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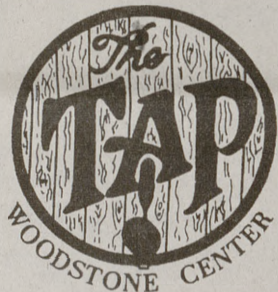


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The hunt for Blue October

Recently signed quartet stops by College Station to perform

BY KYLE WHITACRE
The Battalion

This weekend Texas A&M will find out if the hype surrounding the part-San Marcos, part-Houston based quartet Blue October is true or just another industry gimmick.

The band raised eyebrows when it signed a six-figure deal with Universal Records. When Universal merged with Polygram Records last year, the band was put on high priority and paired with English producer Nick Launay, who produced major albums for bands such as INXS, Talking Heads, Semisonic, Silverchair and Midnight Oil.

Influences from Faith No More to Dave Matthews Band can be heard in the pure rock sound of the band.

Blue October's album on Universal is scheduled to be released sometime this spring.

So far, the band has had very little press coverage, with almost all the praise for the band coming from its hometown papers, the *Houston Press* and *Public News*, but this may change with the release of the new album.

The band is led by singer and guitarist Justin Furstendeld, whose brother, Jeremy Furstendeld, plays drums for the quartet. While attending the Houston High School for Performing and Visual

Arts, Justin met Ryan Delahoussaye, who plays violin and mandolin for the band. Justin and Delahoussaye formed Blue October in 1996, convincing Justin's brother, who had recently left Southwest Texas State, to join Blue Octo-

ber. The band lost its original drummer and added Michigan bassist Novesky to the band.

Sly Letter will open for Blue October at Shadow Canyon Friday night at 8 p.m.



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WHO: BLUE OCTOBER, SLY LETTER
WHERE: SHADOW CANYON
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People in the News

DiCaprio identifies with current role

ARLINGTON, Va. (AP) — Leonardo DiCaprio said his role as a rootless backpacker in Thailand in *The Beach* reflects his own life search.

"It was the only thing that I really connected with and really thought meant something," he said in Wednesday's *USA Today*.

"Not to say that I only want to do projects that have some sort of message to society, but I really identified with this character's search for getting out of a robotic existence and trying to find some sort of real sensation of emotion."

The Beach opens Feb. 11. It follows *Titanic*, which made DiCaprio a superstar.

DiCaprio, 25, takes his profession seriously and said he is grateful for the fame.

"It's a series of much more highs and lows since *Titanic*, but I think I'm a very fortunate person," he said. "I don't have a negative attitude about fame at all. I'm not tortured or constrained by it. ... It's given me the opportunity to do the one thing in my life that I know is a true passion of mine, which is acting."

Isley Brothers sell catalog of songs

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The Isley Brothers' music catalog was pulled off the auction block after an investment group proposed a \$6.5 million deal that would let Ronald Isley retain his share of the rights to such songs as "Shout" and "It's Your Thing."

The catalog, which also includes "Twist and Shout," went on the auction block after Isley declared Chapter 7, or involuntary bankruptcy. A large part of his debt is from an Internal Revenue Service claim of nearly \$5 million.

U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Los Angeles postponed the auction until Feb. 23 after the proposed deal was reached Tuesday by the Pullman Group, EMI, Isley and his bankruptcy trustee.

The New York-based Pullman Group invented the so-called "Bowie bonds," named after rocker David Bowie, in which music assets are pledged to secure bonds and the debt is repaid from royalties. The Pullman Group would issue 15- to 20-year bonds to cover Isley's debt. Isley or his heirs would resume receiving profits from the song copyrights after the bonds expire.

Isley's most valuable property is his one-third interest in the Isley Brothers' catalog. He and his brothers Rudolph and O'Kelly wrote more than 200 songs.

Henry files brutality suit against police

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Hartnel Henry, the master of ceremonies for Ziggy Marley & The Melody Makers, has filed a federal brutality lawsuit against police, claiming an officer roughed him up outside a club in August and broke his leg.

Henry, whose stage name is Sky High, was outside the House of Blues when two plainclothes officers ordered him to spread his legs and frisked him, the lawsuit said.

After Henry asked to see badges, one of the officers handcuffed him and a third officer pushed through the crowd, grabbed him and dragged him down the street, the suit claims.

That officer, Jack Hoffman, is accused in the suit of slamming Henry against a car and throwing him against a wall, breaking his leg.

The suit, filed Friday, seeks unspecified damages.

"It is a shame we had to file a lawsuit to obtain a resolution to the most unfortunate incident," Alan Goodman, an attorney for Henry and the band said.

Lt. Marlon DeFillo, a police spokesman, said the department had not seen the suit and had no comment.

Michael J. Fox to leave "Spin City"

LOS ANGELES (AP) — "Spin City" star Michael J. Fox said Tuesday he is leaving the ABC sitcom, but not show business, because of his fight against Parkinson's disease.

Fox, who revealed in 1998 that he suffers from the degenerative neurological disorder that affects movement, said this will be his last season with the highly rated series.

"I could not be more proud of the show ... and all that we have accomplished over the last four years, yet I feel that right now my time and energy would be better spent with my family and working toward a cure for Parkinson's disease," the 38-year-old actor said.

"This does not mean I am retiring from acting, producing or directing, only that I want to relieve the strain of producing and performing a weekly network series," he said in a statement.

ABC, which had no comment on the show's future, called "Spin City" a "labor of love" for Fox.

"Clearly there are more important things in life and we wish Michael and his family our heartfelt thanks and support," the network said. "We look forward to working with Michael in his future endeavors."

Fox, who is up for a Golden Globe award Sunday, plays a hard-charging deputy mayor on the series now in its

fourth year. His co-stars are Bostwick and Heather Law. Fox joined the cast this season.

The former star of the sitcom *Family Ties* and the *Back to the Future* movies told of his incurable disease in the December 1998 issue of *Time* magazine.

He decided to reveal his disease because he thought he could help other sufferers of the disease. Fox has three children, a son and two daughters, with actress Tracy Pollan.

In 1991, Fox noticed a tremor in the little finger on his left hand. The tremor worsened over time, though a doctor told him he would live for many years, the disease progressed and he suffered a stroke in his entire left side and violent tremors.

Children's authors to take time

BOSTON (AP) — The authors of children's books about Arthur are putting the beloved character, his sister D.W. and his friends on the shelf.

Marc Brown, 53, who created the character 25 years ago, said he has decided to "give myself permission to go on with my life." His contract with publisher Houghton Mifflin calls for two more books, but he plans to take a break.

"Oh, I'll still be involved in giving myself a hiatus for a while," Brown told the *Boston Herald*. Arthur, whose standard gear includes a sweater and eyeglasses, teaches lessons about problem solving and respecting others.

Brown has written 57 Arthur books that have sold more than 24 million copies. His characters also have become popular with the success of an Emmy award-winning show on television. A stage version, *Arthur Live Adventure*, started on Broadway last fall.

Brown said he plans to continue as the creative producer of the



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