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#### To the ball game

Men's baseball will play Oklahoma State from 3:05 to 6:05 p.m. Saturday at the Baylor Ballpark. Tickets can be purchased in the box office of the Bill Daniel Student Center Den or at [www.baylorbears.com](http://www.baylorbears.com)



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## Goat visits Baylor

Different groups and a goat that were part of the Texas Hunger Initiative had tables set up on Wednesday at the Vara Daniel Martin Plaza.

# BU to finalize Final Four packages

By DANIEL C. HOUSTON  
STAFF WRITER

More students have submitted requests for travel packages to the NCAA women's Final Four in Denver than the university will likely be able to accommodate, but students who register by noon today will still be eligible to receive a package.

University administrators are still working to obtain tickets to the basketball games — which include the Lady Bears' match-up against Stanford, the Connecticut-Notre Dame game and the national championship — and are hopeful they can offer more than

100 packages free of charge to students. The packages also cover hotel costs and the bus trip to and from Denver.

Buses will leave for Denver Saturday afternoon and return Monday in the event of a Baylor loss to Stanford, or Tuesday after the national championship in the event the Lady Bears reach the championship game.

The university will give priority to students who have attended the most Lady Bears home games throughout the course of the season, Matt Burchett, director of Student Activities, said.

He said students will be able to register for tickets at the Bill Dan-

iel Student Center (SUB) ticket office between 8 a.m. and noon today.

John Garrison, associate athletics director for marketing, said the university is still working to figure out exactly what the all-expenses-paid packages will cost as it continues to seek additional tickets.

Nick Joos, executive associate athletics director for external affairs, said an anonymous donor is purchasing the packages so they can be provided without charge to students. Joos estimated each package would cost between \$300 and \$400.

Joos said the athletics depart-

ment is hopeful the additional support will help the Lady Bears bring home a national championship.

"It's 100 of their most passionate fans in the stands supporting the team, and we're grateful that [the donor] came forward and provided that," Joos said. "I think the more our players [can] feed off the fans ... it can give you a decided advantage in a close game, and I know our ladies appreciate the support they get in the Ferrell Center. It will give them a lift."

Carlee Johnston, spirit and traditions coordinator, said 184 students had registered for the packages by 3:30 p.m. Wednesday.

# Students to fight human trafficking in 5K race

By LINDA WILKINS  
STAFF WRITER

Baylor students have come together to host "We Run BecAuse," a 5K race that will take place at 8:30 a.m. Saturday at the Waco Dam. The money raised by the race will go to the A21 Campaign, an organization that fights human trafficking.

The race will start in the parking lot off Skeet Eason Road, just past the Waco Regional airport.

With 105 runners registered, surpassing the goal of 100, registration has closed, but donations are still being accepted, Lincoln

Neb., senior Kelcy Workman said. Workman led the organization of the race.

The registration fee was \$20 and, as of Monday night, \$1,360 was raised through registration fees, donations from sponsors and anonymous donations, Workman said.

The purpose of the race is to raise awareness about the A21 Campaign, also known as Abolishing Slavery in the 21st Century, which focuses on fighting human trafficking mainly in Eastern Europe, Workman said.

The idea to host an awareness race in Waco came from Work-

man's experience at the World Mandate Conference, which was hosted by Antioch earlier this year.

There, she said, she became aware of the A21 Campaign and heard of other similar races.

Workman said the costs of the race were covered through "smart budgeting."

"We were able to cover the costs of the race because we were able to get a lot of things for free through our contacts and resources," Workman said.

For example, having the race start at the Waco Dam is free, unlike starting at Cameron Park,

she said.

Woodlands senior Laney Horton helped with the social media portion of planning the race.

She said Workman was the main person with the vision to start the race.

"It was Kelcy," Horton said. "She had a passion for [fighting] human trafficking — we all do — and she loves running and she felt like the Lord told her to do a run for the campaign."

Horton said she is glad to have a way to fight human trafficking while still in college.

"I can't be on the front lines in college — I need to graduate first

— but doing something like this gives me something tangible to work on," she said.

Christine Caine, director of Equip & Empower Ministries, and her husband, Nick, founded the A21 Campaign in 2008.

"The A21 Campaign's comprehensive approach includes raising awareness, preventing future trafficking, taking legal action and offering support services to survivors," the Equip & Empower website states.

To donate to the cause through We Run BecAuse, go to [www.active.com/running/waco-tx/werunbecause21-2012](http://www.active.com/running/waco-tx/werunbecause21-2012).

# General installs new security measures for U.S., Afghan troops

By LOLITA C. BALDOR AND  
PAULINE JELINEK  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — U.S. military commanders in Afghanistan have assigned "guardian angels" — troops that watch over their comrades even as they sleep — and have ordered a series of other increased security measures to protect troops against possible attacks by rogue Afghans.

The added protections are part of a directive issued in recent weeks by Marine Gen. John Allen, the top U.S. commander in Afghanistan, to guard against insider threats, according to a senior military official. And they come in the wake of a spike in attacks

on U.S. and coalition forces by Afghans, including the point-blank shooting deaths of two U.S. advisers in Afghanistan's Ministry of Interior.

Some of the changes have been subtle, others not so much.

In several Afghan ministries, Americans are now allowed to carry weapons. And they have been instructed to rearrange their office desks there to face the door, so they can see who is coming in, said the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity to describe the internal directive.

While Allen did not detail the new measures in a briefing earlier this week, he acknowledged that



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In this June 6, 2010, file photo, an Afghan Army soldier hands his weapon over to his comrade before jumping over a ditch during a patrol with Canadian soldiers of the First RCR Battle Group, in the Panjwayi district, south-west of Kandahar, Afghanistan. The new security directive issued by Marine Gen. John Allen will benefit troops such as these.

changes had been made.

"We have taken steps necessary on our side to protect ourselves with respect to, in fact, sleeping arrangements, internal defenses associated with those small bases in which we operate," Allen said, adding that now someone is "always overwatching our forces."

The security measures came after the U.S. military mistakenly burned Qurans and other religious materials in February, triggering anti-American demonstrations and riots. And on Feb. 25, two U.S. military advisers were gunned down at their desks in one of the most heavily guarded ministry building in Kabul.

As a result of the shootings, more than 300 advisers were pulled out of the Afghan ministries. So far, several dozen have returned, but many will not go back until additional security measures are put in place by the Afghans. That would include bet-

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# Perry's health care law isn't worth \$35 million

## Editorial

Women's health has been the surprising topic of much debate in this year's political climate. The latest development, a dispute between the state of Texas and the federal government over funding for the Women's Health Program, has raised both eyebrows and projected levels of state spending for the next fiscal year.

Texas enacted a law early this year that excludes Planned Parenthood from the state's health care program. The Obama administration says this law violates a Medicaid provision, which says patients can have any qualified health care provider of their choice, including Planned Parenthood. As a result, the Department of Health and Human Services will cut off all federal funding to the program, which currently provides 90 percent of the \$40 million operation.

Texas leaders argue that the law does not violate the Medicaid provision because Planned Parenthood, which provides abortions, is not a qualified health care provider.

Gov. Rick Perry defends the decision on the grounds that federal money cannot be used to provide abortions. Planned Parenthood says it is impossible that federal money was being secretly funneled toward abortion because the Women's Health Program is a reimbursement program based on receipts, rather than a blank check.

When this was pointed out to the Texas governor in an interview with CBS news, he responded "Well, we would rather be very sure of it."

\$35 million sure?

That's how much money the state budget is going to have to come up with to keep the health care program operating at the same level with the loss of federal funds. It seems like a lot of money to prove a point, especially a point that might very well be moot.

At no point has Perry or any other legislator backing this legislation pointed to data that suggests Planned Parenthood has been using federal funds to pay for abortions. Strong voices in the ensuing debate have insisted that the withdrawal of federal funds amounts to an attack on conservative Texas from a liberal White House. But as a Department of Health



and Human Services spokesman told reporters when the cutoff was announced, the Bush administration also denied Texas the authority to restrict patients' health care choice in 2005.

What the politics boil down to is the America-old struggle of states versus federal rights. While legislators claim they are diametrically opposed to funding any organization that has any connection to abortion, what they seem to actually be diametrically opposed to is

allowing the federal government to have any say in state operations. While this is a valid political viewpoint, one must remember that the state of Texas is accepting \$35 million federal dollars annually, and only supplementing that with five million state dollars.

Here are two major problems with this power play.

First: Texas does not have \$35 million dollars to fill the gap. Texas does not even have enough money for its current bud-

get. Perry has assured women that the Women's Health Program will continue without change because the Legislature will find the money, but one really has to wonder, from where? And if it is so simple to find \$35 million, why haven't we put that to good use before now?

Second: Women would really appreciate it if men could find a new issue to attack. The number of facetious comments posted on Perry's Facebook make it clear women do not appreciate the

coming changes. After the ire produced by the contraception debate, one might have thought legislators would want to let the hornet's nest rest.

Instead, the governor who once tried to mandate that all sixth grade girls must take the HPV vaccine wants to make sure the federal government is not telling Texas what to do.

Texas cannot afford a \$35 million health care law just to make a point. We need to scrap it for everyone's sake.

# It wouldn't hurt to have some political activism on campus

Baylor has provided me with many opportunities, and I will be forever grateful. There has been one thing missing from my undergraduate education, however: any form of debate or political consciousness on campus.

Call me crazy, but I would have loved to see an Occupy Fountain Mall or some protesters getting worked up over the contraception debate.

When I left for college, my parents warned me that everyone in college becomes a Democrat until he or she start making his or her own money, but from what I can tell, most of the students at Baylor don't seem to care.

Students at UC Davis were pepper sprayed following political activism. Obviously pepper spray is never a desirable outcome, but I can't think of a single instance where an opinion was visible at Baylor, much less threatening to



Amy Heard | Copy editor

authority. I'm not even asking that these demonstrations or protests or involvement align with my own political ideology.

I recently applied for a national scholarship that involved a day of interviews in which the 12 or so applicants, all vying for one slot, spent the day in a small

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room together. For the scholarship, each applicant had written a policy proposal on an issue of their choice, and conversation naturally turned toward discussion of the various policies.

I hate to say it, but my time at Baylor had in no way prepared me for the sustained, intellectual debate some of the applicants had over their issues. Two men had written policies about education, and they had a discussion ranging from testing methods to school funding. Each could cite schol-

ars and studies and had incredibly well-backed positions that the other respected but disagreed with. At no point did the discussion devolve to name-calling or circular reasoning.

In my experience, attempting to initiate a political discussion at Baylor either ends in frustration or anger. Too often, opinions are backed by little more than misplaced facts.

To accept blame where it is due, I have been guilty of retreating from conversations in anger. I once had a friend tell me that he got really upset when families used their food stamps at McDonald's. That might be a valid complaint, if people could actually use food stamps at McDonald's.

College is supposed to be an opportunity for expanding one's outlook on life. I wholeheartedly support everyone's right to his or her own opinion, but that opinion

should be based on a person's own thoughts and understandings of an issue.

By thoughts and understanding, I don't mean the thoughts and understanding of your parents. If you hold the exact same political beliefs on every point as your parents, you probably haven't really thought about a lot of it. Most of us have been disagreeing with our parents on everything from curfew to outfit choice since middle school. It seems strange to have wholehearted agreement on things much more important.

To clarify, I am not advocating disagreeing with your parents simply to disagree. I am, however, strongly suggesting the evaluation of all opinions and biases. You might agree with your parents on many, maybe even most, things, but come to those ideas on your own — you'll be in a better position to defend them later.

There are a lot of issues on which I am woefully ignorant, but there are quite a few I care about. Sometimes I wonder what effect an active political presence on campus would have had on my understanding of politics. Interacting with people who have strong, supported opinions has an interesting way of challenging what one believes.

Perhaps the proper response when one feels there isn't enough political activism is to start it yourself, but with five weeks until I graduate, I'm out of time.

I hope someday when I return to Waco, ambitious Baylor students will have stepped up and made Baylor a place where discussion is fostered and conceptions are challenged.

*Amy Heard is a senior English major from San Antonio and is a Lariat copy editor.*

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**Correction**  
Baylor's Service of Consolation and Hope, a service to help the community deal with grief over the recent deaths in the Baylor family, has been rescheduled to 8:30 p.m. Monday. The time change accommodates those wanting to watch Baylor women's basketball compete in the national championship game on Tuesday should the Lady Bears win their semifinal game on Sunday.

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# Justice Week held to educate students

By KAYLA REEVES  
REPORTER

Justice Week, a week of social justice awareness events, is coming to an end today with "Blankets on the Bowl" from 7 to 11 p.m. at the Bill Daniel Student Center Bowl.

Justice Week is hosted by the International Justice Mission, a worldwide organization that raises awareness about issues such as slavery, social oppression and human trafficking, said Erin Payseur, Student Life associate director for leadership development and civic engagement and adviser for International Justice Mission at Baylor.

Harlan, Iowa, freshman Ellen Klitgaard, public relations officer for the Baylor chapter of International Justice Mission, said she believes campaigns like Justice Week are effective at spreading awareness. Since Baylor's International Justice Mission is located on campus, educating students is a big part of their role with the national organization, Klitgaard said.

To fulfill this role, the chapter

teams up with other campus organizations such as student government, the Wells Project and UNITE Intersivity to host a week of activities related to international injustice.

"Each year, Baylor raises awareness and educates students on these issues," Payseur said. "We do a variety of events to engage students and inspire them to stand up against injustice."

Today's event will be "Blankets on the Bowl," which Payseur described as justice celebrated through the arts. Students can bring blankets, sit at the SUB bowl and see live musical performances, art exhibits and enjoy other activities. Coffee and hot cocoa will be offered and fair trade vendors selling jewelry, T-shirts and other products will attend, Klitgaard said. The International Justice Mission will accept donations during the event.

On Wednesday, Baylor's Justice Week hosted the Tunnel of Oppression, a guided tour event featuring skits that showed examples



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Fort Worth sophomore Chris Blauser acts out a scene illustrating religious persecution during Justice Week's Tunnel of Oppression on Wednesday at the Tidwell Bible Building.

of oppression.

Payseur said the topics were meant to make students personalize some of the issues, which included forced labor, sex trafficking and the persecuted church.

"I thought it was very eye-opening about important issues our society needs to be aware of," said Spring freshman Christina Ball, who went through the tunnel. "I hope that it inspired others to be active in pursuing justice in all areas of our community and the world."

Tuesday's event, called "Blind-ed," provided an opportunity for students to engage in discussion.

"They're blindfolded, assigned randomly to a small group and then a faculty member leads a discussion on a topic like race, gender or socioeconomic status," Payseur said.

Dr. Glen Stassen, professor at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky., presented a lecture on Monday detailing the role of Christians in addressing social injustice. Smaller breakout sessions followed.

The Baylor chapter of International Justice Mission meets at 5 p.m. every Wednesday on the third floor of the SUB. It is open to new members.

# Paul for long haul

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COLLEGE PARK, Md. — Texas Rep. Ron Paul said Wednesday he has no plans to drop out of the Republican presidential race, despite the fact that he is way behind in last place in the four-man contest.

Paul said to reporters after a speech at the University of Maryland he wants to debate "as long as possible, as long as there's a primary." He shrugged aside any pressure to drop out in order to unite behind frontrunner Mitt Romney.

"I want to talk about the Fed," Paul, who is a critic of the Federal Reserve's policies. "I want to talk about personal liberties. I want to talk about the war, and they're not talking about it, so unity is very secondary to debating issues in a serious way."

Romney is the leader with 568 delegates, based on a tally by The Associated Press. That is slightly less than half the needed 1,144. Rick Santorum has 273, and Newt Gingrich has 135. Paul has 50.

Paul spoke Wednesday night to a capacity crowd at the University of Maryland, College Park's Ritchie

Coliseum, where the fire marshal estimated about 1,780 people attended, including middle-aged spectators as well as students from the state's flagship university. Scores of students were turned away due to lack of space.

Paul appeared to be enjoying the attention as he energetically touched on anti-war and personal liberty themes as well as underscoring the need to shrink federal government. The audience responded enthusiastically as well, standing, applauding and chanting "President Paul."

Supporters described him as a civil libertarian with consistent views.

"He backs the Constitution," said Richard Smith, who drove from Chambersburg, Pa., with his wife, Joan for the event. "He's never swayed at all in any of his feelings or his stance on any one of the issues."

Maryland is drawing candidates this week in advance of the state's primary on April 3.

Former House Speaker Newt Gingrich was in Annapolis on Tuesday. Mitt Romney was in Arbutus last week.



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## Crowd seeking justice marches for slain Florida teen

Purdue students and community members march during a rally for slain teenager Trayvon Martin on Wednesday at Purdue University, in West Lafayette, Ind. Martin was wearing a hoodie and getting candy when he was shot and killed by a community watch volunteer last month.

## Lecture focuses on China

By KAYLA REEVES  
REPORTER

An expert on America's relationship with China will give the annual lecture for the Laura Blanche Jackson Endowed Memorial Lectureship in World Issues at 7 p.m. in the Paul W. Powell Chapel of George W. Truett Theological Seminary.

Dr. David Lampton, dean of faculty, professor of China Studies and director of the China Studies Program at Johns Hopkins University, will speak about China's growing world power and America's response to China's powerful position.

Lampton will speak about the different kinds of power a country

can have and the types of power America and China are developing.

Dr. Xin Wang, associate professor and director of Asian Studies, said Lampton is one of the foremost experts in Chinese studies.

"To say that he's just a director or professor of China studies is an understatement to capture what he does," Wang said. "Before he was a professor at Johns Hopkins, he was president for the National Committee on United States-China Relations, which is the most prestigious institute or organization dedicated to promoting a mutual understanding between the U.S. and China."

The lecture is free and open to the public.

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3:30 p.m., Carroll Science Hall, Room 101  
Student Literary Awards

7:00 p.m., Kayser Auditorium,  
Hankamer Business Building  
Poetry Reading by A.E. Stallings

### Thursday, March 29

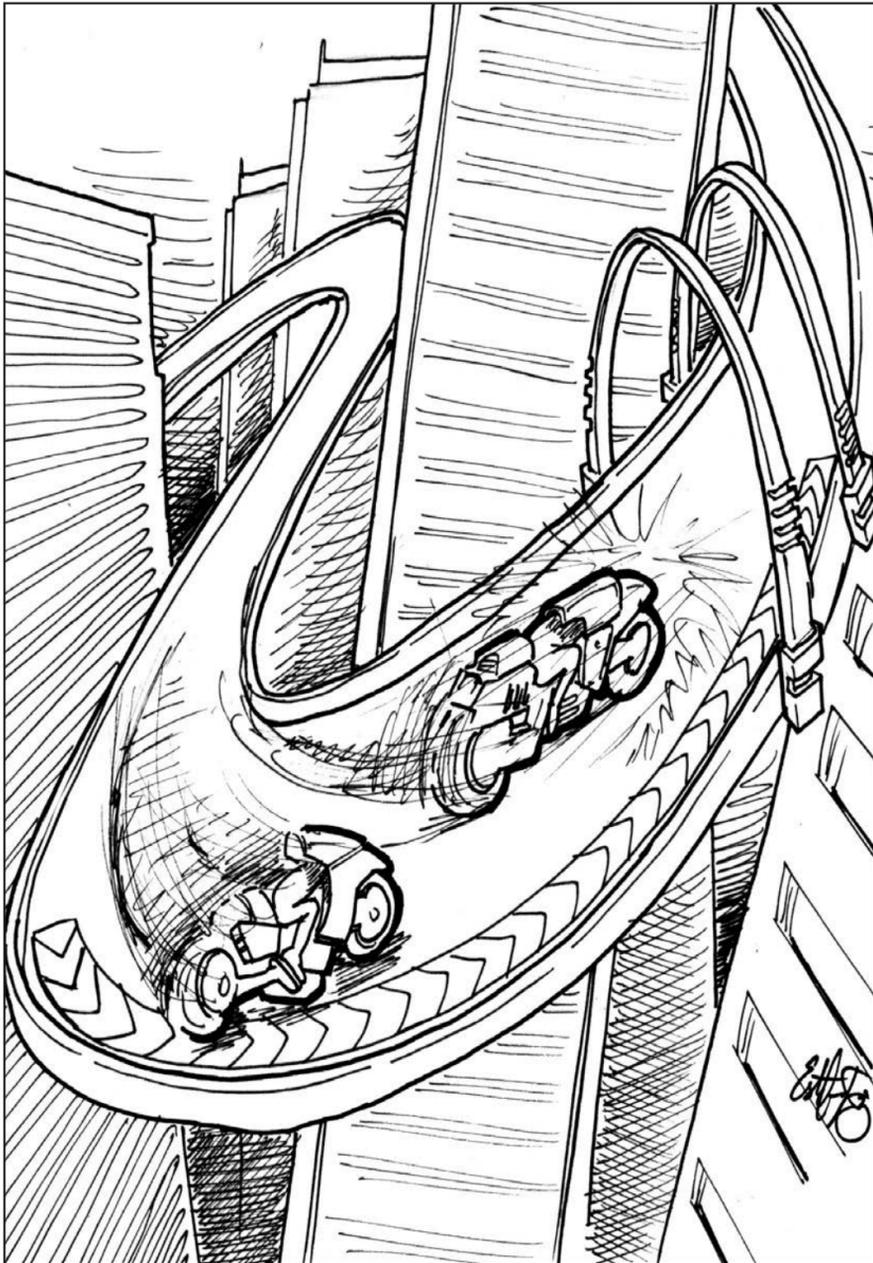
3:30 p.m., Kayser Auditorium,  
Virginia Beall Ball Lecturer in  
Contemporary Poetry: Jay Parini

7:00 p.m., Kayser Auditorium  
Poetry Reading by Stephen Dunn

### Friday, March 30

3:30 p.m., Carroll Science Hall, 101  
Panel Discussion with participants

7:00 p.m., Kayser Auditorium  
Poetry Reading by Michael Longley



# 'XG3: Extreme G Racing' breaks greatness barrier

*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

Ever broken the sound barrier? I have. Granted, it was technically done virtually on "XG3: Extreme G Racing," but as anyone who has ever played the game can tell you, it felt real.

While readers have suggested a plethora of games as potentially the best racing game ever — including submissions for "NASCAR Thunder 2003" and "Walt Disney World Quest: Magical Racing Tour" — in my opinion, "XG3" wins by a long-shot.

For a futuristic motorcycle racing game where you frequently break the sound barrier and actually kill your opponents, playing this game felt real. And it was fun. Like super, super fun. Significantly more fun than Fun Fun Fun Fest.

According to Google — yes, actually Google, not some search result — the speed of sound is 340.29 m/s or, in American, about 761 mph.

In "XG3," you go faster than that all the time. If you know what you're doing, you'll break that barrier several times per race. The game actually built in sound effects so that when you break the sound barrier, the sound is actually suspended, mirroring what you would actually hear if you broke the sound barrier.

The level of realism in this game is arguably unparalleled. In

addition to realistic sound barrier-breaking noises, when it's raining on screen, the camera actually gets hit by raindrops in random patterns. Let me rephrase that so that you can understand how cool that is: The programmers took the time to simulate the physics of rain hitting a fictional camera so that your view, as the game player, would actually be affected by the weather.

This is all taking place while you're dodging missiles and bullets. It's not like this game is just a speed test and you're trying desperately to unlock T.T. — that's a "Diddy Kong Racing" reference for those of you with deprived childhoods. You are actually trying to kill your opponents while racing through cities. It is "The Hunger Games" on superfast motorcycles. If that sounds cool, it's because it is.

As you win races, you get money, which you can use to buy faster engines — yes, breaking the sound barrier on a regular basis is not fast enough for higher difficulties — and new weapons, including missiles, machine guns and even railguns.

The railgun, by the way, is awesome. You charge it up as you're racing and then fire a beam of pure violent energy down the course at your opponents. Hit your opponent with it two or three times and it blows that racer up. They explode and they're out of the race. It's every bit as cool as it sounds.

You can win the races the traditional way by simply crossing the finishing line first or you can win by eliminating all of your opponents. Picture "Mario Kart 64" for a minute except now when you hit Yoshi with a shell, he can actually die. That's "XG3."

While you're doing all of this, you're racing through the coolest maps ever designed for a video game. You go through cities, underwater tunnels, deserts and forests. The scenery is awesome.

As if all of this isn't enough, the game actually has one of the coolest soundtracks in any game ever. The Ministry of Sound, a techno club and record label in London, provided the music for this game. As if everything you're doing wasn't intense enough, you have awesome techno music blaring in the background. This was all before Skrillex was cool, before Kanye West introduced us all to "Stronger."

Finally, in what is a fairly unique feature to the racing genre, there's actually a cooperative multiplayer mode. You and a friend can play as a duo in a racing team, knock out opponents together and split the winnings.

I know what you're thinking right now. You're thinking, "There's no way that this game is actually this cool. I would have played it by now."

The game actually is that cool. The problem is you. If you haven't played this game, you have failed at being a gamer. Go out and buy a GameCube or a PS2 and get this game on Amazon. Used copies are going for next to nothing. You owe it to yourself to play this game.

*Does reading this article make you think of a video game that you consider great? Please send us an email at lariat@baylor.edu with a suggestion for a "Great Video Game." Please include a few hundred words on why you consider your game to be great and you just might find your opinion here.*

# 'Game of Thrones' continues journey

*Editor's Note: This article contains details and spoilers from the first season of HBO's television series "Game of Thrones," which is based on the book "Game of Thrones" by George R.R. Martin. If you wish to avoid knowing the plot of the series or book, please read this article with caution.*

By CHUCK BARNEY  
McCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS

If you thought the world of "Game of Thrones" was incredibly vast and complex and festooned with a crazy multitude of characters, brace yourself for Season 2 of HBO's awesome fantasy epic.

Following the road map forged by mastermind (mad king?) George R.R. Martin, the series now takes on even more layers and more treachery, and follows so many diverse personalities over so much rugged Westeros terrain that you might find yourself wishing that HBO had provided fans with a GPS tracking device.

Of course, some characters always stand out amid the landscape, and in the four new episodes we've seen, our hands-down favorite is snark-spewing dwarf Tyrion Lannister, played by the marvelous Peter Dinklage. Tyrion, who skewers his rivals with a superior intellect and wit, always gets off the snappiest lines and brings a lighthearted touch to a series that tends to be oh so dark. Dinklage is proving that his Emmy award in Season 1 was richly deserved.

Then again, it's probably not a good idea to get too attached to anyone on this blasted show. Not after what happened last year to beloved warrior Lord Eddard (Ned) Stark (Sean Bean), who was beheaded by newly crowned teen King Joffrey Baratheon (Jack Gleason).

The gruesome death of what seemed to be the saga's main character blindsided many viewers and defied TV convention. But it also honored Martin's no-one-is-safe credo. This is an author, after all, who does brutal things to his characters.

And expect more brutality in Season 2 as war breaks out all over Westeros with various factions driven by their own bloody agendas. Among them are rival brothers of the late King Robert Baratheon (Mark Addy), Renly (Gethin Anthony) and Stannis (Stephen Dillane), who both stake a claim to Joffrey's Iron Throne. Though Renly is backed by the larger army, Stannis has the support of a mysterious "red priestess" named Melisandre (Carice van Houten), who apparently has some magical mojo working in her favor.

Also vying for power: noble Robb Stark (Richard Madden), who is out to avenge his father's death; Baylon Greyjoy (Patrick Malahide), ruthless ruler of the Iron Islands; and young Daenerys Targaryen (Emilia Clarke), who has three newborn dragons in her arsenal.

To get what they want, they'll have to unseat Joffrey, who is such an arrogant and terrifyingly demented little brat that we have to refrain from throwing things at the TV whenever he's on screen. We can hardly wait to see the look on his smug mug whenever he learns that he's the incestuous offspring of a conniving mother, Queen Cersei (Lena Headey), and her brother Jaime (Nikolaj Coster-Waldau).

If that's not enough to keep track of, we're also following Jon Snow (Kit Harrington), Eddard's "bastard" son, as he slogs across the frozen northern wilderness as a steward of the Night's Watch, and his half-sister, Arya Stark (Maisie Williams), who is hiding from Joffrey's goons while traveling incognito as a boy.



What's truly encouraging about Season 2 is that executive producers David Benioff and D.B. Weiss have managed to add the new plots and personalities without sapping the narrative tension that helped make "Thrones" last year's best drama. They continue to weave an intricate tapestry of betrayal, tension, vengeance, greed, Machiavellian intrigue, sex and enough violence to make "The Hunger Games" look like a powder puff contest (prepare yourself for at least one more head on a pike).

In some ways, what they and Martin have given us is a medieval version of "Survivor," only with swords and much better costumes. It's fascinating to watch the shifting alliances working to outwit, outlast and outplay each other while trying to not get stabbed in the back... or throat, or gut.

That "Thrones" remains so utterly unpredictable makes it even more mesmerizing. Just when you think you know where this lavish story and these people are going, it totally surprises you.

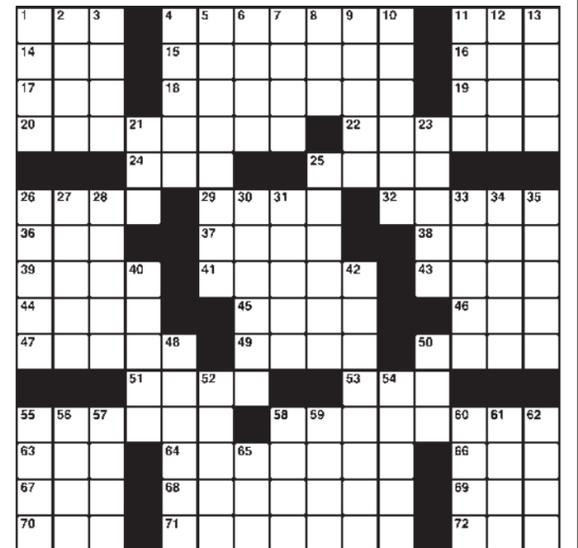
And, as we've learned from poor Ned's demise, there is absolutely no room for honor in this game.

Play on.

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# Softball falls to No. 15 Aggies

By KRISTA PIRTLE  
SPORTS WRITER

With only three hits on the evening, the No. 17 Baylor Lady Bears softball team lost on the road to No. 15 Texas A&M 6-1 at the Aggie Softball Complex in College Station.

Senior right fielder Kayce Walker was leadoff for Baylor, hitting .500 against the Aggies so far.

This time she never reached first base, flying out to left field twice and grounding out to the pitcher.

She wasn't the only one struggling in the batter's box as the Lady Bears did not get a hit until the top of the fifth.

All six of Texas A&M's runs were scored with two outs.

The Aggies scored early and never looked back.

In the second inning sophomore Cassie Tysarczyk, who reached on a throwing error, scored on the first hit of the game, a double to right-center by sophomore Amber Garza.

Another RBI single by senior Kelsea Orsak sent Garza home for the 2-0 lead.

The Aggies plated scored two more in the bottom of the fourth to expand their lead to 4-0. Garza and Tyler each drew walks and added a base on a wild pitch. With two outs, Orsak hit her second double of the day and scored Garza and Tyler.

The Lady Bears finally got on



THE BATTALION | COURTESY PHOTO

Freshman Delaney Guy swings at the ball during a game against Texas A&M Wednesday in College Station.

the board in the top of the fifth off sophomore first baseman Holly Holl's double to left center field. She would be brought home off a sacrifice fly to left from freshman shortstop Jordan Strickland, her sixth RBI of the year.

A&M topped it off in bottom of the fifth, with a two out, two run homer by Tysarczyk.

The Lady Bears attempted a comeback in the sixth, as junior Kathy Shelton and senior Megan Turk delivered back-to-back singles, but a strikeout by sophomore Clare Hosack ended the threat.

Defensively, Hosack threw out to runners on the night, with one pickoff and one caught stealing.

Dumezich (15-6) threw five strikeouts and gave up just one earned run on three hits for her

third conference victory of the season.

Baylor's Courtney Repka (10-4) tossed 3 2/3 innings, allowing two earned runs on five hits and walking two.

Neither of the Lady Bears' pitchers threw a strikeout through six complete innings.

These two teams will meet again in Waco on Tuesday, April 10 and in College Station on Tuesday, April 24 to determine a winner in the three game series.

As for its next games, Baylor will remain on the road when it travels to No. 12 Missouri for a three-game series with the Tigers beginning on Friday at 6:00 p.m. Saturday's game will be broadcast nationally on Fox Sports Net beginning at 3:30 p.m.

# Women's tennis receives first Big 12 weekly award

By KASEY McMILLIAN  
REPORTER

Conference officials announced Baylor's women's tennis player Nina Secerbegovic as the Big 12 Player of the Week on Monday.

Senior Secerbegovic has had three consecutive 4-3 singles wins in the last week against No. 22 Clemson, Kansas, and No. 75 Kansas State.

Her repetitive 3-0 victories in singles made Secerbegovic the perfect candidate for the award after playing an important role towards the Lady Bears previous Big 12 wins.

On March 20, Secerbegovic paired up with freshman Ema Burgic in doubles and together they are currently ranked No. 46 and have a 4-1 record. The Bear's duo defeated the Tiger's No. 17 ranked double's partners, Keri Wong and Josipa Bek.

In singles, Secerbegovic and Wong went up against each other individually and Secerbegovic ended up defeating Clemson's No. 47 athlete 6-2, 7-6(4).

Saturday and Sunday, Secerbegovic was under a lot of pressure in singles whenever the final point came down to her match again against Kansas and Kansas State.

The overall win was left up to Secerbegovic but she became one of Baylor's most valuable players after coming out on top. She defeated Kansas's Paulina Los with a 6-2, 6-1 win and a 6-0, 6-1 win against Kansas State's No. 83 Karla Bonacic.

This season, Secerbegovic is ranked No. 27 overall. She has a



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Senior Nina Secerbegovic returns the ball during a doubles match against Clemson March 20 at the Hurd Tennis Center.

17-3 record in singles and in doubles a 10-6 record with all her current partners.

"I'm not personally just trying to get better for myself but for my other teammates and the new freshmen to teach them how it is from my experience, how it was to get to this point in my life where I am now," said Secerbegovic. "If I can do that and help them overcome their difficulties that they have now then at least I can say I made something happen while I was here."

Secerbegovic received her fourth Big 12 Player of the Week throughout her career, but it is the first time this season for one of the women's tennis players to receive

this award.

The Lady Bears have had a very successful season holding a 14-5 record and are currently ranked No. 13. Baylor's next games will be here in Waco this weekend against No. 44th-ranked Oklahoma at 5 p.m. Friday and against No. 42nd-ranked Oklahoma at 1 p.m. Sunday.

"We try not to put our ego first, we try to put our team first," Secerbegovic said. "Our primary goal is to win the NCAA championship and that's what we're working for. If it's necessary to win those awards to get that championship then so be it but until then we're going to work to get that championship."

# Griner among Wooden finalists

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LOS ANGELES — Brittney Griner of Baylor, Nnemkadi Ogumike of Stanford and Skylar Diggins of Notre Dame are among the finalists for the John R. Wooden Award given to the top women's college basketball player.

Griner and Ogumike were finalists last year, when Maya Moore of Connecticut won for the second time.

The other finalists are Elena Delle Donne of Delaware and Julie Wojta of Wisconsin Green Bay. All five women were named to the women's Wooden All-American team on Wednesday.

Griner, Ogumike and Diggins have led their teams to the women's Final Four in Denver.

Griner's team is ranked No. 1 and at 38-0 is two wins away from completing a perfect season and the first 40-win season in NCAA

history, men's or women's.

Griner and Ogumike were also named unanimous selections to the Associated Press All-America team yesterday.

Griner and Ogumike will face off in their teams' Final Four matchup at 8 p.m. Sunday in Denver.

The women's Wooden Award winner will be announced on April 6 in a ceremony at the Los Angeles Athletic Club.

## Sports Briefs

### Fans invited to cheer on Lady Bears at send-off

Baylor women's basketball is holding a send-off rally at 4:30 p.m. today outside the Ferrell Center as the Lady Bears depart for Denver to play in the Final Four. Fans will hear from head coach Kim Mulkey and select players.

### Track star earns weekly conference award

Sophomore Tiffani McReynolds was named Big 12 Female Athlete of the Week. McReynolds had a national-best time in the 100 hurdles last weekend at the UCF Invitational and top-six marks in both the 100 and 200 meters.

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# Kappa Phi Gamma pageant seeks to raise students' cancer awareness

By AMANDA THOMAS  
REPORTER

Kappa Phi Gamma will host the fourth annual Mr. C.A.R.E. Week Pageant from 7 to 9 p.m. today in Bennett Auditorium. Tickets will be available to purchase at the door for \$5, and 100 percent of the proceeds will go to Scott and White Research foundation in Temple. Scott and White Healthcare is a non-profit collaborative health care system that was founded in 1897.

"The founders of Kappa Phi Gamma decided to make cancer awareness our philanthropy because most people know of someone who has been affected with cancer," Katy sophomore Sarika Sanghvi and president of Kappa Phi Gamma, said.

Kappa Phi Gamma has hosted C.A.R.E. Week (Cancer: A Real Effort) for 11 years, and this is the

fourth year they have hosted the Mr. C.A.R.E. Week Pageant.

"Kappa Phi Gamma is supporting a great cause and this is a great way to support them [Kappa Phi Gamma]," Tulsa, Okla. freshman Parth Bhakta, one of the pageant participants, said.

Any male student can participate in the pageant. This year, five students are competing for a new TV and the 2012 Mr. C.A.R.E. Week crown.

"I wanted to work with Kappa Phi Gamma," Houston freshman Jonathan Jaoude said. "It's been really fun and easy getting to know the other guys that are competing."

The pageant will include three parts — costume, talent and questionnaire.

For the costume portion of the competition, the contestants have to dress up like certain rock legends. The participant that looks most like their rock legend will re-

ceive the highest score.

Sanghvi said the talent portion is the most anticipated.

"All of the contestants have some really great talents this year," she said.

Though Jaoude said he is the most nervous about the questionnaire portion, he thinks he will do well in the talent portion with one he recently learned — magic.

"I learned a few tricks over spring break," Jaoude said. "I won't do magic again, but it has been fun."

Over the years, Kappa Phi Gamma nationally has raised more than \$64,000 for cancer awareness. Bhakta said he expects the pageant to be a successful fundraiser as well.

"I think we will raise a lot of money, which goes to their philanthropy," Bhakta said. "People should come to support the cause and get a few laughs."

## DOMAIN from Page 1

of Baylor because of the domain owner's inactivity, as well as the similarity to the Baylor trademark. The domain name was so similar that it could be confused with a university-sanctioned web site, the

panel said.

The university is pleased with the decision issued by the forum, and will actively pursue any similar issues which may arise in the future, Lori Fogle-

man, Baylor director of media communications, said.

"We will be uncompromising in our defense of our trademarks and our brands against any misuse," Fogleman said.

## SECURITY from Page 1

ter vetting procedures, background checks and physical security measures at the ministries. The military official also said some advisers may not return, since commanders have determined that some may no longer be needed in the jobs.

The military official said Allen issued the directive "to get every single troop in the war zone to read it and think" — and to emphasize that troops should be aware of their surroundings as they go about their jobs.

U.S. commanders and Defense Secretary Leon Panetta say the killings do not represent a trend, and they say that less than half of the killings have been by Afghans associated with the Taliban.

Instead, Allen said, these types of attacks come with fighting an insurgency and happened in Iraq and Vietnam. The enemy, he said, will do what it can to disrupt efforts to train and grow a nation's indigenous security force.

Still, the recent spike in Afghans gunning down troops they are serving alongside reflects increased tensions between the two countries just as the coalition escalates efforts to train Afghans to take over their own security so that

most NATO forces can leave by the end of 2014.

Officials insist the killings have not hampered the U.S. mission in Afghanistan. But they come at a time when new, small advisory teams are heading into Afghanistan to beef up the training program, requiring them to work closely with Afghan military units.

So far this year, 16 NATO service members have been shot and killed by Afghan soldiers and policemen or militants disguised in their uniforms, according to an Associated Press tally. That equals 18 percent of the 84 foreign troops killed this year in Afghanistan. Of the approximately 80 NATO service members killed since 2007 by Afghan security forces, more than 75 percent were in the past two years.

In two separate incidents on Monday, Afghan security forces shot and killed one American and two British troops.

In one incident, two British service members were killed by an Afghan soldier in front of the main gate of a joint civilian-military base in southern Afghanistan, the coalition said. And in the second incident, a U.S. service

member was shot and killed at a checkpoint in Paktika province in eastern Afghanistan by a man who was believed to be a member of a village-level fighting force the U.S. is fostering in hopes of countering the Taliban insurgency.

According to the military official, the so-called guardian angels provide an extra layer of security, watching over the troops as they sleep, when they are exercising, and going about their day.

The Afghans have also inserted their own intelligence officers into their units to help try and ferret out possible insurgents or rogue soldiers.

And, since the ministry shooting, the Afghans have taken a number of steps to increase building security in the ministries and to improve the vetting of their workers.

"They are helping the troops to understand how to recognize radicalization or the emergence of extremism in some of those, in individuals who may in fact be suspect," said Allen.

He noted that there have also been some arrests by Afghan forces when they identified possible attackers within their ranks.

# Illinois congressman criticized for wearing hoodie during proceedings

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WASHINGTON — Rep. Bobby Rush donned a hoodie during a speech on the House floor Wednesday deploring the killing of Florida teenager Trayvon Martin, receiving a reprimand for violating rules on wearing hats in the House chamber.

The Illinois Democrat spoke out against racial profiling and, as he removed his suit coat and pulled the hood on the sweatshirt he was wearing underneath over his head, saying "just because some-

one wears a hoodie does not make them a hoodlum."

Rush was interrupted by the presiding officer, Mississippi Republican Gregg Harper, who reminded him that the wearing of hats was not allowed and "members need to remove their hoods or leave the floor."

On Tuesday the 17-year-old Martin's parents spoke on Capitol Hill at a Democratic-sponsored panel on racial profiling.

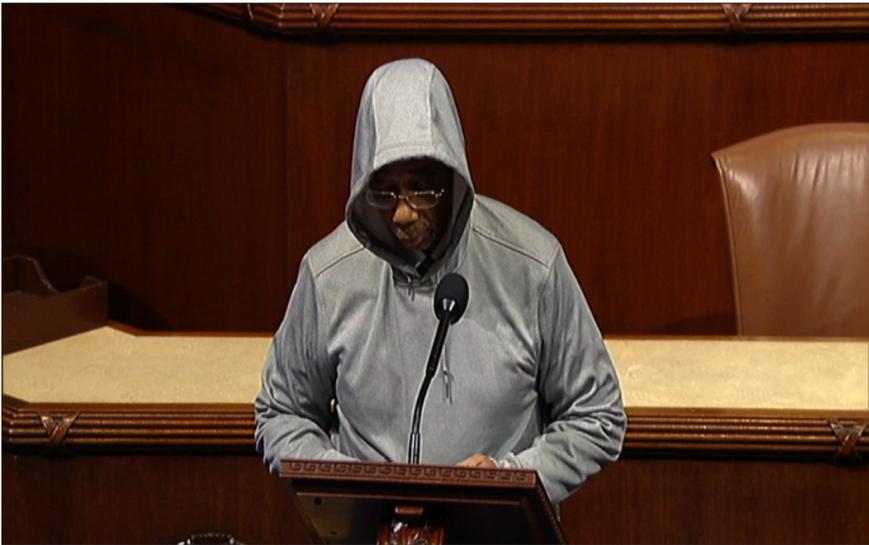
Rush founded the Illinois chapter of the Black Panthers in 1968 and served six months in prison

for illegal possession of weapons when he was in his 20s.

He went on to get a political science degree from Chicago's Roosevelt University, won a seat on Chicago's city council in 1983 and was elected to Congress from Chicago's South Side in 1992.

In 2000 he defeated Barack Obama, then a state senator, in a primary battle for Rush's seat.

Rush lost a son to a shooting in 1999 and has been a strong advocate for victims of gun violence.



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This handout frame grab from video, provided by House Television shows Rep. Bobby Rush, D-Ill., wearing a hoodie, speaking on the floor of the House on Capitol Hill in Washington, Wednesday, March 28, 2012. Rush donned a hoodie during a speech on the House floor deploring the killing of Florida teenager Trayvon Martin, receiving a reprimand for violating rules on wearing hats in the House chamber.

# Amazon CEO wants Apollo 11 engines

By ALICIA CHANG  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES — For more than four decades, the powerful engines that helped boost the Apollo 11 mission to the moon have rested in the Atlantic.

Now Internet billionaire and space enthusiast Jeff Bezos wants to raise at least one of them to the surface.

An undersea expedition spearheaded by Bezos used sonar to find what he said were the F-1 engines located 14,000 feet deep. In an online announcement Wednesday, the Amazon.com CEO and founder said he is drawing up plans to recover the sunken engines, part of the mighty Saturn V rocket that launched Neil Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin and Michael Collins on their moon mission.

The five engines, which produced nearly 7.7 million pounds of thrust, dropped into the sea as planned minutes after liftoff in 1969. Four days later, Armstrong and Aldrin walked on the moon.

"We don't know yet what condition these engines might be in," he wrote. "They hit the ocean at high velocity and have been in salt water for more than 40 years. On the other hand, they're made of tough stuff, so we'll see."

Bezos acknowledged the engines were the property of NASA, but said he hoped they will be displayed in museums.

NASA expressed excitement about the find. The space agency said it has not been formally contacted by Bezos and waited for more information.

"There has always been great interest in artifacts from the early days of space exploration and his announcement only adds to the enthusiasm of those interested in NASA's history," NASA spokesman Bob Jacobs said in a statement.

No timetable has been set for the recovery. When it happens, it'll undoubtedly take longer to hoist the 19-foot engines off the sea floor than the 2 1/2 minutes it took for them to power off the launch pad.

The sea floor is littered with spent rockets and flight parts from missions dating back to the dawn of the Space Age and it's unknown what survived decades later after crashing into the ocean.

In 2009, a private company salvaged Gus Grissom's Mercury capsule that accidentally sank in the Atlantic after splashdown in 1961. It was restored and displayed at the Kansas Cosmosphere and Space Center.

Bezos' planned Apollo recovery is the latest deep-sea adventure

by the wealthy. "Avatar" director James Cameron over the weekend rode a mini-sub to Earth's deepest spot in the western Pacific Ocean, seven miles below the surface, which he described as an alien world. Sir Richard Branson plans a similar dive to the deepest part of the Atlantic, the Puerto Rican trench, later this year.

Bezos was 5 years old when he watched the moon landing on television and became hooked on getting to space. NASA "sure inspired me, and with this endeavor, maybe we can inspire a few more youth to invent and explore," he wrote.

It was not immediately clear when Bezos' team spotted the Apollo engines. Bezos offered few details about the discovery and did not say how he knew the engines were from Apollo 11.

Amazon spokesman Drew Herdener said Bezos was not available for comment.

Bezos' Blue Origin has been developing a vertical takeoff and landing rocketship that would fly passengers to suborbital space. It has NASA funding to compete to go into orbit as a space taxi now that the space shuttle fleet is retired.

Last year, a test flight went awry when the vehicle became unstable at 45,000 feet and crashed.

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