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Libraries unaffected by ruling

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The recent Supreme Court ruling preventing Internet users at federally-funded public libraries from being allowed to access pornographic Web sites will not have an effect on the libraries at Texas A&M.

"This law is aimed at libraries that serve minors, which we do not," said Associate University Librarian Charles Gilreath.

The Supreme Court decided on May 23 that the Children's Internet Protection Act, which requires federally-funded pub-

lic libraries to implement Internet filtering software that flushes out pornographic Web sites, was constitutional and does not infringe on citizens' rights of free speech.

Officials from the College Station and Bryan public libraries also said they were immune to the ruling.

"We are not required to comply with this law because we do not receive federal funding," said Clara Mounce, community librarian for Bryan and College Station public libraries. "Only libraries that receive federal money for books and computers, but not phone lines, are required to install filters."

Mounce said college students and par-

ents are required to sign a form in which they agree not to access pornography.

A&M is also improving its methods used to prevent students from using University computers to look up pornography, but without the use of filters.

"We have physically rearranged the computers so students would not be encouraged to look anything like that up," Gilreath said. "We are also adding a password protection system similar to the kind used in the Student Computing Center."

Gilreath said the University libraries respect students' First Amendment rights.

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The Supreme Court's ruling in favor of the Children's Internet Protection Act will not affect Texas A&M libraries

- The law is directed toward libraries that serve minors
- The University libraries do not apply pornography filters
- The law applies only to public libraries that receive federal funding for books and computers

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SOURCE: BRYAN & COLLEGE STATION PUBLIC LIBRARIES, TEXAS A&M LIBRARIES

Fighting in Iraq continues

By Donna Abu-Nasr
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TIKRIT, Iraq — Assaults against the ousted leader's hometown of Tikrit a few weeks after he publicly disavowed Saddam. Although the motive was unclear, Abdullah Mahmoud al-Khattab had many enemies, the regional governor said Tuesday.

Elsewhere in Iraq, two attacks against American forces wounded at least six soldiers, U.S. troops shot and killed four people at checkpoints and a mosque explosion killed 10 people in Fallujah — further stirring anti-American sentiment in a town where Saddam and his Baath Party still enjoy support.

In Baghdad, the top U.S. official in Iraq, L. Paul Bremer, said the U.S.-led provisional authority was "well on track to establish an Iraqi interim administration by mid-July." The United States has pledged to set up a political council of 25 to 30 Iraqis that will appoint heads of ministries and be consulted on major decisions taken by the occupation government.

Bremer also said the U.S.-led authority has asked airlines to submit applications to resume commercial service to Baghdad.

"Day by day, conditions in Iraq continue to improve," said Bremer. "Freedom becomes more and more entrenched and the dark days of the Baathist regime are further and further back in people's memories."

Despite his reassurances, a burgeoning insurgency has seen several attacks on U.S. troops

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Watermelon crawl



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Junior mechanical engineering major **Brian Auer** picks out a watermelon at a South College Avenue watermelon stand. The watermelons were grown at the Wiggins Farm in the Brazos Valley.

Police hunt for missing player

By Angela K. Brown
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WACO — Authorities have searched woods and pastures around Waco where they think a Baylor University basketball player missing for nearly three weeks — now feared dead — and his roommate were firing guns.

Waco police asked the FBI to help search about 50 acres of private land north of town last week, but cadaver dogs found no sign of Patrick Dennehy, police spokesman Steve Anderson said Tuesday.

Carlton Dotson, Dennehy's roommate and former teammate, told a cousin he shot Dennehy in the head as the two argued while firing guns, according to court documents that cited an unidentified informant.

But authorities said Tuesday they have no single suspect and have not found a body.

"There's still a glimmer of hope Mr. Dennehy will show up and say, 'Hey, this is where I've been the whole time,'" Anderson said.

No charges have been filed, Anderson said. He said a Waco investigator interviewed Dotson on Friday, but he didn't know whether police had spoken to him since the search warrant affidavit was made public Monday.

Last week, Dotson told The Dallas Morning News that police asked him not to discuss the case and that he had learned of Dennehy's disappearance from Dennehy's girlfriend.

"I had to talk to police today, and I told them everything I can tell them and everything I knew," he said from his Hurlock, Md., home.

Dennehy's family reported the 6-foot-10, 230-pound junior missing June 19. His sport utility vehicle was found last week in a mall parking lot in Virginia Beach, Va.

The search warrant sought in the affidavit was for a search of Dennehy's room and the contents of his computer. There has been no indication what the investigation might have found.

The affidavit does not say if anyone else was present when Dennehy and Dotson allegedly were firing guns.

According to the affidavit, Dotson said that after the shooting he drove home to Maryland and got rid of the guns along the way.

Chris Flynn, captain of the Hurlock, Md., police department, said his office was ready to help Texas authorities if needed, but they had not received any requests.

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O'Malley named head of Archdiocese Accused smuggler denied bond

By Jay Lindsay
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BOSTON — Open, humble, accessible. As Bishop Sean O'Malley was named the new Boston archbishop Tuesday, many who know the prelate's work kept using the same words to describe him.

They were a contrast to the terms some Roman Catholics have used over the past 18 months — such as inaccessible and out-of-touch — to describe the church hierarchy and sometimes O'Malley's predecessor, Cardinal Bernard Law.

O'Malley takes over the Boston job having guided the neighboring Fall River Diocese through the aftermath of a major sex abuse scandal involving the Rev. James Porter, who admitted molesting 28 minors. In the last year, O'Malley has served as head of the Diocese of Palm Beach, Fla., after the previous two

bishops there admitted to molesting minors.

The way he approached victims in those dioceses says something about O'Malley, said Roderick MacLeish, a lead lawyer for hundreds of people suing the Boston Archdiocese.

MacLeish recalled a night about a decade ago when — against his advice — 13 angry victims of Porter piled into a van and went to O'Malley's residence in Fall River, demanding to see him.

"Bishop Sean," as MacLeish's clients called him, got out of bed, met with them and resolved the problems they were complaining about, MacLeish said.

If O'Malley can bring the same openness to Boston, his appointment as archbishop will mark a huge step forward, MacLeish said.

"It's like night and day," he said. "He's not someone

New leader for Boston Archdiocese

Pope John Paul II appointed Bishop Sean Patrick O'Malley, 59, to lead the Boston Archdiocese Tuesday. He has won praise as a healer in a period of crisis for the church, and was chosen by the Vatican for abuse cleanups in two of his previous appointments.

Education St. Fidelis Seminary, Herman, Pa.; Capuchin College, Washington, D.C.; doctorate in Spanish and Portuguese literature, The Catholic University of America

Career Priest in the Order of Friars Minor Capuchin since 1970; taught at Catholic University; vicar for Spanish speaking community and executive director of social ministry with Archdiocese of Washington; bishop of St. Thomas, American Virgin Islands, in 1985; bishop of Fall River, Mass., in 1992; bishop of Palm Beach, Fla., since October 2002

SOURCE: Associated Press

who has any pomp and circumstance about him."

Said Philip Lawler, editor of the Catholic World Report Web site, who knows O'Malley: "He's a very simple, very humble man and that comes across very, very clearly. He's the furthest thing you're likely to get from a bureaucrat."

Under O'Malley's stewardship, the Fall River Diocese paid for treatment

and medication for Porter's victims and introduced reforms such as a lay review board to deal with abuse claims a decade before similar measures were rolled out in Boston.

Law resigned as archbishop last December after repeated court-ordered releases of church files. The

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By Juan A. Lozano
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HOUSTON — A federal judge Tuesday refused to set bond for Karla Patricia Chavez, the Honduran woman accused of leading a smuggling operation responsible for the deaths of 19 illegal immigrants in South Texas six weeks ago.

"Ms. Chavez is in fact a flight risk because of her continuous trafficking in human life, that's what it is," U.S. Magistrate Calvin Botley said after several hours of testimony at a bond hearing where defense lawyers said she should be freed because she never intended for the immigrants to die.

Attorney John LaGrappe argued Chavez, 25, the alleged ringleader, wasn't the one who shut the door enclosing the immigrants in the stifling trailer, which led to their deaths. Instead, he said Chavez, who pleaded innocent after being denied bond, tried to provide the immigrants with basic necessities, like food, shelter and transportation as they were brought illegally into the United States.

"Isn't Ms. Chavez a humane person trying to help people?" LaGrappe asked

immigration agent, Gus Meza, during the hearing.

"I wouldn't consider (her) that," Meza responded.

The supervisory agent with the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement said Chavez was only willing to help people "for a fee."

He said at least four of the immigrants found abandoned at a truck stop in Victoria, 100 miles southwest of Houston, on May 14 identified Chavez as the leader of the smuggling operation. Seventeen immigrants were found dead in the trailer, which was transporting them from South Texas to Houston, and two others died later. The victims, including a 5-year-old Mexican boy, died from dehydration, hyperthermia and suffocation.

More than 70 immigrants from Mexico, Central America and the Dominican Republic had been packed into the trailer, which prosecutors on Tuesday described as a "rolling death chamber." One of these immigrants had Chavez's home and cell phone numbers with him when he crossed into the United States, Meza testified. The

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