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### Live music

Students can listen to live music at the Young Artist Concert presented by the Texas Federation of Musicians. The concert will begin at 8 p.m. today at Roxy Grove Hall.

# House considers Internet sales tax

By DANIEL C. HOUSTON  
REPORTER

Amazon and other online retailers could soon see their exemption from collecting the Texas state sales tax evaporate if a bill in the Texas House of Representatives becomes law.

H.B. 1317, which would require all online retailers to pay the sales tax if they earn more than \$10,000 per year from in-state professionals promoting the retailers' products, is now pending in the House Committee on Ways and Means.

"This bill is about getting out-of-state e-retailers like Amazon.

com and Overstock.com that benefit from e-sales to consumers in Texas to collect and pay the sales tax," said Rep. Elliott Naishtat, the bill's primary author. "So this bill is about leveling the playing field; it's about fairness."

Naishtat said he also believes H.B. 1317 could contribute to the House's efforts to erase the budget deficit by providing a new source of revenue. Naishtat cited State Comptroller Susan Combs' estimate that online retailers would owe up to \$600 million dollars in taxes if they were treated like businesses with a physical presence in Texas.

But his confidence that H.B.



1317 will produce additional revenue is not shared by everyone. In a fiscal note on the proposal

released Monday, the Texas Legislative Budget Board stated it anticipates "no significant fiscal implication" to the state budget if the bill were signed into law.

"Major online retailers have canceled such agreements with residents of states that have enacted similar provisions," the note stated, "including North Carolina, Rhode Island and Illinois, and have announced their intention to cancel such agreements with oth-

er states that enact similar provisions. Accordingly, no significant additional revenue can be anticipated as a result of enactment of this provision."

Although the budget board's fiscal note did not explicitly name which major online retailers have announced an intention to cut ties with Texas businesses promoting their products, R.J. DeSilva, a spokesman for the comptroller's office, verified that Amazon was one of the most prominent such retailers whose intentions were considered.

Naishtat, however, does not

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## I want candy

Children smack a genuine Mexican pinata Thursday during one of the Hispanic Student Association's children-oriented activities at Fiesta.

# Classroom connects religion, poetry

By STORI LONG  
REPORTER

For centuries, people have expressed their relationship with the divine through the written word. Whether the purpose of the writing is to praise, critique or study, faith and literature often go hand in hand. This upcoming fall semester at Baylor, the English department is once again offering ENG 3370: Religion in Literature, a class that examines poetry and religion in 19th century Britain.

"The overarching mission in the class is to challenge a stereo-

type about the 19th century," Dr. Joshua King, assistant professor in the English department, said. "It is considered the age of Darwin and Dickens, of the novel and of science's triumph over religion ... it was actually a time when poetry was used as a way to both embrace orthodoxy and to re-imagine what religion means."

This will be King's third time teaching the class.

"The class has become much more interactive," King said. "My first year teaching I was more concerned with structure and making sure everything was in the right

place. ... The second year I really wanted the students to own the discussion more heavily. I think this helped to make it more entertaining."

One of the ways King accomplished this was by providing students with a topic and discussion questions surrounding that topic. The next class centered around those questions and allowed for a more student-led discussion of the literature. His second year teaching, King kept copies of student response papers, which he hopes to quote and incorporate into discussion with new students, allow-

ing his past students to be involved even after they've left.

The opportunity the class provides to study poetry and faith in conjunction with one another is a characteristic that Houston junior Jaclyn Drake found particularly appealing when she took the class in the fall 2010 semester.

"I was interested in learning more about reading poetry and what makes Baylor so cool is that you can study it alongside with religion," Drake said.

The class explores the poetry of

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# Sorority uses week to promote reading, raise funds

By CAITLIN GIDDENS  
REPORTER

There's an epidemic affecting elementary students across the nation, and it's not childhood obesity or attention deficit disorder.

It's illiteracy. And it's present here in Waco.

Determined to raise awareness of illiteracy, Delta Phi Omega sorority hosted "Literacy Through Unity Week." Members of the sorority sold T-shirts across campus and volunteered at local elementary schools this week.

Delta Phi Omega also hosted a literacy forum Wednesday and sponsored a benefit concert at

Common Grounds on Thursday.

"Literacy is our sorority's national philanthropy, so everything we do is for literacy," Dallas senior Kirat Sundrani said. "In Waco, we have a problem that a few schools are doing well in promoting literacy, but a few are doing poorly. When students aren't reading at the right level in the fourth grade, they often fall behind and it affects their education."

With members majoring in elementary education, Delta Phi Omega holds literacy close to its heart. This motivated members to inform Baylor students about national and local illiteracy.

"For me, literacy and teach-

ing have always been my passion, especially with inner-city kids," Katy junior Priyanka Mathews said. "I was blessed to come to Baylor and be surrounded by Waco schools. As much as Baylor is such a lavish environment, there's poverty around us. And students need to know that."

On Wednesday, Delta Phi Omega hosted a literacy forum featuring Ashley Weaver, project coordinator for The Greater Waco Education Alliance.

"The nation is struggling across the board with literacy, and Waco is not exempt from that struggle," Weaver said. "Students

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Tidewater, a two-person band consisting of Town And Country, Mo., junior Brett Allen and Saint Louis junior Ben Horseman, perform during the "Literacy Through Unity" benefit concert at Common Grounds.





# President’s Scholarship Initiative proof of strong alumni support

## Editorial

One of the most tangible examples of Baylor alumni support is found in projects like the President’s Scholarship Initiative, which, after only six months of existence, recently surpassed \$20 million.

The scholarship fund was announced Sept. 15 with a goal of \$100 million.

The initial \$20 million is made up of small donations. President Ken Starr said there are no “transformational gifts” within the \$20 million — a sign that the Baylor community as a whole is dedicated to the initia-

tive’s mission.

Baylor has a lot to offer both students and alumni. For students, it is the largest Baptist university in the world, offering them a place to study in a Christian environment, a Christian environment that couples research and excellence with Christian ethics — resulting in a first-class education.

It also offers an array of student activities, Division 1 sports, tutoring and advising for struggling students along with a host of career services to successfully launch students into the real world.

Once students reach this real world, Baylor reaches out to

alumni and keeps them in the Baylor family.

Whether you are in Waco or Hong Kong, you can continue to find services offered through the Baylor network and a host of other Bears to fellowship with.

This family atmosphere is what makes Baylor such a special place to study and call home, but this experience comes with a hefty price tag and one that continues to climb. For the 2011-12 school year, the estimated cost of attendance is \$42,212.

The President’s Scholarship Initiative is a prime example of members of the Baylor community coming together and doing what they can to draw new Bears

into the Baylor family.

The initiative means students who might have been unable to join the Baylor community will now be able to do so. Baylor is enhancing the diversity of the university, and bringing in students from all walks of life.

As former Bears, our alumni understand the financial burden of a college degree. The support from alumni make a college degree more attainable for entering freshman and increases the caliber of our school.

This scholarship represents the best of Baylor’s Christian values: reaching out to the less fortunate, serving the community and loving people.

# Americans’ capacity for ‘irrational panic’ highlighted again in Muslim treatment

OK, put your books away. We’re having a pop quiz.

Below are four quotes. Each is from one of two sources: the Bible or the Quran, although, just to make things interesting, there’s also a chance all four are from one book. Two were edited for length and one of those was also edited to remove a religion-specific reference. Your job: identify the holy book of origin. Ready? Go:

— “...Wherever you encounter [nonbelievers], kill them, seize them, besiege them, wait for them at every lookout post ...”

— “Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword.”

— “If your very own brother, or your son or daughter, or the wife you love, or your closest friend secretly entices you, saying, ‘Let us go and worship other gods’ ... do not yield to him or listen to him. Show him no pity. Do not spare him or shield him. You must certainly put him to death.”

— “Now kill all the boys. And kill every woman who has slept with a man, but save for yourselves every girl who has never slept with a man.”

All right, pens down. How did you do? If you identified the first quote as being from the Quran (9:5) and the other three



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as originating in the Bible (Matthew 10:34, Deuteronomy 13:6-9, Numbers 31:17-18), I congratulate you on that degree in theology.

If I have guessed correctly, most people will not have found it easy to place the quotes in their proper books. If I have guessed correctly, most people will have found a certain thematic similarity in them.

Yes, there is a point here: I wish people would stop cherry-picking warlike quotes from the Quran to “prove” the evil of Islam. You see this stuff all over the web. Just a few days ago, some anonymous person, angry with me for defending the “Fascist/Nazi Islam” the writer says is trying to kill us all, sent me an email quoting Quranic exhortations to

violence to prove that Islam is a “religion of hate and murder.” As rhetorical devices go, it is a cheap parlor trick, a con job to fool the foolish and gull the gullible and for anyone who has spent quality time with the Bible, its shortcomings should be obvious.

If not, see the pop quiz again. The Quran is hardly unique in its admonitions to take up the sword.

It is not my intention here to parse any of those troubling quotes. Let us leave it to religious scholars to contextualize them, to explain how they square with the contention that Islam and Christianity are religions of peace.

For our purposes, it is sufficient to note that, while both

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Christian and Muslim scholars will offer that context and explanation, only Christians can be assured of being taken at their word when they do. Christians get the

benefit of the doubt. Muslims get Glenn Beck asking a Muslim congressman to “prove to me that you are not working with our enemies.”

Because Christianity is regarded as a known — and a norm. Muslims, meantime, have been drafted since Sept. 11, 2001, to fulfill the nation’s obsessive, historic, paranoiac and ongoing need to rally against an enemy within. We lost the Commies, but along came the Islamofascists.

The names change. The endless capacity for irrational panic remains the same.

As in people who send out emails insisting upon the rightness of holding over a billion people — that bears repeating: “over a billion people” — responsible for the actions of, what ...? A few hundred? A few thousand?

Some of us use lies, exaggerations and rhetorical gobbledygook to instill in the rest of us that irrational panic they breathe like air. Yes, it is only sensible to fear the threat we face from terrorism. But panicked, irrational people are capable of anything.

Might be wise if we chose to fear that, too.

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# Gen Y: It’s time to grow up and learn to forgive

There is an issue I feel needs addressing, and that is our generation’s display of immaturity.

I do not excuse myself from this accusation — my immaturity has shown itself via my attitudes toward social media. In the begin-



Wakeelah Crutison | Copy editor

ning, for example, I refused to join Twitter on principle.

I’d heard many people say “Twitter is awesome and I’m awesome because I use Twitter.” Well, I probably haven’t heard those words verbatim, but that was the sentiment, so I automatically dubbed it “lame” and predicted people would eventually lose interest. I was wrong. There is no word to describe the epic level of wrongness I had reached.

But I realized that my behavior was immature, and that I should at least try it out before I passed judgment.

Recently I’ve been using Twitter (mainly to partake in celebrity gossip, but who doesn’t?). I’ve discovered that Twitter is actually tolerable (more so than Facebook, but that’s another story) and I had been missing out due to some misplaced act of rebellion.

Immaturity does not just lead to misguided predictions of the future. It can tarnish your reputation. Just ask Chris Brown. Now, I know people have beat the topic of Chris Brown’s “Good Morning America” tantrum into the ground, but I think it proves my point.

During my recent foray into Twitter, I came across a Huffington Post article on “The Real Reason Why Everybody Hates Chris... Brown” written by Kelli Goff.

She wrote that “we don’t hate him because he beat a woman (although the seeds of discontent were certainly planted then). We dislike him because he seems utterly incapable of showing any true remorse for ‘what happened.’ (Which for the record is how he has, for the most part, described his assault of Rihanna.)” His behavior has made him the poster child for the ‘I’m sorry, but not really’ era.”

I totally agree. This is just one example of how our generation is sorely lacking in the accountability department. When something goes wrong, people tend to shift blame, change the subject or offer a non-apology.

They don’t own up to their mistakes, don’t admit they did anything wrong and don’t show

any remorse or sincere attempt to rectify the damage, but instead expect to be let off the hook.

“When someone says without equivocation, ‘I’m genuinely sorry,’ no excuses, no blaming anyone else, but ‘I did it, now just tell me how I can make it right,’ it’s the equivalent of letting the air out of the tires of the other person’s anger, and opening a pathway to healing and forgiveness,” Goff wrote.

That’s true. But not many people are inclined to easily forgive. The very practice of forgiveness is foreign to us and holding a grudge is practically a sixth sense. Forgiveness goes against this seemingly innate sense of fairness people have. People can’t get over the playground ‘hit me and I’ll hit you back’ mentality.

Instead of forgiveness, we automatically resort to pettiness, resentment and vengeance, especially if the other person fails to show any remorse.

While not accepting accountability is immature, holding grudges is, too. Forgiveness is not solely contingent on contrition. You are allowed to forgive someone even if they’re not sorry. Forgiveness is more for the victim than it is for the aggressor.

Sure it may feel good to think that the person who hurt you is feeling an equal amount of pain. But think how much better you’d feel if you didn’t have to worry about who you’re not speaking to and why. Or imagine how much more time you’d have if you weren’t wasting it by plotting revenge.

A Harvard study showed that forgiveness has both physical and psychological benefits by reducing stress and increasing happiness.

Forgiving doesn’t excuse the injuries that a person caused. It does not erase accountability nor does it rebuild trust. It is simply letting go of resentment.

I have been known to hold a grudge with the best of them and I admit I do possess a mental ‘you’re dead to me’ list.

I still remember the tattle-tale from kindergarten who got me in trouble for throwing a toy at her (for the record, I was aiming for the toy box and the incident is the only blemish on my delinquency-free academic career).

But if someone irritates and/or offends me, I do my best to let it go and embrace my adopted motto of “it’s cool.” It works (for the most part).

I know it’s been said many times but it’s cliché-ness doesn’t negate it’s truth: life is short – too short to carry the emotional load that grudge holding entails. People shouldn’t be walking around full of anger and spite and resentment.

People need to own up to their mistakes and should respect people who do. I’m not saying it will be instantaneous, or easy, or fun.

Learning to accept responsibility for the things we’ve done and learning to forgive are a big part of what it means to be grown up.

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# Forum explores eco-friendly business models

BY MOLLY PACKER  
REPORTER

Strategic business and eco-friendly sustainability were combined to create the fifth annual Global Business Forum, which ended Thursday.

This year's forum, hosted by the McBride Center for International Business, focused on how businesses are producing, discovering or using sustainable energy

## Engaged learning group program may end in 2012

BY SOBIA SIDDIQUI  
REPORTER

The 2011-12 school year may be the final year for the Engaged Learning Group program. The program began four years ago at Baylor and was designed for a five-year duration.

Through the program, freshmen are able to take a three-semester course, with an optional fourth semester, that takes the place of one of their core requirements. Participating students live in Kokernot Residence Hall among classmates.

Baylor formulated the Engaged Learning groups to satisfy a requirement given by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

"It is one of two components of the university's quality enhancement plans [QEP]," said Dr. Ian Gravagne, an associate professor in the engineering department who was involved in the first set of Engaged Learning Groups. "Every university that's in the accrediting area for the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools has to devise a QEP and submit it as part of their reaffirmation project; [the ELG program] was part of our QEP"

The university is not required to keep a QEP beyond its fifth year, Gravagne said. However, the university is required to assess the

resources to become increasingly globally aware.

Recent events impacted what the forum would cover this year.

"We sort of try to take a topic that is going to be a subject of importance," Dr. Stephen Gardner, chair and professor of economics and director of the McBride Center for International Business, said. "For several years, we thought that sooner or later we would do one of these about en-

ergy and the environment. I think we finally decided on that when the oil spill in the gulf happened."

The forum began March 21 with a showing of the film "The Big Energy Gamble" and ended Thursday with President Ken Starr and T. Boone Pickens, chairman of BP Capital Management, discussing the energy issues facing the United States.

In between, speakers such as John E. Lowe, assistant to the

CEO of ConocoPhillips, and Bob Tippee, editor of Oil & Gas Journal, gave presentations.

Smith Getterman, Baylor's sustainability coordinator, said he appreciated the emphasis on sustainability in the business world in this year's forum

Innovators such as Richard Hansen, founder and CEO of Soluz, Inc., explained the need for energy resources in Third World nations.

Megan Rapp, a United Nations consultant, Columbia University graduate student and 2007 Baylor alumna, spoke about the difficulties of energy use in Uganda.

According to the U.S. Energy Information Administration, one-third of the world's liquid fuels are produced in northern Africa and the Middle East.

Libya has produced 60 to 90 percent less oil and natural gas since the political conflict in mid-

February, according to the Energy Information Administration.

Business student and Houston freshman Ashley Woo said it is important to be focused on energy for the future.

"I think that business in itself is like the survival of the fittest," Woo said.

"So a business that is ready for the future and realizes the possible problem of scarcity is more likely to succeed," Woo said.

success of the QEP and can choose to keep it of its own accord.

The ELG program will be offered next year, but the courses will only be offered for two semesters instead of three, to finish off the program evenly in its fifth year.

Gravagne assembled a group of faculty and staff members of the ELG program to assess the program and include recommendations for its further success.

Gravagne has already written a proposal for extending the program, but now Baylor must decide whether it will continue funding the ELG program.

Dr. Laine Scales, professor of higher education and the associate dean of graduate and professional studies, is available to assist students in the ELG with topics ranging from classes to career choices.

"My role is to try to enhance the academic experience of the student by connecting them to different branches of the university that, as freshmen, they may not encounter," Scales said. "The hope is that they will be able to continue their conversations from the classroom into the residence halls. What we have found and heard from students is that really does happen."

Different ELG's are offered every year, and Baylor faculty are encouraged to become involved and bring proposals for new programs. The accepted proposals are

then used to form a three-semester course for freshmen, and Baylor faculty work together to teach the material to students.

Some of the ELGs of fall 2010 include Pre-health, Christian Narratives, Animals and Human Society and Unlocking the Imprisoned Mind with a Digital Key.

Eric Holleyman is a religion professor involved with the Christian Narratives ELG.

"I did it because it gave the opportunity for deeper interaction with students for a longer period of time," Holleyman said.

Holleyman said like any other course, his class has a syllabus, reading assignments, exams, papers, discussion and lecture.

If the ELG program does continue at Baylor, it will remain as it has for the past five years with one major exception: each ELG will only last for one year instead of three semesters.

"When we looked at the data, when we assessed how effective these are, we discovered that the second year doesn't contribute very much compared to the first year," Gravagne said. "Most of the benefit that the students get in an ELG accrues in the first year."

The coming academic year will be a trial run for the ELG as a continuing program in coming years. As of now there is not a set date for when the final decision will be announced.

online article that using vitamin C as a preventative vitamin does not work for every person.

"Studies have shown that vitamin C may reduce the odds of getting a cold, but only in specific groups in extreme circumstances, such as soldiers in subarctic environments, skiers and marathon runners," Griffin said. "Studies have not found solid evidence that vitamin C helps prevent or treat colds in average people."

When the vitamin C intake goes above 200 milligrams a day, Weems and Bostwick said the body doesn't absorb the extra amounts, but rather excretes it.

Weems said the effects of an extremely high amount of vitamin C cause toxic problems in the body.

"When you get way too much, like 2000 up to 5000 a day for a long period of time, the body gets really lost on how it absorbs it," Weems said. "Sometimes they'll pick up flu-like symptoms, the very symptoms they're trying to treat."

In hopes of preventing a cold or the flu, many individuals bring symptoms upon themselves.

Not only are flu-like symptoms possible, but Bostwick said diarrhea, abdominal bloating and possibly kidney stones can occur as well.

The best way to get the recommended daily amount of vitamin C

is to eat the recommended amount of fruits and vegetables every day.

Weems said people do not eat enough fruits and vegetables each day.

"Children and young adults will tend to not get enough fruit or vegetables in their diet," Weems said. "They would be the ones most at risk unless they happen to be adding a lemon to their tea or they add a fruit jelly to their sandwich."

Simple additions of fruits and vegetables to the diet can increase the amount of vitamins the body needs without overdosing, a complication which is more likely with vitamin supplements because of the high intake amount from one supplement.

Weems said vitamin C supplements can have as much as 1000 to 2000 milligrams — more than one person needs.

"I would push food first, and then if you're not comfortable that you're eating the right kinds of foods, I think it's really wise to talk to a registered dietician or another qualified medical person to see what you're getting and see if you really need something," Weems said. "You're much better to spend those dollars on a fresh orange or a nice juicy grapefruit or even some orange juice or limeades, especially those that are made with a fresh fruit."

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# Baylor trumpets take first place in nation

LIZ HITCHCOCK  
REPORTERS

An ensemble from the School of Music placed first in their division at the National Trumpet Competition. This is Baylor's fourth year sending musicians to the competition.

The group traveled to Fairfax, Va., March 17 to play their piece, "Abstracts No. 2," by Robert Russel and arranged by Baylor professor of instrumental studies, Wiff Rudd.

"Any trumpet studio in the country can submit an ensemble or a solo in different divisions to the National Trumpet Competition," Austin sophomore Manuel Munoz said.

The group was made up of Munoz, graduate students Steffen Baral and Beth Peroutka, Loveland Co. senior Simon Bosch, Richardson senior Chelsea Orr and Fort Worth junior Andy Lott.

Rudd had to expand the piece he chose for the group.

"It's actually a trumpet duet," Munoz said. "An old, kind of obscure duet that he [Rudd] has been using in his classes for a while, and he expanded it and arranged it for six trumpets."

Groups that participate in these types of competitions use more conventional pieces, Munoz said.

"I think that's what set us apart at this competition this year," Munoz said. "Normally, ensembles will play music that is written specifically for a trumpet ensemble, or they do a big orchestral arrangement and score it down for just a couple of trumpets."

Bosch said the group was able to connect with the audience because of their piece.

"[The piece] was a lot different from the other majority of everything else performed at a competition like that, which definitely gave us a creative advantage and a lot of freedom for musical expression that we really enjoyed," Bosch said.

The group memorized the piece

for comfort at the competition.

"Most of the learning and memorization of the piece happened on individual players' times," Bosch said. "We came in and put it together in rehearsals at the end of last semester and did a preliminary recording. This past semester we rehearsed together a lot."

Two ensembles and four soloists participated in the competition.

The second ensemble placed seventh in the semifinals. Rudd was not able to attend the competition due to recital commitments.

"The real benefit from this, what we are trying to do here," Rudd said, "is build a collaborative spirit amongst the music majors, because if you're going to have a career as a teacher or a performer, it's really about how well you work with other people. When we are working in groups like this and getting ready for a performance, it's really about working together."



COURTESY PHOTO

Two ensembles and four soloists from the School of Music attended the National Trumpet Competition in Fairfax, Va., March 17 to 20. One ensemble placed first in their division, while the other placed seventh in the semifinals.

# Chris Brown's post-breakdown album hits number one

BY RANDY LEWIS  
LOS ANGELES TIMES

LOS ANGELES – Like the adage about bad publicity, R&B singer Chris Brown proves that there's also no such thing as a bad meltdown on national TV as long as they spell your name correctly and plug your new album.

That album, "F.A.M.E." entered the Billboard Top 200 Albums chart at No. 1 with first-week sales of 270,000 copies, the second highest total of the year, despite – or perhaps partly because of – the singer's tirade after ABC-TV's "Good Morning America" host Robin Roberts asked him about his assault on former girlfriend Rihanna rather than limiting their discussion to the album.

It gives Brown his first No. 1 on the national album chart, although its initial-week sales total is slightly down from his 2007 high of 294,000 for "Exclusive," which peaked at No. 4 in Billboard.

A day after his angry outburst, Brown told the BET Channel's "106 & Park" show, "I felt like they told us this just so they could get us on the show to exploit me. That's what I thought. So I kind of took it very, very hard. And I kept my composure throughout the interview, although you could see me upset, you know. I kept my composure and did my performances, and when I got back, I just let off, like, steam in the back ... I just had to release the anger that I had inside me, because I felt like I worked so hard for this music."

Brown's appearance Tuesday on ABC's "Dancing With the Stars" helped the show take the night's TV rating contest, although some participants expressed disappointment that the show had invited him on in light of the 2009 domestic violence case.

Coming in well behind Brown in the No. 2 spot on this week's chart is Jennifer Hudson's latest, "I Remember Me," which was over-


seen by veteran music mogul Clive Davis. It sold 165,000 copies.

Among four new titles in the top 5 this week are the Strokes' "Angles," which debuted at No. 4 on first week sales of 89,000 copies, close behind Adele's "21," which remained strong at No. 3 on sales of 96,000 copies. Adele's album still holds the lead for 2011 in first-week sales, with an initial total of 352,000. Gospel artist Kirk Franklin's "Hello Fear" entered at No. 5, with sales of 87,000, according to Nielsen SoundScan.


On the singles front, Katy Perry's "E.T." with Kanye West has climbed to the No. 1 spot, making it her fourth chart-topping single from her "Teenage Dream" album, which also hit No. 1 last summer upon its release. Billboard notes that it's the first album to put four singles at No. 1 since Usher's "Confessions" accomplished that feat in 2004, and it's only the ninth album to do so in the chart's 52-year history.

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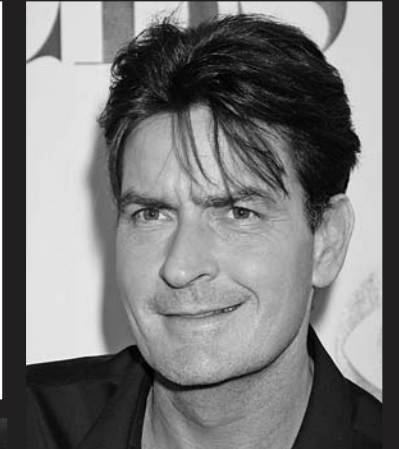
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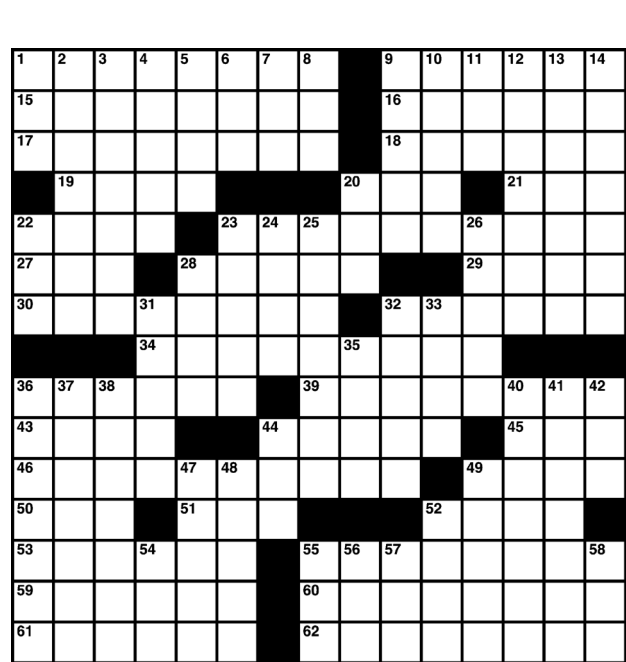


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-Charlie Sheen

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- 15 Concurrd about
- 16 Lower, for now
- 17 Ogled
- 18 Skinned
- 19 One of two O.T. books
- 20 When Donne is done for the day?
- 21 Genesis outcast
- 22 Go by
- 23 \*2008 Republican hopeful
- 27 Focus of some trips
- 28 Justice Sotomayor
- 29 Unsatisfactory marks?
- 30 Explain
- 32 Fiona, after Shrek's kiss
- 34 \*Roll-fed toy
- 36 Fertilizer component
- 39 "I can't explain it"

- 43 Imitated
  - 44 Old 51-Across devices
  - 45 "The Simpsons" shopkeeper
  - 46 \*Musical about rock's 4 Seasons
  - 49 Benjamin et al.: Abbr.
  - 50 Give pieces to
  - 51 Trial site, perhaps
  - 52 Jai
  - 53 "The Executioner's Song" Pulitzer winner
  - 55 Burlesque act
  - 59 Show up
  - 60 Some feelers
  - 61 Viewed to be
  - 62 Its season starts today; its equipment starts the starred answers
- Down
- 1 \_\_\_ masqué: dance with costumes
  - 2 A good while back

- 3 Crime of betrayal
- 4 Stylish waves
- 5 Cad
- 6 "How peculiar"
- 7 Tishby of "The Island"
- 8 Head M.D.?
- 9 Horse warming up, say
- 10 Bridge opener, briefly
- 11 Take for a chump
- 12 Chemical bonding number
- 13 Winning numbers
- 14 Flights that often span two days
- 20 LAX posting
- 22 Chest ripple
- 23 Transform eerily, in sci-fi
- 24 \_\_\_ to one's neck
- 25 Link with
- 26 Donald's second ex
- 28 Coming and going spots: Abbr.
- 31 Carloads
- 32 Others, in Oaxaca

- 33 Proceeds
- 35 Sharp competitor
- 36 Hefner garb
- 37 Work
- 38 Unhappy home inspection find
- 40 African plain
- 41 Like some film effects
- 42 Sorority letters
- 44 Flow back
- 47 "The Vampire Diaries" heroine Gilbert
- 48 Play places
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# Football ends spring drills with scrimmage

*By DANIEL WALLACE  
REPORTER*

The 2010 season that saw the Bears in a bowl game for the first time since 1994 is officially a thing of the past, as the 2011 preparations have officially begun.

Although no regular season games will be played until the fall, the team has been practicing for four weeks and will have a spring scrimmage Saturday.

Junior quarterback Robert Griffin III, who threw for 3,501 yards and had 30 total touchdowns last year, used the spring practices to fine-tune some of his mechanics.

“I’m doing a better job of getting fourth and fifth options on plays, getting through my read progressions, staying tall in the pocket and keeping the ball up when I move. Even if you are good, you can always get better,” he said.

Griffin said he has enjoyed the spring practices and is thankful for them.

He also said he realizes the importance of the spring practices, as he was unable to play in them last year because he was still recovering from his torn ACL, which he suffered from in the fall of 2009.

“I didn’t get to go through everything last spring,” he said. “It’s been great to really get together with the team and be light years ahead of where we were last year.”

The defensive side of the ball has seen changes this spring, specifically with the new man in charge, new defensive coordinator Phil Bennett from Pittsburgh.

Sophomore safety Ahmad Dixon said he has enjoyed the new coach and what he is bringing to the program.

“Coach Bennett is bringing in a total new defense. He brings in a lot of competition and is straightforward,” Dixon said. “He will tell you exactly what you need to do.

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He will get onto you on the field, and then off the field will be your friend.”

The intensity of Bennett has been a welcomed change for head coach Art Briles, as he said the defense is getting better with each snap.

Briles said he is excited about getting his team on the field and seeing them in action in a real-game atmosphere.

“We are excited about letting

their juices flow and seeing them compete at a higher level,” Briles said.

He spoke of how well the offensive line has done in protecting their star quarterback and of how the success of the team really starts with them.

Briles also mentioned that his quarterback has already gotten better, just because he is on the field practicing, as opposed to this time last season.

Fans are being given the opportunity to see how far their beloved Bears have come in the spring scrimmage 1 p.m. Saturday at the Highers Complex Fields. The game will mark the conclusion of the team’s spring drills.

“The spring game is just for fun. It is more of a show for the fans,” Griffin III said.

Briles is looking forward to seeing all the preparation come together on Saturday and to see his team perform at a higher level.



MATT HELLMAN | LARIAT PHOTOGRAPHER

Football practice at the Highers Athletic Complex Tuesday.

# Softball showdown: Baylor, No. 11 Missouri battle in Waco

NICK BENKMAN | LARIAT PHOTOGRAPHER

No. 12 outfielder Shelbi Redfearn swings for the ball during the game against Florida International University March 24 at Gettnerman Stadium. The lady bears won both games against FIU, 2-0 and 4-3.

*By KRISTA PIRTLE  
SPORTS WRITER*

Softball is obviously different than baseball: the ball is yellow and bigger, there is no mound or grass in the infield, the pitcher is closer to the batter and pitches the ball underhanded ... oh yeah, the dug-out is much louder.

When you go to a softball game, you can bet on hearing a variety of cheers coming from the dugouts as the players for both teams shout their creative chants for their teammates and at opposing pitchers.

“Obviously, I’m a guy,” head coach Glenn Moore said. “I don’t cheer. I didn’t cheer growing up, but I think it’s a neat part of our game.”

For the Lady Bears softball team this season, the voice that leads the chants belongs to sophomore center fielder Kathy Shelton.

“She’s definitely the vocal leader,” sophomore Whitney Canion said. “I like that part of her because whether [or not] we’re down, she’s going to be screaming no matter what. I think it gets the team going to hear someone like her.”

Shelton finished her freshman season last year playing in all but three games with a .279 ERA and a perfect 17-17 in stolen bases.

Right now, Shelton is perfect yet again in steal attempts, but she already has swiped 19 bags barely into conference play.

She also has held the leadoff spot in the batting rotation, hitting .317, and trading off some to the two hole with junior Kayce Walker.

“Me and Kayce are different,” Shelton said. “Kayce has more of an eye, and I’m more aggressive. Especially with good pitchers like that, you want to jump on their good pitches otherwise they’re going to throw a lot of junk to throw

you off.”

The Lady Bears have proved to have both power and speed in the batter’s box this season; however, they are sitting dead last in the Big 12 conference with an average of .297 while Texas Tech leads the way with a .379.

But, when it comes to the circle, Baylor has control. The Lady Bears’ pitching staff of Canion, sophomore Courtney Repka and freshman Liz Paul has combined for an ERA of 1.21, only .02 behind Texas who lead the Big 12.

The presence of Canion in the circle for Baylor has been great for Baylor, as she has already recorded a .92 ERA and struck out 152 batters.

Sitting three strikeouts ahead of her is the league-leading pitcher in Missouri’s sophomore Chelsea Thomas who has a .52 ERA.

Thomas and her No. 5 Missouri Tigers are headed to Waco to face

off in a two series match-up with Baylor at 3 p.m. Saturday and noon Sunday.

Smith knows his squad is ready to face the Tigers, no matter the ranking in front of their opponent’s name.

“I think there’s a respect for Missouri, but having played the competition we’ve played with the talent we have out there, we’re pretty confident in our abilities,” Moore said.

Missouri not only has talent in the circle but also a threat the Lady Bears will want to keep off the bases, senior Rhea Taylor with 21 swiped bags for the season.

When you back up and compare these two teams, however, the only difference is the ranking before their name.

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think Amazon would abandon its marketing efforts through Texas residents just to save on the sales tax, pointing to the state of New York's passage of a similar law without these agreements being canceled.

"I don't think Amazon would risk the loss of revenue from the huge Texas consumer base," Naishat said. "I think that Amazon is blowing steam, and in the end if this bill passes, Amazon and other online retailers would retain their presence in the state."

Naishat said the bill will likely not pass committee as currently worded, and that H.B. 2403, a competing bill authored by committee vice chair Rep. John Otto, will probably be the only bill that

makes it to the House floor. Naishat described Otto's bill as both "less aggressive" and more com-

*"I think that Amazon is blowing steam, and in the end if this bill passes, Amazon and other online retailers would retain their presence in the state."*

Texas Rep. Elliott Naishat

plicated, but he pledged to try to convince his committee members to strengthen it.

"It's most likely that the bill that

gets voted out [of committee] will be John Otto's bill," Naishat said, "and I will work with him and members of the Ways and Means Committee to try to put more teeth into his legislation."

H.B. 2403, which is also pending in committee, would tie the sales tax to the sale of tangible property owned by a Texas resident, which would include selling through online retailers. Additionally, the bill would tax a retailer that uses a website on a server located in Texas.

The budget board anticipates H.B. 2403 would generate approximately \$6 million in 2012 revenue if enacted, according to a fiscal note delivered to the committee chair.

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need to be aware of the need and place themselves as volunteers to improve education. They should ask themselves if they are impacting the larger system of education, and if they're being effective with their volunteering."

One Baylor student reading to one Waco elementary student may not seem to make a significant difference. Together, Weaver said she believes Baylor students can impact the education system.

"We need to continue to think

about ourselves collectively," she said. "Imagine if we took all the population of Baylor and they volunteered with the same goal in mind."

During its first "Literacy Through Unity Week" last year, the organization raised \$1,500. Half of this amount benefited its national philanthropy to foster education and half benefited Waco schools.

This year, profits from T-shirt sales and the Common Grounds benefit concert will go to A.J.

Moore Academy and Sul Ross Elementary in Waco.

"I work with A.J. Moore students and I want the kids to become motivated," Sundrani said. "These kids have such a harsh reality, and so they don't see what they can do in their lives. They need to see that they can have a better life and motivation to pursue their goals and their ambitions. I want these kids to work hard and achieve something greater than themselves."

POETRY from Page 1

the Bible as well as the works of such poets as Thomas Hardy, Matthew Arnold and William Wordsworth and a litany of other poets. Students are required to study the various works of the poets and formulate responses to a certain work or certain issues.

The class is divided into different units: romantic prophecy and the Bible, religious poetry, poetry as religion, science, nature and faith, women poets and religious authority and late century sonnets: collects and relics. Each of these different units allows the students to explore different types of poetry in relation

to different issues.

King said it is very important that students leave the class understanding poetry, but also engaging the work on a personal level.

"A lot of the class is built on pathos," Coppell senior Thomas Carlson said. "There would often be a huge emotional response to things we read. ... If you want to be moved and touched, take this class."

The class is also built on King's passion for the topic he is teaching.

"Dr. King is so great," Drake said. "He is so passionate and connected with the material and is so talented at just bringing it back to today and

to our lives."

Carlson echoes this respect for Dr. King.

"The most valuable thing I got from the class was the relationship with Dr. King," Carlson said. "He is so passionate and cares about the human condition being explored in the poetry."

It is this passion King wants his students to have in studying the poetry and relating it to their own lives.

"I want them to understand the history of poetry," King said. "But I want them to look up from the page and see how the poetry affects their world."



MATT HELLMAN | LARIAT PHOTOGRAPHER

Leftovers for everyone

Members of Kappa Omega Tau finish the last few batches of crawfish left over from the KOT and Chi Omega Crawfish Cookout Thursday. Events such as the crawfish cookout provide pledging members the opportunity to talk with current Greek members as well as other Greek organizations.

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Theological Seminary scholarship in the amount of \$50,000. The family plans for the scholarship to specifically aid students who want to enter a pastoral profession.

"Clint is gone but this is also a way for him to keep going," Mitchell said. "Baylor was where he got his calling, and his experience at Truett was an amazing one. This is our chance to give back to Truett and help someone else who wants to go into the ministry or pastor a church."

Dobson's family said Dobson was not only passionate about preaching, he was also gifted. During the spring 2008 semester at Truett, Dobson was given the outstanding student preacher award by the seminary faculty.

Dobson didn't just live a Christian life at the pulpit, Mitchell said. "He was so humble and lived

his life so selflessly and lived to meet the needs of everyone around him over his own," Mitchell said.

The fund has also served to comfort and encourage the families and friends of Dobson who are still mourning his passing.

"We can't make sense out of it," said Dr. David Garland, dean of George W. Truett Theological Seminary.

"But we can make something good come out of tragedy. A pastor who spoke at Clint's funeral said it this way: We are Easter people living in a Good Friday world.

It has been a source of encouragement for the family to see the love and support from the seminary and the people who have already donated to the fund.

"We've been moved that people who don't even know Clint have heard his story and are giving to

the fund," Mitchell said. "Even after his passing, Clint is still touching people."

Despite the tragedy of their loss, the family members are continually seeking to see the good.

"We believe this must have happened for God's greater glory, and we want to do all we can to make that glory as great as possible" Kirchmer said.

Those involved hope said they this scholarship will continue to serve people the way Dobson served people in his lifetime.

"Now," Haradage said, "there will be a Clint Dobson Scholar on campus until the Lord returns."

Those who wish to donate to the Clint Dobson Memorial Fund can do so online at [www.baylor.edu/give/index.php?id=49837&a=3&custom=1&f=Clint+Dobson+Memorial+Fund](http://www.baylor.edu/give/index.php?id=49837&a=3&custom=1&f=Clint+Dobson+Memorial+Fund).

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