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Hating Ron Crozier on a sultry Saturday

Call it professional jealousy. I, on the other hand, think of it as fluff journalism.

Bryan-College Station's KBTX television station sent sports director Ron Crozier to Hawaii last week to cover the Texas A&M—Hawaii football game. No problem there ... if you forget the fact that Crozier left Tuesday for Saturday's game.

He probably needed to acclimate himself to the time change so he wouldn't fumble around words when trying to give his Hawaiian report.

So KBTX sent a crew to cover Crozier's sendoff from the airport. You've gotta be kidding.

We're not talking about the president making a historic trip to China. We're not talking about an American hostage returning from years of captivity in the Middle East.

We're talking about a sports director flying to Hawaii a week early to "cover the game."

I use the phrase "cover the game" loosely.

You see, Crozier was the host of the Aloha Aggies Report—a snippet here or there of quality sports journalism. Crozier asked all the hard-hitting questions of local natives.

"Do you know who the Aggies are?," Crozier asked the local beach population that was more intent on the Hawaiian surf than some guy with an ugly hat and a tourist lei wrapped around his neck wanting to know if they knew about us.

Could you imagine Akili Kahoano Tanuvasa, some Hawaiian announcer, coming to A&M and asking you if you knew what a Rainbow Wahine is?

I guess I wouldn't be so bitter if I had the opportunity to travel to Hawaii to

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Oilers, Cowboys, Giants talking trade?

Highsmith, Solomon, Taylor on block

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Oilers have discussed a possible three-way trade involving Oilers running back Alonzo Highsmith and linebackers Jesse Solomon of the Dallas Cowboys and Lawrence Taylor of the New York Giants, a newspaper reported Sunday.

The Houston Chronicle said the trade would send Highsmith to the Cowboys, Solomon to the Giants and Taylor to the Oilers. The transaction also would include extra draft choices for the Giants, the Chronicle reported.

During a meeting Saturday afternoon in the Oilers' hotel before Houston's exhibition game in Irving, Texas, against the Cowboys, general manager Mike Holovak talked with Taylor's agent, Joe Courrage, about the possibilities, the newspaper said.

"The problem with a three-way deal is that three sides have to agree," Holovak said. "It's hard enough to get two sides to

agree on anything.

Asked about the odds of Taylor ever wearing an Oilers' uniform, Holovak said, "About the same odds as getting a hole-in-one. Maybe not a million-to-one odds, but something close to that."

Holovak added:

"I've got to give Joe Courrage credit, though. He's working real hard on some things. He's got some good ideas. The biggest thing in any deal (for Taylor) is still the money. I haven't talked to George Young (Giants general manager) yet, but I plan on calling him."

Taylor, a nine-time Pro Bowl selection, is trying to renegotiate his contract with the Oilers. He wants close to \$2 million per year.

Cowboys owner Jerry Jones confirmed Saturday that he has talked with Houston's

management about Highsmith. Oilers coach Jack Pardee said a stumbling block in a two-way trade with Dallas was his insistence on a front-line defensive player in exchange for Highsmith.

The Oilers have already turned down the Cowboys' offer of Solomon for Highsmith. Solomon, who came to the Cowboys in the controversial Herschel Walker-to-Minnesota trade last year, is a free agent who has not signed a new contract.

The Cowboys have offered a second-round draft choice and a conditional fourth-round pick that would escalate as high as a No. 2 depending on how many yards Highsmith gained.

"We want a player, not draft choices," Pardee said.

Holovak said he met briefly with Dallas coach Jimmy Johnson before the game Sat-

urday night.

"We talked about the same thing we talked about the last two or three days—exactly the same. There was no headway. Either I say yes, or I say no. They want him, no question," Holovak said.

The Oilers are listening to offers for Highsmith. Such teams as Dallas, Denver, Chicago, Miami and New England have shown the most interest in Highsmith.

"If I had a preference, I'd trade him to an NFC team," Holovak said. "I could make a deal for draft choices now, but I still want a player."

Highsmith played college ball at the University of Miami when Johnson was the coach there.

Highsmith was told before the game that a trade was a likelihood and that he would not be playing against the Cowboys. He was in uniform, but didn't play.

"I could easily play for Jimmy," Highsmith said.

First-class ticket to paradise No. 13 Aggies impressive in first win

From Staff and Wire Reports

R.C. Slocum said he didn't think it was going to be paradise. But Hawaii greeted Texas A&M in true island spirit Saturday, handing it an easy 28-13 victory, and a lei.

The Aggies entered the University of Hawaii's Aloha Bowl with doubts and uncertainties. Slocum said he felt the trip, combined with the time change, might take a heavy toll on his team.

But in crossing five time zones to meet the Rainbows, the No. 13 Aggies didn't lose a step.

Darren Lewis rushed for 117 yards on 24 carries, including 101 yards and a touchdown in the first half. He finished with his 18th 100-yard game, passing Curtis Dickey's school record of 17.

Lewis also bolstered his career stats to 3,438 yards rushing, just behind Dickey's A&M record 3,703 yards.

Fullback Robert Wilson, along with Lewis, punched through the Hawaii defensive line for a combined 18 points—12 scored by Wilson in the first half.

While giving the running backs a rest, the Aggies went to their two tight ends, transfer Derek Ware and senior Dennis Ransom. Ware had a total 47 yards and a touchdown in the second quarter for his first TD as an Aggie.

The Aggies dominated from the beginning despite a 36-yard kickoff return by UH's Larry Khan-Smith. The Rainbows were forced to punt after four plays.

On its next possession, Hawaii running back Jamal Farmer took a handoff to the left and was hit by A&M linebacker Anthony Williams, who forced a fumble. Albert Jones recovered the ball for the Aggies on the Hawaii 32-yard line.

Seven plays and two minutes later A&M was on the board after Lewis dived over the line for a 1-yard touchdown.

Again the Rainbows were held to four plays before punting back to the Aggies. Receiving the ball on its 36-yard line, A&M drove 64 yards with a 10-yard TD run by Wilson around the left side.

Hawaii coach Bob Wagner said that he was not surprised by the power of the Aggie squad.

"I didn't think that there were any surprises," Wagner said. "We made a play here and there, but not enough of them consistently, and didn't take care of business."

Hawaii got its first score in the second



Linebackers William Thomas (11) and Otis Nealy (56) sack Hawaii quarterback Garrett Gabriel in the first quarter. The Aggies won, 28-13.

quarter. Quarterback Garrett Gabriel connected with Jeff Snyder for a 32-yard gain, eventually setting up a 47-yard field goal by Jason Elam and the score stood 14-3, A&M.

A&M defensive back Chris Crooms

blocked a UH punt, setting up the next Aggie drive at the Hawaii 16-yard line. On the fifth play, quarterback Lance Pavlas rolled right before making a short

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Mac stages return by beating No. 7 Sanchez at Open

NEW YORK (AP) — Mac magic is alive at the U.S. Open.

John McEnroe came out roaring, his racket spinning winners and his voice barking at officials. Four hours, 20 minutes later, after a noble comeback and five-set triumph over a usually tireless Emilio Sanchez, McEnroe seemed as if he were about to float off the court.

No one would have been amazed if he did after watching him, at age 31, unseeded and on the edge of retirement, recover his skills and find enough energy to beat the No. 7 Sanchez of Spain 7-6 (8-6), 3-6, 4-6, 6-4, 6-3 to reach the quarterfinals.

McEnroe, a four-time U.S. Open champion who began the year by getting thrown out of the Australian Open, held his temper in check after an early blowup over a line call.

Beyond style and touch in his range of shots, he showed the resilience lacking in recent years as he refused to fold after falling behind two sets to one.

"It's my biggest win this year," McEnroe said. "The crowd was very into it. At the end, they were very wrapped up and that put me in another gear. At 4-4 (in the fourth set) they gave me a big hand. I dropped two quick points and was worried for a second. Maybe it was a goodbye hand, since he could have been serving for the

SWC makes even record in first-weekend games

Associated Press

The Texas Aggies showed they could enjoy paradise and play football at the same time.

Rice tailback Trevor Cobb showed he could be one of the surprise running backs in the Southwest Conference this year.

The Baylor Bears showed some class and brought a measure of pride to the SWC by making No. 7 ranked Nebraska struggle.

Texas Christian showed no offense.

Thanks to the Aggies and the Rice Owls, the SWC broke even in the first test against inter-sectional rivals on Saturday.

A&M roughed up the Hawaii Rainbows, who are always tough on their home island, 28-13 while Rice whipped Atlantic Coast Conference foe Wake Forest 33-17 as Cobb rushed for 175 yards and the Owls snapped a 14-game home losing streak.

Baylor played Nebraska tough, but lost 13-0 because the offense couldn't get going under sophomore quarterback Steve Needham, substiting for the injured Brad Goebel.

Washington State thumped Texas Christian, 21-3, in the only other game involving conference clubs.

In games next week, Texas opens up at Penn State in an 11 a.m. regionally televised clash, TCU is at Missouri at 1:30 p.m., Texas Tech is at Ohio State in a 2:30 p.m. (regional TV), Nevada-Las Vegas at Hous-

Cowboys make final cuts to get to 47-man roster

IRVING (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys got down to the 47-man limit on Sunday with their final cuts, which included veteran running back Terrence Flagler, tight end Steve Folsom and running backs Lorenzo Hampton and Broderick Sargent.

Other cuts included wide receiver Derrick Shepard, linebacker Randy Shannon, guard Greg Johnson, tackle Mike Graybill and guard Dave Franks.

The Cowboys also made injury settlement offers to tight end Keith Jennings, linebacker Willis Crockett and wide receiver Michael Williams. If the offers aren't accepted, then the Cowboys will waive all three.

Offensive lineman Louis Cheek made the club but won't be on the club's active roster for the season's start; the NFL suspended him through the first three weeks of the season for steroid use.

Flagler, who drew Coach Jimmy Johnson's ire by criticizing his practice methods in training camp, came to the Cowboys from the San Francisco 49ers in a trade that also included defensive end Daniel Stubbs.

"I knew it (the cut) was coming when I didn't play last night (in the Cowboys-Houston Oilers exhibition game)," Flagler said. "It all started when I missed curfew in training camp. The next day I was on the third team and things went downhill after that."

Flagler said he knew that he was not a great blocker, but added: "I tried."

Johnson said Stubbs was "the primary reason" for the trade with the 49ers.

Lady Aggies swept by No. 2 Hawaii broom

The Texas A&M volleyball team will remember its trip to Hawaii.

Not so much for the beautiful, tropical scenery the Aggies saw, but for the lessons they learned playing a team like the Rainbow Wahines.

The Lady Aggies opened the 1990 season with two losses to second-ranked team in the nation.

Hawaii defeated A&M 15-5, 15-9, and 15-9 Friday night and 15-5, 15-11, and 15-8 in Saturday night's match.

Coach Al Givens opened his fifth year as the Lady Aggies head coach hoping to use the matches in Hawaii as a learning tool for a young team.

What he saw was some strong individual performances in the hard fought losses.

Hawaii grabbed the lead from a nervous A&M team in each of the three games Friday night and only relinquished it once before running off six straight points in the third game to take the match.

A&M could not stop the Rainbow Wahines offensive attack.

Hawaii's Karrie Trieschman and Malin Fransson combined for 26 of the team's 42 kills, while Hawaii's setter Cheri Boyer added five kills to her 31 assists to help the UH effort.

A&M sophomore Elizabeth Edmiston recorded 16 kills in 23 attempts in the first match.

Edmiston got a lot of help from senior setter Krista Hierholzer, who had 19 assists.

Edmiston and Hierholzer again led the Aggies' attack in the second match. The two players combined with senior middle-blocker Amy Cummings for 25 of the team's 39 kills.

Hierholzer also had 17 assists. Redshirt freshman Sheila Morgan and transfer Diane Robertson made their presence felt with five and four kills, respectively.

But as the Lady Aggies began to get more confident, so did the Hawaiian team. The Rainbow Wahines had seven players with positive hitting percentage, lead by Trieschman with 17 kills in 27 attempts. UH also covered the court with 62 digs, almost doubling A&M's 32.

The Lady Aggie Volleyball team returns to College Station today and will begin preparing for two matches this weekend at G. Rollie White Coliseum.

The Aggies will face North Texas University in their season opener on Friday and will play the University of Idaho on Saturday. Both matches start at 7 p.m.