

Rampage at Fort Hood



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Soldiers from the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment storm the grounds of the Soldier Readiness Center in a show of force as they help in the apprehension of Maj. Nidal Malik Hasan following the mass shooting that killed 12 individuals, including a civilian police officer, and wounded 31 others Thursday.

Army doctor suspect kills 12, wounds 31

Police officer wounds lone shooter

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KILLEEN — An active-duty psychiatrist stationed at Fort Hood Army post is suspected of killing 12 people and leaving 31 injured Thursday in the largest shooting on a military post ever to occur in the United States.

“This has been a tragic incident in our hearts, and prayers go out to those who have been impacted today,” said Lt. Gen. Robert “Bob” Cone in a press conference Thursday evening.

Maj. Nidal Malik Hasan, a 39-year-old Virginia native, opened fire on the base at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, and reports indicate that he was shot multiple

times at the scene before being apprehended. Though officials originally reported that Hasan was killed, they later confirmed that after surgery, he is in custody and stable.

His death is not imminent, Cone said.

Initial reports said the gunman had two guns, one of which was a semi-automatic weapon, which Cone said may explain the rate of fire.

“We would like to assure the local community we are going to increase security presence here in the coming days,” Cone said.

Immediately after the shooting began, the post was placed under lockdown, along with the Killeen ISD and Temple ISD.

Around 7 p.m. the lockdown was lifted and those who reside on the post were allowed to return to their homes.

“The post is not locked down but continues to operate at heightened security and continues to investigate to ensure that no threats remain,” Cone said. “We are focusing on three areas: care of the wounded, security of installation, and casualty notification and grief counseling.”

Steve Moore, public relations officer for Fort Hood, told The Lariat that shots were fired in the Soldier Readiness Processing Center, where soldiers to be deployed are handled and processed in preparation for war.

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‘It was absolutely heart-wrenching’

By LIZ FOREMAN
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

KILLEEN — Leaning on an opened car door, using one trembling hand to wipe tears from underneath glasses frames and the other to hold herself upright, 24-year-old Stella Avalos waited helplessly at a Valero gas station across from Fort Hood’s East Gate — only hours after a gunman opened fire within the post, leaving 12 dead and 31 injured on Thursday afternoon.

Avalos was unable to receive information from her husband, who was told not to make phone calls from within the locked-down post unless it was an emergency.

Just an hour and a half before,

it was a normal day at work for Avalos at Metroplex Hospital in Killeen. Then, Dr. William Louis, the obstetrician-gynecologist Avalos works for, informed the staff that he was called into surgery for wounded shooting victims who were rushed to the hospital. Avalos called her husband around 2:30 p.m. and only spoke briefly to him, but long enough to know he was OK.

At the Visitor Control Center, near the Main Gate, parents, family and friends of those locked down inside the post awaited any information — no matter how trivial — to piece together the puzzle of what was happening inside.

Among those most frantic

were the parents locked out of the post. Their eyes glazed with fear as their children were locked down for hours in one of the 10 schools through dinner.

Cynthia Wood, wife of specialist Joshua Hood, who is currently deployed to Iraq, put on a brave face as she waited near the Main Gate for the lockdown to be lifted.

Her son Conner, almost 3 years old, was at the Fort Hood Child Development Center, across the street from the Soldier Readiness Processing site where the shooting is reported to have taken place.

“I was just doing stuff around the house when I heard

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Fort Hood Shooting

A shooting that killed 12 and injured 31 occurred Thursday on Fort Hood in Killeen. Fort Hood is the largest active duty armored post in the United States and covers 340 square miles.

Fort Hood

Shots Fired
The public relations officer for Fort Hood, Steve Moore, told The Lariat that the shooting took place in the Soldier Readiness Processing Center, where soldiers to be deployed in preparation for war.

Fort Hood Facts:

- Named for the famous Confederate General John Bell Hood
- Approximately 50 miles south of Waco
- The official opening of Fort Hood took place on Sept. 18, 1942.
- The overall post population is estimated at about 71,000, of which almost 52,000 are soldiers

One in 10 Army Soldiers

is stationed at Fort Hood

Nadal Malik Hassan

Age: 39

Graduate of Virginia Tech (’97)

Licensed Army psychiatrist

Scheduled to be deployed to Iraq in November

Lifelong Muslim

Earned his rank of major in April 2008

Served eight years as an enlisted soldier

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Timeline of events

1:30 p.m.	2 p.m.	2:45 p.m.	3:52 p.m.	4:15 p.m.	4:26 p.m.	4:45 p.m.	4:52 p.m.	5 p.m.	6 p.m.	6:49 p.m.	7:09 p.m.	8:30 p.m.
Unidentified suspect opens fire at processing readiness center on the Fort Hood base in Killeen.	Fort Hood is placed on lockdown. Residents are advised to stay away from windows.		Seven people are reported dead, 12 injured. Death toll rises to nine, 15 people injured		Sources identify Nidal Malik Hasan as the primary suspect		Death toll rises to 12, with 31 people reported as injured		MSNBC reports that the two soldiers have been released from custody; one more is in custody for questioning.		Announcement made on base: “declared emergency no longer exists.”	

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Lariat Letters

More than a site needed to hold government accountable

The recovery.gov Web site is indeed a step in the right direction for governmental transparency.

However, the creation of a Web site does not constitute governmental accountability by itself. Yes, recovery.gov allows citizens to see where the stimulus money goes.

However, the job creation claims made by the Web site are, frankly, incredible, as is the notion that the current administration is a model of fiscal accountability.

The “jobs created or saved” claim is one of the most laughable claims ever made by an administration. The numbers cited by the administration to back up these job claims are provided, as a recent Wall Street Journal article (“Stimulus and the Jobless Recovery,” Nov. 2) points out, by the very same federal agencies that received the cash from the stimulus package, providing them with a major incentive to inflate the numbers of jobs “created or saved” for their own benefit.

The “saved” jobs claims can be neither proved nor disproved, and a federal agency can make almost any claim about how many jobs were “saved” by the stimulus money it received. These claims are utterly meaningless, and they should be treated as such.

The president’s “admirable choice” to create this Web site would not have been necessary if he had never promoted and signed such a massive spending package.

The \$787 billion spent by this stimulus package, along with the \$700 billion TARP program and the \$410 billion Omnibus Appropriations Act, is a major reason why the federal deficit stands at \$1.4 trillion for the year 2009.

President Obama’s promises to cut the deficit in half by the end of his first term are not very encouraging considering the fact that achieving this goal would still leave a \$700 billion deficit.

Does this not constitute, to an even greater degree, the same “excessive and reckless handling of government funds” that The Lariat blames for the current economic downturn?

A change in economic policy, rather than a Web site, is needed to achieve real governmental accountability.

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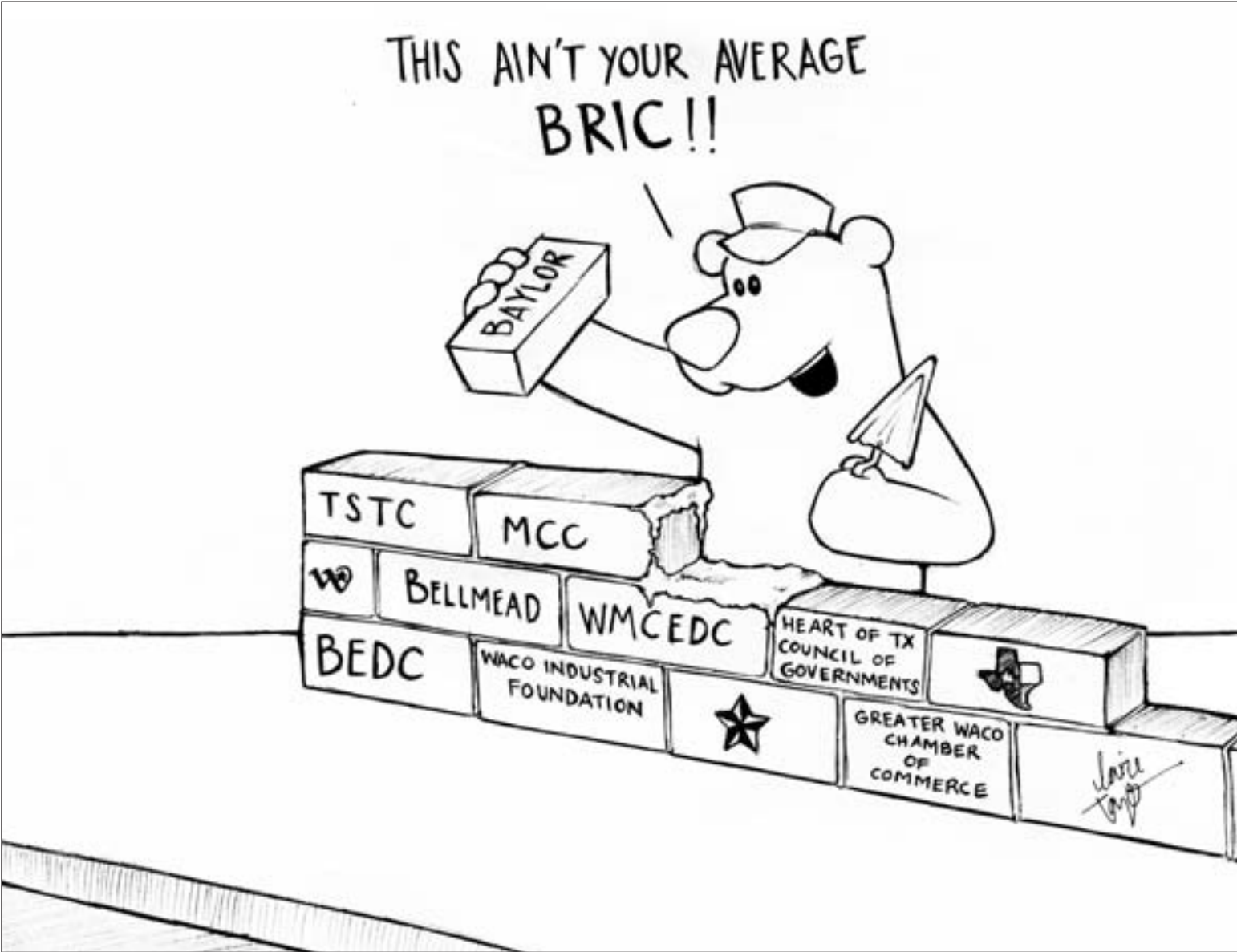
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BRIC: creating something beautiful out of something formerly neglected

People say unique partnerships yield the best results. When it comes to the new Baylor Research Innovation Collaborative (BRIC), a new research collaboration, they are absolutely right. The significantly positive addition to the Baylor family and to the community-at-large was announced at a news conference on Oct. 23.

Baylor University, Texas State Technical College, McLennan Community College, McLennan County, City of Waco, City of Bellmead, Waco-McLennan County Economic Development Corporation, Bellmead Economic Development Corporation, Waco Industrial Foundation, Heart of Texas Council of Governments and the Greater Waco Chamber of Commerce all came together to create this extraordinary project. Together, these groups are known as the Central Texas Research Technology Park and this is their first project as one organization.

The purpose of BRIC is to provide graduate research space for the School of Engineering and Computer Science, not previously offered by Baylor, and for certain other interdisciplinary research centers and institutions. This is a noble effort by all the parties involved.

Additionally, this new research collaboration

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will allow space for advanced technology training and work force development for Texas State Technical College and McLennan Community College programs. It will provide an environment for anchor industry partners already located in or newly recruited to McLennan County. Through this, students may be able to meet influential contacts and learn from people already practicing the ideas being taught in the classroom.

Among the many benefactors of this project is Clifton Robinson, Waco business and civic leader. He, the Robinson family and H. Bland Cromwell offered the General Tire facility to Baylor to repurpose as it saw fit for the benefit for the university and the community.

The university had the power to create something that only benefited itself, but, instead, created something that the whole community will enjoy. Through devotion to city of Waco and to McLennan, Baylor has beautified a previously-neglected building for growth in research,

enterprise and regional economic development.

Not only is BRIC a great opportunity for research and educational improvement, but Baylor is flexing its humanitarian muscles by creating jobs and resources that the entire community may embrace, maintain and endorse.

Truly, the benefits to this project appear endless. The engineering program will improve exponentially with the means and might to begin the program’s first doctoral degree program.

Staff and students will partner with big and small companies to research ideas and improvements. Thus, as a direct result of this wonderful addition to the community, Central Texas should gain hundreds of job opportunities in the short term and thousands in the long term.

“The BRIC both complements and extends longstanding community visions and economic development goals,” said Dr. Elizabeth Davis, Baylor’s interim provost, who made the initial announcement at the news conference.

BRIC is the kind of project Baylor students, professors and faculty should take pride in. It will enhance and aid research, create jobs and resources for the local community and utilize an old space to foster something beautiful.

Texts changing way we communicate, build relationships in modern age

It is pretty much impossible to sit through any class and not hear about seven phones vibrating at one time or someone’s phone beep with a new message because he or she forgot to turn their phone on silent. We all do it. Text messaging is fun, it’s easy, it’s exciting. However, has it changed the way we communicate versus a time prior to text messaging (yes, that time did exist)?

For those unfamiliar with text messaging, more commonly referred to as texting, I took the liberty of doing a touch of research to help you out. According to UrbanDictionary.com, texting has a few definitions. One definition explains texting as “an invention that allows people, usually in their teenage years, to talk to more than one of their ‘friends’ at once.”

Another definition from the Web site said texting is “the reason kids don’t learn as much at school ... except maybe a better way of not getting caught using your phone.” Probably the most explanatory definition of texting is “the easiest way for you to ignore someone that you don’t want to talk to ... as opposed to refusing their phone calls.”

Texting has become the universal means of communication, especially for our generation. American teens sent and received about 2,272 text messages every month during the end of 2008, according to the Nielsen Company. How much easier is it to text someone and not have to bother with actual conversation?

During our grandparents’ time, it was the

Point of View

BY MEGAN DURON



home phone. During our middle school time it was the instant message. During our high school years, it was actual conversation via cell phones. Now, it’s all given way to the text message.

While I am an avid texter myself, I believe there are drawbacks to sending a text message instead of making a phone call. For example, it is impossible to express any emotion through a text message.

Aside from the actual words in the text, there is no way to tell the tone in which a person is speaking. There is something to be said for face-to-face or even phone conversations that has no text messaging equivalent.

Another annoyance of texting happens when you try to have an actual conversation with someone who won’t stop clicking away on their phone instead of engaging in the current conversation. It’s easy to get engrossed in a texting conversation, but as a society we have thrown face-to-face

conversation to the backburner and are often too caught up in our other 500 text conversations going on.

Texting has also developed into a sort of shield from the outside world. While walking to class it is so much easier to text message someone than have to worry about bumping into someone you know walking to their class and having to, heaven forbid, speak words.

I’m just as guilty as the next person. I’ll text till the cows come home if I don’t feel like talking to someone while walking across campus. But I also believe that text messaging is destroying our social skills, allowing us to hide behind text instead of having to engage in someone else and have a real conversation.

Am I saying I’m opposed to text messaging? Absolutely not, I encourage it. I do feel like there are certain considerations that should be taken while texting. Don’t ignore the person you’re talking to who is sitting across from you and don’t overact to a text message without understanding the tone in which it is intended. Understand that text messages are not a decent replacement for actual conversation, and be wise in what you say via text. With these things considered, I believe we can all use texting for good and not evil.

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Online threats linked to suspected shooter

Hasan draws attention of authorities six months prior to shooting

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
AND THE NEW YORK TIMES

WASHINGTON — Born and reared in Virginia, the son of immigrant parents from a small town near Jerusalem, he joined the Army right out of high school, against his parents' wishes.

The Army, in turn, put him through college and then medical school, where he trained to be a psychiatrist.

The Army psychiatrist had come to the attention of authorities six months ago because of Internet postings that discussed suicide bombings and other threats, law enforcement officials said Thursday.

The postings appeared to have been made by 39-year-old Maj. Nidal Malik Hasan, who was wounded during the shootings at the Army post that killed 12 soldiers and wounded at least 30 others. A Fort Hood spokesman had earlier said Hasan was killed.

The officials say they are still trying to confirm that Hasan was the author of the Internet postings. They say an official investigation was not opened.

One of the officials said late Thursday that federal search warrants were being drawn up to authorize the seizure of Hasan's computer.

The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss

the case.

One of the Web postings that authorities reviewed is a blog that equates suicide bombers with a soldier throwing himself on a grenade to save the lives of

“He was mortified by the idea of having to deploy. He had people telling him on a daily basis the horrors they saw over there.”

Nader Hasan
Cousin of Nidal Malik Hasan

his comrades.

“To say that this soldier committed suicide is inappropriate. Its (sic) more appropriate to say he is a brave hero that sacrificed his life for a more noble cause,” said the Internet posting.

“Scholars have paralled (sic) this to suicide bombers whose intention, by sacrific- ing their lives, is to help save Muslims by killing enemy soldiers.”

Military officials said Hasan had worked for six years at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, where he had received a poor performance evaluation. He transferred to Fort Hood in July.

The officials, who had access to Hasan's military record, spoke on condition of anonymity because such records are confiden-



Hasan

Retired Army Col. Terry Lee told Fox News that he worked with Hasan, who had hoped Obama would pull troops out of Afghanistan and Iraq.

Lee said Hasan got into frequent arguments with others in the military who supported the wars, and had tried hard to prevent his pending deployment.

Hasan was single with no children. He graduated from Virginia Tech University, where he was a member of the ROTC and earned a bachelor's degree in biochemistry in 1997.

He received his medical degree from the military's Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences in Bethesda, Md., in 2001. He did his internship, residency and a fellowship at Walter Reed.

Hasan started having second thoughts about his military career a few years ago after other soldiers harassed him for being a Muslim, he told relatives in Virginia.

He had also more recently expressed deep concerns about being sent to Iraq or Afghanistan. Having counseled scores

of returning soldiers with post-traumatic stress disorder, first at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington and more recently at Fort Hood, he knew all too well the terrifying realities of war, said a cousin, Nader Hasan.

“He was mortified by the idea of having to deploy,” Nader Hasan said. “He had people telling him on a daily basis the horrors they saw over there.”

Nader Hasan said his cousin never mentioned in recent phone calls to Virginia that he was going to be deployed, and he said the family was shocked when it heard the news on television Thursday afternoon.

“He was doing everything he could to avoid that,” Hasan said. “He wanted to do whatever he could within the rules to make sure he wouldn't go over.”

Several years ago, that included retaining a lawyer and making inquiries about whether he could get out of the Army before his contract was up, because of the harassment he had received as a Muslim.

But Nader Hasan said the lawyer had told his cousin that even if he paid the Army back for his education, it would not allow him to leave before his commitment was up.

Nader Hasan, 40, a lawyer living in northern Virginia, described his cousin as a respectful, hard-working man who had devoted himself to his parents and his career.

He said his cousin had been a practicing Muslim who had become more devout after the deaths of his parents, in 1998 and 2001. But he said he had not expressed anti-American views or radical ideas.



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Above: Steve Moore, III Corps Public Affairs Specialist, briefs the media on the events taking place inside the Fort Hood Military Base on Thursday evening just outside of the post's Main Gate.



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Above: A police officer directs all traffic away from the main entrance of the Fort Hood military post following Thursday's shootout. During the lockdown, which lasted from about 2:30 to 7 p.m., only medical personnel were allowed in and out of the base.

Left: Police crowd around the outside of the East Gate of the Fort Hood military post following the lockdown Thursday afternoon. The suspect, Maj. Nidal Malik Hasan, was shot and is now in custody.



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Child injured during Bear Downs

By LAURA REMSON
STAFF WRITER

A 3-year-old child was injured at the Bear Downs bicycle race Wednesday night after he ran into the street in front of a rider.

Captain Danny Knight of the Baylor Police Department spoke to the father of the child Thursday afternoon and was told that he was still being checked over.

Knight said he had a minor skull fracture.

"They took him for precautionary evaluation," Knight said. "There were minor cuts and bruises, but he seemed to be in good shape."

The child was that of a faculty member who was riding in the race.

The Baylor Cross Country team's rider who collided with the child was in first place at the time, riding down Fifth Street at full speed, and did not stop for a transition.

"The team that was in first place was going really fast," said Brazos Fielder, one of the race directors for Bear Downs. "He barely hit the kid at all."

Centennial, Colo., junior Kylie Borgias saw the accident happen directly in front of her team's Pi Beta Phi sorority pit.

"It honestly just happened in one or two seconds," Borgias said. "The 3-year-old ran out from the curb, straight out to the street, like he was going to cross the street. The racer had no time to see the child."

Borgias said her proximity to the accident meant she saw everything.

"The front wheel of the bike hit him, (and) the biker and the child rolled over," Borgias said. "The biker landed on his back and the kid started crying."

After the collision, Borgias said the biker was on his back on the ground for about two minutes without moving.

"He was just lying still, but the Baylor medical response team was around him," Borgias said.

"They had so many of the Baylor medical team responders on site (and) the EMT on site. They did absolutely everything they could. To me they seemed really concerned, but after he was put in the ambulance, there wasn't anything to do, so they continued the race."

Fielder said the biker tried to avoid the child and turned out of the way.

"That rider flew off his bike," Fielder said. "It was a heroic move."

Immediate action was taken following the collision and Fielder stopped the race.

Bryant said Student Foundation used flags that all riders were instructed on. There was a red flag that signaled the race to stop.

Borgias said the flag system worked perfectly when the race was stopped.

"There were no other pileups around [the accident]," Borgias said.

Fielder said that after the accident, the child involved went over to the rider to see that he was all right.

Then the child was taken to Scott and White Memorial Hospital in Temple.

The child is expected to be released either Thursday night or today.

"The head of risk management was there when it happened and I talked to him," Bryant said. "It's one of those things you can't plan for, but we had everything perfectly. The racers stopped and the race was stopped."

Bryant wasn't surprised by the accident. "Something will always happen at a sporting event like this," he said.

As to the future of the race, Fielder is unsure of what will happen.

"We'll meet again with risk management and reassess the race," Fielder said.

"If [the race] does happen again, we'll try harder to prepare for things like that that happen."



MATTHEW HELLMAN | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Painting it up

Humble Senior Mahveen Sohail dyes a shirt during the Alpha Pi Omega Tye Dye fundraiser Thursday at Fountain Mall.

Baylor Democrats seek changes on campus

By BETHANY MOORE
REPORTER

With protests, tea parties and constitutional parties erupting throughout the nation, the Baylor Democrats are taking a different approach to be heard.

The organization is taking proactive steps to achieve its goals for Texas and Baylor by encouraging students to sign the petitions they are proposing.

They plan to send two of the petitions to Rep. Chet Edwards. One calls for a stop to the escalation of violence in Afghanistan and Iraq, and the other supports health care reform. Currently Edwards is undecided on his stance on health care reform. The Baylor Democrats hope the petition will sway his vote.

The other two petitions will be sent to Baylor. One supports free and open discussion of gay rights on campus and the last opposes the "sexist traditions" of the crowning of the homecoming queen. These are meant to bring "needed change" to campus, according to the Baylor Democrats.

Missouri City, Texas, junior Stanley Staton, the public relations coordinator for the Baylor Democrats, said these four areas

were important to the organization.

"First off, with the homecoming queen, we want it to be completely devoid of the beauty aspect of it," Staton said. "For the free and open discussion of gay rights, we want just to be able to talk about it (and) have a group that supports it and (does) not fear any repercussions."

Homecoming was the first time that the Baylor Democrats had a tent to encourage alumni and faculty to sign the petitions. They also set up a table in the Bill Daniel Student Center from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. for the past two weeks. Today is the last day students can sign the petition.

"We had a lot of alumni and faculty come by the tent and sign up, and since we've been in the SUB, we've had a lot of students who are interested in what we are trying to do," Staton said.

The Baylor Democrats said they are doing this now because they feel it is time for change on campus and in the nation.

"These issues have been large problems ... on campus for a long long time, just no one has said anything about them," Staton said. "So the reason why it should be talked about now is be-

cause people want to talk about it now."

Edmond, Okla., junior Lauren Brown said what they are doing is good and worth pursuing, but that only time will tell if it will bring about the change they desire.

"As far as the homecoming thing, it is just a popularity contest and has been one for a long time, so I don't think that will change," Brown said. "As a private institution I don't think it matters what the students think about gay rights. In the end, I don't think the administration or parents are going to go for it."

In light of the current rise in protesters of the health care plan, the organization feels this is a much more effective way to show concern and receive a response.

"Barney Frank (D-Mass.) once said that writing letters to your congressman, talking to them and calling is going to do much more than marching or holding up signs, because they will read it," Staton said. "He is right — we need to engage our congresspeople, instead of going out there and just making a huge display."

Waco freshman Alex McElroy, a member of Baylor Democrats, said the process of being heard is essential.

German Club to build Berlin Wall in remembrance

MEGAN KEYSER
STAFF WRITER

The German Club, commonly known by members as Klub Deutsch, will hold a daylong event in celebration of the fall of the Berlin Wall and Germany's reunification, including construction of a wall Monday on Fountain Mall.

Monday will mark 20 years since the East German government opened the border with West Germany.

The wall divided East and West Germany, as well as East

and West Berlin, from 1961 to 1989.

Sherman freshman Andrew Coulter, a Klub Deutsch member, said the club will construct the wall early Monday morning.

"We plan on putting a wall together before everyone wakes up," Coulter said.

Club members and German students will guard the East side of the wall, Coulter said. "Every hour people will switch out guarding the wall."

On the West side of the wall, Coulter said cans of spray paint will be available throughout the

day for students to graffiti the wall.

At 3:30 p.m. Monday, Coulter said Klub Deutsch will hold its weekly Kaffeestunde, a coffee hour.

Beginning at 5:30 p.m., students will tear down the wall in celebration of the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989, Coulter said. Anyone who wishes to participate can help tear down the wall.

Also throughout the day, there will be a slideshow of the Berlin Wall and 1980s German music, Coulter said.

Monday's events are intended to celebrate German reunification.

"The Berlin Wall is something everyone knows about, but they don't know why," Coulter said.

Clive, Iowa, senior Ross Irons, who has been involved in Klub Deutsch since his freshman year, said the celebration is important globally as well as at Baylor.

"Commemorating the fall of the Berlin Wall is worldwide," Irons said. "It's opening up Baylor to world events that have hugely affected the last 30 years."

Irons hopes that holding a campuswide event will raise awareness of Klub Deutsch.

"I think it'll give us more publicity," Irons said.

Irons said the organizations events and activities have remained within the club.

"There's never been a campuswide event," Irons said.

Irons said the event will lead the club to put on larger events in the future.

"I think if we don't do this exact event in the next two or three years, we'll have some kind of event campuswide," Irons said.

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Band sets new ‘Ordinance’ for contemporary rock

By **Taylor Harris**
Contributor

Green River Ordinance is a common law that prohibits door-to-door solicitation. However, any girl would love for the band “Green River Ordinance to land on her doorsteps.

ALBUM | REVIEW

GRO, a rocking quintet of Texas boys, is the total package: easy to listen to and easy to look at. And they are really going places.

With songs already featured on hit TV shows “The Hills” and “So You Think You Can Dance” and performances with a multitude of rock stars, GRO may be a household name in the near future.

Having recently completed tours with Gavin Degraw and Kate Voegele, GRO will finish its 2009 tour with “American Idol” season seven winner David Cook.

Its EMI/Virgin Records debut, Out of My Hands, brings full circle the life of an everyday young adult. More or less, it is your life being played out with beautiful resonance. Heartache, struggle,

joy — every emotion imaginable is felt in the 11-track disc. Lead vocalist and front man Josh Jenkins described the sound as “pop rock, a mix between hopefully Tom Petty and U2, with a blast of the ‘90s.”

Basically, all the good music of the world collides when these five musicians come together. The creation is an incredible fusion to be reckoned with.

With each of the members contributing to the writing of the songs, the band’s unique creativity is apparent even more with how they picked which of the 60-plus eligible songs made the cut for this record.

“We had a voting system. There were like eight people that got a vote, and you raised your hand whenever you liked the song [after we said the song name],” guitarist Joshua Wilkerson said. “Then we tallied it all out.”

Quirky, but successful to say the least, Out of My Hands has the perfect balance for any major debut.

However, one song on the album did not even exist when GRO hit the studio to record. This particular song became the title track “Out of My Hands.” Although it was the newest song



COURTESY OF MARINA CHAVEZ

Green River Ordinance, finishing its tour this year with David Cook and Kate Voegele, has had its music featured on several television shows, such as “The Hills” and “So You Think You Can Dance.”

developed, it is symbolic.

“[The title is about] freedom in the sense that there’s a lot that happens in our life, like a lot of variables that lead us and that are out of our hands... And through all the struggle, there’s always hope. There’s always something bigger, and it’s out of our hands,” Jenkins said.

“The album title is a lot deeper than our band name,” said bassist Geoff Ice. Geoff, with his big brother Jamey Ice, actually founded Green River Ordinance back in high school. Listeners everywhere thank you, Ice Brothers.

To add to its accolades, it has been featured in a CNN.com

segment, was named one of the nation’s top 20 college bands by MTV Best on Campus and opened for the legendary Bon Jovi.

Unlike a lot of bands, the constantly increasing popularity has done nothing to change who the members of GRO are as people. From an anime lover to a pre-show yodeler, gamers and junk

food junkies, these guys are the embodiment of 20-something-year-old best friends.

Geoff enhances this concept when he said what he would tell another band.

“Remember your talent is not something you really earned. It’s not really from you. You’ve always got to pay your dues. You’ve always got to work. Nothing’s ever going to be handed to you on a silver platter,” Geoff said. “Always be thankful. Anytime you start to get to a certain place and start moving forward, remember where you’ve been and the people that have helped you get there. Be thankful.”

Green River Ordinance will open for David Cook this Sunday at the Palladium in Dallas, and it will surely be back playing in its home state, Texas, after that tour winds down.

They could even make an appearance at Common Grounds as Jenkins is a personal friend with the owner.

Genuine, professional, mind-blowing — GRO will have a “Light On” them in the near future, a spotlight that will follow them into superstardom for years to come.

Grade: A

‘The Fourth Kind’ is encounter of the worst kind

By **Steve Persall**
McClatchy News

Grab your brain-protecting aluminum foil hats and witness the witless and downright insulting alien abduction flick The Fourth Kind.

MOVIE | REVIEW

Alien abduction? How about audience abduction? I saw the worst movie of 2009 for free at a sneak preview and would’ve paid a \$9 ransom to leave. Too

many moviegoers will get suckered by Universal’s carny show ad campaign promising way more than this movie delivers, or even intends to.

Directed and co-written by Olatunde Osunsammi don’t bother to remember the name The Fourth Kind is being sold as a fact-based film with videocam “credibility” and viral marketing aimed at gullible tastes. Nothing wrong with that. Paranormal Activity and The Blair Witch Project prove it can be done in good fun.

But each move Osunsammi intends to add authenticity to the alien angle is phonier than the

previous one. Except the first, of course, when Milla Jovovich solemnly warns viewers of disturbing evidence based on 65 hours of video and audio recorded by her character, nonexistent Alaska psychologist Abigail Tyler.

Need a drinking game? Chug each time the word “actual” appears on screen as Osunsammi goads viewers to believe. Double-chug when the word “alias” is attached to a character’s name, as if they’d complain otherwise.

“In the end, what you believe is yours to decide,” Jovovich says. I believe you should see what else is playing at the multiplex

Osunsammi immediately blows the ruse, appearing as himself interviewing the “real” Abigail Tyler about something weird that we’ll learn too little about much later and won’t be impressed. He continually splits the screen, with “real” Abigail and her patients in hypnotic trances on one side and actors imitating them, word for word, twitch for twitch on the other.

In that regard, The Fourth

Kind is a bargain, offering two terrible movies for one price.

More time is wasted on a grumpy sheriff (hammy Will Patton) trying to pin anything going wrong on Abigail and her highfalutin hypnosis. Subplots about Abigail’s dead husband, sullen son and suddenly blind daughter (a victim of conversion disorder, which, surprising for this movie, does exist) mean more than aliens by the overdue fadeout.

But there is one moment of clarity in The Fourth Kind, when Abigail’s psychologist buddy (Elias Koteas) comforts her with the movie’s lone sensible thought:

“It is one thing to investigate wild theories and quite another to invest in them.”

Good advice that applies at the box office, too.

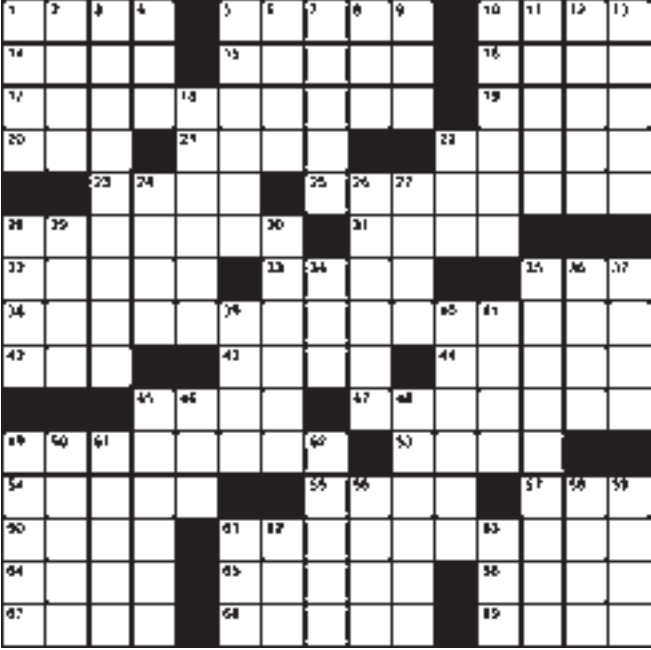
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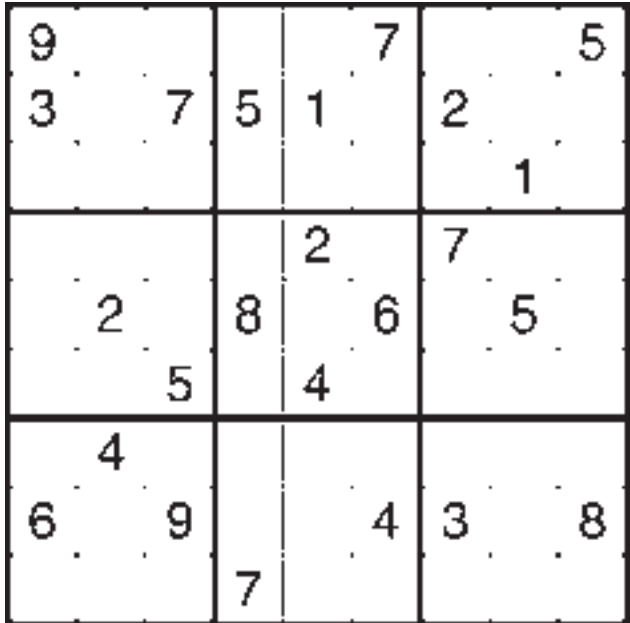
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Bears' basketball season officially under way



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Monroe, La. junior LaceDarius Dunn flies through the air for a dunk in Thursday night's exhibition against the University of Central Oklahoma. Dunn is the Bears' leading returning scorer, as he averaged 15.8 points per game last season. Dunn had 24 points in the 86-71 victory Thursday.

By JUSTIN BAER
SPORTS EDITOR

The Bear Pit's chants reverberated throughout the arena. The piercing of green and white Adidas streaking across the floor amplified into the rafters. Rims rattled, nets splashed and shot attempts were swatted. Basketball season has finally arrived.

The men's basketball team held its home opener for the 2009-2010 season Thursday at Ferrell Center as the Bears hosted the University of Central Oklahoma in an exhibition game.

The Bears breezed by the defending Lone Star Conference Champions 86-71 in the Baylor faithful's first glimpse of the new-look men's basketball squad. Even with an influx (seven to be exact) of newcomers joining Scott Drew's squad, the head coach was pleased with the cohesiveness displayed in the team's first competitive action since a historic NIT run in April.

"I like how they worked together and support one another," the seventh-year head coach said. "It's really a good group."

LaceDarius Dunn finished the contest with a game-high 24 points, while Ekpe Udoh and Tweety Carter each had 12 points. Udoh also grabbed a game-high 10 rebounds to notch the double-double.

Still, the game was marred by some early-season mistakes as exemplified by errant passes, traveling calls and the team's 11 percent three-point shooting.

"We were still able to score 86 points and that's a positive," Drew said. "From a coaching standpoint, because it was a very quality opponent, you are happy."

Above all, the Bears demonstrated a new era of basketball, emphasized with heavy attention to defensive execution and a slower-paced offense relative to season's past.

"We have preached defense all year," Dunn said. "(Offensively) it's a little slower this year since we lost the guards from last year. Now we are just slowing the offense down, and we just try for the easy bucket we can get."

With much hype being attributed to the defensive presence of Udoh, the former Michigan Wolverine capitalized on plenty of shots lofted in his direction in his Baylor debut. Udoh's first emphatic block sent the fans into an instant eruption, but Udoh's 76.5-inch wingspan was the instigator of two more blocks before the night was over.

"Defense is my first love," Udoh said. "If I get the chance, I am going to lay out and do whatever I can for the team."

The Bears and the Bronchos lobbied back-and-forth in the first half for momentum, but the Bronchos' full-court defense disrupted Baylor's synch, as the Bears committed eight turnovers in the first half alone. Supplemented by a porous 1-10 three-point shooting, the Bears retained a slim 38-33 advantage at halftime.

"I think we had some first-half jitters," Drew said. "But I think Central Oklahoma played really good basketball. I thought we took some ill-advised shots, but that's early-season basketball."

The sluggish play portrayed in the first half vanished, as Baylor's offense ignited instantaneously in the second half.

Dunn splashed a three pointer from the wing on the Bears' second possession. After Josh Lomers converted both free throws from an intentional foul, Quincy Acy threw down an alley-oop courtesy of Tweety Carter.

Udoh proved he also possesses an offensive skill set in the midst of the second half. Udoh exhibited sound footwork during a span of three lay ups in four possessions, the last of which gave the Bears a decisive 68-51 lead.

As expected, Drew said his squad still has monumental steps to take in order to progress. But he likes the young squad's enthusiasm and believes the team will dictate a lot about its character as games unveil.

"Since we have many new guys, we will have a lot of roles develop over the next two weeks," Drew said. "We will be a much better team at the end of the year than now, barring any injuries."

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Weekend Matchup



JED DEAN | PHOTO EDITOR

Members of Baylor's volleyball team prepare for a serve against the University of Oklahoma on Wednesday night. The No. 20-ranked Bears will face No. 23 Texas A&M University Saturday evening at Reed Arena.

Volleyball team has ‘20’ vision

College Station is first stop for Bears at conference game

By KEVIN TAMER
SPORTS WRITER

After being swept by the University of Oklahoma on Wednesday night, the No. 20 Baylor volleyball team will look to bounce back as it travels to College Station to take on No. 23 Texas A&M University Saturday in College Station.

Baylor is still in search of its 20th win, which if accomplished will mark the first time since 1999 that the volleyball team has posted a 20-win season. With Baylor unable to get a win over the Sooners, the Bears are sitting on a 19-6 overall record and 8-6 in the Big 12. Arlington senior and setter Taylor Barnes said losing to Oklahoma makes getting a win over Texas A&M even more crucial to their NCAA Tournament hopes.

“That was a huge set-back because it puts us behind in the Big 12,” Taylor Barnes said. “It may potentially drop us out of the top 25 if we don’t dominate against A&M.”

Additionally, head coach Jim Barnes said it is important to rally as a team and play a good game against a talented Aggie team.

“Right now, we are being

challenged, and it’s about getting back into the gym and really believing in what we are doing. We have to bring that belief on the road,” Jim Barnes said. “We are going to A&M, and that’s a tough place to play.”

Under 17th-year head coach Laurie Corbelli, the Aggies have posted a 14-7 overall record and a 7-6 Big 12 record this season. The Aggies lead the nation in both assists and kills per set, while averaging 14.16 assists and 14.96 kills per set. In addition, Texas A&M is second in the Big 12 with .261 hitting percentage this season.

Like the Bears, the Aggies are looking to avenge a loss as they fell to Kansas State University in a five-set thriller Wednesday night. Despite getting a match-high 22 kills from Sarah Ammerman, and a career-high 19 kills from Jennifer Banse, the Aggies could not hold off the Wildcats. The road won’t get any easier for the Aggies, as the match against the Bears will mark the first of three consecutive top-25 opponents. After playing the Bears, the Aggies will play host to No. 8 Iowa State University, followed

by the No. 10-ranked University of Nebraska.

In the two teams’ last meeting, the Aggies snapped Baylor’s six-game winning streak by beating the Bears 3-1 inside the Ferrell Center.

Cleburne junior Ashlie Christenson recorded a career-high 20 kills in the match and hit .375, while Buda senior Anna Breyfogle added 12 kills and a match-high seven blocks for Baylor. However, Baylor could not find an answer to A&M’s Ammerman, who posted her fifth consecutive double-double of the season and recorded 20 kills with 15 digs and outside hitter Jennifer Banse added 16 kills of her own.

Breyfogle doesn’t plan to take the Aggies lightly and believes the team has improved since its last meeting.

“I think they are a much better team,” Breyfogle said. “Especially because their strengths are a little bit of our weakness. So it’s going to be really tough but hopefully we can work hard in practice and get that going.”

The first serve is set for 6:30 p.m. Saturday inside Reed Arena.

With the exception of a few forced passes in the first half, Nick Florence turned in a respectable game against the Cornhuskers last Saturday. Florence showed he doesn't have a particularly strong arm, but he has the ability to surprise defenses with an occasional deep pass.	Quarterback	Once a five-star recruit, Blaine Gabbert entered the conference slate as the most efficient passer in the Big 12. The sophomore signal caller has had difficulties remaining consistent with his success, but he has shown glimpses of greatness throughout the season.
The Bears' difficulties running haven't lightened — particularly when running between the tackles. Terrance Ganaway was the only back who produced a respectable average against Nebraska (5 yards per carry), but he only ran the ball twice. The remainder of Baylor's rushing attack was stifled to 1.9 yards per carry.	Running back	Derrick Washington is the lone starting skills player from last season's squad. The All-Big 12 member finished his campaign with an astounding 17 touchdowns. While he isn't on a rampant pace to match last season's numbers, he is still a serious threat, both out of the backfield and as a receiver.
David Gettis's most recent performance was inspiring. The Los Angeles senior had a career-high 124 yards. The senior duo of Gettis and Ernest Smith remain one of the positive notes in Baylor's offense this season.	Wide Receiver	Replacing Jeremy Maclin and Chase Coffman is a daunting venture. But senior Danario Alexander has exploded onto the scene, as he is second in the Big 12 with seven touchdowns and 103 receiving yards per game.
Offensive tackle Mike Smith was originally recruited to play defense, but his transition to the offensive line has paid dividends. Marcel Jones fills the other tackle position standing at an imposing 6 feet 7 inches. The line's specialty is run blocking and Helu is reaping its benefits.	Offensive Line	With fresh faces abound on the offense, some familiarity remains with Missouri's offensive line. While it has to replace current Kansas City Chief Colin Brown, freshman All-American tackle Elvis Fisher and two other starters provide Gabbert solid protection.
Baylor's defensive line showed vast improvement in the second half against the University of Nebraska. If the Bears can collapse on the running game as they did against the Huskers, Baylor has a shot at winning this game.	Defensive Line	Ziggy Hood established a standard of excellence for Missouri defensive linemen. The first-round pick of the Pittsburgh Steelers leaves a gargantuan void, but freshman Aldon Smith has produced gaudy numbers, and leads all freshmen with eight sacks.
Joe Pawelek has secured second place on Baylor's all-time tackling list. While he won't approach Mike Singleary's record of 662 tackles, Pawelek will still go down as one of the best in Baylor history. Meanwhile, Antonio Johnson made a big play forcing a fumble against Nebraska.	Linebackers	Sean Witherspoon is a potential first-round pick and a preseason All-American leading the linebacking corps. Witherspoon has 375 career tackles. Andrew Gachkar mans the strongside linebacker position and is second on the team with 46 tackles.
Byron Landor is delivering catastrophic hits and gives Baylor's secondary promise for next year. The Bears' secondary was only beat once last weekend against Nebraska, the infraction coming on a 45-yard pass to Niles Paul. Clifton Odom is another young defensive back that delivers hope and he delivered Baylor's lone touchdown last week.	Secondary	Missouri's secondary is attempting to recover from an abysmal year in which it allowed 286.6 passing yards per game. With William Moore departed, the likes of Jasper Simmons and Kevin Rutland have inherited a spotty secondary. Nick Florence and the Bears have a good possibility to use this game to break-out against an inferior defense.

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the Fox News network came on and Sheppard Smith came on and said, ‘tragedy at Fort Hood.’”

Wood said she began to panic when she heard the location of the shooting and rushed from her home, speeding toward the post.

Relief, the little there was, came in knowing her son was safe.

The school was feeding him dinner and even prepared to take out sleeping bags in case bedtime arrived before parents were allowed to pick children up from the school, Wood said.

Daniel Clark, whose daughter was also inside the post during the shootings, waited for hours at the Fort Hood visitor’s entrance among throngs of reporters, in desperate search of information regarding what was going on within the locked-down post.

Clark said his daughter, Madeline Clark, 5, was released early from her school outside of the post and was brought to Fort

Hood early Thursday afternoon to spend the rest of the day with her stepfather, Brandon Gott, a medical employee at Carl R. Darnall Army Military Hospital.

“I was terrified at first. I didn’t know where she was,” Clark said.

“I just wanted the reassurance of talking to her. At first, it was just the uncertainty. The only thing we have are [journalists], and let’s face it, [they] know just as much as we do. All we are getting were bits and pieces having to put them together.”

To the Clark’s relief, Madeline was reported to be safe at home after the lockdown was lifted, but that did not stop the 5-year-old from feeling the effects of the shootings.

“She (Madeline) was scared,” Daniel said. “She saw someone on a stretcher in the hospital.”

“I can’t imagine what she’s feeling,” said Clark’s wife, Rachel. “I’d be shaken up.”

Schools were released from lockdown around 6:30 p.m. Thursday and children were dismissed to parents who arrived to sign them out.

Eight miles away from the tragedy-torn post, former military policeman Eric Sanford was at his home in Harker Heights with his wife and 6-month-old twin daughters Thursday when the shootings began.

“We had no idea what was going on,” Sanford said.

“There were rumors about there being more than one shooter, rumors that the shooter had gotten off post, and so my first reaction was to make sure everyone in my house was safe,” Sanford said.

“It starts off with absolute shock, then moves to anger,” he said. “Just like the feelings always do. I’d say we are moving quickly toward the anger part now.”

As a former military policeman, as well as a civilian po-

lice officer, Sanford said he was pleased with the way the police handled the crisis.

“It was absolutely heart-wrenching for me to hear that a police officer was shot and killed,” Sanford said. “I’ve been in this situation before where the guy you’re working with is down, and you just have to keep going. I was very impressed with the way they handled themselves.”

Shock resounded even more poignantly for those stationed on post. Sgt. Rebekah Lampman, Fort Hood soldier, was in awe like many others who never thought they would be victimized in the safe haven that the post represents.

“Everybody’s been shocked here,” she said.

“They can’t believe something like that would happen here. I never thought this would happen. People are friendly here. It’s usually a quiet and safe place to be.”



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Twenty-four-year-old Stella Avalos waits to hear word about the release of her husband Thursday outside the East Gate of the Fort Hood Military Post. Although Stella had spoken to him just after the shoot out began, she still became emotional over the lock down of the entire base.

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“There was a college graduation ceremony with 138 of our great soldiers graduating from college in an auditorium some 50 meters away,” Cone said.

Several soldiers were able to close off the doors of the auditorium, which held approximately 600 people. A number of people were evacuated from the scene, and victims of the shootings were taken to Scott and White Memorial Hospital, Metroplex Hospital in Killeen and to Carl R. Darnall Army Medical Center on Fort Hood.

According to a Scott and White press release, the victims coming to Scott and White were all adults. Among the injured is one female law enforcement officer believed to be the first responder who shot the suspect.

“There was confusion at the hospital, but a Criminal Investigation Department agent has been with him [shooter] the entire time and we were able to straighten that out,” Cone said.

Fort Hood, located 50 miles south of Waco in Killeen, is the largest active duty armored post in the United States. Though victims are from a number of units across Fort Hood, there were reportedly two civilians involved.

“We took time to secure the buildings and question over 100 people on the scene,” Cone said. “There were two facilities adjacent to one another where the shootings took place. This was a very enclosed area and a large waiting area, so that’s why I think you get that high number of casualties.”

Hasan reportedly worked at the Darnall Army Community Hospital in Killeen as a psychiatrist and specialized in traumatic stress. He was promoted to the rank of major in May and was expected to deploy later in November. When asked if he thought the shootings were an act of terrorism, Cone said that although it’s a possibility, the evidence doesn’t suggest that.

Cone said both military police

and the department of civilian police responded to the shooting. The FBI also sent agents to the scene.

“The quick-reaction people tell stories of soldiers ripping their uniforms apart and basically applying first aid,” Cone said. “We put a great investment into soldiers’ first aid, and in taking care of each other. It would make sense that soldiers on scene would provide first aid first because many are trained in combat.”

The Waco Red Cross is asking people at Fort Hood to register with a safe and well Web site on redcross.org.

“This allows family members to register themselves so that other loved ones will know they’re OK. We do have trained medical specialists on standby at this point, and, if asked to go down, they are prepared to do that,” said Angie McFarland of the Waco Red Cross. “We do have resources available to Fort Hood and the military if needed.”

The Waco Red Cross extended its closing time from 8 to 11 p.m. to accommodate the influx of donors on Thursday night. Even so, at 5:15 p.m. the employees were cautioning potential donors that they might not get to donate blood that night because the facilities were already full.

Scott and White nurses were redirecting donors to Waco Red Cross at 7 p.m. Thursday because they had reached maximum capacity.

U.S. Rep. Chet Edwards, D-Texas, represented Fort Hood from 1991 to 2004 and released a statement on the shootings.

“The soldiers and families of Fort Hood have served our nation with distinction and made tremendous sacrifices for all of us so I am heart-broken to learn that this terrible tragedy has occurred,” Edwards said in the release.

“My family’s thoughts and prayers go out to all the victims and loved ones.”

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