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Tech spirit program receives four awards at national competition

The Texas Tech University spirit program attended National Cheerleaders Association and National Dance Alliance camp July 21-23. The spirit program received four awards.

"The co-ed cheer team received first place in the rally routine, a superior in gameday routine, a gold paid bid and a spirit stick," said Bruce Bills, the cheer coach.

The girls cheer team also competed and won an award at NCA camp.

"Girls got second place in rally routine, superior in gameday routine, a bronze paid bid and a spirit stick," Bills said.

A gold paid bid is the highest bid given at camp and goes towards Nationals. The gold paid bid gives the team five free hotel rooms, early registration, early timeslots for practice and a reduced registration fee, said Bills.

The pom squad competed at their camp and won first place as a team.

"Dance got first place in team dance, excellence in gameday, a gold paid bid and a spirit stick," said Erin Harold,

pom squad coach.

Aside from winning awards as a team, 12 individual awards were given to the cheer team. 11 members of the co-ed team were named All-American cheerleaders and one member was named All-American on the girl team.

The pom squad had three members receive All-American.

"Dancers have to be nominated by staff based on progress during camp, eight nominations were given and three dancers got All-American," Harold said.

Aside from the cheer and dance team, Raider Red was selected most collegiate mascot and was awarded All-American mascot.

"Raider Red learns various skits and works on characterization during camp," Bills said.

Mascots have classes where they work on development pieces, work with other mascots and build skits, which they performed each night.

"Based off performance and class participation is how they get selected for All-American mascot," Bills said.

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Phelps back on top, beats Lochte in 200 IM

LONDON (AP)—Michael Phelps added to his medal collection with his first individual gold of the London Games, and handed Ryan Lochte a double disappointment on his rival's final night in the pool.

Phelps set the tone right from the start Thursday to become the first male swimmer to win the same individual event at three straight Olympics, capturing the 200-meter individual medley for his 20th career medal — and 16th gold. He touched in 1 minute, 54.27 seconds, just off his winning time in Beijing, but still good enough for gold.

Lochte settled for silver and Hungary's Laszlo Cseh took the bronze.

So a farewell games that started as a bit of a disappointment for Phelps is definitely looking up. He's now won two golds and two silvers in five races — not up to his standards when he went 8-for-8 in China four years ago, but a fitting caper to a brilliant career that still has two more events to go.

In fact, as soon as Phelps finished off Lochte, he hopped

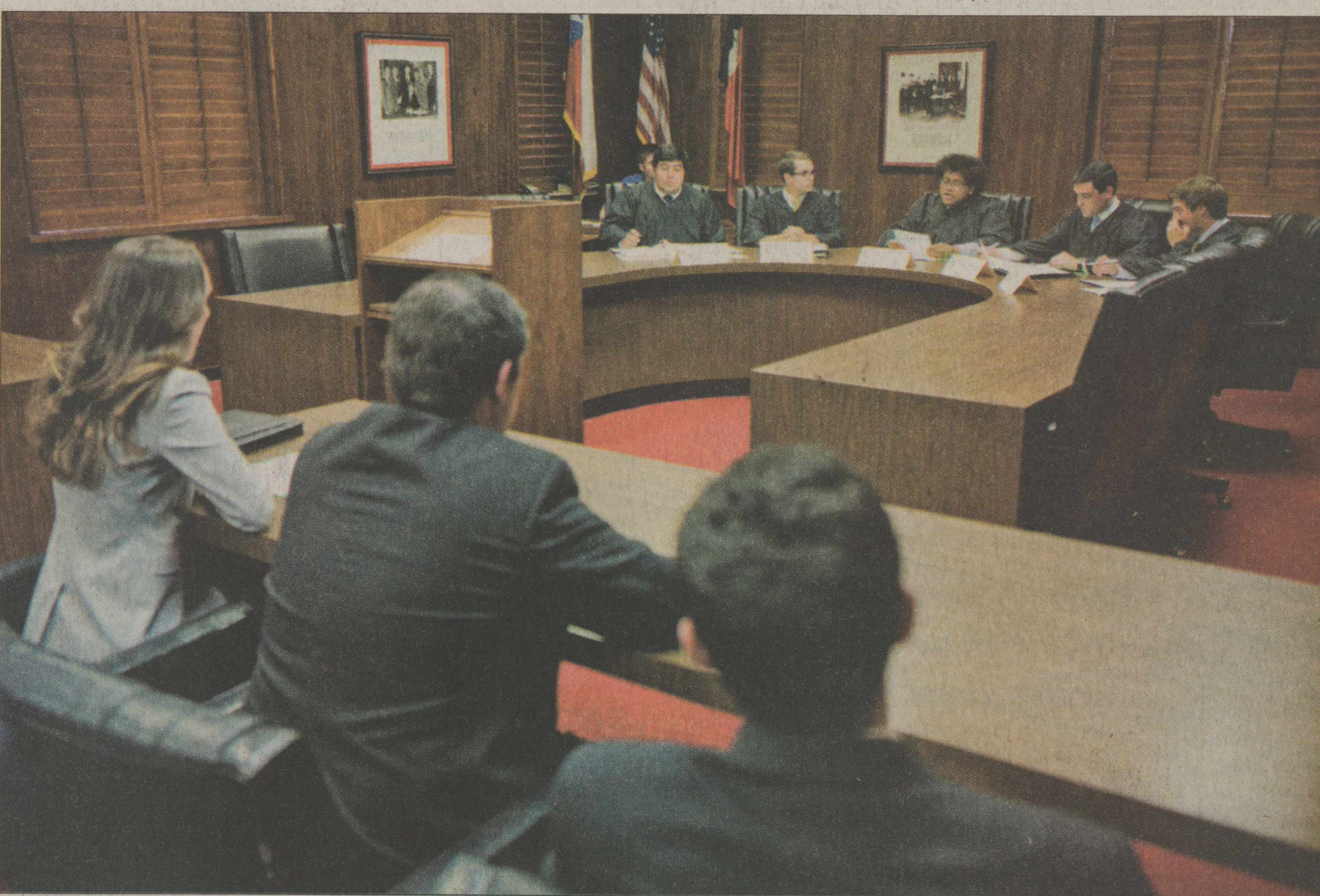
out of the pool and headed to the nearby diving well to warm down, knowing he still had a semifinal of the 100 butterfly before the night was done. He was the top qualifier in that one, setting up a rematch in Friday's final against Milorad Cavic — the outspoken Serbian who still seems to think he got to the wall first in Beijing but lost by a hundredth of a second.

Lochte had gone through the same warm-down routine just a few minutes earlier, trying to pull off an impressive double 31 minutes apart. He came up short in both races, fading to bronze in the 200 backstroke behind fellow American Tyler Clary, then touching after Phelps in the medley.

Phelps' reaction wasn't a water-pounding celebration, just a dazed smile and a definite look of relief. He seemed to be soaking it all in, relishing a gold of his own in London with his previous victory coming in the 4x200 freestyle relay.

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Constitutional Ruling



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TOP: THE STUDENT Government Association president Alex Alston, center, and his counsel sit before the SGA Supreme Court in the Administration Building on Monday during the first SGA Supreme Court Case in more than a decade. ABOVE: Student Government Association president Alex Alston listens to the SGA Supreme Court's decision regarding the graduate vice president position on Monday in the Administration Building. The ruling by the Supreme Court allowed the position to be reinstated, but did not grant Alston the power to fill the role until the SGA senate is in session.

By CAITLAN OSBORN
STAFF WRITER

SGA Supreme Court justice rule in favor of reinstating elected position

The Texas Tech Student Government Association Supreme Court had its first case in at least 10 years Monday evening, where the justices ruled for the SGA to reinstate the position of vice president of graduate affairs this fall.

The court ruled unanimously that the referendum abolishing the position of graduate vice president in the spring of 2011 was not constitutionally valid.

"The Supreme Court is the final end-all," said Stuart Williams, chief justice of the Supreme Court. "Once we decide something is unconstitutional, it's unconstitutional (and vice versa)."

The position was eliminated after 87 percent of student voters voted against the need of a graduate vice president, said SGA president Alex Alston, a decision that led to the formation of the Graduate Student Advisory Council, a representative body

to SGA.

"That council was established through getting rid of the graduate VP," he said. "And basically the reason why I filed this petition, first I want someone to be able to assist with the grad senators and now that I feel the university is really trying to push for this tier-one status, grad students are really going to have a lot of say in and really pick up, and they need someone who (knows about) grad-related issues who

can help them."

However, Alston said, the position was abolished unconstitutionally because correct protocol for introducing a referendum ballot was not followed, which should have immediately voided the ballot.

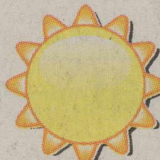
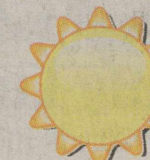
Sara Krueger, director of public relations for SGA, represented Alston during the case, Alston v. SGA.

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PHOTO BY SCOTT MACWATTERS/The Daily Toreador
KYLE TENGLER, A recent graduate and employee at the horticulture greenhouse waters the plants in the garden on Wednesday outside the Horticulture Greenhouse.

Olympics

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"Going into every call room, I said it's my last semifinal or my last prelim or my last semi of the 100 fly, so tonight is the last semi ever," said Phelps, who plans to retire from swimming as soon as he touches the wall for the final time in London. "We're kind of chalking up all the lasts of certain things."

Lochte shook hands with his rival before crawling out of the pool for the last time at these games. In a symbolic gesture, he tossed his cap and goggles into the crowd, his work done.

His final tally: two golds, two silvers, one bronze and a fourth-place finish — impressive, but undoubtedly shy of what he had predicted would be "my time."

This time still belongs the Phelps.

At least for a couple more days. "Ryan has probably been one of the toughest competitors I've swam against, all-around competitors," Phelps said. "We're seeing a lot more competitors coming up."

Rebecca Soni made quite a splash, too, on a night dominated by the Phelps-Lochte showdown.

Tearing through the water in her favorite pink suit, Soni set her

second world record in as many days to defend her Olympic title in the 200 breaststroke. She finished in 2:19.59, breaking her own mark of 2:20.00 set in the semifinals.

Soni broke into a big smile when she saw the time, racing the clock more than she was anyone in the water. Japan's Satomi Suzuki took silver, more than a second behind at 2:20.72, while Russia's Yulia Efimova claimed bronze in 2:20.92.

"I'm so happy," Soni said. "I can't believe I did it."

Ranomi Kromowidjojo carried on the Dutch tradition of producing top sprinters and prevented a red, white

and blue sweep of the night, taking the 100 freestyle in an Olympic-record 53.00. Aliaksandra Herasimenia of Belarus claimed the silver in 53.38, while the bronze went to China's Tang Yi in 53.44.

American teenager Missy Franklin got off to a terrible start — she was last at the turn — and couldn't rally. She finished fifth, two-tenths off the podium. The other U.S. swimmer, Jessica Hardy, finished last in the eight-woman field.

"I'm really unsatisfied about the time, but a gold medal is a gold medal," Kromowidjojo said. "I'm really happy with the gold medal."

In Soni's victory, South Africa's Suzaan van Biljon led at the first turn, but the American quickly seized control on the second lap. She was comfortably ahead by the second turn, then turned on the speed for the record.

"It's been my goal since I was a little kid to go under 2:20," Soni said. "That's when my coach told me you're going to be the first woman to go under 2:19. I've been chasing it ever since. I'm just so happy."

While Lochte couldn't hold on in the backstroke, it was still quite a night for the Americans. Clary rallied on the final lap to pull off the upset in an Olympic-record 1:53.41. Japan's Ryosuke Irie also got by Lochte on the final stroke, taking silver in 1:53.78. Lochte's time was 1:53.94.

"You always have big dreams in your head that you think you might be able to pull off something like that," Clary said. "The fact that it just came to fruition is something that hasn't even processed in my mind yet. The fact that I'm now an Olympic champion and Olympic-record holder is something that is very humbling. It's also very motivating for the next four years."

Last year, Lochte looked as though he had surpassed Phelps at the top of the swimming world when he captured five gold medals at the world championships. The Floridian didn't come close to that total at the Olympics, failing to defend his Olympic title in the 200 back and coming up short of Phelps again in the 200 IM.

Lochte won his first race of the Olympics with a dominating performance in the 400 IM on the opening night of swimming, but that was his biggest highlight. He failed to hold on in the anchor leg of the 4x100 freestyle relay, leaving the Americans with a silver, and he finished off the podium in the 200 free. He did pick up a relay gold in the 4x200 free.

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"There is no proof or record on the student government online archives of any official legislation that was passed," Krueger said, "nor was any information ever published in *The Daily Toreador*, which is required by student government constitution before legislation can move forth."

The SGA constitution states that the bill must appear in full in the university newspaper two times before the Senate can report the legislation, she said.

She also said the position was eliminated before the students voted. Had it been done correctly, a graduate vice president would have been elected prior to the vote and then removed after the vote.

"Somebody should have run for that position in that year, and when that appeared on the ballot, this year would have been the determining year," Krueger said. "We would have used the results of that ballot for this election and that is where I see the violation."

While the elimination of graduate vice president passed with an 87 percent vote, Krueger said, Alston believes the decision went against the will of the

students because students were not properly informed and the number of students who voted were relatively small compared to the entire student body.

"Since the amendment didn't show up in *The Daily Toreador*," she said, "I don't think the proper steps were taken to make sure that students knew exactly what they were voting on. Our first and foremost goal is to make sure that the Student Senate is working in the best interest of the student body, and by that we mean following the procedures outlined in the constitution."

Arnold Alaniz II represented the Student Senate and pleaded no contest.

"To be honest with you, I really don't know why this position was eliminated," he said. "Maybe it was out of laziness, but I feel that reappointing a graduate vice president would aid the representation of graduate students."

A number of graduate students have approached Alston about reinstating the graduate position, Krueger said in her statement.

Alston said having a graduate vice president would help bridge the gap between GSAC and SGA, and both groups would benefit from having a liaison whose sole purpose was to provide a connection between the

two organizations. "GSAC is a branch off of SGA, so we want to see them succeed and help them in any way we can," he said, "as well as if grad students or grad senators feel underrepresented through GSAC, (we will) try to find a way to help fix that."

While Alston wished to reinstate the position of graduate vice president before the beginning of the fall semester, the Supreme Court ruled it was unconstitutional to do so while the Student Senate was in a recess period.

Whether the Supreme Court ruled in his favor, Alston said, the trial was a success because it showed that SGA is taking students' rights seriously.

"For me, I just want them to know that this whole case is there to benefit the students, as well as just to show them that we actually have a working Supreme Court that cares about them and cares about their issues," he said. "And whether or not this case (turned) out in my favor or not, it was done because I felt that something was unconstitutional and I wanted to be very visible about it instead of just doing it behind closed doors, which is why I brought it to the Supreme Court."

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Immigrants prove big business for certain prison companies

MIAMI (AP) — The U.S. is locking up more illegal immigrants than ever, generating lucrative profits for the nation's largest prison companies, and an Associated Press review shows the businesses have spent tens of millions of dollars lobbying lawmakers and contributing to campaigns.

The cost to American taxpayers is on track to top \$2 billion for this year, and the companies are expecting their biggest cut of that yet in the next few years thanks to government plans for new facilities to house the 400,000 immigrants detained annually.

After a decade of expansion, the sprawling, private system runs detention centers everywhere from a Denver suburb to an industrial area flanking Newark's airport, and is largely controlled by just three companies.

The growth is far from over, despite the sheer drop in illegal immigration in recent years.

In 2011, nearly half the beds in

the nation's civil detention system were in private facilities with little federal oversight, up from just 10 percent a decade ago.

The financial boom, which has helped save some of these companies from the brink of bankruptcy, has occurred even though federal officials acknowledge privatization isn't necessarily cheaper.

This seismic shift toward a privatized system happened quietly. While Congress' unsuccessful efforts to overhaul immigration laws drew headlines and sparked massive demonstrations, lawmakers' negotiations to boost detention dollars received far less attention.

The industry's giants — Corrections Corporation of America, The GEO Group, and Management and Training Corp. — have spent at least \$45 million combined on campaign donations and lobbyists at the state and federal level in the last decade, the AP found.

CCA and GEO, who manage most private detention centers,

insist they aren't trying to influence immigration policy to make more money, and their lobbying and campaign donations have been legal.

"As a matter of long-standing corporate policy, CCA does not lobby on issues that would determine the basis for an individual's detention or incarceration," CCA spokesman Steve Owen said in an email to the AP. The company has a website dedicated to debunking such allegations.

GEO, which was part of The Wackenhut Corp. security firm until 2003, and Management and Training Corp. declined repeated interview requests.

Advocates for immigrants are skeptical the lobbying is not meant to influence policy.

"That's a lot of money to listen quietly," said Peter Cervantes-Gautschi, who has helped lead a campaign to encourage large banks and mutual funds to divest from the prison companies.

Plea deal ends 30-year-old Texas death row case

HOUSTON (AP) — One of Texas' longest-serving death row inmates has avoided execution for decades-old slaying with a sentencing agreement that makes him eligible for parole in 12 years.

Delma Banks was sent to death row in 1980 for fatally shooting a teenager and stealing his car six months earlier near Texarkana in far northeast Texas. Only eight of the nearly 300 Texas prisoners awaiting execution have been on death row longer than Banks, 53.

Banks long argued his trial for killing 16-year-old Wayne Whitehead was unfair, contending prosecutors withheld information that a witness during his punishment trial was a paid informant whose testimony was coached.

Under the plea agreement reached Wednesday, any credit for time he's already served begins with 2004, when the U.S. Supreme Court upheld Banks' conviction but agreed with a lower federal appeals court decision that he

should have a new punishment hearing. When he was tried originally, Texas had no life without parole option for jurors in capital cases.

Banks' new punishment trial had been set for October on a venue change to Collin County in suburban Dallas. By the time he becomes parole eligible, he'll be 65 and have 44 years behind bars.

Bowie County District Attorney Jerry Rochelle said Whitehead's parents wanted the prolonged legal process to close.

"After 32 years of dealing with the offense, the death of their son, the original trial, the appeals and the prospect of a new trial, they were ready for it to end," Rochelle told the Texarkana Gazette.

In 2003, Banks got within 10 minutes of his scheduled execution before the Supreme Court stopped it.

Whitehead, from Wake Village, just west of Texarkana, had worked with Banks at a restaurant. The night of April

11, 1980, Banks ran into Whitehead and his girlfriend after a high school dance and asked for a ride home. Banks, then 21, bought some beer and the three of them went to the park in nearby Nash. They took the girl home about 11 p.m., then went back to the park where Whitehead was shot three times — twice in the head — "for the hell of it," according to a witness who testified at Banks' trial.

Banks took Whitehead's car, drove it 160 miles west to Dallas and dumped it there, then returned home on a bus. The car never was found.

Banks was arrested in Dallas, where he returned about 10 days later to get a gun so he and two other men could commit some robberies, he said at his 1980 trial. Evidence showed he also led police to the gun that was tied to Whitehead's slaying.

Banks had no previous criminal record. At his trial, his father testified he had fallen in with "the wrong bunch."

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Puzzles by PageFiller

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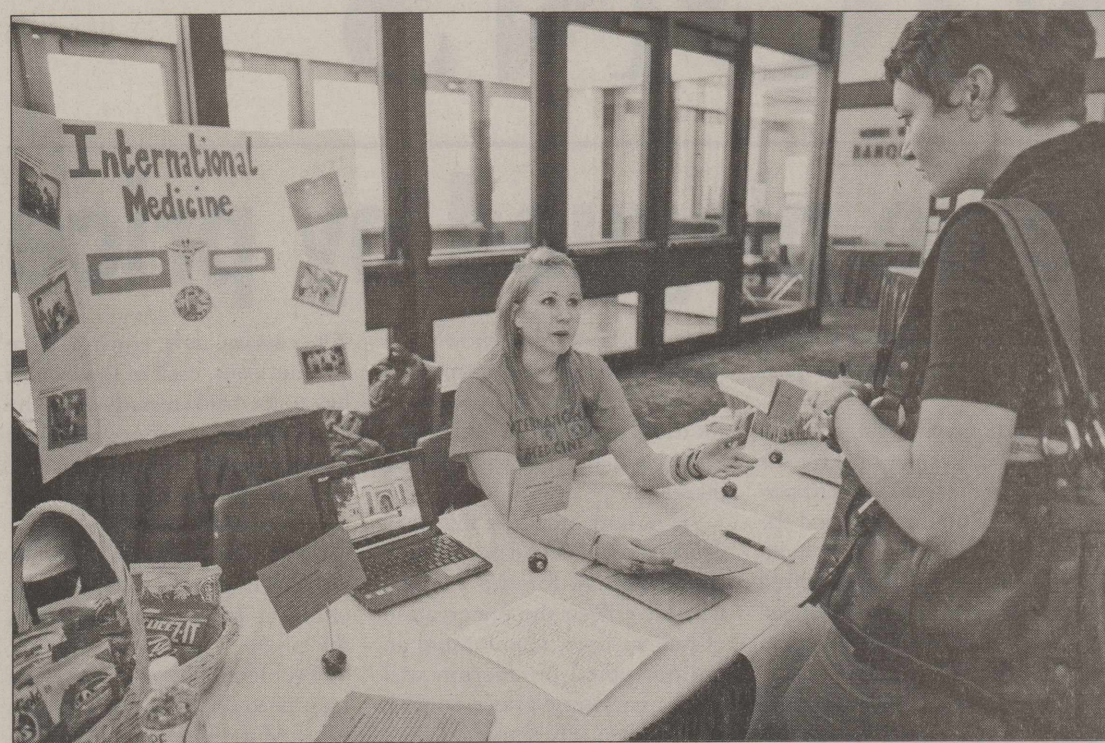


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BREE GOODWIN, A second-year student at the School of Medicine from Bonham, talks with Lauren Tollack, an incoming medical student from Dallas, about the International Medicine Club during an organization fair at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center on Wednesday.

Jackson says she was kept from communicating

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The mystery of Michael Jackson's mother's disappearance was clarified Thursday with the release of court papers that said she was kept from communicating with outsiders while at a resort and was unaware she had been reported missing.

Katherine Jackson declared in the documents that she learned she was the subject of a search when she accidentally heard a TV report.

Before that, she said she was kept virtually incommunicado without access to a phone or her iPad. She said her stay at the Tucson resort was unplanned, and she went there after she was told her doctor had ordered her to rest.

Before that, she had been planning a cross-country RV trip to see her sons perform in concerts.

"While there was a telephone in my room, the telephone was not functioning and I could not dial out," she said in the documents. "In addition, there was no picture on the television in my room."

She told of asking repeatedly to have the TV fixed.

"One morning I woke up to the sound of the television," she said. "While there was no picture, I heard a broadcast that stated I was missing."

Her declaration was attached to papers filed in a request to be reinstated as guardian of Michael's children, Prince, 15, Paris, 14 and Blanket, 10. A judge granted the request and temporarily named her nephew, TJ Jackson, as co-guardian.

Superior Court Judge Mitchell Beckloff said last week that he didn't believe Katherine Jackson had done anything wrong but suspended her guardianship duties because she had been out of contact with her grandchildren for 10 days.

While at the resort, Jackson said, she was unaware that her lawyer had flown to Tucson to contact her and that her grandchildren were worried about her.

"While I was away, I had no reason to question whether the people with whom I placed trust would inform me that Prince,

Paris and Blanket were trying to reach me," she said.

She said she had asked about the children and was told they were fine.

"The day before I was brought home from Tucson, I was finally permitted to use the phone to speak with Prince, Paris, Blanket and TJ," she said.

In the aftermath of what her attorney Perry Sanders Jr. called "the chaos," Katherine Jackson asked for a meeting with the lawyer and TJ Jackson to find out what was going on.

As a result, she said she decided that TJ Jackson, who had been an unofficial co-guardian of the children, needed legal authority in case something happened in her

Beckloff said during a hearing after Jackson resurfaced that an investigator who looked into the children's care found that the late pop star's 82-year-old mother was an excellent guardian and the children love her very much.

"I think the kids are in terrific hands," the judge said. "It appears from the report that Katherine Jackson has done a wonderful job and cares about the children

very much."

Beckloff noted that the children also have a close relationship with their 34-year-old cousin TJ Jackson, who was named temporary guardian last week after working closely with Katherine Jackson since Michael Jackson died.

TJ is "incredibly respectful" of the family matriarch and she is respectful of him, the judge said.

Beckloff said he will finalize the arrangement later in the month but for now will issue letters of co-guardianship allowing both Jacksons to make decisions about the children's welfare.

TJ Jackson's new co-guardianship status is temporary, but the judge could make it permanent when he convenes the next court hearing on Aug. 22.

The shared guardianship plan is apparently designed to remove pressure from Katherine Jackson who was previously named in her son's will as the children's sole guardian.

Sanders has said the arrangement will allow her to focus on the children's upbringing and not on home or logistics issues.

Deciding the undecideds: Tough for Obama, Romney

PURCELLVILLE, Va. (AP) — Undecided voters in swing states hold the key to the presidential election, but neither Mitt Romney nor Barack Obama has an easy recipe for winning them over.

Friday's new jobs report, even if dismal for incumbent President Obama, might do little to help challenger Romney with this group.

Undecided voters interviewed this week said they place little importance on such statistics, even though both campaigns mine them for every possible advantage.

Instead, these voters want more details about Romney's economic proposals and Bain Capital record, less bickering between the parties and a greater sense of inspiration and leadership from both candidates.

Some of them acknowledge that's a vague wish list. But with less than a dozen states in play, and polls showing that about 10 percent of the electorate remains undecided, this sliver of hard-to-please Americans could decide the Nov. 6 election.

Scott Davison, who works at a bicycle shop in Purcellville, Va., is typical of on-the-fence voters interviewed this week in Virginia, Ohio and Florida. Romney has a chance to dissuade him from his inclination toward Obama, Davison said, but the former Massachusetts governor must offer more details about how he would improve the economy.

"I'm not seeing anything substantial that Romney has to offer," said Davison, 40, who lives in politically competitive Loudoun County. "I'm just seeing superficial stuff."

Davison, who studied economics at Colorado State University and weighs his words before speaking, said he puts

little campaign stock in monthly employment reports.

Elected officials, he said, "can help steer policy. But it's like the QE2. If you make a change up at the bow, it's going to take miles and miles to turn it around."

Forty miles south, in the Washington exurb of Manassas, Va., Chuck Neal is no fan of Obama, but Romney hasn't locked down his vote. TV ads criticizing Romney's time at the private-equity company Bain Capital have raised questions for Neal, 50, a manager at a busy millworking plant.

Romney has a record of "sending business overseas and taking it away from us," Neal said, reciting a theme from the frequently run ads, which Romney disputes. "We don't have a lot of good choices."

Mike McKenna, a Virginia-based Republican researcher who conducts focus groups of undecided voters nationwide, said he's not surprised by such comments. The barrage of Democratic TV ads attacking Romney's record at Bain, he said, "has done a lot of damage."

Virginia's unemployment rate is well below the national average. But Florida's is not, and the state still suffers from a collapse in housing prices.

Despite those differences, undecided voters in south Florida expressed many of the same sentiments as Virginians: a reluctance to read too much into monthly job reports and a hunger for more information about Romney's business background and economic plans.

Win Hoffman, 81, a retired architect from Lauderdale, said he watches the monthly jobs reports but they don't determine his vote for president.

"Neither candidate and neither party really has that much to say, or that much to do, about the economy," Hoffman

said. "Not even the chairman of the Federal Reserve has that much control."

"We can't control Greece and Portugal and Italy," he added. Hoffman, who registers as a Democrat but considers himself an independent, said he is not impressed by the fortune Romney made directing Bain Capital.

"Business success is often being in the right place at the right time with the right amount of capital," he said. "I'm more impressed with the worldly outlook that a presidential candidate can demonstrate to me — absolute sincerity for the welfare of this country and its citizens. And as of this moment, Governor Romney doesn't project that kind of attitude as much as President Obama does."

Hoffman said he is not personally affected by the economic slump. That's not the case, however, for Doris Morgan, 58, of Venice, Fla.

She was a social worker and administrative assistant before quitting work to care for her aging parents. She is now unable to find work outside of low-paying retail and restaurant jobs.

A disillusioned lifelong Democrat who's thinking of switching her registration to independent, Morgan said, "I'm not happy with either party. I don't think they represent my voice."

"They're constantly finding fault with each other instead of finding a solution," she said. She doesn't blame Obama, but she adds, "I'm not overwhelmed with his presidential presentation."

Morgan supported the 2010 health care law but questions the way it was written. Federal spending? She wants to see fiscal responsibility but worries about cutting back too much.

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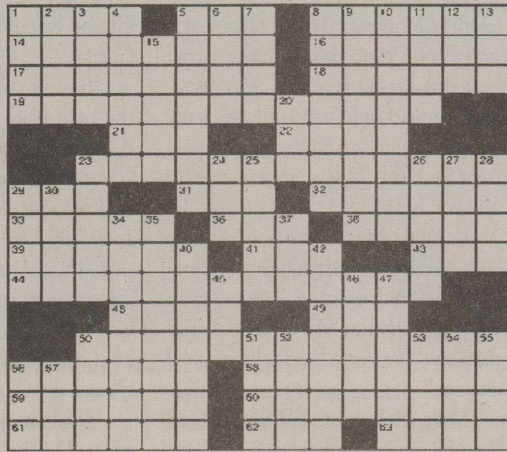
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Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

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 - Scorned paper
 - Ticket holder with a conflict, maybe
 - In opposition
 - Self-loathing direction
 - "Just curious"
 - Note sentiment
 - Novice chocolatier's lessons?
 - Pres. between JAG and GC
 - It might be closed due to flooding
 - Walks in the rain, vis-à-vis fair-day activities?
 - Med. land
 - ... he drove out of sight
 - Mena of "American Beauty"
 - Endured
 - Tar on a deck
 - Mantle's number
 - Hardly unexpected
 - Threw one's hat in the ring
 - Head start?
 - Vacations led by Twitter?
 - Internet game site
 - Balls: Hostess treats
 - Speaker's challenge
 - scrambled three times in this puzzle
 - Of an upper heart chamber
 - Tab, for one
 - Eyre's creator
 - "Enough already"
 - Luxury accommodations
 - Charles River sch.
 - Ocean current sources?



By Bruce Sutphin

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DOWN

- Dapper dressers?
- Say it is so
- ... off
- Where Olympus rises
- Make clearer, hopefully
- Baseball's Jesus
- Ibsen title character
- Dentistry number, familiarly
- Taking a break
- Graceful plunge
- Wait around
- Sitcom world
- CEO listing
- Occupied, as a desk
- Los Juegos Olímpicos prize
- Permed
- Physics unit
- Corp. change
- Pew areas
- Oldest Brady
- Bunch kid
- Rat
- Kid's comeback
- Get into a hold
- Tight game difference

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ADAM TWA
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- Moab
- Torch type
- Tip for a dealer
- Mideast filer
- Beams
- They may be sculpted
- 1989-'90 Broadway bloodrama
- Star Trek: T.N.G.' role

HIV vaccine plagued by price

By **BRYAN WASHINGTON**
THE DAILY COUGAR (U. HOUSTON)

A vaccine to the Human Immunodeficiency Virus, stemming from the productivity of Thailand's ongoing trials, is close to acquiring a license in the U.S. After years of trials, where it would be administered to every subject the distributor can get its hands on, the drug would then be inspected in line with its production notes, actual production and the inspection of its production facility.

Assuming that all of the guidelines were met, the vaccine would begin ascension into the market of commerce. The market is where the end of the line is drawn, and the final product becomes candy

for the eyes of affluent window shoppers, the key word being affluent.

Because despite the fact that HIV has been responsible for the decimation of several less prosperous Western civilizations and the deaths of an unquantifiable number of remembered and forgotten lives, the vaccine will remain inaccessible to most of the population. At least the working class.

The first step to scrapping an issue is acknowledging the problem itself. On paper, the notion looks enough like common sense to take for granted, but actually putting the method to practice proves otherwise. It's inconvenient, to say the least. And more so than just about anything else, it's this

reluctance toward acknowledgment that has made this month's HIV developments nearly obsolete for the general public — namely, a public that refuses to beg the question.

The short answer is that they won't be able to afford it. Although the incentive for the vaccine may have been the preservation of human lives, maintaining an uninterrupted production will force exorbitant prices coming out the gate. Six figures, at best, an entirely different tax bracket, at worst. And it's an ugly practice, because it has to be.

The price of creating the vaccine includes the costs associated with lab maintenance, worker pay, volunteer compensation and,

if necessary, debt control. Like student loans, each of these debts has to be paid, regardless of the consequences otherwise. The moral agenda is an important one, but even more important for the individual scientists is their ability to put dinner on the table. So, they'll split the difference the only way they know how: from the buyer.

Problem is, the groups that most need the drug won't be able to afford it. No matter how effective it proves, until the price point is addressed, the vaccine won't really exist at all. And although the common-sense solution might be clear, the acknowledgement of this inconvenience could be a harder pill to swallow than the cure itself.

Students divided on Chick-fil-A Appreciation Day

By **BLAIR STOKES**
FSVIEW & FLORIDA FLAMBEAU
(FLORIDA STATE U.)

Chick-fil-A corporation's president Dan Cathy recently confirmed the popular fast food company opposes same-sex marriage and other gay rights.

The company has consistently donated portions of their profits, including \$2 million in 2010, to faith-based organizations including the WinShape Foundation, the Marriage & Family Foundation, and Exodus International, according to reports by Equality Matters.

Students nationwide have reacted to the news, some in opposition, some in support of the company.

Cathy's words confirming the privately owned fast-food chain's support of a faith-based agenda were magnified when former Arkansas governor Mike Huckabee organized Chick-fil-A Appreciation Day to be held on Aug. 1.

Huckabee rallied supporters through

a Facebook event page, and over 570,000 people said they would attend. He encouraged Americans to patronize the restaurants as a show of support for Chick-fil-A's right to free speech and promotion of "traditional [Christian] values."

For Corina Delia, a rising senior at Florida State U., attended the appreciation day among long lines of supporters and said she heard of the event mainly through Twitter and Facebook.

"I'll support [Chick-fil-A]," she said. "And I love their food. I am a big private business advocate. I don't care what it is that they do with their money. Chick-fil-A is a private business."

But for FSU students, the Chick-fil-A debate extends past this one appreciation day—an on-campus location of the restaurant in coming soon.

The construction of FSU's Chick-fil-A will be in accordance with general student preference, considering results

from a referendum on the ballot during last spring's Student Government Association elections. The referendum challenged the restaurant and its leadership's views, but a majority of voters—over 60 percent—supported a Chick-fil-A on campus despite the corporation's controversial opinions.

Assistant Director of Pride Student Union Shantel Moten said she is disappointed that construction is moving forward with such support.

"This isn't about food, it's about combating a culture of bigotry," Moten said. "Chick-fil-A does not promote equality and actively works with other hate groups to disenfranchise the queer community. It's pretty upsetting to see one being built on my campus."

Moten views the construction of a Chick-fil-A on campus as offensive and insensitive to the LGBTQ community at FSU.

"It creates an atmosphere of intimidation," Moten said. "Our grievances are not being met with the appropriate action and it makes us feel like second-class citizens on our own campus."

While Moten and other members of Florida State's LGBTQ community are adamant in their disapproval of Chick-fil-A and what the company's social views are, students such as sophomore John Kim believe that this is a matter of plain legality, and that the company is within its rights do as they please with their revenue.

Kim believes Chick-fil-A will benefit the FSU community overall.

"[Chick-fil-A] is providing jobs and money for the school," Kim said. "Chick-fil-A is paying rent to the University and portions of the money will go to the University and Student Government, and that money can later be spent for the University."

Kim said since Chick-fil-A is a privately owned company, they are not obligated to act in the will of the general populous.

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