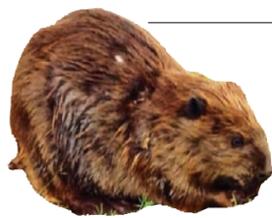


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Spring Farm Day will be hosted by World Hunger Relief Inc. from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. Events will include live music, a 5K fundraising bike ride, vendors and prize giveaways. Adult tickets are \$7 and children are \$3. Lunch is included in the ticket price and will be served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information and directions, go to [www.worldhungerrelief.org](http://www.worldhungerrelief.org).

**Hear the voices sing**  
Concert Choir will perform with the Campus Orchestra at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in Jones Hall of the McCrary Music Building. They will perform "Requiem" by John Rutter and "Ave Verum" by Mozart.



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**¡Fiesta! jazzes up Union Bowl**

Left: Waco resident Gadiel Saadi knocks stuffing off a piñata Thursday during Baylor's Fiesta celebration at the Vara Martin Daniel Plaza. At the same event, Overland Park, Kan., senior Jimmy Kuhn attempts to ride a rodeo bull rig.

## Chet Edwards to talk politics

BY MALLORY HISLER  
REPORTER

Former U.S. congressman Chet Edwards will speak about the problems in Washington and the positive aspects of American infrastructure and government at the W.R. Poage Legislative Library 2012 Spring Lecture.

The lecture will be held at 4 p.m. Tuesday in Bennett Auditorium. Edwards began work as Baylor's W.R. Poage Distinguished Chair for Public Service in February.

"The W.R. Poage Annual

Spring Lecture provides an excellent opportunity to bring in legislators and scholars who have been involved in public service," Pattie Orr, dean of university libraries and vice president for Information Technology, wrote in an email to the Lariat. "Chet Edwards brings many years of hands-on public service, so he provides a rich understanding of the political process that he can share with our community and, particularly, with students



Edwards

who are thinking of ways they can engage in public service."

Edwards will lecture on the topic "What's Wrong With Washington and Right With America?"

"I believe there is far more right with America than wrong," Edwards wrote in an email to the Lariat. "We are still the greatest economic, military and political power in the world, and Americans have more freedoms and opportunities than others could

ever imagine.

However, the combination of the imperfections of our democracy, such as today's harsh partisan atmosphere in Washington, and the national media's approach that if it is not conflict, it is not news, makes it easier for many to focus on what is wrong with our nation."

Carl Flynn, director of marketing and communications for university libraries, said a large portion of Edwards' speech will focus on what is right with America's system.

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## Seminar to teach students missions photography skills

BY MEGHAN HENDRICKSON  
REPORTER

Baylor students can learn how to share their mission trip stories and the stories of those they meet through photography at a workshop next week.

Baylor Spiritual Life is hosting the Mission Trip Photography Training Seminar from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Monday in the Bobo Spiritual Life Center. Snacks will be provided.

The seminar is free and open to all students, not just those who are going on mission trips this year.

Adam Velez, missions awareness ministry associate for Spiritual Life and first-year Truett Seminary student, is facilitating the event and said he hopes it will

help students learn how to better share their stories.

"The ultimate goal is to encourage not just mission trip participants, but everybody to see the gift of photography and relating messages across cultural barriers to partake in those experiences together," Velez said.

Dr. Michael Korpi, film and digital media professor, and Baylor alumnus Wynne Elder, a photographer in Midland, will serve as guest speakers for the event.

Holly Widick, coordinator for Baylor missions who is in charge of public relations for the event, said the two guest speakers are both professionals and experts in sharing stories visually. Widick also said she hopes to apply their "wealth of knowledge and experience" to her own experiences.

## RFK son invokes father's assassination during court date

BY JIM FITZGERALD  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

MOUNT KISCO, N.Y. — The son of Sen. Robert Kennedy invoked his father's assassination Thursday in a case stemming from his attempt to take his newborn son from a hospital maternity ward.

Douglas Kennedy is charged with endangering the baby and physically harassing two nurses in the January incident.

After a mostly procedural court session, Kennedy said, "It is OK for a father to hold his son

in his arms ... my father was taken away from me when I was a baby."

"The only thing I wanted to do that night was to be with my son and hold him in my arms," Kennedy said.

On Jan. 7, Kennedy tried to take his 2-day-old son from the maternity ward at Northern Westchester Hospital in Mount Kisco, about 30 miles from Manhattan.

He said he wanted some fresh air for the baby, but nurses tried to stop him, citing hospital policy, and a tussle was recorded on hospital video.

Security guards were summoned and the baby stayed in the hospital.

The hospital reported the incident to police and the state's Child Protective Services. Kennedy was arrested in February.

One nurse said Kennedy twisted her arm as she tried to keep him from leaving with the baby, and another said he kicked her.

Kennedy, 44, said Thursday "I was protecting my son from a complete stranger who tried to grab him from my arms."

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Douglas Kennedy, right, arrives early to a locked door at village court Thursday in Mount Kisco, N.Y. Kennedy, son of the late Sen. Robert Kennedy, was in court on charges he endangered his newborn son and harassed the nurses who tried to stop him from taking his son out of the building.

## Alum receives national grant

Funds to be used in biofuel research

BY TREVOR ALLISON  
REPORTER

A Baylor graduate student was recently awarded a prestigious grant from the National Science Foundation for research in biofuel and sustainability.

Plano doctoral candidate Valdez, in his first year at Baylor, said he will use the grant to research the ability of switchgrass, a common plant in North America, to retain carbon in its root system.

Valdez is studying with The Institute of Ecological, Earth and Environmental Sciences at Baylor, which is an interdisciplinary doctoral program.

Students in the program study chemistry, biology, geology and other sciences relating to the sustainability of earth's natural system.

According to the National Science Foundation website, the three-year grant includes — on a yearly basis — a \$30,000 stipend, a \$10,000 cost-of-education allowance to the institution, international research opportunities and access to the TeraGrid supercomputer, an extensive research network.

Valdez, who received his undergraduate degree from St. Mary's University in San Antonio, said he came up with the research idea in conjunction with Dr. Bill Hockaday, Baylor assistant professor of geology and Valdez's faculty adviser.

"I had some research ideas I wanted to pursue," Hockaday said. "Then Zach and I talked about his interests and found he wants to make a contribution to the world in the area of biofuels."

Hockaday said he has had experience in researching switchgrass and is excited about the research Valdez is going to do.

"Switchgrass is one of the most promising crops we have for making biofuels," Hockaday said of the fast-growing crop.

Valdez said his research will be half of a two-part project performed in conjunction with students at Rice University.

He said the research at Rice will deal with the above-ground part of the plant and its ability to be turned into a biofuel, which occurs when the plant is broken down into ethanol — much like corn can be.

Valdez's part of the project deals with the root system, finding the best environment for the

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## Sports mean more than scoreboards and championships

Baylor has had a successful year in sports. You know most of this already, but here's a refresher. We've had a Heisman winner, a 10-win football team, a men's basketball Elite Eight appearance and a women's basketball national championship.

That's pretty successful. And makes it pretty easy for Baylor students to love sports. But what about students at other schools who don't have competitive athletics? Or how about fans of perennially unsuccessful teams, like the New Orleans Hornets, Seattle Mariners or Buffalo Bills (I know, the Bills made four straight Super Bowl appearances in the 1990s. But they lost all of them.)

Or what about any Cleveland sports franchise? Why do their fans love sports?

It's because there is more to sports than winning and losing, success and failure.

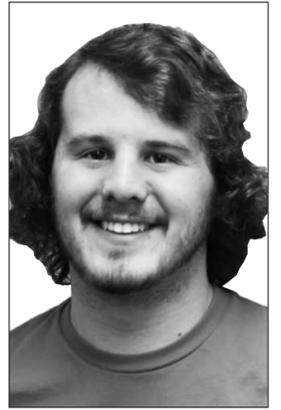
Sports are about teamwork and individual struggle and triumph. They are about pushing yourself to your limit. You can learn things from sports experiences that apply to all parts of life. Teamwork. Camaraderie. That special bond between teammates that can only be built through mutual struggle and triumph. The sense of reward for hard work. The idea that you may not always win, even if you try your best. Knowing that there is always a chance for anyone to win. As my dad says, "That's why they play the games."

I play sports because I want to win. I love sports because even if I don't win, there's always the next game. Sports make the impossible possible. Everyone has a story of sports have inspired them.

I loved the time my dad spent teaching me baseball and the time I've spent teaching him soccer. (I love baseball more, so I guess he's a better teacher.)

When you're a kid, athletes are heroes who are larger than life, almost above human. When you're an adult, you realize athletes are just people, but you have more respect for what they do the more you learn about the human experience.

I love sports because in 1980 a team of amateur American hockey players beat the greatest hockey team ever assembled. I loved how Jason McElwain, an autistic basketball player who sat on the bench his entire senior season of high school in 2006, got to play the last four minutes of his



Trevor Allison | Reporter

final game and hit six 3-pointers in that span.

I love sports because two baseball teams can make the play-offs on the final night of the season after overcoming the largest leads in history, one on a walk-off home run. In 2007, Appalachian State's Division II football team beat Michigan at Michigan's stadium, despite Michigan being so heavily favored that casinos wouldn't even take bets on the game. Because of sports, Michael Oher is far from being homeless and had his story turned into "The Blind Side" starring Sandra Bullock.

In 1988 Kirk Gibson could hardly walk when he hit a game-winning home run in the World Series and commentator Jack Buck exclaimed, "I can't believe what I just saw." In 2003 Brett Favre threw for 399 yards and four touchdowns the day after his father died.

I love sports because Jackie Robinson was much more than the first African-American to play Major League Baseball and because "experts" can't figure out how Tim Tebow wins games.

I saw the first New Orleans Saints game in New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina and I am certain there is no football team ever assembled that would have beaten the Saints, and their city, that night.

I love sports for other reasons that I can't even put in to words.

In the words of the great Scott Van Pelt, "Sports are better than anything else always." That's why I love sports.

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## Arizona's online harassment bill has good intentions but poor wording

### Editorial

Free speech and the Internet are under attack once again.

Arizona House Bill 2549 looks to amend the telephone harassment section of the state's anti-stalking law to include online communication of today.

It doesn't sound so bad initially, does it? Of course the government should help prevent people from being stalked, either through physical or electronic means.

But the government tried to legislate the Internet using language far too vague, possibly in a way that could hinder free speech.

The clause in question states: "It is unlawful for any person, with intent to terrify, intimidate, threaten, harass, annoy or offend, to use any electronic or digital device and use any obscene, lewd or profane language or suggest any lewd or lascivious act, or threaten to inflict physical harm

*"The government tried to legislate the Internet using language far too vague, possibly in a way that could hinder free speech."*

to the person or property of any person."

In other words, in the state of Arizona, Internet "trolling" could lead to a Class 1 Misdemeanor, punishable by a \$2,500 fine and up to six months in jail.

For those who have not used the Internet for more than an hour, it is filled with forums other websites where people post some of the most terrible things in the world because they stand behind the anonymity of a computer screen.

Aside from the trolling, the words "harass, annoy or offend..." are potentially dangerous. Imagine if someone posts a politically-charged status on

Facebook with which you disagree. It may offend you, and potentially you could report your friend for a Class 1 Misdemeanor.

And who decides what kind of language is intended to offend? What offends one person may not necessarily offend another, but it only takes one person's judgment for this bill to put someone behind bars.

The language in this bill is so vague that anything posted, from a Facebook status, tweet, Youtube comment, forum post or any method of electronic communication open to public view falls into the parameters of the bill.

The original law in Arizona was designed for telephones, which makes sense because the "obscene, lewd or profane language" is within a one-on-one conversation, and it's clear who the victim is.

The proposed bill would amend the language from telephone to any electronic or digital device, which is completely different. Any number of people can be offended or feel annoyed by a

Facebook status even if the status is not directed toward a specific individual.

The Internet was created to stop online bullying, which does need to happen. Kids are in more danger of being teased and abused by their classmates than they were before the advent of the Internet. However, good intentions do not make a good bill.

The Internet is just like any other topic the government legislates. Research needs to be done before a bill is created. A lawmaker would not write a bill concerning space programs without consulting NASA officials and researching the subject (hopefully). The Internet is no different. Through surveys, research or other means, we need an idea of where and how often people are being harassed on the Internet.

The craziest thing is that this bill was unanimously approved by the Arizona Senate before being stopped in the House.

Hopefully this bill does not go through, at least without some serious adaptations to its languages.

## Life ain't easy when serving aces 5,000 miles away from home

This semester I have had the privilege of covering matches for the women's tennis team. Whenever I began writing for The Lariat, I was really nervous because it was my first time reporting and writing and I didn't really know what to expect.

Then I was told that I was going to be writing about tennis, and even though it was a subject I didn't know much about, I've always had a passion for sports and knew I would eventually get the hang of it.

Growing up, I never paid any attention or showed any interest

in tennis just because I was too busy playing other sports. I've been an athlete all of my life and skied since I could walk, so in a way that lifestyle has defined who I am.

As a result, I had a little bit of an advantage starting out because I could relate to the athletes. I know what it's like to push yourself individually, be devoted to your team, and make sacrifices.

Interviewing the tennis team has been a great way for me to build confidence as a reporter because the women and the coaches are so easy to talk to. I started to

engage with the players and the coaches, and relationships began to form. They have been so open and welcoming; everyone has treated me with so much respect.

Then I realized I was spending so much time up at the Hurd Tennis Center not only for school but because I wanted to be there. I knew most of the women personally and wanted to go watch and cheer on some of the women I had started to look up to.

Throughout this semester I have been able to see how much time and effort the coaches and players put into tennis. They

work each day and dedicate the majority of their time being committed to women's tennis.

It has brought out a whole new respect from my prospective for these women.

Almost all of the women are foreign and have left their families and everything they have always known behind. Not only have they had to learn a completely different language, but they've also adapted to a totally different atmosphere.

Their commitment to tennis and willingness to be so far away from home just proves in itself

how much love they have for the game.

Their passion has sparked my interest for tennis and even though the women's tennis team makes it look so easy, I have been wanting to learn how to play. Maybe I'll pick up a tennis HP one semester, or take a tennis lesson, which is something I probably would have never done before.

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# Historic drought increases awareness of water conservation

By RAMIT PLUSHNICK-MASTI  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUSTIN — When Susan Combs was growing up on her family's West Texas ranch, conserving water was part of everyday life: If the windmill wasn't turning and the storage tank at least half full, the household plumbing was turned off — even the toilets.

In her political career, Combs has been urging Texans to save water, first as a lawmaker, then as agriculture commissioner and now as state comptroller. After the worst one-year drought in state history, people seem to be listening.

Combs has reason to hope that lessons from the drought could change the state's attitudes about water usage. And they are trying to capitalize on the heightened awareness by adopting conservation plans that will ease the next crisis.

"From a water-supply perspective, we are just not prepared," Combs said. "If each town and city doesn't come up with a successful water plan, the state will be worse off for it."

The drought that began more than a year ago is finally breaking in parts of Texas. But state and local officials aren't content to watch the parched landscape change color. They want to analyze the dry

spell and assess what worked, what failed and what needs improvement. A few examples:

- The mayors of Dallas and Fort Worth and suburban Arlington and Irving are asking their city councils to consider making permanent the twice-a-week maximum watering restrictions that have been in place for several months.

- Nearly every legislative committee in the state House and Senate has been asked to review some aspect of the drought. At last month's first meeting of the House Natural Resources Committee, Chairman Allan Ritter pleaded with participants: "Please do not forget how dry that it can get."

- San Antonio, which spent nearly \$300,000 promoting water restrictions during the drought, concluded that the effort was so successful that the city now has a campaign reminding people of the risks of another potentially hot, dry summer.

- The Lower Colorado River Authority, which manages two of the largest lakes that provide water to Austin and the surrounding area, has already submitted a proposed long-term plan that would significantly alter how it manages and distributes water.

- The Texas Water Development Board is reviewing ways to create a

set of guidelines that would help communities determine when to restrict water usage.

One obstacle looms over many of these efforts: The state can make plans for water needs, but it has no authority or tools to ensure the plans are actually implemented.

Fifteen years ago, in the mid-1990s, Texas suffered a drought that plunged farmers and ranchers into bankruptcy and highlighted how unprepared cities were to deal with severe water shortages. As a result, the Legislature ordered the Water Development Board to plan regionally for the state's water needs, slicing up Texas into areas that would work together to prepare for the future.

Since then, regional agencies have spent millions of dollars on three new water plans — one every five years — designed to address growing population, scarce water resources and future needs.

"So now, we had another drought, and we had cities running out of water and that's largely because the plan wasn't implemented," said Dan Hardin, director of the water resources planning division.

Hardin said he worries that the state's fiscal problems will prevent meaningful improvements.

In addition, the state's utilities



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In this Aug. 3, 2011 file photo, Texas State Park police officer Thomas Bigham walks across the cracked lake bed of O.C. Fisher Lake, in San Angelo. A combination of factors in the drought-stricken region dried up the lake. Texans and officials are trying to capitalize on heightened drought awareness by adopting conservation plans that will ease the next crisis.

did not impose restrictions consistently. In some areas, one city restricted water usage, while a neighboring town did not. Houston, for example, had restrictions in place for months, while neighboring Sugar Land never implemented its drought-contingency plan.

"You don't see people reacting uniformly to an issue that hit Texas pretty uniformly," said Laura Huffman, director of the Nature Conservancy in Texas.

Farmers and ranchers are taking steps of their own. Many are drilling wells, realizing that in the

next drought they will not be able to rely on surface water alone.

In fact, so many farmers are drilling wells, conservation districts say they will have to stop permitting them at some point.

Combs' office issued a report in February that also looked at strategies employed in other cities.

In arid New Mexico, Santa Fe diversified its water supply and now draws water from two lakes and two aquifers. The city has also taken steps to prevent water evaporation and wildfires.

Those projects could also be useful in Texas, where evaporation during triple-digit heat helped deplete reservoirs and wildfires destroyed more than 1,600 homes and charred 33,000 acres near Austin.

Combs said she believes Texas should invest in desalinization, an expensive but quicker alternative to building new reservoirs. Cities, she said, must create more consistent plans for dealing with drought and offer financial incentives to help farmers.

What is certain, she said, is that if steps aren't taken, Texas' future will be shaky.

The lack of water, Combs said, "is the single most devastating thing that can happen to the economy."

# Study finds males who reach rank of Eagle Scout are good for society

By BRE NICOLS  
REPORTER

Baylor Researchers have found members of the Boy Scouts of America who achieve the highest rank, Eagle Scout, have a positive, long-lasting effect on American society in a recent study titled "Merit Beyond the Badge."

The Baylor Institute for Studies of Religion and the Program on Prosocial Behavior partnered with the Gallup Organization to conduct a nationwide random survey in 2010 of 2,512 adult males. The

John Templeton Foundation provided a two-year research grant to fund the study.

Dr. Byron R. Johnson, director of the Program on Prosocial Behavior and Institute for Studies of Religion co-director, said the research team included: Dr. Sung Joon Jang, a Baylor professor of sociology; Dr. Young-Il Kim, a post-doctoral fellow at the Institute for Studies of Religion; Dr. Buster Smith, a former Institute for Studies of Religion post-doctoral student; and Dr. Clay Polson, a sociologist at Messiah College.

Jang, one of two principal investigators for the study, said the findings complement the 100th anniversary of the Eagle Scouts.

"Understandably, after producing Eagle Scouts for 100 years, Boy Scouts of America was interested in seeing if members were positively contributing to society," Jang said.

Johnson said the focus of the study was to "determine if achieving the rank of Eagle Scout is associated with prosocial behavior and development of character that carries over into young adulthood

and beyond."

Three different groups were surveyed for the study: Eagle Scouts, Boy Scouts who had not received the Eagle Scout rank and non-scouts.

Johnson said in an email to the Lariat that results of the survey showed Eagle Scouts:

- Are more likely to participate in health and recreational activities
- Show a greater connection to family, coworkers, neighbors and the people around them
- Share a greater belief in duty to God, serving others and

their communities

- Engage in behaviors that enhance and protect the environment
- Are more likely to commit to personal, professional, spiritual and financial goals
- Show higher levels of planning and preparedness
- Are more likely to develop positive character traits

Jang said anyone involved in Boy Scouts is more likely to contribute positively to society because of time they spent in the organization as an adolescent.

"The longer you stay with the

program, the greater the benefits are from it," Jang said, "because you go through different stages of awards, programs and projects that help you personally become aware of various social skills and what it means to have a good, meaningful life."

Johnson said in an email the researchers will release another research report in June comparing Scouts to non-Scouts, in addition to the report that has already been released.

The full study can be downloaded at [www.baylorisr.org](http://www.baylorisr.org).

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In this photo provided by the Amarillo/Potter/Randall Office of Emergency Management, a motorist sits Wednesday in a truck partially buried in slushy hail near Amarillo. Weather service crews are assessing the damage from a Texas Panhandle storm that dumped several feet of nickel-sized hail, stranded motorists in muddy hail drifts and closed a highway for several hours.

## Hailstorm hits Texas Panhandle

By LINDA STEWART BALL  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DALLAS — Maintenance crews worked Thursday to clear roads after a storm dumped several inches of hail on parts of the Texas Panhandle, trapping motorists in muddy drifts that were waist- to shoulder-high.

The storm left so much hail in its wake that workers had to use snow plows to clear the piles from the road.

"It was crazy," National Weather Service Meteorologist Justyn Jackson said about the strange storm, which hit Wednesday afternoon. The hail was "real small" but there was a lot of it in a concentrated area, accumulating 2- to 4-feet deep, he said.

The rural area where the storm struck was mainly ranch land,

about 25 miles north of Amarillo and south of Dumas. Rainwater gushed across the parched land, washing dirt and then mud into the hail, pushing it all onto U.S. 287, Potter County Sheriff Brian Thomas said.

"There were just piles of hail," said Maribel Martinez with the Amarillo/Potter/Randall Office of Emergency Management. "Some of the cars were just buried in hail and people were trapped in their cars."

The southbound lane of the highway, which was shut down around 5 p.m. Wednesday, finally reopened early Thursday morning shortly after midnight, though water remained on the road until around 5 a.m., said Paul Braun, a Texas Department of Transportation spokesman in Amarillo.

Emergency crews also got sev-

eral swift-water rescue calls as the road was flooded in low-lying areas, Martinez said. Rural fences and vehicles suffered hail damage but there were no reported injuries.

Braun said work crews stayed in roadside ditches Thursday afternoon diligently trying to break up the ice jams and debris that had fused together and prevented drainage.

"We've got five, 6-foot high icebergs along the roadway," Braun said. "If we get another rainstorm it will flood again."

But the National Weather Service said it's starting to clear up and should be a sunny weekend.

"That's a good thing, since it will take a few days for that hail to melt," said Andrew Moulton, a National Weather Service meteorologist in Amarillo.

## Alum's passion for refugees leads to founding nonprofit

By KAYLA REEVES  
REPORTER

A Baylor graduate who created a nonprofit organization to help refugees in Thailand recently shared his ideas at an international conference sponsored by a Bill Clinton initiative that brings world leaders together to discuss global issues.

Chris Woodruff, a 2009 Baylor graduate, co-founded the organization Life Raft International to provide food, shelter and other necessities for refugees in Bangkok, Thailand. He and co-founder Michael Hoyt taught English in Bangkok for a year soon after graduating Baylor. The year he spent teaching sparked Woodruff's passion for working with refugees.

Kathryn Mueller, a senior lecturer in sociology, has been coordinating the teaching program for the last 20 years. It allows Baylor graduates to teach English as a second language to Thai elementary school students. Woodruff took Mueller's class as an undergraduate and was later selected for the program.

Wattana Wittaya Academy in Bangkok is a private school consisting of about one-third royal children, one-third children of the elite and one-third very poor children who scored high on standardized tests and received scholarships, Mueller said.

Mueller said while many of the children at the school were wealthy, Woodruff could have been exposed to the refugees in Bangkok because it is a huge city where many local churches and monks are involved in helping the underprivileged.

Woodruff said he always had the goal of helping people.

"I went [to Thailand] with the idea of doing volunteer work," Woodruff said. "After a year, I talked to Mike, and it had been such a transformative experience for him

that he decided he wanted to keep helping them."

Thailand is a hub for refugees in Asia, Woodruff said, because it is relatively developed, easy to escape to and several aid organizations are waiting to help the refugees when they arrive.

Refugees in Thailand leave the dangers of their countries, but after about two months, their tourist visas expire and they can be thrown into international prisons or sent back to their native countries, Woodruff said.

"They'll have horrible conditions, bad food and water, disease-ridden environment [in the prisons or their home countries]. They're trying to live under the radar, relying on aid organizations to help them," he said. "They escape persecution and go to Thailand to get refugee status with the UN, and then settle in new places. But a lot of people there are stuck without refugee status."

Mueller said she is not surprised by Woodruff's motivation.

"He certainly participates fully in anything he's involved in. He's very gifted academically, and he's one of those rare people who can immerse themselves completely in another culture," Mueller said.

Life Raft International connects the refugees with people who want to help. They use email, Skype or Facebook to introduce donors to refugees, which makes it personal, Woodruff said.

"Even 15 or 20 dollars a month goes a really long way for some of these families," Woodruff said, although people with other skills or resources are also welcome to become involved with the organization.

On March 31 and April 1, Woodruff brought his ideas to the Clinton Global Initiative University meeting — the international conference. Woodruff said Clinton attended and spoke at the meeting

along with big-name celebrities like Usher, Jon Stewart and others who are not necessarily celebrities, but who have a big impact on combating world issues.

"Young people have a greater ability to enact change than ever before," Clinton said in a press release, "and Clinton Global Initiative University is a global network of young people seeking to use the resources at their disposal to make a difference in the world."

"Clinton Global Initiative University members do more than simply discuss problems," the press release said. "They take concrete steps to solve them by building relationships, creating action plans, participating in hands-on workshops and following up with Clinton Global Initiative University as they complete their projects. Their efforts have culminated in approximately 3,000 Commitments to Action."

According to the conference website, Commitments to Action "translate practical goals into meaningful and measurable results."

Woodruff is able to participate in this students-only event because he is currently studying law at Georgetown University.

"My experience at Clinton Global Initiative University was fantastic. It was incredible just being able to meet so many people from around the world who had passions for things beyond themselves," he said. "Sunday during the service project, I even got to have a conversation with former President Bill Clinton."

Woodruff said he plans to continue his work with Life Raft International once he finishes school, as opposed to letting his co-founders take over.

"I see this as a life work," he said. "It's not a full-time job. I always expect to be putting a decent amount of time into this on the side."

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## 'Super Mario 64' brings cake pursuit to greatness

*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. This week's submission is from Houston junior Christoph Ross, who decided to write about "Super Mario 64" from Mario's perspective.*

By CHRISTOPH ROSS  
GUEST CONTRIBUTOR

"Super Mario 64" all started for me, Mario, when I received a letter from Princess Peach, which asked me to come to her castle to eat a special cake she had prepared. Of course, next thing I knew, I was in front of the castle after what seemed like a blackout. I was so acting like a good little man in blue overalls. I ran up to the castle and entered in.

Oh, no! The evil King Bowser's laugh! He had managed to invade Peach's castle and had taken her — and the power of 120 stars from her kingdom — for himself. Mama mia! He took the cake too. For the right of cake, I had to retrieve those stolen stars.

I had to go through each castle and locate portraits that I could double-jump into and start my hunt for each of the very stars that were locked away in it. Bowser's

men stormed each of the worlds, protecting the seven stars that were kept in each, filled with cannons, games, fiends, stars and surprisingly large objects. No problem there; I just headbutted that box with the question mark and got myself some fun toys and yellow coins.

Bowser could've eaten his heart out when he saw my skills come to shine. I beat penguins in sliding races, King Whomp at wrestling, caught squeaky yellow bunnies, did a 720-degree front flip in the air and survived a 100-foot fall with one bar of health remaining. Not bad for a guy who has to stand on tippy-toes to kiss the princess, if I do say so myself.

Occasionally I found Toad, who popped up in the strangest of places, where he offered advice and help on where to go and what I need in order to get things like the power-ups. I was surprised when I saw the power-ups at first, in the form of stylish caps. I just thought it was a way of saying I needed more variety in my fashion style.

Each cap gave me a different ability; the chromed cap turned me into a giant piece of metal invulnerable to any attacks and made it a lot more painful when I pounced on my enemies' heads. The transparent cap turned me invisible to my enemies. Finally, there was the

winged cap, which gave me the power of flight. It was to infinity and beyond with that one — or at least until the cap's power ran out of gas.

Upon gathering the necessary number of stars, I presented them as the key to unlocking Bowser's chamber, where I went through his obstacle course. Eventually this course will, of course, inspire another spin-off to my series. Once through the course, I arrived at the popular green pipe that took me to the final battlefield.

After I once again knocked Bowser on his back, I headed out of the castle and found Peach and Toad waiting for me, thanking me for my heroism in saving them and the castle.

Finally, after all the travels, burns, falls and skid marks, I saw my prize. A beautiful white cake with strawberries, swirling frosting and a bright yellow star above little figurines of Peach and I.

Hee hee! I got it!

*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.*

# Chilifest cooks up fun without chili

By JAMIE LIM  
REPORTER

Twenty-one can be a significant number to people. For some, it's the legal drinking and gambling age. For others, particularly those involved in the military, there's the 21-gun salute. This year, however, there's the 21st celebration of Chilifest.

Chilifest is an annual event held in Snook, which is about two hours outside of Waco and near College Station. This year's event will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Starlight Ballroom.

San Antonio junior Collin Garcia, who went in 2011, said that his experience at Chilifest is one he'll always remember. He said everyone at Chilifest had great personalities and were really outgoing. This type of atmosphere is what Garcia believes was the most exciting thing at Chilifest.

However, don't let the name be misleading. For members of the public attending the main event, don't plan on eating any official chili — the chili is all cooked and judged before the main event truly gets started.

"Funny thing about Chilifest, there's no chili," Garcia said.

Despite the actual event lacking the presence of chili, there is an affiliated chili cook-off beforehand. The Chilifest teams will submit their chili Friday — well before the main event — to be judged.

Michael Casey, Chilifest Chairman, said the main purpose of Chilifest is to give back to the community. Every year, the event gets a crowd of more than 40,000 people who want to listen to great live music and support a worthy cause.

"Chilifest is just a good ol' charity," Casey said. "We give back \$200,000 a year to the surrounding community."

Chilifest is a nonprofit corporation that supports numerous organizations in the Brazos Valley and surrounding areas. Some of the organizations supported by the event are Hospice of the Brazos Valley, St. Jude's Hospital and Special Olympics. Since 1991, the event has raised more than \$2 million for these organizations.

The organization's mission is to help many less fortunate people. It provides funding to organizations that assist those with life-threatening problems.

"It was exciting to see everyone had the same mentality: have as much fun as possible given whatever the circumstances," Garcia said. "Even though there was nothing special or sanitary about Chilifest, people were enthusiastic about just having a good time and basically letting loose. Plus everyone comes back with too many stories to tell."

Garcia said every college student should attend Chilifest at least once, and Kelsie Haaland, a senior at Texas A&M University, plans on going.

"I am graduating in December so I figured it would be my last chance to go," Haaland said. "I don't really know what to expect, but based on what I have heard from my friends who have been it's a lot of fun."

Another first-timer is Richmond sophomore John Grimes. Two things convinced him to go to Chilifest: the stories he was told by friends and the chance to support a friend at Texas A&M pledging the fraternity, Sigma Phi Epsilon.

"This will be my first time attending Chilifest, and I expect it to pretty much be what Texas is all about," Grimes said. "Tons of people, good food, hot weather, cold drinks and plenty of great country music."

The event has welcomed music legends like Willie Nelson. This year's lineup will feature Billy Currington, Pat Green, Randy Rogers Band, Josh Abbott Band and Sunny Sweeney.

"I am so excited to see all of the entertainers, but my favorites are Josh Abbott Band and Randy Rogers Band," Haaland said.

Those interested in going to Chilifest can purchase tickets online at [tix.extremetix.com](http://tix.extremetix.com). In College Station, tickets can be purchased at designated locations. A list of locations can be found on Chilifest's official website, [chilifest.org](http://chilifest.org).

The event is open to those of all ages. General admission is \$30 in advance, and \$35 at the gate. Tickets purchased at the gate will go on sale today, for those on a Chilifest team, and Saturday for the general public.

There is another type of ticket, which is limited, that can be purchased — the Chilifest VIP Ticket. At \$100, the ticket will give VIPs access to a gated area, beverage station, a raised viewing platform and covered viewing platform. VIPs will also get the chance to meet their favorite entertainer.

For more information about Chilifest, call 979-695-2998 or visit the official website. In addition, there are also Android and iPhone apps. These apps feature the music lineup with times, directions, chili team information and much more.



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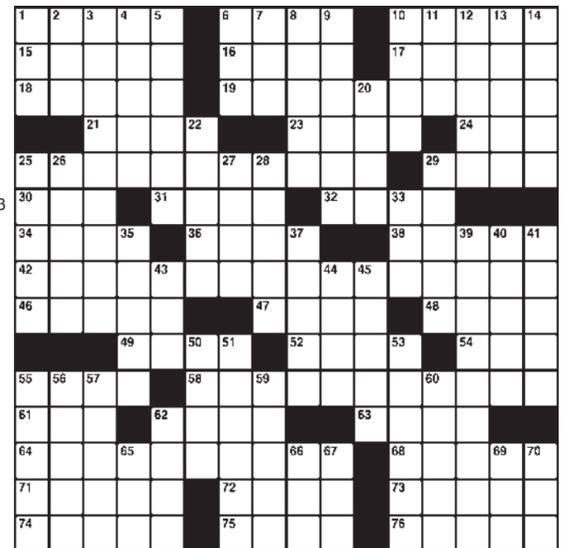
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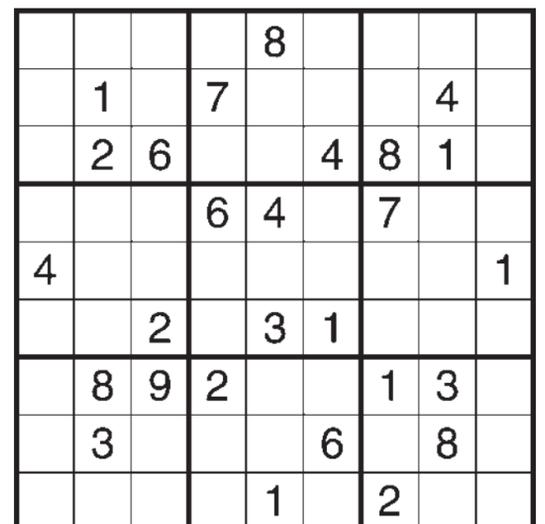
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# BU has Beaver Fever on 16-game winning streak

By GREG DEVRIES  
SPORTS WRITER

Beavers have played a significant role throughout the course of human history. They have made their way onto Canadian money and helped shape the economy of New Netherland.

The beavers are at it again. This time, a beaver is helping the Baylor baseball team win games. And whatever beavers do, they do well. The team's current streak is up to 16 games. The team takes on Kansas State starting tonight in Manhattan, Kan.

"We saw the beaver in the parking lot right as the winning streak started," junior left-handed pitcher (and unofficial team beaver expert) Crayton Bare said. "Max Muncy hit a home run, and Josh Michalec from the dugout yelled, 'Feed the beaver!' [The] joke is feeding the beaver with a home-run ball."

The beaver frequents Baylor Ballpark's parking lot. It comes up every once in awhile to eat acorns.

Apparently, he has been eating his fill.

"It's really big. It's colossal in size," Bare said. "The [Texas] Rangers have their antlers and their bear claw. We have our beaver."

Since the beaver has blessed the baseball team with his presence, "feed the beaver" has caught on. Fans are wearing white T-shirts that depict a beaver holding a baseball and bat. The Baylor Beaver now has his own twitter feed. Baseball fans have been using the hashtag #FeedTheBeaver, which was trending at times over the last few weeks.

"I didn't see it coming down to this, honestly," junior left-handed pitcher Josh Turley said. "That's how big of a deal it has gotten. Our Dia shirts [say], 'Feed the beaver,' and now they're selling them."

Head coach Steve Smith has appreciated the energy that the beaver has brought to the fans.

"I think [the fans] have enjoyed it. It's unique. It's ours. He's our beaver. They don't have one down at A&M or Texas," Smith said. "It isn't

going to make a difference in winning or losing."

Interactions with the beaver have been more than passive sightings. Players have taken pictures of the animal, and junior center fielder Logan Vick has even touched it.

"I've actually petted the beaver before. He's getting really fat, so he's not too fast," Vick said. "I went out one day after practice and he was eating some acorns ... one of the guys dared me to touch him. I had two hits the next day. It might have been a little luck. If I see him again, I am definitely going to pet him."

The beaver is wild, and the team cannot take it to away games. To continue to feed the beaver away from Baylor Ballpark, the team has purchased a toy stuffed beaver.

"[The beaver] is kind of on his own schedule," Bare said. "We have a little travel beaver that comes with us. I guess we just like him around."

Smith has left this beaver craze to the players but takes a comical approach to the stuffed

travel beaver.

"I don't know if somebody sleeps with that thing or not. It wouldn't surprise me if they did," Smith said.

Feeding the beaver will not stop when the winning streak stops. The players hope to keep it going throughout the year.

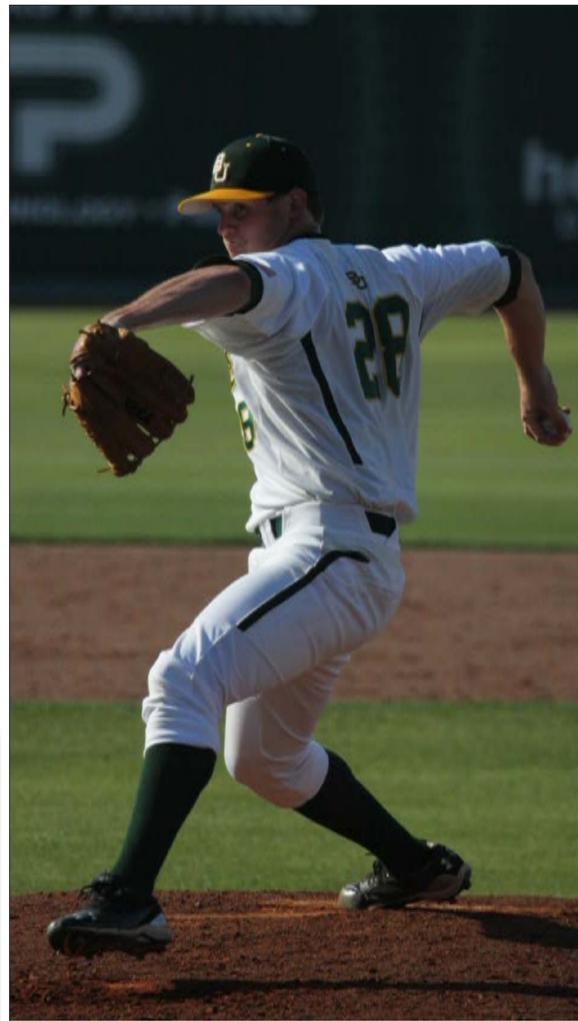
"When we do lose a game, we're still going to say it. It is still going to be a part of what we like to use as a rallying point," Turley said. "Regardless, win, lose, it's still there. It's still feed the beaver."

Vick takes a more optimistic, albeit unlikely, stance.

"Hopefully it's a streak thing and a season-long thing," Vick said. "That means we're streaking all the way through."

The Bears next opponent, the Wildcats, are 3-6 in the Big 12 and 17-15 overall. Baylor is currently in first place at 12-0 in Big 12 play and 27-7 overall.

The Baylor Beaver now has its own Twitter feed: @Baylor\_Beaver



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No. 28 Dillion Newman fires a pitch in Baylor's 8-7 win over Louisiana-Monroe on Wednesday. During the Bears' 16-game winning streak, Newman is one of 10 different pitchers to record a win.

## 16 wins and counting

March 16	vs. Texas Tech	9-4	March 30	vs. Oklahoma State	7-4
March 17	vs. Texas Tech	4-3	March 31	vs. Oklahoma State	3-2
March 18	vs. Texas Tech.	8-1	April 1	vs. Oklahoma State	5-4
March 21	at Sam Houston St.	10-3	April 5	at Missouri	3-1
March 23	vs. Kansas	10-2	April 6	at Missouri	5-3
March 24	vs. Kansas	9-0	April 7	at Missouri	12-7
March 25	vs. Kansas	8-6 (8)	April 10	vs. Louisiana-Monroe	7-5
March 27	at Houston	14-5	April 11	vs. Louisiana-Monroe	8-7

# Rangers ride strong outing from Holland to top Mariners 5-3

By SCHUYLER DIXON  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ARLINGTON — Derek Holland kept control.

Mad about walks that cost him a win last weekend, Holland struck out eight with no bases on ball Thursday in the Texas Rangers' 5-3 win over the Seattle Mariners.

"I'm not going to worry too much about a previous game," Holland said. "My mentality is I want to be the starter and the closer. I always try to go out there and go as long as I can."

Michael Young hit a two-run homer and had four RBIs for the Rangers. Holland (1-0) allowed two runs and five hits in 7 1-3 innings.

After two key walks that helped the Chicago White Sox rally for a 4-3 win in his first start, Holland (1-0) had a much sharper outing.

Following Ichiro Suzuki's two-out single in the first, the only runner he allowed in a span of 14 batters was on a throwing error by second baseman Ian Kinsler the first error by the Texas infield this year after 108 clean chances.

Holland extended a scoreless streak by Texas starters to 22 2-3 innings before Alex Liddi's RBI single in the sixth. Kyle Seager added a 438-foot homer into the right-field upper deck in the seventh, but Holland bounced back with a strikeout of Miguel Olivo and got a flyout from Casper Wells.

*"My mentality is I want to be the starter and the closer. I always try to go out there and go as long as I can."*

Derek Holland | Rangers pitcher

Already at 102 pitches after seven innings, Holland struck out Brendan Ryan starting the eighth, then allowed Chone Figgins' double and was replaced after 115 pitches by Koji Uehara.

"When he got into the sixth inning, he started elevating his pitches," Rangers manager Ron Wash-

ington said. "He fought through the seventh, and it looked like he might get us three outs in the eighth but it didn't work out."

Young put Texas ahead with an RBI single in the first. Then with the Rangers leading 1-0 in the fifth inning for the third straight game, Young hit an opposite-field homer into the first row in right for a 3-0 lead against Jason Vargas (1-1). Young added a run-scoring single in the eighth off Erasmo Ramirez.

"All Michael does is hit," said Washington, who moved Young up to second in the order from his usual No. 5 spot to give shortstop Elvis Andrus a day off. "I just happened to have him in the perfect spot hitting second, and he came

through huge for us today."

Kinsler had three hits for Texas, including a two-out RBI double in the seventh that gave the Rangers a 4-2 cushion with closer Joe Nathan unavailable after pitching on consecutive days.

"We definitely fed off Holland," Young said. "Everything started to click offensively."

Mike Adams filled in for Nathan, giving up Olivo's two-out RBI double in the ninth before retiring Michael Saunders on a grounder for his second save with the Rangers and the fourth of his career.

Vargas retired nine in a row before faltering in the fifth. He allowed four runs and seven hits in 6 2-3 innings with six strikeouts and

one walk.

"Vargo was really good today," Mariners manager Eric Wedge said. "He was up a little bit early, but he found it. He gave us every opportunity to win."

Seattle finally is headed home two months and a day after reporting to spring training in Arizona. Upon landing, the Mariners will have traveled more than 15,000 miles and started their regular season twice — first in Japan and then Oakland.

"You'd be lying if you said it wasn't wearing on you a little bit," said Ryan, who was benched for a game after a rough night in the series opener. "It'll be nice to unpack."

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# Sports take: Hockey's playoffs tough to beat

By KRISTA PIRLIE  
SPORTS WRITER

With March Madness over, the intensity of postseason play seems to have extinguished until the NBA lights it up with playoffs in little more than a week.

To find fast-paced action with heated play, go to the ice.

The Stanley Cup playoffs have arrived as 16 of the best in the National Hockey League duel it out in a best-of-seven-game series to advance three rounds to the championship, spanning two months.

While seven games seems like too many initially, each one is do or die, containing multiple highlights for the Sportscenter Top 10, icy wipeouts for the Not Top 10 and plenty of fistfights.

Two players face off to the right or left of the goal to win possession.

Such vigor shown on a simple moment to acquire possession does not die out as the clock moves on.

While a game consists of three periods of 20 minutes each, the line of five players for a team switches around every two minutes.

The hustle that is seen from short intervals of ice time increases during the playoffs.

Instead of focusing on playing hard for the entire period, these players can focus on skating their tails off for two minutes, increasing the tempo and desire on the ice.

Heart is something that seems to have diminished in the professional athletic world recently.

Football has taken a turn toward the individual player over the team, basketball is becoming more concerned with the number of digits on the paycheck rather than the scoreboard and baseball's big money deals are tarnished by asterisks representing steroid use.

*"Heart is something that seems to have diminished in the professional athletic world recently."*

The heart of hockey, however, has not changed. Yes, the league is trying to make the game safer by controlling the amount of concussions, mostly given to Sidney Crosby, but those restrictions are only improving the game.

Wayne Gretzky's work ethic not to skate solely to where the puck is but where it is going to be represents this sport's ambitions to extend beyond mediocrity.

For example, the Philadelphia Flyers were down 3-1 to the Pittsburgh Penguins heading into the final period in Tuesday's playoff game.

In fewer than five minutes, the Flyers scored two goals to tie the game, sending it into sudden death.

From 9 feet out and only two and a half minutes deep into overtime, the Flyers found the back of the net to end the game.

In the Stanley Cup playoffs, anything can happen, especially when the teams are walking on water.

## Baylor Sports this Weekend

<b>Today:</b> <b>Men's Tennis</b> <b>When:</b> 6 p.m. <b>Who:</b> Oklahoma <b>Where:</b> Norman, Okla.	<b>Saturday, cont.:</b> <b>Football</b> <b>When:</b> 1 p.m. <b>What:</b> Spring Scrimmage <b>Where:</b> Highers Complex Practice Fields
<b>Baseball</b> <b>When:</b> 6:30 p.m. <b>Who:</b> Kansas State <b>Where:</b> Manhattan, Kan.	<b>Soccer</b> <b>When:</b> 7 p.m. <b>Who:</b> Texas A&M <b>Where:</b> College Station
<b>Equestrian</b> <b>When:</b> today-Saturday <b>What:</b> NCEA National Championships <b>Where:</b> Extraco Events Center — Waco	<b>Sunday:</b> <b>Baseball</b> <b>When:</b> 1 p.m. <b>Who:</b> Kansas State <b>Where:</b> Manhattan, Kan.
<b>Saturday:</b> <b>Women's Tennis</b> <b>When:</b> noon <b>Who:</b> Texas <b>Where:</b> Austin	<b>Men's Tennis</b> <b>When:</b> 2 p.m. <b>Who:</b> Oklahoma State <b>Where:</b> Stillwater, Okla.
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# Duncan scores 28; Spurs cool Grizzlies

By PAUL J. WEBER  
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SAN ANTONIO — Tim Duncan had 28 points and 12 rebounds and the San Antonio Spurs snapped out of a funk to top the surging Memphis Grizzlies 107-97 on Thursday night.

Manu Ginobili added 20 points and Tony Parker scored 13, redeeming themselves a night after being humiliated by the Kobe Bryant-less Los Angeles Lakers. The Spurs narrowly escaped their first three-game slide this season.

Rudy Gay led Memphis with 19 points. The Grizzlies had their four-game winning streak halted after their rally from a late 14-point deficit fizzled in the final minutes.

Memphis fell 1½ games behind the Los Angeles Clippers for the No. 4 playoff seed. It was only the third loss in 12 games for the Grizzlies since the return of Zach Randolph.

Duncan scored 20 in the second half and matched his season high, a night after practically guaranteeing that the Spurs would respond from a listless effort against the Lakers. So frustrated was Duncan following Wednesday's night 98-84 loss that he said he was grateful to be playing a back-to-back, which the health-conscious Spurs typically

greet with groans.

The Spurs looked helpless while Lakers center Andrew Bynum became just the second NBA player in the last dozen years to corral 30 rebounds in a game, but behind Duncan, their front line fared much better against the equally big Grizzlies. The Spurs matched Memphis in rebounding and held Randolph to 10 points and 11 boards.

Danny Green added 10 points for the Spurs. Parker had nine assists and shot 5 of 12 after scoring just four points against the Lakers.

Gay shot just 7 of 22 one night after he had 32 points against Phoenix. The Grizzlies whittled an 88-74 deficit down to two points with 3 minutes left before losing steam.

Memphis staged its comeback despite shooting just 29 percent in the fourth.

O.J. Mayo scored 16 points and Marreese Speights added 15 for the Grizzlies.

Hollins arrived in San Antonio reiterating that he has no intention of returning Randolph to the starting lineup anytime soon.

"I don't know that we're ever going to do that," Hollins said. "Zach can come in and score anytime. He's getting his double-doubles, so what else is there?"

# Track and field heads to meet in Lubbock

By SAVANNAH PULLIN  
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The majority of Baylor's track and field athletes were able to take Easter weekend off to relax and prepare for their next meet, a rejuvenation that should be to their advantage as they prepare to battle the relentless winds that seem to dictate meets in Lubbock.

Saturday, the Baylor track and field team will compete in the Texas Tech Invitational — it will be their first time competing in this meet.

Coach Todd Harbour said he told team members to look at this as more of an improvement meet, a chance for them to step up and refine skills in areas they have been struggling in throughout the season.

"This time of the year, it's just [about] getting the work in and continuing to get people to step up," Harbour said. "You don't want to say you're on cruise control right now, but for some you're maintaining. What we're trying to get out of this is to get a few more to step up to the conference level."

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Hunter Brook | Sophomore

Unfortunately the Bears have been plagued by injury lately, making some of their most valuable athletes unable to compete this weekend.

Senior Woodrow Randall is still recovering from a hamstring injury, and sophomore powerhouse thrower Erin Atkinson is currently in the recovery room due to a cyst she had removed.

Harbour is hoping his team will be closer to full force next weekend as the Big 12 Championship is quickly approaching.

Sophomore Hunter Brook, who brought home his first collegiate win last week in the decathlon at

the Sam Houston State Combined Events Meet in Huntsville, is a newcomer to the Texas Tech track but has been warned about the windy conditions.

"I know the environment is going to be a little different," Brook said. "It's going to be really windy. I've been to [Texas] Tech before, and coach has told us it's going to be a really windy environment. But it'll be great competition, a great matchup for us."

Hunter said he believes he has a good chance of bringing home a win again and is hoping to break another personal record as he participates in the high jump, his main event.

Senior Whitney Prevost, on the other hand, has previous experience with the track at Texas Tech.

"It's a really nice track, a really fast track," Prevost said. "They have pretty good weather for the most part. It's pretty windy, but overall, really good weather."

Prevost said mental preparation is the best remedy when preparing to run in conditions such as those encountered in Lubbock.

"I'm just not going to think about it," Prevost said. "I'm just going to go out there and do my best and compete with my teammates, and just try to not be affected as much as I can."

Harbour has a many of athletes who have never competed in conditions like the ones they will be facing this weekend. His advice for them is simple.

"We just want them to compete hard, regardless of the circumstances," Harbour said. "The weather we can't control, but we can control how we get ready and how we compete, so that's what we're going to try to do."

Fortunately for the majority of the Bears traveling this weekend, they had a meet-free Easter weekend, giving them a good opportunity to get ready and focus on competing, especially after a busy weekend at the Texas Relays.

"I think we caught our breaths after Texas Relays," Harbour said. "Texas Relays is always such a big meet, and now we're in that part of the season where we're kind of moving down towards the stretch and getting ready for conference."

With the Big 12 Championship only a month away, Baylor looks forward to cutting through the wind in Lubbock and sharpening itself where it most needs to.

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# Two Coast Guards shot at Alaska station

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ANCHORAGE — Two Coast Guard members were fatally shot Thursday at a communications station on an island off Alaska in what officials said appeared to be a double homicide. They have yet to identify a suspect.

The victims were found at their work areas inside the Kodiak Island station early Thursday by another Coast Guard member, spokeswoman Sara Francis said.

Officials believe a third person was involved in the shooting, she said, adding the rest of the roughly 60 enlisted personnel and civilians

working at the station have been accounted for.

Capt. Jesse Moore, commanding officer of the Coast Guard base on Kodiak, said the shootings likely occurred sometime between 7 and 8 a.m., soon after the two victims arrived for work inside one of the communication station buildings.

The captain said he was not aware of any threats or anything else that might have indicated problems at the station. The station is equipped with security cameras, but it was not yet known if they captured any evidence, he said.

Moore said the base was "deeply saddened" by the loss of two shipmates.

"This is a tragic event and we

are going to do everything we can to look after the families of victims, to take care of them and to protect the residents and citizens and other Coast Guard employees in Kodiak," Moore said.

After the shooting, security was increased at the base, about 8 miles from the island's largest city of Kodiak. Officials called on the city's 6,300 or so residents to remain calm and vigilant. Francis said added security was in place at the base and an adjacent school.

The station listens for radio transmissions from mariners and aircraft, Petty Officer Charly Hengen said. The staff is responsible for relaying distress calls to other Coast Guard stations and offices.

The station has "secure front doors," Hengen said, and requires staff and visitors to show identification. Francis said visitors and those not actually working at the station are usually provided escorts.

The Coast Guard said the victims' identities would be released after family members were notified. The FBI said agents flew to Kodiak from Anchorage, about 250 miles away.

Rear Adm. Thomas Ostebo, the commander of Coast Guard operations in Alaska, was in New London, Conn., for a conference at the Coast Guard Academy but left ahead of schedule.

Ostebo could not be reached for comment, according to ac-



Two people are dead after a shooting in the rigging shop at Coast Guard Communications Station Kodiak, Ala. Thursday.

emy spokesman David Santos.

The shooting occurred almost 11 years after another fatal shooting involving the Coast Guard on another Alaska island, St. Paul Is-

land, which is about 660 miles west of the city of Kodiak.

A man killed a Coast Guard officer whom he believed was having an affair with his estranged wife.

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growth of switchgrass and how it can reach maximum sustainability.

"The roots of switchgrass are basically a big filter," Valdez said. "It pulls in more carbon dioxide than it breathes out."

He said this means the plant has a positive environmental impact.

"Switchgrass is capable of bio-fuel production, but it doesn't affect the global food supply like corn [from which standard ethanol is made]," Valdez said.

"[The goal is to] be able to tell switchgrass farmers how to optimize production and minimize environmental impact," Hockaday said.

Valdez said he was surprised when he received the notification

email saying he had been awarded the grant.

"It's one of those things you don't expect to get a reply," Valdez said. "I showed it to my adviser [Hockaday], and that's when I realized the prestige of the award."

Hockaday said the foundation awards 2,000 grants out of more than 50,000 applicants and only one other student in Texas received the grant.

He also said since Valdez's undergraduate degree is in physics and engineering, he was not specifically prepared for the Institute of Ecological, Earth and Environmental Sciences program and its interdisciplinary nature. "It's a pretty ambitious program," Hock-

aday said, "but if anybody can accomplish all [Valdez] is trying, he is the guy."

Valdez said he came to Baylor for the sense of community and the Baylor program. "I can get experience I know I wouldn't otherwise in the TIEES [the institute's] program," Valdez said. "And I love the people and the hospitality."

Valdez said he wants his research project to inspire younger students in the fields of science, technology, engineering and math.

"I want to break down the project where it can engage middle school and high school students in the science, technology, engineering and math fields and help them learn," Valdez said.

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"He's going to talk about what's right with America — and that's that we work together," Flynn said. "He is going to compel the audience that America is still a great idea."

Ben Rogers, director for Poage Library, said he believes Edwards' lecture will have a large focus on public service, partly due to his position.

"One of the main interests is getting students involved in public

service," Rogers said. "The idea of serving the public should be more grand, not a backup."

The library has invited the political science, history, journalism and honors departments on campus to come to the lecture, but encourages everyone to come, he said.

"This is the type of subject that any student should be interested in," he said.

A reception will follow the lec-

ture with light refreshments. Additionally, Rogers said Edwards will be talking with attendees at the reception and setting up meetings to advise students on beginning careers in public service.

"He will mostly be advising them on how they get into public service," Rogers explained. "Not necessarily elected, but more along the lines of how they get into the process — like start working with a representative."

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Kennedy's wife, Molly, said "our lives have been turned upside down simply because my husband wanted to take a walk with our son." Kennedy lawyer, Robert Gottlieb, called the prosecution "a disgrace."

He said Kennedy had received a letter from a personal injury lawyer representing the two nurses.

"Certain individuals have taken advantage of a situation to line

their pockets," Gottlieb said.

A state investigation, including a visit to the Kennedy home in Chappaqua, found no evidence of child abuse by Kennedy.

That conclusion does not directly affect the child endangerment charge, but Gottlieb has filed a motion to dismiss all charges.

Assistant District Attorney Amy Puerto said in court that the prosecution would fight the mo-

tion. A small group of nurses from the state nurses union demonstrated outside court demanding that the harassment charge be upgraded from a misdemeanor to a felony.

Juliane Hatzel, a recovery room nurse at Westchester Medical Center, said "nurses get hurt all the time and there's usually nothing that comes of it."

Kennedy is next due in Mount Kisco Town Court on June 14.

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"It will be fun to practice the new things presented in the workshop even in everyday life for the rest of this semester and as [photography] opportunities come up over the summer," Jones said.

Velez and Widick said it is easy for students to go on a mission trip and take hundreds of photographs, but it is challenging to filter through the photographs to discern what is worth sharing with others.

"This seminar will not only focus on how to take good-looking pictures on mission trips, but how to take pictures that are ethically good and good for the people displayed in them," Widick said.

Velez gave a photography ethics

example of a person walking down the street in another country, seeing a group of homeless children and getting right up in their faces with a camera to take their picture. He said this is as if you are stealing a person's identity before you even know their name.

"Imagine if someone were to come visit Waco," Velez said. "You wouldn't want someone awkwardly flashing a camera in your face."

Velez said he thinks this seminar will be useful to anyone who is interested in taking photos or videos on mission trips, vacations or in everyday life.

Velez said he believes "missions" means not simply going on a mission trip overseas, but "living

[one's] identity as a Christian and allowing that to transform [one's] entire life."

"Missions is a way of living out and expressing your Christian faith," Velez said. "Christianity is not just about a personal relationship with Christ, but involving the communal aspect in that."

Widick said she encourages students to take pictures on their missions experiences this summer so they can share them with the Baylor community this fall.

"We will be hosting a missions photo gallery and contest for them to display their photos and stories," Widick said.

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