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Untimely death shocks nursing school

Friends remember mission ambitions, humor of classmate

By Kate Boswell
Staff writer

Friends and family of Coppell senior Patricia Ring are struggling to come to terms with her unexpected death, which occurred earlier this week.

Ring, a nursing student at Baylor's Louise Herrington School of Nursing in Dallas, died Sunday at her Coppell home.

According to the Dallas County Medical Examiner's Office, autopsy results are pending.

Ring, who was often known as "Trish," is remembered among faculty as a student with a passion for nursing.

"Trish was a very well-liked student who had a real heart for nursing," said Judy Lott, dean of the School of Nursing. "She actually wanted to serve on the mission field. She had already signed up to take a class in Argentina during the summer."

Lott said one of the hardest things she has had to do was in-

form the school of Ring's death.

"We're all going to miss her," she said. "This really affected our faculty, staff and students."

Lott said Ring's parents are establishing the Trish Ring Memorial Endowed Scholarship for Nursing in her memory. The School of Nursing will hold an on-campus service in Ring's memory Thursday evening, she said.

Salt Lake City senior Emily Van Os, a fellow nursing student, said Ring was a good student and very interested in research.

"She wanted to make a differ-

ence," Van Os said. "She was going to go to a conference and had been writing up some research with a professor and some other students."

Van Os said she and others will miss Ring's sense of humor and kindness.

"She was just a beautiful person and had a lot

of joy about her," she said. "She always made us laugh."

Kirsten Horne, a San Antonio senior, also has good memories of Ring. Horne roomed with Ring in North Russell Residence Hall their freshman year.

"She was a really sweet person and she had a really good heart," Horne said.

She said Ring played the saxophone and was an active member of the Baylor University Golden Wave Band.

"I remember we were excited because at that time we were both nursing majors and both had been in band," Horne said.

She also remembers Ring's closeness with her family.

"She was really close to them, especially her brothers, Tim and Matt," Horne said.

Dallas senior Grace Cobb, who met Ring at nursing school, described her as happy and outgoing.

"She was always playing tricks and making other people smile," she said.

She described one time when Ring left her roommate a series of notes around the suite they shared.

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Melea Burke/Lariat staff

Battling for position

Choo-Choo team member Nick Boutris (right), a Fort Worth sophomore waits for a rebound Tuesday night during an intramural game against B-Unit in the McLane Student Life Center.

Construction to move groups

Literacy Center, radio station forced to vacate buildings

By Jon Schroeder
and Sapna Prasad
Staff writer and reporter

Construction will soon be under way on the new McMullen-Connally Family Faculty Center, which the Baylor Board of Regents approved almost five months ago at its 2006 homecoming session.

The two-story faculty center will be built on Fifth Street, adjacent to the Ed Crenshaw Student Foundation Center and near the Speight Plaza Parking Garage. Its main room will provide daily dining services for up to 120 faculty members and three smaller banquet rooms on the upper level for dinners and meetings. The center will also hold a faculty lounge, library and full-service kitchen, according to a Baylor press release.

The 10,900-square-foot center will be named for Faber McMullen, a 1953 graduate, and Roxanna Connally McMullen, who graduated in 1952. The McMullens gave

funding for the project in honor of Dr. Cornelia Marschall Smith, a former biology professor, and the rest of Baylor's "great teaching legacy," according to the release.

In addition to their financial gift, the McMullens have offered their art collection to be displayed in the new center.

Demolition of the buildings currently on the site will take place at the end of April, said Lori Fogleman, director of media relations. After a May 11 groundbreaking, construction will last about eight months, she said.

No final decisions have yet been made regarding the future of Baylor's existing faculty dining facility, the Harrington House Faculty Center, Fogleman said.

The faculty center will displace two groups from their current home: the Center for Literacy, part of Baylor's School of Social Work, and the Baylor Amateur Radio Club, which moved into the "Baylor Radio Shack" in 1996.

The Scissors Salon for Men and Women has already

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Baylor junior honored with Truman scholarship

By Melissa Limmer
Staff writer

The Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation announced Tuesday that Houston junior Kenneth Ike was selected as a 2007 Truman Scholar.

According to the foundation, the award is for students who are pursuing careers in government, the nonprofit or advocacy sectors, education or elsewhere in the public service.

The scholarship includes \$30,000 and an invitation to participate in Truman Leadership Week, held May 15 to 30.

Ike said his first reaction was total surprise.

"There were some really

qualified applicants, the competition was stiff and the other two Baylor individuals were very qualified," he said.

Winning the \$30,000 scholarship "gives me direction," Ike said.

He also said it will give him access to facilities, resources and individuals.

"It will give me the tools to serve the population I wish to serve in the future," he said.

For those who know Ike, the honor is not surprising.

"He was an outstanding student," said Dr. David Pennington, professor and interim chairman of the chemistry and biochemistry departments.

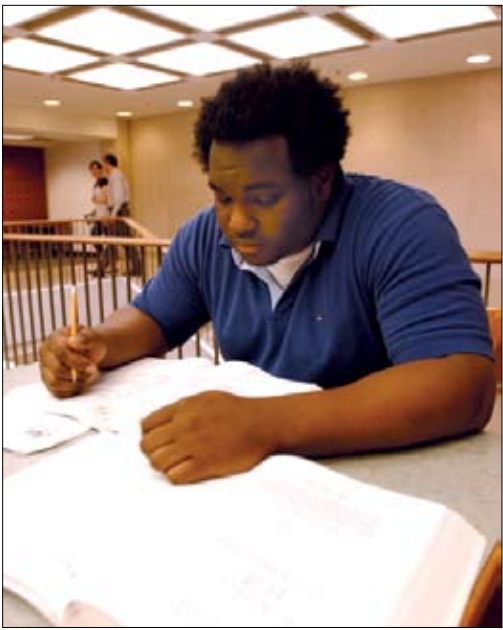
Pennington said he taught

Ike for two semesters of honors general chemistry. Ike sat on the front row and was always alert and engaged in class discussions, he said.

Pennington also said Ike has taken "the highest road possible" at Baylor by being a student in the Honors College, a member of the Baylor Interdisciplinary Core and a University Scholar.

"He is not afraid of challenges," Pennington said.

Besides excelling in academics, Ike is also involved in many organizations on campus, including Alpha Epsilon Delta and the medical service honor society for pre-med students. Ike serves as an officer and as



Houston senior Kenneth Ike was named the recipient of a prestigious \$30,000 scholarship Tuesday from the Harry S. Truman Foundation. The award is for students who pursue "careers in government, the nonprofit or advocacy sectors, education or elsewhere in the public service."

Chris Weeks/
Lariat staff

co-chairman of the societies scholarship committee, a job Pennington said is one of the more "involved" positions.

In an e-mail interview, Eliza-

beth Vardaman, associate dean of arts and sciences and special academic projects, echoed Pen-

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Phony diplomas available online

By Steve Rock
McClatchy Newspapers

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Need a college degree to get ahead? Don't want to attend classes to get it? Well, hop on the Internet and buy a fake transcript and diploma.

Phony diplomas are proliferating on the Web, leading to fears of academic fraud and a constant legal battle by universities to protect their good names.

Officials at Kansas State University, for example, recently instructed their trademark-licensing agent to send a cease-and-desist letter to a Web site that offered a fake Kansas State University diploma and transcript for \$249.99. On any given day, the same thing could be happening at many other universities.

Various Web sites advertise the documents as "replacement" or "novelty" diplomas.

Disclaimers on some sites say the diplomas should not

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Judge: Rumsfeld not responsible for prisoner torture

By Matt Apuzzo
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Former Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld cannot be tried on allegations of torture in overseas military prisons, a federal judge said Tuesday in a case he described as "lamentable."

U.S. District Judge Thomas F. Hogan threw out a lawsuit brought on behalf of nine former prisoners in Iraq and Afghanistan. He said Rumsfeld cannot be held personally responsible for actions taken in connection with his govern-

ment job.

The lawsuit contends the prisoners were beaten, suspended upside down from the ceiling by chains, urinated on, shocked, sexually humiliated, burned, locked inside boxes and subjected to mock executions.

Lawyers for the American Civil Liberties Union and Human Rights First had argued that Rumsfeld and top military officials disregarded warnings about the abuse and authorized the use of illegal interrogation tactics that violated the constitutional and human rights of prisoners.

"This is a lamentable case," Hogan began his 58-page opinion.

No matter how appealing it might seem to use the courts to correct allegations of severe abuses of power, Hogan wrote, government officials are immune from such lawsuits.

Additionally, foreigners held overseas are not normally afforded U.S. constitutional rights.

"Despite the horrifying torture allegations," Hogan said, he could find no case law supporting the lawsuit, which he previously had described as unprecedented.

Allowing the case to go forward, Hogan said in December, might subject government officials to all sorts of political lawsuits. Even Osama bin Laden could sue, Hogan said, claiming two American presidents threatened to have him murdered.

"There is no getting around the fact that authorizing monetary damages remedies against military officials engaged in an active war would invite enemies to use our own federal courts to obstruct the Armed Forces' ability to act decisively and without hesitation," Hogan wrote Tuesday.

Car pollution problem reaching point of no return

While commuting around campus, I'm often stunned when looking at the parking lots. They're always full of cars. Too full of cars, in fact. This is a problem all over the country. We're destroying the place we and many other creatures inhabit and wasting our valuable resources. It shouldn't be such a shock the way the parking lots fill – half the people driving really don't need to.

Just the other day, I followed a car pulling out of an apartment at Fifth Street and Bagby Avenue to the parking lot next to Cashion Academic Center at Fourth Street and Daughtry Avenue. That's one square block

that would've been about a five-minute walk, but apparently someone needed to get there in four minutes without having to use any physical exertion. Maybe I'm alone here, but I think that's ridiculous. Now before you just automatically write me off as a new age hippie and quit reading, I have a car and I use it. But there are times when you need a car and times you don't. That short drive to campus hurts your car's catalytic converter (the part that helps your exhaust be more environmentally friendly).

So then you may ask, well, how do you expect me to get to class and around town? There

point of view



BY JAKE WILSON

are many ways: Bicycling, walking or taking the bus are just some of the options. Even carpooling is a great idea. Anything can help because it's the little things that really add up to hurt our environment. Think of it like homework for math class. If you don't do the homework once, it won't hurt

your grade terribly, but over and over, the little homework assignments will bring your grade down in the class. It's the same way with the air. Thinking that others will do their part and your drive won't hurt because others walk is ignorant. It's up to you: Every time your car runs, it hurts our environment. I understand vehicles must be used to get around sometimes, but moderation should be used. My personal favorite mode of transportation is the bike. I ride for commuting, racing and leisure. There's nothing like pedaling until your lungs and calves are burning or cutting through

slow traffic riding at 20 miles per hour without brakes. It's a rush for me. But cycling is also a very viable mean of transportation. It's cheaper and more efficient, it keeps you in shape and it's certainly more fun. There's even a new co-op in town that can help you find a bike, learn to repair it and ride with you. Waco Volunteer Bike Center opened up earlier this semester at 1704 Sanger Ave. It's an all-volunteer shop with brand new tools that can help fix your bike or sell you one for cheap. It also fixes up old bikes that are shipped to Haiti to be sold in a food kitchen. It's a great place to start get-

ting involved in the community. Even if you don't know much about bikes, you can help in other ways or be taught anything from how to fix a flat tire to how to remove and clean a bottom bracket. There are lots of ways to help the car problem here in Waco (and the world), and it's up to you to do your part. Whether it be walking, getting involved in local activism, riding a bicycle, carpooling or converting your old diesel car to run on grease, please help before we have to find a new planet to live on. **Jake Wilson, is a sophomore business major from Plano.**

Editorial

Dialogue shouldn't wash away

The remnants of the conversation Soulforce Equality Riders tried to start on our campus are still visible a week later. Chalkings of the letter "Q" with a date and time popped up on sidewalks outside many prominent campus buildings just hours after the Equality Riders' bus left Waco. The letter "Q" – Soulforce's young adult symbol – and its accompanying information were quickly power-washed off the sidewalks, just like the unapproved messages chalked in front of Waco Hall on March 20 that ultimately led to the arrests of five Equality Riders and one Baylor student. The sheer volume of letters to the editor we've received indicate that this subject is something the Baylor community wants and needs to address, and it's not too late. Dr. Dub Oliver, vice president for student life, wrote in an e-mail to students, "You have had, and will continue to have, opportunities to discuss human sexuality issues. However, Baylor does not wish to have the conversation controlled by an external organization." The external organization is gone, yet the Baylor community still hasn't been given an opportunity to discuss these "sexuality issues." The administration needs to provide a sponsored forum to continue this conversation in a safe, Baylor-approved manner and not just through letters to the **Lariat** or through secret meetings on campus. Our university has been swift to provide opportunities for discus-



sion in the past, such as last spring's "Dialogue of Difference," sponsored by Student Life to address diversity issues following a racially insensitive incident at an off-campus party. This situation should be no different. The arrests on campus last week for trespassing, especially of Argyle sophomore Sean Morrison, have left students wondering what to think about the incident and if criminal charges were the only possible solution. While it's unfortunate that the circumstanc-

es were purposefully instigated to cause an arrest, Baylor police acted according to the law when they took six chalkers into custody. After chalking without permission and being asked to leave, they continued. When laws are broken, there are going to be arrests – Morrison's included. His status as a student doesn't take away from the fact that Baylor police simply did their job. The Soulforce event was staged to get attention – and it has – but Baylor

should lead this conversation from now on. Ignoring the opportunity for students to discuss various beliefs on sexuality would be irresponsible. The university has been given another opportunity to encourage students to explore the Baptist faith and how it relates to important issues. Let's not waste it this time. One thing is for sure: Something must be said now or the conversation will die away, just like the chalk on the sidewalks has been washed away.

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Correction

The article "SUB plays host to postcard campaign" said the postcard campaign will be held from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. today at the Bill Daniel Student Center. It will be held outside the center, in Vara Faye Daniel Fountain Plaza. The March 23 article "Football searches for leaders, plugs holes during spring drills" gave the wrong date for the annual spring game. The game will be April 14 instead of April 12.

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In search of ring by spring, students should find love within

"Get that ring by junior spring" is how the saying goes. Well, it's my junior spring. I haven't gotten a ring. In fact, I haven't even gotten a date. Is there something wrong with me? It leads me to ask: Am I destined to be a cat lady? Years from now, with hundreds of feral cats and I aimlessly roam the streets debating the mysteries of life, love and Baylor guys? Where's my one true love? Either something is wrong with me, or something is wrong with Baylor guys. I choose to think it's the latter, but in reality, it's probably just me. During the beginning of my freshman year, former Presi-

dent Robert B. Sloan Jr. came to speak at Chapel. I figured he'd talk about making friends, getting involved on campus and occasionally cracking open a book. To my surprise, he spoke about finding a spouse. I wasn't ready for a spouse. Spouses were for grown-ups. I, on the other hand, was a naive freshman who'd never been kissed. Suddenly, there was all this pressure to start looking for a husband. The big "H-word." On my list of things to do, finding a husband sneaked its way into the top 10 (among it were other priorities such as finding a way to run from Draper to the Baylor Science Building and sneaking bananas out of

point of view



BY AILEEN WONG

Memorial's dining hall without getting caught). To make matters worse, Baylor shuttle services littered the dining halls with table tents instructing students to ride the bus – because that's where we could find our spouses. Well, at least Baylor was giving us a plan: Ride the bus, find a spouse. Sounds simple enough. Being the dutiful girl I was, I

started to look. I even rode the bus once. After all, Sloan told me to. The problem was, Baylor guys were a different breed. When I smiled, they smiled. When I made eye contact, they occasionally met it. Some of them held the door open when I walked through. They were certainly nice to look at. But talking? That was pretty much out of the question. After much frustration with the lack of, well, any interaction with the male species, I stopped my man hunt and decided to be asexual. I would just declare myself devoid of any sort of relationship. If I were asexual, I would have an excuse for being single.

Aileen doesn't have a date? Oh, it's OK. She's asexual. Aileen doesn't have plans Friday night? Oh, it's OK, she's asexual. It was the perfect, fool-proof plan. Call me Asexual Aileen. But the problem was, I took my asexuality scheme a little too far and isolated myself completely. I warded off guys, ignoring phone calls and e-mails, and even changing my walking routes to avoid anyone under 25 with a Y chromosome. More asexual than my original intentions, I had morphed into an amoeba. So I pulled myself out of my amoebic state. I wasn't going to completely give up on guys, but

I wasn't going to worry about finding one either. After all, I only have two more months left to "get that ring by junior spring," and unless Cupid shoots me with one of his arrows soon, I've pretty much passed my deadline. I'm not bitter about being single, but I do have new goals. I'm going to enjoy the endless stream of girls' nights. I will be happy for my friends who have found love. But most importantly, I plan to love myself. Auspicious goals? Maybe. But more likely than that ring by junior spring. **Aileen Wong is a junior journalism and film and digital media major from Hurst.**

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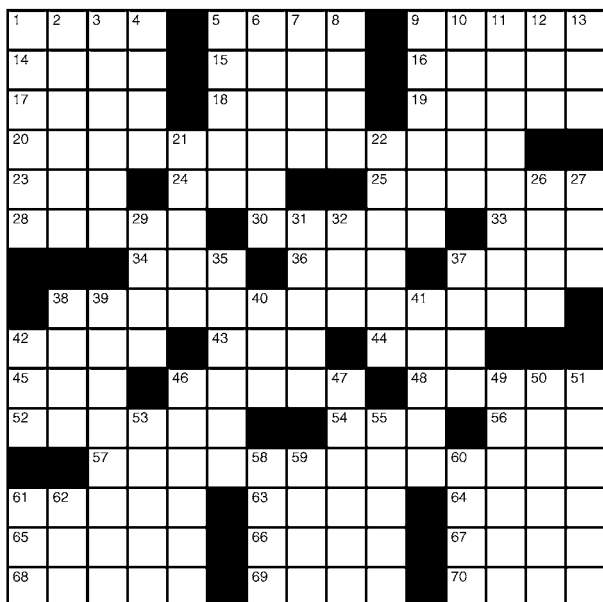
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Portland, OR

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Baylor in Iraq widens international academic community

By **Star De La Cruz**
Reporter

Baylor has been working with higher education in Iraq longer than any other university and was the first to go in after the war began in 2003, said Dr. Bill Mitchell, professor of political science.

Mitchell spoke Thursday for the Global Issues Lecture Series on "Post-Saddam Hussein, Post-President Bush: Future Challenges for Kurdistan and Opportunities for Baylor."

Mitchell's presentation explained Baylor's involvement with higher education in Iraq and reflected on Kurdistan's future.

Dr. Lizbeth Souza-Fuentes, director of Latin American stud-

ies and the lecture series, said the turnout of more than 150 was the most she's ever seen.

Mitchell also provided an update on his research to document Baylor's 10-year involvement within the region of Iraq.

For the past 10 years, Baylor has been working with the University of Dohuk in Iraq and has sent teams there four times.

The first trip was in August 2003, and the group arrived the day two of Saddam Hussein's sons were killed.

Another group went back in December 2003.

Twenty Baylor faculty and two Baylor graduate students participated in workshops during the trip in December 2003. The workshops varied from nursing and biology to democ-

racy and literature.

"Our focus was how to develop and function in civil society," Mitchell said.

Mark Long, Middle East Studies director, said the August 2003 trip was an exploratory trip to make an initial assessment.

Based on that assessment, they went back in December 2003 and offered seminars at Dohuk, where other regional universities also attended.

Long gave a seminar on the founding of America, the writing of the Constitution and the process America faced to embrace constitutional liberalization.

Long said the trip was extraordinary because he met a group of colleagues who were cut off from western colleagues

and the visit "opened the door to international academic community."

He said he would welcome the opportunity to go back.

"Education is the means by which I can serve others," Long said. "It was a joy and a profound experience to see how the visit brought to them a renaissance of higher education in Iraq."

The next trip wasn't until December 2005, when the Center for Democracy was inaugurated at Dohuk University.

Baylor paid for most of the project's expenses, which included books and other electronic devices.

Bill Hair, interim dean of central university libraries, said the experience was exciting because much of Dohuk's new

campus was well under way and the faculty were excited to have interaction with college professors from outside Iraq.

"(The faculty and students) were very interested to hear about things such as student government in universities," Hair said. He said he really enjoyed the "intellectual curiosity and fabulous questions" from the Kurdish students.

"They didn't just soak up the information. They questioned what we said and we had very interesting dialogue," he said.

Hair said he believed he took more from the experience than what he was able to give because of the people's enthusiasm.

"Our motivation was the people," he said. "The Kurdish are hungry for American contact

They love Americans and are very interested in education."

He added that before Saddam Hussein, Iraq was "among the most literate in the world, but now after 30 years under Saddam's rule they are very illiterate."

Hair said Dohuk wants to set up an evaluation program where Baylor faculty would evaluate Dohuk and compare it to other universities in the United States.

Mitchell recently returned from Iraq and will go back in April to finish his research.

He will interview refugees and Christians, as well as Kurds who lived under Saddam.

His research is also focused on how to help these refugees in Iraq.

Gonzales loses more support in Congress



Associated Press

U.S. Attorney General Alberto Gonzales listens to a panel Tuesday during a discussion on Project Safe Childhood in Cincinnati, Ohio. Gonzales has been on a multistate tour to talk about fighting child pornography, but his political troubles followed him.

By **Laurie Kellman**
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Attorney General Alberto Gonzales' allies on Capitol Hill grew scarce Tuesday as he left it largely to aides to carry out President Bush's order to straighten out the story behind the firing of eight federal prosecutors.

Senate Republicans exiting their weekly policy lunch no longer bothered to defend Gonzales' response to lawmakers' questions about the firings.

At most, they mustered an appeal to withhold judgment until the attorney general testifies before the Senate Judiciary Committee on April 17.

That was Sen. Arlen Specter's message during the closed-door meeting, according to three sen-

ators who were present.

"Senator Specter today said to give (Gonzales) a fair chance," said Sen. Jeff Sessions, R-Ala. "I think people are trying to do that. But there are some inconsistent stories (Gonzales) is going to have to explain."

Specter's appeal to the caucus received "a lot of head shaking, a lot of eye-rolling," said one senator who attended and spoke on condition of anonymity because the session was private.

Gonzales has maintained he was not closely involved in the firings, and did not help select which prosecutors would be told to resign.

Bush has said he supports Gonzales, who is a longtime friend from Texas. Bolstered by that support, Gonzales has refused to step down.

Activists still want search for student's remains

The Associated Press

HOUSTON — Even though investigators say Tynesha Stewart's ex-boyfriend burned her remains after killing her, some community activists still want the Sheriff's department to look for her body in a landfill.

"Without a thorough search of the landfill ... we don't know if they (the sheriff's office) can

make the case," Robert Muhammad of the Nation of Islam said Tuesday at a news conference.

Stewart's ex, Timothy Shepherd, was charged with murder last week after telling authorities he strangled and dismembered Stewart, a Texas A&M University freshman who was home for spring break. She was last seen March 15 and reported missing four days later. Shepherd, who

said he was angry that Stewart had started a new relationship, is being held in lieu of \$250,000 bail in the Harris County Jail. Officials first thought Shepherd, 27, had disposed of the 19-year-old's body in a large commercial trash bin that had since been emptied, launching a heated debate over whether the Harris County Sheriff's Office should conduct a massive and expen-

sive search of area landfills for Stewart's remains. But over the weekend, Sheriff Tommy Thomas said investigators determined that Shepherd burned Stewart's remains on a patio grill.

"There are no remaining body parts," Thomas said.

The Sheriff's department had no response to the persisting calls for a search, spokesman Lt. John Martin said Tuesday.

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Iraq truck bombings kill more than 60, wound dozens

By Kim Gamel
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Two truck bombs shattered markets in Tal Afar on Tuesday, killing at least 63 people and wounding dozens in the second assault in four days on a predominantly Shiite Muslim city hit by a resurgence in violence a year after it was held up as a symbol of U.S. success.

After the bombings, suspected Sunni insurgents tried to ambush ambulances carrying the injured out of the northwestern city but were driven off by police gunfire, Iraqi authorities said. The carnage was the worst

bloodshed in a day of attacks across Iraq.

A major Sunni Arab insurgent group reported its military leader was slain outside Baghdad, an assault likely to deepen an increasingly bloody rift between al-Qaida in Iraq and opponents of the terror group in Sunni communities west of the capital.

In Baghdad, a U.S. soldier and an American working as a U.S. government contractor were killed by a rocket attack on the heavily guarded Green Zone, U.S. officials said. Another contract worker suffered serious wounds and three were slightly wounded. A soldier also was wounded.

U.S. soldiers, meanwhile, foiled two suicide truck bombers trying to attack their base in a small town 50 miles west of Baghdad and killed as many as 15 attackers, the military said. It said eight soldiers suffered wounds, all but one of them slight, during the firefight in Karmah. Iraqi police reported at least 109 people killed or found dead nationwide. The toll included two elderly sisters — both Chaldean Catholic nuns in the increasingly tense city of Kirkuk — who were stabbed multiple times in what appeared to be a sectarian killing.

Most of the bloodshed in Tal Afar came when an explosives-laden truck was detonated by

remote control as people gathered to buy flour it was carrying in the center of town, 260 miles northwest of Baghdad. A few minutes earlier, a truck loaded with vegetables blew up near a wholesale market on the city's north side.

Brig. Abdul Karim al-Jubouri, a spokesman for the provincial police, said the first blast killed at least 62 people and wounded 150. The other bomb killed one person and wounded four, he said. Insurgents waiting in cars on Tal Afar's outskirts tried to intercept ambulances carrying the wounded to hospitals in nearby Mosul but fled when police escorts opened fire, said Husham al-Hamdani, head of

the security committee in Mosul. Jaafar Akram, a teacher at a school near the smaller explosion, said body parts were scattered about and vegetables lay in pools of blood.

"I instantly saw smoke, then I heard the blast," Akram said. "Thanks be to God the blast didn't occur during rush hour at the school. That reduced the disaster."

On Saturday, a man wearing an explosives belt blew himself up outside a pastry shop in Tal Afar's central market area, killing at least 10 people and wounding three. Tal Afar, which is about 90 miles east of the Syrian border, is inhabited mainly by ethnic Turkomen. About 60

percent of the residents are Shiite Muslims and the rest Sunni.

The city was an insurgent stronghold until an offensive by U.S. and Iraqi troops in September 2005, when rebel fighters fled into the countryside without a battle. Last March, President Bush cited the operation as an example that gave him "confidence in our strategy."

But even though U.S. and Iraqi forces put up sand barriers around Tal Afar to limit access, the city has suffered frequent insurgent attacks — Tuesday's was the deadliest since the war started. Among the largest previous attacks were suicide bombings that killed 20 people on Sept. 18 and 30 on Oct. 11, 2005.

Snow's cancer returns

Bush spokesman vows to fight disease, continue working

By Ben Feller
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Presidential spokesman Tony Snow's cancer has returned and spread to his liver and elsewhere in his body, shaken White House colleagues announced Tuesday. They said he told them he planned to fight the disease and return to work.

"He is not going to let this whip him, and he's upbeat," President Bush said of his press secretary. "And so my message to Tony is, 'Stay strong; a lot of people love you and care for you and will pray for you.'"

Snow, 51, had his colon removed in 2005 and underwent six months of chemotherapy after being diagnosed with colon cancer. He underwent surgery Monday to remove a growth in his abdominal area, near the site of the original cancer.

Doctors determined the growth was cancerous and the cancer had metastasized, or spread, to the liver.

The cancer has attached to the liver but is not in the liver, White House deputy press secretary Dana Perino said.

The news rocked the White House. Snow had gone into the surgery saying he felt fine, and recent blood tests and imaging scans had indicated no return of cancer. He had said he opted to remove the growth out of "aggressive sense of caution."

A former radio and TV commentator, Snow brought his star power and camera-ready charm to a beleaguered White House last May. He quickly became the public face of Bush's daily communications and has spoken openly — and emotionally — about being a cancer survivor.

"He told me that he beat this thing before," said Perino, "and he intends to beat it again."

It is common for colon cancer patients to suffer a recurrence of cancer, and the most common site is the liver. Medical experts say advances in chemotherapy can allow people with the type of cancer Snow has to return to work and good health for years.

But experts declined to speculate on Snow specifically because many details of his condition are unknown. Among the unanswered questions are how far the cancer spread, how extensive the cancer affecting his liver is, and whether the cancer can be surgically removed if it hasn't been already.

"This is a very treatable condition," said Dr. Allyson Ocean, a gastrointestinal oncologist at Weill Cornell Medical College. "Many patients, because of the therapies we have, are able to work and live full lives with quality while they're being treated. Anyone who looks at this as a death sentence is wrong."

Perino said Snow has pledged to fight the disease aggressively, likely with chemotherapy and other treatments.

Insight comes from all directions.



Snow



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'One Hundred Years' author honored

By Frank Bajak
The Associated Press

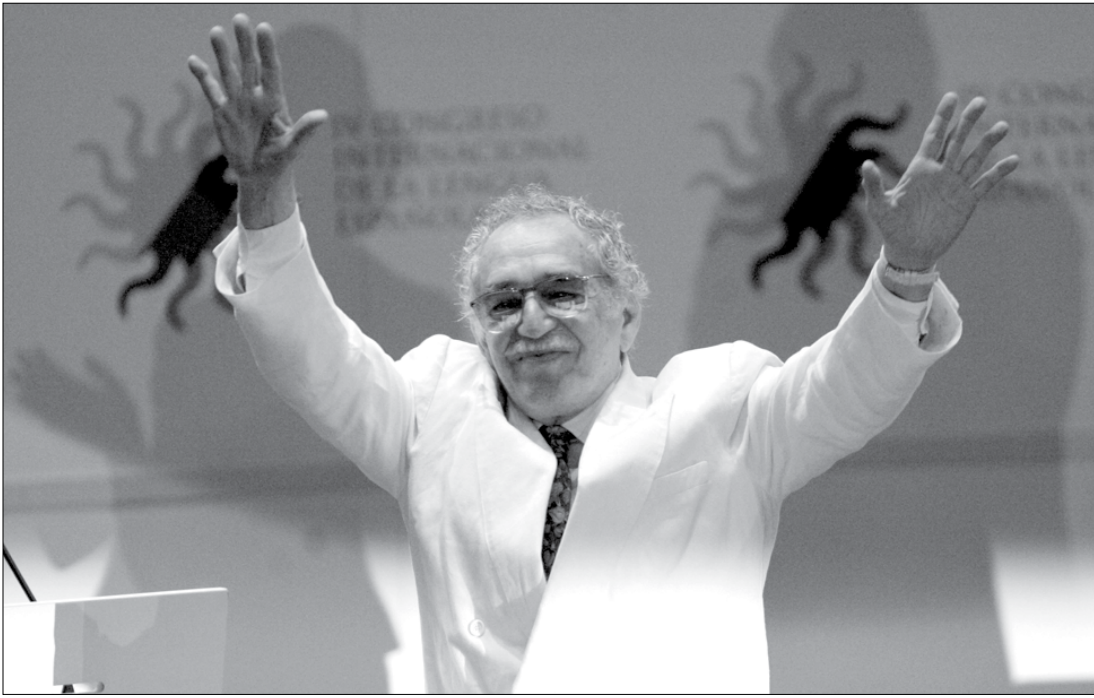
CARTAGENA, Colombia — Gabriel Garcia Marquez delighted his language's guardians — as well as a king and eight current and former presidents — with a classic story about being a starving writer: how he managed to finish what many consider the greatest novel in Spanish since *Don Quixote*.

That would be *One Hundred Years of Solitude* of which the Royal Academy of the Spanish Language, opening its fourth congress in this colonial Caribbean port, released a special commemorative edition to honor Latin America's most famous living writer.

Hailed by a crowd of 1,200 with a standing ovation and thunderous applause as he entered the auditorium of Cartagena's convention center, the white-suited, mustached writer, who turned 80 this month, clasped his hands above his head like a prizefighter.

In a 13-minute speech, he recounted how his wife Mercedes had to sell her jewels to pay the rent and put food on the table for their two boys during the 18 months it took him to finish the novel, which was published in 1967. Garcia Marquez, winner of the 1982 Nobel Prize in literature, spoke with characteristic modesty of how he works.

"I only know that from the time I was 17 until this morning I've done nothing more than wake up early every day, sit in front of a set of keys to fill a blank page or a blank screen



Associated Press

Columbia's literature Nobel Prize winner Gabriel Garcia Marquez waves to the audience Monday during the IV International Congress of Spanish Language's opening ceremony in Cartagena, Colombia. Marquez is the author of *One Hundred Years of Solitude*, which won the Nobel Prize in 1983.

"He's the most important writer of fiction in any language since William Faulkner died."

Bill Clinton
former U.S. president

with the sole mission of writing a story never before told that will make life happy for a reader who doesn't exist," said Garcia Marquez, whose other books include *Autumn of the Patriarch* and *Love in the Time of Cholera*.

"To think that a million people would read something written in the solitariness of my room with 28 letters of the alphabet and two fingers as my sole arsenal seems insane," Garcia Marquez said, recalling that the novel's readers have now surpassed 50 million. Attending the tribute, along with scores of writers, journalists and academics, were King Juan Carlos of Spain, former President Bill Clinton, Presidents Martin Torrijos of Panama and Alvaro Uribe of Colombia, former President Julio Maria Sanguinetti of Uruguay and four former presidents of this nation of which he

is a favorite son, although he's lived most of his adult life in Mexico City.

"I believe he's the most important writer of fiction in any language since William Faulkner died," said Clinton, who recalled reading *One Hundred Years* in 1972 when he was in law school and not being able to put it down — not even during classes.

"I realized this man had imagined something that seemed like a fantasy but was profoundly true and profoundly wise," Clinton told The Associated Press in a brief interview. Clinton first met the author in 1994.

Fellow writers Carlos Fuentes of Mexico and Tomas Eloy Martinez of Argentina praised the longtime friend they affectionately know as "Gabo" for breathing life into and remaking a language now spoken by nearly 500 million people — the official tongue of 21 nations and the fourth most popular after Chinese, English and Hindi.

One Hundred Years is the first novel in which Latin Americans recognized themselves in a story that defines them and celebrates their passion, intensity,

spirituality and superstition. It shows their grand propensity for failure, said Gerald Martin, a University of Pittsburgh professor who is working on a biography of Garcia Marquez.

"Only time will tell if he's as important to Spanish literature as Cervantes," he said. "We may have to wait 500 years to find out."

The special annotated edition of *One Hundred Years* that went on sale Monday is only the second such volume produced by the Royal Academy after *Don Quixote*, which Miguel de Cervantes published in two parts, in 1605 and 1615. Garcia Marquez recalled how, when his masterwork was finally finished in August 1967 and he and his wife went to the post office to send it to his editor in Buenos Aires, they only had a little more than half the required postage.

So they split the manuscript into two and sent half of it.

"Afterward, we realized that we had sent not the first but the second part," he said.

Luckily, editor Paco Porrúa "was so eager to read the first half that he forwarded us the money so we could send the rest."

Arcade Fire CD ignites issues

Band's newest album delivers worldly lyrics, different sound

By Tamara Parker
Contributor

Sharing its title with a John Kennedy Toole novel, the Arcade Fire's second album *Neon Bible* is noticeably different from its previous record and focuses on searching outward instead of inward.



Courtesy art

Arcade Fire's newest album, *Neon Bible* was released March 6. In recent band news, its European tour was canceled due to illness.

Don't be troubled: the voices still sound the same, just with a little bit more rage.

What separates this band from most others is its concentration on the here and now.

While many groups like to sing songs about love and flowers, Arcade Fire isn't afraid to explore the haunting issues of today.

And — more importantly — if you listen to this album, make sure you listen to it as a whole.

This band has really defined the concept of a compilation of songs running successfully together, also known as an album.

This may sound elementary, but unfortunately, too many groups today forget this concept and, instead, throw song after song onto their CD without any real direction.

With stunning ferocity and hypnotic beats, *Neon Bible* will definitely add a twist to your record collection.

Arcade Fire's European tour, which was scheduled for March and April was canceled due to illness. And according to the band's website, many of the North American tour dates have already sold out.

Grade: B+

ALBUMREVIEW

Unlike the band's prior album, *Funeral*, Arcade Fire has decided to center its lyrics on worldly issues instead of the domestic with no apologies for the controversial hits against the government, the church, the military and even the entertainment industry.

The album is undoubtedly angry and embittered, but instead of getting lost in the fury, *Neon Bible* still delivers perspective and purpose.

The first song, "Black Mirror," foreshadows the message of the album by alluding through its title to the centuries-old device that supposedly foretold future events and allowed viewers supernatural insight to the hearts of men.

In the song, the band holds up its "black mirror" to the world; to them, the future doesn't seem bright.

"The Well and the Lighthouse" is another song on the album worth noting.

Again, unlike songs on *Funeral*, this song gradually builds up momentum with no major explosion.

Some loyal fans may be disappointed in the measured crescendos of *Neon Bible*, but others may be happy to see Arcade Fire branching out to new melodies.

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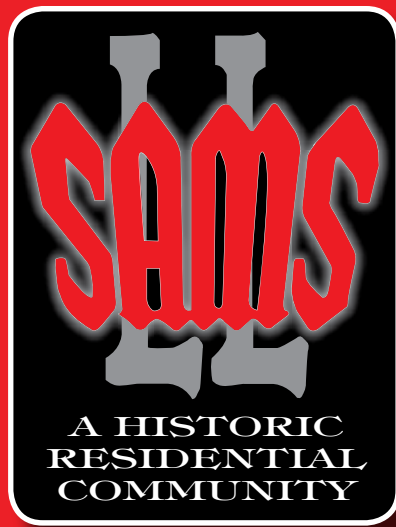
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“It was a kind of treasure hunt and the notes led to her Christmas present,” Cobb said. “That was the kind of thing she did.”

Gurley, Ala., senior Rebecca Daugherty said she has fond

memories of time spent with Ring and other friends.

“I have memories of all of us in the kitchen together, laughing and telling stories,” she said. “We ate dinner together almost every night.”

Daugherty said she will miss Ring’s friendship.

“Trish was a beautiful, loving young woman,” she said. “She had a heart for nursing like I’d never known. She was certainly a true blessing in my life.”

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at First Baptist Church in Grapevine.

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nington’s sentiment.

“Kenneth’s being chosen means that he has been recognized at the national level for his exemplary academic qualifications, his commitment to medicine and public health and his leadership abilities,” she said. “He is an inspiring individual and he will be a change agent for good within the medical community.”

Ike is a member of the Waco NAACP, where he serves on the education committee, and a member of the minority association of pre-med students.

Ike serves not only the Baylor community, but the Waco community as well.

He does academic mentoring and volunteers at the Dewey Recreation Center, where he works with youth with disadvantaged backgrounds, and restoring homes in impoverished neighborhoods.

Ike said his passion for disadvantaged communities has influenced his life goals. He said he hopes to attend medical school and then return to a disadvantaged community similar to the one in which he grew up in Houston, to do “whatever is necessary to best serve those populations.”

“Being a physician, that is one thing that will happen for sure,” Ike said.

Ike said he has also considered serving as an administrator for a nonprofit organization, or even running for political office.

He said many people in his life have influenced him and helped him make the decision to pursue medicine, including his mother; Pennington; Dr. James Marcum, associate professor of philosophy; and Vardaman, who talked him into applying for the scholarship.

“They are the core of it, but I have gotten help from a lot of

professors,” he said.

Past Baylor winners of the Truman Scholarship include 2002 recipient Skye Perryman, who now attends law school at Georgetown University, John Hill, who currently attends Harvard Law School, and Kris Kan, a second-year medical student at Johns Hopkins University.

Ike joins Lauren Ryan Koebler from the University of Texas as the two winners representing Texas.

Students interested in following in Ike’s footsteps can attend a scholarship information session hosted by Vardaman at 3 p.m. today in 100 Morrison Hall.

The workshop will “explore issues related to scholarship competitions, but it will also cover information that applies to students who are interested in thinking more broadly about how to maximize their education both in the classroom and beyond,” Vardaman said.



Courtesy photo

Friends in high places

Eleven Baylor University students were recognized in the Texas Senate on Monday as part of Bob Bullock Scholars Day in Austin. Bullock Scholars live in the state capital and work for members of the Texas Legislature while taking Baylor classes. Pictured from left are Copperas Cove junior Maresa Martin; senior Claudia Tijerina; State Sen. Kip Averitt; Buda senior Victoria Vickery; Waco senior Jeff Hay; Dr. James Curry, political science professor; Victoria junior Lauren Tipton; and Houston senior Elaine Yeung. Not pictured are Bellaire junior David Bonem; Lafayette, Calif., sophomore Jenny Casey; New Braunfels senior Jessica Gonzales; San Antonio junior Jessica Lutrell and graduate student Ryan Franklin.

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be used in place of authentic sheepskins. But education officials fear that the documents can lead to people pretending to have degrees or grades they did not earn.

“Diploma fraud is an enormous problem,” said Barmak Nassirian, the associate executive director of the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers in Washington.

“Stuff is coming at us so fast that we can’t even gain awareness, let alone do anything about it.”

The Kansas City Star found at least 12 Web sites that claim to offer diplomas from legitimate U.S. institutions. One site brazenly boasts “10 years in the underground of counterfeiting documents.”

When universities learn of the sites — as Kansas State University officials learned from The Kansas City Star — they act to keep the phony diplomas out of circulation.

The site to which Kansas State University officials sent the letter shut down recently, but former FBI agent Allen Ezell said it is only a matter of time before another site takes its place.

Ezell, who spent more than a decade investigating fake colleges and fraudulent degrees, said the industry is worth millions of dollars and is growing.

“It’s whack-a-gopher,” Ezell said. “One goes down, another one comes up.”

Local universities said they could not cite specific examples of people using phony degrees, but they know that diploma and academic fraud is a problem.

That is clear at Web sites such as DiplomasUnlimited.com, which before shutting down sold degrees from Kansas State University and other institutions.

The site offered what it called the “finest quality replica diplomas in the world.” The design templates, ink and paper were “custom created according to the college or university you select,” the Web site said.

Officials with the company could not be reached for comment.

“These are things we need to follow up on,” said Duane Nellis, Kansas State’s provost. “But it’s hard, given the proliferation of things that are available on the Web.”

Kansas State University is a client of the Collegiate Licensing Co., a Georgia-based trademark-licensing firm that represents more than 150 colleges and universities.

Jim Aronowitz, the associate general counsel at Collegiate Licensing, said his firm sends cease-and-desist letters to various businesses “multiple times a day.”

Aronowitz said that most of those businesses have nothing

to do with fake degrees, and ones that sell phony diplomas typically remove Collegiate Licensing clients from their lists of available schools after the firm sends a threatening letter.

One Web site that offers degrees, PhonyDiploma.com, lists more than 200 colleges and universities. The site says its diplomas include “actual designs” from schools as varied as Ottawa University in Kansas, the University of Texas and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Prices for replica college diplomas start at \$184.95. Other products include high school diplomas and General Educational Development diplomas.

According to its Web site, PhonyDiploma is based in Richmond, Va. A person who answered the phone at the company declined to answer questions but suggested corresponding by e-mail. Officials with the Web site did not reply to several e-mails.

Elsewhere on the site is this disclaimer: “PhonyDiplomas and transcripts may only be used for entertainment purposes, for your records, or for replacement of a lost or damaged document. They are not real documents and cannot be used as real diplomas. PhonyDiplomas are not meant to be used for unlawful purposes or any other illegal uses. This means that they cannot be used to pass as real diplomas under any circumstance.”

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moved to a new location at 1101 Speight Ave., and the connected Baylor Masonic Lodge No. 1235 A.F. & A.M. is also in the process of moving.

The Center for Literacy moved to Fifth Street in 1996, but the center has moved several times since it was established in 1957 as the Laubach Literacy Center.

Carol Gene Graves, assistant director of the center, said it will transition Thursday to its new location, the fifth floor of Clifton Robinson Tower. In the fall, the center will move again, rejoining the rest of the School of Social Work in Speight Plaza Parking Garage after renovations are completed.

“The Center for Literacy has a long heritage at Baylor,” she said. “It doesn’t really matter where we are. We will continue to walk alongside churches and community organizations as they help people with their literacy needs.”

Although the Center for Literacy will be resettled soon, Baylor Amateur Radio Club members don’t know where they’ll be moving.

Members said the services they provide are important to the community, so they hope to find a place to store their equipment in the near future.

The club’s radio technology is commonly used in emergency situations, and members said it could also be used for missionary communications. While the radio service was recently applied to help with evacuation efforts during Hurricane Katrina, members hope to help the Baylor community become familiar with other uses for the equipment as well.

“We radioed information about the status of human traffic during the evacuation and consequently saved 60,000 lives,” said group member and Hoachatown, Okla., sophomore Grant Gilliam.

The student and faculty members of the Amateur Radio Club constantly monitor weather conditions in and around Waco. Gilliam said almost every media outlet in central Texas has the equipment necessary to communicate with authorities in the event of an emergency. Gilliam said the radio club members were responsible for informing residence halls of the situation

when a tornado touched down in Waco last May.

“It is our civil duty to monitor information from outlets like FEMA and the National Weather Service, depending on the occasion,” Gilliam said.

Albert McDaniel, a faculty member of the club, said as the club moves it may start marketing itself to students in a new way.

“Because the FCC recently made some rule changes, getting an amateur radio license is much easier now than it was a couple of months ago,” he said, adding that soon the club will also start looking into some more ministry-based applications for what they already do.

About 50 pounds of equipment, carrying a price tag of \$300 to \$1,000, is all someone with the right know-how would need to start broadcasting as a missionary, McDaniel said. That’s something he wants to communicate, hoping students will gain interest for the club.

That’s something the club hasn’t tried before — as is their first-ever change in location.

“That’s the way we’re going to look at it,” he said. “Maybe this is a fresh start.”

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