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Supreme Court Bans Juvenile Executions

BY KEVIN HARRIS

The Supreme Court ruled 5 to 4 yesterday in favor of banning juvenile executions, retroactive to any crimes committed before the 1986 age of 18 when the court ruled juvenile execution unconstitutional. The case involves 45-year-old John Allen Muhammad of Washington, D.C., and 44-year-old Lee Boyd Malvo of Manassas, Va. The trial begins in Virginia today.

William H. Rehnquist, Antonin Scalia and Sandra Day O'Connor joined the majority.

Of the 72 cases thrown out as a result of yesterday’s ruling, the most prominent is that of Lee Boyd Malvo, 17-years-old at the time he and 44-year-old John Allen Muhammad went on a killing spree throughout the Washington D.C. area. Prosecutors in Virginia wanted to seek the death penalty against Muhammad, but said after yesterday’s ruling it would be pointless. Malvo still faces trial in several other states.

The ruling further limits the restrictions placed on states when determining who is eligible for the death penalty. In 1988, the court outlawed executions for juveniles 10 and younger.

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In a 5 to 4 ruling, the Supreme Court decided yesterday to outlaw juvenile executions.

Bryant Settles Suit With Accuser

BY KEVIN HARRIS

Basketball superstar Kobe Bryant agreed Tuesday to settle a civil lawsuit against him by a Colorado woman who alleged he raped her in June 2003.

Bryant’s lawyers, as well as the Los Angeles Lakers, denied the incident on the day the NBA News reported that a meeting between both parties’ attorneys is expected to take place later this week to establish the details of a settlement. The deal could be signed as early as Friday.

Sources told ABC News that the accuser is seeking financial compensation for emotional and physical injuries she suffered as a result of the alleged rape, which she claims took place in June 2003. In addition, the attorney’s attorney said she wants compensation for public humiliation the accuser says she has faced.

Practice for the Lakers was canceled Tuesday following breaking news of the impending settlement. On Wednesday the Los Angeles Lakers will play the Boston Celtics in Boston.

Speculation that Bryant would settle began Monday when the NBA’s Superdome suddenly cancelled his deposition with the accuser’s attorneys, L. Lin Wood and John Cisz. Wood said the deposition was not called off until he arrived in Orange, County Calif., to interview Bryant. U.S. District Judge Richard Matsch said attorney could question Bryant about his past sexual history.

The deposition, which is a pretrial meeting where attorneys question someone involved in a lawsuit before a trial begins, would have been the first time Bryant spoke under oath about the alleged rape. Though an official agreement has yet to be released, legal analysts speculated Tuesday that a deal is almost certain.

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Walking through the yard on my given day, one is forced to smell one of the most recognizable smells in any courtyard.

Almost all city dwellers, at the least harmful of illegal substances, there may now be a list between marijuana and a .

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No Call, No Show Graduate Candidate

BY CHRISTINA W. WRIGHT

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I’d stop smoking at the side effects were serious. The second Tommerson Electrokate speaks. It proved to be the exact opposite of the first, with a total of six attendees and a missing candidate.

Law student Allan Ruth, a Graduate Trustee candidate, did not show up at the Law School yesterday for his first speech of the year.

No reason was given for the candidate not showing up,” said John Shasanmi, director of District Judge Jeff Baynes. "No reason was given for the candidate not showing up,” said John Shasanmi, director of District Judge Jeff Baynes. "No reason was given for the candidate not showing up.”

The meeting will address the issue, but we are not sure if there will be a fine at all,” Shasanmi said.

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Puff, Puff, Pass...Out?

BY VASSIME PARRISH

Nancy Howard student uses marijuana as a source of relaxation from the hardships of everyday life.

He also lost some of his hearing, in addition to engaging in heavy drinking and smoking and incurred damaged tissue in the brain. While the risks are obvious, certain Howard students do not see them similarly enough to stop smoking.

"Yes, I am using it now," said Melissa Phillips, a junior classics major. "Sure, I think smoking if I felt like the side effects were serious. However, they’re not — this is a way to relax. I’ve never had any problem with it."
GA Club Gets ‘Down and Dirty’ with Relationships

BY LAUREN STEPHENS

This winter, birds were not the only things to fly south for the winter. Apparently, chivalry resides well below the Mason-Dixon line too.

A panel discussion called “Does Chivalry Exist Beyond the Mason-Dixon Line?” attracted approximately 25 students to engage in a panel of one male and female from each region.

“This is the second annual relationship forum for Georgia week, we wanted to do a forum that would benefit Howard societi- ty from a regional perspective,” said sophomore administration of finance major Nataly Badisch, vice president of the Georgia club. “We wanted to do a dis- cussion that was relevant to the entire campus community but with a purpose mission as geo- graphical organization.”

The discussion began with the issue of chivalry and moved on to a variety of topics including misconceptions about relationships on Howard’s campus. When was the last time,

“Unfortunately, a leader,” she said. “I believe that it is a step in the right direction to improve relationships between black males and females.”

“I think it was eye-opening and it was a good prelili- nary to getting to know Black brothers and sisters to meet each other halfway in rela- tionships. More talks like that are needed,” said freshman pub- lic relationship major Leonard Mohammed.

Other students in attendance believe that the discussion was an opportunity for male and females to openly discuss their various views.

“This is a good opportunity for people to talk about, but we never really have the opportu- nity to talk about in a group setting,” sophomore accounting major Shonie Johnson said. “It was a good opportunity to get a response from the opposite sex.”

Georgia Week will continue simultane- ously with the annual “Put Yo’ Hood Up!!” State Club Talent Show at 7 p.m. in the Blackburn Center East Ballroom.

Plans to Uplift School of Communications Discussed

BY SHAYNA RUDY

The John H. Johnson School of Communications held its first speak out for the upcoming elections Tuesday at 7 p.m. Although the turnout was scarce, it didn’t stop the candidates from bringing all the information to help the student body make the best decision on March 24.

The year, running for president under the platform of elevation, is sophomore legal communications major Brandon Wallace. “Elevation” is about “bringing the School of Communications to a new level of excellence, paying homage to the past and where we came from, but building a brighter future.”

“The School of Communications is going downhill, and we need to do a lot of work to bring it back to what it used to be,” Wallace said. Wallace hopes to improve the facility, student relationships, marketing and improve the traditions of the Student Advisory Office. It is not an option for students to have an appointment with their own advisor,” Wallace said. “You have to come to the office and wait. My time is too valuable, and I know that yours is too.”

Working alongside Wallace on the elevation platform is sophomore legal communication major Jennifer Owens for vice president.

“If we’re president, you must be a liaison for the students and the administration,” she said. Owens has worked in the School of Communications office for the past three semesters as a leader in the Georgia Club and the Student Advisory Office.

“I feel that a secretary is more than just providing an additional ‘we’re here’,” Smith said. “They are responsible for the executive board in the judicial assembly.”

Smith was recently selected by current president of the School of Communications Byron Dowell to rep- resent the School of Communications for Who’s Who Among College Students.

I learned from my current presi- dent that it is not enough to just vote in the elections,” Smith said.

“Politics is what sets you apart,” Dowell said.

Arts & Sciences Candidates Explain Platforms to Voters

BY MIKE HOLMES

The Art & Science Candidates platform was introduced Tuesday night.

Sophomore biology and speech mediator double major Annie Bailey is running unopposed for the executive board treasurer. For the position of executive president, sophomore, chemistry major Myle Jones is running against classics major; Ozie Martin.

For the executive vice presi- dent position, sophomore music business major, Josia Chambliss is running unopposed against sophomore political science major Brittany McCollum. Chambliss administration is a novice to the student govern- ment process.

Finally, running for executive secretary is senior English major, Christian Nelson and freshman political science major; Brian Smith. Smith, who showed up about 20 minutes late, has found a remi- niscent opponent in Smith. Smith managed to raise the applause of the crowd during her speech to Bailey on the question of her qualifications. “You basically a leader,” she said. “I believe you have to create before you lead, I raised while working on the freshmen board. Now I’m ready to work as executive secretary.”

Running mates Jones and Nelson also managed to make a strong impression. Both were concise and assertive. Their proposed Field for Thought pro- gram went over well with the students and the idea of bike rides that would be held to raise money for things such as new books for Douglass Hall.

Doe and Chambliss also have a Five Dollar Friday program. “We are the calling,” they proclaimed in unison.

Student elections take place in the week of the election. For more infor- mation in the election for the College of Arts and Science, see the Daily Trojan, local elections chair at kenosho@cox.net@hotmail.com.

By Rachel Cooper, treasury candidate for School of C, discussed the issues.

Photos by John Reed

College of Arts and Sciences candidates and their platforms as well as which way is the best way to run the student council.

Photo by John Reed
Supreme Courts Say Kids Won’t See Death Row

COURT, from Campus A4

or, similarly, in 2000 the court ruled it is unconstitutional to execute the mentally retarded. The Supreme Court will hear arguments tomorrow.

The death penalty was reintroduced in 1976. Over 3,000 inmates are currently awaiting execution in the nation’s prison system.

Only a few countries allow for juvenile executions. Most are in the Middle East and include Pakistan, Iran, Sudan and Saudi Arabia. In the U.S. only Colorado and Kansas permit juvenile executions.

"It is proper that we acknowledge the overwhelming weight of international opinion against the execution of juveniles," Dickerson said.

The court says in part that the death penalty is not only cruel, but also ineffective and a violation of human rights. The court has ruled that the death penalty is not cruel and unusual punishment.

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Bush Searching For New Ways To Stop Iran

BY KEVIN HARRIS

President Bush has been exploring Europe for the past few weeks, trying to find ways to stop Iran from developing nuclear weapons and taking steps toward nuclear war.

The president is using a variety of methods to slow Iran down, including diplomatic talks, economic sanctions, and the deployment of military forces. He has also been meeting with leaders from other countries to discuss ways to stop Iran from becoming a major nuclear power.

A key goal of Bush's strategy is to keep Iran from developing nuclear weapons and taking steps toward nuclear war. He has been working closely with other countries to find ways to stop Iran from becoming a major nuclear power.

Schwarzenegger Denies Presidential Ambitions

BY CARYN SNEDDON

California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger has denied reports that he is planning to run for president in 2016, saying that he is focused on his current role as governor.

Schwarzenegger said in an interview with ABC's George Stephanopoulos that he has no plans to run for president and that he is fully committed to serving as governor of California.

Despite the recent speculation, Schwarzenegger has not ruled out the possibility of running for president in the future. He has said in the past that he would consider running if he felt that it was the right time and that he was ready to make a commitment to the job.

In a statement released earlier this week, Schwarzenegger denied reports that he is planning to run for president in 2016. He said that he is focused on his current role as governor and that he has no plans to run for president.

Connecticut Trying To Replace Homes With Developmental Projects

BY BRITNI GAIL THOMAS

The Supreme Court was yesterday asked to determine whether limited Bill Gates states have the authority to allow cities to take private businesses to boost an area's economy.

In the case of Kelo v. The City of New London, Connecticut, the court was asked to rule on whether a city has the authority to take private businesses to boost an area's economy.

In a 5-4 decision, the court ruled that a city has the authority to take private businesses to boost an area's economy.

The case involved the city of New London, Connecticut, which took private businesses to boost an area's economy. The businesses were then used to develop a new waterfront and to create new jobs.

The Supreme Court's decision allows cities to take private businesses to boost an area's economy. The businesses can then be used to develop new projects and to create new jobs.
Bowers Blazes Hip-Hop Music

Bowers from Campus A2 speaks about the energetic and engaging performer, Elliot Mills, who is known for his talent and willingness to change.

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Hospital Sues Bedridden Woman

Sarah Non, an 83-year-old woman who was hospitalized for severe heart disease and given a life expectancy of one year by doctors, according to ABC. She refuses to leave her hospital bed, claiming she has nowhere to go.

Our View: Medical situations like this should be considered when planning for social security.

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AS of technology, including the iPod, Blackberries, and T-Mobile Sidekicks. The Apple iPod, particularly revered objects, have become one of the most prized possessions of people everywhere. The iPod, a wildly popular mp3 device, has already proved itself to be a hit. Its sales have been brisk and its price tag is well within the reach of most consumers. With the iPod now upon its November 2001 debut, the future of music delivery has been paved. The iPod is a sleek, intuitive device that offers a method of delivery for music in a format that is readily accessible anywhere, anytime. With the iPod, users can access a large collection of music and audio files, which can be easily downloaded to the device for later enjoyment. As a result, the iPod has become a staple of modern culture and has revolutionized the way we listen to music.

Some students use devices like blackberries, sidekicks or iPods for communication, entertainment and organization purposes, while others carry them for the look. For those who want to stay in touch with friends, family, and others, the iPod is a device that offers a wide range of features to make life easier. With the iPod's intuitive user interface and advanced features, it is no wonder that it has become a staple of modern culture and has revolutionized the way we listen to music.

Oscar Winners Outlive Their Peers

A Canadian researcher has come to the conclusion that those recipients of the Academy Award for film actors and actresses are likely to live longer than their peers. The researcher's findings challenge the popular belief that film actors and actresses are likely to live shorter lives. The study involved a total of 11,111 patients and assessed their mortality rates over a period of 10 years.

The study found that film actors and actresses who were ever nominated for an Academy Award were less likely to die of cancer or heart disease. The researchers noted that this difference was particularly pronounced among women. The study also found that film actors and actresses who were ever nominated for an Academy Award were less likely to die from natural causes.

The researchers concluded that their findings support the idea that film actors and actresses may be able to outlive their peers because they are less likely to die from cancer or heart disease. The researchers noted that this difference was particularly pronounced among women. The study also found that film actors and actresses who were ever nominated for an Academy Award were less likely to die from natural causes.
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Bison Basketball – The Bison did not fare as well as the women’s team, as they fell to the Arkansas-Pine Bluff Golden Lions this past week. The Spartans’ Chuckish Hicks worked his way to a career-high 25 points, but the Golden Lions were able to lead a 72-62 point win at the buzzer on Monday. They did not play the entire game, with several of their key players sitting out the final minutes.

Lady Bison Basketball – The Lady Bison have enjoyed a season of stability so far. Their season began with a 56-62 point loss to the Arkansas-Pine Bluff Golden Eagles, but they have since bounced back to win their next two games. They are currently in 14th place in the Southland Conference standings.

Lady Bison Softball – The Lady Bison softball team has struggled so far this season. They have yet to win a game, with their record standing at 0-5. "We have a lot of work to do," said coach Andrea Townsel. "But we are working hard every day to improve."