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Professor Edward B. Burger, vice provost for strategic educational Initiatives and the 2010 Robert Foster Cherry Award winner for Great Teaching at Baylor, will deliver his special lecture “Zero to Infinity: Great Moments in the History of Numbers” to the student organization B.U.R.S.T. (Baylor Undergraduate Research in Science and Technology) at 7 p.m. Thursday in B110 Baylor Sciences Building.

On the battlefield

The game between No. 6 Baylor Bears and the Kansas Jayhawks will be televised on ESPN at 6:03 p.m. today.

Best of Black Glasses

The Bill Daniel Student Center will host a showcase of movies created by film and digital media students from 7 to 9 p.m. today in the SUB Den. This event is free and open to all faculty and students.



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Proposition 8 declared unconstitutional

By LISA LEFF
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN FRANCISCO — Same-sex marriage moved one step closer to the Supreme Court on Tuesday when a federal appeals court ruled California's ban unconstitutional, saying it serves no purpose other than to “lessen the status and human dignity” of gays.

A three-judge panel of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals gave gay marriage opponents time to appeal the 2-1 decision before ordering the state to allow same-sex weddings to resume.

“I’m ecstatic. I recognize that we have a ways to go yet. We may have one or two more legal steps,” said Jane Leyland, who was gathered with a small crowd outside the federal courthouse in downtown San Francisco, cheering as they learned of the ruling.

Leyland married her longtime partner, Terry Gilb, during the five-month window when same-sex marriage was legal in California.

“But when we first got togeth-

er, I would have never dreamed in a million years that we would be allowed to be legally married, and here we are.”

The ban known as Proposition 8 was approved by voters in 2008 with 52 percent of the vote.

The court said it was unconstitutional because it singled out a minority group for disparate treatment for no compelling reason.

The justices concluded that the law had no purpose other than to deny gay couples marriage, since California already grants them all the rights and benefits of marriage if they register as domestic partners.

“Had Marilyn Monroe’s film been called ‘How to Register a Domestic Partnership with a Millionaire,’ it would not have conveyed the same meaning as did her famous movie, even though the underlying drama for same-sex couples is no different,” the court said.

The lone dissenting judge insisted that the ban could help ensure that children are raised by married, opposite-sex parents.



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Supporters of gay marriage react outside the James R. Browning United States Courthouse after a federal appeals court declared California's ban on same-sex marriage unconstitutional on Tuesday.

The appeals court focused its decision exclusively on California's ban, not the bigger debate, even though the court has jurisdiction in nine Western states.

Whether same-sex couples may ever be denied the right to marry “is an important and high-

ly controversial question,” the court said. “We need not and do not answer the broader question in this case.”

Six states allow gay couples to wed - Connecticut, New Hampshire, Iowa, Massachusetts, New York and Vermont - as well as

the District of Columbia. California, as the nation's most populous state and home to more than 98,000 same-sex couples, would be the gay rights movement's biggest prize of them all.

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Small businesses yield better health, study finds

By LINDA WILKINS
STAFF WRITER

Small businesses may be what communities need in order to have healthier populations, according to a study done by two Baylor professors and a Louisiana State University professor.

Dr. Carson Mencken and Dr. Charles Tolbert, Baylor professors of sociology, along with Dr. Troy Blanchard, associate professor of sociology at LSU, conducted a study that examines the relationship between small businesses and the health of people in their community.

“It was the first study to show that small businesses are healthier for the growth of a population,” Mencken said.

The researchers found the growth of small-businesses might produce positive results in the health of the residents in the community, Blanchard said.

The researchers used data from several different national databases and examined the relationship between the sizes of

businesses in a community (small or large) and the health percentages of the community.

Mencken said there are many theses regarding the growth of big businesses and the relationship to the health of local populations. The professors were attempting to test the hypothesis that small businesses lead to healthier local populations than big businesses.

Blanchard said the health of a community is part of its growth and that there are different ways a community can grow and become stable. He said the first way is attracting large businesses from outside the community. “This approach is common, and we know it tends to yield positive benefits,” Blanchard said.

The second way of growing a community is by stimulating small business growth and allowing small businesses to be successful, he said.

With this method, Blanchard said it is often hard to see how it affects local residents because small businesses are not usually expected to improve the health of

the population.

“Most people assume small locally owned businesses cannot provide health stability,” Mencken said. “We showed the opposite.”

The goal of the study was to understand how small businesses have added benefits over big businesses.

“The big places come and go; the small places commit to the community,” Mencken said, regarding the conclusion of their study. “A more grounded approach can be better for long-term growth.” The commitment to the community is what helps people become healthier, Mencken said.

The study found the mortality rates, the rate of diabetes and the obesity rates of populations surrounded by a variety of small businesses were lower than those surrounded by large businesses, Blanchard said.

In a press release, Tolbert said small businesses have an attitude of determination and take “a prac-

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Civil Rights hero shares story

By ROB BRADFELD
STAFF WRITER

Students, faculty and guests gathered on the top floor of the Hankamer School of Business to hear a leader in the fight against segregation speak Tuesday evening.

Dr. Bernard LaFayette, Jr., one of the lesser-known heroes of the Civil Rights Movement, spoke Tuesday at the Association of Black Students' 25th Annual Black Heritage Banquet.

“We chose Dr. LaFayette because of his involvement in the Civil Rights Movement, and we felt that he would inspire students to use the opportunities they've been given to make positive changes in our community,” Daphne McGee, ABS Banquet Chair, said.

LaFayette has been an advocate of non-violence and active member of organizations such as the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, and the American Friends

Serve Committee. Before he began telling his own story, he told the audience how impressed he was by the students he had met so far.

“I can tell from observation that you have something special here, and I know it when I see it; I can feel it when I close my eyes,” LaFayette said.

LaFayette's life story reads like a history of the Civil Rights Movement. It began after an incident involving his grandmother and the segregated streetcars of Tampa, Florida. Even now LaFayette remembers how streetcar drivers would often drive off with black passenger's money while they were boarding, and the decision that would set his life on the path towards non-violent activism.

“I said to myself, ‘when I get grown, I’m going to do something about this problem,’” LaFayette said.

He made his first steps into activism while studying at the American Baptist College in Nashville. While there he worked

odd jobs, including washing pots at a local lunchroom. When the Nashville sit-ins began in 1960, LaFayette found himself protesting in the very restaurant he worked. LaFayette lost his job and joined the movement in earnest.

“I had a job, but I had a bigger job to do; not just washing pots, but changing the lives of people,” LaFayette said.

After Nashville, LaFayette went on to head the Freedom Riders in Selma, Alabama with the SNCC, and work with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. at the SCLC in Atlanta. LaFayette vividly remembers King's “mountain-top” speech, and the room at the Lorraine Hotel where King was staying in Memphis. In that hotel, King charged LaFayette to continue the work of the movement and institutionalize the philosophy of non-violence across the nation. After that, LaFayette was sent ahead to Washington, D.C., and Dr. King was assassinated outside the hotel room where he

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Dallas ISD decision slaps teachers in face

Editorial

Any Dallas Independent School District teacher who ever said there weren't enough hours in the day probably didn't want to gain extra time the way it was assigned at a Jan. 26 school board meeting. Teachers in the district will now be

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on the clock for an extra 45 minutes each day, though the numbers on their paychecks won't be increasing accordingly.

That's a slap in the face for sure. But what must sting even more is hearing how trustee Edwin Flores sees the teacher workday.

“We're going to pay for eight hours, we're going to get eight hours,” Flores told the Dallas Morning News before the change was voted into effect. “Our great teachers work a whole lot more than that.”

Though he did not come up with the idea (which appears to have stemmed from DISD administration) or vote it in on his own, Flores's sentiments are the ones that have stuck.

He seems to be saying the board has no qualms about overworking the district's teachers without compensation. He is well aware that they already work much longer hours than evidenced by their

paychecks. He knows a teacher's workday doesn't end when the school bell rings.

And yet he wants to demand even more time from them.

The Dallas Morning News states, “The [extra] time will be used for professional development, planning, professional learning communities, and tutoring as determined by the principal and school leadership, according to information from the district.”

That's time taken away from the after-hours work these teachers already have to do — making phone calls to parents, grading, entering grades in their grade books, making copies, preparing themselves for the next day, completing the endless list of tasks that simply can't be done while trying to teach a classroom full of needy children. Now these tasks will be pushed back an extra 45 minutes, further eating into the teachers' personal lives.

Demands and disrespect like this don't make teachers want to stick around. And who can say they will? The Dallas Morning News notes that Fort Worth ISD teachers are on the clock for an entire hour less than teachers who will be working the new DISD workday. Teachers may very well leave DISD for school districts more respectful of their dedication, districts more respectful of the hours upon hours of personal time they put in for the children in their classrooms.

There could have been some gesture of respect made simply by asking teachers for their input, but that never happened, according to Rena Honea, president of the Alliance-AFT teachers association.

There could have been collaboration with teachers to find out what exactly would make their workdays more pro-



ductive, and what would help them to get the most out of their time.

But absolutely no additional demands should have been made when compensation could not be provided.

Teaching is a taxing profession — mentally, physically and monetarily.

Those willing to give up so much for the scores of children who need them year after year should not be extorted for their generosity. They should be rewarded.

Teacher pay will probably never come close to truly compensating our nation's educators for all they do. It especially

won't come at this time, when school districts across the state are struggling with shrinking budgets and the cuts that must be made — Dallas ISD included. That does not, however, give any district license to abuse its teachers' dedication, or take it for granted.

Lariat Letters: Rand Paul commends TSA editorial



Esteban Diaz's cartoon accompanying the Lariat's Jan. 25 editorial

Dear Editor,

I recently read an editorial in The Baylor Lariat supporting my recent actions against the Transportation Security Authority. I am glad to see editorial support in defense of the individual against the overreaching state. I also enjoyed the cartoon that accompanied this editorial.

Ever since the news of my struggle with TSA, the phones in my office have been ringing off the hook with calls from citizens who sympathize with my frustration, as they too feel their liberties are being compromised every time they travel. My office is being inundated with their stories of assault and harassment by TSA agents. This agency's disregard for our civil liberties is something we are expected to understand and accept. But we are tired of being insulted and we are tired of having our dignity compromised. TSA was created in the aftermath of the 9/11 terrorist attacks, but was it necessary? Has it overstepped its bounds? Is it respecting the rights of citizens? It is time for us to question the effectiveness



Sen. Rand Paul, R-Ky.

of TSA. I thoroughly believe that America can prosper, preserve personal liberty and repel national security threats without intruding into the personal lives of its citizens.

Every time we travel, we are expected to surrender our Fourth Amendment rights, yet willingly giving up our rights does not make us any safer. And it is infuriating that this agency feels entitled

to revoke our civil liberties while doing little to keep us safe.

I am glad to see that the staff of The Baylor Lariat agree with and understand my fight for liberty. I pride myself on always standing behind my beliefs, especially my beliefs in our U.S. Constitution. The Founding Fathers warned of a Federal Government bent on usurping the power, rights and privacy of its States and citizens. In the last nine years, the Federal Government has expanded the scope of its power at an alarming rate, while blatantly ignoring the Constitution. We must defend the individual from the ever-growing overreach of the federal government.

I am proud to be an alumnus of a University that encourages personal freedom and acknowledges the importance of civil liberties. If I can ever be of any assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,
Sen. Rand Paul, R-Ky.

Spend family time before it's too late (Hint: Do it now)



Kasey McMillian | Reporter

My sister being here at Baylor during my freshman year was a God-sent; I leaned on her for a lot of things.

I've always looked up to her and relied on her to guide me throughout my life. The transition of moving away from home was easier for me than some freshmen because she was my home away from home.

Unfortunately life goes by too quickly, and she just graduated early in December. Now she's all grown up with a job and moved on with her life.

And with her gone, for the first time I am experiencing homesickness and what it actu-

ally feels like to be living on my own.

I was so caught up in all the things that I was involved in that I made slacking in my involvement with the people that mean the most to me seem acceptable.

Now I regret not spending more quality time with her while she was here.

But I am majorly guilty of taking all the things for granted that grandparents, parents and sisters have done for me.

As the late Paul Pearshall, a No. 1 New York Times bestselling author, said, “Our most basic instinct is not for survival but for family. Most of us would give our

own life for the survival of a family member, yet we lead our daily life too often as if we take our family for granted.”

Family has always been and will always be the most valuable earthly gift given to me.

I am very blessed to have such a supportive and involved family.

It's not that I lost sight of that lately.

I just wasn't making family one of my main priorities.

Baylor has opened so many doors for me, and I am so thankful every day for my family's hard work and support by giving me this opportunity to be here. Even

though it's hard being apart, I know this is where I am supposed to be.

Throughout my personal growing experience, I've realized a lot of things about life.

I've realized just how fortunate I am.

I've realized that minus my family, I have lost a major part of myself.

I've realized how much my family means to me, and I have so much more appreciation for home.

I realized I took them for granted, I took time with them for granted, and I took seeing them every day for granted.

But I've also realized that sometimes people have to experience things on their own and be apart from the people they love the most to really appreciate them.

Sometimes we need something to remind us what's really important.

I know we are all guilty of this, but don't take your family for granted because you wouldn't be where or who you are today without them.

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Lawyer: Obamacare fails

By Trevor Allison
Staff Writer

The idea of government involvement in health care has a long history of riling politicians. “Obamacare,” the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, has been a hot topic in politics since the previous presidential election, and now, with the 2012 election approaching, things are heating up.

Jay Thompson, a lawyer with Thompson, Coe, Cousins & Irons, LLP in Austin gave a lecture to students Tuesday in an effort to make sense of the 2,000-page document that comprises the act and its impact on our society.

The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act is meant to bring insurance reform, create minimum benefit standards for policy holders, expand Medicaid and reform Medicare, Thompson said.

The act also includes an individual mandate for every American that files a tax return to purchase health insurance, effective Jan. 1, 2014.

“Here’s what the promise was: we’re going to provide health insurance for everyone. It doesn’t do that,” Thompson said.

Another aim of the bill was to lower the overall cost of health care, he said, but the law also fails to meet that goal.

“It does nothing for the cost of health care or health insurance,” Thompson said. “Somebody pays. There is no free lunch.”

According to the Texas Department of Insurance, more than 50 percent of Texans will have their insurance paid by the federal or state government under the Patient



MATTHEW MCCARROLL | LARIAT PHOTOGRAPHER

Jay Thompson lectures on the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act Tuesday.

Protection and Affordable Care Act.

When the bill was signed into law, individual states were to review and approve any changes in rates on behalf of insurance companies, but Thompson said this is largely impossible because most states do not have laws that allow them to regulate insurance rates.

The discrepancy between the laws, or problems posed by the lack of them, is part of the reason the act has garnered the attention of the Supreme Court.

The law also states an insurance company may not rescind a policy for any reason except for fraud.

Of the 30 million people that receive insurance as a result of the act, Thompson said 24 million to 25 million of them will receive Medicaid.

That is, they will not be insured by a private insurance company but instead by an expanding government program.

Under the law, from 2014-2016, the federal government will pay for 100 percent of the increase in Medicaid.

However, that amount will begin to diminish starting in 2017, and the states will begin pay what is no longer covered.

Thompson said he estimates that will amount to an extra \$30 billion over the next 10 years, or \$3 billion per year, the state of Texas would have to pay the new Medicaid recipients.

Per year, that amounts to 37.5 percent of the state’s annual budget.

Lucas senior Austin Miller said he didn’t know much about the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act before hearing Thompson’s lecture.

“I gained valuable insight into Obamacare and its implications for everyone, especially in Texas and from an economic standpoint,” Miller said.

Thompson said the act will be examined by the Supreme Court later this year to determine its constitutionality.

The Supreme Court will closely examine the individual mandate to see if it is in agreement with the Commerce Clause in Article 1 of the Constitution; the court’s decision on this one point of law could be devastating for the entire act, Thompson said.

“Even Democrats have admitted if the individual mandate goes, the whole law is going to go,” Thompson said.

However, White House communications director Dan Pfeiffer said he believes the act will withstand the Court’s scrutiny.

“We know the Affordable Care Act is constitutional and are confident the Supreme Court will agree,” Pfeiffer said.



DAVID LI | LARIAT PHOTOGRAPHER

Talking Game

No. 32 forward Brooklyn Pope, of the women’s basketball team, and No. 3 forward Fred Ellis, of the men’s basketball team, answered questions from students on Tuesday at the Bill Daniel Student Center during this week’s “Chalk Talk.”

Museum offers students, staff, faculty chance to create prints

By Bre Nichols
Reporter

Thursday, students will have the chance to create free handmade Valentines for a special someone in their life.

“Print-a-Valentine” will take place from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the foyer of the Martin Museum of Art located in the Hooper-Schaefer Fine Arts Center. Students, faculty and staff are invited to drop by.

The printmaking event was inspired by the Martin Museum of Art’s current art exhibition, “Advancing Tradition: Twenty Years of Print making at Flatbed Press.”

Karen Gilliam, director of the Martin Museum of Art, and Berry Klingman, professor of print making, assisted in organizing and preparing the museum for the holiday event.

“This introduces people to what fine art printmaking is all about,” Gilliam said.

Baylor students who have taken printmaking classes carved designs for the Valentines on linoleum plates, following traditional print making methods.

One student, Forney senior Esteban Diaz, volunteered to design a plate for printing after his professor approached him in class about the event.

“I tried to go with something that related to Valentine’s Day,” Diaz said about his design. “I just played with hearts in different ways, and it just kind of came to me.”

Gilliam said the designs took the printmaking students about three or four days to create. Museum faculty and the printmaking students will assist those who participate during the process of inking the plates and creating the prints.

Once the participants arrive, they will be able to choose the design they want for their Valentine.

They may select either one or two prints to create, and the actual process should take less than five minutes, Gilliam said. Prints will be made on two-sided, 4-by-6-inch cards of professional artist-quality paper. The event is free and participants will also receive an envelope for delivering their creations.

A trial run of the event was held last week and a promotional video for the event was posted on the Martin Museum of Art’s Facebook page to give viewers an idea of what will happen in the print-making process.

Supplies for the event are provided by the Martin Museum of Art, enough material for 250 students, staff and faculty to make two Valentines.

“The process is hands-on and is more personable than buying a Valentine’s card from Wal-Mart,” Gilliam said.

For more information, visit www.baylor.edu/artsandsciences.

Soul food, discussion planned to celebrate Black History Month

By Alyssa Maxwell
Reporter

In celebration of Black History Month, Food for the Soul — a free soul food meal and discussion about the traditions of African-Americans — will take place from 6 to 7 p.m. Thursday in the Bobo Spiritual Life Center.

The department of multicultural affairs teamed up with the department of spiritual life to create the event, which will include a panel focusing on the traditions of the African-American church in addition to providing a traditional meal.

Dr. Burt Burleson, the university chaplain, will moderate the panel discussion.

The panelists will include Pastor Ron English from Greater Bosqueville Baptist Church, Dr. Gaylon Foreman from Carver Park Baptist Church, the Rev. Delvin Atchison from Antioch Community Church and the Rev. Valda Jean Combs from Wesley United Methodist Church.

Panelists will weigh in on a series of 10 questions involving the traditions of the African-American church. In addition, the panelists will also discuss how technology, popular culture and trends have an effect on both African-American

history and their own individual churches.

Students will also have the opportunity to learn how each church serves and is active in their community, said Paige Jackson, graduate apprentice for multicultural affairs.

Each pastor comes from a different background and will provide

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Amanda Horton | Assistant to the University Chaplain

his or her own personal narrative on how they view history.

This wide range of experiences will help illuminate the traditions of the African-American church, said Amanda Horton, assistant to the university chaplain.

“Our hope is to get them to share their history and experience,” Horton said.

The food will be catered by

George’s Restaurant and is free to all who attend. Soul food refers to home-cooked meals with Southern roots that stretch to the early days of slavery.

“[Soul food] generally reminds some people of home and comfort,” Jackson said.

Soul food usually includes dishes like beans, collard greens, cornbread, pigs’ feet, fried chicken and chitterlings, which are made from pigs’ intestines, among others.

“I think soul food in some ways is comfort food that gives us a feeling and somehow connects with [the] inner being,” Horton said.

Fellowship will be incorporated through the “community around the table” experience, Horton said, in which representatives from both multicultural and spiritual life will interact with students, faculty and the pastors who are part of the panel discussion.

The department of multicultural affairs and the department of spiritual life intend the event to be a unifying experience for everyone who attends.

The event is free for all students, faculty and staff, though seats are limited. Those interested can RSVP by contacting Nancy_Lowenfield@baylor.edu.

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Tidewater cites father, Baylor as motivation

By CANDY RENDON
REPORTER

St. Louis senior Brett Allen released his album “The Beautiful Life” last month as part of his artistic moniker Tidewater. Although Allen is the driving force behind Tidewater, he considers his producer Kevin Gales, who handles the recording, to be an integral part of the project. Allen is a film and digital media major, and he has already released two albums and is credited as both a singer and a songwriter. Allen said his musical interest began early. “I started playing guitar when I was in the seventh grade while performing during our church’s services,” Allen said. “Then I decided to start my own music when attempting to sing.” Allen says his first encounters with public performances scared him at first, but when the audience took a liking to his style of playing, his confidence rose. “It’s always been kind of awkward to hear your own voice, but I just kind of tried it. After a while I got comfortable with it,” Allen said. Allen said his first real attempt at performing outside of his local church was a moment when he confirmed that his musical abilities are, as he describes it, bizarre. Despite the awkwardness, he reassures readers that the opportunity provided him with enough motivation to continue with his pursuits. “The first time I actually played in a non-church locale was at an airport layover, of all places. I just pulled out my guitar and just started playing,” Allen said. “People started putting change and dollar bills into my case. With that kind of joy inside of myself, I just wanted to do more.” Allen’s producer and friend Kevin Gales, who still lives in St. Louis, said he quickly realized Allen’s talent as an artist.

“Well, I usually enjoy the heavier kinds of music like rock, but something just clicked when I saw Brett performing. I realized his underlining faith, and I wanted to serve artists like him [Christians] after seeing his talent,” Gales said. “Sometimes Christian musicians have a hard time getting their music out there with favor, but with Brett, I knew he could express himself and receive a following.” Allen explains Gales’ impact on his music. “Kevin Gales is great,” Allen said. “His resume is insane. He has worked with the Dixie Chicks and Fiona Apple, and like everybody. I am really blessed to be working with him. He has got a lot of experience.” “At the time we met, he was working with hardcore rock music, and he wanted to help me pursue something we both didn’t know. My music is more like singer-songwriter soft acoustic kind of stuff and his was harder, more gritty music. Now our music is kind of poppy and there is a bit of folk mixed in with an attempt to find some balance,” he continued. Gales says Allen will go far with his abilities as a musician and as a creative person. “He has amazing chops, and he can sing. A lot of the time there are guitarists that can play, but their vocals just don’t balance out with the music,” Gales said. “That’s not the case with Brett. He’s a spot-on studio guy, but let go of the musical talent and you have a person with a unique quality for being creative.” Allen explains his constant concerns with making great music. He says his goals are to first and foremost to tell his stories, then to mold the music. “Mainstream music is identifiable. It just fits. I don’t want to be like mainstream music, but at the same time I don’t want to try to be something completely anti-mainstream. I want my own voice and style to be heard,” Allen said.

“Music comes a lot more naturally to me than do the lyrics. Then I’ll just tweak my music to go with the words.” Allen performs vocals, electric guitar, acoustic guitar, bass, mandolin and piano on “The Beautiful Life.” He was passionate for music while pursuing a film degree at Baylor. “I love Baylor. It had everything that I wanted in a school. I had planned on majoring in music, but then a friend told me about how great the FDM [film and digital media] department is,” Allen said. “Who would have thought that this small town in Texas would have such great professionals working with students? Now I’m just so excited that I can work with music and work with films. It’s great.” Corey Carbonara is a professor at Baylor in the film and digital media department and Allen said Carbonara was one of the most influential professors during his time at Baylor. “I don’t want to leave out any of the great professors here on campus, but I’ve got to say that Dr. Carbonara is a terrific man. He is a big reason as to why I am still pursuing FDM here,” Allen said. “I started writing my first album before I came to Baylor, but I released it during my sophomore year. Being here in Waco definitely helped me venture further with putting my name on something for the public to see. I learned to take things more seriously. I put things into focus and just went with everything that was moving with me,” Allen said. Allen says none of his success would have existed without his supportive following. He said his relationship with his dad, Rick Allen, was especially important. “My dad is really into music, and he has a lot of music gear. I use to admire all his nice guitars. When I told him about what I



COURTESY PHOTO

St. Louis senior Brett Allen, who performs as Tidewater, has recently released his new album “The Beautiful Life” on iTunes and other digital download formats.

wanted to do, he supported me all the way. I would record tracks in the basement sometimes, and he allows gave me the wiggle room that I needed,” Allen said. Rick Allen says his son surpassed his playing skills within three months. “I love playing music and I love playing guitar. When he was young, I gave him his first guitar and taught him his first chords,” Rick Allen said. “Thankfully I’ve been supported by my family and friends for emotional things and I have a good guitar to accompany me,” Allen said. Rick Allen reflected on when he was first told by his son that Tidewater would be pursuing its first album release. “I always knew that this is what he was meant to do. I told him it was about time,” Rick Allen said.

Allen says when he was creating the album, he did so with the intention of making it a personal experience for both listeners and himself while also examining a real dilemma within Texas and the rest of the world. “I want people to know that, despite Baylor’s prominence, we are situated within a city of great poverty. Money is not supposed to separate us, but I think that it has sadly become a large factor for determining the quality of people,” Allen said. “We are all equals, and this isn’t only for those who go to Baylor. It exists all over the world.” Allen says he understands the difficulty of finding successes within the film and music industries and the difficulties students face when attempting to pursue their passions, but he insists that all the rough patches that can and likely will be overpowered by

the joy felt when accomplishing one’s goals. “For students getting into film or music as their career path, you must definitely balance your observations with people who are making it while remaining true to yourself. Above all things, you have to get your own stuff out there,” Allen said. “Put your works up front for all to see. You’ll never get anything if you don’t get out and take a risk. It’s worth the risk. There is a lot of compromise, but sometimes it is for the better,” he continued. Allen’s recent album “The Beautiful Life” and his other albums, “The Seas We Sail” and “The Way That I Want You,” can be purchased at itunes.apple.com/us/artist/tidewater by going to www.districtlines.com/tidewater. More information is available at www.weareroxr.com.

A&E Briefs

Odd Future:

Fun Fun Fun Fest headliners Odd Future Wolf Gang Kill Them All (Odd Future, for short) will be releasing a new album, “The Odd Future Tape Vol. 2,” on March 20 and will include material from Frank Ocean.

The leader of the rap collective, Tyler, the Creator, posted details about the release on Twitter with a link to a picture of the new album cover.

Odd Future is an alternative hip hop group from Los Angeles, Calif.

This will be the groups’ fourth album. The first Odd Future Tape album was released in 2008.

Tucker Max:

Tucker Max, the author of two New York Times best-selling books, released two books simultaneously on Tuesday, “Hilarity Ensues” and “Sloppy Seconds: The Tucker Max Leftovers.”

The books, which were inspired by the stories Max had placed on his website, have been successful and so, in an unconventional move, Max has released one of the books, “Sloppy Seconds,” for free as a thank you to his fans.

The book is available for free download on Amazon Kindle, Apple iBooks and in a PDF format. Max said the book is not available on Nook due to distribution disputes.

Moontower Comedy And Oddity Festival:

Austin’s Moontower Comedy and Oddity Festival has announced new performers as part of its expanding lineup including Mary Lynn Rajskub, Moshe Kasher, Aaron Aryanpur, Chris Cubas and Lucas Molandes.

Moldandes and Aryanpur are both native to Texas, with Molandes receiving 2010’s Funniest Person in Austin award and Aryanpur being declared a Funniest Comic in Texas finalist.

For more information, go to www.moontowercomedy-festival.com. Festival badges are now available for \$129 and VIP badges are \$799.

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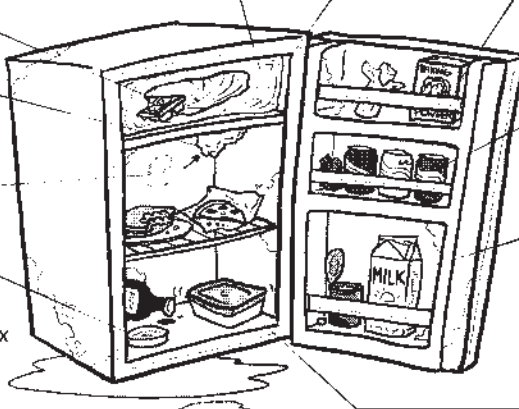
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Bears prepare for KU rematch

By GREG DeVRIES
SPORTS WRITER

No. 6 Baylor men's basketball will take on the Kansas Jayhawks at 6 p.m. today at the Ferrell Center. Kansas is currently tied with Baylor for second place in the Big 12 standings. Both teams are currently half of a game behind Missouri. Baylor's last game against Kansas was a 92-74 loss at Allen Fieldhouse. In that game, every Jayhawk starter scored in double figures. Kansas's Thomas Robinson highlighted the starters with 27 points and 14 rebounds. Tyshawn Taylor added 28 points.

To avoid another crippling defeat, the Bears need to stop Robinson.

"You don't want to give him angles, so you want to make him earn everything," head coach Scott Drew said. "You don't want to give him transition buckets, and then rebounding-wise, you just have to make sure that if he does get it, it's not from a lack of effort, meaning you're doing everything you can to block him out."

Rebounding will be key in the upcoming game. In Baylor's previous game against Kansas, the Bears were out-rebounded 36-21. In their only other loss, the Missouri Tigers also grabbed more rebounds than the Bears.

"Thomas Robinson is a different kind of dude. He's super good," freshman Quincy Miller said. "He's exactly what you want a power forward to be."

The Bears now know what they need to do to beat the Jayhawks.

"We can't shoot that many jump shots this time," Miller said. "We need to attack the basket."

Senior Quincy Acy echoed this message.

"They were more aggressive than us. We started settling for



Baylor forward Perry Jones III shoots in front of Oklahoma State guard Keiton Page, left, Saturday in Stillwater, Okla. Baylor won 64-60.

jumpers as a team, and that's not what we do. That's not what we should do," Acy said. "We have a lot of different bigs that have different skill sets that we have to take advantage of and stop settling for jumpers. Myself included."

"Thomas Robinson is a different kind of dude. He's super good. He's exactly what you want a power forward to be."

Quincy Miller | Forward

Baylor maintains that Kansas will see a different team this time around. Last time these teams met, junior Pierre Jackson was coming off the bench. He has since been named the starter, and the chemistry has improved.

"We learned how to play off of each other way better than [we did] before," Miller said.

Acy said Jackson brought a play style that really boosted the Bears' offense.

"It took a little while to get used to [Jackson's speed]. But just playing in practice and open gym and stuff, we got adjusted to it. He plays at a great pace. You like it because it gets the defense on their heels, but at the same time you almost get a wow-factor just watching him," Acy said.

Jackson will need that speed in the game. He will be in charge of guarding Tyshawn Taylor. Taylor has averaged more than 19 points in the past five games and has only turned the ball over four times in the past three games.

This game will mark the 20th time the Bears have faced the Jayhawks in Big 12 play. Baylor has only beaten Kansas once in Waco.

BU track sets more records, takes bite out of Big Apple

By SAVANNAH PULLIN
REPORTER

Once again, Baylor's track and field athletes proved they can hold their own on a national stage.

The team traveled to New York City to participate in the New Balance Collegiate Invitational at the Armory Track Center over the weekend.

On the first day of competition, the Bears claimed two victories — junior Skylar White in the shot put and freshman Patrick Schoenball in the 1,000-meter race.

White, who already claims the top 10 performances in the shot put in Baylor history, broke her own school record on the first day of competition.

White tossed for 56-10 and automatically qualifies for this year's NCAA Indoor Championship. She also holds tight to her sixth-place national ranking.

As a native German who has only been in America for a month, Schoenball was introduced to Baylor track in grandiose fashion.

"Seeing New York was amazing for me," Schoenball said.

When asked about his competition at the New Balance Collegiate Invitational, Schoenball seemed surprised by what he had experienced.

He said the competition was easier than expected.

"I waited the whole time for one guy for pace, but the last lap I think they all fell back except me and Gavyn (Nero)," he said.

Schoenball's teammate, junior Gavyn Nero, ran hard in the last lap to finish behind Schoenball in second place.

Schoenball won his first 1,000-meter race in a Baylor jersey with a time of 2 minutes, 23.68 seconds, which shot him to the top of the Big 12 standings.

The women's team proved to be continually spinning out winning athletes when sophomore transfer Erin Atkinson and freshman Rachel Johnson both won their events on Saturday.

Atkinson broke her own school record in the women's weight throw to win the event.

This is the third meet in a row Atkinson has broken a school record she set. Atkinson threw for a mark of 67- 9, keeping her second in the Big 12 and seventh in the NCAA.

Johnson snatched her second Baylor win in the 3,000-meter run, beating out top runners from Toronto, LSU and Clemson. She finished with a personal best time of 9:28.27, and was followed in fifth place by teammate senior

Cate Westenhover.

Overall, head coach Todd Harbour said he is happy with his team's success, but still wants to see more.

"You always have an area you can improve in," Harbour said.

Harbour said he and his coaching staff are still trying to get the endurance runners back to their prime.

"We're not where we want to be as a team, but we've got a lot of people stepping up in different meets. Every week someone else is stepping up," he said.

With the help of their coaches, the athletes continue to improve every week. So what makes the Baylor coach staff so successful?

One hundred and fifteen years of combined experience. Baylor is the only school in the country that has every one of its coaches as a graduate of its program. They all ran track for Baylor, and they all know what it's like.

"We've all been through what these guys have been through, so we know where they're at and what they've got to do. It's no mystery," Harbour said.

On Saturday, the team will travel to College Station for the Texas A&M Open, a familiar facility Harbour said he is excited about revisiting.

Ricky Williams retires from NFL

By DAVID GINSBURGH
ASSOCIATED PRESS

OWINGS MILLS, Md. — Ricky Williams is retiring from the NFL.

Again.

This time, however, it appears to be for good.

The 34-year-old Williams told the Baltimore Ravens on Tuesday he won't be back to fulfill the second year of a contract he signed in August. Playing as a backup to Ray Rice this year, Williams ran for 444 yards and scored two touchdowns.

He also became the 26th player in NFL history to reach 10,000 yards rushing, reaching the plateau in the season finale at Cincinnati.

"The NFL has been an amazing page in this chapter of my life," Williams said. "I pray that all successive adventures offer me the same potential for growth, success and most importantly, fun. ... As for what's next, I am excited about all the opportunities ahead — continuing my education, running The Ricky Williams Foundation and whatever other opportunities present themselves."

Williams retired previously before the 2004 season when facing a four-game suspension for violating the league's drug policy. He returned in 2005, then left to spend the 2006 season with Toronto of the Canadian Football League.

After an outstanding college career at Texas, where he won the Heisman Trophy, Williams broke into the NFL in 1999 with the New Orleans Saints. Mike Ditka, then coach of the Saints, traded all the team's draft and first- and third-round picks in 2000 to pick Williams fifth overall.

Williams spent only three years with New Orleans, but during over 11 years in the league he had five 1,000-yard rushing seasons and finished with 10,009 yards on the ground.

Williams led the NFL in 2002

with 1,853 yards rushing for the Miami Dolphins and received his lone Pro Bowl invitation that season. He backed that up with 1,372 yards in 2003, giving him what remains the two most productive rushing seasons in Dolphins history.

Although Williams' last start was in 2009, he enjoyed coming off the bench for the Ravens.

"It's been interesting," he said in November. "It's been an adjustment for me, but I love the organization and I love my teammates so I'm having a good time. I'm enjoying myself. Anytime you play a team sport, the success of the team really makes everything better. It's nice."

Baltimore went 12-4 this season and lost to New England in the AFC championship game.

"He was great to be around and to work with every single day," said Baltimore Ravens head coach John Harbaugh of Williams.



MATT HELLMAN | LARIAT PHOTO EDITOR

Visiting the ol' stomping grounds

Kelly Shoppach, former All-American catcher for Baylor and current member of the Boston Red Sox organization, takes batting practice with the 2012 Baylor baseball team Tuesday at Baylor Ballpark. "I love coming back and I always have," Shoppach said. "I'm so fortunate that I had the opportunity to move my family back to Texas, to Fort Worth, and get a chance to come down here a few times a year now."

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Texas primary likely delayed over political map disputes

By CHRIS TOMLINSON
ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUSTIN — Last-ditch negotiations to save the April 3 Texas primary appeared dead Tuesday, throwing the state’s messy redistricting battle back to a federal court that must now sort through a widely panned partial deal and pick a new primary date.

The court had set a Monday deadline for the state and a coalition of minority rights groups to reach a compromise, but several black and Hispanic groups splintered at the bargaining table.

There was no signal that talks had resumed Tuesday, meaning the judges will almost certainly delay the primary at least two weeks as they draw new political maps.

The minority groups maintain the maps proposed by the Texas attorney general still contain “por-

tions that diluted the Hispanic voting power,” Luis Vera, an attorney for League of United Latin American Citizens, said Tuesday.

In dispute are political districts representing the state’s most urban and racially diverse areas, and the judges must decide to what degree it’s legal for Republicans to minimize the influence of Democratic voters, even if those voters are minorities.

There is nothing illegal about the party in power — in this case the GOP — drawing maps that give incumbents the edge in order to maintain their party’s advantage.

However, minorities argue that by dividing up Democratic voters into majority Republican districts, or by packing as many Democrats as possible into just a few districts, they have given whites a disproportionate and illegal advantage.

Last year nine groups of minor-

ities filed suit in the federal district court in San Antonio challenging the Legislature’s maps.

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott asked a federal court in Washington to clear the maps as required by federal law, but it declined.

The San Antonio court said the Legislature’s maps cannot be used in the 2012 election pending the trial in that court.

So now the court must produce temporary maps.

The biggest fight centers on how to add four new congressional districts in Texas, though the Legislature also produced new state House and Senate maps.

Minorities represent more than 87 percent of the population growth in Texas over the last 10 years, and those groups expect more districts where they will make up the majority and can elect

a candidate of their choice.

By comparison, the white population in Texas has dropped to below 50 percent since 2000, yet whites still make up the vast majority of Texas lawmakers.

The Legislature’s maps created only one new congressional district where Hispanics are the majority, and redrew only two of the 150 state House districts to make them majority-Hispanic.

The nine groups who brought the lawsuit are all fighting over different parts of the map, but as a group are challenging the design of 28 out of 36 congressional districts.

The biggest fight surrounds Dallas and Fort Worth, where Republicans drew congressional districts that are largely rural, except for small portions that include urban neighborhoods where minorities live.

As an example, the minority

groups complain that despite an 83.7 percent growth in Latinos and 34.1 percent increase in blacks in Dallas County, the Legislature did not create a single new congressional district where minorities could win in that area.

On Monday, Abbott offered up a compromise that would create a new Hispanic-majority district running through the center of the regions.

That was enough to win the support of the Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund. But the other groups said changes elsewhere in Texas were still needed.

The other districts in dispute are in San Antonio, where Hispanic voters are divided into three districts, Central Texas where African American voters are divided into four districts and the Texas coast where they are divided into six.

In redrawing the congressional districts, all of the Republican incumbents found that the Legislature’s maps kept their homes and their district offices inside the newly drawn lines.

Not so for three African American Democrats. The NAACP released a statement alleging the Legislature discriminated against black lawmakers.

The judges in San Antonio tried to draft temporary maps once before, but the U.S. Supreme Court determined the judges had not deferred enough to the Legislature’s original redistricting plans.

The San Antonio court then encouraged Abbott and the minority groups to draft compromise maps, but only one of the minority groups signed off on Abbott’s proposed draft.

So now it appears the judges will do the job.

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have meetings once a week about that kind of stuff.”

One of Spencer’s favorite memories with the program is how students responded during and after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. Although the detachment was placed on lock-down by higher authorities the day of the attacks, AFROTC saw a spike in requests for membership afterward.

“We were never fearful,” Spencer said. “Our students were told

not to wear their uniforms during that time — they didn’t want them to be a target — but that was [a] nationwide [requirement]. After that, we had students, male and female, wanting to join our program. ... That was a really great moment for me to see that we still have really great men and women out there willing to serve their country. They’re a great group, so I wouldn’t trade these 30 years off for anything.”

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tical problem-solving approach in which a community takes control of its own destiny.”

The hypothesis the researchers studied was established on the idea small businesses, unlike large businesses, have more invested in a community and have more at stake concerning customers, employees, and others, according to the press release. The release also said local businesses are more likely to support bond issues for health infrastructures, recruit physicians, push

for local anti-smoking legislation, promote community health programs and activities and support local farmers’ markets. To conduct the study, the professors studied the data provided by the 2000 Census of Population and Housing, the 2007 Centers for Disease Control Obesity and Diabetes Estimates, National Center for Health Statistics Compressed Mortality records from 1994-2006, the 2002 County Business Patterns and the 2002 Nonemployer Statistics.

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preside over the 13-day trial. The 9th Circuit held a hearing on that question in December.

Some legal observers believe the written heads-up the court gave Monday indicates it concluded there is no reason Walker should have disclosed his relationship status while he had the case.

California voters passed Proposition 8 with 52 percent of the vote in November 2008, five months after the state Supreme Court legalized same-sex marriage by striking down a pair of laws that had limited marriage to a man and a woman.

The ballot measure inserted the one man-one woman provision into the state Constitution, thereby overruling the court’s decision.

It was the first such ban to take away marriage rights from same-sex couples after they had already secured them.

The Williams Institute on Sexual Orientation and the Law, a think tank based at the University of California, Los Angeles, has estimated that 18,000 couples tied the knot during the four-month window before Proposition 8 took effect.

“The circumstances in California are unprecedented. The state Supreme Court found marriage equality to be a right of the highest order under the state Constitution, and thousands of couples actually exercised that right before a discriminatory initiative took it away,” Wolff said.

By RAY HENRY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ATLANTA — A vice president at the Susan G. Komen for the Cure resigned Tuesday, saying the breast cancer charity should have stood by its politically explosive decision to cut off funding for Planned Parenthood.

Karen Handel, a Republican who opposed abortion as a candidate for Georgia governor, said she was actively engaged in efforts to cut off the grants and said the charity’s reversal hurt its core mission.

“I am deeply disappointed by the gross mischaracterizations of the strategy, its rationale, and my involvement in it,” Handel said in her letter.

“I openly acknowledge my role in the matter and continue to believe our decision was the best one for Komen’s future and the women we serve,” he said.

The grants, totaling \$680,000 last year, went to breast-screening services offered by Planned Parenthood, which provides a range of women’s health care services including abortions. Under criteria developed by Komen during Handel’s tenure, Planned Parenthood would have been disqualified from future grants because it was under a congressional investigation launched at the urging of anti-abortion activists.

Komen, the nation’s largest breast-cancer charity, reversed course after its decision ignited a three-day firestorm of criticism. Members of Congress and Komen affiliates accused the group’s national leadership of bending to pressure from anti-abortion activists.

“Neither the decision nor the changes themselves were based on anyone’s political beliefs or ideology,” Handel said in her resignation letter. “Rather, both were based on Komen’s mission and how to better serve women, as well as a realization of the need to distance Komen

from controversy.”

Handel said the discussion had started before she arrived at the organization last year. She said the charity was concerned that some Roman Catholic Dioceses had encouraged believers not to give to Komen because it supported Planned Parenthood.

“I was tasked with identifying options that would allow us to move to neutral ground about this so we weren’t on either side of you know, pro-life, pro-choice,” Handel said.

Komen Founder and CEO Nancy G. Brinker said she accepted Handel’s resignation and wished her well.

“We have made mistakes in how we have handled recent decisions and take full accountability for what has resulted, but we cannot take our eye off the ball when it comes to our mission,” Brinker said in a statement. “To do this effectively, we must learn from what we’ve done right, what we’ve done wrong and achieve our goal for the millions of women who rely on us.”

Planned Parenthood spokeswoman Andrea Hagelgans declined to comment.

Handel said the now-abandoned policy was fully vetted by the Komen organization. Its board did not raise any objections when it was presented with the proposed policy in November, Handel said.

The breast cancer charity cited a probe backed by anti-abortion groups and launched by Rep. Cliff Stearns, R-Fla., to determine if Planned Parenthood improperly spent public money on abortions. Planned Parenthood says taxpayer money is strictly separated.

Until Tuesday, Handel had publicly kept silent about her role in the dispute.

“What was a thoughtful and thoroughly reviewed decision - one that would have indeed enabled Komen to deliver even greater community impact - has

unfortunately been turned into something about politics,” Handel said. “This is entirely untrue. This development should sadden us all greatly.”

A person with direct knowledge of decision-making at Komen’s headquarters in Dallas said last week that the grant-making criteria were adopted with the deliberate intention of targeting Planned Parenthood.

The criteria’s impact on

2010. She received an endorsement from former vice presidential candidate and Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin, but lost a primary runoff to former Georgia Rep. Nathan Deal, who won the general election.

Throughout the campaign, Deal accused Handel of being soft on abortion.

Deal repeatedly attacked Handel over a 2005 vote she took while serving on a metro Atlanta county commission to give more



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From left, Jeanne Owers, Pat Hale, Kris Martin and Dawn Miefert protest Tuesday outside the Susan G. Komen for the Cure headquarters in Dallas. MoveOn.org delivered a petition with 832,000 signatures, and states it wants a commitment from Komen that the organization will continue to fund Planned Parenthood in the future.

Planned Parenthood and its status as the focus of government investigations were highlighted in a memo distributed to Komen affiliates in December.

According to the person, who spoke on condition of anonymity for fear of repercussions, a driving force behind the move was Handel, who was hired by Komen last year as vice president for public policy after losing a campaign for governor in Georgia.

Brinker, in an interview with MSNBC last week, said Handel “did not have anything to do with this decision.”

Handel ran for governor in

than \$400,000 to Planned Parenthood, though not for abortion services. The Georgia affiliate of Planned Parenthood said the money went to a downtown clinic for services such as cervical cancer screenings, testing for sexually transmitted diseases and birth controls.

A longstanding law bans using federal money to pay for abortions except in cases of rape, incest or to protect the health of the mother.

Anti-abortion activists in Georgia praised Handel’s decision.

“I commend her for it,” said Daniel Becker, president of the Georgia Right to Life.

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he and LaFayette had spoken just days before. “That’s why I do what I do today, to fulfill the last dream that Martin Luther King had,” La-

fayette said. Since then LaFayette has been across the world spreading the practice of non-violence. He has helped reform prisons in

Colombia, and has most recently been invited to train Afghani security forces. LaFayette’s life has been dedicated to combating the same

discrimination he fought in the 1960’s, which he now calls “Childism.” With the occasional cry of support from the audience, LaFay-

ette bound together the struggles of minorities, immigrants, women, the elderly, and third world countries. According to LaFayette, all

forms of segregation stem from the refusal to treat groups of people like children, and without basic dignity and respect.

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