

When is a strip search ever OK in school? Never

Editorial

Lots of boys dream of being Superman. But for one middle-schooler, the nickname brings only distress.

His Superman underwear earned him the nickname the day he was strip-searched in front of three other students in the vice principal's office of a Clayton County, Ga., middle school.

The boy sued the district on Feb. 15. The lawsuit states that the three students who watched him get strip-searched had already been strip-searched by officials who believed they were in possession of marijuana, before the fourth student, called "D.H." in court records, was brought in.

D.H. "is suing the Clayton County school district for unspecified punitive and compensatory damages," according to the Associated Press.

D.H. said he was brought into the office only after one of the initial three students claimed he had drugs. But even when no drugs turned up in his pockets or book bag and one of the students told officials the claim was a lie, the administrators kept searching. D.H. said they made him strip in the office, despite his pleas to be taken into a bathroom. The search turned up nothing.

But D.H.'s innocence didn't save him from the humiliation he surely endured, or the taunts he has faced from his peers ever since.

In response to the lawsuit, the school district has also taken some internal measures.

Ricky Redding, the school's resource officer at the time and a defendant in the lawsuit, was fired after the incident. And Tyrus McDowell, the vice principal at the time, resigned after being placed

on administrative leave, according to the AP.

What makes the situation worse though, is that this is not the first time the Clayton County school district has been taken to court for strip searching its students.

A federal appeals court ruled that

"A student should never be subjected to such humiliation in front of his peers, especially when it is absolutely avoidable."

a "mass strip search" of students in the Clayton County school district was unconstitutional almost 10 years ago. D.H.'s attorney told the AP that the Supreme Court ruled partial strip searches of students by school officials unconstitutional in 2009.

Clearly, those rulings did not have a lasting impact on district policy, or this most recent search would have never happened in the first place. Hopefully with D.H.'s lawsuit will come consequences severe enough to ensure that students' rights and dignity are respected in the future.

Even setting the issue of students' constitutional rights aside, the district handled this situation atrociously. A student should never be subjected to such humiliation in front of his peers, especially when it is absolutely avoidable. Had officials heeded D.H.'s pleas to be taken to a private room, much of the emotional damage caused him could have been avoided.

There is also a fundamental problem with the way in which it was decided



that D.H. should be searched. If the situation occurred as recounted in the lawsuit, officials took the word of one child they had already pegged as a delinquent and reacted to it in a way that gave that child (who admitted he was lying) an upper hand over the innocent D.H.

D.H. was at the mercy of everyone in the room, including his accuser — a situation no student should ever be placed in. The lack of good judgment on behalf

of the administrators was appalling. It is fortunate that two of those involved have already been removed from the district.

To truly fix the situation, though, they must be replaced with administrators who have a firm grasp of constitutional law regarding their role and also regarding students' rights. If they do not, they cannot carry out their jobs effectively, and situations like these will

continue to arise. Further, administrators in the district should receive mandatory training to ensure they know the boundaries of their own rights as well as students' rights.

The kind of ignorance and disregard for students' rights that has been demonstrated by the Clayton County school district cannot be tolerated. A change must be made. Hopefully, with D.H.'s case, one will.

If the law allows it, Starbucks and guns can co-exist

Starbucks is being shot down — by a group of people who oppose guns. The National Gun Victims Action Council has begun a boycott of the coffee chain in an effort to convince Starbucks to adopt an anti-gun policy for all of its shops.

The "Brew Not Bullets: Say No to Starbucks...Until Starbucks Says No to Guns" boycott began on Valentine's Day, and the NGAC said in a Jan. 23 press release it will continue until "Starbucks rejects the [National Rifle Association]'s Pro-Gun agenda."

Starbucks, on the other hand, recognizes that "advocacy groups from both sides of this issue have chosen to use Starbucks as a way to draw attention to their posi-

tions," according to a March 2010 press release concerning the corporation's policy on open carry gun laws.

The corporation takes its cues from state laws where its stores are located, meaning if the state allows open carry, Starbucks does too.

Starbucks' practice of aligning its stores' policies with state laws across the nation is logical. It doesn't make sense to deny gun owners the rights that have been preserved for them in the 43 states that allow open carry and 49 states that allow concealed carry today. (Illinois and Washington, D.C., do not.)

Starbucks has no reason to suddenly infringe upon its cus-

tomers' constitutional rights, and the corporation recognizes this.

"We have examined this issue through the lens of partner (employee) and customer safety," Starbucks Corporation wrote in the 2010 statement. "Were we to adopt a policy different from local laws allowing open carry, we would be forced to require our partners to ask law abiding customers to leave our stores, putting our partners in an unfair and potentially unsafe position."

Frankly, a person on a shooting rampage or looking to start one could very well still enter a Starbucks or any other establishment that has a rule against guns. And in the event that such a rampage did happen, prohibiting oth-

er customers from their right to carry a firearm could leave them unable to defend themselves.

It seems that the most the rule could accomplish would be to help prevent the accidental discharge of a firearm on the premises. While this is something to consider, because accidental discharges do happen, one must also remember that Starbucks is not the only establishment that currently allows guns on its premises. Thus, making them the target is unfair.

In its 2010 statement, Starbucks asked "all interested parties to refrain from putting Starbucks or our partners into the middle of this divisive issue." And the corporation was right to do so.

Starbucks should not be used to further one group's cause — either for or against gun rights. The corporation does not make the country's laws.

If a group doesn't want Starbucks to allow guns, it should be working to change the state laws. Those are the laws beneath which the coffee chain operates, and it's clear Starbucks' policies won't change until those laws do. It makes much more sense to start at the source rather than try to make a law-abiding company into a scapegoat.

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Sara Tirrito | City editor

Struggling to get stuff done? Just think about Mr. Miyagi

Last week my tiny car was less than pleasant to look at. It was consistently grabbing attention but for all the wrong reasons. I hated that with a passion.

I love Teresa (that's the car's name), but its state of eye-poppiness was hazed by foggy swirls of grime and rain residue. I realized that by this time in February (the critical turning point from winter to spring), if I didn't wash it soon, I never would.

Finally on Sunday I washed and waxed the car, and now I can clearly see out of both front and back windows, which is always important.

With it being the midpoint to the semester, I know many of us out there are like that car prior to yesterday.

We have that gross outer layer



Candy Rendon | Reporter

of excessive sluggishness and are in need of a quick clean-up. We decide to go out for some errands or purchase new folders and such

to get involved again. Somehow we see this as motivation. At the store, we look up at the clerk while our supposed essentials move across the cash register's conveyor belt. Our glorified pose of assured confidence shows the clerk that we mean real academic business with the current purchases.

"Oh, and please keep the children and the elderly away from me, because there is serious, life-changing flashcard studying about to take place."

It always seems that the joke falls on our shoulders when we attempt to motivate ourselves for those detours. The slumps push us into super lazy mode, and we think that all our problems will be solved with procrastination and excuse.

Instead of actually getting

any work done, we inch closer and closer to deadlines without putting any efforts to pen and paper (hey, at least I have a new highlighter). Excuses continue bombarding our peripherals, and we attract more stressors to our already full agendas.

Calm down and take a step back. Are you good? Good.

Sometimes all you need to do is roll up your sleeves and get to work. Don't try to find that perfect opportunity to go and study (or wash your car). Take the needed time to fall off your high horse of excuses or unnecessary expenses and dust off those winter blues. Set aside your own custom set of to-dos and focus your mind for some academic action.

Go ahead and get your tushie to the library, and start studying.

It sounds really aggressive, but it works. Once you get into the flow of things, the rest of your chores smooth out. Just be willing to plow through the wee hours of the morning when the need occurs; a cup of joe helps.

When you get your stuff done, you feel better about yourself, and everything that used to trip you

up, like not being able to see out your car's front window, clears up. Like Mr. Miyagi said, "wax on, wax off." Or something like that. You know what I mean.

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Research shows bullying decreases ability to focus

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A student’s ability to focus is negatively impacted after seeing acts of bullying, according to a research study conducted last month by Tracey Sulak, doctoral candidate in the department of educational psychology. The study was conducted for dissertation research and is a requirement for Sulak’s doctoral program.

Sulak began research for the study after observing a correlation between bullying and ADHD diagnoses in a previous study that focused on the inattentiveness of Baylor students.

“I decided to see if I could cause someone to behave more like a person with ADHD through exposure to bullying,” Sulak said.

Baylor students who participated as subjects in the study were shown three bullying videos, each three minutes long, which progressively became more aggressive when watched in sequential order.

Sulak said in the first video, a tall female bully verbally abuses

a shorter female, making her feel victimized.

The second video shows the bully continuing the verbal assault, but this time she also pushes the victim, making her feel more victimized and helpless.

In the final video, the bully turns her back to the victim and has a conversation with another female, making the victim feel secluded. When the victim tries to interject in the conversation, the bully physically harms the victim by pushing her.

“Bullying is coercive because it involves an element of force and intimidation,” Sulak said. “The person acting as the bully is in a position of power and uses this to intimidate the victim.”

Videos portraying female bullying were shown to females, and videos portraying male bullying were shown to males. The only difference in male and female bullying occurs in the first video. In the male bullying video, the victim is ridiculed about his manhood.

Dr. Terrill Saxon, associate professor in educational psychology,



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is Sulak’s adviser and oversaw the study.

“We had about 150 subjects and randomly assigned order of videos,” Saxon said.

After viewing each video, Sulak measured the subjects’ heart rates and asked them to rate their anxiety on a scale from 1-100. Heart rates were recorded to provide evidence of a student’s emotional state, she said, which is a factor in a student’s attentiveness. Anxiety

may cause the heart rate to increase, she said.

“Turns out, the rating of their anxiety level didn’t correlate with their actual heart rate,” Sulak said.

As heart rate increased, some subjects said they did not feel anxious in any way and couldn’t explain why their hearts were racing, Sulak said.

Subjects also took a condensed version of the Stroop Test between each video. The test measures a

person’s mental vitality by evaluating how easily subjects’ minds were affected.

Subjects watched scenes of bullying, which Sulak said was the primary interest of the study.

The American Psychological Association states that a Stroop Test involves participants reading the names of colors, which are written in different colors of ink. For example, if the word was red, it might be shown in blue ink. First, participants read the actual word. Then, they read the color of the ink.

Several hours after subjects participated in the research study, they took a follow-up assessment to determine whether they had gone back to normal attentiveness or if any recorded signs of ADHD remained.

“[Subjects] scored in the normal range [in the follow-up assessment], showing they did not have any symptoms of inattention under normal circumstances,” Sulak said.

As a result of the study, researchers found inattention in college students can be caused

by exposure to bullying videos. The symptoms were cumulative, meaning the more videos students watched, the worse their symptoms.

“The participants had a 0.2 percent diagnosis rate of ADHD, so the reaction[s] were not due to a pre-existing condition of inattention,” Sulak said.

Sulak said she believes those who have some type of exposure to or experience with any form of bullying might react differently to the study on attentiveness than the subjects in this study.

The study, Saxon said, involved educational psychology, which is different than psychology as studied in the science department.

“Educational psychology is more geared towards learning in general, or problems in learning,” Saxon said.

A future research topic for Sulak will focus on cyberbullying.

“I think it needs to be addressed because cyberbullying is prevalent, especially among the more technologically savvy generations,” Sulak said.

Cross-cultural ministry class offers students chance to leave comfort zone

By MEGHAN HENDRICKSON
REPORTER

In January, Baylor launched its first course dedicated to cross-cultural ministry under the leadership of Dr. Dennis Horton, associate director of the Ministry Guidance Program and professor of religion.

Horton said the aim of the course is to give students an understanding of issues related to cross-cultural ministry, including contemporary strategies employed by Christian missionaries to effectively cross cultural boundaries both locally and globally.

Horton said of the 30 students enrolled in the new course, on average, each student has participated in two short-term international mission trips and five mission trips within the U.S.

Horton has served alongside his wife and son as a long-term missionary in Hong Kong, Thai-

land and the Philippines. Over the years, Horton has also participated in and led several short-term mission trips to Spain and other countries.

North Richland Hills senior Marissa Hostin, a student enrolled in the course, said cross-cultural ministry is not defined by distance alone.

“Cross-cultural ministry is sharing Christ’s love to a culture other than your own,” Hostin said. “That could be ministering to someone of a different age group, to someone from the inner-city or to someone in Thailand.”

This semester, each student will interview a minimum of three long-term missionaries serving overseas as a project for the class.

Horton said he hopes students will discover the importance of creating a team strategy with long-term benefits for both the community the missionaries serving

and the other missionaries they are working with.

Saginaw senior Jaime Orth said the course has helped her realize the importance of adapting to cultural differences both on mission trips and in her daily life.

“Mission trips, studying abroad or foreign vacations are not the only times that we interact cross-culturally,” Orth said. “Baylor students interact across cultures every day.”

Orth said the course has challenged her to think about how her cultural lens affects her view of other people and cultures.

The course has also strengthened her belief that short-term mission trips must lead to long-term mission work, she said.

“Jesus called his disciples to ‘go and make disciples of all nations’ in Matthew 28,” Orth said. “There must be a connection to a local church, missionary or continued

work in the same place to accomplish discipleship.”

Too many short-term mission trips [teams] miss this and end up hurting the situation more than they know,” Orth said.

Horton said during the course, students will also each design a short-term mission trip to a foreign country with a large “cultural distance” from Baylor, meaning some place where the cultural differences between the mission team and the community being reached is extremely significant.

To do this, students must take an in-depth look into the foreign community, researching members’ history, values, etiquette, world view, cultural traditions and even some of their language that would be helpful for team members to know, Horton said.

Over the course of the semester, Pearland junior Chris Gerac said he found the course curricu-

lum stems directly from the life of Jesus.

“Jesus Christ unarguably demonstrated the ultimate example of cross-cultural ministry when he exchanged a crown of jewels for a crown of thorns,” Gerac said. “Because he was willing to transcend cultures in order to reach out to me, it is my responsibility and privilege to be able to minister to the oppressed, enslaved, blind and brokenhearted that live within the realms of my own culture and the cultures that are found all over this earth.”

Toward the end of the semester, students will present research about different areas of cross-cultural ministry, including: education, microfinance, agriculture, construction, disaster relief, urban ministry, sports ministry, medical missions, orphanage ministry and human trafficking prevention.

Oklahoma City junior Aaron

Ogburn said he looks forward to living the lessons he is learning in the classroom in the field of mission work.

“I want to be involved in cross-cultural missions to be a part of what God is doing around the world,” Ogburn said. “I find other cultures and people groups fascinating, and am excited by the idea of working through my culture and through theirs to meet in a place that they can hear about God in a whole new way.”

Horton said he is thrilled about the new course and hopes students will consider enrolling in future spring semesters, as the class is not offered in the fall.

“I think because our students are so willing and eager to get out and serve others in different cultures and nationalities, it just ties in well with what Baylor’s about and what we should be about as Christians anyway,” Horton said.

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‘Pokémon Snap’ takes shot into great video game list

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

BY DANIEL POPE
GUEST CONTRIBUTOR

Have you ever seen the episode of “Doug” where Doug is really afraid of eating liver and onions for the first time? That was a really good episode. It was a real cool “Doug” moment. There’s another episode, more relevant to the topic, where Doug spends an entire weekend playing a video game. He ignores his homework and everything.

I had a weekend like that once. The game was “Pokémon Snap” for the Nintendo 64, and even though I only rented it the one time, it sure has left an indelible impression on me.

“Pokémon Snap” tells the story of Todd Snap — I think this is where the game gets its name — a photographer enlisted by Professor Oak to take pictures of various Pokémon in different environments.

Oak says he needs these photographs to accompany his scientific findings, but I’m not sure if he ever goes into specifics. Throughout the game the player unlocks new traps and baits in which to lure out the more reclusive creatures.

Everyday items such as apples and flutes can be used to attract even the most camera shy of Pokémon. It should be noted that there are more than 60 Pokémon that you can photograph in this game. All the fan favorites are here: Zubat, Cloyster, Goldeen and even Weepinbell.

This game is by no means perfect. As a protagonist, Todd Snap is

no Ash Ketchum. He’s basically just a cypher that the player never really grows to care about.

It would’ve been pretty cool to get Professor Oak more involved. A few Oak-controlled levels would’ve given players the chance to know the professor as more than just an auxiliary character.

I also feel like there was a real opportunity for the game to highlight the inherent exploitation in photographing the Pokémon for research, many of whom clearly don’t care to be photographed.

The surface is hardly even scratched on the complex relationship between artist and subject, although it can probably be argued that this was never really a priority of the developers.

One thing I distinctly remember about “Pokémon Snap” is how difficult it could be. Many of the subjects wouldn’t come out of their hidey-holes without very specific coaxing.

Photographing each and every Pokémon was a herculean task I was never able to accomplish. I remember having to look up hints and tips online for this game. Some people say this is cheating, but I disagree.

When people make lists of the greatest Nintendo 64 games ever, “Pokémon Snap” is often left off. I find this incredibly disappointing. Plus, it isn’t nearly as violent as other entries in the “Pokémon” series, which makes it a great choice for young gamers out there. I would highly recommend this game to “Pokémon” fans and newbies alike.

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

‘Pokémon Snap’ Trivia:

Many people don’t realize that many later Nintendo 64 games were originally designed for the Nintendo 64DD (Disk Drive) — an add-on that was designed to add more capabilities and greater graphical ability to the Nintendo 64.

“Pokémon Snap” was originally planned to be released as a game for the Nintendo 64DD but after the 64DD was met with poor commercial success in Japan, it was never released in the United States, so “Pokémon Snap” was developed for the Nintendo 64 without the need for the Disk Drive.

In addition, according to Nintendo.com, Pokémon Snap started development as a non-“Pokémon” product, but the game’s creators felt it lacked a motivation for the players to take photos, which led to the idea of incorporating Pokémon into the game.

According to ign.com, “Pokémon Snap” was the sixth-best-selling game of 1999 — a strong year for the “Pokémon” franchise, with six of the top 10 best-selling games featuring Pokémon. “Pokémon Red,” “Pokémon Blue” and “Pokémon Yellow” were the top three games with “Pokémon Pinball” and “Super Smash Bros.” also making the list.

Rockify.TV founded by Baylor graduate

BY CANDY RENDON
REPORTER

Is Rockify.TV the new Pandora for music videos? That’s the comparison that CEO and founder Joel Korpi makes.

“It’s like Pandora radio,” Korpi said. “In the same sense that you construct your particular style of music with a set of like and dislike buttons.”

Korpi is a Baylor graduate and current Austin resident. He has developed Rockify.TV, an application platform that allows users to stream music videos instantly to devices. It finds current, popular music and delivers those clips to its viewers.

The Rockify.tv website states its purpose for new users, claiming to be a more modern version of MTV used to be, focusing on music videos and highlighting the unlimited nature of the platform.

In today’s world of variety music, one could search and find new sights and sounds for their favorite music artists, in which several hours could be spent, or one could use the application’s customization function to build endless streams of music videos.

Rockify.TV both uses one’s liked artists while it finds new and popular music from iTunes and top songs from the big billboards.

Claiming that it learns what users like and don’t like, Rockify.TV suggests new bands and videos for users to view. Sharing is a major aspect of the platform, with the website saying that when a user finds the a video that they want to share with friends, they are only one-click away from sending it directly to your friends via Facebook, Twitter, or email using features built-in on the website.

Even if listeners and viewers

alike favor only a small niche of jingle jangles, the site promises a large library of music genres. From Adele to ZZ Top, viewers can watch a varied assortment of their favorite tune clips, while the application generates more and more music to their liking.

Houston sophomore Drew Kayle said he enjoys how well things are integrated in Rockify.TV.

“I see they used some familiar interface styles,” Kayle said. “I especially like that it has unlimited skips. Yeah, it has a few bugs, but so does every app. It’s something to surely check out.”

Korpi said the app does resemble other application forms in which Internet instant streaming holds the center stage.

The Pandora format is there, along with bits and pieces that clearly reflect the interface styles of social media networking websites, with colored buttons beneath the music videos asking for one-click criticism.

“We wanted to ensure that users feel comfortable while using Rockify.TV,” Korpi said. “Using a familiar method with the like and dislike buttons allows an easy transition to something new and exciting.”

Korpi says he is extremely thankful for his experience at Baylor and claims it as one of the largest factors for his success in the technical department of entertainment business.

Korpi has a long list of talents and experiences. With his undergraduate work in computer science and master’s completion in film and digital media at Baylor, he has the educational background to show his truly ambitious demeanor for success in the computer life,

but he also has work experience on his resume.

He was the founder and software developer for Unum Lux from 2002 to 2007, where his role was drafting and creating management survey platforms regarding human resources. In 2006, he interned at Dell and at 2007 he interned with Paramount Pictures as a video technologist while focusing on digital cinema and anti-piracy and video fingerprinting technologies, respectively.

Recently, he completed a three-year vice president position with ON Networks. He was the chief of product management, where he worked on the development of video syndication platforms.

Korpi says he is excited for all the things happening around him.

“It is all going great,” Korpi said. “Rockify.TV is growing, we have an upcoming partnership with Austin City Limits during South by South West to reveal soon, and finally our public Rockify release, where the beta will stop, and the service will be open to everyone. The sky is definitely the limit.”

Korpi is staying busy but still has time to tell Baylor students how to aim big. He tells aspiring professionals to aim high and get a lot of stuff done while in school.

“The one thing that has helped me the most with getting jobs and succeeding in the professional world has been allowing myself to put things into my own hands,” Korpi said.

“Use your student projects to spark your portfolio and get out there doing the things you love to do for your resume building.”

For more information about Rockify.TV and to receive your invite to the beta, go to <http://rockify.tv/invite>.

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A&E Brief

Kanrocksas music festival on hold until 2013

The Kanrocksas Music Festival — which featured headliners Eminem and Muse in its 2011 inaugural showing — has been placed on hold until 2013.

While the organizers of the festival had hoped to have

a 2012 Kanrocksas Music Festival, due to construction at the Kansas Speedway where the event is hosted, the venue will not be available this year for organizers to use.

A press release on the festival’s website, kanrocksas.com, states, “After a lengthy evaluation process, festival organizers have decided to spend 2012 working with local and national music communities to plan the second Kanrocksas Music Festival for summer 2013.”

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Astros get Castro back from injury

ASSOCIATED PRESS

KEISSIMMEE, Fla. — As bad as last season was for the Houston Astros, it was worse for Jason Castro.

The season never really happened for the team's standout young catcher, who tore his right ACL during the second exhibition game a year ago. He had reconstructive surgery March 4 and spent the entire season rehabbing the knee.

"You can't take anything for granted. That's definitely something you learn from something like this, and how quickly it can be taken away from you," Castro said. "Realizing that all it takes is one play is something that makes you appreciate it more."

The 24-year-old Castro had surgery on his left foot in December, but he has been moving well in the early days of spring training.

There is no visible evidence of an injury.

"Given the circumstances and the way things are playing out, I'm happy with where I'm at," he said. "The rehab process went as good as I could have hoped for."

Six weeks before opening day, the Astros are playing his return cautiously.

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Jason Castro | Astros Catcher

"Nothing is hindering him as far as pain or stiffness or soreness or anything else, but because he missed a whole year, we're going to monitor him and make sure he's not trying to overdo it," said manager Brad Mills. "He's doing all the drills, but maybe not to the extent or as long as the other catchers."

A first-round draft choice in 2008, Castro earned the Astros' regular catching job as a 22-year-old rookie in 2010.

He was part of a young group of players who gave the Astros some hope in the second half of the season that year.

There was no such hope last year with Castro in a cast.

He was injured during the second game of spring training while trying to avoid a tag by Detroit Tigers first baseman Miguel Cabrera. The original diagnosis was a sprain, but an MRI revealed a meniscus tear in his right knee. A torn ACL was discovered later and operated on immediately.

As he rehabbed, the Astros went on to lose 106 games.

"We all saw how this ballclub played when he took over in 2010 as a rookie, how this guy took charge of our pitching staff. It was such a crushing blow last year to not get a game out of him," Mills said.

New general manager Jeff Luhnow said Castro is "critical" to the team's future.

"He's somebody who can be a leader and who can produce offensively and defensively and set the right tone for the entire team," he said.

By the end of 2011, the young catcher had gained confidence that his knee had recovered completely.

"I think a big part of that was playing in Arizona (in the fall league) and testing it out there," he said. "I was able to get past all the questions I had about how it would respond and how it would hold up. The strength is there and the comfortability is definitely coming back."

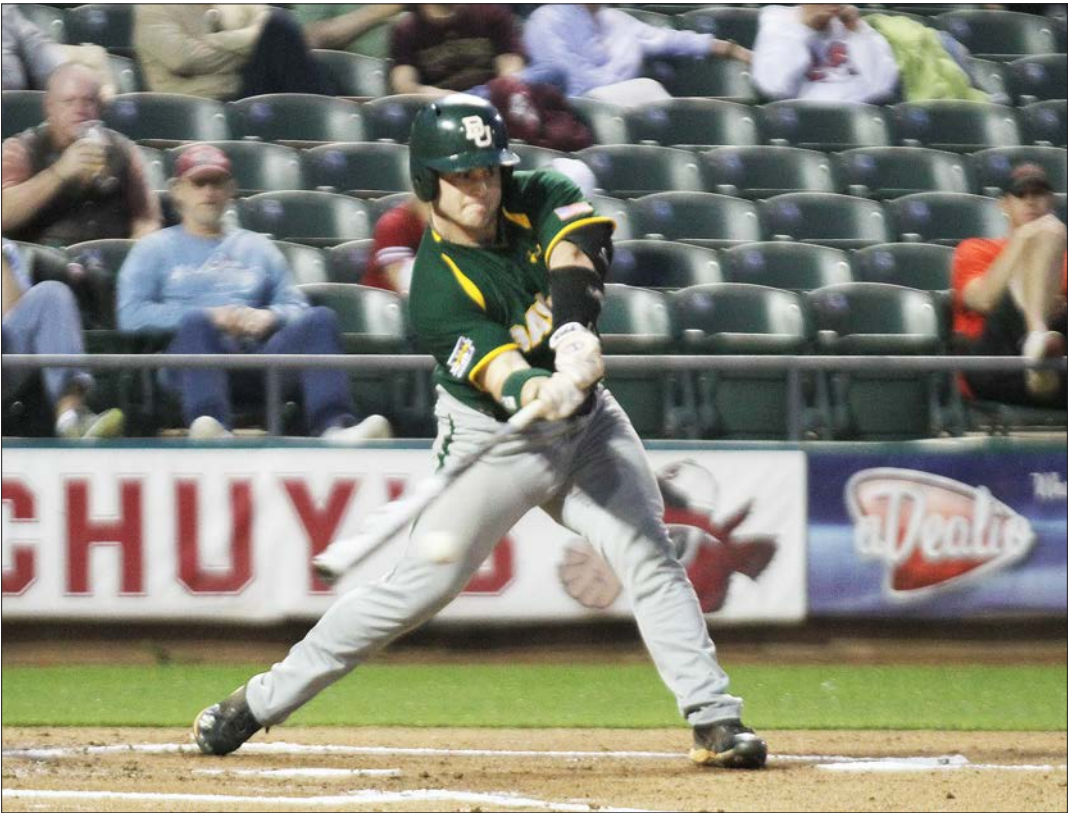
As for the recovery of the Astros, that will take more time.

"I was around the field a lot last year. Even though I wasn't catching guys, I was watching them pitch," Castro said. "I was talking to guys after their starts and things like that. As far as talking to pitchers and building that rapport, that never stopped. So hopefully we can just jump back into things and keep progressing on into the season."



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No. 33 pitcher Tyler Bremer throws the ball during the second inning against Texas State on Wednesday at the Dell Diamond in Round Rock.



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No. 30 catcher Josh Ludy hits the ball during the game against Texas State on Wednesday at the Dell Diamond in Round Rock. The Bears defeated the Bobcats 5-1.

Tumbling jumps into new season with new head coach

By KASEY McMILLIAN
REPORTER

Baylor's acrobatics and tumbling team has a group of young athletes — young, but talented. The team consists of one senior and three juniors in a total of 35 women.

"Our best quality probably overall is we're good at tumbling and stunting. We don't just have special girls that just tumble or girls that just stunt as a team most all of us can do both," sophomore Crysten Timbes said.

The Bears are also experiencing their first season with new head coach LaPrise Harris-Williams, a former tumbling clinician

and choreographer.

"She is amazing, very talented," freshman Lindsey Lau said. "I had a lot of coaches in my life. [She is] one of the only ones I feel like I can trust 100 percent with anything she tells me. I would be willing to try anything and honestly I've never felt that way with a coach before, so what she can do and what she has to offer us is incredible and I don't think anyone else would be better for that position."

The Bears started out their season on Feb. 4 in a six-event competition in Azusa, Calif., at the Cougar Dome.

Baylor's team began the event with a 38.5-38 win in Compulsories.

Baseball uses 4-run inning to take down Texas State

By KRISTA PIRTLE
SPORTS WRITER

No. 25 Baylor baseball kept its perfect record under the lights intact Wednesday at The Dell Diamond in Round Rock, defeating Texas State 5-1.

The second pitch of the game struck junior designated hitter Nathan Orf in the side. Junior third baseman Cal Towey followed with a walk.

Two batters later, senior catcher Josh Ludy hit a line drive that landed just to the fair side of the first base line.

After the fifth hole, junior center-fielder Logan Vick took a base on balls, Texas State's Mitchell Pitts collected himself and struck out the remaining two outs.

After that, the Bears failed to hit the base pads for three straight innings until sophomore second baseman Lawton Langford led off the top of the fifth with a single to left field.

Freshman right-fielder Adam Toth followed Langford's lead, knocking a double out to right, scoring Langford, who advanced to second on a balk.

Toth was brought home by a Towey sac fly. After a walk and a strikeout to his name so far, junior first baseman Max Muncy blasted a triple to left center.

The Baylor bats seemed to cool off from that point, with Ludy leading the Bears going 2 for 3 at the plate with a pair of RBIs.

Other than the first and fifth innings, the Texas State defense limited the Bear bats to three up, three down.

The only scoreless inning with more than three batters at the plate was the seventh when senior Josh Ludy singled to right but was stranded on the bases.

On the evening, eight were stranded on base by the Bears, three each in the first and fifth.

Defensively, a combination of five arms only allowed a run for Texas State, allowing only four hits.

Senior right-handed pitcher Tyler Bremer started for the Bears and got the win.

"Tyler is going on two days rest after throwing three plus on Sunday," head coach Steve Smith said. "Essentially this was a bullpen game from the start."

The lone run for the Bobcats was scored in the bottom of the eighth, off a right-field double by Casey Kalenkosky.

To end the ball game, junior right-handed pitcher Miles Landry struck out the side.

"I think we're pitching with a lot of confidence," Smith said. "I see a confidence from the mound. It's one thing to pitch first strikes, but it's another thing to do it with purpose."

While there were only eight strikeouts by the green and gold,

the defense behind the mound was errorless on the evening.

The third inning ended with junior shortstop Jake Miller pulling in a hard hit grounder, tossing it to Langford at second who turned and fired to Muncy at first for the double play.

"It's great. I know I can rely on my defense," Bremer said. "Sometimes I go out there and try to do too much. I get a ground ball to Jake Miller to end the inning."

Baylor Baseball Lineup		
DH Nathan Orf	1 for 4, 2 runs	
3B Cal Towey	0 for 3, 1 RBI, 1 walk	
1B Max Muncy	1 for 5, 1 RBI, 1 run, 1 triple	
C Josh Ludy	2 for 3, 2 RBI, double	
CF Logan Vick	0 for 2, 2 walks	
LF Michael Howard	1 for 4	
SS Jake Miller	0 for 3	
2B Lawton Langford	1 for 4, 1 run	
RF Adam Toth	1 for 4, 1 RBI, 1 run, 1 double	

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Mailed threats to Congress resemble post-9/11 terror

By Andrew Taylor
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Some congressional offices outside Washington and media organizations have received threatening letters containing a suspicious powdery substance.

The substance was tested and proved to be harmless, the FBI and the Senate's top law enforcement officer said Wednesday.

Sergeant-at-Arms Terrance Gainer said in a memo to Senate offices that the letters were sent to three state and home district offices.

A district office of House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, received one of the letters, spokesman Kevin Smith said.

A federal law enforcement official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said that so far fewer than 10 members of Congress had received letters.

Letters were also sent to several media organizations.

FBI spokesman Peter Donald said agents had responded to Viacom and at least one other location in New York.

Preliminary tests showed that the powder did not pose a threat, he said.

"So far, none of the letters have contained a hazardous substance," FBI Special Agent Jason Pack said. "We are working with those law enforcement agencies affected to determine if the mailings are related. We take these matters seriously and will investigate fully."

The letters tell the recipients that there is a "10 percent chance you have just been exposed to a lethal pathogen."

Even though none of the letters that have been tested have contained harmful substances, Gainer told staff to be extra vigilant.

"The author of these letters has indicated that additional letters containing a powdery substance will be arriving at more Senate offices and that some of these letters may contain an actual harmful material," Gainer's memo to Senate offices said.

"Although all letters received thus far have proved harmless, it is essential that we treat every piece of suspicious mail as if it may, in fact, be harmful."

The letters bore a return address from "The MIB" and were postmarked Portland, Ore.

The sender wants an "end to corporate money and 'lobbying,'" an end to corporate "personhood" and a new constitutional convention.

The Associated Press obtained a copy of a letter.

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The winning fan choice paper will be featured in "ESPN: The Magazine," Wakefield said. He said the paper would help Baylor be recognized on the sports-business side of athletics. "I would love for Baylor Nation to vote on our paper," Wakefield said.

Fans can vote at www.sloansportsconference.com by clicking on the link for voting at ESPN.com.

While the fans decide who wins that competition, judges at the conference will decide which papers will win \$7,500 for first place and \$2,500 for second place, Wakefield said.

Wakefield said the submission process for the paper was a multi-

step process.

First, the authors had to submit an abstract of their research, which occurred during the summer, Verrill said.

After the application process closed in the fall, judges decided which of the more than 100 abstracts made it through to the second round, and those semifinalists had to write a paper, which was due in January. The judges narrowed down the papers to the top 20 and named the top 10 as finalists.

Verrill said authors of the top 10 papers will have the chance to present their work at the conference, and the other 10 authors will make a poster to display their

work. Wakefield will present the paper March 2-3 in Boston.

He said he is appreciative of the opportunity to go to the conference. "It includes some of the biggest names and brightest minds on the business side of the NFL sports," Wakefield said.

Verrill said there will be more than 2,000 attendees at the conference this year.

"We want to be the venue where cutting-edge research can be shared by academics and professionals," he said. The convention will be at the Hynes Convention Center in downtown Boston.

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The Texas Food Policy Roundtable is a group of Texas leaders who joined to develop, coordinate and improve the implementation of food policy.

Kasey Ashenfelter, who started working with Texas Hunger Initiative as a field director six months ago and is a student at the George W. Truett Theological Seminary, puts these plans to action by developing individual Food Planning Associations in communities

across Texas.

He works with these communities by discussing how placing Food Planning Associations in communities will help fight hunger within communities.

"I am expected to spread the word by talking to the communities," Ashenfelter said. "People just don't realize that there is not one blanket plan to solve hunger."

Everett said he hopes this documentary will inform people of the

hunger issues facing Texas and what people can do to help.

Everett said he thinks once the hunger problem is solved, poverty in general will be easier to tackle.

"Hunger is the harshest form of poverty," Everett said. "This is an issue we can address. By learning to address hunger, we can take on other poverty issues."

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them very closely in the military. So this is a great place to start building those bonds." But King's

positive take on this year's competition doesn't mean she is shying away from bold predictions on

behalf of her Air Force team. "Next year, the President's Cup is ours," she said. "We're getting it back."

Layoffs averted at Dallas airline

Associated Press

DALLAS — American Airlines says that because of job-sharing and other steps, it won't have to furlough 500 flight attendants this spring.

American said two weeks ago that it planned to cut 500 flight attendants because it's flying less than it did a year ago.

The company and the Association of Professional Flight Attendants said Wednesday that the furloughs won't be needed because so many workers signed up for job-sharing and voluntary leave.

The union called it "tremendous news for all of our members."

The good news is temporary, however.

The furloughs were to be on top of 13,000 jobs that American still wants to eliminate under a bankruptcy reorganization plan.

American and parent AMR Corp. filed for bankruptcy protection in November.

CEO Thomas Horton has said the airline will shrink modestly while it reorganizes.

Passenger-carrying capacity was down 2.1 percent in January compared with January 2011, with

most of the reduction on routes within the U.S.

Company spokeswoman Missy Cousino said that with some flight attendants volunteering to share jobs or take leaves, American officials "hope to have the appropriate staffing levels to manage the current schedule and avoid furloughing flight attendants on April 1."

American has said it will increase flying by 20 percent at its five U.S. hubs over the next five years after emerging from bankruptcy protection with lower costs.



Associated Press

About 300 flight attendants, mechanics and ground crew workers protest American Airlines' restructuring plan that would layoff 13,000 employees, terminate pensions and shut down its Alliance Fort Worth maintenance facility on Feb. 14 at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport in Grapevine.

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