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Get ready for stomp
 StompFest tickets are on sale for \$8 in the box office of the Bill Daniel Student Center. Tickets will be \$10 at the door. All tickets are general admission seating. StompFest finals will be from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on April 14

Tennis to the fore
 Men's tennis will play the University of Texas from 6 to 9 p.m. Wednesday at the Hurd Tennis Center. Tickets can be purchased at the box office of the SUB Den or at www.baylorbears.com



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Lady Bears rise to NCAA challenge

By KRISTA PIRTLE
 SPORTS WRITER

DENVER — Unfinished business has not been the motto of only the Baylor Lady Bears this season.

After losing 76-70 to Texas A&M in the National Championship last year, Notre Dame claims this slogan as well.

"It's going to be a good game," Griner said. "We beat them earlier in the season, but we've got to erase that. This is the game everybody wants."

These two teams played earlier this season in Waco in the pre-season WNIT tournament championship.

Junior Brittney Griner recorded 32 points and 14 rebounds, and the Lady Bears went on to win 94-81.

But that game was only the fourth game of the season for both teams.

In that match-up, Irish head coach Muffet McGraw was disappointed with the way her team guarded Baylor's other players.

Whereas the Stanford match-

up for Baylor was seen as a battle in the paint, the backcourt is the focus against Notre Dame.

The Irish are led by Nancy Lieberman Award-winning junior point guard Skylar Diggins who averages 16.8 points a game.

"She's great all around," sophomore point guard Odyssey Sims said about Diggins. "She has great vision she can take it off the dribble and pull up two, and that's what makes her so great. And she makes everyone around her better. And we play U.S.A. team ball together. Played on one

team. She's a great teammate, was a great teammate, and I look for a challenge on Tuesday."

Offsetting Diggins will be Sims whose defensive efforts fuel her scoring.

In the backcourt, Notre Dame's Natalie Novosel, Brittany Mallory and Kayla McBride will be key behind Diggins.

Their ability to nail triples against UConn, especially in overtime, is what punched their ticket to the championship game.

For Baylor, Nae Nae Hayden needs to have a game like she did

against Tennessee, going 3 for 3 from behind the three-point line to pull defenders away from the paint to open up looks for the posts.

For junior Jordan Madden, her scoring will be needed like it was against Stanford, but her defense on Novosel will be key to this game.

As far as the frontcourt goes, Baylor has the advantage, especially when 6-foot-8 Griner towers over a 6-foot-3 defender.

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Asbestos hazard shuts down SUB basement indefinitely

By ROB BRADFIELD
 STAFF WRITER

Flooding and hazardous materials have caused the closure of the Bill Daniel Student Center basement and the displacement of bowling classes that normally take place there.

While cleaning up the flood damage to the building's basement level that occurred the night of March 20, workers discovered asbestos insulation beneath the bowling alley. The asbestos had been used as soundproofing for the lanes and had laid undisturbed since their construction.

The lanes will be closed until the asbestos can be removed, which Lori Fogleman, Baylor director of media relations, said may take several weeks.

"We will know more once we actually begin the process," Fogleman said.

Exposure to asbestos is linked with several health issues. Long-term exposure can cause lung cancer and Mesothelioma, a rare form of cancer affecting the lining of the lungs and chest cavity, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Many old buildings contain asbestos insulation, but when left

undisturbed, it can be perfectly safe, according to the EPA.

Fogleman said no students, faculty or staff were in danger before the flooding occurred. Asbestos becomes a danger when it is disturbed, like by the flood in the SUB basement.

Fogleman said Baylor is following the proper regulatory requirements for removing the damaged asbestos to ensure students and staff remain safe.

"During the abatement process, nobody will be exposed to [the asbestos]," Fogleman said.

The entire bowling alley area will be closed off until the area



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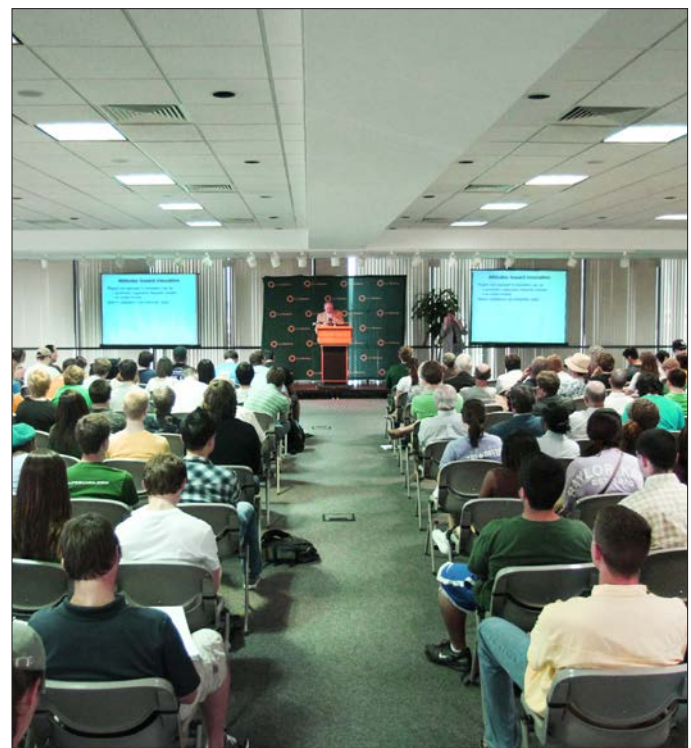
Due to an asbestos hazard, the basement level of the Bill Daniel Student Center has been blocked off until further notice.

can be cleaned, which has interrupted the bowling classes.

Mary Ann Jennings, professor of health and human performance, said the bowling classes will be held off-site for at least a month.

The university has worked out a deal with AMF Lake Air Lanes on Bosque Boulevard to allow the nearly 120 students enrolled in bowling classes to bowl

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Dr. Timur Kuran, a professor of economics and political science at Duke University, gives a lecture on how Islamic law may have held back Middle Eastern societies economically on Monday in Cashion Academic Center.

Lecture: Islamic property laws hamper Middle East economies

By DANIEL C. HOUSTON
 STAFF WRITER

One of the world's most influential scholars on Islam's impact on Middle East economics spoke before a large Baylor audience Monday, arguing certain provisions of Islamic law stifled innovation in the region for centuries.

Dr. Timur Kuran, professor of economics and political science at Duke University, said Islamic law discouraged the development of large corporations that accompanied Europe and America's economic progress in the industrial revolution.

"In the 18th and 19th centuries — the time of the industrial revolution — it was becoming increasingly useful to be able to form large and long-lasting com-

mercial companies," Kuran said, "but the Middle East lacked the necessary commercial institutions, so commerce between the Middle East and Europe fell under the control of westerners. In time, the West was able to industrialize, and the Middle East could not industrialize."

The Hankamer School of Business invited Kuran to give the lecture. Dr. Charles North, associate professor of economics, introduced Kuran and said his work was valuable in part because it corrected the misconception that the Middle East lagged behind the West due to some anti-commercial sentiment within Islam.

"Timur Kuran is a top-notch scholar and easily the world's foremost authority on the legal and economic institutions of the

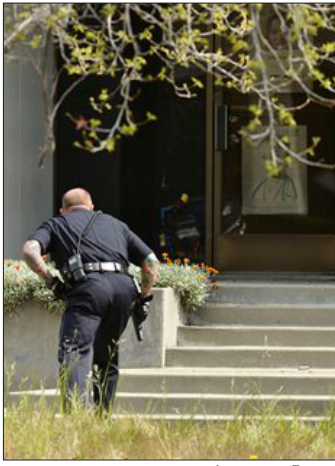
Middle East," North said. "Far from succumbing to stereotypes about Islam, professor Kuran's research confronts the laws and the economies of the Middle East to understand why the region is the way that it is today, and why it is the way that we see it."

Kuran said Islamic inheritance law made it difficult for merchants to keep property within the family. Inheritance law required the two-thirds of a person's estate be granted to extended relatives, rather than a direct heir, undermining continuity in an Islamic business partnership.

Although there was technically no limit to the number of people who could cooperate in an Islamic partnership, Kuran said

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Dallas child starved to death at home



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DALLAS — The father and stepmother of a missing 11-year-old boy were in custody Monday after Dallas police accused them of starving the child to death, perhaps as long as a year ago, by locking him in his bedroom and feeding him “military rations” as punishment, authorities said.

Johnathan Ramsey’s father, Aaron Ramsey, and stepmother, Elizabeth Ramsey, were charged with felony injury to a child. Police said they did not immediately expect to announce more charges.

According to police records, Aaron Ramsey confessed to limiting the boy’s meals to bread, water and sometimes milk, and confining him to his bedroom in the

family’s Dallas home, the Dallas Morning News reported. The boy eventually stopped being able to walk and began to eat his own feces, police said.

Johnathan was found lying on the bedroom floor in August, according to the records. Aaron Ramsey told detectives he changed his son into his favorite T-shirt, placed him into a sleeping bag and inserted a dryer sheet to mask the smell of his body, the records said. He eventually left the boy’s body in rural Ellis County, south of Dallas, the records said.

Police said they searched Ellis County for the boy’s remains, but suspended their efforts Sunday.

Johnathan’s grandfather, Edward Ramsey, had contacted police Thursday to ask them to search

for the child because he had not seen the boy since January 2011. Ramsey told WFAA-TV that the Ramseys “kept putting us off” when he asked to see the boy.

“Johnathan always had something else going on,” Ramsey said. “I told him (Aaron Ramsey) I was tired of the waiting and delays. I wanted to see my grandson.”

Aaron Ramsey and the boy’s mother, Judy Williams, divorced in 2006, according to Williams’ stepmother, Starla Swanson. Williams took custody of the couple’s other son and re-married. She now lives in New Mexico and had not seen Johnathan in “several years,” Swanson told The Associated Press.

“There’s a 12- to 14-hour drive between the two places that they lived,” Swanson said. “It is finan-

cially unfeasible for either one of them to make that trip. Judy could not with two other children and a husband, and Aaron was unwilling.”

Aaron and Elizabeth Ramsey initially claimed the boy had gone to live with his mother, but later confessed, police said.

Aaron Ramsey, a U.S. Army veteran who left active duty in 2003 and later served in the Texas National Guard, said he put his son on “military rations” because the boy began to misbehave early last year. Ramsey said the boy had punched his stepmother in the stomach when she was pregnant, causing a miscarriage. Ramsey said he hit Johnathan in the chest and then locked him in a bedroom, according to the records.

Elizabeth Ramsey said she tried to feed the boy more regular meals, but his health declined when Aaron Ramsey took over feeding. As the boy’s weight plummeted, Johnathan began to look “like one of those kids you see on commercials from Africa,” she told police.

Williams talked with her son — who Swanson called “J.L.” — on the phone and by email, Swanson said. Williams, who could not be reached Wednesday, thought something was wrong the last time she spoke to Johnathan. Williams tried to fight for visitation and was scheduled to have a court hearing on the issue soon, Swanson said.

“The last conversation that Judy had with J.L. is she knew something was wrong and J.L. would not tell her what,” Swanson said.

Gunman kills at least seven, wounds three in shooting

By **TERRY COLLINS**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

OAKLAND, Calif. — A gunman opened fire at a Christian university in California Monday before being captured hours later at a shopping center in a nearby city, authorities said. At least seven people were killed and three more sustained injuries in the shooting.

The gunfire erupted around midmorning at Oikos University in Oakland, police said. Television footage showed heavily armed officers swarming the building in a large industrial park near the Oakland airport.

The footage also showed bloodied victims on stretchers being loaded into ambulances. Several bodies covered in sheets were laid out on a patch of grass at the school.

For at least an hour after the shooting began, police thought the shooter could still be on campus.

Myung Soon Ma, the school’s secretary, said she could not provide any details about what happened at the small private school, which serves the Korean community with courses ranging from theology to Asian medicine.

“I feel really sad, so I cannot talk right now,” she said, speaking from her home. “No one can go there because the access is restricted right now.”

Police believe the shooter acted alone, though they have not discussed a possible motive.

Police spokeswoman Cynthia Perkins said the death toll was placed at seven Monday afternoon. She did not release any other details about the victims, but said officials had planned a news conference later.

Officer Johnna Watson said the suspect is an Asian male in his 40s who was taken into custody at a shopping center in the neighboring city of Alameda. She would not confirm if he was a student.

Watson said most of the wounded or dead were shot inside the building.

“It’s a very fluid situation and an active investigation,” Watson said, declining to discuss details of the arrest or a possible motive.

KTVU-TV reported that the shooter was a student and opened fire in a classroom.

Pastor Jong Kim, who founded the school about 10 years ago, told the Oakland Tribune that the shooter was a nursing student who was no longer enrolled. He did not know if the shooter was expelled or dropped out.

Kim said he heard about 30 rapid-fire gunshots in the building.

“I stayed in my office,” he said.

Deborah Lee, who was in an English language class, said she heard five to six gunshots at first. “The teacher said, ‘Run, and we run,’” she said. “I was OK, because I know God protects me. I’m not afraid of him.”

According to its website, Oikos University also offers studies in music and nursing. A telephone message left on the university’s main voicemail was not immediately returned.

Jerry Sung, the university’s accountant, said the school offers courses in both Korean and English to less than 100 students. He said the campus consisted of one building.

“The founder felt there was a need for theology and nursing courses for Korean-Americans who were newer to the community,” Sung said. “He felt they would feel more comfortable if they had Korean-American professors.”

Mitt Romney looks to secure GOP nomination

By **KASIE HUNT AND STEVE PEOPLES**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

GREEN BAY, Wis. — As Mitt Romney looked for a sweep in Tuesday’s three Republican primaries to tighten his grip on the party’s nomination, President Barack Obama criticized the GOP frontrunner by name in a campaign ad for the first time, signaling that he too thinks the nomination race is all but over.

Regardless of the outcome in Wisconsin, Maryland and Washington, D.C., Romney was rapidly shifting toward the general election — and the challenges of Obama’s better-financed and better-organized opposition.

The president flexed that campaign muscle Monday, suggesting that he’s ready for Romney even if the former Massachusetts governor isn’t quite ready for him. Obama released a television ad set

to run in six swing states accusing Romney of standing with “Big Oil.” The ad came hours after the release of a similar campaign from an Obama ally.

Romney has been ignoring his Republican rivals for several days and taking it to the Democratic president, whom he accused Monday of “crushing dreams” with a “government-centered society.”

“He takes his political inspiration from the capitals of Europe,” Romney told supporters in Green Bay, Wis., one day before the latest primaries in the GOP fight. “His version of a perfect world is a big-spending big government.”

The grinding Republican primary, already three months old, has complicated his ability to refocus his broader organization and resources toward Obama. Aides concede that fundraising for the fall match-up is lagging.

Romney’s recent string of high-dollar California fundraisers

was limited to raising money only for the Republican primary contests. Aides are only beginning to take steps to raise cash to use against Obama, who has been aggressively fundraising and distributed staff on the ground in almost every state in the nation. The delay has given Obama a massive head start.

At the end of February, Obama reported \$84.7 million in his campaign account compared to Romney’s \$7.3 million. Obama has more than 530 paid staff compared to roughly 100 for Romney.

Romney and his allies have spent a combined \$53 million on television advertising so far this



Romney

election cycle compared to just \$27 million from his three Republican competitors combined, according to data compiled by the media tracking firm SMG Delta.

In the primary race, Romney has a huge advantage in delegates. On Monday, The Associated Press count had Romney with exactly half the delegates needed to win the nomination, 572.

For the fall campaign, Romney’s presidential hopes may rest, at least in part, upon the ability of the Republican National Committee to give him a running start.

Last week, the committee announced it had filled a “presidential trust” with \$21 million to spend in coordination with the nominee. But there is no limit on what the committee can raise and spend on its own to support the party’s presidential contender.

“There are donors that are sitting on the sidelines right now,” said Republican National Commit-

tee political director Rick Wiley.

Romney’s campaign has also been anxious to be able to raise money for the party itself when it holds finance events — donors can cut checks of up to \$30,800 to the party committee. But without the nomination, they haven’t been able to ask for that money yet.

In Chicago, Obama’s team has 300 paid staffers already at work inside the president’s re-election headquarters. They’re anticipating a general election against Romney.

“We are building the largest grassroots campaign in history on the ground,” Obama campaign spokesman Ben LaBolt said. “Ultimately, our supporters talking to their networks about the two candidates, their records and their visions for the country will be much more persuasive than any television spot.”

Associated Press writer Beth Fouhy contributed to this report.

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