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Mubarak stays, delegates power to VP

By HAMZA HENDAWI AND SARAH EL DEEB
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CAIRO — Egypt's Hosni Mubarak refused to step down or leave the country and instead handed most of his powers to his vice president Thursday, enraging protesters who warned the country could explode in violence and pleaded for the military to take action to push him out.

The rapidly moving events raised the question of whether a rift had opened between Mubarak and the military command over the spiraling mass uprising demanding the president go. Hours earlier, a council of the military's top gen-

erals announced it had stepped in to secure the country, and a senior commander announced to protesters in Tahrir Square that all their demands would soon be met, raising cries of victory that Mubarak was on his way out.

Several hundred thousand had packed into Tahrir Square, ecstatic with expectation that Mubarak would announce his resignation in his nighttime address. Instead, they watched in shocked silence as he spoke, holding their foreheads in anger and disbelief. Some broke into tears. Others waved their shoes in the air in contempt. After the speech, they broke into chants of "Leave, leave, leave."

Organizers called for even

larger protests on Friday. After Mubarak's speech, around 2,000 marched on the state television headquarters several blocks away from Tahrir, guarded by the military with barbed wire and tanks. "They are the liars," the crowd shouted, pointing at the building, chanting, "We won't leave, they will leave."

Hundreds more massed outside Mubarak's main administrative palace, Oruba, miles away from Tahrir in the Cairo district of Heliopolis, the first time protesters have marched on it, according to witnesses and TV reports. The

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Anti-government protesters demonstrate Thursday, prior to the televised speech of Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, at the continuing anti-government demonstration in Cairo.



NICK BERRYMAN | LARIAT PHOTOGRAPHER

Do you see what I see?

Actors perform in a theatrical presentation for Waco ISD students on Thursday at the Mayborn Museum Complex during this year's Physics Circus, a part of GEAR Up Waco, a program that encourages students to go to college.

Flowers, gifts lift spirits in February

By MOLLY DUNN
REPORTER

There's something about Valentine's Day that seems to make people happier. With each box of chocolates, bouquet of flowers and heartfelt card bought during this time of year comes added emotional health benefits.

"When you walk into a room and you see flowers, they automatically make you feel better. Your spirits are lifted," Lori Genous, director of wellness at Baylor, said.

Genous cited a study issued by

"Evolutionary Psychology," a peer-reviewed journal, in April 2005 regarding the emotional impact of receiving flowers. In the study, flowers proved to immediately improve an individual's happiness, have a positive long-term effect on an individual's mood and allow individuals to make intimate connections with one another.

The study proposed in its conclusion that flowers are positive emotional improvers.

"Flowers prime positive psychological responses because they are 'super stimuli,' directly affecting moods through multi-channel

sensory interactions," the study states.

Baylor students can see and understand the emotional impact firsthand by giving and receiving flowers and gifts during Valentine's Day.

"You get really excited and you're excited to spend time with them," said Zionsville, Ind., sophomore Aubrey Fink.

Cate Westenhover, Austin junior, said she enjoys giving and receiving Valentine's gifts.

"It's definitely cool to know

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PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY MAKENZIE MASON

Man's best friend: Police dog fights illness

By JAMES STOCKTON
REPORTER

Three weeks ago, officer Chip Weiser of the Waco Police Department made a startling discovery. His partner of four years was fatally ill.

Weiser's partner is K-9 Officer Torro, a Belgian Malinois. The first indication of trouble came when Torro vomited in the backseat of Weiser's patrol car.

It is unknown exactly when Torro became sick.

"You couldn't really tell," Weiser said, adding that police dogs, and Torro's breed in particular, are exceptionally hard workers.

Torro works for the Waco Police Department as a dual-purpose patrol dog. He is tasked with evidence recovery and finding suspects or missing persons in addition to being a narcotics dog.

Initial tests led veterinarians to believe Torro had contracted leptospirosis, a fatal kidney disease caused by the intake of contaminated water. However, after additional tests, doctors have confirmed this is not the case and the diagnosis is still open.

Once Torro's condition reached the public through a police press release, there was an outpouring of support.

Sherry Tusa, a member of the Animal Legal Defense Fund and United Animal Nation, has helped coordinate the fundraising for Torro's treatment by setting up a bank account for Torro and making herself available for people to contact.

"I just saw a need to support an animal in need," Tusa said. "It was a way to help [Waco PD] defray additional cost."

The additional cost to the police force was caused by a change in treatment ven-

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Gunman robs DQ near BU campus

Emergency notifications successful

By SARA TIRRITO
STAFF WRITER

An armed robber struck a Dairy Queen employee with a pistol while the employee was taking out the restaurant's trash Wednesday night and then proceeded to rob the restaurant, according to the Waco Police Department.

The robbery occurred shortly after 10 p.m. at the LaSalle Avenue Dairy Queen.

"A Hispanic male walked up behind the employee striking him in the back of the head with a pistol," the Waco PD information release said. "The suspect forced the employee back inside the restaurant where another employee was counting out the night's proceeds. The suspect took an undisclosed amount of cash and left through the back door in an unknown direction."

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Abortion procedure would be modified by bill

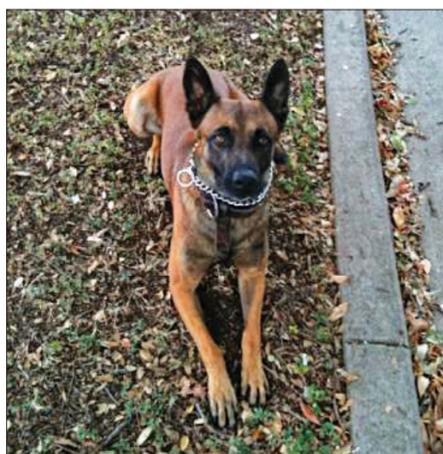
By DANIEL C. HOUSTON
REPORTER

A bill that would require abortion providers to present pregnant women with sonograms, heart-beat audio and other detailed information about their fetuses before performing an abortion is nearing a vote in the Texas Senate.

S.B. 16 passed in the State Affairs Committee Wednesday and has been pronounced an emergency priority by Gov. Rick Perry, said Logan Spence, chief of staff for the bill's author, Sen. Dan Patrick. This status means the bill will likely come to the Senate floor for consideration in the next few weeks.

Spence said Patrick's bill is motivated by the testimony of women who did not obtain access

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COURTESY PHOTO

Torro, Waco Police Department patrol dog, fell ill three weeks ago. He's being treated in California as the Waco community makes donations toward his recovery.

Graduation and beyond: Changes stir emotions in all

For students graduating in May, I can only imagine the mix of emotions they are undoubtedly consumed with.



Jade and John Mardirosian

Some are excited for a new beginning with endless possibilities or apprehensive for the many changes that lie ahead. But the students graduating are not the only ones feeling a hurricane of emotions.

Family and close friends of said graduate will also have their lives impacted and changed when their loved one moves on from college. This is the category I fall into. My older brother, John, will be graduating from the University of Texas at Austin (hook 'em) this May, and I don't think I have been this anxious and thrilled since I began my freshman year in college.

John and I are only 20 months apart, one grade in school. We have had a close relationship most of our lives, once I stopped being the annoying little sister, which is a role I only revisit on special occasions.

I remember helping him move into his dorm freshman year. I placed a photo of the two of us, ages 4 and 6, John with his arms wrapped tightly around me, on the small built-in desk in his dorm. (Still one of my all-time favorite photos, the photo has remained on John's desk all four years of college.)

John and I have only been more than a few hundred miles from each other — besides vacations — once in our lives, when I spent my freshman year of college in Philadelphia, and believe

me I couldn't stand it.

Having him just down I-35 in Austin has been extraordinary. I can visit him, and our older brother Julian who also lives in Austin, on a whim. Trust me, I have popped in on him many times just for a quick bite to eat at Trudy's and a little shopping on the drag.

And of course, I won't forget attending the Baylor vs. Texas game with him and all his friends at Darrell K. Royal Stadium anytime soon. I especially won't forget how all of his friends walked out before the end of the game when it became apparent the Bears would win. John stayed, even though it hurt a lot to see his beloved Horns lose.

It also didn't help that my roommate and I were quite vocal with our excitement about the win. That day was hard on John, who has always been an avid sports fan, from his glory days as the no. 1 bunter in little league baseball to his four years working as a student manager for the Texas baseball team.

He hopes to make his favorite hobby into a long time career as a college baseball coach. He doesn't know yet where he'll be working once he graduates, and I think I may be more worried about this than he is.

I'm not worried that he won't be successful in the future. I know he will make an amazing coach, husband and father one day and I can't wait to see where life takes him. I am worried that I won't have my big brother just a car ride away from me.

John has always been there for me through anything, good or bad. He has always been a rock for me to lean on and has always had a smile to share with me.

I know our relationship won't change just because our geographical locations might. So I will choose to remain optimistic at this pivotal point in both of our lives.

As John prepares to graduate, I believe he has the world in his hands, and I know he will do amazing things with the opportunities that abound for him.

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Prospective superintendent in sync with Waco's needs

Editorial

It's not the numerous degrees and the doctorate, though those help. It isn't the 23 years of experience, though they have prepared her. No. What makes Dr. Bonny Cain a commendable choice for Waco Independent School District's next superintendent?

It's the pure motivation that her life story tells. At the end of February, Cain, currently the superintendent of Pearland ISD could be offered the superintendent position rendered vacant after Dr. Roland Hernandez left the post for a position in the Corpus Christi school district.

His leave caused the board to begin searching for a new superintendent, and after more than 40 applications the board chose to delve into Cain's past.

Members of Waco's board requested interviews with nu-

merous colleagues that Cain had accumulated over her 11 years as the superintendent in Pearland.

Cain has spent 23 years working in various capacities for the administration of Pearland ISD.

When the board didn't renew her contract, she sought out a new place to utilize her passion for students. Cain said she felt the board definitely did not hold back during the visit to Pearland and she hoped it learned more about her from the interviews.

One of the board members, Angela Tekell, told the Lariat that the interviews cleared up all of the concern members originally held about the board's choice not to renew Cain's contract.

The new members of the Pearland board were looking for a "new direction" that didn't include Cain. Tekell and Cain both said the choice was less personal and had more to do with individual personalities and preferences. Pearland's choice is the best

thing that could have happened to Waco ISD, and its future will be in good hands if the contract is extended to Cain.

Cain grew up in an underprivileged upbringing and will be able to connect with Waco students. Eighty-eight percent of the district's students are classified as economically disadvantaged. Aside from understanding the importance of education, Cain will serve as a walking role model for all the students.

From underprivileged beginnings, Cain completed each degree with increasing fervor and has fiery passion for teaching students. Cain will be leaving a consecutively "exemplary" school for Waco that has been ranked as academically unacceptable and then acceptable.

She plans to emphasize that while these state labels are not the end-all-be-all, they are extremely important for the morale of the students. Through the

betterment of the athletics, fine arts and other extracurricular aspects, Cain plans to make the Waco schools a place students want to be. She wants students to be bitten by the education bug early on so they, at the earliest possible time, can begin to shape their adult lives.

The plan to amp up the schools to the exemplary level, while lofty, is necessary. The district needs someone with big goals, much experience and a proven track record. In Cain, the district will have that.

Waco citizens should see Cain's move to the city as a chance to start fresh and strong.

New initiatives, hires and plans will be in the works at the start of Cain's administration and this time of change will foster much success with collaboration and drive.

With Cain at the helm, Waco's educational future has much to look forward to.

Natural disasters, politics make for a bitter Feb. 14

This Valentine's Day, millions of Americans will exchange something sweet with that someone special without taking a moment to consider where that confectionary item was produced or ponder the ever-so-slight price increase.

As one of the three global leaders in sugar cane production, Australia's unfortunate plague of natural disasters brought on an increase in sugar cane prices.

The United States heavily relies on Australia's exports to produce the conversation hearts we gave to our friends in elementary school, and with sugar at the highest price since 1980, those colorful heart candies may decrease in popularity with parents. Similarly, a month long embargo on cocoa beans from the Ivory Coast continues to see chocolate prices skyrocket.

Spurred on by political tensions between past president Laurent Gbagbo and Alassane Ouattara, the winner of the Nov.



Bonnie Berger | Reporter

28 national election, the world's largest cocoa producer has halted all export of cocoa beans until tensions lessen.

Although the majority of Valentine chocolates are already priced and shelved, chocolate Easter bunnies are sure to get a new, slightly pricier tag this year.

Although these events will gradually affect your pocket-

book, they aren't situations that impede human rights on a global scale. These price increases are a far cry from blood diamonds or child labor, leaving little room for reaction among consumers.

Price increases, be they ever so slight, are never savory; however, the well-informed consumer will be aware of the reasoning behind such actions.

Through the day-to-day hustle of college life, it is difficult to dedicate any significant amount of time to reading up on world affairs.

Some days, I consider myself lucky to catch the main headlines, let alone be aware of commodity prices on the global market. Yet, in an effort to maintain a holistic, balanced lifestyle, I challenge myself to know what I'm putting into my body, as well as major current events that might play into that item's production, or pricing, in this instance.

The unfortunately popu-

"Living in such a blessed country makes it easy to get caught up in the cares and responsibilities of today, giving little thought to our neighbors around the world."

lar America-centric worldview leaves many students blissfully unaware of world affairs that factor into gas prices, food production or textile imports.

Living in such a blessed country makes it easy to get caught up in the cares and responsibilities of today, giving little thought to our neighbors around the world, many of whom we rely on to supply our lifestyles.

Simply making a point to catch up on the news, global and

local, as well as putting a little research into that item you're about to pick off the Walmart shelf, will yield a beneficial return.

Such knowledge may spur on an appreciation for what we have, in addition to a clearer understanding of specific goods and services. I believe delving further into such affairs will also cultivate a deeper appreciation for other countries, which in turn will produce better world citizens.

Who knew all this could be inspired via conversation hearts and chocolate truffles?

Merely thoughts to savor over delectable treats, challenge yourself to broaden your horizons through interacting in more meaningful conversations with others, taking an interest in other countries' affairs, and appreciating those you love this holiday.

Bonnie Berger is a junior journalism major from Austin and a reporter for the Lariat.

Correction
In the Wednesday issue of the Lariat, the story "Alumnus gives BU early access to social site" claimed the social networking site Noozhoo was not fully operational. However, the site is fully up and running, with international nonprofit clients participating on the site. The Lariat regrets the error.



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Student government revisits electoral code

Senators reject disqualification bill as too lenient

By WILL DEWITT
REPORTER

Student senators voted to reject a bill that defined disqualification in the electoral code in the Student Senate meeting Thursday.

The SE58-30 Disqualification Defined bill was an attempt by the operations and procedures com-

mittee, the committee responsible for reviewing all bills involving internal issues and documents, to more clearly define how candidates in student elections can be disqualified by the electoral commission.

"There aren't any clear parameters as to which offenses are worthy of disqualification," said Fort Worth junior Daniel Houston, chairman of the operations and procedures committee. "Disqualification should only be reserved for the rarest and most extreme circumstances."

Under the proposed revisions, the offending candidate would be given a list of infractions as determined by the electoral commission

and the candidate would have 24 hours to correct the infractions.

"Candidates get real creative when going around sanctions."

Gregg Ortiz |
Electoral Commissioner

If the candidate did not fully correct all the infractions, the electoral commission would then give the candidate until noon the following business day to fix the problems. If the candidate still fails to correct the infraction, he or she would be

automatically disqualified.

Those opposed to the bill said it was needlessly restrictive and would give candidates too much power to break the rules.

"Because of the time lag, a candidate could do virtually anything the night before the election and there's nothing that the electoral commission can do," said Corsicana junior Randall Holloman.

Houston junior Gregg Ortiz, electoral commissioner, who was on hand at the meeting to give inquiring senators a perspective from the electoral commission, said putting restrictions on when a candidate could be disqualified would needlessly constrain the

powers and effectiveness that the electoral commission has in dealing with offending candidates.

"Candidates get real creative when going around sanctions," Ortiz said. "Disqualification is a very serious sanction and it isn't even discussed unless you have a multiple offender or a serious offense."

The senate also tabled a bill that was ready for voting on reopening the South Russell basement.

Three bills went into first reading including a bill to allocate finances to Diadeloso and a bill that would allow those with concealed carry licenses to carry their firearms on campus.

Clare Paul, energy outreach

manager, was at the meeting to discuss Baylor's ongoing energy awareness campaign. Baylor, partnering with Aramark, will be implementing different measures to raise energy awareness around campus, including residence hall energy reduction competitions and changing light bulbs to the more energy-friendly CFL bulbs. Baylor's goal is to save \$2 million over the next four years with this campaign.

Student body president Michael Wright also informed senators that the first listening session for the new strategic plan will be at 6 p.m. Wednesday on the fifth floor of Cashion.

Local mission's annual banquet reminds city of worthy cause

By STORI LONG
REPORTER

Jesus called on his followers to plead the cause of the downtrodden, the heartbroken and the forgotten. Two thousand years later, those involved at Mission Waco are answering that call.

Mission Waco held its annual banquet Tuesday at the Waco Convention Center. The 100-table, 1,000-seat event sold out. The banquet guests were greeted at the reception by Baylor President Ken Starr and his wife, Alice. The goal



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Fort Collins, Colo. junior Brooke Jostad spoke to the audience, counseling that disabilities are not disadvantages, but rather ways to serve God.

of the banquet was to raise funds for Mission Waco and awareness of the problem of poverty in Waco.

"We get caught up in our own world so the world of need is ignored," Jimmy Dorrell, executive director and co-founder of Mission Waco, said. "We just wanted to remind people what's going on."

The night centered on a theme harkening back to Matthew 25 of "When Did We See You?". In the passage, Jesus tells his followers anytime they fed the hungry or clothed the naked, they did the same for him.

Through art, drama, videos and testimonies, Mission Waco used the night to encourage people to break down stereotypes and judgments in order to truly see the people underneath.

"Jesus was in our face about that," Janet Dorrell, global missions and poverty simulations director said. Janet and her husband Jimmy Dorrell are co-founders of Mission Waco. "How can we not see? It goes deeper to a spiritual level if we claim to know a king who saves us."

Between the testimonies and dramas, Dorrell spoke to the audience on how the presentations directly related to Matthew 25.

The events of the night depicted a variety of people struggling with poverty, addiction, prostitution and homelessness — some of the most marginalized people in the community.

"We wanted them to stop being seen as just a face but as human," Janet said.

The guests were also reminded of the blind man Jesus heals and that everyone can fall into a state of "spiritual blindness."

"This year's theme brought awareness to the "invisible" people living in our community, those in poverty, dealing with addictions and other daily challenges," Emily Gist, Waco citizen and Mission Waco supporter, said. "Mission Waco exists to provide support and assistance for these people who are so often forgotten. ... It was a reminder that these are not just issues I read about or see on the national news, but issues that are very real and pressing for people."

The dramas were led by Stevie Walker-Webb, who is in charge of



MAKENZIE MASON | LARIAT PHOTOGRAPHER

Baylor graduate and Mission Waco staff member Jerrod Clark performs a homeless man Tuesday in a play written and directed by new Jubilee Theater Director Stevie Walker-Webb during the Mission Waco Banquet.

Mission Waco's Jubilee Theatre. The dramas portrayed these "invisible people" from a drug addict to a prostitute, and their state of crying out to be seen by those around them.

"The people portrayed kept asking over and over, 'Do you see me?'"

Lee Ann James, Mission Waco supporter, said. "I know the stuff they portray is going on, but it's always good to see and hear it."

The videos showed the real-life testimonies of people who have been in these desperate situations and were provided a way out through the efforts of Mission Waco. Each testimony ended with the statement: "Mission Waco saw me."

Janet said Mission Waco is not about just helping the poor; rather,

its goal is to empower the poor and teach volunteers about the world and themselves.

"We've allowed this culture to tell us how to spend our money selfishly," Janet said. "We spend money on redecorating our rooms when some people don't even have a house; when people are drinking from rivers and eating out of the garbage. When we serve the poor, we realize how sick we are... it changes us and gives us greater depths of intimacy with our King."

Jimmy echoes this sentiment, and said serving the world is not just something Christians should do, but something that is essential to what it means to be a Christian.

"Salvation is not just about getting the good and being done," Jimmy said. "The whole reality of salvation is giving your life away."



MAKENZIE MASON | LARIAT PHOTOGRAPHER

Members of the Baylor Religious Hour Choir sing while attendees eat dinner during the banquet.

City turns to Web for image boost

By ADE ADESANYA
REPORTER

Waco's revitalization is not limited to new apartments, riverfront structures and bridge projects. Waco's image is getting a lift in an effort that involves multiple marketing campaigns and publicity-triggering events.

The Greater Waco Chamber of Commerce is using the Internet extensively in marketing the city's economic revitalization plans. chamber's website contains more than 30 links featuring various facets of life in Waco as well as five websites specially dedicated to areas of economic development.

"While we want to give a broad perspective of economic development activities in the community, we also want each area of our focus to get have its specifics shown to the public," said Scott Connell, senior vice president of strategic development for the chamber.

The chamber uses social media like Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn to communicate special events to the Waco community in a timely way.

"Our goal is to increase the reach of social media to reflect and serve the different segments of chamber's activities," Connell said. "For example, if we want to inform the community of the general improvement in aviation, we also want a social media or multimedia platform with more videos and interactive capability which will allow us to appeal to professionals in the target industry."

A key part of the marketing initiative is constantly staying in touch with the community by utilizing technology.

The "Next Level" strategy was developed by the Greater Waco Chamber of Commerce in order to prioritize enhancing Waco's image. This includes emphasizing strategic marketing campaigns for the next five years through more user-friendly websites and online networking.

"Between now and 2015, our focus will be to increase interactivity and the use of more videos to refine the information that individuals and organizations within and outside our community are looking for," Connell said.

In setting the marketing agenda, the different organizations

in the city are advancing a larger agenda: making the Greater Waco area an urban center that is business and family-friendly.

Waco Young Professionals, a local organization focused on convincing graduates to remain and work in Waco, partnered with the Greater Waco Chamber of Commerce in 2005. The organization uses publicity events including meetings, service projects, local-industry tours and social activities to showcase Waco to the public. They also try to connect the young professional base to the industries in the area.

Domestic travel and trade shows are also marketing tools used by the Waco Convention and Visitors Bureau to portray Waco as a traveler's destination.

"We engage travel writers; we use domestic sales and media planners to publicize our community. Eighty percent of our visitors come from within Texas and with our sizable publications, we are able to reach people in Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana and as far as the Midwest region because of Baylor's affiliation with the Big 12," said Elizabeth Taylor, director of the Waco Convention and Visitors Bureau.

In addition to Waco's centralized Texas location, the city also offers landmarks and cultural attractions.

"We have many international visitors from Mexico, Germany and especially Canada who are attracted to our community by the cultural symbols associated to Texas, like the cowboy culture," Taylor said.

"Many people want to visit places like the Texas Ranger Museum; for people from the United Kingdom, the Armstrong Browning Library on Baylor campus is popular destination."

The Waco Convention and Visitors Bureau is building relationships with consultants and corporate organizations in neighboring cities in order to share the benefits of collaborative marketing.

"Bellmead, Lacy Lakeview, Hewitt and Woodway will now be included in our marketing efforts. In December, we started a new regional marketing project that will include these areas. We are partnering with an Austin based marketing and PR firm," Taylor said.

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Students encourage parent involvement

By SOBIA SIDDIQUI
REPORTER

Baylor students from the Academy for Leader Development and Civic Engagement Fellow Program and J.H. Hines Elementary School are partnering to host the Third Annual Parent Involvement Day events Saturday and Monday.

Parent Involvement Day is a community project students are involved in through the Fellow Program.

The Fellows design a project with a community partner Ramona Curtis, the Director for Leader Development and Civic Engagement, said.

Students who are a part of the Fellow Program choose to play an active role in leadership around the Baylor and Waco community. On Saturday, the Fellows will host a block party as the first event for parents from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at J.H. Hines. Activities for students and parents will

include basketball tournaments, fitness programs and dancing programs, Houston senior Prince Adotama said.

The second event will be held from 8 a.m. to noon Monday at J.H. Hines Elementary School and will be educational, Adotama said.

Information about continuing education will be offered to parents from ATI Career Training, McLennan Community College and Baylor to encourage the parents to pursue their own education while getting more involved with their children's education.

The Academy for Civic Engagement and Leader Development helped get different organizations involved, some of which include The Waco alumnae chapter of Delta Sigma Theta sorority, the County Extension office, Jack and Jill of America and the Waco alumni chapter of Phi Beta Sigma fraternity.

Previous projects through the Fellow Program have involved students working

with the homeless and charitable organizations in Waco. The Parent Involvement Day project this year is focused on helping young children progress by encouraging their parents to play an active role in their education.

"One of the best ways to get kids to do their homework and get more involved in the school is to get the parents involved," Boxleitner said. "If the parents are comfortable then they're going to bring them [their children] up for reading, tutoring; you're going to have more participation in the school."

The project aims to help the children of J.H. Hines by getting parents more interested and active in the early education process.

"Having parents more involved will really push their children a lot more to be more academically inclined," Adotama said. "Children need that motivation; they need that strength."

When parents feel intimidated by the

educational environment, they are less involved and less aware of their children's academic progression.

Fulshear senior Kristen Boxleitner said the Fellows hope by continuing the Parent Involvement Day at J.H. Hines Elementary School, parents will begin to feel more comfortable with their children's campuses.

"I wonder what happened in these people's lives that they're embarrassed to be at their own child's school," Boxleitner said. "They're embarrassed to talk to their teachers, they want to ignore the whole situation, they want to be left alone, so that they can keep on living the way they have been. They don't want anybody criticizing them, criticizing their upbringing or their lack of education."

This event is meant to encourage and teach parents to help their children and themselves.

"When children go to school they need to come back and be able to share that in-

formation, about school, about what's going on," Adotama said. "I believe that kids really enjoy when people take interest in their lives."

Boxleitner said children need attention from adults in their lives to have an example they can follow and look to for guidance.

"They don't have role models. They deserve role models; they deserve people that go in there and actually try to inspire them to do something," Boxleitner said.

Last year the Parent Involvement Day had 400 attendants; this year the goal is to have an even greater number of attendees.

By helping the parents of one school reach out to their children, the community is helped as a whole.

"It's been motivating," Boxleitner said. "I believe in it. If you can motivate somebody to succeed and teach them how to read on reading level, and they can keep up with their schoolwork, that can change a whole community so quickly."

Professor's new book raises the bar code

By MOLLY PACKER
REPORTER

A professor of management at Baylor will release a book today on Radio Frequency Identification called "RFID in the Supply Chain."

Dr. Pedro Reyes, associate professor of management in the Hankamer School of Business, is known internationally for his research in RFID and has given five symposiums on the topic at Baylor in the past.

Radio Frequency Identification consists of bar codes on products that are read with a radio frequency monitor that helps track and trace objects companies have in supply. One example of how RFID is used in the business world is when companies use bar codes to keep inventory on what is available, helping to prevent products from being out of stock.

The concept of Radio Frequency Identification has been around for decades, but Reyes said it is now starting to gain popularity among more businesses.

"RFID is certainly not new, but it has been flying underneath the business technology radar," Reyes said. When Reyes first started researching, he said there were only a handful of other researchers on the project. But now the numbers have multiplied about four or five times.

RFID was first used in World War II in Britain's "Friend or Foe" program, Dr. Pamela Zelbst, assistant professor of management at Sam Houston State University and RFID Research Network member, said. British radar systems could detect the difference between enemy and friendly planes by placing an RFID tag on friendly planes. Sirens would go off when the radar did not pick up the RFID tag of a friendly plane so citizens could find shelter before enemy planes started to bomb. RFID was shelved after the war since it seemed to have lost its practical implications, Zelbst said.

Nowadays, the technology is starting to come back.

Best Buy and Old Navy are popular companies that utilize RFID technology, and even Walmart has started tagging blue jeans with it. "The business can use it without the customer even knowing," Zelbst said.

As the technology gets cheaper, RFID may become even more widely used.

"The good thing about RFID is it's so easily integrated with other technology," Zelbst said. "It has a multitude of uses. RFID is becoming the bar code of the future."

Reyes is considered one of the top experts on RFID in the world and it was not long before McGraw Hill approached him about writing a book. "I agreed to write the book in late 2007 and I started pretty much after that," Reyes said.

Dr. Patrick Jaska, professor of business systems and chair of business computer information systems at the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor, said Reyes' book will be a useful resource for RFID managers. "It's going to help them understand the technology better," Jaska said.

The book is available at Amazon.com and is priced at \$48.35.



NICK BERRYMAN | LARIAT PHOTOGRAPHER

Zeta Tau Alpha sorority will be selling shirts today and Monday in dining halls on campus to support the Kay Yow Cancer Fund. Students can purchase shirts for \$5 each.

Students shoot for the cure

Baylor Athletics, ZTA promote breast cancer awareness

By SALLY ANN MOYER
REPORTER

Zeta Tau Alpha and Baylor Athletics are partnering to sponsor the women's basketball annual Pink Zone game. The Lady Bears will face Texas A&M at 8 p.m. Monday at the Ferrell Center.

To support the game and raise breast

cancer awareness, Zeta Tau Alpha will sell T-shirts for the game from noon to 2 p.m. today and Monday at Penland, Collins and Memorial dining halls.

Shirts will also be for sale at the game. There are three different designs and the shirts cost \$5 each.

Austin sophomore Claire Hinton and Houston sophomore Katylin Johnson, both members of Zeta Tau Alpha, are in charge of selling the T-shirts for the game.

"Zeta is just promoting the game," Hinton said, "We're just trying to help Baylor Athletics get as many people there as possible wearing pink."

Zeta Tau Alpha has partnered with Baylor Athletics to sponsor the Pink Zone game

for four years.

"Baylor Athletics puts it on and we promote it by putting up fliers around campus and passing stuff out at the game," Johnson said.

San Antonio junior Erica Benken, president of Baylor's Theta Omicron chapter, said the Pink Zone game is an opportunity to make their philanthropy work more public.

"Our main goal with our chapter is to get Baylor as much involved as possible," Benken said.

The Pink Zone game is different from other Zeta Tau Alpha events because raising awareness is the main focus.

"It's really different from the other [events] because we're not necessarily try-

ing to raise too much money for it, but trying to promote breast cancer awareness and get people out to the game wearing pink and showing our support," Johnson said.

Partnering with the women's basketball team seemed like a natural fit to Benken.

"I think that we deal with the female basketball players because [breast cancer] is something that mainly affects women," Benken said. "And everyone's a fan of basketball. ... Athletics is a huge thing at Baylor and so that's a great way draw more attention to it."

Zeta Tau Alpha also hosts other events throughout the year to increase breast cancer awareness and raise support for the Zeta Tau Alpha Foundation Inc., which promotes breast cancer education and research.

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Ataris' lead singer to play at CG

By Liz Hitchcock
REPORTER

The Ataris' lead singer, Kris Roe, will be headlining a Valentine's Day concert held at Common Grounds Monday, Feb. 14.

Most famous for their cover of the '80s hit "Boys of Summer" by Don Henley, The Ataris are known for their pop-punk melodies. Roe will be straying from his punk roots to perform in a solo acoustic tour.

The songs Roe will be playing reflect more on his singer-songwriter capabilities, said to Common Grounds' booking manager, Justin Horrell.

"His style has evolved according to the industry and the way that rock has evolved in the past couple years," Horrell said.

Horrell said fans should expect Roe to play a couple of the hit songs and favorites along with some new tunes as well.

Horrell is pleased to have a big name artist such as Roe to perform on Common Grounds' stage, and is hopeful to have a large turnout. His aim is to attract old and new fans to the venue.

Two smaller bands will be opening for Roe, an instrumental band called Zombie Western and a folk band called Lomelda.

"We provide a good forum for local bands as well," Horrell said, "to help them get a trampoline start."

The guitarist for Zombie Westerns, Jarrod Pierce, spoke of The Ataris' influence on him in his younger years during which he developed some of his tastes in differ-

ent genres.

"Me and our drummer were both punk rock fans back in 1999 and 2000. We both listened to them," Pierce said. "I remember going to shows and screaming our heads off. We are fans and we are happy to open up for Kris. He's been an influence of mine for a long time."

As for Lomelda, the lead singer and front-girl, Hannah Read, was especially pleased to have the chance to perform to a large crowd, and is optimistic that the lineup will be cohesive and complementary.

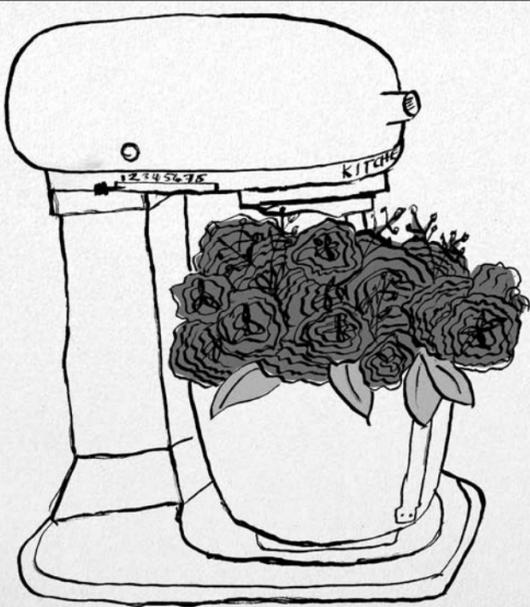
"I think the show will be a good transition. We decided to strip down to really simple arrangements of our songs," Read said. "And Zombie Western is a little more epic. It should really build up

to Kris."

Roe's goal with this tour is to really touch base with his fans and get them ready for a complete tour with the rest of The Ataris, Horrell said.

He has already begun to accomplish this, just by the sheer fact that he will be playing in Waco. "What stuck out about Kris and The Ataris in general was the passion in his music, even though sometimes punk is considered kind of cheesy," Pierce said. That passion rings true throughout the whole music world and that's what people respond to and appreciate in all different genres of music."

The show opens at 8 p.m., and tickets are \$8 at the door. Will call tickets are available through Common Grounds' website at www.commongroundswaco.com.



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From the oven, with love

By Bonnie Berger
REPORTER

With Valentine's Day approaching at an alarming rate, local supermarkets, florists and jewelers are finding themselves bereft of their goods.

Restaurants like Diamond Back's, 1424 and Chuy's can expect swarms of hungry, love-struck patrons in search of scrumptious eats to satisfy their sweethearts this weekend. Instead of risking death by stampede (or the bizarre hot-then-cold weather), opt for a

homemade cooking endeavor to enhance the flavor of this year's holiday.

Valentine's Day simply wouldn't be the same without a chocolate making an appearance. A hint of espresso puts a twist on traditional chocolate cake and individually sized ramekins ensure that all receive their due portion.

Fortunately, it only gets better as no significant other is required, for what better way to show true friendship than baking miniature chocolate cakes together?

Ingredients and Process:

- 2 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 1/3 cup powdered sugar, plus more for ramekins
- 2 ounces semisweet chocolate

- 1 large egg
- 1 large egg yolk
- 1 teaspoon espresso powder
- Pinch of salt
- 3 tablespoons all-purpose flour

Preheating the oven to 400 degrees, butter two 6-ounce ramekins and dust with sugar. Combine butter and chocolate in a bowl, microwaving until melted. In a small bowl, whisk egg, egg yolk, espresso powder, salt and sugar. Add chocolate to the mixture. Lastly, add flour and mix until ingredients are combined. Empty the batter into ramekins.

Bake for 10 to 12 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted near the edge of the ramekin comes

out clean, but a toothpick inserted in the center comes out wet. Cool for 10 minutes. Remove cakes from ramekins and dust with sugar; serve immediately.

The entire process takes about 35 minutes leaving ample time to put the finishing touches on those handmade Valentine's cards, assuming we follow in the footsteps of Martha Stewart.

Most importantly, share these confections with someone you care about. Life is simply sweeter that way.

Channing Tatum talks new 'Eagle' flick

By Steven Zeitchik
LOS ANGELES TIMES

LOS ANGELES - Some actors like to tout their methods. Others boast of roles they've pulled off. Channing Tatum prefers a little more candor.

"I'm never going to be the best actor," Tatum said over lunch last week at the Smokehouse restaurant in Burbank. "I'm just not. But I will work harder than anyone out there."

He's living up to that pledge. In the last year, the 30-year-old former fashion model has appeared on the big screen as a lovelorn soldier ("Dear John"), a maniacal but oddly sensitive Casanova with a happy-face tattoo in a private place ("The Dilemma") and, at the recently concluded Sundance Film Festival, a New York City cop harboring a secret ("The Son of No One").

The Tatum barrage continues this weekend when "The Eagle," a swords-and-togas Roman adventure, hits theaters. Tatum plays the soldier Marcus Aquila who, after being wounded in clashes in the 2nd century AD, embarks on a mission in the dangerous Scottish highlands to recover the "Eagle of the Ninth," a military standard his father lost in a battle that also took his life. Marcus brings with him a British slave, Esca (Jamie Bell), as

the two form an unlikely friendship.

Outside of his latest work in the film industry, Alabama-born Tatum spent his childhood years on the Mississippi bayou and his adolescence in Tampa, Fla. He got an offer to play football at a West Virginia state college and went on to work, among other things, as an exotic dancer.

He later moved to Miami, where he was discovered on the street by a fashion scout. His first acting job was in a Ricky Martin video.

"I didn't really grow up educated. But I work every single day to get better, to educate myself as much as I possibly can," he said, eating an order of ribs and French fries in a way that underscores too perfectly his meat-and-potatoes attitude. He later adds, "People don't understand how hard (actors) work and how good we want to be."

To help him prepare for "The Eagle," director Kevin Macdonald gave Tatum the diary of a warring Roman leader. The actor dutifully read it all.

"I never would have lasted two seconds back then. Not a day," he said, his face breaking out in a trademark tentative grin as he recalled the reading experience. "It's just insane what these guys did. You can't imagine. It's insane."

Film critics have not always

been charitable in assessing the actor's skills ("Mr. Tatum's stolid reserve decays into dull passivity," The Wall Street Journal's Joe Morgenstern wrote in his review of "Dear John"), and with his sleepy eyes and voice, Tatum can seem disengaged or even, sometimes, a little mimbo-ish. But beneath the casual demeanor and speech, the actor often makes sharp distinctions and nuanced points.

He also comes off as humble, even guileless, in a way that makes him hard to dislike. Spend time with the actor and it becomes clear why so many top-flight directors - Macdonald, Michael Mann, Ron Howard, Kimberly Peirce, Steven Soderbergh - have chosen to work with him.

"Channing doesn't have any training," said Macdonald, who also directed "The Last King of Scotland" (for which Forest Whitaker won a lead actor Oscar in 2007). "But he's hugely keen to learn and be good, and he takes it all very, very seriously." (The director added that in "The Eagle," Tatum is "like Gary Cooper - he doesn't seem to do anything very much but there's a building tension, a cumulative effect.")

Tatum says that he particularly finds himself fascinated by character motivation and often looks for on-set guidance on the subject.

"You're always trying to figure

out, 'Why am I doing this, what do I want in this scene?' That's what I ask my directors all the time," he said, adding, "I love taking direction from anyone and everyone."

He accepted a role on the Soderbergh movie, an upcoming action-thriller titled "Haywire," mainly to be a fly on the wall. "I just wanted to watch him do what he does, and I learned a stupid amount. A stupid amount."

Tatum first became known to a mainstream audience as the twinkling-toed Tyler Gage in the "Step Up" franchise - in which he played a character not unlike himself, a blue-collar kid willing to unassumingly shoulder burdens.

He received a boost of artistic credibility in Dito Montiel's well-regarded "A Guide to Recognizing Your Saints" and continued to build credibility as a soldier in Peirce's "Stop-Loss."

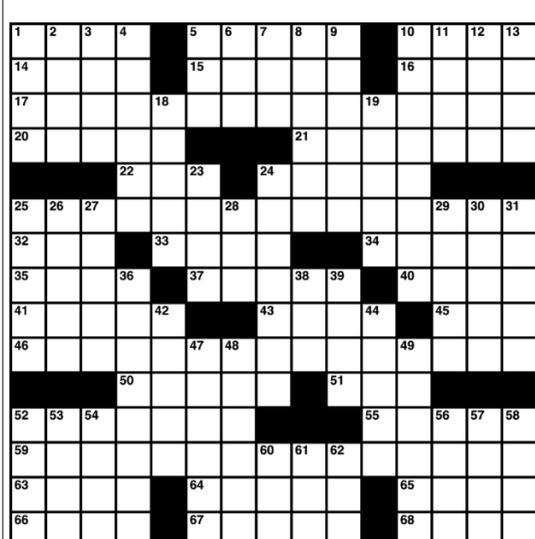
"Eagle" is Tatum's first lead period role (he was only a supporting player in "Saints" and "Public Enemies"), a particularly tricky part because it follows in the footsteps of so many revered historic warrior roles.

"We knew we were never going to be able to touch 'Gladiator' or 'Braveheart' or even 'Spartacus.' Those movies are so grand in scope and size," Tatum said. "But Kevin is such a smart filmmaker. He knows how to make relationship films."

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The men take a two-game winning streak to Austin when they face the No. 6 Longhorns at 3 p.m. Saturday. At 6-4 in Big 12 play, the Bears hold a half-game lead over Texas A&M for third place in the conference.

>> Women's basketball
The Lady Bears play in-state rivals in back-to-back games at the Ferrell Center, starting with Texas at 12:30 p.m. Saturday and Texas A&M at 8 p.m. Monday, a game to be televised on ESPN's Big Monday.

>> Equestrian
At 5-5, the team travels to Texas A&M for an 11 a.m. matchup Saturday. Baylor looks to score an upset over the 8-0 Aggie squad.

>> Track and field
Track and field returns to Texas A&M's indoor facility for the second time this season for the Texas A&M Challenge. The meet brings teams from the Big 12, Conference USA, the Pac-10 and the SEC.

Wishbone offense inventor dies at 83

ASSOCIATED PRESES

DALLAS — Emory Bellard, a former Texas A&M and Mississippi State coach credited with developing the wishbone offense when he was an assistant at Texas, died Thursday. He was 83.

Cathy Capps, director of the Texas A&M Lettermen's Association, said Bellard died at a care facility in Georgetown in Central Texas. She said Bellard had Lou Gehrig's disease.

Bellard was on Darrell Royal's staff at Texas in 1968 when the Longhorns developed a formation with three running backs that came to be known as the wishbone.

"To say he was an important member of our staff at that time is an understatement," Royal said. "He was a true friend, and that didn't change whether he was in Austin, College Station or Starkville."

Bellard coached at Texas high schools for more than two decades at the beginning and end of his career, winning three state titles from 1958-66. His success landed him on the Texas staff, and while other assistants relaxed during the summer before the 1968 season, Bellard was busy trying to figure out a way to utilize a strong group of running backs after Texas endured three straight mediocre seasons.

The wishbone was similar to the two-back veer, which Houston was using to become a threat in the Southwest Conference. The Longhorns rode Bellard's modification to a national championship in 1969, and Oklahoma made the offense nearly unstoppable in the 1970s and '80s.

"People all over the country and different levels of football adopted that offense," said former Texas A&M coach R.C. Slocum, who was hired as an assistant by Bellard in 1972.

Softball seeks conference title

Season starts against ranked team in Illinois

By KRISTA PIRTLE
SPORTS WRITER

With the ice around Waco thawing and temperatures steadily rising, it's time to go to your local convenient store, grab some sunflower seeds and a Dr Pepper, and head to Gettman Stadium. Softball season is officially under way.

This weekend the Bears host the Gettman Classic, competing against No. 19 preseason ranked Illinois, McNeese State and UTSA. Baylor's first game of the year is against the Fighting Illini at 3 p.m. Friday, followed by McNeese State at 5:30.

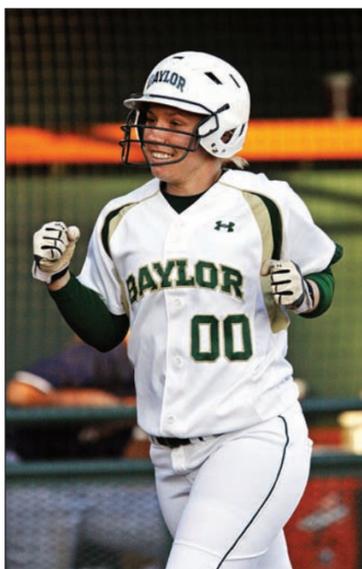
"Just seeing the team chemistry this team has is awesome; we gel as a full team," pitcher Whitney Canion said. "We don't have halves, we don't have cliques, and I think this team is just ready to get out on the field and see what we can do. Our offense is better; we have a full pitching staff. Our depth is bigger than it's ever been."

The Lady Bears softball team consists of 13 returning athletes in addition to five freshmen.

"From what I've seen, and time will tell, this is the strongest team I've seen since 2005," head coach Glenn Moore said. "We're very fast in the outfield. We're pretty solid on the infield. We have more leadership and experience on the infield than we've had in a while. We've got a good battery, solid catching and pitching, so we're strong."

The Lady Bears graduated two of their top three hitters in Nicole and Tiffany Wesley, hitting .384 and .360 respectively.

"We were getting on base and had a pretty high team batting average, but we couldn't score those runs," Coach Glenn Moore said. "Our left on base average was much more than in previous years. Hopefully we've



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No. 00 junior Megan Turk celebrates a home run against South Florida on March 18, 2010, at Gettman Stadium. Baylor looks for more power at the plate in its 2011 campaign.

made some of those connections and will score those runs this year."

Leading the team in batting average from last year is junior Kayce Walker at .373, followed by senior Jordan Vannatta with .290.

"Well, I'm just trying to get better and better every year," Walker said. "My freshman year I hit over .400 and then last year I was under .400, so now I'm just trying to get higher than .400. And, I don't know, it would be awesome to hit .500 batting average."

To try and decrease Lady Bears left on base, Baylor snagged the No. 13 recruit, according to ESPN Rise, Shelbi Redfearn from Stillwater, Okla.

This past summer on her club team, Tulsa Elite Gold, Redfearn hit .443 with 13 homers, 57 RBI and 21 stolen bases.

In the field, Baylor has every reason to be confident, especially as Canion is able to

"Our offense is better; we have a full pitching staff. Our depth is bigger than it's ever been."

Whitney Canion | Starting pitcher

take her intimidating place in the circle.

Canion was the 2009 Big 12 Freshman and Pitcher of the Year and went 5-3 with a 1.58 ERA and 79 strikeouts in 48.2 innings for the 2010 season.

In mid-March of 2010, Canion remained in the dugout because of an increasing stress reaction in her left forearm.

Then freshmen Courtney Repka and Alicia Vasquez tried to fill the huge void in the middle of the infield, compiling ERAs of 2.91 and 5.62.

Now, with last season's experience and the maturity that comes with a season under their belts, both Repka and Vasquez look to enforce more power and demand more respect in the circle.

Freshman Liz Paul also adds to the pitching rotation after recording a 0.77 ERA with 388 strikeouts her senior year.

The Lady Bears were ranked in the preseason polls at No. 6 in the Big 12, with Oklahoma grabbing the top spot, followed by Missouri and Texas.

"It would have been very unrealistic for the league to vote us in the top three or four not knowing how Canion was going to come back," Coach Moore said. "So I totally understand it. Maybe it will light our fire, but our fire's lit anyway. So we'll see where we end up, and that's what's important."

Baylor knows it has the potential to finish higher in the Big 12 than expected and is willing to work to overcome the standard set for them.

"As far as rankings go, it's funny because we know that's really not where we stand with her on the mound," Vannatta said. "With the progress our pitchers have made throughout the fall, and it's going to be fun to see where we end up, even after this weekend."

Strikeout machine Canion returns healthy

By MATT LARSEN
SPORTS WRITER

She's back.

As a freshman Whitney Canion set Baylor single-season records for most innings pitched (291.1), games started (46), complete games (37) and strikeouts (415).

The left-handed ace returns for a 2011 campaign after sitting most of 2010 with a forearm injury, bringing with her more than a healthy throwing arm.

"When you have a kid like Whitney Canion who can get the job done on the field and is a leader, then you have something special. I think our leadership is going to be there this year and I'm not sure we had that last year," head coach Glenn Moore said.

Canion pitched in 11 games last season (recording 79 strikeouts) before deciding a forearm surgery was needed for the lingering injury.

Much to the pleasure of her coach and teammates, she obtained a medical redshirt last season, enabling her to enter 2011 as a sophomore.

The Aledo native racked up the third most strikeouts in the nation as a freshman thanks to her fastball, and her team expects her go-to pitch to be as effective as ever.

"Freshman year, as powerful as she was against everybody, now she is two years older and she is a veteran, even though she is just a redshirt sophomore," senior Jordan Vannatta said. "Her speed came back real quick, she is moving the ball. She is one of the best in the country, you got to be excited."

While Baylor softball welcomes back a veteran, it also welcomes a promising newcomer.

Sugar Land freshman Liz Paul joins Canion on the mound after being named a 2010 first-team All-American by the Louisville Slugger/National Fastpitch Coaches Association during her last year at Clements high school.

The right-hander notched a 31-6 record, 388 strikeouts and a 0.77 ERA in 2010.

Moore expects her to see some time on



LARIAT FILE PHOTO

No. 11 redshirt sophomore Whitney Canion hurls a pitch toward the plate in a 2009 game. Canion, whose stress reactor injury sidelined her in 2010, returns to the circle this season.

the mound right away keeping pitch counts down for Canion.

The ace's return may be the biggest news for Baylor's pitching staff.

However, Moore and company believe the now-fellow sophomore who carried the weight of pitching responsibility as a freshman last year has the potential to offer just as little relief to opposing batters.

"I told [Courtney Repka] the other day that when she is listed as the starting pitcher I think teams are going to be kind of excited because they know Whitney is on our staff. She is going to have to squelch that," the 11-year coach said. "She is going to have to make them think, I don't want to see either one of those. It's up to her to do, and it will happen when she starts sending hitters back to the dugout. I think she will, but it has yet to be determined."

Repka put in her time on the mound last year.

The right-hander started 42 of her team's 53 games last year, posting a 20-19 record and a 2.91 ERA.

"She pitched enough last year to be a junior right now," Moore said.

If Repka becomes the threat her coach believes she will, a Baylor softball squad once known for speed and hitting could find its identity in the arms of its pitching staff.

"It could [take on a pitching identity] because you look at all your dominant teams in the country, they have one really dominant pitcher and then they have one who can back her up and do pretty well," Vannatta said. "Courtney Repka has increased her speed, her movement. So if we get her going along with Whitney, one, two and three pitchers could all be really dominant."

PROJECTED STARTERS

P
#11 So.
Whitney Canion



C
#13 So.
Kelsi Kettler



1B
#6 Fr.
Holly Holl



2B
#8 Sr.
KJ Freeland



SS
#5 Sr.
Dani Leal



3B
#00 Jr.
Megan Turk



LF
#12 Fr.
Shelbi Redfearn



CF
#9 So.
Kathy Shelton



RF
#3 Jr.
Kayce Walker



Men's, women's golf tees off spring season with high hopes

By DANIEL WALLACE
REPORTER

on other teams," Ferdon said.

What most excites Ferdon about this semester is the caliber of talent on her team. According to the national ranking group at Golfstat, senior Lene Hafsten-Morch is ranked 19th in the Central region with teammates Chelsey Cothran and Jaclyn Jansen, also juniors, tied at 25th. Their scoring average is 296.58 and ranks 26th in the country.

Ferdon is also excited about the freshman leader of the team, Kaylin Terry, who traveled in two of four tournaments in the fall and will travel with the team for the upcoming tournament. Terry spoke of her willingness to learn and grow as a golfer and how she

is blessed with teammates who can teach her.

"With four seniors on the team I really want to learn as much as I can from them this semester," Terry said.

She also added that the team desires to have an average of 300 or better per round, to have three players in the Top 20 of each tournament and to make the NCAA Regional's and Nationals.

Sunday is the first of six tournaments for the women's team this season. The schedule includes an April 11-12 tournament in Waco.

The conditions they face as a team and the goals they set may be tough (although very attainable), but heading into the spring

the mindset is that the team is tougher.

On the men's side

Having not competed in golf tournaments in four months, the Baylor men's golf team is eager to get the second half of the season in full swing. The time away was something most players needed and will benefit from, said head coach Greg Priest.

"Competing at Nationals [in 2010], playing in summer tournaments, and then four tourneys in the fall, it was good for the them to get away and get their batteries re-charged. They are hungry and excited," Priest said.

Junior Joakim Mikkelsen spoke of the four-month layoff and expressed his excitement to get back into golfing.

"It's weird to go so long without playing. I am most excited to get it going again," he said.

Mikkelsen added the team has room for improvement and will have to play better than in the fall to reach its goals.

"We weren't happy with the way we played in the fall at all. We were not worried about that now, though. We are working on our short-game and putting," he stated.

Priest has goals that his team will be playing their best at the end of the year and they will get

better every week. Mikkelsen offered some more tangible goals for team.

"We want to get into regionals and qualify for the National Championship," Mikkelsen said. "Once you get to the NCAA, there is no telling what you can do there."

Priest says that those goals are very attainable.

"We believe we can do it," Priest said.

Their quest to return to post-season play will pick up again Monday at the UTSA Oak Hills Invitational in San Antonio. The team is eager to improve and to see where the spring semester will take them.

Hamilton agrees to \$24 million deal with Rangers

By STEPHEN HAWKINS
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Hamilton

ARLINGTON — Josh Hamilton walked through a gutted-out room under construction near the Texas Rangers clubhouse. The AL MVP had just agreed to a \$24 million, two-year contract.

"I was sweeping places out like this seven years ago or whatever," he said. "This goes for anybody. It's awesome to think about what God can do in your life if you allow him to. ... It's just amazing."

The deal, four days before a scheduled arbitration hearing in Phoenix, covers his last two arbitration-eligible seasons. Hamilton can become a free agent after the 2012 World Series.

Hamilton gets a \$3 million signing bonus, a \$7.25 million salary this year and \$13.75 million in 2012.

The three-time All-Star has a .311 career average with 93 homers and 331 RBIs in 468 major league

games, an incredible comeback for the former No. 1 overall draft pick whose career was derailed by well-documented cocaine and alcohol addictions after he got hurt in the minors. He made his major league debut with Cincinnati in 2007, and he flourished after being traded to Texas.

"We want to be a part of this organization, not only for the next couple of years, but for a long time to come," Hamilton said.

General manager Jon Daniels

termed the talks with Hamilton as "very good negotiations" and said he hopes the deal is indicative of a "longer relationship" that will include another multiyear agreement in the future.

"It was apparent that both sides wanted to do something to recognize both Josh's importance to the club, but also he and his family's desire to be here for an extended period of time," Daniels said. "I think the first step that we took here with this deal kind of gets through the arbitration process."

While the Rangers settled the contract for Hamilton, they are still trying to accommodate Michael Young's request for a trade. Young is the team's career hits leader and longest-tenured player after 10 seasons.

After signing free agent third baseman Adrian Beltre last month, the Rangers said Young would become the primary designated hitter and serve in a utility role where he could fill in at every infield po-

sition. He had agreed to that plan.

Daniels confirmed earlier this week that Young had requested a trade, saying Young had a "change of heart about that role." Young later disputed that characterization, saying he had been "misled" and "manipulated" by the team without getting in specifics.

Hamilton hit a major league-leading .359 last season with 32 homers and 100 RBIs despite missing most of the final month of the regular season with broken ribs. The outfielder returned for the end of regular season and the playoffs.

Hamilton made \$3.25 million last season, when the Rangers went to the World Series for the first time in franchise history. When the sides exchange proposed arbitration salaries last month, Hamilton had asked for \$12 million, \$3.3 million more than Texas had offered.

It has been 11 years since the Rangers went to an arbitration hearing with a player.

"Obviously you want to have things behind you as far as the business standpoint, before you go start playing again," Hamilton said. "This deal done allows me to do that for a couple of years now. ... Just go play and have fun, and stay away from walls."

Hamilton got hurt last year when he rolled his ankle and stumbled into the wall after making a catch on the warning track in Minnesota. He had two stints on the disabled list in 2009 after separate wall-crashing catches.

Last month, he spent six days in the hospital last month with pneumonia and lost 10 pounds during his illness. Hamilton said he has since added 12 pounds, to 235, and is feeling "very good" in his workouts.

Rangers pitchers and catchers report to Surprise, Ariz., next Wednesday. The first full-squad workout is Feb. 20.

There is the real possibility that Young could still be with the Rang-

ers then.

Trading Young is difficult because he is owed \$46 million over the remaining three seasons in contract — \$15 million in each of the next two seasons and \$16 million in 2013 — and there are only eight teams not on his no-trade list. Daniels has said a deal will only be made if it improves the Rangers.

Daniels said Thursday his focus was still on trying to make a trade. He said if a deal was going to be made it would "most likely" be done before the first full-squad workout, though he has set no deadline.

"None of us are happy that it's come to this, especially publicly. Nobody looks good right now," Daniels said. "There's two potential outcomes. One is that there's a trade that makes sense for the club and satisfies Michael's request. The other is it doesn't and Michael will play a vital role on the club. ... It's premature for me to speculate on what's going to happen."

NFL's headache continues after Cowboys Stadium Super Bowl issues

ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — A granddaughter of the first president of the Green Bay Packers was among the 400 ticketholders forced out of the stands at the Super Bowl because their seats weren't safe.

In a letter sent to the NFL, which she provided to The Associated Press, Peggy Beisel-McIlwaine said Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones should never be allowed to host another Super Bowl. She called her experience at Cowboys Stadium a "total disaster."

Beisel-McIlwaine wrote that it took several hours — and miles of walking — before stadium and league officials finally led her and other displaced fans from their upper deck seats to a field level bar area behind the Pittsburgh Steelers bench — with no view of the field.

The 55-year-old woman from Michigan told the AP she received a call Wednesday from the NFL, and will be going to the league office Fri-

day in New York to meet with a person who is handling her situation.

"I hope we can get this remedied quickly," she wrote.

Beisel-McIlwaine's grandfather was Andrew Blair Turnbull, the Packers' first president and a member of the team's Hall of Fame. Her father was Daniel C. Beisel, a Packers' board member from 1968 until his death in 2009.

NFL spokesman Brian McCarthy said Thursday that 40 employees have been assigned to help identify and assist fans who were left without seats. He said 260 of the ticketholders have either been located or have called the league. Some have shown up at the league's New York office.

In the days after the Packers' 31-25 win over the Steelers, the league has given the displaced fans two options: \$2,400 — triple the face value of the ticket — and a ticket to next year's Super Bowl, or a ticket to any future Super Bowl, with round-trip airfare and hotel

accommodations included.

On Thursday, the NFL said an additional 2,000 fans forced to sit in temporary seats will receive either a face-value ticket refund or a free ticket to a future Super Bowl.

The Seatless 400 episode has already spawned at least two lawsuits. Two Packers fans filed suit against the NFL, the Cowboys and the stadium alleging fraud, breach of contract and negligence; and a class-action suit filed against the league, the Cowboys and Jones alleges breach of contract, fraud and deceptive sales practices.

A Packers' season ticketholder, Beisel-McIlwaine bought two tickets for the Super Bowl at face value, \$800 apiece. When she arrived with her son at their seats — "in the nose bleed section, 425A seats 4 and 5" — about three hours before the game, stadium officials said they weren't ready. Eventually, they were told the seats weren't going to be available at all and, like many others in the same predicament, ended up

without a view at field level, forced to watch the game on television.

During her ordeal, Beisel-McIlwaine wrote that she was sent from

"Everyone was passing it off to someone else, and no one seemed to know what was going on. It was truly a runaround."

Peggy Beisel-McIlwaine | Had ticket but no seat for Super Bowl

one ticket office to another and back again, then back to her seats, which by then were covered with a black tarp.

"We were getting nowhere," she wrote in her letter to the NFL. "Everyone was passing it off to someone else, and no one seemed to know what was going on. It was truly a runaround."

NFL executive vice president Eric Grubman said 2,400 seats in the upper deck of the west end zone were not usable early on, and it wasn't until just before gametime before it was determined which seats were safe.

"As people came back up, Cowboys and NFL personnel were standing there," Grubman said. "If seats weren't affected, they said they were sorry about the process and led them to their seats. If seats were affected, they said they were sorry and offered to take them to SRO sections or escort them to a field level bar and restaurant. They could not see the field, but could watch on TV."

Beisel-McIlwaine wrote that she "grabbed one of the few tables and two chairs and we were joined shortly by two other Packer fans. There were many folks in this bar now, many of which had to sit on the floor."

Free food and drink was available, but even watching on TV was

a problem: The picture was supplied by the NFL feed, and the audio was from the Fox telecast.

"They were not in sync with each other and it was very difficult to determine what down or how many yards there were to go unless we listened very closely," Beisel-McIlwaine wrote.

There was a benefit: After the Packers beat the Steelers 31-25 and the Lombardi Trophy was presented, "they did lead us out onto the field so we could get a look and actually were able to thank many of the Packer players and coaches."

Beisel-McIlwaine said she wore a pedometer on Super Bowl Sunday, and clocked 21,823 steps. Using the commonly accepted average of about 2,000 steps per mile, that translates to more than 10 miles, up and down steps and through crowded concourses.

"I'm 55 and fortunately in good shape and health, but I saw many in wheel chairs and one person on crutches," she said.

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School of Education offers experience, interaction

By SOBIA SIDDIQUI
REPORTER

While most education programs consist of a student majoring in a subject and then working towards a supplemental teaching degree, Baylor's School of Education allows students who are interested in careers in education to focus on learning how to teach.

"We have two divisions in the School of Education. There is teacher education and there is

health human performance and recreation," Lindsey Freed, assistant director of enrollment management and advising, said. "Under teacher education we certify all certification areas — elementary, middle grade, secondary."

Certification in these areas includes teachers trained in math, science, English and social studies, as well as certification in all levels of Spanish, special education and physical education.

"With any of those programs,

students can also get English as a second language certified, which is an area of need in the state," Freed said.

Due to its high demand, certification in English as a second language can be added onto any grade level certification.

For those interested in the more physical aspects of school, the School of Education has plenty of options.

Majors under this division include exercise physiology, com-

munity health, which includes certification in health education specialist, and recreation and leisure studies in both church recreation and outdoor education.

Health science is also available for pre-med and pre-dental students.

"Community health, exercise education, health science studies, athletic training and recreation all have internships that are required for the major," Freed said.

Baylor is the only school in the

State of Texas that offers a yearlong teaching internship, according to the School of Education's website.

Professors at the School of Education work with students training to be future educators by explaining interactions within and out of classrooms.

Hutto sophomore Kaitlyn Phelps, majoring in secondary mathematics in the School of Education, said the professors are welcoming to the students.

Students take classes in peda-

gogy and work as mentors in their own classes and in their fieldwork.

"Our students are getting hands-on experience throughout the program and basically enough so that, by the time they graduate, they will have enough experience as a second-year teacher would have," Freed said.

Hands-on field experience is available for both teacher education and health human performance and recreation students.

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to their sonograms at crisis pregnancy centers. The bill itself would give the pregnant woman the right not to view the sonogram or listen to the fetus's heartbeat, if she so chose.

"They were doing these sonograms a majority of the time," Spence said.

"They just weren't showing the sonograms to the women. The bill guarantees the right of the woman to see it if she wants to, not that she has to."

But some students, like Houston sophomore Dannie Dinh, public relations officer for Baylor Democrats, think the bill is an example of the state Legislature ignoring other priorities and expanding its control over women's privacy.

"I think the entire bill is just an insult to me as a woman," Dinh said. "I think that's an intrusion between the doctor-patient relationship. At the same time, it's being proposed by legislators who are predominantly male, trying to prescribe what women should do."

Dinh said Republicans who support this legislation but argue against government influence in other areas of public policy are being hypocritical.

"With a lot of conservatives saying that there should be less government regulations, that the national government is becoming too controlling over every aspect of our lives, this on top of that is just very contradictory," Dinh said.

"The informed consent would create a bonding, a recognition, of the reality, which is the humanity of the unborn," Pisciotta said.

"Later on, they have a recognition:

My goodness, I had a baby, and I allowed them to kill my baby."

Pisciotta said organizations that provide abortions only give pregnant women access to doctors when the procedure itself is performed, and said he believes they intentionally hide relevant information, like sonograms, from the women.

"There is no doctor-patient relationship; it's an assembly line," Pisciotta said. "There is a relationship, but it is a relationship of deception, so that needs to be righted."

While Spence stopped short of saying the bill was motivated by the desire to decrease abortions across the state, Patrick is an anti-abortion conservative who would be pleased if the number of abortions dropped as a result of his legislative efforts.

"I think Senator Patrick would like to see fewer abortions, and if that's the effect it has then he would be happy with that," Spence said.

Dr. John Pisciotta, professor of economics and director of Pro-Life Waco, an anti-abortion activist group, said most women who undergo abortion ultimately regret their decision, and passing S.B. 16 would help avoid this outcome.

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residence where Mubarak normally stays when he is in Cairo is inside the palace, though it was not known if he was there.

Prominent reform advocate, Nobel Peace laureate Mohamed ElBaradei, whose supporters were among the organizers of the 17-day-old wave of protests, issued a Tweet warning, "Egypt will explode."

"The army must save the country now," he said. "I call on the Egyptian army to immediately interfere to rescue Egypt. The credibility of the army is on the line."

Hours before Mubarak's speech, the military made moves that had all the markings of a coup.

The military's Supreme Council, headed by Defense Minister Field Marshal Hussein Tantawi, announced on state TV that it was in permanent session, a status that it takes only in times of war. It said it was exploring "what measures and arrangements could be made to safeguard the nation, its achievements and the ambitions of its great people." That suggested Tantawi and his generals were now in charge of the country.

The statement was labeled "Communique No. 1," language that also suggests a military coup.

Footage on state TV showed Tantawi chairing the council with his chief of state Gen. Sami Anan and around two dozen of his top-most generals, sitting stern-faced around a table. Mubarak and Suleiman, a former army general and intelligence chief named to his post after the protests erupted Jan. 25, were not present, the strongest indication during the day of a rift.

But there was no immediate reaction from the military following Mubarak's speech, and their position remained ambiguous.

President Barack Obama appeared dismayed by Mubarak's announcement. He said in a statement that it was not clear that an "immediate, meaningful" transition to democracy was taking place and warned that too many Egyptians are not convinced that the government is serious about making genuine change.

In his address on state TV, Mubarak showed the strategy he has followed throughout the days of upheaval, trying to defuse the greatest challenge ever to his nearly

three-decade authoritarian rule. So far, he has made a series of largely superficial concessions while resolutely sticking to his refusal to step down immediately or allow steps that would undermine the grip of his regime.

Looking frail but speaking in a determined voice, Mubarak spoke as if he were still in charge, saying he was "adamant to continue to shoulder my responsibility to protect the constitution and safeguard the interests of the people." He vowed that he would remain in the country and said he was addressing the youth in Tahrir as "the president of the republic."

Even after delegating authority to his vice president, Mubarak retains his powers to request constitutional amendments and dissolve parliament or the Cabinet. The constitution allows the president to transfer his other authorities if he is unable to carry out his duties "due to any temporary obstacle."

"I saw fit to delegate the authorities of the president to the vice president, as dictated in the constitution," he said.



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An armed robbery Wednesday occurred at the Dairy Queen located on LaSalle Avenue.

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ue. Waco PD originally planned on Torro's treatment being in Louisiana; however, when the switch was made to the University of California-Davis, it was clear that outside help was needed.

Tusa cites her son, a former officer and handler of a K-9 officer, as the source of her information and her push to get involved.

Public support for Torro manifested itself in the amount of more than \$2,000 as of Feb. 4. This money, given by all kinds of people from children to the elderly, has gone toward the dialysis treatments Torro receives every Monday, Wednesday and Friday to prolong his life.

Dialysis is a common treatment for human liver problems, but it is much more specialized for animals, and only a handful of

clinics in the country offer such treatments.

This is where Dr. Brandy Porterpan comes into the picture.

Porterpan is a veterinary specialist with the Animal Diagnostic Clinic in Dallas. After seeing Torro, she suggested he go to a special clinic at the University of California-Davis.

In addition to the money already raised, an anonymous woman donated her airline miles to fly Torro and Porterpan, who volunteered to fly with him to California.

"When you have an acute case [of liver failure] there is a better chance of recovery," Porterpan said. She also cited Torro's youth and job status as key contributors in her decision to accompany him to California.

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that somebody is thinking about you," Westenhover said.

On campus, faculty and students can contribute to this boost of emotions by going to the Valentine's Day Extravaganza from 4 to 6 p.m. Saturday in the Armstrong Browning Library to share a romantic evening with someone. Tickets can be purchased online at <http://www.browninglibrary.org/> for \$50 per couple and \$30 per individual.

There are other options to uplift spirits.

Harts 'n Crafts is selling Valentine's Day cards that can be given to friends, family and loved ones.

Genous said when people receive a gift, be it big or small, they feel a stronger connection with the person who gave it to them.

"If you are receiving [flowers] from somebody, you automatically

feel closer to them," Genous said. "It makes you want to pick up the phone, or text, or have some type

"I always feel like giving is better than receiving because it's like a present to you when you make someone's day because you feel really good about what you've done."

Aubrey Fink
Zionsville, Ind., sophomore

of contact with them after receiving flowers."

As Valentine's Day nears, more and more individuals are expected

Porterpan's description of her flight with Torro is more proof of the good will Torro has received since falling ill. The airline let Porterpan sit alone in a bulkhead row so Torro would be able to lie down on the floor at her feet.

Upon landing in California, Porterpan and Torro were greeted by the Sacramento K-9 unit and escorted to UC-Davis by the campus police.

Since arriving at UC-Davis, Torro has steadily improved, although he has not fully recovered. He continues to undergo treatment, but doctors and many people here in Waco are cautiously optimistic.

"Yesterday he produced a quart of urine," said Weiser, who receives daily updates on Torro's condition. Weiser said the production

of urine could mean that Torro's kidneys are starting to work again.

Hopefully, it's a turning point.

"Doctors haven't given up up there, and neither have we," Tusa said.

Originally, it was believed that Torro would undergo a couple weeks of treatment, but he is currently finishing his third week of treatment, with more treatment to come.

The Waco PD hopes people will continue to make donations, as the long-distance treatment and the length of the treatment have been more costly than they originally expected. The bank account is set up at Extraco Bank for those who feel drawn to help Torro.

If you would like updates on Torro's status, contact Sherry Tusa at stusa@hotmail.com.

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