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Eviction hoax startles Waco residents

By MEGAN KEYSER
STAFF WRITER

Numerous residences near Baylor campus were the victims of a hoax involving the distribution of false eviction notices on doors and wedged under doormats Saturday. The notices claimed that the land on which residents’ homes were built would be seized under eminent domain for construction of a multimillion-dollar Baylor football stadium.

Although false, the letter was printed with an authentic-

looking Baylor letterhead and included an explanation of eminent domain, residents’ rights and color maps of the affected areas.

“This letter is to inform you that the new Baylor University football stadium will be built on this location,” the letter stated. “This \$255 million project is for all of Baylor University students, alumni, staff, faculty and families of the greater Waco community. The attached maps show the property that is going to be used. This house is located within the property intended for

construction.”

Lori Fogleman, director of media relations began receiving media calls about the notices at about 2 p.m. Saturday. She said letters were distributed within the area of 12th Street to University Parks Drive and Interstate 35 to LaSalle Avenue.

Nearly a dozen Baylor police officers went door-to-door in the affected neighborhoods to collect the notices and reassure residents of the letter’s inaccuracy, Fogleman said.

“Our police officers responded on a holiday weekend and

went door-to-door to talk to residents,” Fogleman said.

Officers collected 232 notices Saturday afternoon, Fogleman said. However, it is unclear exactly how many notices were posted.

Fogleman emphasized the letter’s complete lack of truth and the university’s lack of involvement or support in either the letter or its efforts.

“This is not a Baylor letter,” Fogleman said. “The university was not involved. It is absolutely false.”

Baylor Police Chief Jim Doak

said residents were confused by the letter.

“A number of our officers counseled with residents,” Doak said. “People were very confused, not sure if they were going to lose their homes.”

Arlington junior Rachel Canclini, who lives at The Benchmark apartments, said she was surprised when she received a phone call about the letter from a friend who also lives in the complex. However, she said she had her suspicions about the letter’s validity.

“I was really surprised, but

I was pretty sure it was fake,” Canclini said. “Considering the investment Brothers Management has in that area, it seemed strange. It was kind of concerning, but we were just waiting for someone to tell us what was going on.”

The letter explained upcoming procedures and what residents should expect. It promised to offer residents assistance in finding new housing and said current Baylor students would be given priority placement in a

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Obama orders troops abroad

By ERIC SCHMITT
THE NEW YORK TIMES

WASHINGTON – The White House said Monday that President Barack Obama had issued orders to send thousands of additional troops to Afghanistan, relaying his decision to military leaders late Sunday afternoon during a meeting in the Oval Office.

Obama spent Monday telephoning his foreign counterparts – including the leaders of Britain, France and Russia – informing them of details that he will announce in a nationally televised address tonight from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y.

Robert Gibbs, the White House press secretary, declined to say how many additional U.S. troops Obama had approved, but senior administration officials have said that about 30,000 would be sent in phased deployments over the next 12 to 18 months, bringing the total U.S. presence in Afghanistan to around 100,000.

Gibbs told reporters at the White House that Obama would discuss in the speech how he intends to pay for the plan – a major concern of his Democratic base – and will make clear that he has a time frame for winding down the U.S. involvement in the eight-year-old war. “This is not an open-ended commitment,” Gibbs said.

The administration was sending its special representative for Afghanistan and Pakistan, Richard C. Holbrooke, to Brussels today to begin briefing NATO and European allies about the policy. He will be joined at NATO on Friday by Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton and Gen. Stanley McChrystal, who will brief NATO foreign ministers in his capacity as the top allied commander.

Obama spent much of Monday calling allied leaders. He spoke for 40 minutes with the French president, Nicolas Sarkozy, who signaled that France was not in a position to commit more troops.

Prime Minister Gordon Brown of Britain said Monday that Britain would send 500 additional troops to Afghanistan in early December, raising the number of British troops there to 10,000. The announcement was closely coordinated between the governments in London and Washington. Brown spoke to Obama by video link after his announcement in the House of Commons.

Administration officials said

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SHANNA TAYLOR | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

A homeless man accepts a heaping plate at Waco’s Salvation Army Lodge Wednesday night. The Salvation Army offers a free meal every night.

‘It is a kingly act to assist the fallen’

- Mother Teresa

Deeper look: Jimmy Dorrell

By LAURA PATTON
REPORTER

For three decades, Jimmy Dorrell has fought against poverty, both in Waco and across the globe. A Baylor graduate, Dorrell and his wife lived in Houston before going overseas to work among the poor for almost two and a half years. Afterwards, Dorrell and his wife Janet, looked at what to do with their lives and decided Waco was the place to go back to. Familiar with the area and its struggles, they felt they could impact the community for the better. They, along with their two-year-old child, moved to an area of Waco known for the high level of homelessness and poverty, surrounded by bars and an old pornography theater.

“We believe that instead of running away from the darkness, you get in the middle of it and you become part of the neighborhood with the people,” Dorrell said. “It’s with the poor instead of for the poor.”

White flight to the suburbs occurred after the ‘30s when black people started moving into the neighborhood from across the river, Dorrell said.

Dorrell describes the neighborhood as being “the bottom of the city” when he and his family moved in.

This is beginning to change. For more than 30 years, Dorrell has been building relationships with the community, giving opportu-

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Wacoans, BU students join local efforts to aid the poor

By JENNA THOMPSON
REPORTER

In 2007, more than 27 percent of Waco’s population earned an income below the poverty level. The flat-rate tuition for one year at Baylor is roughly equivalent to the average one-year salary earned in Waco, according to SimplyHired.com.

It is no secret that there is a separation between the Balyor community and Waco. How is Baylor reaching out to its surroundings?

Students and faculty often use the phrase “Baylor bubble” when referring to life within the Baylor community. This arises in part from the stark contrast that can be seen when a person travels from campus into the city that surrounds it. The gated apartment complexes surrounding Baylor give way to the projects found west

of I-35 and across the Brazos River.

Despite this contrast, the disparity between the university and the community is something that many people, both within and outside of the boundaries of Baylor, are attempting to reconcile.

“Often, we overlook the city that we live in,” said Boerne senior Jimmy Huelett, a member of the Steppin’ Out steering committee. “It’s important for people to go beyond Baylor and experience the conditions beyond where we are.”

Huelett and other members of the Steppin’ Out steering committee are responsible for recruitment, finding job sites and organizing participation in the semiannual service event Baylor puts on every year across the city of Waco.

“We’re always striving to provide a better connection between Baylor and Waco and to get students to move beyond the bubble,” Huelett said.

The committee planned and held a block party event after

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Extending help to the classroom

By JENNA THOMPSON
REPORTER

Providing food and other essentials to the poor is only one aspect of the poverty relief efforts that exist in Waco.

Some are focusing their efforts on aiding the education of children in poverty.

Houston junior Jackie Oliver tutors young students at Cesar Chavez Middle School, part of the Waco Independent School District, and encounters pupils from various backgrounds.

“Most of them knew I went to Baylor,” Oliver said. “I think they’re always happy when we

come. They have a positive image of us, but with some it takes a while to trust us. I think they view me as from a different kind of culture.”

Oliver can see that the some of the students experienced a rough family life and were hesitant to trust people.

“One of my students said that he wasn’t going to be in school tomorrow because he was going to get initiated into a gang,” Oliver said. “I didn’t know what to say, so I asked how it happens. He said they have to beat you up in order for you to be in it. I asked what his parents thought, and he said



SHANNA TAYLOR | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

St. Louis, Mo., junior Emily O’Connor hands a filled plate to a patron as she and College Station junior Shanna Williams help serve at the Salvation Army’s nightly free meal Wednesday at the Salvation Army Lodge on 4th Street.

they didn’t care, and that both of his brothers were in one too. That was something I had never encountered before.”

Aside from gang initiation, many of the students are also dealing with other tough issues.

“This one girl was about six months pregnant and she was 15,” Oliver said. “I was 19 at the time, and she thought it very odd that I didn’t have kids.”

The tutors provide a stable figure and a role model for the lives of the students, something they may not be accustomed to seeing in their home lives.

With his involvement in

both Baylor and the Waco community, Jimmy Dorrell, founder of Mission Waco and pastor of Church Under the Bridge, acknowledges the gap between the two worlds.

“There is an awkwardness,” Dorrell said. “You say, ‘These are rich Baylor kids in their nice cars, and we’re poor people.’ But when you move into that level of involvement in the community, barriers start to fall. So the intensity of involvement is key.”

The awareness of surrounding poverty is something that

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Lariat Letters

Remembering nearby factory

Thanksgiving is a time when everyone thanks their family and friends for the things they’ve done, time they’ve devoted or sacrificed, but little attention to the unseen others who make our lives possible.

I imagine there was a time when one could smell the tire and rubber plant that existed a few miles north of campus operating as they walked across campus, when there were factories that were churning out goods and smoke along factory row in Waco and there were smells that would assault the nose and sounds that would reverberate along the buildings as students walked from class to class... those days are long gone.

All of these factories are in distant places and the things we utilize every day are made by unknown faces with the plumes of smoke long dissipated by the time the goods reach our hands.

The university today represents learning, writing, critiquing, socializing, breathing largely isolated from the working class, blue collar types, away from the shipyards, the power plants, away from the rubber factories, the shoe factories, the T-shirt makers, the purse manufacturers... Out of Sight, Out of Mind.

Sometimes, I long for days when we could smell the stench of the rubber plant and hear the sounds of factories so that we might remember that the life of the mind and the life of the body are one and the same and that someone, somewhere is making this life possible for most of us here.

Suyash Somwalkar
Sugar Land senior

Atheist article wonderfully unbiased

I want to thank Chad Shanks for his article “Atheism: Striving for knowledge, but not faith,” published in The Lariat on November 20, for delivering the many aspects of atheism that are usually ignored or mistaken, and for doing so with much respect and consideration.

Although I have no clear religious affiliation, I chose Baylor for its academic excellence and discipline and respect that it maintains and values the Christian faith.

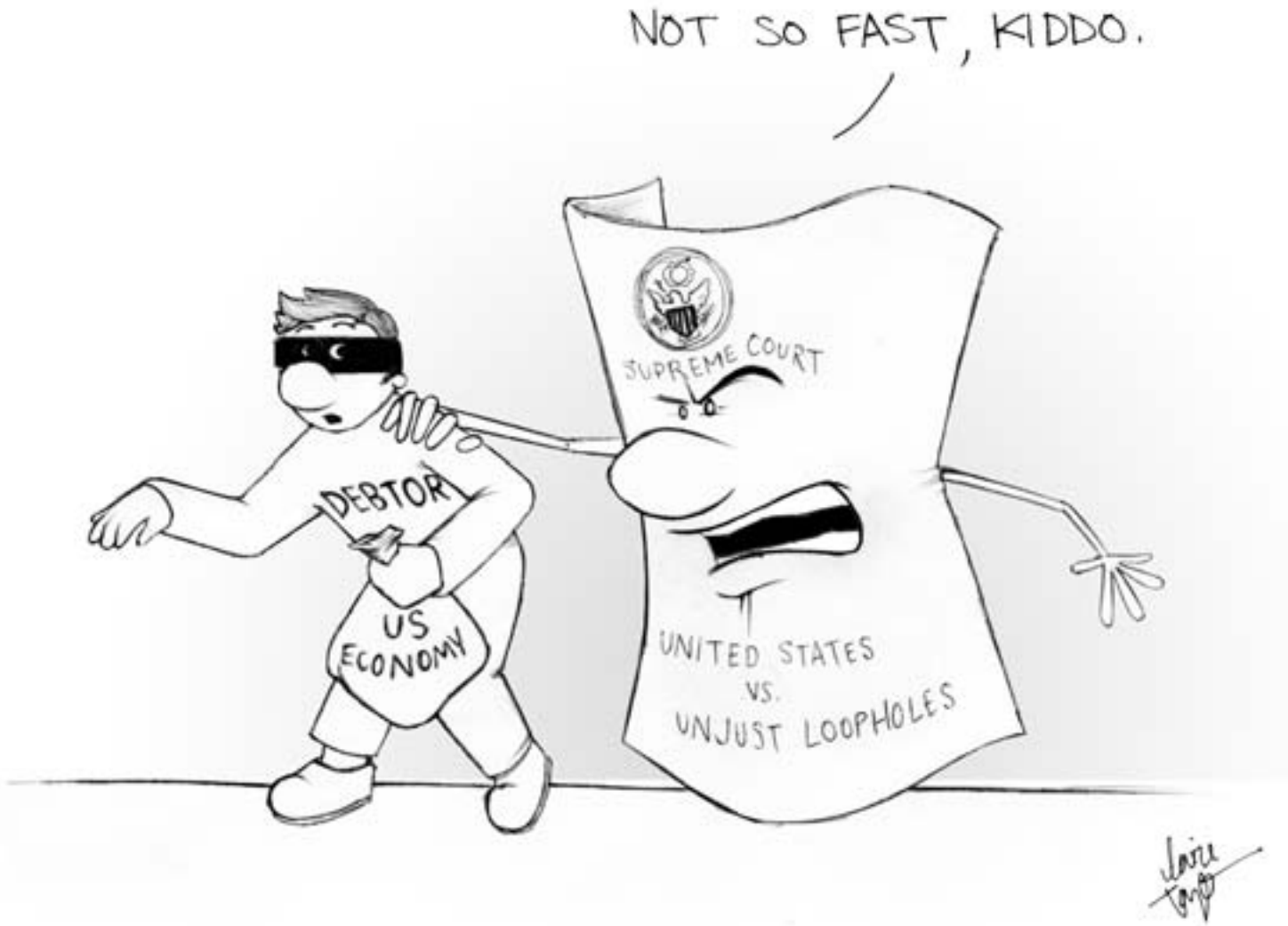
However, being on a Baptist Christian campus, I often find it difficult to explain myself without having people jumping to the conclusion that I, like all atheists, am a “horrible” person.

Shanks’ interview with McElroy and Boleman addressed many misconceptions about atheism. It is not simply a celebration of faithlessness or a rebellion against the communities of faith that we were raised in.

Atheists choose to believe in logic and reason and often time carry the same moral and discipline code as Christians or followers of any other religions do. We did not wake up one day and decide to deconvert ourselves into atheists; we accepted atheism with careful consideration and through the knowledge we obtained.

In a society where all religions are striving for equal respect and representation, a “non-religion” should also be recognized and respected. Thank you for allowing the voices of atheists on campus be heard.

Dannie Dinh
Houston freshman



Court should rule in favor of lender in student loan case

Editorial

Today the Supreme Court of the United States will begin hearing its third case centered on bankruptcy this term. Unlike the other two cases, United Student Aid Funds Inc. v. Espinosa directly relates to student loans and their correlation with Chapter 13 bankruptcy.

The thought of a student having to file for bankruptcy is unnerving and the court’s decision will affect all future filers for bankruptcy.

The court’s decision in this case is paramount and personal to students.

During 1988 and 1989, Francisco J. Espinosa received four federal student loans totaling amount more than \$13,000 from the United Student Aid Funds, (USAF).

Three years later, Espinosa filed for Chapter 13 bankruptcy and identified the four student loans as his only debt. After creating a plan to solve his financial problems, Espinosa petitioned the USAF to allow him only to pay \$13,250, the original amount of his loans.

However, the USAF filed proof in bankruptcy court that Espinosa owed \$17,832.15, accounting for the principal and the accrued interest on the loans.

Despite the USAF’s submitted total, the bankruptcy court approved Espinosa’s plan as submitted, requiring him to repay only \$13,250.

Bankruptcy code requires that, in order for a court to approve an individual’s repayment of solely the principle, an undue hardship must be found.

That is, the individual must have some form of hardship that, in the eyes of the court, exempts the individual from repayment of any interest accrued. In Espinosa’s case, no such hardship was

filed.

The USAF was notified by the court that the approved repayment amount differed from the amount claimed by the USAF.

Both the USAF and Espinosa believed the issue was resolved.

After Espinosa completed the payments required by the plan approved by the court, which totaled \$13,250, the bankruptcy court approved the completion of Espinosa’s debt.

Three years later, USAF indirectly sought to collect the additional money owed to it by Espinosa, the accrued interest Espinosa was told he would not have to pay, by garnishing Espinosa’s federal income tax refunds.

The USAF then sought relief from the original confirmation order, arguing that it had been entered in violation of the Bankruptcy Code and Rules and was thus void. The bankruptcy court ruled in Espinosa’s favor, but the district court disagreed, saying that the confirmation order was void, and remanded the case for an adversary hearing to determine whether Espinosa faced undue hardship.

The case was granted a turn in front of the high court on June 15. Today the court begins debate on this case.

In making his case, Espinosa is expected to cite another case, Traveler’s Indemnity Co. v. Bailey, in which the Court held that plaintiffs could not bring suit 20 years after the bankruptcy court issued a claim. Espinosa will also counter with the fact that the orders of the bankruptcy court were

final.

According to the Akin Gump Strauss Hauer and Feld firm, USAF will argue that Congress has established a hierarchy of debt that includes: debts that are fully dischargeable, debts that are dischargeable except when creditors deny deferment, and debts that are not able to be discharged. Without claiming undue hardship in court, student loan debt falls into the third category.

The USAF deserves its funds. If the high court sides with Espinosa, the ruling would not only allow student loans to be repaid without interest, but also numerous other loans to be unjustly unpaid.

Espinosa was unfairly granted a reprieve from the accrued interest on his loans. He never cited or provided evidence of an undue hardship and his debt was cut down in a manner that breaks bankruptcy code.

Guidelines are in place for the system to bend for those debtors experiencing exceptionally hard times — not for those that were seeking an easy way out of debt.

Taking personal responsibility for one’s actions is a lesson that must be learned by all Americans if a stable economy is the goal. Holding all debtors — from vast corporations to students — accountable must be a priority for a progressive track toward an economically minded population to develop.

In times when economic regrowth is at the forefront, fostering monetary responsibility in both government and citizens is crucial.

A ruling in favor of the USAF would be a step in the right direction for America.

Noble journalist leaves mark on Lariat writer

My newspaper writing “career” hasn’t really taken off yet. A high school paper, internship at a local paper, semester with the Lariat and a few freelance jobs is not exactly worthy of a Pulitzer Prize, because unlike some awards, they don’t award Pulitzers based on hope for the future.

So a few weeks ago when I received the news that one of my journalistic (and life, for that matter) mentors was found dead at the age of 49, I was shocked. My career has not started, and I have already had to accept the loss of one of the most influential people I’ve met in the field.

I guess I should still consider it a blessing, though, for the chance to see a life and career done the right way by a sports-writer/tennis coach/husband/father/friend that nobody will ever forget.

I’ll introduce Scott Kaiser like this: I tagged along with him to several high school sporting events across the Houston area during my internship with the Katy Times, and there was literally no stadium or arena we went without somebody coming to Scott and striking up a conversation.

Once I asked him if it was possible for him to go somewhere and not find a friend, to which he smiled and said something like, “I’ve been doing this for a while.”

One day we went to cover a football game, where Scott chatted with a coach in the locker room during a rain delay. “That guy once told me he was going to kill me,” Scott later told me.

Many years after he pressed that coach for his side of a controversial story, the two were laughing it up like old buddies. Scott laughed it up with everyone when the time was right.

Point of View

BY CHRIS DERRETT



But more than just a funny guy, he could change lives when necessary as well. I read countless tidbits from people commenting on the Katy Times’ Web site, people who were at one point rebellious high school freshmen and others who, in their most desperate times, felt Scott was the only one who could understand them. In all of them Scott saw potential in and was determined to see it realized.

People recounted the time Scott danced to Fergie, the times he made his tennis players run exhausting drills and the time one player showed up to an athletic banquet in blue jeans. Scott personally drove him home and made him change.

I recalled our two road trips to San Antonio on back-to-back weekends to cover the Katy Tigers’ state championship run and enjoying IHOP at 2:30 a.m. after a covering a game earlier in the season.

I looked down at my football notepad, with the scorekeeping

columns arranged like Scott showed me.

And I opened up a computer file with a transcript of an interview I conducted with him for a school project, amazed how truthful those words have proven to be in my brief sportswriting experience.

“There are a lot of writers better than me. There are people with a lot of strengths. But I always try to treat people right and I think they respect that,” Scott told me. “That’s the number one compliment I receive; people say, ‘I can tell you care.’”

And after so much dreaming of living the (un)glamorous life as a sportswriter for a major publication, something else hit me.

Not once did I read about Scott’s freelance work with USA Today or even how well he wrote his articles on the Katy Times’ sports desk.

I guess that’s the way it works when most people die; people usually find wonderful things to say about a lost one’s character.

But Scott’s impact was recognized well before his life ended. He meant enough to the Times’ photo intern, that, after graduating last year, he told Scott, “You’re my dad.” Another man said Scott was an uncle to his children, and still many more became brothers and sisters to Scott.

People will remember Scott Kaiser not for how great his own life was, but for how much better he made others’. Forget about Pulitzers; making an impact even half as significant as Scott’s is good enough for me. I hope many people feel the same way.

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Please Recycle This Issue

Kennedy heralds health care reform

By The Associated Press

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — Rep. Patrick Kennedy used the language of faith Monday to rally support for expanding the nation's health insurance system in his first public appearance since escalating a public feud with Rhode Island's Roman Catholic bishop over health care and publicly financed abortion.

Kennedy, a Catholic, refused to address head-on his weekslong war of words with Bishop Thomas Tobin, the spiritual leader of the nation's most heavily Catho-

lic state. The fracas escalated just over a week ago when it was revealed that Tobin asked Kennedy in early 2007 not to receive Holy Communion because of his support for abortion rights.

"In the final analysis, all of us are children of God, all of us have the spark of divinity," Kennedy told a Brown University audience during a panel discussion of the politics of health care reform. "And if any one of us is denied health care, it really is a threat to who we call ourselves as human beings."

He borrowed from the Old

Testament story of Cain and Abel to further his point.

"I hope we agree with the notion that we ought to be there and be our brother's keeper because all of us needs each other in the final analysis," Kennedy said.

Kennedy, the son of the late Sen. Edward Kennedy and the nephew of President John F. Kennedy, the nation's first Roman Catholic president, ignited a sharp exchange of words with the outspoken bishop when he criticized church leaders in an October interview for threatening to oppose a plan to overhaul the

nation's health insurance system unless it included tighter restrictions on abortion.

Kennedy, a Democrat, voted against the abortion restrictions sought by the bishops, but he ultimately supported a version of the bill that included the restrictions he opposed.

Tobin accused Kennedy of making an unprovoked attack on the church, publicly questioned his faith and requested a meeting that ultimately fell apart. Tobin said the meeting was canceled by mutual agreement and issued a scathing public letter to Kennedy.

"Your position is unacceptable to the Church and scandalous to many of our members," Tobin wrote. "It absolutely diminishes your communion with the Church."

The Congressman accused the bishop of breaking an agreement to stop discussing his faith publicly.

Their dispute appeared to simmer down after Kennedy said he was done discussing the issue. But in a story published just over a week ago, Kennedy told The Providence Journal that Tobin had banned him from re-

ceiving Holy Communion because of his support for abortion rights. Kennedy also said Tobin had instructed priests in Rhode Island not to give him the sacrament.

The bishop fired back, saying he wrote a letter in early 2007 asking that Kennedy abstain from receiving Communion. Tobin denied ever telling priests to withhold it from Kennedy or any other elected official.

"These are personal issues of faith for me," Kennedy said. "I am not going to indulge in this debate any more."

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to people who would otherwise have none and changing the lives of his neighbors. The introduction of Mission Waco in the early '90s has played a huge part in this process. Dorrell sat with the Lariat at the World Cup Café to discuss his run with Mission Waco and what is still to come.

When did you start Mission Waco?

After we moved into the house, we began to build relationships with the neighborhood and to get to know the people. This became our neighborhood. In 1991 we incorporated Mission Waco, and in '92 we got a grant from Christian Mission Concerns that basically funded [Mission Waco]. We were already traveling to other countries, across cultures and doing poverty simulation. Mission Waco became a program of Cross-Cultural Experiences. It started out as just my wife and I and one part-time woman for several years, but it began to grow from there.

How would you describe Mission Waco?

Programs grow out of relationships, not vice-versa. We are

in a neighborhood where people needed jobs. There wasn't a job training program, so we said let's create one. Programs began to grow up based on the realities of our people, so through relationships, we grew them up.

We consider ourselves an "empowerment-based" ministry, which is one of the most important aspects of what we do. Relief is good: If you are hungry today, you need to eat today, but we didn't see ourselves as having that be our primary deal. We saw ourselves as a means to help people. It's the whole "give a man a fish or teach a man to fish" deal. We go a step further; you have to know who owns the pond too. We look at the whole justice issue, but we focused on how to help people get back into life, get a job, get recovery, be able to take care of their own family. The empowerment model is our driving force. We work with relief agencies [such as Caritas], but relief is just the band-aid that gets people well enough to get to the next step. If we don't push people to get down the road a little, we haven't done our job.

What are some common misconceptions that you see that people have about the poor?

I think in general, there is still a very subtle middle-class mindset that seems to believe in rugged individualism — this is America, nobody has to be poor, anybody can make it and anybody can beat the system. There's this real subtle feeling that people choose poverty. There are a few people, like the mentally ill or those whose houses have burned down that they'll be sympathetic to, but by and large the presupposition is that poor people are lazy, they aren't trying or they just need to work more jobs. In reality, that's not true, but that's the stereotype we hear the most.

What about the homeless?

Homelessness presents an additional problem. People just assume that all homeless people are panhandlers or are just out there taking advantage of and manipulating people. This is true of some, but for most, life just fell apart.

What do you think can be done to change these misconceptions?

Nothing changes people like volunteerism. That's why service learning is so critical. When you know homeless people, know their stories, know their person-

ality, they become real. They have a name. They have a background. You begin to understand and try to see things differently. Relationships are the key for us. Once you get institutional and start treating people in a herd mentality, you lose that relationship state. We are always going to encourage involvement. We could probably do a lot of our ministry by staffing it, but mobilizing is part of our ministry. In the four or five years some Baylor students are here, they're going to be changed, and they're going to look at the world differently.

Which of Baylor's poverty programs are you involved with?

I'm teaching three undergraduate classes this semester, and I'll be teaching two in the spring. I also teach a [George W. Truett Theological Seminary] class. My classes require 30 hours of service in the community. I was involved in Poverty Summit, but my connection to other programs [poverty initiative and hunger alliance] is that if they ask me to speak or come do something, I'll be there, but I'm a community-based person.

What do you think of the Baylor programs?

In my Truett class, we talk about how to change the neighborhoods. I get these seminary students who are usually coming out of the middle class looking to change a neighborhood in terms of poverty. It's a systemic change, not a quick fix. There are a lot of good programs on campus. They're start-up programs and they help students understand problems, but until you get into the community — wherever you want to go — that's where the change happens. But I'm very encouraged. Ten years ago there was nothing.

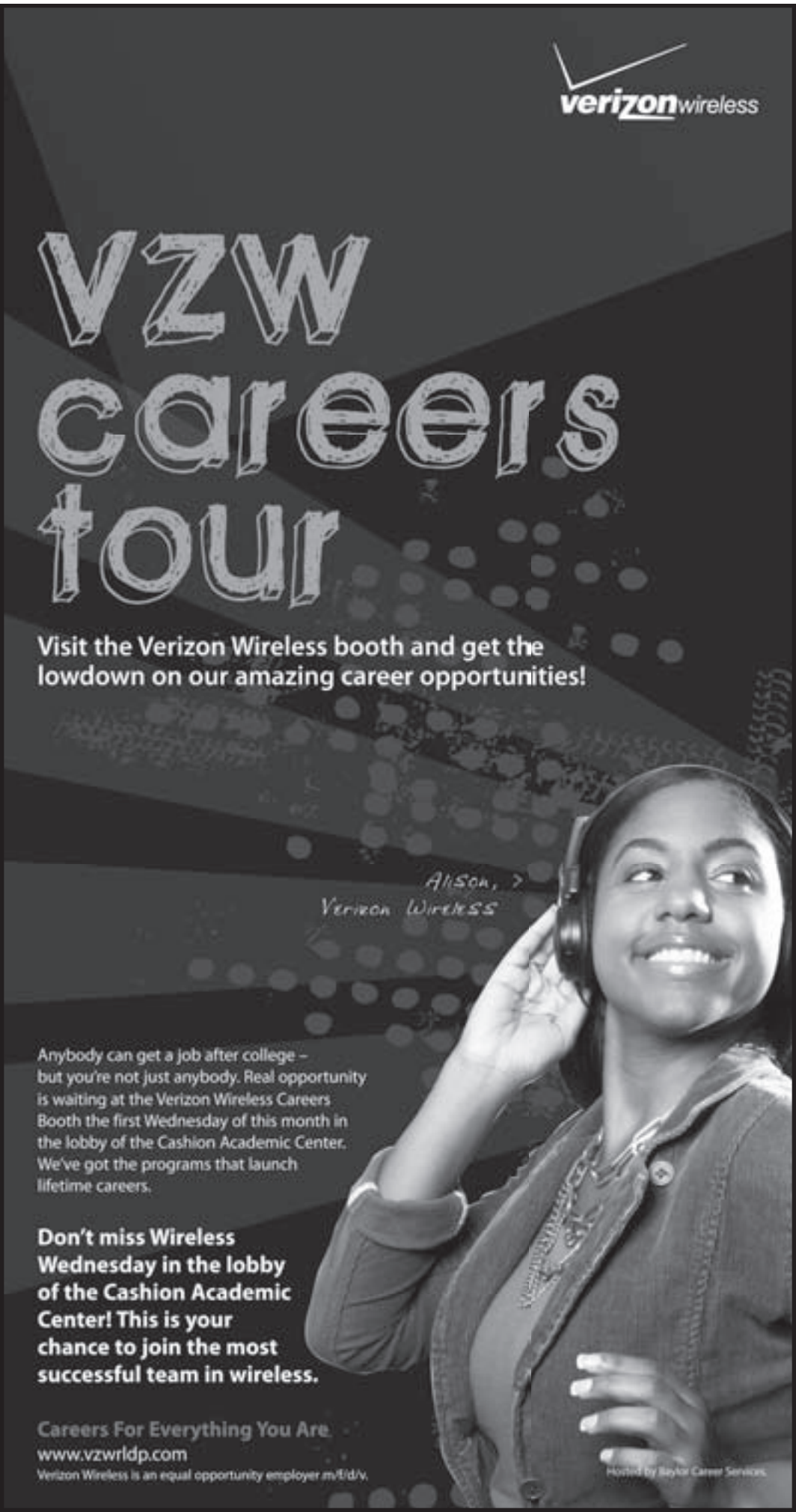
Has this been fulfilling?

Yes. In the early days, it was Janet and I and our lady part time, and we did everything hands-on. We now have a staff of 40 people. Today I've got youth directors and children's directors and people doing what I did many years ago and I'm raising money and speaking in churches and influencing people. The dynamics of what I do are different. This is where I'm probably going to finish out my life. We have a real heart for the world's poor, and we take trips yearly to Haiti and Mexico and India. That keeps me honest. I really am passionate about helping the global poor in any way I can, and Mis-

sion Waco gives me a chance to be involved in both. It's an ideal job. My gifts fit, and it gives me a deep sense of purpose and joy in what we do. I've raised four children in this neighborhood. I'll be 60 in January, and I imagine I can do this for another 10 years.

Did you know what to expect when you got started?

No, we really didn't. In fact, I use the word organic a lot because we believe when you are dealing with people, things happen naturally. What starts off one way all of a sudden morphs off or grows in a different direction or adds dimension. I couldn't have ever told you what we were expecting. I would have been happy if we were ministering to 20 people, but today there are thousands that are getting served and I love that. God has been very gracious to us, and we've had a lot of joy being involved in this. It's grown more than we ever anticipated. There are no secretaries, no janitors, we do all of our own work in that sense, so it's classic nonprofit where you're overworked and underpaid, but there is a deep joy in it. There's a real sense of call and purpose. I can do that a few more years.



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When the weather outside is frightful...

Plano juniors Heather Trinh and Gayatri Ravi holds hands for support as they ice skate for the first time at the Baylor On Ice event Monday night in the Barfield Drawing Room.

Going green could mean saving money

By CATY HIRST
COPY EDITOR

Baylor spends \$9.5 million dollars on electricity every year, some of which could be recouped by becoming greener.

“With the amount we spend annually on electricity and the size of our operations, there is sure to be significant amounts of wasted energy that we can take steps to recapture and greatly minimize our impact on the environment,” said sustainability coordinator Smith Getterman.

Baylor encourages faculty, staff and students to help cut down on electricity.

The faculty services Web site lists how much money Baylor spends on utilities and suggests turning off lights in unoccupied rooms, keeping shades and blinds open during the winter to heat rooms and closed during the summer to cool rooms, and using community refrigerators and coffee pots.

“I think this is a great way for all of us as a campus community to collectively make a positive difference in real energy dollars that are saved while also reducing energy waste,” said Lori Fogleman, director of media relations.

“The biggest thing that we can do is to start demanding more efficiency from our university, from ourselves, from our professors.”

Smith Getterman
Sustainability Coordinator

Getterman said another way the Baylor community can help is by eliminating vampire power. Vampire power is when electrical appliances are not in use, but still plugged in and still use electricity.

Unplugging appliances over night and on the weekends would significantly reduce the electricity usage.

“The biggest thing that we can do is to start demanding more efficiency from our university, from ourselves, from our professors,” Getterman said. “Let’s start getting the attitude and culture that that is what you expect and demand.”

Turning off computer monitors, not the terminals, when they are not in use is another way to reduce electricity usage, Getterman said.

Last Out Lights Out, a universitywide campaign to keep the lights off in unused rooms,

should make a difference in Baylor’s energy usage, Getterman said.

“We are seeing a major impact on people’s behavior and an actual change on campus with our energy usage,” Getterman said about the campaign.

Fogleman believes the campaign is trying to change people’s habits, which makes it effective.

Fogleman also said the automatic light switches are helpful in lowering electricity usage, such as those used in Robinson Tower.

For the members of the Baylor community who live off campus, some suggestions for saving electricity include setting air units at 60 degrees in the winter when not occupied and to 80 degrees during the summer.

Replacing light bulbs with lower wattage bulbs is also recommended, according to the faculty services Web site.

Movement under way in California to ban divorce

By JUDY LIN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Till death do us part? The vow would really hold true in California if a Sacramento Web designer gets his way.

In a movement that seems ripped from the pages of Comedy Channel writers, John Marcotte wants to put a measure on the ballot next year to ban divorce in California.

The effort is meant to be a satirical statement after California voters outlawed gay marriage in 2008, largely on the argument that a ban is needed to protect the sanctity of traditional marriage. If that’s the case, then Marcotte reasons voters should have no problem banning divorce.

“Since California has decided to protect traditional marriage, I think it would be hypocritical of us not to sacrifice some of our own rights to protect traditional marriage even more,” the 38-year-old married father of two said.

Marcotte said he has collected dozens of signatures, including one from his wife of seven years. The initiative’s Facebook fans have swelled to more than 11,000. Volunteers that include gay activists and members of a local comedy troupe have signed on to help.

Marcotte is looking into whether he can gather signatures online, as proponents are doing for another proposed 2010 initiative to repeal the gay marriage ban. But the odds are stacked against a campaign funded primarily by the sale of \$12 T-shirts featuring bride and groom stick figures chained at the wrists.

Marcotte needs 694,354 valid signatures by March 22, a high hurdle in a state where the typical petition drive costs millions of dollars. Even if his proposed constitutional amendment made next year’s ballot, it’s not clear how voters would react.

Nationwide, about half of all marriages end in divorce.

Not surprisingly, Marcotte’s campaign to make divorce in California illegal has divided those involved in last year’s campaign for and against Proposition 8.

As much as everyone would like to see fewer divorces, making it illegal would be “impractical,” said Ron Prentice, the executive director of the California Family Council who led a coalition of religious and conservative groups to qualify Proposition 8.

No other state bans divorce, and only a few countries, including the Philippines and Malta, do. The Roman Catholic Church also prohibits divorce but allows annulments. The California proposal would amend the state constitution to eliminate the ability of married couples to get divorced while allowing married couples to seek an annulment.

Prentice said proponents of traditional marriage only seek to strengthen the one man-one woman union.

“That’s where our intention begins and ends,” he said.

Jeffrey Taylor, a spokesman for Restore Equality 2010, a coalition of same-sex marriage activists seeking to repeal Proposition 8, said the coalition supports Marcotte’s message but has no plans to join forces with him.

“We find it quite hilarious,” Taylor said of the initiative.

Marcotte, who runs the comedy site BadMouth.net in his spare time, said he has received support from across the political

spectrum. In addition to encouragement from gay marriage advocates, he has been interviewed by American Family Association, a Mississippi-based organization that contributed to last year’s Yes on 8 campaign.

He was mentioned by Keith Olbermann on MSNBC’s “Countdown” during his “World’s Best Persons” segment for giving supporters of Proposition 8 their “comeuppance in California.”

Marcotte stopped dozens of people during another signature

drive in downtown Sacramento. Among them was Ryan Platt, 32, who said he signed the petition in support of his lesbian sister, even though he thinks it would be overturned if voters approved it.

Other petition signers said they were motivated by a sincere interest to preserve marriages. One was Ervin Hulton, a 47-year-old dishwasher who said he believes in making it harder for couples to separate.

“The way I feel, why go out and spend all these tons of mon-

ey for marriage, the photography and all that? And along down the line, it’s going to shatter,” said Hulton, who is single.

The U.S. divorce rate is 47.9 percent, according to data provided by the National Center for Health Statistics reports. That figure, however, does not include California, Georgia, Hawaii, Indiana, Louisiana and Minnesota because those six states no longer report their divorce rates to the center.

California stopped because

of budget problems, said Ralph Montano, a spokesman for the California Department of Public Health.

While most people would not support banning divorce, it does make sense for couples to be educated about the financial and emotional commitments of marriage, said Dan Couvrette, chief executive and publisher of Toronto-based Divorce Magazine. The publication has a circulation of 140,000, including a regional edition in Southern California.

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Director encounters difficulty adapting ‘The Road’

By **RENE RODRIGUEZ**
McCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS

MIAMI — Halfway through the filming of “The Road,” director John Hillcoat made a difficult decision: No matter what, he was going to remain faithful to Cormac McCarthy’s novel about a father and son traveling across a post-apocalyptic landscape — even if such a promise meant shooting a seemingly unfilmable scene involving cannibals and a baby.

“I fought like tooth and nail to film that scene,” Hillcoat recalls. “I argued, ‘This is what we’ve signed on for, and we’re not going to shy away from a single thing.’ And I won. We shot the scene. I even kept it in an early cut of the film. And then I fought like [expletive] to take it out. How ironic is that?”

During editing — a tricky, lengthy process that caused the film, which opened Wednesday, to miss its release date of November 2008 — Hillcoat discovered that transplanting the essence of McCarthy’s novel to the screen was much more complicated than simply treating it as a script, the approach Joel and Ethan Coen used when adapting “No Country for Old Men.”

“When you physicalize some of the stuff in the book and put it up on the screen, the movie takes on a different dynamic,” Hillcoat says. “My goal was always to stay focused on the father and

son, and the more of that horrific stuff you have, the more you take the spotlight off their emotional journey.

“I think it’s true of all films: You have to work with restraint,” Hillcoat says. “It’s so easy to get carried away. Actors love to chew up scenery sometimes, and directors get lost in special effects and big action scenes. Film is a powerful medium, and I’m always battling to find the right balance and rein in. At the end of the day, the movie still has enough of those chilling things: the cannibal house, the road gangs, the collapsing trees. That’s enough, I think. To have any more, the movie would have become about something else.”

Hillcoat had interpreted “The Road” as a love story between father and son from the moment he first read the novel in galley form. Producer Nick Wechsler (“Drugstore Cowboy,” “The Player,” “The Time Traveler’s Wife”) sent the Australian filmmaker the book on the strength of his previous film “The Proposition,” a violent and unsparing Western set in the Australian outback that Hillcoat made, in part, as homage to an earlier McCarthy novel, “Blood Meridian.”

“I didn’t know about the connection to ‘Blood Meridian’ until much later,” Wechsler says. “But ‘The Proposition’ very much had a Sam Peckinpah quality, and I saw ‘The Road’ as a Peckinpah movie — men and women sur-

living under difficult circumstances, struggling between being civilized and being outlaws. Good versus evil. Very primal stuff. The examination of humanity and morality in ‘The Proposition’ was very applicable to what I thought we needed for ‘The Road.’ I had met him and gotten an idea of who he was and how he thought as a filmmaker. So when I read ‘The Road,’ he was the first person to pop into my head.”

For Hillcoat, the McCarthy novel presented the chance of a lifetime.

“To have this kind of material land on your lap was an amazing stroke of luck,” he says. “And when I read it, I wasn’t prepared for the emotional impact it had on me. The incredible visualization and authenticity of the apocalypse was something I would have expected from McCarthy. But the story was also so poignant and real and profound. The only thing that gave me pause was the practicality of finding a young actor who could play the son — a boy who had a maturity and openness and didn’t have any kind of show-business precociousness, because that would be the kiss of death on this material.”

Hillcoat found his ideal actor in 11-year-old Kodi Scot-McPhee. For the role of his father, Hillcoat turned to Viggo Mortensen, another hardcore McCarthy fan who from the outset understood



John Hillcoat gets behind the camera during filming of his adaptation of “The Road,” Cormac McCarthy’s Pulitzer Prize-winning novel about a post-apocalyptic struggle for survival.

the project’s challenges.

Hillcoat says he felt the mounting pressure of doing justice to McCarthy’s novel after the book won the Pulitzer Prize and caught the attention of Oprah Winfrey, whose recommendation turned it into a bestseller. Indeed, after the original release date had come and gone, rumors swirled the movie was in trouble and its relatively unknown director in over his head. But Hillcoat says the delay was the best thing that

could have happened.

“I knew every rifle was going to be aimed at me,” he says. “That’s part and parcel in adapting a book that is revered. But the original release date was over-ambitious and never achievable. It was a very long and delicate editing process to get the balance of the flashbacks right, the presence of the cannibals and the pressure upon the man and the boy to constantly survive. We had all sorts of issues with birds

flying into the background of shots that required special effects to remove them.

“My job was to stay focused on the task at hand and concentrate on making the best film we possibly could,” Hillcoat says. “We could have released the film earlier this year, but it’s really not a summer movie. And I can’t think of a more auspicious date than Thanksgiving for this film. We’re getting something fully realized as opposed to rushed.”

Theater, holiday events fill university calendar

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Music

Wednesday: Christmas Carillon at 5 p.m. in Pat Neff Hall. This event is free and open to the public.

Friday to Saturday: The Baylor University Combined Choirs

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‘Ninja Assassin’ mortally wounds audience’s intelligence

By Ash Anderson
Entertainment Editor

It’s difficult to put into words how horrendous a film “Ninja Assassin” is. If there is a bad quality that you are able to think of, this ridiculous display of stylized action violence has it in spades. In fact, I find it excruciatingly difficult to search out a good quality throughout the entirety of the film. But I digress. The main reason that I feel such disdain toward this particular film is that I feel like I was tricked by the previews. I relied on the trailer to tell me that this film was “from the Wachowski Brothers,” the pair that wrote and directed the “Matrix” trilogy. Instead of hopping on to IMDb to see who was attached to the project, I just went to the theater. First mistake. Not only did neither Wachowski brother write or direct,

they weren’t even the executive producers. They weren’t given any billing and appeared fourth in the credits. I remember sitting in my seat, trying not to walk out of the theater (which I’ve only done once — “Garfield,” starring Bill Murray, has that honor), and thinking, “There is no way that the Wachowski’s could come up with something as groundbreaking as ‘The Matrix’ and then pitfall into this steaming pile of garbage.” Stupid, stupid, stupid. The plot is as ridiculous as the title makes it sound. Let’s think about that for a second. “Ninja Assassin” — if the title is redundant, the movie can’t be good. Lesson learned. Raizo (Rain), trained from a young age to follow in the steps of the Ozunu clan of assassins, is on the run from his brethren because of betrayal. Scenes from his childhood training are interspersed throughout the film, which is

basically a bunch of prepubescent children beating on each other with various forms of ninja weaponry. Kunai with chains, bos, shurikens and anything else that you could rip out of a manga (Japanese comic books) are all used to wreak gratuitous amounts of destruction on the most simple sets. Oh, what’s that? You didn’t know that wood splintered that much when hit with a sword? Neither did anyone else. I would be willing to bet that half of the money spent on special effects went to digitally creating additional debris that didn’t originate from the explosions on set. On the other side of the story is Mika (Naomi Harris) and her supervisor, Maslow (Ben Miles). Notice how everyone only has one name? The creativity is astounding.

Mika and Maslow are tasked with finding the organization behind mysterious funds that are funneled into random accounts shortly before political assassinations. According to legends, 100 pounds of gold was the price for an assassination by a ninja hundreds of years ago and the amount of money that appears in offshore accounts exactly matches the date-price of 100 pounds of gold. Of course, a tangled web of conspiracy ensues with a conglomerate at the backbone of the operation, otherwise there wouldn’t be a primary antagonist. As Mika enters her home one late night, the lights won’t come on. Imagine that. Unfortunately, ninjas can become ethereal in the dark and dissipate into nothingness, leaving Mika helpless against their

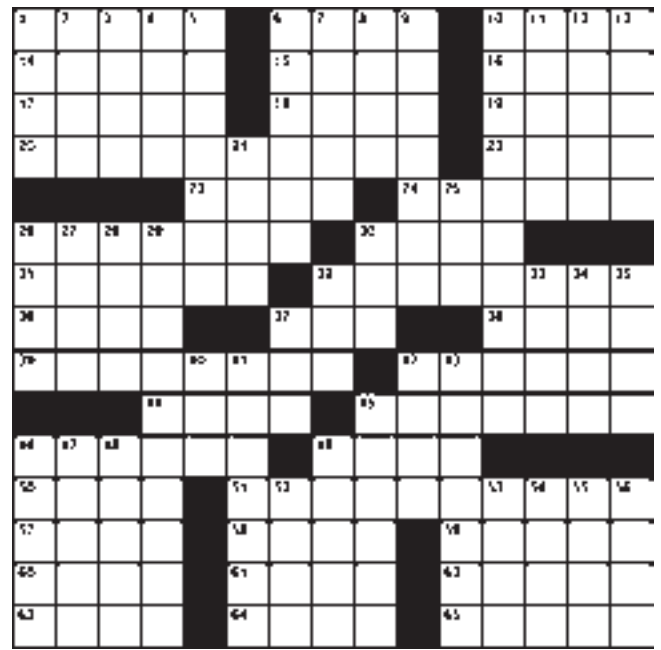


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Raizo (Rain) defends himself from ninjas who are attempting to assassinate him in “Ninja Assassins.” Raizo and Mika (Naomi Harris), unveil a conspiracy involving an ancient Japanese clan training young ninjas.

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erated as well. The camera constantly switches to unnecessary close-up shots of the weapons being used in the fights that distinguishing between the good guy and the bad guy(s) becomes an impossible feat.

I cannot imagine what the studio head was thinking when putting down \$40 million after reading the script for this film. The dialogue is laughable, the acting is atrocious and the humor is, at most, juvenile. Films such as “District 9” have better graphics, a better plot, and better acting, all for \$10 million dollars less than this farce. Sure, it may have been written to be a mindless piece of martial arts entertainment, but all it does is infuriate and annoy.



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December Madness

Volleyball squad reaches NCAA Tournament for first time since 2001

By KEVIN TAMER
SPORTS WRITER

For the third time in Baylor volleyball history, the Bears earned a bid into the NCAA Division I Volleyball Championship and will travel to Los Angeles to take on Georgia Tech University in the first round Friday.

After finishing the regular season with a 22-9 overall record, the Bears earned a spot in the tournament for the first time since 2001, when they were knocked out in the first round by Colorado State University. The only other time the Bears appeared in the tournament was in 1999 when they were swept by Penn State in the second round.

With talk that the Bears would likely make it into the tournament, senior setter Taylor Barnes admits it was a special feeling seeing it officially announced on TV.

"It was a really cool feeling because we have never seen our names up there," Barnes said. "We were all really nervous, because we didn't know where we

were going to playing or even if we were going to be playing. But I'm really proud of our team and our program."

Barnes continued to say that with this tournament comes a new season and a new mindset for the Bears.

"We need to go into this tournament with the 'all or nothing, now or never' attitude," the Arlington senior said. "It's like a new season, in a way, because whatever happened out there you can bounce back and any team is beatable."

This will mark the first time in head coach Jim Barnes, six-year tenure with the Bears to appear in the NCAA tournament. To make it even more special, with a win in the first round, Barnes will record his 100th career win as Baylor head coach.

The Bears finished the season with a .241 hitting percentage while averaging 13.8 kills per set and 16.0 digs per set. Katie Sanders led the Bears' offense with 346 total kills while Allison King recorded a team-high 497 digs for the defense this season. Sanders believes if her team can continue to build off its regular season success, it will make it far in the tournament.

"It will take all of us work-

ing together and doing our best every play. I know my teammates can do this and I expect it from them," the Katy senior said. "They expect it from me too. It will take a lot of teamwork and a lot of confidence the whole time."

Baylor's first round matchup against Georgia Tech will mark the first time the two teams have ever met in organized play. Under first-year head coach Tonya Johnson, the Yellow Jackets have posted a 21-9 record in the regular season and finished third in the ACC with a 15-5 mark. Head coach Jim Barnes welcomes the challenge Georgia Tech brings and believes his team matches up well against it.

"They are a good team in the ACC and a pretty balanced team," said Barnes, who earned his first-career tournament bid. "We have faced a lot of teams in our league similar to them, and we like the way we match up. We believe it is in our favor, but you have to be the team that plays the best that day."

The winner of this match will advance to the second round and take on the winner of No. 8 national seed UCLA (23-8) and Long Beach State University (22-8) at 9 p.m. Saturday.



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Taylor Barnes sets the ball during the Nov. 11 game against the University of Colorado. Barnes, along with Anna Breyfogle, was named to the All-Big 12 first-team Monday.

Sports Briefs

Lady Bears sweep Classic

The Lady Bears basketball team (8-1) won the World Vision Classic last weekend at the Ferrell Center.

The Bears defeated Idaho 82-37 on Friday and powered past Louisiana-Lafayette 89-42 on Saturday. On Sunday, the Bears topped off the tournament with a win against Lamar, 87-65.

In the final game against Lamar, freshman Brittney Griner posted a double-double with season-high 26 points and 12 rebounds. Griner also had eight blocks.

Big 12 recognizes Breyfogle

Senior Anna Breyfogle became the first volleyball player in school history to be named Big 12 Defensive Player of the Year, the league office announced Monday. She was also only the second player from Baylor to win an individual award in Big 12 history.

Breyfogle dominated the net this season, leading the conference in blocks for the second consecutive season. She posted an impressive 149 blocks, 18 more than any other player in contention.

Men's basketball takes fifth place in Old Spice Classic

The Bears bounced back from an opening-round loss to take fifth place at the 2009 Old Spice Classic in Lake Buena Vista, Fla.

The Bears outlasted Iona University in overtime 72-62 Friday night and then took down the Xavier Musketeers 69-64 Sunday.

Udoh earns honors

Junior Ekpe Udoh earned a spot on the Old Spice Classic All-Tournament Team as well as Phillips 66 Big 12 Rookie of the Week honors for his efforts last week.

Udoh averaged 15.0 points, 10.0 rebounds, 4.3 blocks and 3.3 assists through the three games of the tournament.

Sports Take: Press box takes backseat to stadium's spectacles

Covering last Saturday's game at Cowboys Stadium, I learned two things about the fortress even before taking my seat on the press row.

The video screen is gigantic, and Jerry Jones' palace is one expensive mesh of metal and glass. Maybe that's why the press box is located on the highest suite level, in the very corner of the stadium.

Put the press box any higher, like the usual location above the upper deck, and the seven-story high, 1080P high-definition screen would block your view like a short girl trying to shoot over Brittney Griner — there's no way around it.

What about at least putting the press box on the 50 yard line?

I think it was a simple equation for Mr. Jones.

The revenue for media to attend a game on the 50 is \$0. For suite-goers, a 50-yard line seat could buy a few years worth of Baylor tuition. It's a \$1.15 billion stadium, and clearly every cent counts.

But those were just my initial thoughts. Through the course of the night, most of my observations came from what everybody was observing.

Kevin Tamer already described the monstrous screen and all its unbelievable details in an earlier *Lariat* column, so I'll focus on what I noticed.

Seeing yourself on the screen is really a once-in-a-lifetime experience, and everybody made full



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use of their 15 seconds of digital fame.

People danced, jumped, proudly put their guns/bear paws in the air, and made their time count. One man even photo-

graphed himself to commemorate the closest he or anyone else will probably come to being on the big screen.

The players fell victim to the screen's allure as well. Every sideline closeup was the same: four or five players looking to-

ward the sky, seeing themselves larger than ever before, looking down for a second, and right looking back up.

It was something very difficult to keep the eyes off of for more than a few minutes; it fed off our short attention spans and kid-like attraction to large, shiny objects.

When you did take your eyes away from the screen, you got to see an incredible football environment. Cowboys Stadium looks like a spaceship from the outside, but under the roof on Saturday was one of the most down-to-earth, genuine college football environments one could ask for.

Yes, there were more luxury suites and a larger video screen than any collegiate stadium, but

it didn't take away from the more than 70,000 people screaming for their team in a game that went down to the last play.

With the roof closed and thousands of glass panels encasing the stadium, the crowd noise bounced around and made it tough for both teams on the field.

After the game ended, the screen was turned off and everybody went home, the empty Cowboys Stadium felt like just another stadium. But when the lights are on and everybody's watching, it is truly a spectacle to behold.

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Football season ends with disheartening defeat

Baylor bowl drought extends to 15 seasons

By JUSTIN BAER
SPORTS EDITOR

The tumultuous book that was the 2009 Baylor football season ended with a disparaging conclusion in a 20-13 defeat Saturday night at Cowboys Stadium in Arlington.

Entering the season with high expectations for a bowl-game berth, the Bears' (4-8, 1-7 Big 12) season took a violent downturn when Robert Griffin crumbled to the turf against Northwestern State University Sept. 26 with a season-ending ACL injury.

The Bears' offensive blunders throughout the season were accentuated in the Nov. 21 Battle of the Brazos against Texas A&M University when Baylor produced a mere three points against the league's worst defense.

Following the defeat, head coach Art Briles emphasized the importance of the Bears' following game against Texas Tech University.

"We will be ready to roll. To us, this is our bowl game," Briles said in a Nov. 22 press conference. "We are playing at a neutral site, and it is going to be a great atmosphere with a chance for our seniors to go out with a good taste in their mouth."

Coming out of the gates playing inspired for its self-proclaimed bowl game, Baylor crumbled in the second half and succumbed to a nearly perfect second-half performance from Texas Tech quarterback Taylor Potts.

The Bears retained a 10-3 lead going into the half, but surrendered solid field position in consecutive drives because of a lengthy kickoff return and an interception in the third quarter. Tech capitalized on both opportunities with touchdowns and salvaged the lead and momentum in the third quarter.

"We're extremely disappointed that we didn't win the football game," Briles said. "We certainly felt like that coming in, that we



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Quarterback Blake Szymanski fumbles during Saturday's 20-13 loss against Texas Tech University. Szymanski finished his career seventh all-time on Baylor's passing yards list.

played extremely hard, played with a lot of passion, intelligence, and energy. It's a shame that (the team) hasn't been rewarded for the sacrifices that they made for our football team and our university — that's what upset me more than anything."

Fifth-year senior quarterback Blake Szymanski made his first start since Oct. 17 against Iowa State University, and while piecing together solid drives, Baylor was only able to scrap 13 points from five red-zone appearances.

"That's what we had a tough time with tonight — finishing drives off and getting into the

end zone," Szymanski said. "We fought hard."

Szymanski finished the contest 22-for-35 with 234 yards passing and finished his career as a Bear seventh (4,162 yards) on the all-time passing yards list. His counter Taylor Potts composed a 20-27 second-half performance, including hitting his first 16-of-17 passes.

While Szymanski's turnover tendencies have received harsh criticism throughout his career from fans, Briles had faith the Wichita Falls native would give a valiant farewell effort.

"The hardest decision I had to



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Antonio Johnson (No. 7) celebrates following a sack against Texas Tech quarterback Taylor Potts. Johnson finished with an interception and a fumble recovery Saturday night.

make was, am I doing it because I want it to be good for Blake, because I do?" Briles said. "Or am I doing it because it's the best thing for our football team? Because I knew what the easy decision was—that was to go with Nick (Florence). I had to do what I thought what was the right decision."

Szymanski heaved a 57-yard pass to David Gettis on the Bears' first possession to put Baylor in prime field position. But Baylor was stifled in Texas Tech's red-zone. Briles sent in Dary Stone for a 25-yard field goal.

Baylor took a 10-0 lead in the second quarter on Blake Szyman-

ski's 1-yard quarterback sneak for the Bears' lone touchdown of the game despite the abundant chances.

"We played great defensively the whole game, that's why we had opportunities," Briles said. "Texas Tech is a good football team defensively, that's the main thing everybody overlooks. They've done a good job for a long time. When you get chances to score, you've got to score points."

Following Dary Stone's career-long 40-yard field goal in the third quarter, Tech running back Eric Stephens returned the kick-

off 64 yards to Baylor's 36.

Three plays later, Lyle Leong battled Joe Pawelek for a 6-yard touchdown reception to set the score at 13-10 Baylor with 9:48 remaining in the third quarter.

On the ensuing drive, Szymanski laced an interception in the waiting hands of Brent Nickerson. From the Bears' 32-yard line, Texas Tech stomped on a deflated Baylor defense, and Leong hauled in a go-ahead 12-yard touchdown reception — his second in as many drives.

"The things that are blaring for me, when they had short fields, they put up points," Pawelek said. "That makes it rough on us."

After Red Raider kicker Matthew Williams made a career-long 43-yard field goal in the fourth quarter to give Texas Tech a 20-13 lead, the Bears marched down the field with ample opportunity to tie the game.

The Bears invaded the Red Raiders' red-zone with less than four minutes remaining. Jay Finley scurried to the 10-yard line on a 5-yard run. But later on fourth-and-goal from the Tech 5-yard line, a pressured Szymanski threw behind Ernest Smith to shatter Baylor's comeback attempt.

"We had beat them on that play throughout the course of the game," Szymanski said. "(Smith) had quite a few people on him. It's one of those things, when you try to escape the pocket, but I stayed with him because you have to get rid of the ball and not take a sack."

The final game ends the storied careers of many Baylor players, including Pawelek, who tied Maurice Lane's school record with 45 consecutive games started.

"I think we're sitting there at looking at each other, saying, 'Man, this flies by,'" the San Antonio native said. "Being a fifth-year senior, you think you would be itching to get out of here. But the way this program is going, I wish I could stick around another four years."



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Salvation Army serves poor in community

By LAURA PATTON
REPORTER

Imagine living on \$600 a month. Paying for housing, bills, medical needs and food. The money doesn't go a long way. It might not last as long as it's needed.

Now imagine there is a place to eat for free. The Salvation Army on S. 4th Street, provides this opportunity through meals that are served every day to people who otherwise might go without anything to eat.

Stanley Goode, known as "Red" to volunteers and clients, runs the Salvation Army. "Many of the people who take advantage of the meals are living on a monthly wage of around \$600," Goode said. "Food is expensive, and everybody needs to eat."

Goode has run the 4th Street Salvation Army for three years, after serving as the assistant to the former manager. He has also seen countless Baylor students volunteer over the years, and speaks highly of them. While Goode said he would never turn away a volunteer, he is very adamant that their schoolwork comes first.

"Quite a bit of the students who come to volunteer get hooked," Goode said of students who start volunteering with campus organizations. "We appreciate their help. Come by when you can fit it into your schedule is what I tell students."

The experience is rewarding for many of the students who serve on a regular basis. Los Angeles junior Shannon Petera has made an impression on Petera, the experience has provided more than that.

"The idea came about as a service opportunity for my sorority that never played out," Petera said. "But a handful of us wanted to be involved, so we try to go once a week."

Although the group Petera volunteers with are members of the same sorority, they do not work on behalf of the sorority. Usually, someone will bring along a friend or classmate who is not a member.

"It's a rewarding experience," Petera said. "It's really a reality check. It makes you really appreciate what you have."

One of the most rewarding parts of volunteering, Petera said,

"It's really a reality check."

Shannon Petera
Salvation Army volunteer

is getting to talk to the people she is serving.

"The people there really appreciate you," said San Antonio senior Kathleen Judson. "You really feel like you're helping their lives in some small way."

Goode places a large emphasis on volunteers interacting with those being served. If there are too many volunteers to work the food line, Goode encourages some to just talk to people eating.

"A lot of our clients might need somebody to talk to," Goode said. "People don't realize how important it is just to have a conversation. For some of our clients, that might be the first conversation they have all day."

While having the opportunity to serve the less fortunate has made an impression on Petera, the experience has provided more than that.

"Red" has had a huge impact on me over the last few months because his heart is so big," Petera said. "The whole experience has made me really appreciate what I have."

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Steppin' Out this year in Dewey Park in an effort to encourage interaction between Baylor and the Waco community. The event was deemed a success and the committee hopes to continue this tradition in the future.

"I agree that there is a significant difference between students and the Waco community," said Carmel, Calif. junior Sonja Davidson, director of the Steppin' Out steering committee. "There is a lack of community and a lack

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residence hall beginning fall 2010.

"We want to assure you that it is our intention to help you and work with you in every possible way," the letter said. "This is an exciting time for Baylor University and we anticipate for this transition into the construction phase of the project, beginning March 2010, to be conducted in a smooth and timely manner. Thank you for your cooperation! God bless."

Doak called this hoax preposterous.

"This was a deliberate act to create a disruptive atmosphere amongst residents," Doak said.

Although Baylor Police officers collected notices and talked to residents, Fogleman said the area of distribution is actually under the jurisdiction of the Waco Police Department. Therefore, any investigation of this prank letter will be conducted by Waco Police.

Waco Police spokesman, Steven Anderson, said the prank was not a criminal act.

"At this point, there's no criminal offense," Anderson said. "We made a report as to it happened, but at this point, there's no criminal offense."

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that Obama in his speech would lower American ambitions for the rate of training Afghan soldiers and national police, a position that could put him at odds with some senior lawmakers who have pressed to expand and accelerate the training to speed the day when Afghan forces could assume more security duties and U.S. troops could begin to withdraw.

of shared experiences."

In an effort to bridge the gap between the two spheres, students like Davidson have been moving into neighborhoods in areas, such as 18th and Washington St., that are not exclusively made up of the Waco or Baylor population. These communities are composed of mixed residents from various social strata.

"One of my favorite things is to live with people who are so different from me," Davidson said. "It's a neat picture of coming together from different plac-

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has increased dramatically over the years within the Baylor community, Dorrell said.

"I think Baylor's challenge is going to be, how do you go to that next level?" Dorrell said. "Here you have a city that has 27 percent poverty, one of the sharpest Christian-based academic systems anywhere and churches all over, and we have very little impact on the poverty level."

However, Dorrell commented on the signs of hope he has seen over the years as he has lived and worked with those in need in Waco.

"I think there are a lot of initiatives," Dorrell said. "I think we've tapped into a desire that says, 'I want my life to make a difference and I can use any skill God has given me.' So I think the theology and the intentionality is there that wasn't there 10 years ago."

One initiative seeking to bring economic life back to an area in Waco is World Cup Café, a project of Mission Waco that seeks to serve as a common ground that encourages interaction among the community.

"It seems to be a mutual ground where stereotypes go out the window," said JoBeth McTavish, a youth pastor and worker at Mission Waco.

McTavish has worked at World Cup Café for a little over a year.

Aside from food, the café also features fair trade goods for sale from across the globe, benefiting the craftsmen who produced them.

es. When communities are mixed, peoples' needs are met."

In another effort to serve those in the community, Baylor's chapter of Campus Kitchen picks up unserved and untouched food from campus cafeterias daily and delivers it to Salvation Army to provide food for those in need.

"I think Baylor is doing a good job," said Houston senior Christine Hersh, cook and leader in the Baylor chapter of Campus Kitchen. "We are saving hundreds of pounds of food each semester. Students have a real heart

Suspect in coffee shop killing eludes law in Seattle

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SEATTLE — Authorities believe the man sought in the slaying of four police officers is still alive and has been aided by a network of friends and family, a police spokesman said Monday night.

Officers believe Maurice Clemmons was shot in the abdomen during the attack on the officers at a Parkland coffee shop, and had speculated he might have died.

But Ed Troyer, a spokesman for the Pierce County Sheriff, said investigators have questioned several people who had provided assistance to Clemmons since the Sunday morning shootings.

"We think his network of people helping him is running out," Troyer said. "He's probably on his own."

Police are also certain Clemmons, 37, was in a Seattle house on Sunday night, but was able to flee before police could contain the area. Police staked out the house overnight before SWAT team members determined early Monday that Clemmons wasn't there.

Clemmons has had access to handguns, rifles and shotguns, Troyer said. "It's unfortunate he's been a step or two ahead of us."

Monday morning's realization that the suspect had not been cornered after all prompted police to

for making Waco a better place."

On Martin Luther King Jr. Day, the Baylor Campus Kitchen organization served 1,000 box lunches to five different schools around Waco. Some argue, however, that the Baylor community is not yet meeting its full potential concerning service to those in need in Waco.

"Never do for the poor what they can do themselves," Davidson said. "What they need is the ability or empowerment to learn a trade or apply for a job. We aren't always really invested."

fan out across the city, looking for any sign of Clemmons. Authorities posted a \$125,000 reward for information leading to his arrest in the Sunday morning shooting rampage.

The manhunt came as authorities in two states took heat for the fact that Clemmons was allowed to walk the streets despite a teenage crime spree in Arkansas that landed him a 95-year prison sentence. He was released early after then-Gov. Mike Huckabee commuted his sentence.

"This guy should have never been on the street," said Brian D. Wurts, president of the police union in Lakewood, where all four slain officers worked. "Our elected officials need to find out why these people are out."

Police said they are not sure what prompted Clemmons to assassinate the officers as they worked on their laptop computers at the beginning of their shifts. He was described as increasingly erratic in the past few months and had been arrested earlier this year on charges that he punched a sheriff's deputy in the face.

Authorities said the gunman singled out the officers and spared employees and other customers at the coffee shop in a suburb about 35 miles south of Seattle. He then fled, but not before he was apparently shot in the torso by one of the dying officers.

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