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News in Brief

Campus

Ag football to be subject of TV show

The Texas A&M football team will be the subject of the premier episodes of ESPN's prime-time reality-based series "Sidelines."

The series, which is scheduled to begin Oct. 5, is intended to document the season of prominent teams as told by the less visible, less celebrated people who are involved with the team.

Students, faculty, media, local store owners, parents and aspiring players will be the focus instead of star players and coaches.

"Coach Slocum and I made the decision to be a part of this exciting venture with ESPN," said Wally Groff, Texas A&M athletics director, in an A&M press release. "We couldn't be more thrilled that ESPN has chosen Texas A&M for this series. The opportunity ESPN gave us to showcase this wonderful institution and all of its tradition and heritage is something we could not pass up."

Current turmoil resulting from the 1999 Aggie Bonfire collapse and the celebration of the University's 125th anniversary are among storylines that are to be featured in the series.

"Each person has a role to play with the team, as well as a personal story," said Mark Shapiro, vice president and general manager of ESPN Original Entertainment, in an A&M press release. "Sidelines' will see each person grow in character as the season progresses. We'll weave the smaller personal stories together through the bigger story of the progression and fate of the team and its season."

State

Sheriff denies fired officer's appeal

GEORGETOWN (AP) — Williamson County Sheriff John Maspero on Tuesday refused to reinstate a former county corrections officer who was fired for being a member of the Ku Klux Klan.

A disciplinary review board last week voted unanimously to fire Sgt. Greg Palm, 29, after it was determined that his membership in the Klan amounted to conduct unbecoming for a sheriff's office employee. Deputy David Gay also was fired.

According to Maspero's office, Palm met with the sheriff Tuesday morning to appeal the decision and claimed his group is actually a church.

Maspero's staff, however, determined that the "Church of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc." is a for-profit corporation in Indiana, not a tax-exempt church.

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Head-on collision closes Highway 6



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Department of Public Safety Officer Jonathan Hunter and Robertson County Deputy Tim Skeid view the wreckage of a Pontiac Grand Am that collided head-on with an 18-wheeler on Highway 6, two miles north of Calvert. The

driver of the Grand Am, 38-year-old Tina Donahue of New York, was life flighted to Scott & White Memorial Hospital in Temple. The driver of the 18-wheeler, Alfred Garcia of Houston, was treated for minor injuries.

Vet college looks for cure

FIV studies could lead to vaccine, eradication of HIV

Justin Smith
The Battalion

Since HIV and AIDS arrived in the United States in 1981, many questions have arisen, but answers cannot be found fast enough. Texas A&M is doing its part to unravel some of these questions.

One way is by studying how the feline counterpart to HIV, called Feline Immunodeficiency Virus (FIV), affects cats. The College of Veterinary Medicine is trying to find a cure or vaccine for FIV in hope that the information might be used to assist in developing a cure or vaccine for humans.

In another study, Michelle Calvaresa, a geography graduate student, is studying the lifestyles of many African cultures affect the spread of the disease. She is examining population density and sexual practices — two primary factors that impact how the disease is spread.

AIDS is the acronym for Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome and HIV stands for Human Immunodeficiency Virus. AIDS is the latter stages of HIV infection.

The virus is transmitted through sev-

eral possible ways. The most commonly known is through unprotected sex, but another way that often occurs is through blood transfusions. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the latter method is now highly unlikely since blood is thoroughly tested before it is used.

Other methods to contract the virus are through drug users sharing needles and by pregnant women passing it to their children. According to the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, with advances in medicine and the use of a Caesarean sec-

tion, the chances of a baby becoming infected can be reduced to 1 percent.

HIV may be found in saliva of infected individuals, but it has not been proven that it can be spread through saliva exchange. Also, contrary to common belief, HIV cannot be transmitted by toilet seats, telephones or other related methods.

Symptoms of HIV and AIDS can stay dormant for up to one decade or flu-like symptoms can begin within a month or two. Symptoms of HIV include weight and energy loss, short term memory loss and frequent fever and sweating.

The defining AIDS symptom is when there are fewer than 200 T-cells, commonly called white blood cells, in each cubic millimeter of blood. When this happens, the body is more susceptible to diseases it would normally have no problem defending against, such as pneumonia.

Such diseases are called opportunistic infections. Common symptoms of opportunistic infections include seizures,

FREE AIDS TESTING Today

Health For All 214 N. Main • 9 a.m. - Noon

Brazos County Health Department 201 N. Texas Ave. • 3:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Texas A&M Campus Memorial Student Center • 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

AIDS Services 1702B S. Texas Ave. • 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Every Thursday from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., AIDS Services and Beutel offer free testing at Beutel.

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Peruvian president asking for U.S. help

WASHINGTON (AP) — Peruvian President-elect Alejandro Toledo told potential investors Tuesday he would support a strong independent judiciary, respect the rule of law and adhere to contracts.

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man face. What we said is we will manage the economy responsibly," Toledo said.

During his U.S. and European trip, which began in New York on Monday, Toledo is also seeking aid for victims of Saturday's earthquake in the southern part of the country that killed at least 102 people, injured 1,368 and left 46,470 homeless.

Toledo, 55, who won a June 3 runoff election, said investors should know that political, legal and economic stability had returned to Peru since the fall of ex-president Alberto Fujimori's autocratic regime last November.

Addressing the North America-Peru Business Council, Toledo said drastic reform of Peru's legal system is needed.

"We will establish clear rules of the game to ensure legal stability," he said.

In a globalized economy, he said, Peru will adhere to contracts with companies willing to invest in the economy.

"We will do everything to ensure your investments, expand them and comply with

the rules of the game," he said.

He said the country's democratic institutions, however, are still fragile and described its economic outlook as delicate.

Tax collections are down and economists predict the government is unlikely to meet fiscal targets set by the International Monetary Fund. Investment bankers expect growth to be 0.5 percent this year.

Toledo proposed that companies interested in investing in Peru attend a conference in Lima in October to explore opportunities in road building, agriculture and tourism.

Toledo said Monday in New York he would not intervene in the case of Lori Berenson, an American sentenced to 20 years in prison last week after she was convicted of collaborating with terrorists.

The decision came despite pleas by Berenson's parents for Toledo to pardon her.

Bush did not request a pardon for Berenson, Toledo said. He said he expressed to Bush "my belief that we should let the judiciary system do its job."

Commission suggests changes for college sports

WASHINGTON (AP) — Colleges with low athlete graduation rates should be banned from postseason play, a commission said Tuesday in chiding universities for an emphasis on winning.

Player uniforms also would be stripped of corporate logos

"We're not in the entertainment business, nor are we a minor league for professional sports."

— Theodore Hesburgh
president emeritus
of Notre Dame

and a new coalition would be created to promote tougher academic standards under the plan by the Knight Foundation Commission on Intercollegiate Athletics.

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Program aims to prepare teachers

Robin Lewis
The Battalion

Texas A&M's College of Education is bringing high school students from across Texas to participate in a summer program designed to prepare them for teaching in elementary and secondary schools.

The purpose of this program, which began Sunday and ends Friday, is to help Texas A&M fulfill several goals within the College of Education, one of which is increasing the number of teachers graduating from the University by 33 percent during the next five years.

The United States Department of Education, it is estimated that 40 percent of America's teachers will retire, while the number of enrolled students will continue to increase. This causes the need for more than 2 million new teachers in the next decade.

The Exploring Leadership Opportunities and Rewards in Education (ExpLORE) summer conference is a program that introduces teacher education programs, leadership opportunities, career opportunities and courses of study to enhance students' knowledge of teaching.

"Basically what we are trying to do is get high school students

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Goals of the TEXAS A&M TEACHER Preparation Program

- Increase the total number of teachers produced by 33 percent
- Increase the number of Black teachers by 50 percent and Hispanic teachers by 54 percent
- Increase the number of math/science/technology and foreign language teachers by more than 200 percent, and special education and bilingual teachers by more than 170 percent

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