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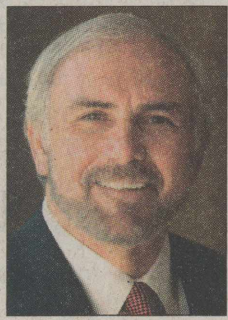
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Bailey discusses NCAA's Penn State ruling

By **CAITLAN OSBORN**
STAFF WRITER

Guy Bailey hosted a news conference Monday afternoon about the National Collegiate Athletic Association's sanctions of Penn State University's football program.

Penn State was fined \$60 million and is banned from competing for honors for four years, according to a statement released by the NCAA. The university will lose all wins from 1998-2011, and there is a four-year postseason ban, including for the 2012-2013 season. The number of football scholarships is limited for the next



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four years and there is a five-year probation of all Penn State sports. "Penn State's sanctions are both punitive intended to punish—and corrective, intended to remediate the 'sports is king' culture that led to failures in leadership," according to the NCAA's website.

The ruling comes after assistant coach Jerry Sandusky was

found guilty of 45 counts of sex abuse, having abused 10 boys over a period of 15 years, sometimes on Penn State's campus.

Bailey, a board member of the NCAA, said originally there were discussions of a \$30 million fine, but the group decided to raise the penalty.

"That's a pretty significant penalty and I can't think of a more significant penalty in the history of the NCAA," he said. "What the \$60 million fine does, that's the equivalent of all the revenue that football produces in a year. And then if you think of the scholarship reductions, the bowl ban for four years, that's a

really significant fine."

In his opinion, Bailey said, the decision was a suitable alternative to the death penalty, which bans a school from participating in a particular sport for at least one year, because it is specifically meant to punish the football program.

"I like this approach better," he said. "What you're trying to do is penalize, but you don't want to have any collateral damage. Think about a football weekend, there are a lot of people who own hotels, who own small restaurants and so forth. There's a community that depends on Penn State. If you eliminate football for a year, you've got all of those people

suffering too; that's collateral damage and you want to do your best to minimize that."

The sanctions are important for influential people to understand that university goals are more important than individual goals, he said.

"Individuals who are very successful get a lot of power and a lot of control, but you don't want to limit the success of an individual," he said. "What we want are individuals who understand how to use that power."

When asked why the NCAA became involved in a criminal matter, Bailey said it was about sending the biggest message.

"Sports programs are tremendous assets for institutions. What you can't do is let those assets run the institution," he said. "When you don't have sufficient institutional control of your athletics, that you're not reporting and dealing with the crimes, that is about as little institutional control as you can have."

"The key thing about the NCAA and about college athletics is that athletics needs to be subordinate to the academic mission and the overall mission of the institution."

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Weekend power outage affects city, businesses

Boil water advisory lifted Sunday

By **ASHLYN TUBBS**
STAFF WRITER

Fries sizzling. Burgers flipping. Cash registers opening.

It was a regular early morning Saturday at Whataburger, filled with customers hungry from a long night.

But at about 2:15 a.m., the lights began to dim, flicker and then turned off. As disgruntled customers held out their phones as a light source for the employees to continue their food service, they were unaware Lubbock was experiencing a citywide power outage.

An update issued from the City of Lubbock Power and Light identified the source of the outages as a lightning arrester failure out of the Wadsworth Plant at 34th Street and Guava Avenue.

All power was restored at 5:15 a.m., but consequences of the outage lasted much longer.

The City of Lubbock had to issue a boil water order because the outage created low water pressure that could potentially cause backflow. Citizens were told to take precautions and boil water for at least two minutes before consumption.

This directly affected many local businesses and restaurants because fountain drinks could not be served. Only bottled beverages were acceptable at the time.

IHOP was one restaurant that stayed open during the order, manager Jeremy Mendez said, but many adjustments had to be made.

"We had to go buy a bunch of products, like two new coffee machines that are more home-based because our coffee machine is hooked up to the water line," he said. "We bought bottled soda,

plastic silverware and paper plates and cups so we didn't have to wash any dishes with the water."

Alan Cushman, administrator of Tech Hospitality Services, said precautions were taken by shutting off fountain drinks, making sure ice was safe for consumption and boiling water used in food preparation.

"At hospitality services, we always take food safety very seriously," he said. "We have certain procedures in place to ensure safety to our customers, such as boiling the water. When situations like this happen, our management staff do an excellent job maintaining contact with supervisors and the directors of the department."

The order was lifted on 2:30 p.m. Sunday after the City of Lubbock received all negative results from the citywide tests of water.

"We were happy when the order was lifted because it was pretty hectic there for a while," Mendez said. "Coffee was taking forever."

Cushman said there are many instances, such as the power outages, that require Hospitality Services to prepare for the worst. "With food service, it doesn't matter if everything is shut down, people still need to eat and we understand that," he said, "so we have to be ready to make sure we can continue to provide that service to the university."

Editor's Note: There were recurring blackouts throughout parts of the city and Tech's campus during time of production. Afternoon and evening classes were canceled and Tech employees were told they could go home. More information will be posted to the web as it becomes available.

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Energy Expansion



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WINDMILLS LIKE THAT at the American Wind Power Center will be built at the new Scaled Wind Farm Technology at the Reese Technology Center in the fall.

By **CAITLAN OSBORN**
STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech is on its way to becoming a leading institute of wind energy research and is one step closer after breaking ground on its new testing facility.

Tech and its national partners broke ground on the Scaled Wind Farm Technology, or SWIFT, facility at Reese Technology Center July 17, with a goal of expanding wind energy research.

The university's partners include Group NIRE, a renewable energy development company, Sandia National Laboratories,

Tech, partners break ground on Scaled Wind Farm Technology

and wind farms," he said. "Once we can understand that we can make what we think are probably very significant improvements in the efficiency of the wind farm itself, rather than focusing on the efficiency of the individual turbines."

Eighty said the first three V27 wind turbines will be built this fall, with the potential to add seven more turbines. The purpose of the SWIFT facility is to study and test turbine-to-turbine reactions, instead of just focusing on an individual structure.

"What we're really hoping to be able to do is to bring a brand new understanding about how turbines affect each other in arrays

has been put into this over the last year-and-a-half and it'll be a unique facility in the world once it's built and running."

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"And, if we can improve the efficiency of the wind farm, then we have the chance to produce power at a lower price per kilowatt hour, which is what we're really trying to focus on."

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According to Sandia's website, the SWIFT facility's completion date is set for the end of fiscal year 2012.

Jonathan White, senior project leader for Sandia National Laboratories, said Tech's campus was an obvious choice for developing this project because of the university's 40-year history with wind science and engineering.

"It was a really good alignment between the staff and the program both here at Sandia and at Texas Tech," he said. "We felt that a fair amount of what Texas Tech was doing would be useful to the Department of Energy and wasn't really being used at the moment."

"In addition to that, they're one of the few places in the country that had such a tremendous wind resource. The wind in West Texas is of course quite good for wind energy, especially at the Reese Technology Center. Their

resources are quite phenomenal."

White also said because Tech had some wind energy technology developed, it was also more financially efficient to build the SWIFT facility at Tech than somewhere else.

John Schroeder, director of the Wind Science and Engineering Research Center and associate professor of atmospheric science, said the partnership will bring significant opportunities for education.

"The facility in itself is just a facility, but the research projects that come with it will impact the student population and the faculty as well," he said. "Right now to many people it's just a concept and a project that they've heard about for a long time and we've just now broke ground on, but once those turbines are in the ground and people begin to see them everyday and see some tangible progress, I think you'll see the excitement level really amp up pretty quickly."

White said Sandia's goal is to make wind energy a cheaper,

more available resource.

"Everything that we do is focused on driving down the cost of energy," he said, "trying to make wind energy less expensive — so more competitive with other sources of power. Our mission is to head toward the presidential goal of 20 percent wind energy by 2030, (meaning) 20 percent of all electricity in the United States grid is coming from wind turbines."

The new facility will provide opportunities to bring wind energy innovation to Tech and the West Texas area, Schroeder said.

"Many companies with ideas can bring those ideas forward, establish a presence in Lubbock, establish an even bigger presence in West Texas, and work with the university to develop those ideas, refine them and then test them at the facility and then put them into place," he said. "So it's definitely a big win for Lubbock, it's a big win for Texas Tech and it's a big win for wind energy long-term."

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Men sentenced under hate crime law in Houston case

HOUSTON (AP) — Three white men convicted of attacking a black man at a Houston bus stop last summer were given prison sentences on Monday ranging from 2 1/2 years to more than six years in the first Texas case to fall under a relatively new federal hate crime law.

Before being sentenced, Michael McLaughlin and Brian Kerstetter apologized for what they had done but insisted that they were not racist and that their actions were not motivated by white supremacist beliefs. The third defendant, Charles Cannon, did not speak during the court hearing but his attorney said his client was sorry.

Authorities insisted the actions of all three men had been motivated by

racial hatred.

"The jury found these three defendants attacked the victim in this case because of the color of (his) skin," said Robert Moosy Jr., acting section chief of the Department of Justice's Civil Rights Division's Criminal Section.

All three were each convicted in April under the Matthew Shepard and James Byrd Jr. Hate Crimes Prevention Act, passed in 2009 and named after two well-known hate crime victims.

The victim in the Texas case, Yondell Johnson, did not attend Monday's sentencing hearing. But Houston community activist Quanell X, a spokesman for the victim and his family, said Johnson was happy "that justice was served."

Kerstetter received the longest sentence — 77 months — from U.S. District Judge Kenneth Hoyt because of his long criminal history, including convictions for robbery and aggravated assault. Cannon received a 37-month sentence and McLaughlin was sentenced to 30 months. All three men had faced up to 10 years in prison.

The convicted men had approached Johnson in August 2011 at a bus stop and tried to intimidate him by taking off their shirts and showing him their white supremacist tattoos, Moosy said. When Johnson tried to ignore the men, they attacked him by punching and kicking his face, head and body after knocking him to the ground.

DIVE-IN DESSERT



PHOTO BY SCOTT MACWATTERS/The Daily Toreador

EMILY BARNHART, A junior restaurant hotel and institutional management major from Dallas, serves a cherry snow cone to Hongxia Guan, a chemistry professor from Western Illinois University, at the Leisure Pool on Friday before the Tech Activities Board's Dive In movie event.

Security tight at Holmes court appearance

CENTENNIAL, Colo. (AP) — Security was tight Monday outside the courthouse where the suspect in the Colorado theater shooting was set to make his first appearance.

Uniformed sheriff's deputies were stationed outside, and deputies were positioned on the roofs of both court buildings at the Arapahoe County Justice Center in Centennial, south of Denver.

James Holmes is being held in solitary confinement in jail on suspicion of first-degree murder. He will be moved to a nearby courtroom for the hearing, where he will hear the

pending charges against him. Prosecutors will have 72 hours to file formal charges.

Authorities say Holmes is refusing to cooperate and that it could take months to learn what prompted the attack that killed 12 and injured 58 moviegoers at a Batman film premiere.

Holmes grew up in San Diego. He enrolled last year in a neuroscience Ph.D. program at the University of Colorado-Denver, but school officials say he recently left the program.

Nineteen-year-old Marqee Phillips, a friend of shooting victim A.J. Boik, came to court hoping to get a seat to

watch Holmes' appearance. Phillips was watching "The Dark Knight Rises" on a nearby screen the night of the shooting and rushed to the rampage site before the shooter left.

"I want to go see him and see his face. I seen his eyes through that mask," Phillips said. "I want him to see the pain in our eyes, to see what we're going through."

Phillips said he's had recurring nightmares about Holmes since Friday.

"Maybe it will put some kind of peace to me to think, OK, they got him, they got him, they got him," he said.

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Owner Jones in win-now mode with young coach

IRVING (AP) — Jerry Jones senses a shrinking window of opportunity for his Dallas Cowboys to contend for a championship with core players Tony Romo and DeMarcus Ware in their prime.

At the same time, the vicious owner who himself turns 70 this fall knows Jason Garrett has only taken "just the first few steps" as coach.

For the Cowboys, who have been distinctly average over a long period of time, that seems to present an interesting contradiction: Jones wanting to win now, yet with the Ivy League-educated former backup quarterback going into only his second full season as a head coach at any level.

"With his intellect and with his passion and his temperament, he's an overachiever, but a smart one," Jones said. "No question he's learning on the job, but we don't have the luxury of paying too high a price for that. ... He's got the right stuff to effectively learn as he goes, at the same time coach at a level that can get us where we want to go this year."

The Cowboys are back in California this summer for training camp. Their first practice is next Monday.

This year marks the 20th anniversary of the 1992 season when Dallas won the first of three Super Bowls in a four-year span early in Jones' ownership. Garrett backed up Hall of Fame quarterback Troy Aikman for the latter two of those titles.

Over the past 15 seasons and six

coaches, though, the Cowboys have a 120-120 record in regular-season games. Their only postseason victory in that span was 2009, the last time they got in the playoffs.

Garrett, 13-11 since moving up from offensive coordinator to head coach midway through the 2010 season, understands Jones' sense of urgency.

"The urgent word is an important word to us in this organization for a lot of different reasons," Garrett said. "The word urgent means to make it important. The people who are really good at what they do in life make what they're doing important. That's something we emphasize around here regardless of anyone's age, any window that we have."

Dallas was 8-8 last season, losing four of its last five games in what Jones has called probably his most disappointing and frustrating season since buying the team in 1989. Especially since Romo, who was in the 2003 rookie class with tight end Jason Witten, had one of his best overall years (4,184 yards passing with 31 touchdowns and 10 interceptions).

Despite their late-season slide, the Cowboys still could have won the NFC East. But they lost the season finale at the New York Giants, who clinched the division title at 9-7 and went on to win their second Super Bowl in five years.

"I expect us to learn from that and improve," Jones said. "We've been try-

ing to address the areas personnel-wise, be attentive to what happened to us last year, but we've got to also keep in mind, when you win nine games you can be world champion."

The Cowboys were quite defensive this offseason, acquiring cornerback Brandon Carr, safety Brodney Pool and linebacker Dan Connor in free agency. They then used five of their seven draft picks on players for defensive coordinator Rob Ryan, even trading up eight spots to sixth overall and giving up their second-round pick to get All-American cornerback Morris Claiborne from LSU.

When Ryan took over last year, he had to install his schemes during training camp without the benefit of any offseason workouts because of the NFL lockout. The Cowboys were still improved, and perennial Pro Bowl linebacker Ware, who turns 30 at the end of July, had 19 1/2 sacks in his seventh season.

Laurent Robinson left in free agency after a breakthrough season with 11 touchdown catches, so the Cowboys need to find a third receiver behind Miles Austin, who missed six games last year with separate hamstring issues, and Dez Bryant.

That was complicated even more when Bryant was charged with family violence after being accused of attacking his mother during an argument July 14. It was unclear if Bryant would face any discipline from the NFL or the Cowboys.

Bryant had 63 catches for 928 yards and nine TDs last season after his injury-shortened rookie year in 2010. Until his arrest, Bryant had kept the focus on football, seemingly absorbing himself in the playbook, watching film and working on his conditioning.

DeMarco Murray is healthy after missing the final three games of his rookie season with a broken right ankle, but still leading the team with 897 yards rushing. The Cowboys also still have former first-round pick Felix Jones, a big-play threat.

Even with the returning offensive linemen, there will be a different look with the tackles switching sides.

Tyron Smith moves to the left as Romo's blindside protector after starting all 16 games as a rookie last season on the right side, where Doug Free returns. Free-agent veteran guards Mackenzy Bernadeau and Nate Livings got multiyear deals to be starters.

The Cowboys open this season where they ended the last one. They are in the NFL's prime-time kickoff game, at the Giants on Wednesday, Sept. 5.

"I'm excited about having the opportunity to go back to that position to play the team that obviously ended up winning the Super Bowl," Romo said. "There is motivation to have a great season this year, there is motivation to accomplish certain goals that you set out that you haven't yet. Each time you step out here that is what you are thinking about."

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Puzzles by PageFiller

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Bailey also acknowledged the decision would remove Penn State's late head football coach Joe Paterno's designation as winningest coach.

"That in itself tarnishes his legacy," he said. "The end of his term as coach will always be associated with this. I don't think that will ever go away. So it certainly, I think, tarnishes the legend. How history sees this, your guess is as good as mine."

Bailey said he does not know how the ruling will affect the student population at Penn State, but imagines there are many football fans who will stay loyal to the university, despite its hardships.

"What you do in a situation like this, and I think Penn State will do it, is you recognize that there is a significant issue and what you try to do is try to improve it, try to make it better," he said. "And you don't make it better by staying away, you make it better by being a part of the solution. If you take that approach I think something positive can come out of it."

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Texas A&M dedicates biodefense center

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — Texas A&M University on Monday dedicated the first element of its new national biodefense center where researchers are to work on strategies to respond to bioterrorism and swiftly develop vaccines for a pandemic or some chemical, biological or nuclear threat.

The A&M Center for Innovation in Advanced Development and Manufacturing is the first of five facilities being developed by the school's partnership with the federal government, other academic institutions and private firms. It is one of three such national centers. Others are in Maryland and North Carolina.

"This is a problem solving endeavor," Brett Giroir, vice chancellor for strategic initiatives of the Texas A&M University System, said. "These are not minimal problems. These are big important problems for the country. And we're going to bring everybody to the table we can ... to solve the problems and protect public health."

Texas A&M System officials have described the project as the largest federal investment in the state since NASA in the 1960s. Texas has committed \$40 million to the nearly \$300 million project on the A&M campus in College Station. The federal government is contributing \$176 million.

"What this center will provide is not only the ability to take research and technology and make it into products but also become honor and duty," Robin Robinson, director of the Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority at the U.S. Department of Health

and Human Services, said. The A&M System, which includes 11 universities and 120,000 students, has projected the long-term investment in the billions of dollars under a contract that could last 25 years with the Department of Health and Human Services.

Robinson, joined by U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison and top school officials, cut a ceremonial Aggie maroon ribbon to mark the opening.

The center is tasked to use what A&M describes as "rapid, nimble and flexible approaches" to come up with vaccines against pandemic influenza; devise accelerated methods to develop those vaccines to licensure; develop therapies for chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear threats; and train "the next generation of professionals" to sustain the nation's capability in those areas.

Officials showed off labs where research already is focused on cancer-fighting drugs and where students can learn how to use the latest research equipment.

A unique warehouse-size structure where the air is filtered to remove microscopic particles and where people entering labs don protective garb to minimize what officials called "bioburden" will hold up to 20 mobile "clean rooms" the size of trailer homes costing up from \$750,000 apiece. Six of the labs, which can float on a cushion of air like a puck on an air hockey table, already are in operation.

If a pandemic or bioterror attack occurs, the place is designed to suspend its day-to-day work, be reconfigured easily and focus entirely on finding and making

a vaccine to combat the threat. The goal is to provide a vaccine in 12 weeks, about half the time it took researchers in 2009 to address the H1N1 — or swine flu — pandemic. As many as 50 million doses would then be manufactured within four months.

"Research is very important," Robinson said. "It is the lifeblood of what we do in America. Here this center has to do more than research. It has to produce. And that's a real dilemma one has going forward, when there is a real attack on America, be it Mother Nature or other terrorists. And you have to it and have to do it now."

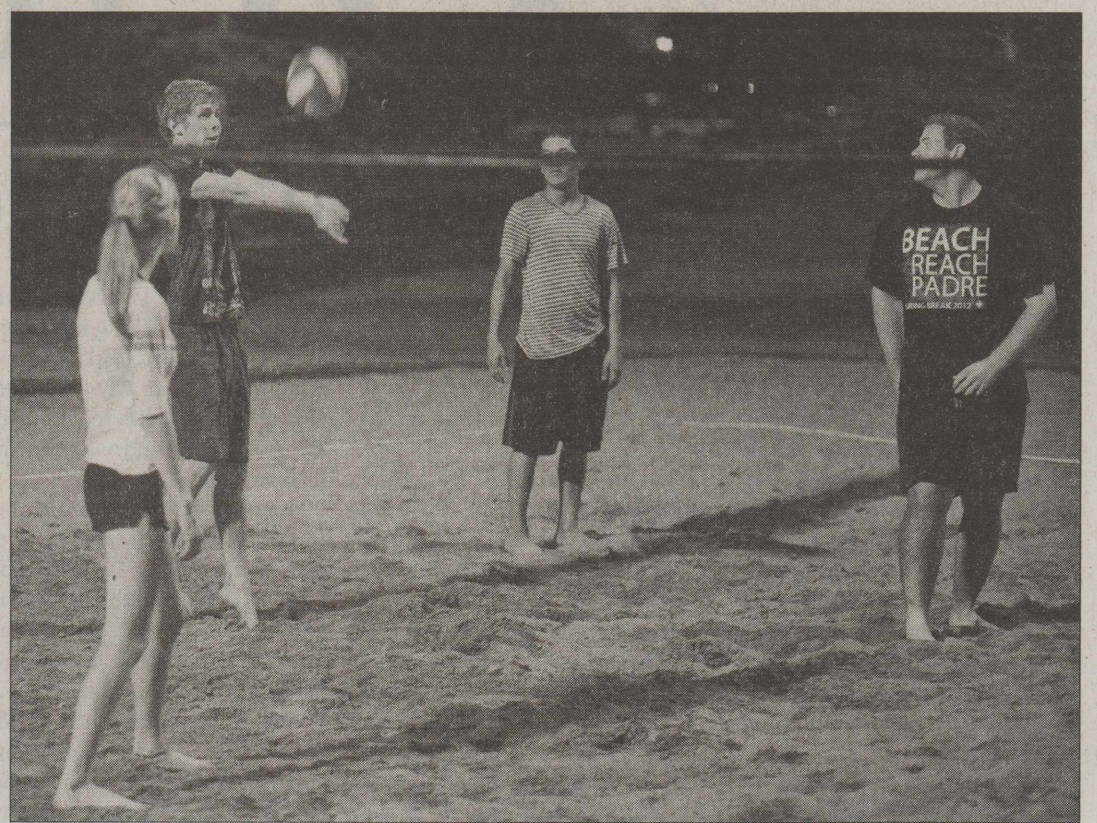
Giroir said Texas A&M has already seen potential to apply the work to more general public health needs such as personalized cancer vaccines. He said the work "will have a profound transformational effect on the rest of pharmaceutical development."

"We're really privileged to be part of that," he said.

Texas A&M is partnering with Belgium-based pharmaceutical giant GlaxoSmithKline's facility in Pennsylvania and more than 20 other public and private research organizations, companies and academic institutions from across the U.S.

In 2010, President Barack Obama said he wanted the country to develop a new plan for a better and quicker response to bioterrorism threats and attacks. The move came after the Commission on the Prevention of Weapons of Mass Destruction Proliferation gave the government a failing grade for its efforts to prepare for and respond to a biological attack.

SAND SPORTS



TIMOTHY GILES, A freshman economics major from Rockwall, bumps the volleyball Friday near the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center.

Man confesses in Texas to 1970s Oregon slayings

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — A 63-year-old man with a long criminal record has been arrested in Texas after police said he confessed to two Oregon homicides committed in the 1970s.

Portland detectives arrested Jeffrey Paul Cutlip over the weekend in Brownsville, Texas, police said Monday.

Authorities said he admitted his involvement in two slayings — one in 1975, the other in 1977. However, authorities haven't released the names of the victims or other information about the crimes.

Cutlip is being held in jail in Cameron County, Texas, awaiting extradition to Portland.

"It's always good to close a cold case, make an arrest, give closure to people's families," said Sgt. Pete Simpson, a Portland police spokesman.

Oregon Department of Corrections records show Cutlip has spent most of the past three decades behind bars, in and out of prison for crimes including sodomy, burglary and robbery. He was required to register as a sex offender following a 1982 sodomy conviction. State sex offender records label him a "predator" and say he targets adult female strangers using threats and weapons to gain compliance.

Cutlip was initially charged with several offenses in 1982 and ended up pleading guilty to burglary and sodomy for crimes committed in 1978 and 1982, respectively.

In the 1982 case, a lawyer for Cutlip wrote that Cutlip had a history of mental problems and was admitted to a mental hospital several times since the 1960s, according to Multnomah County court records. The lawyer

wrote that Cutlip was taking medication for manic depression.

Brownsville police spokesman Billy Killebrew said Cutlip called police Saturday and later came in to speak with investigators. Portland detectives flew in Sunday to check out his stories.

Brownsville authorities said he confessed to killing four people. Simpson declined to release any information about what Cutlip has told detectives, including any motive for coming forward or whether he is being investigated for other crimes. He also did not explain why Cutlip was arrested for two crimes rather than four. Simpson said he wasn't sure whether victims' families had been notified of Cutlip's arrest.

Brownsville police arrested Cutlip in April for failing to register as a sex offender, Killebrew said. He told police he'd lived in the area for about a year.

Pipelines unhappy with Texas eminent domain ruling

AUSTIN (AP) — Pipeline operators and landowners called on Texas lawmakers Monday to clarify eminent domain laws following a recent court decision that has thrown that authority into question.

Representatives for pipeline companies complained that the Texas Supreme Court decision to give landowners the power to challenge a company's right to condemn property to make way for a pipeline has injected uncertainty into the industry. Before the court ruling, the company only had to check a box on a permit application to the Texas Railroad Commission to prove it should have the authority to force people to sell their land.

"To go to a policy change that would make this a judicial review (instead of an administrative one) ... could severely impede the development of pipelines in this state," said Greg Schnacke, a representative for Plano-based Denbury Associates, which lost the Supreme Court case.

part of her land for a pipeline. She complained that no state agency is thoroughly vetting whether pipelines actually qualify under Texas law for eminent domain authority as a common carrier. A common carrier is a pipeline that transports substances to or for the public and are for hire by the public. The pipeline must not operate solely for

the company that owns it to have eminent domain powers.

"The process lacks real oversight by any empowered and engaged state agency," Crawford said. "Why is it my responsibility as a Texas landowner to make a foreign corporation prove critical elements that should be step one in the state permitting process?"

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Boy Scouts decide to exclude LGBTQ

By AARON KOENIG
THE DARTMOUTH (DARTMOUTH COLLEGE)

As a former Eagle Scout, I was shocked to learn of the Boy Scouts of America's decision to uphold discriminatory membership standards that exclude LGBTQ youth and volunteers from the organization. I protest the unwillingness of the National Executive Board to make the deliberation of its review committee public, which has only promoted inaction on this issue and discredited scouts everywhere.

Scouting in my local troop has had an indelible influence on my life, and I am grateful to the adult leaders who mentored me, taught me and dedicated their time and effort to assist in opening doors

to the outdoors, to community service, to their work places and to fun. Scouting introduced me to other people my age and kept some of us together for over 10 years.

Scouting can be a wonderful influence on the lives of young people. It encourages children to be active in their communities, to find role models and to become connected with nature. The organization is composed of over 2.7 million youth members, each of whom is in the process of maturing into a man. To ostracize any one of them (which the organization has done directly in the past) on the basis of his developing sexual identity, or to passively highlight his "deviation" from the norm of behavior in scouting is

unconscionable. The BSA should look to its (independently operated) counterpart, Girl Scouts of America, to learn what it means to be tolerant of differences while advocating for and empowering its members.

Instead, the BSA continues to conflate homosexuality with pedophilia among its adult volunteers, whether the BSA will admit to it or not. This is an unworthy slight, and discourages parents who are active as scout leaders from valuing their child's chosen identity in the private "introductions and discussions" the BSA suggests that parents have with their children about sexuality. Moreover, the organization has well established existing safeguards to protect its scouts, such as two-deep adult leadership and extensive youth protection training.

The BSA believes that it is speaking for a majority of parents and volunteers in its decision. This may be true, but the BSA has not made its process open to input, instead falling back on cryptic and discouraging statements like "the introduction of a resolution is procedural and handled with respect but does not indicate the organization is 'reviewing a policy' or signal a change in direction."

The 10th point of the Scout Law states that scouts are brave, and yet its national leadership is not. Those individuals hide behind the 2000 Boy Scouts of America vs. Dale court decision that allows the BSA, as a private organization, to set its own membership policies for the protection of its "expressive mes-

sage." According to the Supreme Court, I have been affiliated with an organization for most of my life that has anti-LGBTQ advocacy as a primary reason for its existence. Lord Baden Powell, founder of the scout movement, would be surprised.

My troop was privileged to have its meeting place in a local elementary school. I participated in the Eagle Project of a scout who organized a birdhouse-building project for students. If homophobia continues to define national BSA policy, however, valuable partnerships between public schools and local scouting will be put into jeopardy. The New York City public school system barred its doors to scout troops in the wake of BSA v. Dale, and more bans will surely be implemented this year. It would make me angry to see my own troop become a pariah and lose some of the respect that the Boy Scouts have traditionally been accorded as a result of the closed-door decisions of a small committee.

I feel that I can no longer publicly associate myself with the BSA. When — and I believe the change to be inevitable — the BSA amends its membership policy, I will be its foremost advocate. Eagle Scouts are told regularly that the responsibilities of the rank do not end with adulthood, and I do not intend to absolve myself of my duty. For my love of scouting, and per my duty as a lifelong scout, I intend to protest the policies of the national organization until they change. I encourage other people whose lives have been touched by scouting to do the same.

Psychological study sheds light on links in knowledge

By ALEX RAISCH
DAILY TEXAN (U. TEXAS)

A memory means more than a record of events and might even influence how humans perceive and interpret new information to make decisions, according to a new U. Texas psychology study.

Alison Preston, assistant professor of psychology and neurology, led the study on human memories appearing in the July issue of *Neuron*, a scientific journal. To conduct the study, Preston and a group of UT researchers showed people a series of images with a group of objects and then showed them the same objects, but paired them off in different ways.

The team then analyzed the subjects' brain activity using an MRI to evaluate how the brain reacted to the changing visuals. Preston said her research demonstrates that linking knowledge across different experiences enhances people's ability to make novel inferences about the relationships among different events. "Let's say you just moved. One day, you see a woman leaving the apartment next door, the day after, you see a man leaving the apartment next door. You

may infer they are a couple, even if you never saw them together," said Dagmar Zeithamova, co-author of the study and researcher at UT's Center for Learning and Memory. "Previously, we knew you can make such inferences by using logical reasoning, putting the two pieces of information together. However, in this study, we show that your memory is set up to make such inferences for you."

Additionally, Zeithamova explains that the process of memory making is the bridging of new and old experiences. "When you have a new experience that somehow overlaps with what you already know, your prior knowledge is brought back to your mind and you form a new memory that is already con-

nected to your prior memories," Zeithamova said.

Another takeaway of their research was a new perspective on memories. "Our memories do not necessarily reflect the exact events that happen to us," Preston said. "These techniques provide evidence that learning may be an individualized process that depends on the unique experiences of the person,"

Preston said she hopes their work could be used to develop educational strategies to enhance learning in practical settings, such as the classroom and the medical field.

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ALISON PRESTON
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