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MONDAY

Crossroads: The Future of Hip Hop Culture

Amanda Diva, renowned Spoken Word Poet will join Dr. Finnie Coleman, Assistant Professor of English, and members of A&M's Hip Hop Society to discuss the future of Hip Hop Culture. Ms. Diva has been featured on HBO's Def Poetry Jam and will also give a performance of her work. Crossroads forums examine the future of American Culture. 5:30 to 7:00 pm, Rudder 701

Space Exploration & Research

Space? Yeah, we've got that. Free pizza? Yup, we've got that too. Panel Discussion. 7:00 to 8:30 pm, Rudder 701

TUESDAY

Callaloo Presents: *The Role of Ebonics in the Production of American English*
Presented by linguist Salikoko Mufwene 7:30 to 9:00 pm, J. Wayne Stark Gallery

Chemistry & Cave Art

University Distinguished Lecture with Dr. Marvin Rowe
Free, ticketed event. 7:30 to 9:00 pm. Bush Presidential Conference Center
Contact MSC Box Office at 845-1234.

WEDNESDAY

Honors Early Registration Office Hours Get answers about registration questions before it begins on Thursday! 5:30 to 7:00 pm
101 Academic Building

Picasso at the Lapine-Agile

Discover what transpires when Einstein and Picasso chat at a bar in this acclaimed comedy by Steve Martin!
8:00 to 10:00pm, Rudder Forum
Show runs through April 17th.
Contact MSC Box Office at 845-1234.

WEDNESDAY

Religions of Peace in a World at War

Learn the viewpoints of different religious traditions during this session of Kaffeehaus Dialogues.
7:00 to 8:30 pm, J. Wayne Stark Gallery Co-sponsored by Honors Student Council

THURSDAY

National Scholarships Presentation

All students welcome! Learn the ins-&-outs of national scholarship opportunities. 5:30 to 6:30 pm
MSC 203

FRIDAY

Honors Open House

Drop in for coffee & donuts & chat with your Honors Advisor. Register for a \$200 scholarship!
8:00 to 11:00am, 101 Academic

Honors Day at the Fountain!

Show your colors and wear an Honors Shirt! Listen to the musical stylings of Free Parking. 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm
Rudder Fountain

Texas A&M University

Parent's Weekend Concerts

The campus band, concert band, and symphonic band will give their last performance of the year!
7:30 to 10:00 pm, Rudder Theater

SATURDAY

Parents Weekend Brunch

FOR MORE INFORMATION
Call: 845-1957
Email: honors@tamu.edu
Visit: 101 Academic

POW Lynch reunites with family

By Colleen Barry
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LANDSTUHL, Germany — After everything she's been through — an Iraqi ambush, a daring rescue and several surgeries — Pfc. Jessica Lynch had nothing but smiles for her family during a long-awaited reunion in the hospital Sunday.

Her parents, Deadra and Gregory; two siblings and a cousin paid Lynch two brief visits after arriving early Sunday from West Virginia, said U.S. military officials at the Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in southwestern Germany.

"Lynch had a big smile on her face when her parents arrived," the hospital said in a statement.

Lynch, a 19-year-old supply clerk, was in stable condition in intensive care, where she was being treated for a head wound, an injury to her spine and fractures to her right arm, both legs, and her right foot and ankle.

The hospital also said gunshot wounds may have caused fractures to her upper right arm and lower left leg. The hospital commander, Col. David Rubenstein, previously said no entry or exit wounds consistent with gunshot wounds had been found.

"The medical staff says, after

more closely examining those wounds, there is a possibility they were caused by a low velocity, small caliber weapon," the statement said, stressing that treatment would have been the same no matter what the cause.

Lynch underwent back surgery Thursday to correct a slipped vertebra that was putting pressure on her spinal cord. Since then, she has undergone several more surgeries to stabilize the fractures, the hospital said.

Doctors have said the prognosis for Lynch's full recovery was excellent.

Lynch was rescued Tuesday from a hospital in the southern Iraqi city of Nasiriyah by a team of Navy SEALs, Marine commandos, Air Force pilots and Army Rangers.

The commandos found her after an Iraqi lawyer saw Lynch being slapped by a security guard in the hospital, and alerted U.S. forces.

While troops engaged the Iraqis in another part of the city, the rescue team persuaded an Iraqi doctor to lead them to Lynch, who had been held since her unit was ambushed a week earlier.



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The commandos who rescued Lynch also unearthed bodies from a nearby burial site, eight of which were identified as members of Lynch's unit, the 507th Maintenance Company based in El Paso, Texas.

The ninth was a soldier in a forward support group of the Army's 3rd Infantry Division. The remains of all nine have been transported back to the United States.

Lynch's parents learned the deaths of other members of her unit just before departing Germany. Among them, Lynch's friend and roommate, Pfc. Lori Piesinger, who became the first American servicewoman killed in Iraq.

"Our hearts are really saddened for her other troop members and the other families," Lynch's father managed to say before choking up.

Piestewa, 23, was a member of the Hopi Tribe, whose reservation is near the Navajo Reservation community of Window Rock, Ariz. She had a 4-year-old son and a 3-year-old daughter.

"Our prayers are with Lynch family," said W. Taylor Jr., chairman of the Hopi Tribe. "We thank God that she survived her ordeal. Her brother speaks volumes of her character and we wish her a speedy recovery."

Virginia Tech officials restore affirmative action policy

By Chris Kahn
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BLACKSBURG, Va. — Virginia Tech reinstated its affirmative action policy Sunday, despite assertions from the attorney general's office that some of its diversity programs are unconstitutional.

The school's Board of Visitors voted 8-5 to rescind a March 10 ban on preferences for racial minorities and other underrepresented groups in hiring, admissions and scholarships.

The vote came after a four-hour meeting punctuated by outbursts from a crowd of about 250 people, most supporters of affirmative action. The board called Sunday's special meeting after weeks of protest over its resolution in closed session to dismantle affirmative action.

"We love diversity as much as you do," Vice Rector William Latham said to a chorus of hissing from the crowd. "But we have to do it within the framework of the law, and you only have to do it politically."

The board also created a committee on Sunday to review Tech's diversity programs and make sure they don't violate the Constitution.

Attorney General Jerry Kilgore will continue examining diversity policies at Tech and other schools, spokesman Tim Murtaugh said. "If they have programs that continue to be based on race, then yes, they are" acting illegally, he said. "That would be unfortunate."

Several board members lamented that their earlier decision came too quickly, and that they should have waited for guidance from the U.S. Supreme Court to rule on affirmative action policies at the University of Michigan.

Others said they changed their mind after realizing there were other interpretations of federal law that may allow the school to continue its diversity policies.

The university had reviewed its diversity program at the request of Attorney General Jerry Kilgore, who warned Virginia schools that race-conscious policies violate federal law.

NEWS IN BRIEF

NBC correspondent dies of clot in Iraq

NEW YORK (AP) — NBC correspondent David Bloom, who had been reporting on war from the Iraqi desert, Sunday from a blood clot in his leg, network said. He was 39.

The co-anchor of the week's "Today" show was traveling with troops about 25 miles south of Baghdad when he suddenly lapsed.

He was airlifted to a field medical unit, where he was pronounced dead from a pulmonary embolism, a new representative said. She said death was not combat related.

Bloom, a native of Edina, Minn., had been on assignment in Iraq for several weeks, reporting from the middle of desert sand storms and while columns of military vehicles rumbled toward Baghdad.

Bloom had been the anchor of the weekend "Today" show since March 2000. He had joined the "Today" show in 1997. Bloom was a White House correspondent for NBC. He had been there in 1997, during the Clinton administration.

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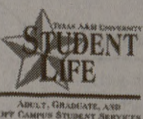
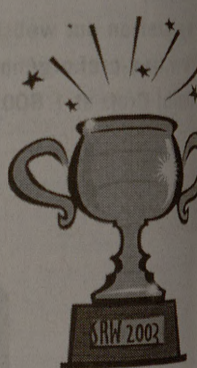
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