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The Panther

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High school student tweets before suicide

By Troyla Washington
Managing Editor

Many students resort to social media to vent or to share with their followers the details of their everyday life, but what happens when a social network becomes a cry for help that ends as a suicide letter?

Ashley Billasano, a senior at B.F. Terry High School in Rosenberg, Texas, tweeted 144 times about a suicide attempt before successfully committing suicide. Prior to the last two tweets foreshadowing her death, she told twitter followers that she had been forced into prostitution by her father and was also forced to be intimate with him on many occasions.

She shared with her followers her deepest secrets of betrayal, insecurities, and her first experience with cutting herself to cope with the pain.

Billasano's unique approach to ending her life gained national attention as Twitter and Internet users everywhere buzzed about the incident.

The morning after her death Twitter users everywhere viewed her profile, gained access to her personal life, and read tweets about the last moments of her life.

According to the Fort Bend County sheriff's department, she committed suicide by a method of suffocation that she learned via Youtube.

In response to the action, the 100 Collegiate Women of America at Prairie View and several administrators are participating in the To Write Love on Her Arms movement to raise awareness on Nov. 11.

Pageant fever reigns

By Jordan Alexander
Panther Staff

Aaron Fowler and Natalie Berry were crowned Mr. and Miss University College at the annual University College Pageant hosted by the University College staff Nov. 3.

The 1920s Harlem Renaissance theme kept the audience engaged during the pageant. Students competed in three categories: fashion, talent, and question and answering. The judges were Phillip Wade and DJ Mr. Rogers.

Aaron Fowler, a freshman civil engineering major, said, "I was very excited to hear my name called. I felt on top of the world."

Natalie Berry, a freshman pre-nursing major, said, "Winning made me very excited about the rest of my first year here. To see my parents there to support me made it that much sweeter."



By Michael Wiggins The Panther

Freshmen royalty: Berry and Fowler were enthused to be victorious.

Parking regulations altered

Student decals required, non-student parking prohibited

By Ryan J. Rudd
Editor in Chief

Prairie View A&M University's Department of Public Safety in conjunction with American Campus Communities officials have implemented new parking procedures to ensure optimal safety during the homecoming week-long festivities.

According to a statement released earlier this week, all vehicles entering housing areas must be authorized by valid parking decals. Vehicles may only be parked in areas indicated by decals.

Sergeant Frank Wallace said, "Homecoming week always attracts people from outside the university. In many cases, when a disturbance occurs, it is caused by a visitor. We are taking additional precautions to ensure the safety of everyone participating in homecoming festivities."

The new procedures also state that no guest will be allowed to enter housing areas during homecoming weekend. All residents desiring entry into housing areas will have to present student identification cards to DPS officers on site. Checkpoints will be set up at each drive-in entrance and walk-in gate checking for valid decals and student identifications. Checkpoints will officially be activated at 7 p.m. Thursday evening and will continue until the weekend ends.

Commuter students with valid decals will be allowed entry to main campus parking lots designated for commuter parking. Drivers without decals will have to pay a \$5 fee for a one-day parking pass. All drivers requesting a tailgating parking pass will have to pay a \$10 overnight fee. All RVs will have to pay \$35 for a one-day tailgating pass.



By Marcus Williams, The Panther

Access denied: Without a valid student identification card or proper decal, those wishing to enter housing areas will have a hard time getting access.

Homecoming bliss approaches

Students express excitement toward week-long festivities

By Robert Walker
Panther Staff

Students, alumni, faculty, and staff at Prairie View A&M University have officially began the countdown to homecoming week 2012 which carries the theme, "Celebration."

Traditionally held in October, the week-long festivities begins on Nov. 13 with the Annual Gospel Explosion in the Opal Johnson-Smith Auditorium, and will be topped off by the highly anticipated Rick Ross concert featuring Chrisette Michelle on Nov. 18, and homecoming football game versus Alabama A&M Nov. 19.

The homecoming committee in partnership with participating faculty members have been organizing and scheduling the fall homecoming.

Student Government Association Comptroller Chardenay L. Bagsby, chairwoman of the homecoming committee, said: "Homecoming is a time when we celebrate what the university was, is, and will be in the future. We tried to incorporate everyone, alumni, student organizations, and all departments, in the homecoming event schedule to ensure that everyone has a good time. I hope everyone enjoys attending these events just as much as we enjoyed planning them."

Senior interdisciplinary studies major Brittani Stokes said, "I'll be performing at the step show, but I am definitely looking forward to tailgating and the game, but not the tent party, I feel that's for lower classifications."

Brandon Green, a community assistant in University College, said, "The fall 2006 homecoming was the most memorable and monumental, it was my first homecoming as member of Kappa Alpha Psi, I could never forget tailgating that year."

Burn ban lifted

By Troyla Washington
Managing Editor

Homecoming tailgaters will parade in excitement after the Waller County burn ban was lifted Nov. 3.

The burn ban has been in place since April but Mayor and Fire Chief Frank Jackson is allowing residents to barbecue and tailgate.

The decision was made based on the improvement of weather conditions; however there are strict guidelines in place to ensure safety.

Those participating in tailgating are asked to keep a close watch over all barbecue grills, gas cookers, and electric skillets.

Bonfires or anything of similar fashion are prohibited, and tailgaters are advised to properly dispose of all materials.

Failure to abide by tailgating guidelines will result in fines and the removal of barbecuing privileges all together.

Student Government Association President Jarren Small said, "Tailgating is a part of the homecoming tradition at PVAMU, it affects the overall spirit of the event. I'm glad that we will all have the opportunity to 'Celebrate the Spirit' to the fullest."

Senior Lauren Robinson said, "During homecoming we're able to fellowship with alumni from all over. It's a way to meet new people while enjoying food, fun, and tradition."

Tradition plays a major role in homecoming festivities at PVAMU. This year will usher in a new tradition, as the Pre-Alumni Association will host "The King of the Hill Cook Off," an event that will allow tailgaters to showcase their grilling skills for the chance to win prizes as well as bragging rights for the year Nov. 19.

Sunday - 11/13
Panther prep day, MSC @ 11 a.m.
Gospel explosion, MSC @ 7 p.m.
Monday - 11/14
Black cat cafe, MSC @ 7 p.m.
Tuesday - 11/15
Lunch with the president, MSC @ 11 a.m.
Entertainment night on the hill, MSC @ 7 p.m.
Wednesday - 11/16
Humpday on the hill, Alumni Field @ 12 p.m.
Mr. & Ms. Coronation and ball, MSC @ 7 p.m.
Thursday - 11/17
Panther statue dedication, MSC @ 3 p.m.
Tent party, Alumni Field @ 9 p.m.
Friday - 11/18
BET Black college tour, MSC @ 12 p.m.
Homecoming concert, Baby dome @ 8 p.m.
Saturday - 11/19
Football game, Blackshear Stadium @ 2 p.m.
Step show, Baby dome @ 8 p.m.

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Thurs Nov. 10	Fri Nov. 11	Sat Nov. 12	Sun Nov. 13	Mon Nov. 14	Tue Nov. 15	Wed Nov. 16
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PV Dps Blotter

Prairie View A&M University
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
SAFETY
Police Blotter

Information obtained in this report has been reported to dispatch and officers responded to these calls.

Week of Sunday, Oct. 30 to Saturday, Nov. 5

Sunday, October 30

- 5:28 a.m., Officer was dispatched to University Village Apartments #2013 in reference to a possible burglary. Burglary report generated.
- 4:04 a.m., Officer was dispatched to a possible burglary of a motor vehicle at Hobart Taylor. Report generated.
- 7:11 a.m., Officer was dispatched to assist the City of Prairie View at the entrance to the campus.
- 2:31 p.m., Officer responded to a fire alarm call located at MSC. Smoke due to Dining Hall. Officer cleared call.
- 3:44 p.m., officer advised dispatch out on a motorist assist near the basketball court at University Village Apartments Phase I.
- 9:51 p.m., Officer was dispatched to University College in reference to vehicles parked illegally. Officer cleared call with no issues.

Monday, October 31

- 8:09 a.m., Officer responded to a burglary alarm located at the University Village North Apartments. False Alarm.
- 11:06 a.m., Officer responded to a medical call at University Village Apartments #1823 chest pains. Patient transported to North Cypress Hospital.
- 8:16 p.m., Officer met with subject who walked into the police department to report lost keys. Information only at this time.
- 9:04 p.m., Officer was dispatched to Blackshear Field on a medical call. No transport.
- 9:50 p.m., Officer was dispatched to a disturbance at University Village Apartments #416. Suspects gone on arrival. Returned to service.
- 9:55 p.m., Officers responded to a fight in progress at the basketball courts at University Village Apartments Phase I. Subjects gone on arrival. Out clearing property.
- 10:01 p.m., Officers were dispatched to University Village North Apartments #2525 in reference to a disturbance involving two females. Situation settled on scene by CA.
- 11:25 p.m., Officers responded to females fighting AT University Village North Apartments. Officer's clears call no problems.

Tuesday, November 1

- 12:03 a.m., Officer responded to University College in reference to lost property. Report generated.
- 7:06 a.m., Officer responded to Dooley Street in the City of Prairie View in reference to a recovered golf cart.
- 10:18 a.m., Officer met with complainant who walked into the police department in reference to a possible harassment. Report generated.
- 11:18 a.m., Officer advised dispatch of a motorist assist at the Engineering Building.
- 9:28 p.m., Officer responded to a medical call, possible asthma attack at University College Building 43. No transport.

Wednesday, November 2

- 12:06 p.m., Officer responded to a medical call at University Village Apartments #314 person fainted. No transport.
- 5:43 p.m., Officer was dispatched to Wilson Building in reference to a student causing a disturbance. Officer escorted student off campus.
- 5:59 p.m., Officer assisted with a March Rally thru campus.

Thursday, November 3

- 1:45 a.m., Officer responded to a alarm call at University Village North Apartments clubhouse. Door found to be open. Secured and returned to service.
- 6:37 a.m., Officers provided an escort from University Village North Apartments to Hobart Taylor.
- 7:58 a.m., Officer was dispatched to a minor vehicle accident with no injuries. Report generated.
- 10:33 a.m., Officer responded to a vehicle accident with no injuries at Anne Preston St. Report generated.
- 1:13 p.m., Officer met with complainant who walked into the police department to report a stolen wallet. Report taken.
- 3:06 p.m., Officer assisted Student Conduct on an issue with a student off campus in the City of Prairie View.
- 7:39 p.m., Officer provided a courtesy escort from University Village North Apartments to The New Science Building.
- 8:04 p.m., Officer was dispatched to a medical call at University Village Apartments in reference to a man fell. Subject left scene.
- 11:37 p.m., Officer responded to a dispute at University Village Apartments #532 at the request of the CA. Officer cleared call. Situation handled by CA.

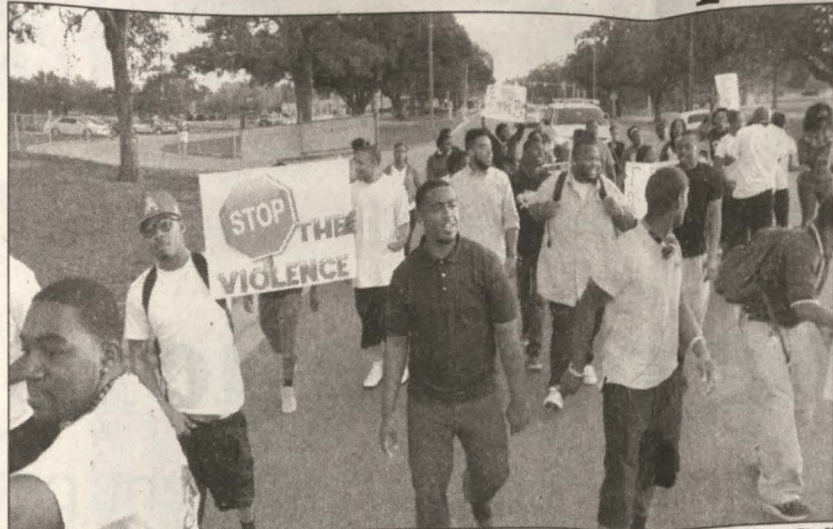
Friday, November 4

- 11:54 a.m., Officer was dispatched to a vehicle accident near the Post Office.
- 2:46 p.m., Officer met with subject who reported a missing gate card. Subject called back after giving information found card.

Saturday, November 5

- 3:06 a.m., Officer was dispatched to University College in reference to an intoxicated person unconscious. Subject was transported to Cypress Hospital.
- 10:38 a.m., Officer was dispatched to University College Building 45 Room 208 in reference to a possible criminal mischief. Report taken.
- 12:53 p.m., Officer was dispatched to New Science Building on a fire alarm. No fire. Returned to service.
- 2:06 p.m., Officer was dispatched to a medical call at University Village North #2926. Subject was transported by private auto.

Greeks unite campus



By Pierre Shepherd, Panther Staff

Showing unity to bring unity: The students marched through the campus promoting harmony.

By Pierre Shepherd
Panther Staff

The Greek organizations united with the general student body in a march for peace Wednesday.

Using music to catch the attention of the students on campus, the participants advocated for the violence to stop.

Member of Omega Psi Phi, Inc. Herrell Washington said, "The point of the march was to bring awareness to the Prairie View campus, Waller County, and surrounding areas as well as anyone who has been affected by acts of violence."

Several fraternities, sororities, honor societies and clubs were

in attendance for the march to show unity and cohesiveness among the leaders of the campus.

Shawn Gore, a Kappa Alpha Psi, Inc. member stated, "The march showed unity and no matter who you are and what organization you're a part of, we all can come together as one influence. We want the campus to make wise choices, stop violence and black on black crime to preserve our race as beautiful people."

Starting out with only 50 students there were approximately 200 students accounted for before the march ended.

The event was sponsored by the Rho Theta chapter of Omega Psi Phi, Inc.

Career office talks money



By Marcus Williams, The Panther

Not rich, wealthy: The participants received booklets from Gray on how to eliminate debt and preserve wealth.

By Ridge Fields-Cooper
Panther Contributor

"Dude, Where's My Money?" was the title of the professional breakfast hosted by Glenda Jones, director of career services, and her staff Thursday.

MetLife financial representative Bruce L. Gray spoke to students about managing their money and enhancing their standard of living.

The purpose of the program was to enhance students' knowledge on debt management and educate them on wealth creation. Among students in attendance were members of Brothers Leading and Cultivating Knowledge, the Purple Jackets, the Collegiate 100, Students in Free Enterprise and members of the

university's honors program.

Jones said, "Programs with corporate professionals as this one are uncommon. Students should not only appreciate the learning opportunity, but also look forward to more programming like this each semester."

Jarren Small, Student Government Association president and member of BLACK, said, "The program gave me a better understanding of how to manage my debt while in college and to work toward creating wealth upon graduating from college."

Gray said, "As a graduate of Prairie View A&M University I want to make sure our graduates are aware and have a better understanding of how to manage their money."

Students seek internships

By Robert Walker
Panther Staff

The Career Services and Outreach Office hosted a fair emphasizing jobs and internships.

Companies in attendance were Enterprise, International Paper, Sulzer, Exchange Army & Air Force Service, Members Services Organization, INROADS, Dream Foundation and police departments.

Professionals were able to explain the details of their businesses and depict the different services they provide. INROADS explained that students from any major meeting the minimum 2.8 GPA requirement can use their resources to search and apply for various jobs and internships.

Junior civil engineering major Celina Akitoye said, "It's nice that we don't necessarily have to go look for internships because our university helps us. They're preparing us for the future."

Top medical schools visit Prairie View



By Shanai Gibson, The Panther

Future doctors: The conference hosted speakers on appropriate topics.

By Ashley Baldwin
Panther Contributor

The hallways in the E. E. Obanion building were bursting with students eager to gain knowledge on professional health opportunities at the Health Professions Conference Friday.

Representatives came from top schools all over the nation, such as the University of Texas Medical Branch and Chicago State University, to speak about their health programs.

Ariel Morrow, a junior biology major, said: "The event turned out much better than expected. It was successful because of the hard work and determination of the biol-

ogy students. This is just one step in our journey to becoming successful health care professionals."

Morrow and junior biology major Sonya Wolf began planning in December and pushed to turn the event into a reality.

George Brown, biology professor, said, "The idea came from the students and was executed by students. The main message that we are trying to get across to the students is that they have to bury the word can't."

Janette Dumas, assistant professor at Southern College of Optometry, said: "I wanted to expose students to a career in optometry. Many times underrepresented minorities are not aware of this exciting field."

New inductees in three honor societies



By Marcus Williams, The Panther

The new kids on the block: Eta Sigma Gamma plans to educate the community on relevant health issues.

By Dontrelle Caldwell and Scheane Brown
Business Manager and Copy Editor

The Epsilon Epsilon chapter of Eta Sigma Gamma and the Omicron Omicron chapter of Lambda Pi Eta are looking to make a name for themselves on the hill while Beta Gamma Sigma international business honor society held its fifth induction ceremony Nov. 3 at Prairie View A&M this semester.

The newly established chapter of the national health education honorary Eta Sigma Gamma was founded Nov. 2.

After a two-year absence, the local chapter of the Prairie View communication honor society Lambda Pi Eta made its return as an active organization on campus.

Beta Gamma Sigma is af-

filiated with the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business, which is the most prestigious accreditation body for business schools in the world. Less than a third of all business schools worldwide are AACSB accredited.

"Our goal this year is to bring some cohesiveness to our department," said junior communications major and member of Lambda Pi Eta Vesma Pennant. "We want the university to know what communication majors are all about and how much we really do. We are constantly showcasing our talents and we want people to know it's us."

The dean of the College of Business, Munir Quddus, said "My expectations for these students are high, I would like for them to be active role models for the rest of the COB students."

ANNOUNCEMENT

During Homecoming 2011, Vehicles entering the housing areas will need to have a **VALID CURRENT DECAL**. Students can only park in locations indicated by decal.

Checkpoints will be set up at each entrance and walk-in gate checking for valid decals and student identifications.

No guest will be allowed in the housing areas during the homecoming weekend!!!

Have a safe and wonderful Homecoming weekend!

Department of Public Safety / American Campus Communities

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Weekly Update for Freshmen

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Houston attorney pushes probation for Murray



Courtesy of Associated Press/Getty Images

Innocence denied: Defense attorney Ed Chernoff's closing arguments were not enough to convince a jury that Conrad Murray was innocent of involuntary manslaughter.

By Allan Turner
Houston Chronicle

One day after a Los Angeles jury convicted his client of giving pop superstar Michael Jackson a lethal dose of anesthetic, Houston defense lawyer Edward Chernoff Tuesday launched a painful legal postmortem to determine what went wrong in one of the most sensational, media-charged celebrity cases in recent history.

"The biggest challenge was that they wanted and needed a conviction," Chernoff said, identifying the "they" as "the majority of individuals in Jackson's life."

On Monday, the seven-man, five-woman jury found Houston cardiologist Dr. Conrad Murray guilty of involuntary manslaughter in Jackson's death.

In less than two days, they sifted through 22 days of testimony from almost 50 witnesses.

Mayor Annise Parker Wins Second Term in Office

By Chris Moran
Houston Chronicle

Annise D. Parker won a second term Tuesday as mayor of the nation's fourth-largest city, narrowly avoiding a runoff despite having no well-funded or well-known opponents and spending \$2.3 million to promote herself to Houston voters this year.

Most close political observers considered Parker a prohibitive favorite against five challengers. Parker took office two years ago at a time when the tanking economy drained millions from the city's income stream as tax collections plunged. She tackled a \$100 million budget shortfall by laying off more than 750 city workers, consolidating departments, raising fees and cutting deals to put off some of the city's bills until better times. She did so without raising taxes or laying off any firefighters or police officers.

"I had five opponents. Plus, I had the economy, and that was a tough opponent," Parker said in her victory speech.

Only 13 percent of the city's registered voters cast ballots in the mayoral election. The lack of a competitive mayor's race, the absence of a talk-of-the-town proposition like last year's red-light camera measure, the city's changing demographics and even the rainy weather may have contributed to a turnout that was 60,000 votes short of the total for the race two years ago.

All results are unofficial.

Murray, 58, faces up to four years in prison.

"Let me put it this way," Chernoff said. "We're going to try to convince the judge that probation is the appropriate sentence."

Pledging to appeal the conviction, Chernoff said Monday's verdict devastated the physician. "He never contemplated being convicted," the lawyer said.

Jackson, 50, died in June 2009 after being administered the potent anesthetic, propofol, the so-called "milk of amnesia," as a sleeping aid.

Murray had been retained as the musician's private physician on a salary of \$150,000 a month.

"There's not another case like this," Chernoff said in describing the media frenzy surrounding the trial. "My paramount concern was that the whole trial had the feel of a television show rather than a trial and I think that's a shame."

Chernoff unsuccessfully at-

tempted to have jurors sequestered and television cameras barred from the courtroom.

"We spent a long time to get a juror that hadn't developed an opinion based on publicity, and with a lot of the jurors that we ultimately had to agree on, we couldn't be sure that they essentially weren't being influenced in that regard," Chernoff said. "... We never knew what was going on outside with the jurors and possibly never will know."

Chernoff noted that jurors reported to the court that they had been contacted by media. Not being sequestered arguably left jurors vulnerable to outside influences, he said.

"Why put jurors in that situation?" Chernoff said. "Think of the pressure. How would they come back and say 'not guilty.'"

Jurors, he said, had a "hard, hard job and they did an admirable job."

Joe Frazier dies at 67 of cancer



Courtesy of Associated Press

The undisputed champ: "Down goes Frazah! Down goes Frazah!" screamed a sportscaster at the March 1971 fight.

By Dan Gelston and Tim Dahlberg
AP Sports Writers

PHILADELPHIA (AP) -- Joe Frazier had to throw his greatest punch to knock down "The Greatest." A vicious left hook from Frazier put Muhammad Ali on the canvas in the 15th round in March 1971 when he became the first man to beat him in the Fight of the Century at Madison Square Garden.

"That was the greatest thing that ever happened in my life," Frazier said.

Frazier, who died Monday night after a brief battle with liver cancer at 67, will forever be associated with Ali. No one in boxing would ever dream of anointing Ali as The Greatest unless he, too, was linked to Smokin' Joe.

"I will always remember Joe with respect and admiration," Ali said in a statement. "My sympathy goes out to his family and loved ones."

They fought three times, twice in the heart of New York City and once in the morning in a steamy

arena in the Thrilla in Manila in the Philippines. They went 41 rounds together. Neither gave an inch and both gave it their all.

In their last fight in Manila in 1975, they traded punches with a fervor that seemed unimaginable among heavyweights. Frazier gave almost as good as he got for 14 rounds, then had to be held back by trainer Eddie Futch as he tried to go out for the final round, unable to see.

"Closest thing to dying that I know of," Ali said afterward.

Ali was as merciless with Frazier out of the ring as he was inside it. He called him a gorilla, and mocked him as an Uncle Tom. But he respected him as a fighter, especially after Frazier won a decision to defend his heavyweight title against the then-unbeaten Ali in a fight that was so big Frank Sinatra was shooting pictures at ringside and both fighters earned an astonishing \$2.5 million.

The night at the Garden 40 years ago remained fresh in Frazier's mind as he talked about his life, career and relationship with Ali a few months before he died.

Texas lawmakers push for tax reform in 2013

By April Castro
Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) -- Legislative leaders warned Tuesday of a bleak future for Texas roads, water supplies and other basic needs if steps aren't taken to ensure the state has the money to maintain them.

Tax reform is expected to be a major yet contentious issue for the 2013 Legislature.

A House committee started work on the issue last week with a meeting to study the effectiveness of the state's tax structure and various exemptions in the law.

Challenges to the business tax and school funding plan have already been filed in court.

Speaking to a meeting of a tax policy association, Republican Sen. Tommy Williams implored the group to "have an honest look in the mirror about" the challenges and tough choices the Legislature faces.

The state is running out of money and options to build new roads and maintain existing ones, he said.

The state's water management plan also is without a long-term funding source.

Any increase in taxes will face ardent resistance from fiscal conservatives.

"I ask for your help in having an honest conversation with the public ... about the infrastructure needs of our state," Williams said. Otherwise, he said, the future won't be "rosy" for future generations.

Republican Sen. Steve Ogden, who led the Senate's budget-writing efforts, suggested the state

let the voters decide about new taxes through a series of constitutional amendment propositions to override a ban on certain types of taxes at the state level.

"In the areas of school finance, in the area of the state business tax, in the area of highway funding, we need to let the people tell us what they want," Ogden said. "It's not important whether they say yes or no, what's important is that they answer the question."

For schools, he suggested scrapping the current school finance system and replacing it with a state-wide property tax to eliminate disparities in levels of funding across districts.

For new highways, he suggested a new tax on debt service to pay off road bonds.

If voters reject it, "their answer is 'we like the roads the way they are,'" Ogden said. "So quit complaining about traffic."

The state's business tax, which was adopted in 2006 under a court order to fix the school finance system, has yet to meet revenue projections.

"We've got basically a ... poor state business tax now because we believe that the constitution prohibits us from levying an income tax on the income of limited liability partnerships," Ogden said. "We ought to ask the people of Texas if they'd like to scrap the current franchise tax and allow us to levy an income tax on all businesses that receive some sort of legal protection from the state of Texas."

"And their answer ... whatever the answer is, it will give the Legislature guidance."

Rapper Heavy D dies at age 44



Courtesy of Getty Images

Last time to shine: Rapper Heavy D performs at the BET Hip Hop Awards 2011 on Oct. 1 in Atlanta.

By Alan Duke
CNN

LOS ANGELES (CNN) -- Rapper Heavy D collapsed in his Beverly Hills home Tuesday morning and died a short time later at a Los Angeles hospital, according to police and the coroner. He was 44.

Heavy D, whose real name is Dwight Arrington Myers, was found conscious with difficulty breathing at his home after police were called there at 11:25 a.m., the Beverly Hills police said in a news release.

He was pronounced dead in the emergency room at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center on Tuesday afternoon, according to Los Angeles County coroner's operations chief Craig Harvey. The cause of death has not been determined, Harvey said.

While his hip-hop recording career began in 1987 with his group Heavy D & the Boyz, his breakthrough hit came in 1991 with a remake of the O'Jays' "Now That We Found Love."

Heavy D's rapping was fea-

tured on Janet Jackson's 1990 hit "Alright."

He rapped on Michael Jackson's 1991 hit "Jam," which he performed at last month's Michael Jackson tribute show in Cardiff, Wales.

He also composed and performed the theme songs several television shows, including "In Living Color," "MADtv" and "The Tracy Morgan Show."

His last CD, "Love Opus," was released this year.

Heavy D also pursued an acting career, which included mostly roles on TV shows and movies.

He played a courthouse guard in the Eddie Murphy film "Tower Heist," released last weekend.

He used his Twitter account Monday night to express sadness about the death of boxer Joe Frazier:

"SMOKIN JOE FRAZIER..RIP.. truly one of the best heavyweight champs that ever lived.. GODS SPEED,MR FRAZIER!"

Heavy D's last Twitter message, posted late Monday, was: "BE INSPIRED!"

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Team Stat Comparison

	PVAMU	Texas St
1st Downs	28	17
Total Yards	424	331
Passing	124	206
Rushing	300	125
Penalties	8-49	6-82
3rd Down	12-22	5-13
4th Down	0-1	0-2
Turnovers	1	0
Possession	31:39	28:21
Passing Leaders		
Prairie View A&M/C/ATT YDS		
AVG	TD	INT
Lovelocke	13/34	124
3.6	1	0
Texas State C/ATT YDS		
AVG	TD	INT
Arndt	13/18	121
0	0	6.7
Rushing Leaders		
Prairie View A&M/CAR YDS		
AVG	TD	LG
Lovelocke	14	103
7.4	0	44
Groover	19	85
4.5	1	24
Texas State CAR YDS		
AVG	TD	LG
Curry	9	78
8.7	1	16
Franks	16	56
3.5	0	9
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Prairie View A&M/REC YDS		
AVG	TD	LG
Thurmond	4	68
17.0	0	19
Nelson	6	50
8.3	1	17
Texas State REC YDS		
AVG	TD	LG
Harper	4	66
16.5	0	34
Bolden	4	63
15.8	0	40
Scoring Summary		
FIRST QUARTERPV TXST		
TD	10:37	Shau n
Rutherford 5 Yd Run (Will Johnson Kick)	0	7
TD	07:03	M a r -
cus Curry 11 Yd Run (Will Johnson Kick)	0	14
TD	05:30	S p e n -
cer Nelson 17 Yd Pass From Jerry Lovelocke (Pat Failed)	6	14
FG	03:17	W i l l
Johnson 49 Yd	6	17
SECOND QUARTER PV		
TXST	TD	08:51
Le'Darryae Groover 11 Yd Run (Christopher Barrick Kick)	13	17
THIRD QUARTER PV		
TXST	FG	10:26
Christopher Barrick 31 Yd	16	17
FG	02:50	Christo-
pher Barrick 22 Yd	19	17
TD	02:37	I s a i a h
Battle 93 Yd Kickoff Return (Will Johnson Kick)	19	24
FOURTH QUARTER PV		
TXST	TD	13:08
Anderson 7 Yd Run (Christopher Barrick Kick)	26	24
TD	10:16	T i m
Hawkins 4 Yd Run (Will Johnson Kick)	26	31
FG	05:33	W i l l
Johnson 42 Yd	26	34

Prairie View falls to Texas State on the road Panthers drop under .500, SWAC chances slip

By J.O. Malone
Sports Editor

Prairie View A&M fell 34-26 Saturday to Texas State in an offensive battle.

The Panthers out-gained the Wildcats in total yards 424-to-331 while also achieving more first downs and won the time of possession, 31:39-28:21.

Texas State jumped out to a 14-0 lead over the Panthers with two rushing touchdowns early in the first. The Panthers answered back with a hook up between receiver Spencer Nelson and quarterback Jerry Love Locke on a 17 yard touchdown.

Lovelocke started and played the entire game while completing 13-of-34 passes for 121 yards and a touchdown.

He also led the team in rushing with 103 yards.

The game seesawed back and forth throughout the contest with the Panthers looking at a game tying drive with one minute remaining on the game clock in the fourth.

Faced with a fourth and long with 26 seconds left Lovelocke looked for receiver Gabe Dunlap for the first. Dunlap was unable to come down with the ball after a big hit in the air.

Prairie View A&M defensive end Adrian Hamilton picked up his 17th sack of the season.

Hamilton leads the SWAC in sacks and is three away from breaking the all-time football championship subdivision record held by Alabama A&M product and Indianapolis star defensive end Robert Mathis.

Hamilton leads the nation, including both the FCS and FBS schools in total sacks.

With the loss, Prairie View falls to 4-5 on the season. The Panthers will step back into SWAC play next Saturday afternoon with a match-up at Alcorn State.



Courtesy of CHANDLER PRUDE

Still in the running: The Panthers drop behind Grambling State in the West standings after close lost to Texas State this weekend.

Lady Panthers battle the Rice Owls

By J.O. Malone
Sports Editor

The Lady Panthers basketball program will face off against cross-town opponent Rice University this Friday in the Billy J. Nicks Building.

The program is coming off an other SWAC championship, their fourth in the past five years and hope to repeat with the a brand new team.

Head coach Toyelle Wilson said, "We are excited about the new group of kids that we felt would continue the history this season. We have high expectations and recruited kids that know what it takes to be winners."

Wilson also said, "I think anything is possible. Just because we are young does not mean we can't win it. It will take discipline, dedication, and focus to get down the system and execute in all year. We don't let our team ever think any less than being number one."

The Ladies lost last year's, SWAC Freshman of the Year award winner Sarria Soliz to an unexpected pregnancy.

Wilson said, "It is a tremendous loss to replace her but we have kids in here that bring some of the same assets to the table.

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Courtesy of Sports Information

Players TO WATCH

Returner Latia Williams (preseason 1st team all conference), Jeanette Jackson (freshman pg), Kiara Etienne (Jr. college transfer JUCO all American), Michaela Burton, and Chelsea Azore.

Coach Paterno's future in doubt Paterno's tenure at Penn State left uncertain after major allegations

By Jack Carey and Carolyn Pesce, USA TODAY
STATE COLLEGE, Pa. -- Coach Joe Paterno canceled two public appearances Tuesday as another alleged child abuse victim came forward, a congressman called for an investigation into the enveloping scandal and three news outlets reported the legendary coach's tenure could soon be over.

Three days after a child sex abuse scandal engulfed Penn State, support for Paterno was eroding and another potential victim contacted authorities in the case against former defensive coordinator Jerry Sandusky.

Sandusky, 67, was arrested Saturday, charged with 40 counts of and charged criminal counts over allegedly molesting eight boys over a 15-year period, including subjecting children to sex acts in the football team's showers on campus.

Lt. David Young, a state police criminal investigation su-

pervisor, said Tuesday that investigators took a statement from a ninth alleged victim, a man who contacted the department Sunday after seeing media accounts of Sandusky's arrest.

State authorities have urged any additional victims, or anyone with information that might help their investigation, to contact police.

The Patriot-News of Harrisburg which first reported that the man had come forward, said he is in his 20s, knew Sandusky from The Second Mile charity that Sandusky had started and had never told his parents or authorities about the alleged encounters from about a decade ago.

Young declined to release the man's name or provide details about what he claims occurred.

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Headlines

The New England Patriots on Tuesday released Haynesworth just a few days after the underperforming defensive lineman clearly struggled in the third quarter of Sunday's loss to the New York Giants. After getting overpowered by Giants guard David Diehl on a 10-yard touchdown run by Brandon Jacobs with 9:10 remaining in the quarter, Haynesworth did not see the field the rest of the game.



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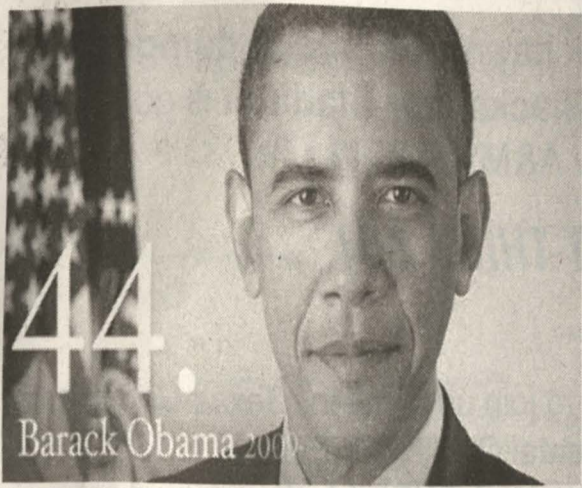
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A message from the Oval Office

Over the last few weeks, I've had the opportunity to get out of Washington and talk with folks across the country about how we can create jobs and get our economy growing faster.

This is a tough time for a lot of Americans – especially young people. You've come of age at a time of profound change.



The world has gotten more connected, but it's also gotten more competitive. And for decades, too many of our institutions – from Washington to Wall Street – failed to adapt, culminating in the worst financial crisis and recession since the Great Depression.

For the last three years, we've worked to stabilize the economy, and we've made some progress. But we still have a long way to go. And now, as you're getting ready to head out into the world, many of you are watching your friends and classmates struggle to find work. You're wondering what's in store for your future, and I know that can be scary.

The truth is, the economic problems we face today didn't happen overnight, and they won't be solved overnight. But the fact that

you're investing in your education right now tells me that you believe in the future of America. You want to be a part of it. And you know that there are steps we can take right now to put Americans back to work and give our economy a boost.

The problem is, there are some in Washington who just don't share that sense of urgency.

That's why it's been so disappointing to see Republicans in Congress block jobs bills from going forward – bills that independent economists say could create millions of jobs through the kinds of proposals supported by Democrats and Republicans in the past.

Now, the best way to attack our economic challenges and put hundreds of thousands of people back to work is through bold action in Congress.

That's why I'm going to keep demanding that Members of Congress vote on common-sense, paid-for jobs proposals. And I hope you'll send them a message to do the right thing for your future, and the future of our country.

But we can't wait for Congress to do its job. So where they won't act, I will. That's why, I've announced a new policy that will help families whose home values have fallen refinance their mortgages and save thousands of dollars. We made it easier for veterans to get jobs putting their skills to work in hospitals and community health centers.

And at the University of Colorado at Denver, I announced steps we're taking to make college more affordable and to make it even easier for students like you to get out of debt faster.

Michelle and I know what it feels like to leave school with a mountain of debt. We didn't come from wealthy families. By the time we both graduated from law school, we had about \$120,000 worth of debt between us.

And even though we were lucky enough to land good jobs with steady incomes, it still took us almost 10 years to finally pay it all off. It wasn't easy.

Living with that much debt forces you to make some tough choices. And when a big chunk of every paycheck goes towards student loans, it isn't just painful for you – it's painful to our economy and harmful to our recovery.

That's why we're making changes that will give about 1.6 million students the ability to cap their loan payments at 10 percent of their income starting next year. We're also going to take steps to help you consolidate your loans so that instead of making multiple payments to multiple lenders every month, you only have to make one payment a month at a better interest rate. And we want to start giving students a simple fact sheet called "Know Before You Owe" so you can have all the information you need to make your own decision about paying for college. That's something Michelle and I wish we had.

These changes will make a real difference for millions of Americans. We'll help more young people figure out how to afford college.

We'll put more money in your pocket after you graduate. We'll make it easier to buy a house or save for retirement. And we'll give our economy a boost at a time when it desperately needs it.

That's not just important for our country right now – it's important for our future. Michelle and I are where we are today because our college education gave us a chance. Our parents and their generation worked and sacrificed to hand down the dream of opportunity to us.

Now it's our turn. That dream of opportunity is what I want for my daughters, and for all of you. And even in these tough times, we are going to make that dream real once again.

In the weeks ahead, I'm going to keep doing everything in my power to make a difference for the American people – including young people like you. Because here in America, when we find a problem, we fix it. When we face a challenge, we meet it.

We don't wait. And I hope you'll join me.

- Barack Obama
44th President of the United States

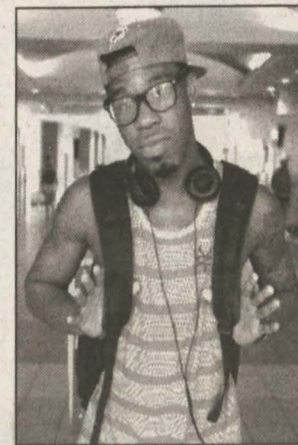
PURPLE & GOLD POLL

How are you going to set your homecoming out?



"Since greek life is back and I am now greek, I plan to set my homecoming out with parties, the stepshow and tailgating with my sorority. Skee-Wee!!! AKA!"

Taylor Thomas
Business Marketing
Senior



"All I know is that it's finna be too LIVE! The parties, Rick Ross concert what more can I say? We In That Thang!!!"

Nicholas Hudson
Business Manager
Junior



"I've definitely spent all year waiting for homecoming to arrive because there's no homecoming like PV's! I plan to set it out with poetry night, stepshow of course, the game and non-stop parties! YOUUUU KNOWWWW!"

DeJaune Bickham
Civil Engineering
Junior



"Well, since this is my first homecoming ever and I haven't really got to enjoy myself yet because of school and track, I plan on doing everything! Every party, show, concert whatever, I'm in there with my G.A.T. and I'm definitely ready to rep my school to the fullest. It's about to be a real good week!!!"

Ugonna Okpala
Biology
Freshman

By: Marcus Williams

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"It would be perfectly safe for our youth to enter the colleges of our land if they were converted every day; but if they feel at liberty to be off guard one day, that very day Satan is ready with his snares, and they are overcome and led to walk in false paths— forbidden paths, paths that the Lord has not cast up.... Those who have the spirit of God, who have the truth wrought into their very being, should be encouraged to enter colleges, and live the truth, as Daniel and Paul did. Each one should study to see what is the best way to get the truth into the school, that the light may shine forth. Let them show that they respect all the rules and regulations of the school. The leaven will begin to work; for we can depend much more upon the power of God manifested in the lives of His children than upon any words that can be spoken. But they should also tell inquirers, in as simple language as they can, of the simple Bible doctrines. But I scarcely dare present this method of labor, for there is danger that those who have no connection with God will place themselves in the schools, and instead of correcting error and diffusing light, will themselves be led astray. But this work must be done, and it will be done by those who are led and taught of God. —Manuscript 22a, 1895."

QUESTIONS?

1. Who's going to see Farrakhan today?
2. Who isn't going because they're a Christian?
3. Who isn't going to wear their bow tie for fear of being mistaken?
4. Will the football team beat out Alcorn State this weekend?
5. So will the Sigmas and Alphas be coming back now that the assistant director's spot is vacant?
6. Will the Kappas get their house back in time for homecoming?
7. Will #19 be coming back for the festivities as well?
8. Speaking of festivities, will Shipley's be out of donuts when the Kappas come back for homecoming?
9. Are we going to need a dog kennel for all the strays that will be out for their centennial?
10. How many of the 100 collegiate women are trying to be on this Delta line?
11. Will their flowers be red instead of purple?
12. Are the Zetas the realest on the yard?
13. What does that say about the yard?
14. Will the K's finally get a taste of reality when their old heads come back?
15. Can you say "THE REAL K's are COMING?"
16. So who is about that Iota line and will that ONE person be at the Iota interest meeting?
17. Who noticed we only talked about 8 of the Divine 9?
18. Who's really ready to set their homecoming out?
19. How "real" is Jay Real for trying to anonymously submit all 20 questions?
20. If your still reading, what do you think?

Submit via facebook, twitter, or drop box on MSC first floor.

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