and declaring a provisional authority loyal to the king.

General says Thaksin has been overstepping his bounds as leader

By Grant Peck  
The Associated Press

BANGKOK, Thailand — Thailand's army commander staged a coup Tuesday night and ousted Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra while he was in New York, circling his offices with tanks, declaring martial law and revoking the constitution.

Gen. Sondhi Boonyaratkalin, who is known to be close to Thailand's revered monarch and is a Muslim in this Buddhist-dominated nation, took power without a shot being fired. He will serve as acting prime minister, said army spokesman Col. Akara Chitroj.

Thaksin, who was first elected in 2001,

has faced calls to resign amid allegations of corruption and abuse of power, and the coup came on the eve of a major rally, the first in months, that was scheduled for Bangkok by a coalition of his foes.

"The armed forces commander and the national police commander have successfully taken over Bangkok and the surrounding area in order to maintain peace and order. There has been no struggle," the new leaders said in a statement on national television. "We ask for the cooperation of the public and ask your pardon for the inconvenience."

As soldiers and armored vehicles moved through drizzly Bangkok, the military declared a provisional authority loyal to King Bhumibol Adulyadej, calling itself the "Council of Administrative Reform."

The council, it said, soon return power

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## Every face has a story



Henry Chan/Lariat staff

Dorthy and Sandy have respectively been participants in the Mission Waco's Supportive Housing Program for three months and a month and a half. They both take daily courses for vocational skill training and are provided with a free clinic service.

Mission Waco offers helping hand for area homeless

By Allie Cook  
Reporter

She used to be a licensed respiratory therapist making \$1,500 a month. But for the past three months, Paula Ranelle has been homeless.

"I'm one of the more fortunate ones," Ranelle said. "This is my first time around to be on the streets."

Ranelle, a 52-year-old from Waco, is one of about 800 homeless individuals living in McLennan County, said Bo Wallace, a social services coordinator at Mission Waco.

"It's so hard to get an accurate number because there are so many homeless people you don't see," Wallace said.

The unseen hundreds are living under bridges, in street alleys and in abandoned train cars, he said.

Yet Wallace and the other staff and volunteers at Mission Waco have chosen to act on the behalf of the marginalized and low-income individuals in McLennan County.

"A lot of these folks just need a leg up — a place to stay and a meal — to help them get over the hump and out of the lull they're in," Wallace said.

Wallace has been working in social services for the past 15 years.

"My responsibilities (at Mission Waco) are primarily to oversee the operation of our homeless shelter," Wallace said.

The walk-in shelter, My Brother's Keeper, is located at 1217 Mary St. Each day Wallace said about 35 to 40 homeless people are provided with breakfast and a place to sleep.

Wallace described Mission Waco as a relationship-based social service program.

Part 1 of a 3-part series on the homeless situation in Waco

My Brother's Keeper is just one part of the program, he said, but all of the groups in the program serve different functions within the nonprofit organization's main goal: to help people permanently leave the homeless lifestyle.

"We don't just want to give them a bar of soap and a washcloth," Wallace said. "We want to get them an apartment with an income so they can buy their own bar of soap and washcloth."

"A Chinese proverb says, 'Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day. Teach a man to fish and you feed him for a lifetime.'"

The Supportive Housing Program at Mission Waco operates on this basic principle, Wallace said.

In the Supportive Housing Program, a homeless people's basic needs are taken care of while they try to get back on their feet by learning life skills and finding a job, he said. Mission Waco takes the person's first few paychecks and puts most of it in a savings account while only giving that individual a weekly allowance. Once he or she keeps the job and moves into a living space, he or she completes the program and is able to live and manage life independently, Wallace said.

"A lot of (people) probably assume the homeless are all lazy, uneducated and don't want to work," Wallace said. "They think they're dangerous or just bums."

Though he admitted some homeless people fit the stereotype of being lazy, Wallace said participants in the Supportive Housing Program proves the stereotype wrong.

Individuals such as Ranelle and Kayla Booth seized the op-

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## Zionism, Hezbollah discussed

Panel examines war between Israel, Lebanon, lack of trust between sides

By Ashleigh Boutte  
Reporter

Peace may not be on the horizon in the Holy Land as long as Jews are granted more power and superiority over non Jews, Dr. Norton Mezvinsky said at a panel discussion Tuesday night in Alexander Reading Room.

He said Zionism in Israel may be the fundamental cause of the conflict between the Jews and Muslims in the land.

The panel focused on Hezbollah, Palestine and the Jewish state in response to the bombings that occurred about a month ago that claimed thousands of Lebanese and Israeli lives.

Speakers included Dr. Norton Mezvinsky of Central Connecticut State University; Dr. Nehemia Geva of Texas A&M University; and Baylor representatives Dr. William Mitchell and Dr. Christopher Marsh.

Mezvinsky is a Jewish American. He said the recent war on Lebanon was useless and destructive.

"Lebanon has been destroyed," said Mezvinsky, "(Both sides) lost."

He said 70 percent of the people in Lebanon and the Palestinian territory are living below the poverty line.

"Most Arab leaders are keeping their own people under oppressive subjection," Mezvinsky said.

Zionism, he said, is the key problem in Israel. While Zionism calls for a majority of Jews in Israel, Mezvinsky said this results in a "anti-Democratic" state.

Mezvinsky talked about how easy it is for people of the Jewish faith to become citizens of Israel, while non-Jews experience more difficulty assimilating.

"Non Jews must apply and the Israeli government will give the individual a yes or a no without any explanation," Mezvinsky said, "This will ensure that there remains a Jewish majority."

Mezvinsky said that the character of Zionism in the Israeli territory has been the source of hurt, oppression and the displacement of many Palest-

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## Chemicals spilled after train derailment

By Van Darden  
Staff writer

A Burlington Northern Santa Fe-owned train carrying a shipment of ethanolamine derailed at 6 p.m. Tuesday night near the intersection of FM 317 and 185 in Crawford.

Bob Sutter, Crawford's emergency management coordinator, said the cause of the derailment is still being investigated.

"We have evacuated approximately 300 people within a half-mile radius of either side of the tracks," Sutter said. "We sent residents on the east side of the tracks to Crawford Community Center and residents on the west side to the elementary school."

Sutter said school would be held as usual today.

Patrick Brady, coordinator for BNSF's hazardous materials teams, said no ammonia or pes-

ticides were on the train.

"Ethanolamine is a corrosive liquid similar to Drano," Brady said. "It is caustic and has a high pH balance."

Sutter said one train car hit a telephone pole, knocking out power for the surrounding neighborhoods, which he said are mostly commercially zoned.

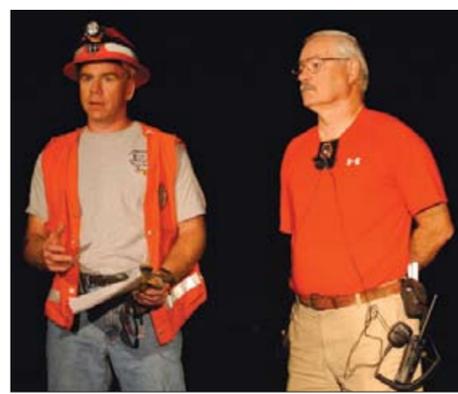
He also said an 18-wheeler was involved in the derailment but would not comment further,

except to say that no one was injured.

Both Brady and Sutter said it would take several days to get everything cleaned up.

"We just want to go slow and safe," Brady said. "By noon (today) we hope to have the cars cleared and begin on rebuilding the track."

Sutter said the FM 315 and 185 intersections will be closed for several days.



Crawford's Emergency Management Coordinator Bob Sutter, right, and Burlington Northern Santa Fe's Patrick Brady address a crowd at a press conference following a train derailment Tuesday night in Crawford.

Melea Burke/Lariat staff

# Location change opens eyes to other's perceptions

Identity politics are a rich and complicated part of my life. I'm a woman, I'm black, I'm a struggling student and so many other things. Daily, I feel these identities butting up against one another, their definitions clashing and changing: What's expected of me because I'm this, what "codes" I'm supposed to follow because I'm that, blah, blah, blah.

And I have heard from so many of my peers the same thing — that it's not easy to talk about who we are, because we are so many different things. It's hard to contain our identity in words, but we try anyway. I'm not claiming to have the quintessential minority experience on campus. I'm just me, and

I want you to know a little bit about what it means to be me on this campus.

The author Zora Neale Hurston wrote an essay called "How it Feels to be Colored Me."

It's a story of change for her, and it's a story of how others perceived her. On the day she moved from Eatonville, Fla., to Jacksonville, Fla., she said: "I became colored. ... When I disembarked from the river-boat in Jacksonville, [I, the old Zora] was no more. It seemed that I had suffered a sea of change. ... I was now a little colored girl."

What Hurston expresses in her essay hits directly at the "color" of my experience. I know as well what it feels to "become colored," or black, to be stained

## point of view

BY JACQUIE SCOTT



by that word like it automatically tells someone all they need to know about me. I literally "suffered a sea of change," too. She was 13, and I was 15 when I crossed the ocean and came from Japan to live in the United States for the first time.

Recalling her childhood in Eatonville, Hurston tells us she enjoyed speaking pieces and singing and dancing. She took these joyful tendencies farther

north with her to Jacksonville's jazz clubs. In doing this, she risked condoning primitivism — the idea that blacks have a natural penchant for rhythm. Bravely, she danced anyway, rejecting the mold someone tried to pour her into.

And I think I know how Hurston felt. I know what it is to change your environment and bump into shoddy definitions of "black" and find yourself forced into a mold or rejecting it. I can remember how in Japan, it was OK for a person to touch my hair or melt over the color of my skin.

In Japan, they meant no harm by that gesture. Now, though, in America I understand that letting someone randomly touch

my hair or admire my skin may be their attempt to exoticize me, make me feel my differentness like you would a zoo animal.

Hurston decided to dance no matter what people thought or said. But I still struggle over when to dance and when not to, when to let someone touch my hair and when not to, when doing these things may evoke some racist, exotic or "primitive" thought about me as a black woman raised overseas. And this struggle, over what I should be, is the legacy of American history.

The monologue of this struggle runs like a stock ticker: "What should I do? When is it right? What are they going to say about black women?" This is

the struggle of identities I introduced at the beginning of this article.

When I think of how to define myself as a black woman, I choose the color, or the definition of "gray," because I'm often ambivalent, or in the middle of things, somewhere in the gray area.

There's a Facebook group that calls itself, "Don't touch my hair." I want to be a part of it, but I'm just not sure how I feel all the time about people touching my hair. For me, being a black woman at Baylor is all at once being gray and being just colored me.

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### Editorial

## FDA should monitor produce carefully

Perhaps Popeye had the right idea when it came to his spinach-eating habits: Stick to the can. The Food and Drug Administration advised consumers Monday not to eat any fresh spinach while investigators look for the cause of an E. coli bacteria contamination that has sickened 131 people and caused one death.

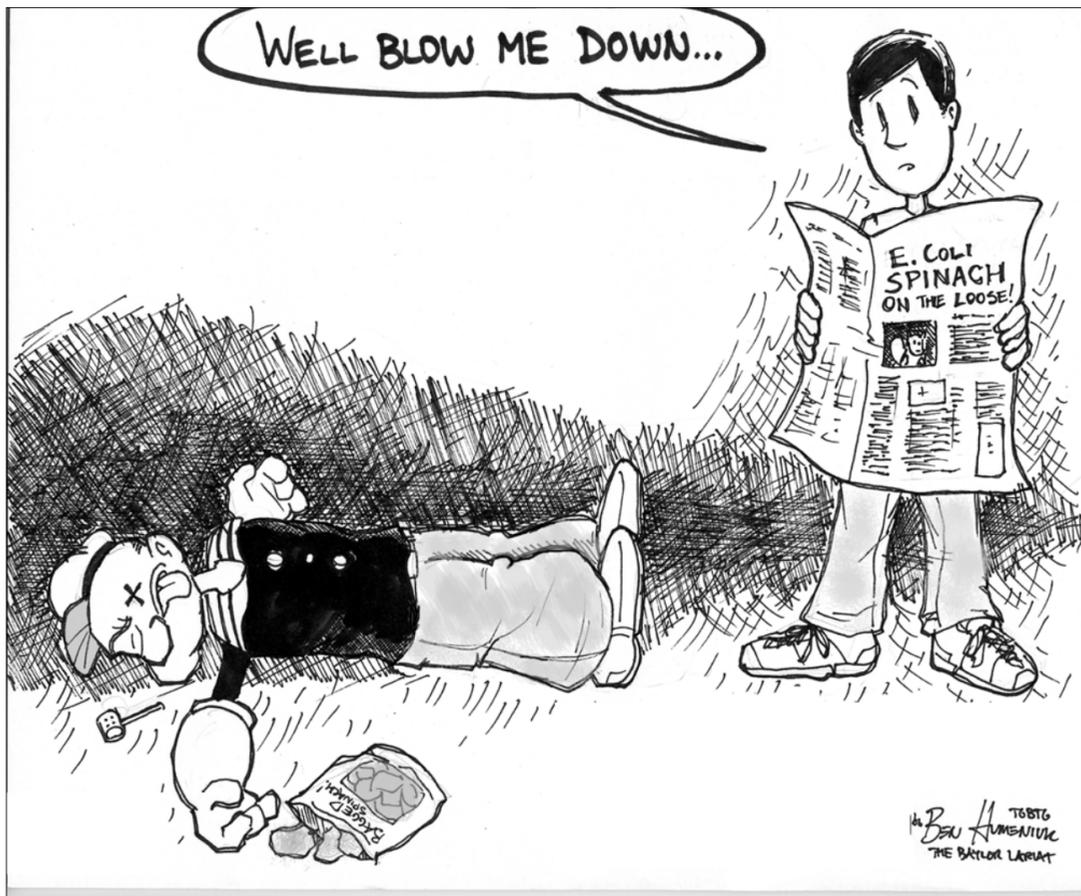
Last week's advisory focused specifically on bagged spinach, yet the FDA is now asking consumers to avoid the fresh vegetable altogether. The spinach leaves also can be purchased from bulk bins or consumed at salad bars and restaurants.

So far the cause of the 21-state outbreak is still undertermined, but its currently under investigation.

An FDA press release said washing the spinach will not rid the vegetable of the E. coli bacteria, because as a living organism the plant may have contracted the bacteria out of the soil, thus implanting the bacteria in the leaves of spinach.

With questions flying over the FDA's watch over irrigation and fertilization, is organic food a healthier choice for consumers?

Although some might stress that natural fertilization is safer than using chemical pesticides and fertilizers, perhaps the latter methods are more consumer-friendly.



If the outbreak of E. coli is due to the contaminated fecal matter being used as organic fertilizer, has the FDA fallen behind on monitoring the production of produce?

Spinach-producing companies are voluntarily recalling their products to aid the investigation and prevent any other sickness. So far, the FDA has sated that 114 cases of E. coli sick-

ness have been reported to the CDC, including 18 cases of kidney failure and one death.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Web site said the spinach involved in the investigation suspected to have been grown in California and it most likely was contaminated in the field or during its processing.

The FDA said Monday that it plans

to continue with its investigation, seizing any contaminated produce to determine the cause of the outbreak.

So avoid this salad companion until the situation has been resolved, and in the meantime, grocery store shelves will remain empty of the bagged leaves, and children across American can enjoy the break from the loathed vegetable.

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### Letters to the editor

#### Annihilation not a peace plan

The recent war between Hezbollah and Israel is a deep matter that cannot be properly addressed in the opinion sections of newspapers; however, I am compelled to respond to the hopeless and defeated attitude expressed in Tuesday's column, "Middle East conflict will last until one side expires."

The letter takes a dangerously common position on the Middle East. This position professes that the various sides of the struggles are inherently at odds with one another, that the interactions these sides have must be violent and that the only hope for peaceful coexistence is with the domination of one side and the submission, or annihilation, of the other. The letter even advises that we should simply "let them both slug it out until

one ceases to exist," as if it is a heavyweight boxing match. Sadly CNN, Fox News and other media outlets promoted the Israel-Hezbollah "crisis" as if it were a boxing match. A notion that suggests "the only way to peace" is in the destruction of a people is hopeless, illogical and inhumane. Even if the writer does not desire this outcome, the fact that this idea is believed to be inevitable reveals to me ignorance and irresponsibility.

I disagree with the assumption that Israelis and Arabs are incapable of reaching a peaceful coexistence. I had the pleasure of being in Lebanon and Syria this summer before the hostilities to visit my family (I left Beirut hours before Israel bombed the airport), and the countries and people I experienced were ones of potential and promise. Despite understandable frustra-

tions, I never heard anyone succumb to an annihilation peace plan that believed the only option was to kill or be killed. Such a notion may be accurate for the radical individuals on both sides, but not the majority.

I also disagree with the notion that we should be indifferent to the death and destruction occurring in the Middle East. My family members fled as refugees to Syria; their financial situations were worsened by the breakdown of infrastructure, and a relative of mine was killed in an Israeli attack near Baalbeck. Perhaps my situation is unique, but I hope that all people would not simply sit back callously and watch homes and lives, both Arab and Israeli, destroyed and accept it as inevitable. I hope we would be compelled to feel compassion and charged to see peace and secu-

rity achieved in the Middle East and elsewhere.

I agree with the column on at least one point, which is to "not quibble over which side is more righteous than the other" and avoid taking sides. However, we must not let this attitude produce indifference and apathy to the suffering of people. I encourage anyone who desires more than a simplistic black-and-white understanding of the Middle East to seek beyond shallow mainstream media outlets. Then again, we could just watch them "slug it out" and pretend like it does not affect us.

Brent Hamoud  
Alumnus 2006

#### All of this for an apology?

I'm outraged at the Muslim response of burning churches and inciting violence against Christians in the West Bank

because of Pope Benedict's remarks.

Sept. 12 the pope quoted an ancient text by a Byzantine emperor that referred to the Prophet Mohammad's teachings as "evil and inhuman." Muslim anger over the remarks has been boiling for almost a week now, and demanding an apology is one thing, but I read Sunday at MSNBC.com that Muslims have been attacking churches on the West Bank. In fact, to protest the pope's remarks, angry Palestinian Muslims "hurled firebombs and opened fire at five churches in the West Bank and Gaza Strip Saturday," and they torched two churches on Sunday.

So here's my question: How is this helping their case? And now the pope should apologize because his remarks were way out of line? I haven't heard of any Christian retaliation regard-

ing these attacks on Christians, except maybe the heightened security around the pope! Who's going to own up and apologize for the arson on our churches?

I am reminded of the cartoons of Mohammad that sparked intense protests last February in the European community, where dozens of people were killed in the chaos and crowds vowed to give their "blood to redeem the Prophet." And how about the terribly violent riots led by young Muslims in Paris in the fall of 2005 after two Muslim teenagers were accidentally electrocuted while hiding behind a transformer?

I am tired of radical Muslims retaliating with violence, and I can only speculate what will ignite hostility and require a "jihad" solution next.

David Aycock  
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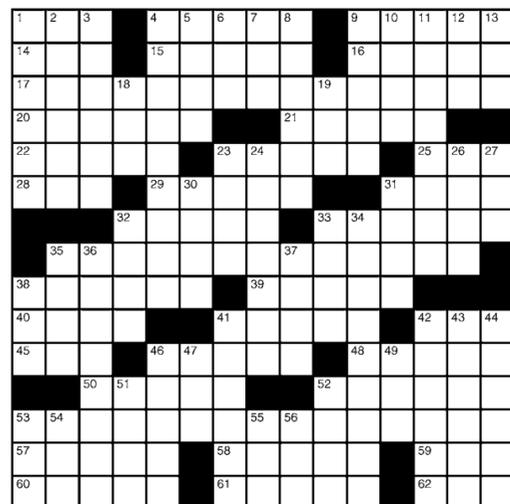
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# Lady Bears looking to plunder win from Lady Raiders

By Brittany McGuire  
Sports writer

After falling to Iowa State University 0-3 on the road and ending a school-record 10-match winning streak, the Baylor Lady Bears' volleyball team goes back to square one, starting with Texas Tech University.

The Lady Bears will face the Lady Raiders at 7 p.m. tonight at the Ferrell Special Events Center. Head Coach Jim Barnes said it will be a tough match.

"They'll make us work," he said. "We really need to defend our home court. It's important that we don't give up a match at home."

After upsetting Kansas State University, Baylor players said the

loss to the Iowa State Cyclones was a little bit of a let-down. Senior Desiree Guilliard-Young, now in her fifth year with the team, said it's tough to play while down.

"It just wasn't our night," the Berkeley, Calif., middle blocker said. "But it's a good experience to be in that situation and have to work through it. We just didn't come out on top."

Despite the loss, Barnes said he saw some positive things.

"We had some people really step up," he said. "Desiree and Lauren Keeton really picked up their game to keep us in the match."

In the Monday American Volleyball Coaches Association poll, the Lady Bears received 10 votes, their first national votes of the season.

*"If we get back on track, we can be a top-25 team."*

Jim Barnes  
Head coach

The players said they appreciated the recognition, but they're still focused on the game at hand.

"It's great that other schools respect our program enough to vote us nationally, but that's not something we're focusing on," Guilliard-Young said. "When you come down to it, it's about how you play point-for-point, game-for-game and who goes to the post-season."

Arlington freshman Taylor

Barnes said her first two Big 12 games has been a great experience. "It's a tough conference, but I think we'll go out there and surprise a lot of teams," she said. "If we can go out there and have fun and be aggressive, then we're a really good team."

Jim Barnes said the team struggled through the loss, but he's still optimistic.

"If we get back on track, we can be a top-25 team," he said.

The Lady Bears (12-2, 1-1 in Big 12 play) said they're ready to compete with Texas Tech. But they're focused on themselves, not on their opponents.

"They play volleyball," Guilliard-Young said. "That's all you need to know."



Freshman middle blocker Anna Breyfogle jumps to make a block in the Lady Bears' home victory over Kansas State, Sept. 14. Team members hope to continue their home success against Texas Tech tonight.

File Photo



Associated Press

Rev. Luis Barrios, center, is arrested Tuesday for disorderly conduct. Barrios and other protesters scheduled their actions to coincide with President Bush's speech during the United Nations General Assembly in New York.

## 'My country desires peace,' Bush tells United Nations

By Deb Riechmann  
The Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS — President Bush sought to blunt anti-Americanism across the Middle East on Tuesday, asserting that extremists are trying to justify their violence by falsely claiming the U.S. is waging war on Islam. He singled out Iran and Syria as sponsors of terrorism.

Bush, in an address to world leaders at the U.N. General Assembly, tried to advance his campaign for democracy in the Middle East against a backdrop of turmoil in Iraq, Afghanistan and other nations that have embraced the very changes he seeks for the region.

Solidly aligned with Israel, the United States is viewed with anger and suspicion by Muslims across the Middle East.

Addressing that hostility, Bush said, "My country desires peace. Extremists in your midst spread propaganda claiming that the West is engaged in a war against Islam. This propaganda is false and its purpose is to confuse you and justify acts of terror. We respect Islam."

Bush's address was the latest in a series of speeches on the war on terror.

Bush said past stability in the Middle East has been achieved at the expense of freedom, and

he disputed critics who claim his push for democracy has destabilized the region.

"The reality is that the stability we thought we saw in the Middle East was a mirage," Bush told the more than 80 prime ministers and presidents assembled in the cavernous hall of the U.N. headquarters.

"For decades, millions of men and women in the region have been trapped in oppression and hopelessness. And these conditions left a generation disillusioned and made this region a breeding ground for extremism."

On the sidelines of the meeting, Bush firmly denounced Iran for defying U.N. Security Council demands to freeze its uranium enrichment work and engage in talks to resolve the standoff over its nuclear weapons ambitions.

"Should they continue to stall, we will then discuss the consequences of their stalling," Bush said in an apparent reference to possible U.N. sanctions.

In his speech, Bush spoke directly to the people of Iran, not the government of President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, who did not attend the address. Bush said America respects Islam, the Iranian nation's rich history and culture and that he looks to a day when the two peoples

"can be good friends and close partners in the cause of peace." That's very different from 2002 when Bush said Iran was part of an "axis of evil."

Bush made spreading democracy across the Middle East a cornerstone of his foreign policy after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks.

"When people have a voice in their future, they are less likely to blow themselves up in suicide attacks," he said Tuesday.

He championed the toppling of former Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein and the new democratic government in Baghdad. Yet democracy there is being threatened by bloody sectarian violence in the four-year-old war that is becoming increasingly unpopular at the U.S. as well as abroad.

About a dozen demonstrators outside the United Nations chanted, "Bush is a criminal. No war on Iraq," but inside the world leaders gave Bush a polite reception.

Bush also trumpeted democratic change in Afghanistan. But five years after the U.S.-led invasion ousted the Taliban from political power, the militant Islamic group is proving a resilient enemy for NATO forces in the south, and Afghan President Hamid Karzai has little control outside Kabul.

## War on drugs starts on YouTube Web site

Government uses emerging technologies to reach teens with anti-drug message

By Ted Bridis  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The White House is distributing government-produced, anti-drug videos on YouTube, the trendy Internet service that features clips of wacky, drug-induced behavior and step-by-step instructions for growing and using marijuana plants.

The decision to distribute public service announcements and other videos over YouTube represents the first concerted effort by the U.S. government to influence customers of the popular service, which shows more than 100 million videos per day.

The administration said it was not paying any money to load its previously produced videos onto YouTube's service, so the program is effectively free.

Already by Tuesday, when the White House formally announced its video efforts, thousands of YouTube users had watched some of the government's videos.

"If just one teen sees this and decides illegal drug use is not the path for them, it will be a success," said Rafael Lemaitre, a spokesman for the White House

Office of National Drug Control Policy.

By contrast, a two-minute video of a burning marijuana cigarette produced by High Times magazine has been viewed more than 17,000 times since March.

The government's YouTube videos include a previously televised, 30-second ad of a teenager running from a snarling dog and bemoaning pressure from his friends to smoke marijuana.

"Then today, they said I should try to outrun Tic Tic, the lumberyard dog," the teen says. "And I don't think I can. I'm an idiot."

The government's short public service announcements — all of which were produced previously for television — are highly polished.

They will compete for viewership against hundreds of existing, drug-related videos that include shaky footage of college-age kids smoking marijuana and girls dancing wildly after purportedly using cocaine. Other YouTube videos describe how to grow marijuana and how to cook with it.

"Welcome to the great experiment," said Lee Rainie, director of the Pew Internet & American Life Project. He predicted computer-savvy critics of U.S. drug policies will edit the government's videos to produce parodies.

"This seems pretty new and pretty adventurous," he said.

### BEAR BRIEFS

#### Gamma Beta Phi

Gamma Beta Phi will hold its second meeting at 6:30 p.m. Thursday in 116 Draper Academic Building. Members are required to attend three meetings each semester.

#### Flag football

Intramural flag football registration is being held daily from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. until Friday in the McLane Student Life Center Campus Recreation Offices. The cost is \$50 per team.

#### Resume workshop

A resume-writing workshop will be held from 4 to 5 p.m. today on the fifth floor of the Cashion Academic Center. There will be free food and giveaways. Students are required to bring their school IDs.

#### Flemish Fortnight

Jeffrey Powers and Bradley Bolen will perform as part of the School of Music's Flemish Fortnight at 7:30 p.m. today in Roxy Grove Hall. The event is free and open to the public.

#### MSO interest meeting

The Medical Service Organization is holding an interest and weekly meeting from 6 to 8 p.m. today in D109 Baylor Sciences Building.

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tinians.  
 "A state lacking justice cannot survive," he said. "The countdown to the (country's) collapse has begun."  
 Mezvinsky said Israel needs to become a democratic state, not only for Jews, but for all people who live there.  
 Geva is an American Muslim who was once a professor in Israel.  
 "I think the attempt in searching for blame is not something that will lead to solution," Geva said. "Would it be fair for me to go to Harlem and ask if this is what you call democracy in the U.S.? You would say, 'Come on now. There is so much more you

didn't see."  
 For this reason, Geva said he doesn't believe using historic examples will lead to a solution to the territory's conflicts.  
 Geva said the recent bombings were a part of "a stupid war."  
 "The Hezbollah's objective is to get rid of the Zionist state in this territory," Geva said.  
 "Hezbollah has funded a very well-crafted welfare system and this is why they are so popular," he said.  
 "The Hezbollah learned the Israeli's modes and they were prepared," Geva said. "They didn't expect this type of Israeli reaction to their attack."  
 Geva said that Israel was not prepared for the Hezbollah to

retaliate in the manner they did and thus they weren't able to prepare the Israeli people.  
 Despite the cease fire, there may not be a way to define success when fighting terrorism.  
 "If you capture bin Laden, does this define success?" Geva said. "No, because he will just be replaced in a matter of time."  
 Geva said if we don't erase terrorism, we are only increasing its frequency and then you can say that the terrorists won.  
 Mitchell, a Baylor political science lecturer, said there are possible solutions to these global issues. He said that in order to achieve prosperity in the Middle East, we need to look at hope rather than fear.  
 "As long as the U.S. and Is-

rael continue isolating themselves from the rest of the world there will be problems," Mitchell said.  
 He said Israelis should look at how they can redistribute the land and resources in order to come to some solution.  
 "The (Palistine Liberation Organization) needs money to run their government," Geva said. "Give them the resources and help them educate themselves about democracy and become familiar with it."  
 Geva said we need to take smaller steps to build up trust in the Palistinian leaders.  
 "Don't use fear as a mechanism, use hope," Geva said. "Don't use blame. Give people chances."

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more like a dictator.  
 "Part of it (also) has to do with how they are dealing with the Muslims in the south," Mueller said.  
 "Some army officials are unhappy with how they are dealing with insurgents. There is concern about them killing innocent people."  
 Mueller said she thinks the instability in Bangkok will be resolved quickly.  
 "From my perspective of over 20-plus years of interacting with Thai people and appreciating the guidance of (King Bhumibol Adulyadej, IX), I have no doubt that this is going to be resolved within a minimum of a week or two. I have no doubt that the king will step in if he needs to."  
 She said that if the king does enter into the conflict, the Thai people will submit to his authority.  
 "When the king steps in, the people bow. They get on their hands and knees. He could tell them to jump in the Chao Phraya River in Bangkok and they would," she said.  
 Mueller said one of the alumni who wrote to her pointed out that the military is wearing yellow ribbons.  
 "That is not a fashion statement, but rather a sign that the coup is remaining loyal to his majesty, whose color is yellow. ... This may be something CNN has missed," she said.  
 Mueller also said TV news may be making the situation in Bangkok seem worse than it

actually is.  
 She said TV stations keep playing scenes of tanks rolling down the streets of Bangkok, but there are only five tanks in the city that have been filmed repeatedly.  
 "I want to assure everyone that Baylor folks are safe," she said.  
 "Thai people are safe. This means that the military is totally backing the king; they are not trying to overthrow the king."  
 Mueller quoted a high authority in the palace school saying, "Even though the king didn't plan this at all, it is a sign of good will towards him."  
 Chalotorn Maengosol, a graduate student from Thailand, said she her three cousins in Bangkok are doing well.  
 "Everything is fine right now. Everything is in good shape," Maengosol said.  
 She also agreed that some of the news stations are exaggerating the situation.  
 Director of Asian Studies Christopher Marsh said the recurrence of military coups has been in Thailand politics since the end of World War II.  
 "But it's been a while since the last coup takeover, and many of us thought that Thai democracy had consolidated and that we wouldn't see any more military coup takeovers," Marsh said.  
 "It remains to be seen at this point whether or not this one is going to be qualitatively different from previous military takeovers that happened in the past."



Associated Press

**Two of a kind**

Gubernatorial candidate Kinky Friedman, left, is shown with singer/songwriter Jimmy Buffett before a benefit performance for Friedman's campaign Tuesday in Austin.

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er to a democratic government but did not specify what reforms they would carry out.  
 The military ordered all troops to report to their duty stations.  
 There was no sign of resistance to the coup in the hours after it was announced late Tuesday.  
 The coup leaders also said schools, banks and the stock market will be closed at least through Wednesday.  
 Civil servants, including permanent secretaries of ministries, heads of state agencies, and heads of universities in the Bangkok metropolitan area were ordered to report to the council today.  
 Akara said Deputy Prime Minister Chitchai Wannasathit had been removed from his post.  
 An army general, speaking on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the situation, said Chitchai and Defense Minister Thammarak Isaragura na Ayuthaya, two Thaksin loyalists, had been arrested.  
 "The government is no longer administering the country," Akara said.  
 Thaksin was in New York at the U.N. General Assembly, and he declared a state of emergency in an audio statement via a government-owned TV station in Bangkok in a vain attempt to stave off the coup.  
 Thaksin, who had been scheduled to address the General Assembly, canceled his speech.  
 Government spokesman Surapong Suebwonglee, who was with Thaksin in New York, said the coup leaders "cannot succeed" and was confident they would fail "because democracy in Thailand has developed to some ... measure of maturity."  
 At least 14 tanks surrounded Government House, Thaksin's office.  
 A convoy of four tanks rigged with loudspeakers and sirens rolled through a busy commercial district of Bangkok, warning people to get off the street for their own safety.  
 The coup went largely unnoticed in Bangkok's popular tourist districts, where foreigners packed bars and cabarets, oblivious to the activity about two miles away.  
 But word raced among street vendors hawking T-shirts, who packed up their carts quickly and started heading home.  
 Hundreds of people gathered at Government House, taking pictures of themselves with the tanks.

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portunity to leave their past lifestyle.  
 Booth, a Waco native, has been on the streets since December 2005. Formerly a student at McLennan County Community College, she said she held a 4.0 for four years and was honored as part of the National Dean's List.  
 Both Ranelle and Booth previously had substance abuse issues, but now the two women say they are working to leave behind their addictions, including the misfortunes that came with them.  
 "(The Supportive Housing Program) is not a hard program at all," Ranelle said. "You just have to do the different steps, follow the rules and stay out of trouble."  
 For the first time in months, Ranelle has found hope to re-enter society with

a normal lifestyle.  
 "I look at myself now and say, 'This is not the place for me. This is not what I want for my life,'" Ranelle said.  
 Booth expressed gratitude for the help she's received at the Meyer Center.  
 "The social workers here are just like mothers and fathers to me," Booth said. "We are extremely accountable to them."  
 Because of the faith-based initiative of Mission Waco, the homeless are pointed to God as their ultimate source of help, Booth said.  
 "I want to learn how to call out to God and need the Father in my life. (I want to be able to) surround myself with talented, well-balanced people," Booth said. "I want to get to a place where I don't have to do that only when I'm in trouble."

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