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Up roar Records will host the release of Trannie Stevens' EP release party from 7 to 10 p.m. Tuesday in the Bill Daniel Student Center Den. This event is free and open to the public.

Spotlight on Christians

The Hearn Innovators in Christian Music Series presents Karen Ward from 4 to 5 p.m. Tuesday in Recital Hall II of Waco Hall. Ward is pastor of the Church of the Apostles, Seattle, Wash., and a leading figure in the Emerging Church movement. This event is free and open to the public.

To the theater

The Baylor Theatre will present "Quartet with Grand Piano: An evening of Four Short Plays" directed by DeAnna Toten Beard from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. beginning Tuesday in Theatre 11 Hooper-Schaefer Fine Arts Center. The March 3 and 4 showings will be at 2 p.m. The plays will include "Little Airplanes of the Heart," "Aftermath," "The Trapeze Artist" and "Johannes, Pyotr & Marge." To purchase tickets, visit www.baylor.edu/theatre/.



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Student film features struggles with PTSD

By ROB BRADFIELD
STAFF WRITER

In an upcoming film, Baylor students are picking up the story of some soldiers where war movies like "Jarhead" and "The Hurt Locker" end.

Written and directed by Waco senior Ben Palich, "To Depart Indefinitely" is the story of a soldier's struggle with post-traumatic stress disorder.

Palich will begin filming in early March and plans on premiering the film at Baylor's Black Glasses Film Festival on April 28.

The film is based on the true story of a friend of Palich's older brother who had trouble adjusting after coming home from a tour of duty. Palich said the personal connection is what drew him to the subject matter.

"We tried to make it more about his coming home and trying to readjust to society," Palich said.

According to the National Center for PTSD, military members often develop the disorder as result of direct exposure to combat. Things that might increase a soldier's chance of developing

PTSD include heavy drinking, a loss of a loved one, previous trauma or a feeling of helplessness during the traumatic event. Between 11 and 20 percent of soldiers returning from Iraq and Afghanistan are diagnosed with PTSD. According to the Center, those with PTSD can experience flashbacks, paranoia, quick mood changes and heightened tension in stressful situations.

According to the Department of Veterans Affairs, treatment is normally administered through the Veterans Affairs hospitals or

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An Afghan uses a bullhorn during an anti-U.S. demonstration Thursday in Khushi, Logar province, south of Kabul, Afghanistan. Burnings of the Quran occurred at a U.S. military base. The burnings have roiled Afghans and set off riots over what they perceive as foreign forces flouting their laws and insulting their culture. The U.S. has apologized for the burnings, which took place at a military base near Kabul, and said the burnings were a mistake.

Obama apologizes for Quran burnings on Afghan US base

By DEB RIECHMANN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

KABUL, Afghanistan — President Barack Obama apologized to Afghans on Thursday for the burning of Qurans at a U.S. military base, trying to assuage rising anti-American sentiment as an Afghan soldier gunned down two American troops during another day of angry protests.

The U.S.-led military coalition says the Muslim holy books were sent by mistake to a garbage burn pit at Bagram Air Field and the case is under investigation. The explanation and multiple apologies from U.S. officials have yet to calm outrage over the incident, which has also heightened tension between international troops and their Afghan partners.

Thousands of protesters, some shouting "Long live Islam!" and "Death to America!" staged demonstrations across Afghanistan for a third day. Protesters climbed the walls of a U.S. base in the east, threw stones inside and adorned an outside wall with the Taliban's trademark white flag.

At other sites, demonstrators burned tires or American flags. Afghan police and international troops fired guns in the air to disperse the crowds.

The protests sparked clashes with Afghan security forces that left at least five demonstrators

dead. A Norwegian soldier was wounded by a hand grenade hurled into a coalition compound.

On Wednesday, six people died in protests in Kabul and three other provinces.

The civil unrest comes at a time when Afghan President Hamid Karzai is trying to negotiate a long-term partnership agreement with the United States to govern the activities of U.S. forces in Afghanistan after 2014, when most foreign combat troops will have left or taken on support roles.

Karzai called for calm until an investigation is completed, but the incident highlighted the fitful and often strained relationship of the two nations.

White House press secretary Jay Carney told reporters aboard Air Force One that Obama's apology to Karzai was "appropriate given the sensitivity" of the issue. He said the apology was part of a three-page letter to the Afghan leader. Presidential apologies are rare, but he noted that former White House press secretary Dana Perino apologized on behalf of President George W. Bush in 2008 after a U.S. serviceman shot a Quran.

Tommy Vietor, a spokesman for the National Security Council at the White House, said Obama's letter, which addressed issues being negotiated in the partnership document, was delivered by Ryan

Crocker, the U.S. ambassador to Afghanistan. In the letter, Obama expressed "regret and apologies over the incident in which religious materials were unintentionally mishandled." Vietor said

Karzai met Thursday with parliamentarians — many of whom had been particularly vitriolic Wednesday in calling for Afghans to wage a holy war against international forces. The Afghan president told the lawmakers they were right to raise their voices against the desecration of Islam's holy book, but said a government investigation was the appropriate way to handle the case, according to a statement issued by his office.

The statement said Karzai told the lawmakers that a U.S. officer responsible for the burning "didn't understand" what he was doing and that the United States had "accepted the mistake of its officer."

The coalition said the investigation is still under way. The unrest started Tuesday when Afghan workers at the sprawling American base north of Kabul noticed that Qurans and other Islamic texts were in the trash that coalition troops dumped into a pit where garbage is burned. Some Afghan workers burned their fingers as they tried to salvage some of the books. Af-

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MATT HELLMAN | LARIAT PHOTO EDITOR

Pending congressional approval of lengthening the first class mail delivery period from 2 to 3 days, the United States Post Office Distribution Center located at 430 W. Highway 6 will be moved to Austin.

USPS closing Waco location

By DANIEL C. HOUSTON
STAFF WRITER

The U.S. Postal Service announced Thursday it intends to close its Waco processing and distribution center as part of a broader effort to answer the declining consumer demand for first-class mail.

Waco's mail-processing operations will move to a distribution center in Austin pending congressional approval to lengthen the delivery period for first-class mail to two to three days, according to Waco Postmaster David Sanderson.

The Postal Service would not consolidate the two facilities until May 15 at the earliest.

"We have to do something to stay in business in order to continue to serve our customers and provide mail coverage, which is important to the United States," Sanderson said. "By consolidating in this way, we are able to stay in business and not become a burden on the taxpayers, because currently we do not receive any tax dollars and are self-supporting."

The Postal Service projects closing the Waco facility would result in annual savings of \$7.6 million. Although Sanderson said the closing would reduce personnel costs, all 200 full-time employees at the distribution center would remain employed with the Postal Service in various capacities.

"Unless they choose to retire or choose to do something differ-

ent, our contracts require us to do something else with them," Sanderson said. "Some of them may go to Austin to work there, some of them may go to delivering mail, and that kind of thing."

Sanderson said the facility personnel would be able to fill roles that are currently performed by other staff working overtime, leading to an overall decrease in personnel costs. He said they would also save money in operating costs if the facility closes.

All retail post office locations in Waco — including the Baylor mail center in the Bill Daniel Student Center — will remain in operation. Teresa Mosley, director of mail services at Baylor, said she does not anticipate any significant inconveniences if the distribution center closes.

"From what we've been told," Mosley said, "it's not going to affect the pick-up times, and it should not affect the delivery here on campus."

If the Waco facility closes, Mosley said, students should submit mail to the center sooner, since the Postal Service would likely take longer to process the mail from Austin.

The Postal Service has not yet informed Mosley how or where the Baylor mail center would pick up the mail in the morning if the Austin distribution center takes over the responsibility.

Currently, Baylor staff drive to the Waco distribution center in the morning and return with the

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US college grads get older, shift workplace

By HOPE YEN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Americans 60 or older are more likely than ever to have college degrees, helping redefine work and retirement as educated baby boomers swell the senior population at rates faster than young adults earn diplomas.

Census figures released Thursday highlight changes in U.S. college completion, which reached a high of 30.4 percent last year. It comes amid increasing shares of older Americans in the workplace and record drops in employment for young adults, an age twist that is historically unprecedented.

"This is an important milestone in our history," Census Bureau Director Robert Groves said, referring to the increase in people with college degrees across all age groups. "The more education people have the more likely they are to have a job and earn more money, particularly for individuals who hold a bachelor's degree."

The college gains are making it easier for older Americans to work later in life because they are more likely than their parents' generation to hold higher-skilled jobs, which are seen as harder to replace. Due to increased life expectancy, rising health care costs and other financial incentives to keep working, the government projects that 1 in 4 workers by 2020 will be at least 55 years old — up from 1 in 5 today.

"I don't know what I'd do if I didn't work. It's just so enlightening, and I love all the people I work with," said Lillian Gourley, 83, of Southbury, Conn. Spending much of her career in advertising, she decided eight years ago to return to the workforce after retirement to help pay off bills in between her daily activities of gardening, socializing and visits to her daughters and grandchildren.

Based on her work experience, she was quickly offered a job at a local newspaper as a receptionist, a position she held throughout

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Huff Post's website offers insulting 'women's' section

Editorial

A quick visit to huffingtonpost.com, cnn.com or Foxnews.com will reveal a news website organized into tabs with options like politics, business, entertainment and tech.

The three news sites have very similar sections, with the exception of the tab labeled "women" on huffingtonpost.com.

Take a brief step back from your computer screen and assess what you know about The Huffington Post. It was created as a liberal alternative, which if you did not know you could probably quickly discern. More relevant perhaps is that the editor-in-chief of the publication is Arianna Huffington.

Though you may not know Huffington's specific accolades (like being ranked the 12th most influential woman in media by Forbes magazine in 2009), you might have a general idea that she is a powerful woman who has climbed very far up the proverbial ladder.

With all this in mind, at least maybe subconsciously, the naïve female might click on the tab called women expecting to actually find women's interest stories. What might qualify as women's interest? Probably the recent Komen/Planned Parenthood scandal. Maybe news pertaining to female politicians or lawmakers. Perhaps the recent court cases

about contraceptive use. These are not, however, the major stories in the women section of The Huffington Post.

According to The Huffington Post, women are interested in their "breakup song" or the latest, hard-hitting news on how to know if you've had your makeup too long.

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Also, it turns out if you're a man you clearly have no interest in healthy living or parenting, because those two sections of The Huffington Post are encased under the women tab. Following this train of logic makes one wonder if there is a subtle hint raised by the very presence of a "women" tab that suggests women don't in fact read politics, business or tech.

Newsflash: they do. The Huffington Post should spend more time reporting news and less time pandering to subjugating topics like "what kind of dress should you buy to get a husband to support you because you



clearly can't do it yourself" (that one has not actually appeared in the women section...yet). Yes, women do like to take quizzes and read insanely long lists of

tips, but that is a separate undertaking from reading the news. It is hard to imagine a reader confusing The New York Times and Glamour Magazine. It should be

equally as difficult to forget that you are on a news website.

Perhaps The Huffington Post should institute a men's tab that only talks about video games,

"Family Guy" and where to find the meatiest hamburger. At that point, we could at least say the Huffington Post had fair and balanced reporting.

I prefer overpriced steak with manners from fellow diners

This past weekend, I had the pleasure of attending a 21st birthday family dinner with my best friend Mollimichelle.

I say pleasure because that's what it was supposed to be. From the beginning, however, the night was doomed.

At lunch, Mollimichelle's grandmother was telling us about the conversation she had with the manager of the steakhouse who informed her that he wouldn't be working the night of our dinner, but he would be sure to let the other managers know we were coming.

I've never been aware of real-life foreshadowing until that moment.

If the weekend had been a

book assigned for one of my literature classes, I would have underlined that conversation with the expectation that it would come back to haunt us.

I was relieved when we walked in the restaurant and saw a table already set up for 12. My relief quickly dissipated, however, when we found out the table was not for us. Apparently, our reservation made it "onto one sheet, but not the other."

Anyone who has ever gone to dinner with two grandparents, four teenagers and a 2-year-old can guess that things quickly went south. The tension in the group immediately skyrocketed. To the restaurant's credit, they did make us a new table fairly quickly, but

it didn't completely atone for the fact that they had somehow snubbed the birthday girl.

I firmly believe the night could have still recovered, if it wasn't for the presence of another birthday party seated less than 3 feet from our table. The celebration was apparently for an elementary-school-aged child and was attended by several guests who felt no qualms about yelling in a restaurant. And by yelling, I mean yelling.

This was not one of those times when you're already annoyed, someone is being a little obnoxious and so you fixate and blow it out of proportion. This group of people found it appropriate to yell, smash a child's

face into a cheesecake and allow a 12-year-old girl to use a high chair as a scooter/bumper car in the narrow area between our tables.

When it comes to situations like this one, I am a non-confrontational person. I hate that in frustration, anger is usually taken out on waitresses and managers rather than the patrons who are causing the problem. This really was unbearable, however.

What was even more upsetting was that the entire party was done eating when we were seated. They continued to disrupt the entire restaurant (not to mention take up seats) for the entire time we ate and were all still present when we left.

Clearly everyone has a right to enjoy their overpriced steak, but a modicum of decorum would be much appreciated. I'm not suggesting we return to Victorian era manners, but I would like to know that when I go out to eat, especially in what is supposed to be an upscale restaurant, I will be able to enjoy myself.

If that is too much to ask, I would like to be able to at least hear when the person next to me is talking. Self-control is a trait that seems to be slowly going out of style, and I for one would like to bring it back in.

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Amy Heard | Copy editor

Lariat Letters: Legalizing hard drugs in U.S. would send destructive message

Editor's note: The Guardian reported last Tuesday that musician Tony Bennett called for the legalization of hard drugs in the United States following Whitney Houston's death. Houston's cause of death has yet to be determined.

It's OK to abuse drugs.

At least that's what Hollywood tells us.

Within hours of Whitney Houston's death, singer Tony Bennett attacked the government's failure to legalize drugs. He said if Houston hadn't had "to hide" her drug abuse, she'd still be alive. Bennett defended his call for drug legalization by saying that it would be safer to get drugs from doctors, as opposed to "gangsters that just sell it under the table."

In a CBS interview conducted Feb. 12,

musician Quincy Jones supported Bennett's proposal to legalize drugs, saying, "You can't stop it." Being high is just another part of music - "It goes with the turf."

The media has been quick to highlight the prominence of drugs in Hollywood.

Buffalo News cartoonist Adam Zyglis drew a Hollywood sign with the opening of a pill bottle between the "W" and "D" and an assortment of drugs spilling out.

Milt Priggee's nationally syndicated editorial cartoon published Monday lists several deceased celebrities who had a history of drug abuse. At the bottom of the list, Priggee shows a skeleton saying, "Amazing how they never learn from their elders..."

Death due to drug abuse is an ongoing occurrence among celebrities.

The Public Policy Institute of Califor-

nia's poll suggested 46 percent of Californians favored the legalization of marijuana.

The debate over legalization poses a problem when considering how it will affect future generations. Is this the message we want to send?

Aren't we condoning drug use by even debating over legalization?

Legalization affects more than just Hollywood. It affects society's youth. Drug legalization says drugs are OK. It makes a teen who buys marijuana to get a weekend high any regular kid - not a juvenile.

And who can tell them it's wrong if it's legal? Legalizing drugs doesn't affect one part of the world - it affects everyone.

— Paige Willis
St. Louis freshman

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Hear us out

The editorial board will discuss these issues in next week's Lariat:

- Am I ugly or pretty? Adolescents have started a disturbing YouTube trend that asks the Internet to judge their appearance.
- Pepper spray hurts. It was enough for 19 students at UC Davis to sue the school after Occupy protesters were pepper-sprayed by campus police during a peaceful protest.
- Girl Scouts promote homosexuality and abortion, says one Indiana politician. He refused to sign a declaration celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Girl Scouts and stands by his choice despite backlash.

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New adviser uses experience to guide students' travel

By AMANDA THOMAS
STAFF WRITER

Baylor's newest study abroad and exchange student adviser has travel experience to spare.

Jimmy Ilseng, who graduated from Texas Tech University with a degree in literature and linguistics, spent years traveling through Eastern Europe and Northern Africa as a member of the Peace Corps after spending time as a ski instructor in Colorado.

Ilseng moved to Avon, Colo., following his graduation. He was waiting on his invitation to join the Peace Corps — a decision that could take six to 12 months. Ilseng said he packed only what he could fit into his Toyota Camry before he set off for Avon, where he had friends. He wanted to take his time making the transition from college to real life. Once there, Ilseng received a job teaching snowboarding at Beaver Creek Resort, where he lived in a four-bedroom condominium with nine other people.

"It was honestly one of the better, but short periods in my life," Ilseng said. "There was ski and outdoor gear everywhere — it was awesome."

After two ski seasons, he received his invitation to the Peace Corps, moving to Romania in 2006.

In the Peace Corps, Ilseng

taught comparative literature on the secondary and university level, American history and civics on the secondary level, and English as a second language to ninth-graders. Ilseng also worked with the Romanian Ministry of Education to develop local and national academic competitions for secondary students, including public speaking, creative writing and thespian competitions.

"All three of these competitions evolved into sustainable programs and are conducted to this day," Ilseng said.

During his sojourn, Ilseng also traveled to Morocco, Macedonia, Albania, Bulgaria, the Republic of Moldova, Ukraine, Turkey and Lebanon.

He said one of his fondest memories was arriving in Budapest, Hungary, with two other volunteers and discovering the Sziget Island on the Danube River two days before the island opened for an arts and music festival called the Sziget Festival.

"Randomness or synchronicity, I don't know, but we ended up seeing Radiohead, Gomez, Tool, Manu Chao and more bands with 500,000 other people from across the globe," Ilseng said. "Me and two fellow Peace Corps volunteers had literally arrived in Budapest with no plans and nowhere to stay and nothing to do. It was a score



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Jimmy "J.J." Ilseng, exchange program and study abroad adviser, helps students decide where they are best suited to study abroad. He displays pictures in his office on from study abroad students.

and a half."

After three years volunteering for the Peace Corps, Ilseng returned to Colorado and was later accepted to Vanderbilt graduate school. There, he enrolled in the

International Education Policy and Management program. Ilseng graduated from Vanderbilt in May 2011 and started work at Baylor in December.

Ilseng said he decided to take

the job at Baylor to be closer to home.

"I have family in Austin and Dallas," Ilseng said. "I am getting back to family and friends. It's a full circle."

Ilseng said he believes his traveling and love of culture have helped him gain knowledge he uses to advise students. In his new position, Ilseng helps them choose where they want to study abroad and determine what they want to gain from the experience.

Green Bay, Wis., senior Mollie Munro has been Ilseng's student worker since he arrived at Baylor. Munro helps Ilseng prepare students for their study abroad experience and gives them advice. Munro, who is going to Africa with the Peace Corps in July, said she enjoys hearing Ilseng's Peace Corps stories and advice.

"He is helping me prepare," Munro said. "He is really a great resource to have."

International student relations coordinator Melanie Smith occupies the office next to Ilseng's. She said Ilseng fits the role of study abroad and exchange student adviser well.

"He is an extraordinary person for that position because of his extensive knowledge," Smith said. "His guidance will help the students' experience."

At Baylor, Ilseng said he plans on helping students get the best international education and experience they possibly can.

"There is a place for every student," Ilseng said. "I set up students for success."

States sue over birth control mandate claim First Amendment rights violated

By GRANT SCHULTE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LINCOLN, Neb. — Seven states asked a federal judge Thursday to block an Obama administration mandate that requires birth control coverage for employees of religious-affiliated hospitals, schools and outreach programs.

The lawsuit, filed in the U.S. District Court of Nebraska, alleges that the new rule violates the First Amendment rights of groups that object to the use of contraceptives and is the first legal challenge filed

by states.

The rule, announced as part of the federal health care law, has come under fire from religious groups that object to the use of contraceptives, sterilization and abortion-inducing drugs. In response to the criticism, Obama administration officials have said they will shift the requirement from the employers to health insurers themselves.

The lawsuit was filed by attorneys general from Nebraska, Florida, Michigan, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina and Texas. Three

Nebraska-based groups — Catholic Social Services, Pius X Catholic High School and the Catholic Mutual Relief Society of America — are also plaintiffs in the lawsuit.

Nebraska Attorney General Jon Bruning, a Republican who is running for U.S. Senate, said the administration's regulation "forces millions of Americans to choose between following religious convictions and complying with federal law."

The lawsuit alleges that the rule will effectively force religious employers and organizations to drop

health insurance coverage, which will raise enrollment in state Medicaid programs and increase patient numbers at state-subsidized hospitals and medical centers.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services is named as a defendant.

The contentious issue has pushed social issues to the forefront in a presidential election year that has been dominated by the economy. Issues such as abortion, contraception and requirements of President Barack Obama's health care law have the potential to gal-

vanize the Republicans' conservative base, which is critical to voter turnout in the presidential and congressional races.

The new policy has angered some religious groups, including the Roman Catholic Church, who say the requirement would force them to violate their stances against contraception. It has also drawn a sharp response from congressional Republicans.

Obama administration officials have said they don't want to abridge anyone's religious freedom, but want to give women ac-

cess to important preventive care. Supporters of the rule, including the ACLU and women's advocacy groups, say the measure is about female health.

Republican lawmakers in a handful of states have seized on the contentious issue, presenting bills that would allow insurance companies to ignore the federal rules. Measures in Idaho, Missouri and Arizona would expand the exemptions to secular insurers or businesses that object to covering contraception, abortion or sterilization.

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Hollywood and the reality of warfare

By JAMIE LIM
REPORTER

Please choose from the following genres: action, adventure, comedy, crime, drama, romance or thriller. Can't make up your mind? What about all of the above?

Military-based films can be produced for any of genre and sometimes can include elements from multiple. Since the military is a huge part of the United States, these films attempt to portray every aspect in the military.

"I definitely enjoy them," Tomball senior Cadet Travis Howard said, "but at the same time, some of them are hard to watch. 'Captain America' is fun to watch. 'Black Hawk Down' is difficult to watch; same with 'Saving Private Ryan.'"

Frank Manchel, author of "Film Study: An Analytical Bibliography," said there are two ways the armed forces are represented in films: war and military.

A war film is when troops partake in battle. This type of film showcases military action that is influenced by actual military combat. A military film focuses on peace. It portrays troops whose intentions are to preserve the peace.

"Historically, a lot of military movies were about a specific battle, but these days it's more like the day in the life of a soldier," Flower Mound junior and Cadet Mikey Moulden said.

These films are obviously influenced by the military, but do they portray the military accurately? Cadet Mark Cerf, a junior from Denver, Colo., said he finds them entertaining but not too accurate — especially when it comes to actual warfare.

"A lot of movies put a little bit

too much emphasis on the excitement of violence," Cerf said.

"Any type of warfare is a very serious and somber matter. It shouldn't be taken light-heartedly, and violence shouldn't be seen as something so small because you are, ultimately, dealing with people's lives."

Nevertheless, warfare is warfare. And with warfare, death usually follows shortly after.

When a death occurs in any film, it ultimately tugs at the audiences' heartstrings. It tugs even harder when a favorable character is killed, like Bubba Blue in "Forrest Gump."

Death is usually not considered to be a good thing in reality, but many troops believe that in a military film it can be portrayed as heroic.

Even though death makes a military film more realistic, Howard said films would never be able to re-enact the smell that soldiers encounter during battle.

Even with military films lacking many aspects from actual military life, there are some films that get the approval of many troops. For example, Moulden, Cerf and Howard agreed that "Black Hawk Down" was a good representation.

"It shows you that war's not pretty," Howard said. "When the rounds start flying past you, it's about the man next to you and getting him out of there. It's not about yourself anymore. It's about your brother."

One of the most admirable things people find in the military is the brotherhood. Many films take full advantage of showcasing this aspect and Cerf said Hollywood seemed to be doing a good job.

"When movies portray soldiers really sticking with each

other no matter what, that's very accurate," Cerf said. "You never ever want to leave anyone on the battlefield, whether they're dead, alive or wounded. We always want to bring everyone home with us at any costs."

Brotherhood may be prominent in military-based films, but there is usually one outstanding war hero.

"A lot of times, people that have served and have won medals for valor, bravery or courage tend to not see themselves as something special but just doing their job," Cerf said. "That's what they're trained to do and that's what they did."

One movie that highlights violence, brotherhood and heroes is "Pearl Harbor." If war isn't already bad enough, romance gets tossed into the plot, complicating everything.

However, the romance didn't bother many troops. They felt that it was a way to show the audience that troops are people too, and that they have many emotions.

"All of the time, you hear about a lot of privates who get married right before they leave," Moulden said.

"They'll be gone from six to 12 months at a time before they get to see each other again. Long-distance relationships are really difficult to maintain, and a lot of times they just break down."

Military based films may exaggerate substantial elements of the military in reality, but that's the point. They are made to entertain people, which Howard is not too bothered by.

"That's all they are — they're entertainment," Howard said. "It's a good story, has a good plot, a good hero — what's not to like about it?"

'SOCOM' sets standard for U.S. military in video games

Editor's Note: This is an article in our ongoing "Great Video Game" series in which readers and staffers alike are asked to submit a few hundred words about a video game that they consider to be great.

By JOSHUA MADDEN
A&E EDITOR

With "Act of Valor" being released today, I felt it was an opportunity to take a look at how the military is portrayed in the media. With an all-volunteer military in the United States that is willing to sacrifice so much for the rest of us, I think the least the media can do to make sure that the fictional portrayals of the American military are as fair and as accurate as possible.

"SOCOM: U.S. Navy Seals" immediately came to mind as an example of how this can be done right. Sony worked with the U.S. Navy — who provided technical support — on the development of the game. When you pull up the game, that dedication from the developers really shows.

"SOCOM" is a ground-breaking game that often is not given

enough credit for the doors it threw open for the rest of the gaming world. While having voice-chat during an online shooting match with your friends is now commonplace, it's important to remember that before "SOCOM," this was pretty much limited exclusively to the computer.

In our other article today, reporter Jamie Lim wrote about the importance of brotherhood in the military — it's one of the few things that Hollywood often gets right about the military experience.

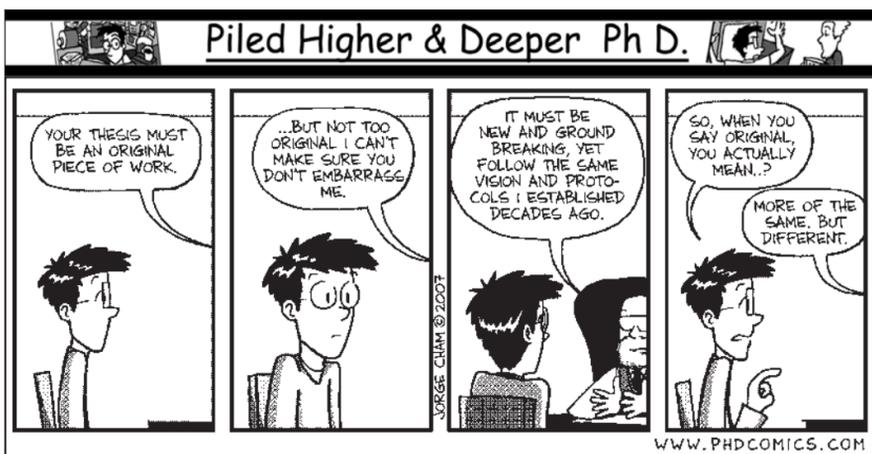
Gaming, however, took longer to get that right. Even now, so many military shooters are focused on the individual, not the team. It was the addition of the voice chat in "SOCOM" that made the team so much more important in the single-player campaign. This is not "Star Fox 64" where you have to constantly save Slippy; you are a team leader who is expected to minimize harm to your own team and govern it effectively.

The voice-chat aspect of the online play also allows for this element to be integrated into online play as well. It's still a video game,

sure, but there is a much more clear team feel in "SOCOM" than in any game that preceded it. The interesting thing is that while "SOCOM" opened these doors for console gaming, it also arguably did so for portable gaming when voice-chat capability was included in the PSP game "SOCOM: Fireteam Bravo."

"SOCOM" was the first online game that I remember everyone actually played — an experience that was arguably unparalleled until the release of "Halo 2." While the "Call of Duty" franchise has largely taken that mantle from "SOCOM," it's important to remember that "SOCOM" was answering this call long before everyone was rushing out to buy the newest "Modern Warfare" game.

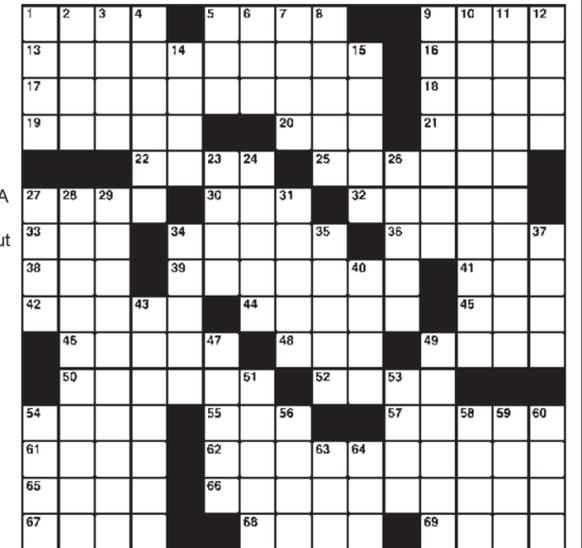
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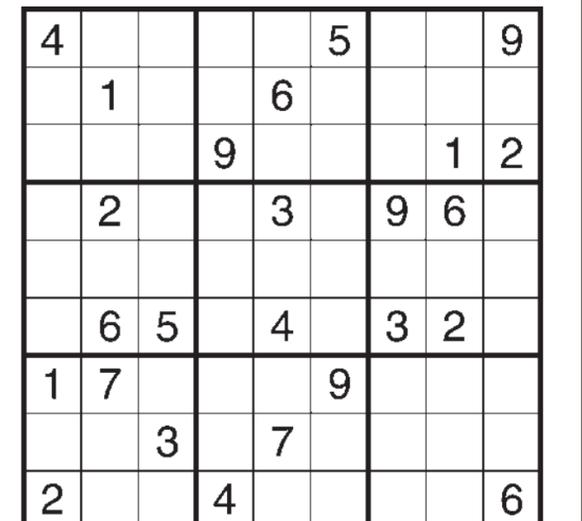
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Family drives Acy to excel on floor, lead Bears to wins

BY GREG DEVRIES
SPORTS WRITER

Baylor basketball fans associate him with his beard. His teammates take note of his leadership abilities and intensity. While he may seem like King Leonidas, senior Quincy Acy draws his strength and leadership abilities from his family.

Quincy Acy was born in Tyler. For the majority of his life, Acy was raised by his mother, Renata King. He said his father was not in the picture very much.

"My mom and dad got a divorce when I was 3 or 4. We moved from Tyler to Dallas and I just didn't have him. Whenever we would go back to Tyler to visit my grandmother, I would see him sometimes, but not all the time. He wasn't really around," Acy said.

Consequently, Acy and his mother are very close. She attends the games she is able to go to, but with a teaching job, a daughter playing high school basketball, another son getting into sports and a new fiance, her schedule does not always free up on game days.

"It's a lot of stuff on her plate, but she balances it all well. I respect her because she tries to put

the same amount of time into all of that and that's hard to do," Acy said. "I love my mother like no other. She's my world, and we have a very strong relationship."

Last year, Acy became a father. He has a 6-month-old named Austin, but after freshman Quincy Miller started calling him Simba, the nickname stuck. Acy said raising a son has helped Acy mature. That maturity translates to leadership on the team.

"[With your teammates] you have to kind of be brothers. It's kind of a brotherly leadership, but at the same time you take characteristics from it," Acy said. "They see how I act with my son and they respect that a lot."

On the court, Acy has led by example. In the recent game against Texas, Acy recorded 22 points and 16 rebounds. His forceful dunks and blocks help the crowd's energy as well as the team's.

"He's passionate. He brings the intensity to every possession," sophomore Brady Heslip said. "When he gets pumped up, it pumps me up. I just go crazy and it gets me excited to see someone just beating like that."

Head coach Scott Drew charges

Acy with more responsibilities. Acy is almost an extension of the coaching staff on the floor according to Drew.

"Every coach wants your upperclassmen to lead by example, and vocally. He's done both of that. At times, the coaching staff will ask him questions as far as thoughts on the game or practice," Drew said. "Basically just giving him an opportunity to lead like you want your leaders to lead. He inspired other players to raise their level and compete harder."

Acy said he believes junior AJ Walton can step up and be the team's leader next year, but still believes that other players possess the same kinds of leadership traits that he does. He said players like Miller and junior Pierre Jackson can be vocal leaders, and sophomore Cory Jefferson can be the energy on the floor that leads by example.

In an era where so many players leave college early, finding seniors that can step up and rally the team is rare, but Acy's personality lends itself toward being a captain-like player.

"[I have] a chip on my shoulder to want to excel and want to be a man," Acy said.



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No. 4 forward Quincy Acy ducks around a Mizzou player to try for a basket on Jan. 21 at the Ferrell Center.

Catcher energizes Lady Bears

BY KRISTA PIRTLE
SPORTS WRITER

From the eyes of a freshman, looking out into a field of juniors and seniors fresh off a World Series appearance can be rather intimidating; however, to look out and see Clare Hosack behind the plate can add some confidence and desire.

"Just the fact that she's a sophomore and starting and succeeding as well as she's doing is a huge inspiration for the other kids," senior third baseman Megan Turk said. "They see, my sophomore year, I can be like Clare. I think it's great for them."

Clare Hosack, a sophomore from North Palm Beach, Fla., can be found behind home plate in catcher's gear.

"I was 12 when I started playing softball," Hosack said. "I played baseball before that and I pitched. They asked me if I wanted to pitch softball and I said no. My best friend was a pitcher, and she said catch for me. That's how I started catching."

Hosack usually catches for junior pitcher Whitney Canion, but Baylor head coach Glenn Moore wants to rotate more between Hosack and junior Kelsi Kettler.

"I don't think there's a catcher in the country with a stronger arm than Clare Hosack," Moore said. "Whitney really likes pitching to her and they work well together."

Turk agrees with Moore about Hosack's presence behind the plate.

"She might be the best in the country when it comes to her arm strength," Turk said. "She's one of those kids when if you get on, you're getting out. She'll pick you off because she doesn't watch you on the bases."

So far this season, Hosack is batting .364 with a pair of doubles and Baylor's only home run.

It came Tuesday evening against Northwestern State in the bottom of the fourth, when there were runners at first and second.

After a huge swing and miss at a changeup, Hosack's aggressive swing caught a pitch and sent it over the wall in left center field.

"I'm working on swinging aggressively more and more," Hosack said. "On the first pitch she threw me a change up and I swung at it like it was a fastball and I whiffed so people probably felt it."

From the eight new faces in green and gold to the veterans who finished fourth in the nation last season, Hosack provides a spark on both sides of the game.

Track to be 'measured as team' this weekend at Big 12 Championships

BY SAVANNAH PULLIN
REPORTER

In times of joy, people are often described as "glowing." A better word could not be used to describe the Baylor track and field team on Wednesday for the media.

Thursday, the Bears left for College Station to compete in the Big 12 Indoor Championships. The Bears are competing today and Saturday and expect to return to Waco as Big 12 champs.

"I love conference championships," head coach Todd Harbour said. "That's what I live for as an athlete, and I enjoy them as a coach."

Baylor currently has 11 athletes ranked in the top five in their respective events.

Going into the weekend, the women are ranked first in distance medley relay and sophomore Tifani McReynolds is set to defend her title in the 60-meter hurdles. In addition, sophomore Erin Atkinson and junior Skylar White are both ranked No. 2 in weight throw and shot put, respectively.

On the men's side, freshman Patrick Shoenball enters the cham-

ampionship holding tight to first place along with the men's 4x400 meter relay team also holding a top rank. Senior Zewed Hewitt is ranked third in the quarter-mile, and the men's distance medley relay team has won its last two meets.

White said she hopes that both sides of the team, men's and women's, can come together this weekend to prove the team, as a whole, has strength.

"I want to see not only the girls, but the guys as well, come together and 'wow' some people this weekend," White said.

Senior Woodrow Randall believes the team is ready to outperform the expectations that have been thrust upon them.

"Every one has that fire in their eye like they're ready to go," Randall said. "We are better than what people think we are."

Harbour said one of the biggest advantages his team has right now is health.

Overall the team is healthy, an improvement from the start of the season. In his first meet of the season, Randall, one of the top sprinters on the team, suffered from a strained hamstring. The champi-

onship will be his first meet back at 100 percent, he said.

"I feel great," Randall said. "I feel back to myself, so hopefully I can do good things this weekend in the Big 12."

Randall said he expects his personal performance to encourage his other teammates.

"I know what I can do and what I'm capable of doing," Randall said.

Once he goes out there and runs a good race, he wants other members of the team to see his example and know they can perform well also. White and Randall both have extreme confidence in their teammates' abilities to physically perform.

"We have it in us physically; we just have to get it together mentally," said White.

Randall said the key to his team's success is not being scared.

Track and field events usually measure individual performance, but that all changes in the conference championships.

"Big 12 championships are always exciting," Harbour said. "This is the time during the course of the indoor season that we get to be measured as a team."

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the economic downturn. Gourley says she enjoys interacting with younger coworkers — the “kids” — and believes the workplace as a whole is enriched by having a wide group of employees who bring energy, know-how and wisdom to their jobs.

“As long as I can, I want to work, and when I stop enjoying it then I’ll stop,” said Gourley, who earned an art degree in 1949. “I just can’t imagine sitting around at home, doing nothing and complaining.”

Demographers say the improved job fortunes for educated, older Americans are commonplace.

“Older workers gained the most and lost the least over the recession, and education was an important factor,” said Andrew Sum, director of the Center for Labor Market Studies at Northeastern University in Boston, citing their combination of experience and training.

He noted that the biggest job losses were among less-educated younger men, who struggled with reduced demand for blue-collar jobs in construction, manufacturing and transportation. “Employers for the most part over the last decade did not hire young workers, and when times got bad, they did not lay off as many older workers.”

Currently, about 26 percent of Americans 60 and older have a bachelor’s degree, up from 13 percent in 1992 and now an all-time high. Educational gains among older Americans are being fueled by waves of aging college graduates who attended school in higher numbers in the 1950s, 1960s and 1970s following government expansions of a military G.I. bill that helped pay tuition costs. Increased enrollment in adult continuing education programs also have bolstered the gains.

Increased education levels among older Americans is a shift from their parents’ generations, who didn’t need a college degree to find a good-paying job in manufacturing or construction. Much of that blue-collar work, however, has since moved overseas, driving down wages for the fewer jobs that remained in the U.S.

In the last five years, the number of college graduates between the ages of 60-69 climbed nearly 55 percent, more than double the rate of increase for younger age groups, including the 25-29 age group, whose number of college graduates rose 20 percent to 6.9 million. Roughly 78 million baby boomers, who were born between 1946 and 1964 and began turning 65 last year, are now aging into the

senior ranks.

The increase in college graduates is prominent among women 60 and older, whose shares with bachelor’s degrees jumped from 10 percent in 1992 to more than 21 percent. The numbers were lifted by many students who opted to pursue college degrees following the 1960s women’s movement.

Across all age and race groups, Americans holding at least a bachelor’s degree increased last year to 30.4 percent; that’s up from less than 25 percent in 1998 and just 5 percent in 1940. While younger women 25-29 are more likely than young men to complete college, 36 percent to 28 percent, across all age groups women still lag men slightly, 30 percent to 31 percent.

William H. Frey, a demographer at Brookings Institution who reviewed the data, said the latest trends show the senior population will be “a major player in the labor force of the future.”

“The fact that a substantial segment of today’s older workers are more educated and experienced accounts for their taking fewer employment hits,” he said. “It suggests the wisdom of formulating government policies and incentives to keep these well-educated seniors in the labor force beyond the traditional retirement age of 65.”



An Afghan policeman aims his rifle toward protesters, unseen, during an anti-U.S. demonstration Wednesday in Kabul, Afghanistan. Anti-American demonstrations erupted on the outskirts of Kabul for a second day and in another Afghan city over the burning of Muslim holy books at a military base in Afghanistan.

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ghan government officials said initial reports indicated four Qurans were burned.

The materials had been taken from a library at Parwan Detention Facility, which adjoins the base, because they contained extremist messages or inscriptions. Writing inside a Quran is forbidden in the Islamic faith, and it is unclear whether the handwritten messages were found in the holy book or other reading materials.

A military official said it appeared that detainees at the prison were exchanging messages by making notations in the texts.

A delegation of Afghan religious leaders, lawmakers and government representatives visited Bagram as part of the investigation.

They issued a statement late Thursday calling for an end to protests and accused insurgents of infiltrating the gatherings to foment violence.

They said they expected those responsible for the Quran burning to be prosecuted through the U.S. military court system.

The Taliban used the opportunity to incite more attacks on foreign forces. In a statement, Taliban spokesman Zabiullah Mujahid described the burning as an “unforgivable crime.” He urged Afghan

army and police to become “real sons of the nation” by turning their guns on coalition forces.

Afghan authorities said demonstrations were staged inside the capital and in seven of Afghanistan’s 34 provinces.

The deadliest was held outside an American base in the Khogyani district of Nangarhar province in eastern Afghanistan. Two protesters were killed by Afghan police and an Afghan soldier turned his gun on American troops, killing two.

It was the latest in a rising spate of incidents where Afghan soldiers or police or militants wearing their uniforms, have shot and killed U.S. and NATO service members.

District chief Mohammad Hassan said the two Americans were shot by a member of the Afghan National Army stationed at the base. Pentagon press secretary George Little later confirmed the two U.S. troops had died.

In northern Afghanistan, more than 10,000 people demonstrated at four locations in Baghlan, the capital of Baghlan province.

Sayed Zamanuddin, deputy provincial police chief, said protesters tried to burn down a police office and then fired at police. He said the police returned fire. One

person was killed.

In the south, two people were killed in Dihrawud district of Uruzgan province, said Fareed Ayal, a spokesman for the provincial police.

He said insurgents infiltrated the demonstration and shooting broke out between the police and those in the crowd of about 2,000.

Also in the north, protesters hurled rocks and tried to remove the razor wire from the perimeter of a U.S. base in Mehterlam, the capital of Laghman province.

“The burning of Quran broke our hearts,” protester Mohammad Issa said.

Police broke up the demonstration by using water cannon, batons and by firing above the heads of the demonstrators.

Hundreds of other Afghans protested peacefully on the eastern outskirts of Kabul, outside Bagram Air Field, in Jalalabad in the east, in Faryab province in the west and in Khoshi district of Logar province, where demonstrators burned a U.S. flag.

“Apologies are not enough,” declared Mohammad Qasim Sediqi, leader of the Khoshi district council. The culprits “have to be put on trial and culprits should face the law.”

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mail. Mosley said it is not yet clear whether the Austin location would bring the mail to Waco or where it would be picked up.

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private medical facilities, and includes therapy, group sessions and medication. Even when treatment is available, some veterans cannot or choose not to receive it.

The National Center for PTSD states that the most important thing for returning soldiers is a strong social support network. Loved ones are especially important to the readjustment process.

“To Depart Indefinitely” explores what happens to soldiers without a strong social system, and how some levels of public support can be inadequate.

“I feel like it raises a valid question about what we can be doing to support our troops, aside from just saying ‘support our troops,’” Kansas City, Kan., senior Brent Kennedy, the film’s director of photography, said.

The idea of what it means to support troops is present throughout “To Depart Indefinitely.”

Palich said the theme came from his acquaintance’s frustration with the popular ideas of supporting troops through measures such as bumper stickers and car magnets.

To him, well-meant words of support often rang hollow when they weren’t backed up with action.

That attitude prompted Palich and Kennedy to start asking the questions about how veterans are treated in society, and how quickly their sacrifices can be forgotten.

“This is something that most people are ignorant to, not necessarily because they wanted to ignore it, but because it’s something that we kind of sweep under the rug,” Palich said.

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