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News in Brief

Community

Officer files appeal to be reinstated

A Bryan Police officer suspended for allegedly insulting a Hispanic motorist has filed an appeal.

Officer Darrel Fikes was suspended by Bryan Police Chief Ken Burton after Burton learned of the alleged incident. Fikes' appeal calls for a third-party arbitrator to hear the complaint and make a binding decision.

David Donahue, Fikes' legal administrator, says he believes Fikes will be back on the force by December.

State

Certification will be offered at TAMUG

Students at Texas A&M-Salveston (TAMUG) who wish to become teachers can now receive certification from the Texas A&M University-Commerce Campus without ever setting foot on the campus.

The new teaching credential program will be offered to TAMUG students via the Trans-Texas Video Network (TTVN), a special telecommunications system.

The program started in response to a challenge given to Texas educators by the special commission on 21st century colleges and universities.

The commission, which was convened to find solutions to Texas' education problems, challenged higher education institutions to take bold steps to eliminate the shortage of math and science teachers in the public school system.

To be eligible for a Texas secondary teaching certification certificate, students must take an additional 15 hours of coursework and another 9 hours of student teaching.

Jury selection begins for escaped convict

DALLAS (AP) — Attorneys on Monday will begin the arduous process of impaneling a jury for the capital murder trial of George Rivas, the ringleader of a gang of escaped inmates charged with killing an Irving police officer.

State District Judge Molly Francis will poll an unusually large pool of 460 potential jurors over four days, then spend about three weeks individually questioning those who qualify.

Each of the six surviving Texas prison escapees will face a separate capital murder trial. The first jury's verdict, particularly on the subject of possible punishment, likely will set a pattern for subsequent prosecutions, said prominent jury consultant Robert Hirschhorn, who is not involved with the case.

Faculty Club teaches etiquette

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The Battalion

The Texas A&M Faculty Club may want to rethink its name. With all of the events and programs its employees host for A&M students and the Brazos County, A&M's faculty is not the only group benefiting from the 11th-floor Rudder Tower institution.

Mike Chonyak, the Faculty Club executive chef, holds an annual cooking class for at-risk youth from the Academy Rehabilitation Motivation for Youth (ARMY) boot camp. The membership coordinator for the Faculty Club, Reeta Grimes, hosts the Delta Academy girls each year to teach etiquette. The pro-

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gram coordinator, David Winder, hosts four etiquette training dinners during the year for A&M students.

"Texas A&M University is a big part of this community," Chonyak said. "All we are trying to do is give back."

Chonyak has been hosting the ARMY boot camp youth in the faculty club kitchen for four years. Every Wednesday in June, they come to learn about nutrition and see how the food industry works. Chonyak said that his students' ages range from 13 to 18 and come from around the Brazos Valley.

"This program gives the students an

opportunity to know about food and nutrition," Chonyak said. "It gives them an opportunity to see how the food industry works and it gives them something to look forward to."

Chonyak said at the end of the month-long cooking lessons, the students have a graduation ceremony and prepare a dinner for their family, friends and several Brazos Valley community leaders.

Another way the faculty club gives back to the community is through Grimes' work with the Delta Academy. Grimes said the Academy is an organi-

zation for black high school girls in the Brazos area. Grimes said the Faculty Club hosts the Delta Academy girls once every year in February to teach them proper etiquette.

"We teach them how to be proper ladies," Grimes said. "We spend the afternoon teaching them how to dress, how to sit properly, how to greet, how to dine, what conversations to have, what conversations to avoid and what proper attire to wear. We teach them how to host."

Grimes said she wants to help the girls know they can make something of themselves.

"A lot of these girls think that they are

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Safety first



Area children listen as College Station Police Officer Peterreit lectures on bike safety Friday at Olsen Baseball Field. The demonstration was part of Brazos Valley Safe Kids, a safety education program organized by area police and fire departments.

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Quake kills 88 people in Peru

Mariano Castillo
Special to The Battalion

LIMA, Peru — Rescue workers continued their search for survivors two days after an earthquake measuring 7.9 on the Richter scale rocked southern Peru.

According to the National Earthquake Information Center, the quake was centered off the coast of Peru and was also felt in Chile and Bolivia. The earthquake occurred Saturday afternoon.

Peru's Health Minister, Eduardo Pretell, reported that there were at least 88 deaths, and he expected that number to increase, as "bodies are still being recovered." The earthquake left more than 12,400 affected or homeless and 899 people were reported injured.

The damage was concentrated in the cities of Arequipa, Moquegua and Tacna.

"Doctors from Lima have mobilized in the area, as have temporary hospital facilities, with specialists that can help in this emergency," Pretell said.

Interim President Valentin Paniagua spent Sunday in Arequipa, Peru's second-largest city and one of the worst hit by the quake. In a press conference, he announced his plan to ask the International Monetary Fund for a loan that would allow for basic services such as water and electricity to be re-established as soon as possible.

As a change of administration approaches, President-elect Alejandro Toledo said there were three key areas for disaster relief that he wants to implement alongside Paniagua:

- Tents, medicine and food, for the thousands who remain homeless
- A state of emergency to intensify efforts in the affected areas
- Reconstruction of historic centers that were damaged in Arequipa and other cities

In Arequipa, one of the towers of the Cathedral of Arequipa was damaged badly, as were many homes. The scene Sunday

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Ex-spy chief Montesinos deported to Peru Sunday

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LIMA, Peru — Peruvian fugitive, ex-spy chief Vladimiro Montesinos was escorted Sunday at 6:40 p.m. by Venezuelan police to the Caracas airport for immediate deportation to Peru, bringing an end to the hunt for the most wanted man in the Americas.

Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez announced Montesinos' capture Sunday morning at a summit for Andean countries, and said Montesinos would be deported "faster than a rooster crows." Montesinos was captured at 10 p.m. Saturday and was being held at the

Military Intelligence headquarters of the Venezuelan capital.

Montesinos fled Peru following charges of corruption and human rights abuses that plunged the country into political turmoil.

Peruvians celebrated the capture, which provided a brief sense of elation following an earthquake that killed more than 50 people in southern Peru.

"[The capture] is what the majority of Peruvians were hoping for," said Alex Visman, a Peruvian student. "There's been a lot of disillusionment in Peru, and hopefully, this will be a chance to bring this man to justice."

Venezuelan and Peruvian authorities have not released any details on the operation that led to Montesinos' capture. Chavez only revealed that Montesinos "made some mistakes" in covering up his whereabouts.

He said that Montesinos' accomplices in Caracas, who were charged with moving the former spy chief, had problems securing a new location. There is speculation that military intelligence zeroed in on his location after Montesinos made a telephone call to Arequipa, Peru, to check on relatives following the earthquake, which had a high death toll in that town.

More cynical opinions suggested that Montesinos was being protected by Chavez and was turned over strategically.

"In the face of this tragedy, this news is a step to regain the moral fiber that Peru needs," said President-elect Alejandro Toledo. "The topic of justice does not need to fall into the trap of persecution or revenge. We need to look forward, to continue, to build — but without impunity."

Back in Peru, Montesinos could face life in prison. Peruvian foreign minister Perez de Cuellar thanked Chavez for the

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Powell upset with lack of donations

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of State Colin Powell said he is frustrated over the bare trickle of donations from Europe to a global fund for fighting AIDS. He pledged to ask Congress to fatten the United States' contribution and turn up pressure on the rest of the world to do the same.



POWELL

In an interview with The Associated Press, Powell described the "mind-boggling" drop in African life expectancies due to AIDS. In Botswana alone, he said, it plummeted from 64 years to 49. And he expressed hope that this week's spe-

cial U.N. session on AIDS will prompt the world community to ante up for the fight against this disease with a greater sense of urgency.

"Everybody should be coming up on this, every European country," Powell said Friday.

Powell and Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson will head the U.S. delegation to the United Nations' session, which opens Monday.

Powell, who will address the session Monday, held no illusions that world nations will contribute enough money to make a big difference. But he said he envisions a "worldwide mobilization" that combines multinational dollars with char-

itable activities and in-kind giving.

For example, he pointed to the Coca-Cola Co.'s decision to incorporate AIDS prevention and education into its "huge retail establishment" on the African continent.

"Every Coke truck going by is a rolling billboard," Powell said. "The Coke truck that delivers Cokes can also deliver condoms. That kind of involvement is probably as valuable as a financial contribution. A number of companies are now looking for this kind of creative response, using their footprint in these countries to do something."

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