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Gospel tickets on sale

Heavenly Voices Gospel Choir's Gospel Fest 2011 tickets are now on sale at the Bill Daniel Student Center box office for \$10. Gospel Fest will be held at 6 p.m. Feb. 12 in Waco Hall. Tickets are \$15 at the door. This event will feature college and community choirs as well as other local talents.

Habitat hangout

Baylor Habit for Humanity will host Hangin' with Habitaters from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Fountain Mall. Join Habitat members and learn more about the organization. There will be games and prizes, refreshments and crafts.

Cultural show

The department of multicultural affairs is kicking off Black History Month with a cultural show at 6 p.m. today in Kayser Auditorium in the Hankamer School of Business. Tickets for Black Heritage Banquet, Gospel Fest and All-University Sing will be given away as door prizes.



People demonstrate Monday in Cairo. A coalition of opposition groups called for a million people to take to Cairo's streets today to ratchet up pressure for President Hosni Mubarak to leave.

Egypt's army pledges restraint as Cairo plans for giant march

By HAMZA HENDAWI AND MAGGIE MICHAEL
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CAIRO — Egypt's military pledged not to fire on protesters in a sign that army support for President Hosni Mubarak may be unraveling on the eve of a major escalation — a push for a million people to take to the streets today to demand the authoritarian leader's ouster.

More than 10,000 people beat drums, played music and chanted slogans in Tahrir Square, which has become ground zero of a week of protests demanding an end to Mubarak's three decades in power. With the organizers' calling

for a “march of a million people,” the vibe in the sprawling plaza — whose name in Arabic means “Liberation” — was of an intensifying feeling that the uprising was nearing a decisive point.

“He only needs a push!” was one of the most frequent chants, and a leaflet circulated by some protesters said it was time for the military to choose between Mubarak and the people.

The latest gesture by Mubarak aimed at defusing the crisis fell flat. His top ally, the United States, roundly rejected his announcement of a new government Monday that dropped his highly unpopular interior minister, who heads police forces and has been

widely denounced by the protesters.

The crowds in the streets were equally unimpressed.

“It's almost the same government, as if we are not here, as if we are sheep,” sneered one protester, Khaled Bassiouny, a 30-year-old Internet entrepreneur. He said it was time to escalate the marches. “It has to burn. It has to become ugly. We have to take it to the presidential palace.”

Another concession came late Monday, when Vice President Omar Suleiman — appointed by Mubarak only two days earlier — went on state TV to announce the offer of a dialogue with “political forces” for constitutional and leg-

islative reforms.

Suleiman did not say what changes would entail or which groups the government would speak with. Opposition forces have long demanded the lifting of restrictions on who is eligible to run for president to allow a real challenge to the ruling party, as well as measures to ensure elections are fair. A presidential election is scheduled for September.

In Washington, White House spokesman Robert Gibbs dismissed the naming of the new government, saying the situation in Egypt calls for action, not appointments.

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Sale of wrist accessories to benefit United Way

By SARA TIRRITO
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Student government is sponsoring a fundraiser to support United Way of Waco-McLennan County.

Beginning Wednesday, students can purchase a package of two Silly Bandz, one in Baylor green and the other in gold, for \$1.

The bands are in the shape of the word “more” — a symbol of the university's United Way campaign slogan — and will come packaged with information on Baylor's campaign and Waco's

United Way organization.

“Baylor's United Way campaign slogan for the past two years has been ‘More Than Me,’ so we just thought it would be a wonderful tie-in to that,” Baytown senior Cristina Galvan, student body external vice president, said. “They'll not only serve as a way to raise funds, but also a way to remind students of the needs in their community.”

Houston senior Michael

Wright, student body president, said he believes the “More Than Me” slogan means that students should reach beyond the Baylor

community to serve others.

“We're so blessed to be students at Baylor and be afforded this great education, and along

with that I think there's a deeper calling to serve our community and serve Christ and serve beyond just ourselves,” Wright said.

Student government hopes to sell 1,000 pairs of bracelets, but will also welcome any additional donations, Galvan said.

Wright said he hopes the fundraiser will help increase student awareness and involvement in supporting the United Way campaign.

“In the past student participation has not been very impressive,

so I think our goal this year is just really to build awareness,” Wright said. “I'm not sure that we have an aggressive financial goal, but as long as we can build awareness about the United Way campaign, then this year is a success.”

Marcia Dutschmann, assistant to the associate vice president for human resources, said getting students involved in raising money for United Way is an important part of showing total support from the Baylor community to the Waco community, and that every

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Waco sophomore David Xiao plays table tennis against Changchun, China, sophomore Zi Mu Yang during the Chinese New Year celebration Saturday at the Waco Table Tennis Club behind the World Cup Cafe on 15th Street and Colcord Avenue.

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Traveling home for the holidays: It's a common concept, especially for Baylor students. The trip is inconvenient at most, but not impossible. But when home is more than 8,000 miles away, there's no returning for the holidays.

This is the struggle Chinese students face as the New Year, the largest celebration in their culture, draws closer.

In an effort to make Chinese students feel at home, World Cup Café welcomed international students to celebrate the New Year

on Saturday afternoon. Foreign students carpoled to the café to play table tennis and share homemade dumplings, attempting to forget the distance from home for just one afternoon.

“The Chinese New Year is like Christmas back home,” Shanghai sophomore Lisa Lu said. “But we almost feel like we're back home because there's so many people gathered here.”

The Chinese New Year, which falls on Thursday this year, brings people together in the largest family reunion of the year in China. But between class schedules and travel expenses, returning home is not possible for most Baylor

students from China.

Mission Waco, Calvary Baptist Church and Waco Chinese Church collaborated to host the New Year celebration. Next door to World Cup Café, the Waco Table Tennis Club opened its facilities for the students to play ping-pong, the most popular game in China. Jimmy Dorrell, executive director of Mission Waco and competitive ping-pong player, explained the significance of table tennis in Chinese culture.

“In China, children are given a ping-pong paddle before they're

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