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Texas budget cut by billions

By APRIL CASTRO ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUSTIN — Texas lawmakers got their first glimpse of what the next state budget might look like late Tuesday, including a staggering \$5 billion cut to public schools, as Gov. Rick Perry and his supporters were dancing at an inaugural celebration. While public education appeared to bear the brunt of the \$15 billion state revenue shortfall, few corners of state government were spared in the draft proposal for the next two years that spends \$73.2 billion in state money. The proposal reduces state spending by almost \$14 billion over the current budget. The reduction is smaller than the shortfall because of \$1.4 billion in sav-

ings requested by the state leaders from the current year budget. The budget draft, which is expected to be filed as legislation in the House later this week, would cut funding entirely to four community colleges and would generally eliminate financial aid for incoming freshmen and new students. The Texas Grants scholarship program would drop by more than 70,000 students over the next two years. The proposal also would reduce reimbursement rates by 10 percent for physicians, hospitals and nursing homes that participate in Medicaid — a decrease that could eventually dry up participation in the program for poor and disabled Texans. SEE BUDGET, page 6

Economic plans target downtown

By ADE ADESANYA REPORTER

The Greater Waco Chamber of Commerce is involved in a development effort to revitalize economic activity in Waco. The plans for economic development include a five-year plan and a 20- to 40-year redevelopment plan. The five-year plan is revised every five years to reflect changes in objectives of the chamber. Over the next five years, continued effort will be directed toward developing more direct connections between Baylor and downtown Waco. SEE CHAMBER, page 6

"We are thinking of more ways to connect the downtown to Baylor, even if that means just having lunch in the downtown and heading back to campus," said Scott Connell, senior vice president of strategic development for the Greater Waco Chamber. "We are looking at increasing activity in the downtown area." The chamber also hopes to increase downtown activity with the riverfront development plan. This strategic long-term plan will work toward commercial and private property development in the



NICK BERRYMAN | LARIAT PHOTOGRAPHER Behind the curtain Members of Delta Delta Delta sorority hide behind blankets Wednesday as their sorority sisters discover who will be their big sister in the Barfield Drawing Room of the Bill Daniel Student Center.

Son of 'trailblazing' Baylor student honors King

By CAITLIN GIDDENS REPORTER



JED DEAN | LARIAT PHOTO EDITOR Rev. Dr. Kenyatta R. Gilbert speaks on "Living Above the Mountaintop" at the annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Luncheon Wednesday on the fifth floor of Cashion Academic Center.

He said difficult days lay ahead. But from the mountaintop, he could see the Promised Land. Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. spoke these words the day before his assassination. According to Rev. Dr. Kenyatta Gilbert, the son of the first black Baylor student, he was right. As a student at Baylor from 1963-1967 and as a civil rights leader and pastor in Waco, Gilbert's father, Robert Gilbert, suffered severe discrimination and resistance to change. At the annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. luncheon, hosted by

the multicultural affairs department Wednesday, Gilbert added to King's famous words by encouraging members of the Waco community to live above the mountaintop. "When we live over the mountaintop, we see two things," Gilbert said. "We see despair on the ground and a providing hand to help us over the top of the mountain." The department of multicultural affairs partnered with 11 local organizations to host the luncheon. More than 300 guests, varying from leaders of the Waco community to Baylor faculty, attended the event.

"This is a celebration of King's dream," said Kelley Kimple, coordinator of the Multicultural affairs department. "It is a reflection of how we are all living it out together." Before Gilbert spoke, Baylor Associate Chaplain Ryan Richardson performed at the luncheon, inviting the congregation to sing along to "His Eye Is on the Sparrow." This union of voices warmed the stage for Gilbert's inspirational words. "You honor my father and Dr. King with your presence here," Gilbert said. "I stand here in lega- SEE KING, page 6

Pay or spay: Law requires Waco pet owners to purchase breeding permit

By ARIADNE ABERIN STAFF WRITER

Waco passed a law on Jan. 1 requiring all dog and cat owners to spay and/or neuter their animals. Any owners who wish to breed their pets are now required to pay \$50 for a permit which allows them to breed their animals for one year. If the owner wishes to breed again after the allotted year has passed, he or she must purchase another permit. "The reason Waco passed this law was to reduce the number of unwanted strays and unwanted animals," said Lois Reasoner, director of Fuzzy Friends Animal Shelter and registered veterinary technician. Reasoner said the number of unwanted animals was getting out of control and too many animals were getting

ethanized each year. "Something has to be done to limit the amount of unwanted litter at the shelters," Reasoner said. "Fuzzy Friends is a no-kill shelter, but we sometimes have to turn these animals away for lack of space." Reasoner also said spaying or neutering an animal has its health benefits. "Many people don't know this," Reasoner said, "but if you spay or neuter your pet, it will actually be healthier." Dogs are as susceptible to getting breast and testicular cancer as humans, and spaying or neutering pets reduces the chance. Almost 50 percent of unspayed female dogs develop breast tumors and almost 60 percent of intact male dogs suffer from prostate cancer. However, students have expressed concern about the cost of spaying or

neutering a pet. Lee Roy Calderon, student at the Baylor School of Law and first-time pet owner, put off neutering his dog due to the cost of the procedure. Some organizations charge between \$50 and \$90 to spay or neuter one pet while others may charge up to \$150. However, there are clinics available that offer a lower price such as Emancipet in Austin, which will generally spay or neuter your animal for under \$50, and occasionally for free. "I don't know if the law is necessary, but it's a good law," Calderon said. "The only problem with this law is that it's expensive to spay or neuter your pet. If Waco had some sort of incentive where they made that cheaper, then it'd be easier for people to get on board with that law." SEE NEUTER, page 6



JED DEAN | LARIAT PHOTO EDITOR Bear, a 12-week-old golden retriever, sits in a pile of leaves outside his Waco home. According to a new Waco City Ordinance, all Waco dogs are required to be neutered or spayed unless the owner obtains a permit.

Grade policy cheapens others' hard work

Baylor has a lot of great policies. One of them, allows students to drop a class without a grade being recorded through the 20th class day. That, I think,



Caty Hirst | City Editor

is a very just policy.

Twenty days gives students time to learn about the class and determine if they will have the time and ability to manage it for the rest of the semester. The policy gives them ample time to drop without negative consequences.

There is one policy, however, that I think Baylor takes too far in showing mercy to students.

The Baylor student handbook states that after students fail a course, they are allowed to repeat that course and "the grade received the last time the course is taken is the only grade that counts on the student's GPA."

This policy is unjust for multiple reasons, not the least because it rewards bad behavior. It sends the message to students that they can slack off during the semester and then be rewarded for not working hard.

They can fail a class, and instead of this negatively affecting their GPA, they can retake the class (and it will be easier because they already at least semi-know the material and are familiar with the material).

After they retake the class, and get an A for example, their GPA is not positively — instead of negatively — affected by first failing a class.

It is also categorically unfair to other students who work hard the first time. For example, say John Smith spent the semester studying hard for his economics class.

He skipped hanging out with

friends to make sure he studied, maybe he didn't go to a few Baylor basketball games, pulled a few all nighters, spent the weekends in the library and eventually got a B+ in the class.

In contrast, Jim Bob, who sat behind him, went out every weekend, partied with his friends and generally didn't care about economics at all.

He failed the class. Many would say he got what he deserved — but then he retakes the class the following semester (after already having taken the class once and learned some of the information), and gets a B+, too.

This policy is also discriminatory; it privileges the rich students at Baylor, and disadvantages the poor students. Students who come from wealthy backgrounds and have the financial ability to stay at Baylor longer or take summer classes to replace grades are less likely to take these classes seriously.

In contrast, students who are financially strapped are pressured to do better in classes because they cannot afford to stay any longer than necessary.

This policy is also not compatible with the real world. In reality, when we all get jobs, we aren't going to be able to fail at a task given to us by our employers and expect to have no consequences.

Finally, this policy cheapens academic honors such as graduating Cum Laude, Magna Cum Laude, Summa Cum Laude or with a 4.0. I know a student graduating in May with a 4.0 — but this student definitely does not have a 4.0.

He failed two classes and was given the opportunity to retake these classes, and got As. He is now graduating with a perfect 4.0, which completely cheapens the efforts of people who have labored their entire college career to ensure they could graduate with a 4.0.

This policy could easily be re-evaluated. Perhaps exceptions could be made for students who auto-fail because of illness or accidents, but these students are definitely not the majority.

The majority of students who take advantage of this policy fail because they got lazy or did not put in the effort.

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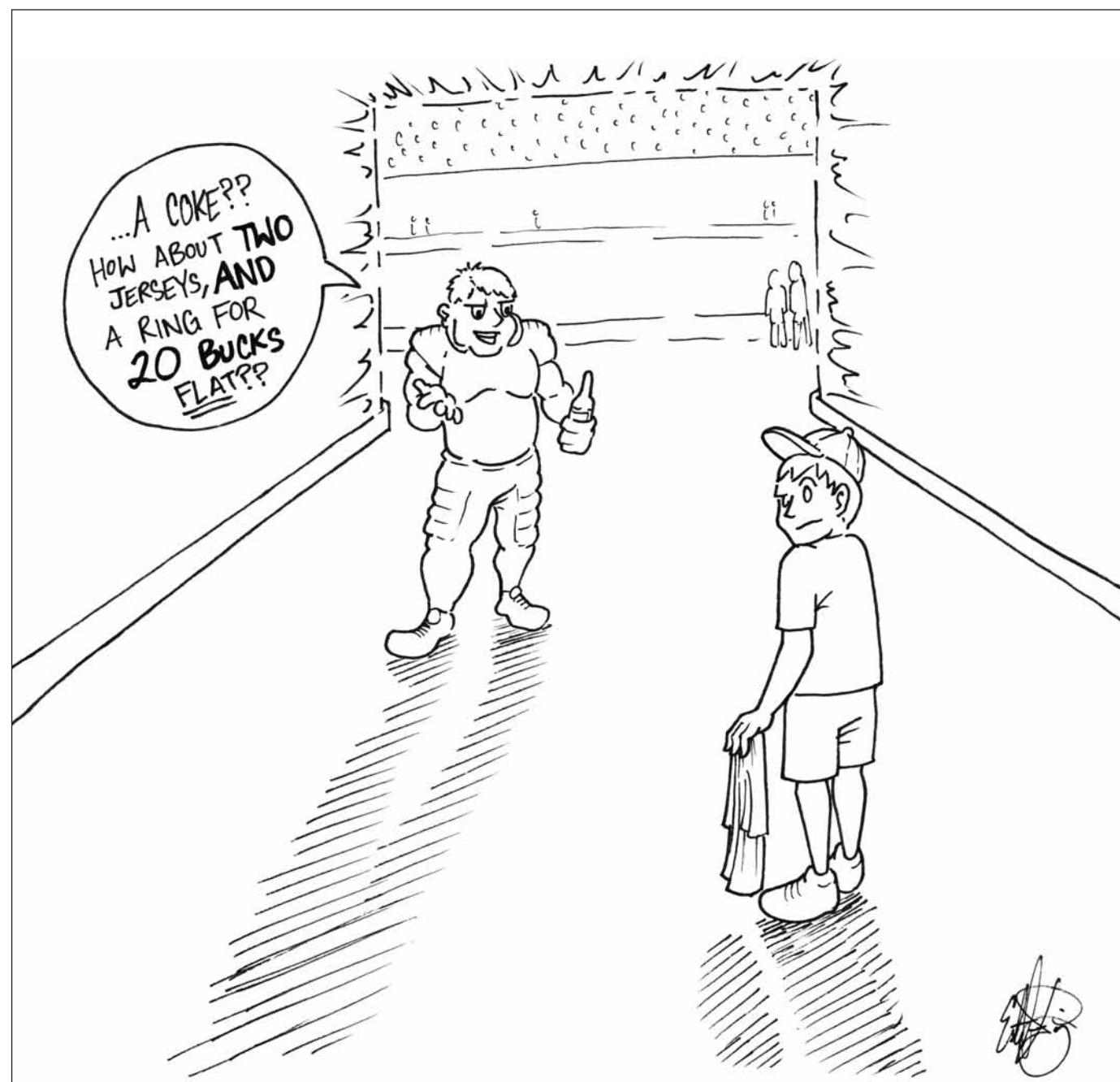
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Nothing sweet about NCAA's lenient punishment of Buckeyes

Editorial

On Jan. 4, fans at the Louisiana Superdome were treated to an exciting Allstate Sugar Bowl game as Ohio State beat Arkansas, 31-26. It was a big night for several Buckeyes; quarterback Terrelle Pryor, running back Dan Herron and receiver DeVier Posey all racked up the yards and accolades that came with being the 2011 Sugar Bowl champions.

The problem is that these players, along with offensive tackle Mike Adams and defensive end Solomon Thomas, should not have been on the field.

In December the NCAA discovered the players committed violations, but instead of enacting an effective punishment, the NCAA let the Buckeyes go with what equated to a slap on the wrist.

The Ohio State players sold items totaling between \$1,000 and \$2,500, including Big Ten championship rings, football jerseys and uniform pants. A local tattoo parlor also offered discounted services to Thomas.

In addition to the standard four-game suspension for the violation, the NCAA added an additional game to the punishment because Ohio State did not immediately report the rules infraction. But when presented the option to include the Sugar Bowl game, the Buckeyes' most important game of the year, the NCAA allowed the players to play and instead sit out the first five games of next season.

The NCAA rationalized the decision by stating the players did not know that selling their personal items was against the rules, the Associated Press reported.

Some of those associated with the Buckeyes, like Posey's mother, believed there was no crime committed at all. It was the players' property, Mrs. Posey told the Columbus Dispatch, and there should not be rules preventing them from selling it. The players also explained that the money went to help their families alleviate economic challenges.

Those supporting Mrs. Posey's belief do have an argument, the counterpoint to which says NCAA athletes should not be able to use personas to sell items for exorbitant prices.

Regardless of the controversial nature of disallowing profit from personal items, the fact remains that such action is currently a rules violation. The NCAA's choice was simply an excuse let the team keep the most prolific players on the field for a highly publicized event.

Even a partial game suspension, a quarter or a half, for example, would at least offer some level of cost to Ohio State's program for failing to educate its players on proper NCAA conduct. It is quite possible that the majority of these players will never serve a single game of this suspension. Knowing they will only play seven or eight games next year, they might pursue careers in the National Football League and forego their NCAA eligibility altogether.

By letting these players participate in the Sugar Bowl, the NCAA is fostering a culture in which television ratings and publicity overrule the ideals it promotes.

If the organization wants to uphold "the highest levels of integrity and sportsmanship," it must enforce rule violations with meaningful punishment.

Worldwide inspiration for African women

On Jan. 1, the Federative Republic of Brazil made history. Brazil's first woman president, Dilma Rousseff, was officially sworn into office. Brazil, the largest country in South America, set the pace for a new political era for itself and this region of the world.

The election of Rousseff is a reminder that many developing countries in the 21st century will witness more drastic changes. One of them is the rise of engaged and well-educated women who wish to make the world a better place.

According to voanews.com, thousands of people witnessed the historical inauguration of 63-year-old Rousseff. She was a freedom fighter in the 1960s and had the support of her mentor and former president of Brazil, Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva. Rousseff intends to set a country record by appointing nine female ministers



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for her cabinet. She also intends to consolidate the work of her predecessor, to protect the most vulnerable in society and "to govern for all," according to BBC.

Rousseff joins the elite and

inspiring group of women political leaders like former Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher from Great Britain, Bangladeshi Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina Wazed, America's Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and President Ellen Johnson Sirlaef from Liberia.

Through their hard work and dedication, these women have set a golden path for women of the millennial generation.

The millennial generation is the demographic group born from 1980 onward and brought up using digital technology and mass media.

The path these women have set should be heeded by many on the continent of Africa.

Women of the millennial generation from Africa — particularly Cameroon — ought to follow Rousseff's footsteps. In fact, one of the potential Cameroonian leaders is doing just that.

Cameroonian presidential candidate Edith Kabbang Walla, popularly known as Kah Walla, resigned from the Social Democratic Party of Cameroon in October and has declared her intention to run on her own. Her stake for independence should be mimicked in other arenas of Cameroonian life.

The continent of Africa needs doctors, professors, librarians and journalists more than ever to catch up with the rest of the world. The determination of women around the world must be admired in Africa, too.

Millions of African young women around the world are currently getting their education. My hope is that they may see their roles and influence beyond the domestic sphere.

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Opinion

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Surprise guest encourages student service

Chet Edwards speaks at Student Leadership Dinner

By SARA TIRRITO
STAFF WRITER

Guests at Wednesday night's inaugural Student Leadership Dinner were surprised with a visit by Chet Edwards, who made the dinner his first official public appearance since leaving office as congressman for District 17 this past November, a position he has held for the past 20 years.

"I planned for years [thinking] what would be the first public appearance I would want to make," Edwards said. "I would want it to be with student leaders because student activities in college literally opened up the doors of opportunity for my service in Congress."

Edwards said student activities and his involvement in college changed his life and led him to opportunities that might have otherwise eluded him.

Echoing a quote from Robert F. Kennedy, Edwards encouraged the students to realize every person can make a difference in the world.

"Each of you can be a ripple of hope," Edwards said. "Each of you can make a difference in the lives of your family, your friends, people in this community while you're here at Baylor and in the greater world when you leave."

Other speakers at the dinner included Dr. Kevin Jackson, vice president for student life; Michael Wright, student body president; Virginia DuPuy, former mayor of Waco; and Baylor President Ken Starr.

The dinner was the first in what Wright said he hopes to be a series of dinners. Wright envisions a setting in which student leaders can better get to know one another.

In addition to forming relationships, students will be introduced to organizations they might otherwise be unaware of.

Various volunteer opportunities in the Waco community will be presented to the leaders of student groups on campus in an effort to get students more involved in the community.



President Ken Starr shakes hands with former U.S. Rep. Chet Edwards at Baylor's Student Leadership Dinner Wednesday at the Blume Banquet Hall in Cashion Academic Center.

"I want to challenge you to take one step further," Wright said, "not merely to fill the needs of today, but to help build bridges to a brighter future, right here in our hometown

of Waco, Texas." The volunteer opportunity presented at the dinner was with the Greater Waco Community Educational Alliance, an organization

that has built a tutoring program in which volunteers read with students at a local elementary school for two hours a week.

DuPuy, executive director of

the organization, encouraged students to become volunteers and to help tell the story of the organization and the work it is doing with the children at J.H. Hines Elementary School.

"Think about your life and what a rich life you have and the kind of experiences that you can share with the young people many of whom have never been out of Waco," DuPuy said.

"Then you'll meet some wonderful people — there are wonderful people working with this — you'll expand your relationships, and as others have so eloquently said, you never know exactly what kind of experience is going to lead to another, to another, to another and to another. And it's just, it's the right thing to do."

Starr, who volunteers with the group along with his wife, Alice, called on students to pray about not only their own involvement in the program, but that of others they know.

"We ask you, we urge you: sign up. Agree to become a mentor," Starr said. "If you say, 'I just can't do it,' then would you go find someone who will?"

Dead Sea Scrolls offer new perspective on Bible

By JADE MARDIROSIAN
STAFF WRITER

The religion department hosted a lecture Wednesday on the topic of the Dead Sea Scrolls and their importance in learning about the Bible.

Dr. Sidnie White Crawford, Willa Cather professor and chair of classics and religious studies at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, presented the lecture titled "What the Dead Sea Scrolls Teach Us About the Bible."

Crawford explained that through decades of research and interpretation, the previous picture of the Bible has been both complicated and clarified by the scrolls.

The Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered

between the 1940s and the 1960s in caves near the ancient settlement of Qumran in what is today the north shore of the Dead Sea.

Most of the scrolls came out in pieces and were put together by scholars like puzzles. There were a total of 15,000 fragments taken out of the caves and assembled into 900 manuscripts. The scrolls are written in Hebrew, Aramaic and Greek and are dated in age from 250 BCE to 70 CE. A total of 25 percent of the scrolls are biblical from the Jewish Canon of scripture.

"What the Dead Sea Scrolls teach us about the Bible is that the process of becoming the Bible was really a process of growth and change that took place over a mat-

ter of centuries," Crawford said. "This had to do not only with the original composers of these books but also the communities that made them authoritative and eventually made them canonical."

Dr. Lidija Novakovic, Baylor associate professor of religion, played an important role in bringing Crawford to Baylor. She described the scrolls as one of the major finds of the 20th century, with a great impact on scholarship.

"The Dead Sea Scrolls have shown us the wealth of Jewish thought. They have also given us a glimpse into a community that we knew something about, but didn't know much," Novakovic said. "What is amazing is this community coexisted with Jesus' move-

ment and yet the Gospel does not mention them. All of this is highly important and it helps us understand the diversity of Judaism in the first place."

Crawford explained there are many examples of variants in the scrolls found at the site in Qumran and these variants were sometimes forced into a harmonization. An example of this is found on the scroll titled 4QDeuteronomy, which includes the Ten Commandments.

In the Bible the Ten Commandments appear in both Deuteronomy and Exodus. Crawford uses a discrepancy between the two books' versions of the Sabbath commandment as an example. Reading from the Torah, Crawford

noted that in Deuteronomy the Hebrews are commanded to observe a day of rest because the Hebrews had been enslaved. In Exodus, however, they are told they must rest on the seventh day because the Lord rested after he made creation. The 4QDeuteronomy scroll found at Qumran combines the Fourth Commandment from Deuteronomy and Exodus — the Hebrews are expected to observe a day of rest to honor the enslavement and God's act of creation.

"That's a harmonization; the scribe or the scribe's predecessor took the Deuteronomy text and added the Exodus reason into it," Crawford said. "This process went on in various biblical books sometimes to the point where a book

could exist in two forms, two additions of the same book, and this occurred in the book of Jeremiah."

Crawford said the scrolls came to be accepted in the Qumran community through various authorities.

"You have two sources of authority, the composers who worked under divine inspiration and then also the community who equally worked under divine inspiration to eventually accept these forms and in between we have a very interesting period of flux and change," Crawford said.

Crawford is a member of the international publication team for the Dead Sea Scrolls and is responsible for editing 14 manuscripts from the Qumran collection.

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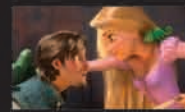
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