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Mubarak defiant as crowd seethes



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Effigies of Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak can be seen hanging from traffic lights early Wednesday as Egyptian anti-government protesters gathered in Tahrir (Liberation) Square watch U.S. President Barack Obama, not seen, live on a TV broadcast from Washington.

Obama pushes for peaceful transition

BY HADEEL AL-SHALCHI
AND SARAH EL DEEB
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CAIRO — President Hosni Mubarak defied a quarter-million protesters demanding he step down immediately, announcing Tuesday he would serve out the last months of his term and "die on Egyptian soil." He promised not to seek re-election, but that did not calm public fury as clashes erupted between his opponents and supporters.

The protesters, whose num-

bers multiplied more than tenfold in a single day Tuesday for their biggest rally yet, have insisted they will not end their unprecedented week-old wave of unrest until their ruler for nearly three decades goes.

Mubarak's halfway concession — an end to his rule seven months down the road — threatened to inflame frustration and anger among protesters, who have been peaceful in recent days.

In the Mediterranean city of Alexandria, clashes erupted between several hundred protesters and government supporters soon afterward, according to footage by Al-Jazeera television. The protesters threw stones at their rivals, who wielded knives and sticks,

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President Barack Obama delivers a statement on Egypt Tuesday in the Grand Foyer of the White House in Washington.

Internet outage doesn't stop communication

BY STEPHEN STROBBE
REPORTER

An action essentially unprecedented in global telecommunications took place Thursday when, seemingly as a result of civil unrest, most of Egypt was effectively disconnected from the Internet.

Renesys is a company that acts as an authority in global Internet intelligence by "operating a real time global sensor grid that continuously monitors, collects, analyzes and correlates Internet routing data with other data," according to its website.

In a blog post written for Renesys on Thursday by James Cowie, the co-founder and chief technology officer of Renesys, he noted the company discovered almost all Egyptian Internet addresses became suddenly unreachable.

"This is a completely different situation from the modest Internet manipulation that took place in Tunisia, where specific routes were blocked, or Iran, where the Internet stayed up in a rate-limited form designed to make Internet connectivity painfully slow," Cowie said. "The Egyptian government's actions tonight have essentially wiped their country from the global map."

Dr. Randal Vaughn, professor of management information systems, teaches courses on cyber security and cyber warfare.

"Information has strategic and tactical value. Talking heads have suggested the Egyptian government is limiting communication to prevent the populace from using that technology to coordinate their actions and to lessen dissent," Vaughn wrote in an e-mail to the Lariat.

"I actually think this will backfire on the Egyptian government," Vaughn wrote. "The action drives

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Recent graduate's savvy airplane stunt pays off

BY SARA TIRRITO
STAFF WRITER

Just two months before his December graduation, Shelby Burford completely dropped his post-graduation plans. He had intended to start a dessert and coffee shop in downtown Waco and had already created a business plan for the project, but as he prayed about his future, Burford felt called to find work and join a church plan called Mosaic in Seattle.

"I tend to be very ambitious and kind of control every aspect that I can control, so in this when I felt like God was calling me to Seattle without a job and without a plan it was very counter to the way I usually am," Burford said. "I just felt like I really needed to

trust God on this and not know all of the answers for once."

Matthew Armstrong, Burford's section leader at Antioch Community Church in Waco, said that despite his uncertainty, Burford had never been one to shy away from God's call.



Burford

Shelby, I never saw any question in his heart," Armstrong said. "He's the kind of guy that once he feels like God is telling him to do something, he

will give himself to it."

And so Burford boarded a flight to Seattle on Jan. 1 without a job but with a plan to find one.

He had 250 cocktail napkins with him, each printed with his objective — "Seeking creative and entrepreneurial employment in Seattle" — followed by his abridged resume, contact information and seat number. After the flight attendants had served everyone's beverages, Burford followed up with his specialized napkins, hoping someone on the flight might be searching for an employee that fit his qualifications.

But no one was.

So Burford came up with a new plan. He called the Seattle

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J. SHELBY BURFORD

Abridged Resume

Seeking creative and entrepreneurial employment in Seattle.

EXPERIENCE & HONORS:

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Sole Proprietor & Graphic Designer, Shelby Burford Design
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Baylor graduate Shelby Burford's abridged resume, printed on 250 cocktail napkins and given to airplane passengers, helped Burford generate publicity and eventually land 12 job interviews.

Concealed firearms bill unlikely to affect Baylor policy

BY DANIEL C. HOUSTON
REPORTER

Baylor and other private universities in Texas will likely not be required by law to allow licensed students, faculty, administrators or staff to carry concealed handguns onto campus, according to sources in the Texas Legislature.

Although H.B. 86, a bill introduced in the Texas House of Representatives by Republican Rep. David Simpson, would currently require both public and private institutions to allow concealed

carry of firearms, Simpson said he intends to include an opt-out clause exempting private universities from its provisions.

"As long as people are free to choose their university, whether that be public or private, then that's their choice," Simpson said. "If someone doesn't want to go to an institution that allows them to defend themselves personally, they can choose to go to a private university."

Simpson said he has received a new draft of H.B. 86 including the opt-out clause from the Texas

Legislative Council, a nonpartisan organization that assists state legislators in writing the language of bills, and plans to substitute this new draft for the old one when it is considered in committee.

Two similar bills, H.B. 750 in the House and S.B. 354 in the Texas Senate, both include such opt-out clauses already, according to the bills as filed the Texas Legislature's online database.

Both H.B. 750, authored by Republican Rep. Joe Driver, and S.B. 354, authored by Republican Sen. Jeff Wentworth, would

both require private institutions like Baylor to "[consult] with students, staff, and faculty" before establishing rules prohibiting license holders from carrying handguns onto campus.

Prompted by a request in November from Wichita Falls junior Daniel Cervera, a member of the Student Senate, Simpson sent a letter on Dec. 1 addressed to the Baylor community, assuring his bill would not require Baylor to conform with potential weapons policy changes.

"I discovered that a bill had

been filed in the Texas House last fall addressing the carry on campus issue, and that it didn't appear to include an opt-out clause for private institutions," Cervera said. "I asked him to draft a letter to the Baylor student body assuring them that he does intend to include an opt-out clause in his bill."

The letter was sent directly to Cervera and then forwarded on to other student leaders. This letter was provided to the Baylor Lariat on Monday, and in it Simpson

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Media pressure too much for aspiring collegiate athletes

Editorial

In the world of college football, no day in the offseason carries as much as importance as the first Wednesday of February. Today is National Signing Day. All around the country, athletes will sign their letters of intent, signaling where they will play their college football.

Everybody is watching, millions of television viewers and millions more on Internet forums, discussing why they feel or don't feel their school's recruits give them hope for their team's future.

While signing a letter of intent is undoubtedly a colossal day for these players and equally as important to their new schools, the coverage leading to this day has unfortunately ballooned to unmerited levels in football as well as other sports.

The recruits going to the

top college programs have been picked apart and analyzed by websites netting millions of dollars from subscribers. Some of the players traveled thousands of miles with their teams last semester to play interstate teams as part of ESPN's high school game telecasts. All of these athletes, men and women in a wide range of sports, also carry a ranking that fluctuates with their performances.

Such coverage has not always existed. The self-proclaimed worldwide leader in sports, ESPN began its first full schedule of high school football games in 2006 with 13 matchups. That same year the network featured nine boys' basketball games as well. Recruit rankings have existed even before the 2011 recruiting class was born, but it was not until 2001 that recruiting website Rivals.com was founded. The website now charges customers \$100 per year to receive the latest

recruiting news on a daily basis.

ESPN RISE, a subsidiary of ESPN.com, reports on high-schoolers in seven boys' sports and six for girls.

This year-round attention to high school athletes is detrimental to athletes and places them on a stage equal to that of current college and professional athletes.

Like most high school students, athletes have enough pressures without having their performances critiqued by professional analysts and a national audience. But exposure is at a level that is simply unavoidable unless one avoids the Internet and television altogether.

Another issue involves the mentality that this coverage can breed. After receiving praise and high reviews throughout high school, it is easy for an athlete to develop a false sense of security. In reality, no rating guarantees success in the NCAA, nor does it even guarantee the athlete

will earn playing time. Because of how high school recruits are portrayed, efforts must be made to educate them about handling the coverage before it is too late. Lack of judgment and humility can set up an athlete for failure.

"There's no unknowns, from an athlete to what an athlete's thinking or doing," Baylor football coach Art Briles said in an Oct. 8 Lariat article. "It's a wide-open Internet world that everyone has access to." Ideally, high school athletes would once again be allowed to go relatively unwatched before putting on a college uniform.

In today's world, that won't happen. Rivals.com sold its rights to Yahoo for \$98 million in 2007, and another popular high school athletics website, MaxPreps.com, sold to CBSsports.com for \$43 million the same year.

Barring a massive reordering of priorities, profit will continue to be placed before athletes.

Five weeks at No. 1 increase target on backs of Lady Bears, push team harder

The swagger of being No. 1. The pride of being the trend-setter throughout the league. The



Krista Pirtle | Sports writer

discipline of knowing you have a target on your back but not letting it hinder your play.

From their back-to-back championships in 2009 and 2010, the University of Connecticut's women's basketball held this title, had this swagger and dominated despite the growing target on its back.

But, when Stamford pulled off an incredible upset, 71-59, Dec. 30, 2010, the Baylor Lady Bears stepped up from the No. 2 spot and have held the top ranking for the fifth straight week now.

Not only are the Lady Bears dominating their opponents on the hardwood, they are also learning what it means to be the No. 1 women's college basketball team in the country.

ers will praise the No. 1 team for their accomplishments, but they will also strive to provide a look inside to the team's weaknesses.

It is true that no team is perfect, no team can have perfect stats game in and game out, but a No. 1 team is willing to accept that fact and improve on what they were not pleased with.

Secondly, opposing teams and fans cannot wait until they have a shot at the top team in the country, an opportunity to face off against the best, seeing how they match up and hoping for an upset.

This game will call for more than just the average fan base, but more people will show up to see what the No. 1 team is all about.

For example, at the women's basketball game in College Station, between the Baylor Lady Bears and the Texas A&M Aggies, a record crowd of 13,162 was in attendance.

Why?

Well, the Battle of the Brazos is a huge rivalry, especially considering that roughly 88 miles separate the two schools. Plus, Baylor is No. 1 in the Big 12 and No. 1 in the country, whereas A&M is No. 2 in the Big 12 and No. 6 in the country. Probably the biggest reason for the record-breaking crowd was that the Aggie fans were hoping they would be the ones to defeat the Lady Bears, knocking them out of the No. 1 spot in both the conference and the nation.

Sitting atop the nation should not cause a team to coast through the next game and the next. The team should be well aware of the target growing on its backs, as the other teams in the country are preparing for their shot.

Being No. 1 and the swagger that comes with it is a very special thing and should be appreciated by whoever gets to experience it.

Consequently, it does not come with only fame and glory, but hard work and discipline are needed to stay atop the masses, improving on weaknesses and not letting the adversities that arise slow the team down.

Krista Pirtle is a sophomore journalism major from Olney and a sports writer for the Lariat.

Game marketing endangers kids

Recently, I was watching television and a commercial came on the screen.

Pictured were mothers watching a television screen of the video game being played. They expressed their disgust at the horrific nature of the game.

"Why would they even make something like this?" one of the mothers asked with a puzzled look on her face.

Each of the mothers shown expressed their disgust at the gruesome and violent images shown to them from a game called "Dead Space 2."

The footage of their reactions to the game was used in the commercial to mimick the fact that moms were appalled.

"But if you're telling me that this is to be some kind of joke, it's not funny. It's not a game. It's a dangerous, mind-numbing, mind-altering weapon," another mother exclaimed after being told that this was not a focus group, but footage to be used in



Jessica Acklen | A&E Editor

a commercial.

Typically, I have no issue with video games that are gruesome or have M (Mature) as a rating, as long as the player is over the age of 17.

To be honest, I don't particularly have an issue with the game itself. I wouldn't be interested in playing it, but to each his own.

The issue that I have with this

is the way in which the game was marketed. I think that, at any age, things should not be done, simply to rebel against authority, especially that of one's parents.

Moreover, the question must be asked, who is the target audience for this video game?

If one is over 17, the legal age to purchase the game for them, they have already entered into a state of independence.

They do not need their parents to purchase the game, so the opinion of their parents probably won't affect their decision to play the game.

This game is being marketed to children despite the fact that the game is in no way appropriate for that age group.

"I don't understand the person that would make something like this. ... What even brought this into your mind that you should make this? What brought this into your mind that you thought this was OK?" asked one of the mothers.

I think that the entire marketing scheme of the game is wrong, including the website for the game: yourmomhatesthis.com.

Even in the name of the website, the makers of the game are emphasizing the aspect of defying one's parents.

If the game is marketed toward young players, which it seems to be, this can be a dangerous issue.

Those wanting to rebel against their parents, typically in junior high or high school, are impressionable.

God placed parents as authority over their children and it is unbiblical to encourage blatant rebellion.

I may be old-fashioned, but I believe it is wrong to glamorize something that your mother wouldn't approve of.

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Church swap: on a mission to desegregate

Changing the face of the congregation

By JADE MARDIROSIAN
STAFF WRITER

Baylor's Academy for Leader Development and Civic Engagement is partnering with Waco's Community Race Relations Coalition on a project that will work toward racial healing in the community through "swapping churches."

The project is "A Grassroots Approach to Dismantling the Most Segregated Hour in America," or "Church Swap" for short, and works by having its participants attend a church of their same religious denomination, but of a race other than their own.

Ramona Curtis, director for the Academy of Leader Development and Civic Engagement, is the driving force behind the project, which is being funded by a grant from the Kellogg Foundation.

"Particularly in Waco our churches are segregated. We have all these different denominations but we are segregated," Curtis said. "Some people have never experienced what it would be like to be integrated at that hour and so I thought that might transform a community."

Curtis has attended predominantly African-American churches throughout her life, up until a few years ago. Around the time her son

went to college she began attending Lake Shore United Methodist Church, which has a predominantly white congregation.

Curtis has done extensive research on segregation in churches and the reasons people worship in a congregation that shares the same race.

Dr. Kevin Dougherty, assistant professor of sociology at Baylor, has done extensive research on segregation in churches, some of which has been used by Curtis toward the church swap project.

He explains people have many reasons for choosing to attend a

"Some people have never experienced what it would be like to be integrated at that [church] hour and so I thought that might transform a community."

Ramona Curtis | Academy of Leader Development and Civic Engagement

church that is predominantly their own race.

"People choose a place to worship where they feel comfortable," Dougherty said. "They want to be with others that share similar beliefs, sing similar songs and are like them in other ways as well. For most Americans, being comfortable involves being around people of the same cultural background."



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"Church Swap" is the brainchild of Ramona Curtis, director for the Academy of Leader Development and Civic Engagement. The project encourages members of the faith community to experience worship in a new way.

Participants in the project can expect to see changes in themselves as well as those close to them, Jo Welter, board chair of Community Race Relations Coalition, said.

"We are hoping that the participants in the swap will have expectations, then have experiences, and then share how their expectations were met or how reality was different than their expectations," Welter said. "What we know is that each of us as an individual influences the people in their circle of influence. When one person's behavior changes, then the behavior of the people around them automatically does."

Dougherty stresses that people must have willingness and a commitment in order to benefit from attending a church of a predominantly different race than their own.

"Unless people see value in diversity, there is no motivation to worship with others different than themselves," Dougherty said. "Accommodating differences in congregations will come with difficulties. Church may not always be comfortable; it might be challenging at times. A commitment to being a community of believers,

despite differences, is essential."

Welter said participants will benefit because they have a chance to become close with people they might not normally befriend.

"Dr. [Martin Luther] King [Jr.] said so many years ago that 'Men often hate each other because they fear each other; they fear each other because they don't know each other; they don't know each other because they can not communicate; they can not communicate because they are separated;' that certainly exists in Waco," Welter said.

Welter stresses the project is open to anybody of any socioeconomic, denominational or racial background.

"Our goal is not to make all churches racially diverse, although that would be nice," Welter said. "Our goal is to see what happens within individuals."

The project will begin in mid-February with an orientation, book discussion and Civil Rights Tour.

Participants will begin attending their assigned churches in March and will continue into summer, all the while documenting their journeys in journals and through video recorded interviews.

Fake pimp tricks abortion provider

By DAVID CRARY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — An anti-abortion group Tuesday released undercover video taken in its latest attempt to discredit Planned Parenthood — footage of operatives posing as a pimp and a prostitute seeking health services at a New Jersey clinic.

The group releasing the video, Live Action, said it depicted a clinic employee offering to help cover up a sex ring so that its prostitutes could receive health services.

As depicted in the video, the clinic manager advises that the underage girls could lie about their age to lessen the chance of triggering an investigation once they sought health services.

The video also depicts the employee suggesting that prostitutes could get cheaper contraception by claiming they were students.

"Yeah, just kind of play along that they're students — we want to make it look as legit as possible," the woman identified as the clinic manager says.

"This proves beyond a shadow of a doubt that Planned Parenthood intentionally breaks state and federal laws and covers up the abuse of the young girls it claims to serve," said Lila Rose, president of Live Action. She called for federal and state investigations of Planned Parenthood practices, and urged Congress to cut off federal family-planning grants to the organization.

Phyllis Kinsler, chief executive officer of Planned Parenthood of Central New Jersey, said the clinic employee's behavior, as portrayed on the video, "violates PPCNJ policies, as well as our core values of protecting the welfare of minors

and complying with the law, and appropriate action is being taken."

Lila Rose, in a telephone interview, declined to say whether Live Action would be releasing videos from any of the other clinics that Planned Parenthood says were visited between Jan. 11-15 by men posing as sex traffickers.

After forming Live Action, Rose gained prominence with a series of undercover videos in which she posed as a girl in her early teens who had been impregnated by an older man. The aim was to portray Planned Parenthood staff as willing to ignore laws that required the reporting of cases of suspected statutory rape.

Citing the new video, Marie Tasy of New Jersey Right to Life urged lawmakers to ensure that funds to Planned Parenthood were cut off.

"New Jersey taxpayers ... should be outraged that an organization claiming to conduct 'extensive community outreach' has been caught on tape doing everything in its power to conceal the sexual abuse and exploitation of girls as young as 14," Tasy said.

Planned Parenthood, a frequent target of protest campaigns, operates more than 800 health centers across the country offering a range of health and family planning services to about 3 million patients a year. The centers accounted for 324,008 abortions in 2008, about one-fourth of the national total.

In detailing the series of clinic visits, Planned Parenthood spokesman Stuart Schear last week assailed the undercover tactics.

"Falsely claiming sex trafficking to health professionals to advance a political agenda is an astoundingly cynical form of political activity," he said.

Baylor in Paris offers authentic taste of French life

By KELLY GALVIN
REPORTER

One of many opportunities students in college have is the chance to study in another country. During the summer session, Baylor has an opportunity for students studying French to participate in a program in Paris.

"I loved having the freedom to explore Paris and learn about French culture. Everything there is old and beautiful; we had opportunities every day to see parts of Paris and we had the privilege to choose what we wanted to do ..."

Lisa Mozejko | 2010 Baylor alumna

Having just graduated from Baylor in December, Lisa Mozejko participated in the program during the summer of 2010.

"I loved having the freedom to explore Paris and learn about French culture. Everything there is old and beautiful; we had opportunities every day to see parts of Paris and we had the privilege to choose



NICK BERRYMAN | LARIAT PHOTOGRAPHER

San Angelo junior Ryan Pulunsky participated in the Baylor in Paris program in the summer of 2010. She said the host family and daily language practice make the trip a worthwhile summer venture.

confidence in the language and the culture," Uber said. The students take two classes a day, but have ample time to explore Paris.

"We take tours in and around Paris and visit parts with well-known art that is very lively," Uber said.

The Baylor in Paris program

was the first in Europe to set up student living with host families.

"It can be intimidating at first, but if you resolve to learn and see as much as you can, your family is a very valuable resource. My family had great suggestions for fun things to do and we learned a lot about the culture over the course

of time we spent with them," Mozejko said.

San Angelo junior Ryan Pulunsky went on the trip with Mozejko and said living with a host family was a great experience.

"My family had two younger children that lived in our apartment and two children about my age away at college that came to visit for a week. My roommate and I were introduced to close family friends and neighbors, which made a difference for me because I actually felt like they tried to make us part of their family," Pulunsky said.

For future students thinking about making this trip to Paris, Mozejko and Pulunsky highly recommend taking this opportunity.

"I would advise anyone going on this trip to keep an open mind about the people and the culture... and to at least try to speak French with everyone they can," Pulunsky said.

Both women agreed that even trying to speak the language was helpful when communicating with French natives.

"Don't be shy or afraid to speak.

Some French people can be impatient with Americans, but for the most part they appreciate the effort when you try to speak their language," Mozejko said.

There are many historical sites and architecture to see in Paris and the trip gives students plenty of time to visit them all.

"We took a class trip to the Loire Valley, where we toured several castles. It was amazing to see how well they were being preserved; it was interesting to learn about some of the history behind them," Mozejko said.

Uber said each student comes back with fond memories and a great improvement in language abilities.

"This experience certainly improved my French-speaking ability. Simply being immersed in the culture helped, but being forced to speak the language with our families helped immensely," Pulunsky said.

The program applications for this summer are due by March 14. For any further information, contact Uber at david_uber@baylor.edu.

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Artist connected to Baylor opens show at Rice

By Liz Hitchcock
REPORTER

Artist Mary Temple, who was formerly featured at Baylor, along with her assistants, one of whom graduated from Baylor, set up an installation at Rice University’s art gallery this past week. The installation is titled Northwest Corner, Southeast Light, and covers three walls and a large space on the hardwood floor of the gallery.

Using latex paint and wood stain, Temple creates images of light pouring through a window and reflecting on the surfaces in the room.

Detailed depictions of shadows cast by branches, leaves and windowsills, create an image that tricks the viewer into believing there is a window nearby.

This specific piece is part of Temple’s series of light installations that she began in 2002, according to the Rice Gallery’s website, and is an ongoing progression of installations.

“There is a pool of light that you are able to walk into and onto the hardwood surface, but when you do, you realize that you cannot cast a shadow on this shard of light... and on closer inspection, you realize that everything that looks like

light interior is either a stain on the hardwood floors or paint,” Temple said about her most recent installation.

One of Temples’ assistants is a Baylor alumna, Hana Shoup. Shoup graduated in 2007 with a Bachelor of Fine Arts and was chosen because of her painting skills.

Although it may seem like Temple’s paintings are one color of paint contained in a simple outline, there is a fastidious method to obtaining the exact consistency of paint needed to fool the eye.

“It’s very precise work. We had to make sure that our brush strokes were even and matched every one else’s in order to create this optical illusion,” Shoup said.

Julia Hitchcock, associate professor of art at Baylor, attended graduate school at Arizona State University with Temple, and she invited her to speak at Baylor.

“Mary Temple and I went to ASU and were both graduate students, studying figurative painting, and we were both oil painters,” Hitchcock said. “She changed from figurative painting to abstraction before she graduated.”

In 2004 Temple was invited to Baylor’s art department as a visiting artist and gave a lecture. In 2006 her work was shown at the

Martin Museum.

“I had met Mary Temple previously at Baylor in Spring 2004 when she visited Julia’s Drawing II class, and I was in that class,” Shoup said. “So, it was really neat to be able to meet her again and work with her.”

Hitchcock recalled Temple’s work from their time at ASU, remembering that she used line and colors to indicate spatial separation and platforms, but now Temple creates these illusions using light and illumination.

“Her abstractions were extremely large paintings, so it seems normal for her to be doing what she is now,” Hitchcock said.

Hitchcock said Temple creates intricate models of the spaces she shows in, making her installations extremely site specific.

“All the colors she uses are meticulously chosen to work with the space,” Hitchcock said. “She creates these small models of the spaces she will be working in and plans exactly how the light will be cast inside of them.”

Joshua Fischer, the assistant curator for the Rice Gallery, said the reason they chose Temple is because of her ability to work within a space and create installations specifically for the gallery space.



Mary Temple, an artist formerly featured at Baylor’s Martin Museum, opens an installation at Rice University Art Gallery with the help of Hana Shoup, a 2007 Baylor grad.

“The director of the gallery saw her work at a couple different museums. The artists that are shown here are always chosen by the way they can work in the entire gallery space. We do large-scale installations,” Fischer said. “Her work fit that kind of mission. She works with the entire gallery space. ... It causes the illusion that light is completely flooding the gallery space.”

Temple is currently showing at a couple other very prestigious institutions, including the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art and even a permanent installation in the Q line subway in New York City.

She encourages aspiring artists to continue to do work that they love.

“Find a place where you can work, and do the best work that

you can. ... Find a community where you can show this work. As artists we are creating work to communicate with someone; at least for me, I want some one to be able to respond to that work.”

Temple’s installation will be featured February 3 through May 25 at Rice University Art Gallery at 6100 Main Street, Houston, Texas 77005. Admission is free and open to the public.

NBC, Comcast join to create TV monopoly

By Edward Wasserman
McCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS

After 13 months of pointless scrutiny, federal regulators have done what they were certain to do all along, and blessed the most momentous media deal of this still-new century: The takeover by Comcast, the biggest U.S. cable operator, of NBC Universal, one of the country’s premier sources of news and entertainment.

The scope of this deal exceeds its nearly \$14 billion price. That’s because Comcast controls the pipes. True, it’s also a content mill in its own right – with a dozen regional sports networks, the Golf Channel, E! Entertainment, and online properties – but its real business is sending TV and Internet into one in every five U.S. cable households, 17 million in all.

Now it gets a majority stake in NBC Universal, with 25 local TV stations, including those of its Telemundo subsidiary – the No. 2 Spanish-language network – and more than 200 affiliates, reaching 99 percent of U.S. homes. Plus, NBCU includes the legendary Universal Studios and theme parks, the USA Network, Bravo, Syfy, Oxygen and The Weather Channel.

Although NBC has looked bad lately with its dithering over Jay Leno and its limp prime-time line-

up, it is still a TV giant. Comcast is getting the top-rated evening newscast (“NBC Nightly News”), morning newscast (“The Today Show”), and Sunday talk show (“Meet the Press”), as well as the leading TV business news source (CNBC), and MSNBC, the cable partnership with Microsoft.

So this deal is big, the biggest mashup of media distribution and production might since the Hollywood studios were forced to shed their theater chains in 1948. You’d think that in an era when media-bashing is so popular somebody might decide to take this public.

But the curious fact is that concentration of media power is one of those subjects, like love of flag, where our normally fractious political partisans find rare common ground. They all say nothing. And the media themselves, with obvious conflicts of interest, are happy to believe the story is too obscure or too complicated for their G-rated audience.

That’s fine for Comcast. For the rest of us, not so fine. For starters, the deal will cost us. A study conducted for a cable operators group by William Rogerson, formerly the Federal Communications Commission’s chief economist, concluded that consumers will pay \$2.4 billion more for cable service over the next nine years.

Why? Rogerson’s study looked at Comcast’s ability to raise fees it charges other cable systems for the vast range of program offerings it will control, and the knock-on effect those increases will have on cable rates industrywide.

His analysis hints at a more basic reality: The same reasons the deal is good business are why it’s bad public policy. When a media company that dominates distribution also becomes a major content producer it acquires enormous power. Indeed, that’s the main business reason for doing the deal.

That power insulates the company from the bracing influence of the marketplace, and gives it huge unfair advantages over rivals, independents and upstarts, and sweeping control over what new services are made available.

If you’re Comcast, you’ll use your cable systems to favor your program networks, and your program networks to favor your cable systems.

Look at your leverage: You can help your program networks by consigning their competitors to the Siberia of cable channels so nobody will find them. You can deny competing networks or online services access to your cable customers altogether. You can withhold your most popular networks from other cable systems to

weaken them. You can lean on independent networks to keep off rival cable systems if they want to get on yours. You can strong-arm rival cable systems into carrying even your weakest networks by packaging them with the popular ones.

Regulatory approval of the merger prohibits some of that, but these abuses are notoriously difficult to document, let alone undo.

Comcast could never really argue that its plan was in the public interest, which it unquestionably is not, so it resorted to wholly irrelevant pageantry to disarm opponents. It announced vague agreements to launch a rainbow of cable networks, perhaps 10 in all, four for African-Americans; four for Latinos; one or two for Asian-Americans.

It also promised arrangements with nonprofit news outfits in five cities where NBC owns stations, giving the nonprofits undefined support (and assuring the stations cheap, quality content.) Again, the promise is vague, and again, it’s nothing that couldn’t happen without the merger, but it still prompted a gullible New York Times headline: “Nonprofit News May Thrive in Comcast Takeover.”

If so, we might at least see one bit of public benefit in a deal that the public, and the rest of the industry, will be paying heavily for.

Balsamic Chicken with White Beans and Spinach

Ingredients

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- 4 (4 ounce) skinless, boneless chicken breast halves
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/3 cup balsamic vinegar
- 1 (10.75 ounce) can Campbell’s® Condensed Golden Mushroom Soup
- 1 (15 ounce) can white kidney beans (cannellini), rinsed and drained
- 1 (7 ounce) bag fresh baby spinach

Directions

Heat the oil in a 12-inch skillet over medium-high heat. Add the chicken and cook for 10 minutes or until it’s well browned on both sides. Remove the chicken from the skillet.

Reduce the heat to medium.

Add the garlic to the skillet and cook and stir for 1 minute.

Stir in the vinegar and cook, scraping up the browned bits from the bottom of the pan.

Stir the soup and beans in the skillet and heat to a boil.

Return the chicken to the skillet.

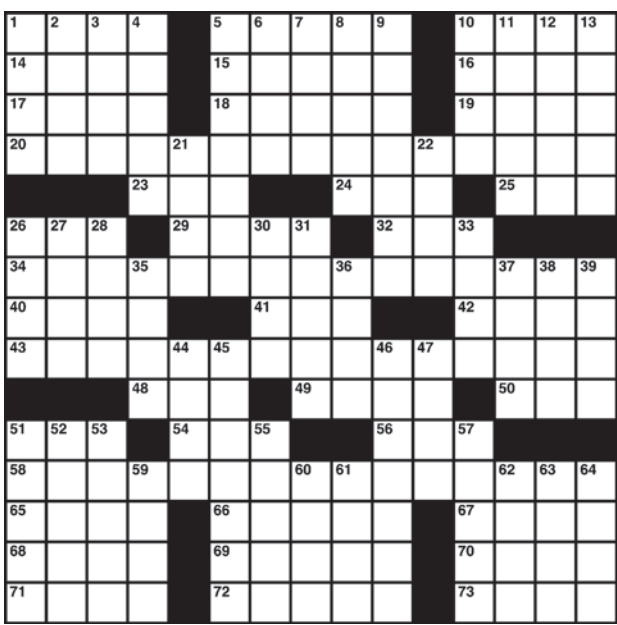
Reduce the heat to medium. Stir in the spinach. Cover and cook until the chicken is cooked through and the spinach is wilted.

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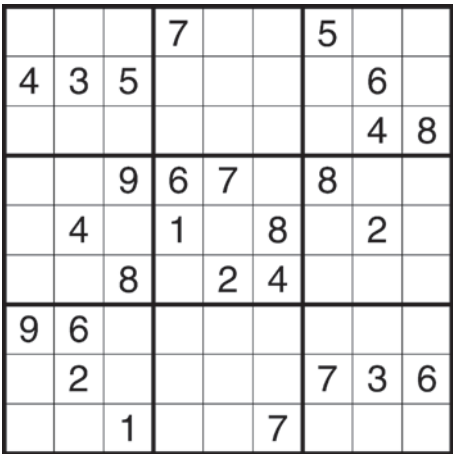
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Lady Bears battle No. 13 Sooners in Waco

By MATT LARSEN
SPORTS WRITER

Overcoming a Reed Arena crowd and a No. 5/6 Aggie squad may have been the toughest conference challenge for Baylor this season, but the Lady Bears should not expect a much easier foe when they host No. 13 Oklahoma at 7 p.m. today at the Ferrell Center.

"I don't anticipate tomorrow's game to be any different than what you saw at A&M," head coach Kim Mulkey said in a press conference Tuesday. "It's just going to come down to players making plays in the crunch."

Like the Aggies, the Sooners (16-4 overall) sit at 6-1 in the Big 12. The head-to-head matchup knocks them to third in conference standing, however, as Oklahoma's only loss came at the hands of the Aggies, 80-78, just two games ago.

Most recently, the Sooners came off an 82-77 road win against in-state rival Oklahoma State.

The Sooners boast a wealth of talent around the perimeter and find ways to cash in on 3-pointers more consistently than anyone else in the Big 12. Nationally, they rank fifth, sinking 8.4 treys a game.



Freshman No. 0 guard Odyssey Sims brings the ball down the court during the game against Texas Tech on Jan 22. Baylor won, 64-51. The Lady Bears put their 6-0 Big 12 record on the line against Oklahoma today at 7 p.m.

"They've always shot it well; they probably just have more [three point shooters] on the floor together at the same time," Mulkey said. "They spread the floor on you."

To spread the floor successfully, the Sooners need a go-to scorer and distribution-savvy

Local defensive end among 2011 football recruits

By DANIEL WALLACE
REPORTER

One of Waco's finest football stars will be playing for a new team this fall, but he but he will not be leaving the city.

Midway High School senior and Waco native Beau Blackshear has verbally committed to playing football at Baylor beginning in 2011 and will make it official today when he signs his National Letter of Intent.

At 6-foot-4, 230 pounds, Blackshear is hailed as "one of the best defensive ends in the state of Texas," by his head coach, Terry Gambill.

Although his strength and athleticism draws double and triple-teams in games, what makes Blackshear truly stand out is that "he plays the game of football

Future Bears

For a complete recap of Baylor's 2011 Signing Day, check out Thursday's issue of the Lariat.

the way you are supposed to play it; his motor is always running," Gambill said.

Recruited strongly by TCU, Houston, Rice, and Baylor, Blackshear chose to be a Bear for a number of reasons.

"[Baylor] is close to home where my family and friends can come see me. I also like what [head coach] Art Briles is doing with the

program."

He said he is excited to play under new defensive coordinator Phil Bennett, and thinks Bennett will be a good change for Baylor.

Blackshear knows playing in college will be much different than in high school, but feels well prepared and attributes that to Coach Gambill.

"His way of coaching helped me get more into the college level. He was a pretty big part of my senior year," Blackshear said.

Blackshear has one more chance this season to watch one of the NFL players who inspires him, Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger.

"He messed up really badly, but then he realized how blessed he is, that he gets to play in the NFL. He just put his life in perspective, I

guess," Blackshear said.

Roethlisberger sat out the first four games of the 2010 NFL season serving a suspension for a sexual assault complaint filed against him. He takes on the Green Bay Packers in the Super Bowl Sunday.

Blackshear talked about his favorite aspects of the game, which include, "Being able to hit all the people and not get in trouble for it," he said, and the feeling "when you walk off the field at the end of a game and you know you played better than the other team."

In one of his favorites moments of his high school career, Blackshear had just that feeling. That came on Oct. 29 when Midway faced Stephenville, coincidentally where Briles worked from 1988 to 1999.

"We knew they would be the

best team we would face all year and we beat them late in the fourth quarter," Blackshear said.

Midway won, 35-28.

Blackshear hopes to bring feelings and moments like that when he plays for Baylor.

"I just want to make the best impact I can for the team; just knowing I contributed to the team in whatever way they needed would be success," Blackshear said.

Blackshear will have plenty of guidance and leadership at his position, as the Bears have retained several defensive ends from last season like Zac Scotton, Gary Mason Jr. and Tevin Elliott. Scotton will be a senior next year, Mason Jr. and junior and Elliott a sophomore.

With Blackshear, the Bears will have five Midway graduates on the roster next season.



Midway High School defensive end Beau Blackshear, at 6-foot-4, 230 pounds, is a member of Baylor football's 2011 recruiting class.

Super Bowl media day includes journalist wearing mask, cape

By STEPHEN HAWKINS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ARLINGTON — Ben Roethlisberger was focused on the tiny screen of his video camera as he walked toward his assigned podium for Super Bowl media day.

Like so many others new to Cowboys Stadium, the Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback was in awe. While a crowd of cameras surrounded him, Roethlisberger's own camera was focused on the \$1 billion-plus building and the massive high-definition TV screens hanging over the field.

The Steelers and Green Bay Packers both had one-hour media sessions Tuesday at the stadium where neither has yet played a game.

"Awesome, awesome," Green Bay defensive back Charles Woodson said. "If every stadium could look like this, it would be awesome."

A crowd of more than 100,000 is expected for Sunday's game. The stadium, which was built and financed mostly by Cowboys owner Jerry Jones, opened before

the 2009 season.

"It's sweet, I like it. Jerry did a good job, as you thought he would. Jerry's World," Steelers safety Ryan Clark said. "I don't know what to say about it; it's sweet. I'm not very often speechless. I talk a lot."

Packers fullback John Kuhn said it is clear why "they call it one of the wonders of the world."

About 15,000 temporary seats have been added for the Super Bowl. Hanging over the field as usual are the twin HD screens, about 72 feet high each and stretching nearly 60 yards between the 20-yard lines.

"It's unreal. ... It's worth every penny," Steelers receiver Mike Wallace said.

"I can't even imagine it on Sunday. I know it's going to be crazy. It just feels different. It feels like the Super Bowl. It just feels like you're supposed to have a good game in here."

Ring Times Two

John Kuhn already has a Super Bowl ring. This time, the Green

Bay fullback will get the experience of playing for the championship.

Five years ago, Kuhn was a practice squad member for the Pittsburgh Steelers when they won.

"Jerry did a good job, as you thought he would. Jerry's World. I don't know what to say about it; it's sweet. I'm not very often speechless. I talk a lot."

Ryan Clark | Pittsburgh Steelers safety

"It was a tremendous experience, something I'd never trade back for anything," Kuhn said Tuesday. "But I always wanted to get back here and play in this game since I was on the sideline. I wanted to get in and play between the lines."

Kuhn made his NFL debut playing nine games for the Steelers in the 2006 season. He went to

Green Bay the next year.

"I'm just thankful to be here with the Packers playing in the Super Bowl," he said. "It could be against anybody and it would be just as big. The fact that we're going against [the Steelers], that's just like a little added bonus."

Sainz Steps Out

The Mexican television reporter who said she felt uncomfortable in the New York Jets' locker room drew plenty of attention on media day.

Ines Sainz of TV Azteca conducted interviews wearing a slinky silver dress and shiny black heels, standing out among the more conventionally dressed media.

Actually, Sainz appeared to spend more time being interviewed by other reporters and posing for photographs than she did talking to players from the Green Bay Packers and Pittsburgh Steelers.

"It's the greatest day," she said, "and all of us can share it together."

Sainz was at the Jets' training facility in September, waiting to interview quarterback Mark Sanchez, when a few players made catcalls. The NFL responded by developing a workplace conduct program, underwritten by New York owner Woody Johnson.

"Actually, I think it's an overreaction," Sainz said. "I never wanted to cause any problems to the Jets. I work a lot with the NFL. ... Right now, everything is clear. The NFL recognizes I didn't do anything. They offered the opportunities to do my job and keep going."

Sainz is picking the Steelers to win Sunday's game, though she wouldn't have had any problem covering the game if the Jets had made it.

They lost to Pittsburgh in the AFC title game.

"It doesn't matter," Sainz said. Besides, "I support the Chargers. I want to see the Chargers here someday."

Caped Questioner

There are always some oddballs credentialed to attend Super

Bowl media day.

There are strange questions and even stranger get-ups.

Among those who stood out Tuesday was the man dressed as a superhero, mask and cape included, as he interviewed players and coaches.

Steelers coach Mike Tomlin said he was comfortable with capes. His sons dressed up as Batman and Robin for Halloween, then wore the capes for several more days after that.

"I did see that guy dressed up as Batman," Pittsburgh linebacker LaMarr Woodley said. "(Two years ago) somebody was out here in a wedding dress. Somebody's always doing something that's funny. It's entertaining."

There were no wedding dresses this time, but there was a female reporter wearing a crop top and doing push-ups using only one arm and with only one foot on the ground.

"I was like 'Wow!' That makes me know I have to work harder," Pittsburgh defensive tackle Steve McLendon said. "It gave me a lot of motivation."

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Texas approves test swap for high school students

Students will take new STAAR test instead of TAKS

By SOBIA SIDDIQUI
REPORTER

Since 2003, all Texas high school juniors have anxiously prepared for the TAKS test, hoping to pass it and graduate with the rest of their classmates come senior year.

But the test requirement will change in the 2011-2012 school year when students will be expected to take the State of Texas Assessments and Academic Readiness (STAAR) test every year instead of the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills. This is dif-

ferent from previous years where juniors took the TAKS test to graduate but were allowed their senior year to make up any portion of the test they may have failed.

The TAKS test was given to students in third, fifth and eighth grades to determine their qualification to reach the next grade level. It has also been issued to 11th graders to decide whether they have the minimal skills necessary in the four core subjects of English, mathematics, science and social studies in order to graduate.

The Texas Legislature passed a bill in 2009 requiring the Texas Education Agency to develop a new test that would raise the standard for Texas students, said Debbie Ratcliffe, director of the communication division for the Texas Education Agency.

“It’s a harder test,” Ratcliffe

said. “Students will be tested at a greater depth and complexity than they were with TAKS and any of the previous tests.”

With the TAKS test, students were required to pass four subject exams at the end of their junior year to meet the graduation requirement.

Under the STAAR test, however, students will be expected to pass 12 different tests over the course of their four years in high school to meet all their graduation requirements, Ratcliffe said.

The STAAR test will also focus on college and career readiness for older students.

“For the TAKS test, I feel like a lot of the parents and the general public felt like teachers were teaching the TAKS test instead of teaching the curriculum,” said Crystal Anthony, a member of the West

Independent School District board of trustees as well as professor for the Multiculturalism College Experience class offered at Baylor.

“The STAAR [tests] are more like exit-level exams, so whatever you learned for that year, you’re tested over that. I feel like that’s better.”

Jay Davis, district testing coordinator of Waco ISD, also believes the STAAR exams will test students in a better way.

“It’s more of a grade-level test instead of a cumulative test,” Davis said. “It’ll be a lot more pertinent than the TAKS test.”

Ratcliffe said there will be more essay and short-answer questions under the reading and writing sections of the STAAR test, as well as more questions requiring calculations and explanations under the math and science sections of the

test.

“You can’t use process of elimination to guess and answer,” Ratcliffe said.

Originally like the TAKS test, the STAAR test was not expected to have a time limit while it was being developed in December 2010.

Ratcliffe said a time limit is currently being considered.

Developers and coordinators are considering timing each subject test within a regular school day, with the exception of the English subject exam, so there will be no students and faculty remaining until 6 p.m. to finish the examination.

“Because we’re requiring more writing on the high school English exam, we’re recommending those be given over a two-day period,” Ratcliffe said. “There are more

short answer and essay questions involved, so that’s why we think the kids will need more time.”

Unlike the TAKS test, students who fail a section of the STAAR test will not be required to take a separate preparation class.

“If they got a passing grade in the course, they wouldn’t have to retake the course. They would just retake the test,” Ratcliffe said.

According to the Texas Education Agency, the new state accountability rating system will debut in 2013.

“Normally what we see happen when we introduce a new test is that the passing rate dips for a couple of years,” Ratcliffe said. “Then people become more comfortable with the exam and have a little better sense of what to expect on it, and then the scores start to go back up.”

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An Egyptian woman chants anti-government slogans during a protest in Tahrir (Liberation) Square early Wednesday.

until soldiers fired in the air and stepped in between them, said a local journalist, Hossam el-Wakil.

The speech was immediately derided by protesters in Cairo’s Tahrir Square. Watching on a giant TV, protesters booed and waved their shoes over their heads at his image in a sign of contempt. “Go, go, go! We are not leaving until he leaves,” they chanted. One man screamed, “He doesn’t want to say it, he doesn’t want to say it.”

In the 10-minute address, the 82-year-old Mubarak appeared somber but spoke firmly and without an air of defeat. He insisted that even if the protests had never happened, he would not have sought a sixth term in September.

He said he would serve out the rest of his term working “to accomplish the necessary steps for the peaceful transfer of power.” He said he will carry out amendments to rules on presidential elections.

Mubarak, a former air force commander, vowed not to flee the country. “This is my dear homeland ... I have lived in it, I fought for it and defended its soil, sovereignty and interests. On its soil I will die. History will judge me and all of us.”

The step came after heavy pressure from his top ally, the United States. Soon after Mubarak’s address, President Barack Obama said at the White House that he had spoken with Mubarak and “he recognizes that the status quo is not sustainable and a change must take place.” Obama said he told Mubarak that an orderly transition must be meaningful and peaceful, must begin now and must include opposition parties.

Earlier, a visiting Obama envoy — former ambassador to Egypt Frank Wisner, who is a friend of the Egyptian president — met with Mubarak and made clear to him that it is the U.S. “view that his

tenure as president is coming to a close,” according to an administration official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because of the delicacy of the ongoing diplomacy.

The United States has been struggling to find a way to ease Mubarak out of office while maintaining stability in Egypt, a key ally in the Mideast that has a 30-year-old peace treaty with Israel and has been a bulwark against Islamic militancy.

Mubarak would be the second Arab leader pushed from office by a popular uprising in the history of the modern Middle East, following the ouster last month of the president of Tunisia — another North African nation.

The U.S. ambassador in Cairo, Margaret Scobey, spoke by telephone Tuesday with Nobel Peace laureate Mohamed ElBaradei, the embassy said. ElBaradei, a pro-democracy advocate and one of the opposition’s most prominent leaders, has taken a key role in formulating the movement’s demands. He is also a member of a new committee formed by various factions to conduct any future negotiations on the protesters’ behalf once Mubarak steps down.

There was no immediate word on what he and Scobey discussed.

Only a month ago, reform activists would have greeted Mubarak’s announcement with joy — many Egyptians believed Mubarak was going to run again despite health issues. But after the past week of upheaval, Mubarak’s address struck many of his opponents as inadequate.

“The people have spoken. They said no to Mubarak, and they will not go back on their words,” said Saad el-Kattni, a leading member of the fundamentalist Muslim Brotherhood. “Enough suffering. Let him go, and leave the Egyptians to sort themselves out.”

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son affirmed his belief that Baylor has the right to determine its own weapons policy.

Cervera, also a member of the Young Conservatives of Texas, supports the opt-out clause, but also supports Baylor allowing licensed handgun owners to bring them on campus.

“I think in principle,” Cervera said, “we agree that there is a concern — private property rights — that merits the inclusion of an opt-out clause for a private Christian institution such as Baylor, though I believe participation in this program is a step that Baylor should be prepared to take. With the increase in crime and violence on campus, those who are legally able to carry concealed weapons for self-defense may wish to be able

to defend themselves on campus as well.”

Simpson said his bill will likely serve as a backup to Driver’s bill, which Simpson believes has “no substantial differences” compared with his own.

Simpson does not believe his colleagues in the House will oppose an exemption for private universities at any point in the legislative process, but thinks that Baylor administrators should still take the policy seriously, despite university President Ken Starr publicly calling the policy “unwise” at a Nov. 11 Student Senate meeting.

“I think administrators are going to think long and hard before they remove the right of self-defense,” Simpson said.

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communications to other channels that are easier to hide, thus more difficult to limit and the action provokes the populace.”

The Internet itself works as a decentralized communications network between computers that is, by its very nature and definition, not located at one place that can simply be turned on or off with a switch. Internet access, however, is typically provided by the various telecommunications companies that have purchased and placed the cable, which can transfer information both within and between counties. That cable is then used to allow computers to send out and receive data and essentially “talk” to each other across the network. It is at these points of entry into and out of the country that seem to have been throttled. How it was done is still unknown.

As Internet service providers were losing their ability to communicate with the outside world from Egypt, other companies spent time and resources in an attempt to circumvent the loss of the Internet.

“I actually think this will backfire on the Egyptian government. The action drives communications to other channels that are easier to hide...”

Randal Vaughn | Professor of MIS

On Monday Google announced a new feature created by collaborating with SayNow, a company it acquired only last week, and Twitter. The feature would allow anyone who is able to make a phone call and record a voicemail to upload a message to Twitter. Users can tweet a message by calling one of the three international phone numbers (+16504194196, +390662207294 or +97316199855) provided by Google and recording a voicemail. Anyone can then visit <http://www.twitter.com/speak2tweet> and listen to the messages that are being recorded.

American citizens and a growing majority of the world function daily and sometimes even almost exclusively online. With the advent of smartphones, 3G and 4G wireless networking capabilities and WiFi hotspots becoming accessible in more and more locations, it may be difficult to imagine what a life without Internet access would look like throughout the West. This loss of global communication for Egyptian citizens is hugely important, but, Vaughn warned, it must also be put into proper context.

“It may be fascinating to think of life without the Internet, but I wonder how connected the Egyptians actually are. Here in the U.S. the Internet is so pervasive that we would suffer without network connectivity,” Vaughn wrote.

As much of the rest of the world is now watching Egypt to see what will happen next, only time will tell how exactly it was possible for practically an entire country to go offline. But without even knowing the how, in a world that has grown increasingly connected over the past few decades, the ramifications of losing that connectivity are being demonstrated across Egypt and subsequently throughout the rest of the world.

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Times and offered to tell them his story, thinking if it reached the right people he might be offered a job.

And he was right.

Dozens of e-mails from people all over Seattle filled his inbox the day the story ran, and Burford ended up with 12 interviews.

Members of the corporate world searching for employees weren’t the only ones to express interest in Burford’s story, however. He also heard from a 12-year-old named Benjamin who wished he could offer Burford a job, an 86-year-old woman who wanted to personally welcome him to Seattle and invite him to attend her church and one businessman who simply wanted to meet the now-famous Burford.

“There was one company that I learned once I got to the interview that they didn’t have any openings, and he said, ‘I really wanted to meet with you because you’re a Seattle rock star,’” Burford said. “That was probably the funniest reaction.”

His other interviews did lead to several job offers, but Burford is still in the process of making a de-

cision on where he will accept.

Although the process was somewhat uncomfortable, Burford said he is glad he trusted God’s call and went to Seattle.

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Shelby Burford | Baylor alumnus

my usual — go somewhere where there are options and where things are easy and practical,” Burford said, “but God’s radical plans are always bigger and better.” Dr. Greg Leman, clinical professor and director of the university entrepreneurial initiative, and a former

professor of Burford’s, said he was not surprised that Burford left for Seattle without a job.

“He’s a very kind of purpose-driven person, and it was clear in talking to him that it wasn’t just a whim,” Leman said. “He was a little gutsy in that regard, but again, that’s Shelby.”

Dr. Marlene Reed, visiting professor of management in the Hankamer School of Business, and a former professor of Burford’s, said she was not surprised by his actions either, because of his spontaneity and liveliness. Burford had been a creative student as well, she said.

“He’s a very creative person and just always thinking of ideas for businesses and projects that are kind of out of the normal range of possibilities,” Reed said.

“Most people wouldn’t think of the really creative things that he thinks of, or be willing to do something like apply to Wheel of Fortune.”

And apply to Wheel of Fortune, Burford did. He was accepted, and will have another 15 minutes of fame when the April 22 episode of Wheel of Fortune airs.

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