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Campaign signs are found all over Waco as the Texas primary date has finally arrived. The polls will be open today from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Jeff Leslie/Lariat staff

Chelsea supports her mom in Waco

By Alex Abdallah Reporter

Chelsea Clinton visited Hillary Clinton's Waco campaign office on Monday to speak in support of her mother.

"It's so exciting to see all this enthusiastic support for my mom," she said. "Thank you for giving me another reason to be so proud of (her)."

Volunteers from all around came to help the campaign office and see Chelsea.

"The day I voted for my mom in New York was the proudest day of my life," she said.

Chelsea stressed the importance of volunteers making people aware of Texas's system of holding both a primary and a caucus.

"I'm so jealous that in Texas you get to



Alex Song/Lariat staff

Chelsea Clinton meets and greets Texas voters Monday at the Hillary Clinton campaign office in Waco.

vote twice for my mom," she said.

Then she went around the room shaking hands with people.

One of them was Angela Hu, a student from Xian, China working on her M.B.A. at Baylor. Hu

told Chelsea that she saw her with Bill and Hillary Clinton in China ten years ago. Hu was one of the performers in a celebration that the Clinton family watched.

Hu also went to see Hillary when she

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McCain visits Waco town hall meeting

By Ashley Killough Reporter

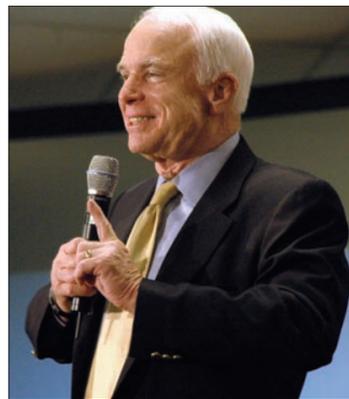
After spending the weekend at his Arizona home, Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., was back on the campaign trail Monday, stopping in Waco at the Heart of Texas Fairgrounds for a town hall meeting.

Catering to Lone Star pride, a massive 15-foot Texas flag hung from the ceiling at the entrance, while country music blared from the speakers as visitors walked in.

John W. McAnally, a former Army field officer, was one among many Waco veterans who came to support their maverick candidate.

"He has the experience to be Commander in Chief," McAnally said. "We want this war to be over, but if we pull out immediately...the terrorists will get what they want."

The event had two stages: one for McCain and a small audience that sat behind him, and another off to the side designated for about 25 Baylor students. An estimated 750-800 people were in



Luis Noble/Lariat staff

Republican presidential candidate John McCain speaks during Monday's Waco town hall meeting.

attendance, with most of them seated in chairs.

Texas State Sen. Kip Averitt, Robinson Mayor Bryan Ferguson and former Senator Phil

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Book authors generate community discussion



Jeff Leslie/Lariat staff

One of the *Same Kind of Different As Me* authors, Ron Hall, speaks during his presentation Monday in Waco Hall. The book is Waco's One Book One Waco spring read.

By Charly Edsitty Reporter

Monday, Mayor of Waco Virginia DuPuy officially proclaimed it Ron Hall and Denver Moore day in Waco. Hall and Moore are the authors of the book *Same Kind of Different as Me* and were guest speakers at the One Book One Waco event.

"This is a first, Mayor," Hall said. "We've been given chicken dinners before, but this sure beats a chicken dinner."

The event drew over 300 people into Waco Hall that included a mix of community members and high school and college students.

The book has garnered national attention since its release in 2006

and chronicles the friendship of an upscale art dealer and a homeless drifter who grew up picking cotton.

It is a best seller in Australia and has been selected by the Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy to be featured in the event "A Celebration of Reading."

Hall opened the event with a history of his and Moore's "unlikely friendship" and talked about his late wife, Deborah Hall, and her contributions to the homeless community in Fort Worth.

"She saw these [homeless] people and asked, 'what will happen to them if I don't help?'" Hall said. "Our story is about how a city was changed by Debbie's dream."

Moore was received with a stand-

ing ovation by the crowd and opened his message singing the lyrics, "God just kept on protecting me."

Moore was honored in 2006 by the citizens of Fort Worth as the "Philanthropist of the Year" for his work with the homeless.

"I thank God for being who I was," Moore said. "All the things that have happened to me have happened for a good reason."

Current external vice president Byran Fonville said he was pleased about the presentation.

"I thought it was great opportunity for not only Baylor students but the community to hear the words of books authors," said Fonville, "By far

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Post players to pose threat against A&M

By Will Parchman Sports editor

In years past, Baylor men's basketball fans have become unnervingly familiar with the otherwise unfamiliar.

Since inheriting a decimated program in 2003, head coach Scott Drew has thrived off of at times unknown talent and a few high schoolers that flew under the radars of bigger, more established schools.

While most of Baylor's guards are now well-known commodities, large-bodied players are often harder to find.

So when Drew had a chance last summer to sign 6-foot-8 junior college transfer Delbert Simpson to help

solidify a forward position that had one starting scholarship player, he jumped on it.

Coupled with senior 6-foot-9 walk-on forward Mark Shepherd, Simpson has provided depth where the team needed it most.

"That's the great thing about depth, about having different players you can go into and different match-ups," Drew said. "Each team poses a different problem and the great thing is we have different solutions to them."

Drew might not have been sure of Simpson's prospects when the season started, but things are looking a lot rosier at the forward position as Baylor (20-8, 8-6) inches ever closer to an NCAA Tournament bid.

After dropping six of seven games

over a month-long span, the Bears won their third straight Saturday with a 100-89 decision over the University of Missouri at the Ferrell Center to secure the program's first 20-win season in two decades. The win pulled the Bears into third place in the Big 12 and puts them in position for a first-round bye in the Big 12 Tournament next weekend and for a coveted place in the NCAA Tournament field of 65.

With 7-foot center Josh Lomers relegated to the bench in Saturday's win due to match-up problems with a quick Tigers team, Simpson posted career-high numbers points (10) and rebounds (6) and his 20 minutes

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Dallas junior Kevin Rogers goes up strong against Miz-zou's Leo Lyons in Sunday's 100-89 win at the Ferrell Center.

Alex Song/Lariat staff

Editorial

Coal plants must be stopped

Dallas-based TXU Energy proposed 11 new coal plants in Texas last year, but after opposition from environmentalists and a change of ownership, the company reduced its proposal to three plants.

Unfortunately, the fight is not over yet. Now is the time for Baylor students to get involved and help keep our air clean. Picking up where TXU left off, Dynegy (a Houston-based wholesale electricity, natural gas and natural gas liquids provider) has proposed six new coal plants. This means Dynegy has the greatest number of coal plant proposals in the nation.

One of the proposals is for a coal plant in Riesel, a city no more than 10 miles from Waco. This plant is expected to be in operation by 2012.

It is in the process of getting its permits, two of which (water and air) have already caused the company a lawsuit with the grassroots group Texans Protecting Our Water, Environment and Resources. The company is willing to take the case as far as it must, a spokesman said in a Jan. 29 interview with *The Baylor Lariat*.

Friday, Wacoans and Baylor students rallied outside of the Bill Daniel Student Center to protest Dynegy's proposed coal plant in Riesel and to educate people about the situation and its negative effects on the area.

Waco isn't the only city protesting. Customers in Houston held a demonstration Feb. 20 outside Dynegy headquarters, a clear sign that Wacoans are not alone.

Dynegy claims that it must meet the growing demand for electricity while alternative energy sources are still being developed. But this short-



term fix causes mercury, arsenic and other chemicals from the coal plant to seep into the groundwater and rivers contaminating the area's drinking water. In addition to this, over a period of time, inhalation of these chemicals can negatively affect your health. One of the most common effects is cancer. Coal plants are also the second largest emitter of carbon dioxide, right after automobiles.

In a Feb. 20 interview with *The Houston Chronicle*, Dynegy spokesman David Byford said Dynegy's plans to use other fuels are "very flexible."

"(The type of energy implemented) is dependent on what customers are

asking for," he said.

If the plant's energy decision is "flexible" and "dependent on what customers are asking for," then it's clear that customers not only in the Waco, but in the Houston area are asking for a different kind of energy plant.

Lately, activism at Baylor and in Waco has been sparked by interest in the presidential election, but it's time for those who feel passionate enough for change to get behind another movement — stopping these coal plants.

The Sierra Club is working hard at an upcoming letter-writing campaign to let the company know exactly what

its future customers are asking for.

But this campaign is also political in nature. Congress is working on a cap-and-trade mechanism that would limit greenhouse gas emissions from coal plants and other facilities while allowing companies to trade or purchase permits that go unused.

While this isn't a solution to the problem, it's a start. While we may have to wait a few years for alternative energy to be as reliable as current sources, we must encourage Congress and energy companies to hold themselves responsible for the adverse effects caused by current large-scale energy options.

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Sacrificing rights cost of freedom

In recent years, debate has arisen over whether American citizens should sacrifice portions of their basic liberties in order to aid the fight against terrorism.

Since Sept. 11, America has not had another attack which has resulted in many developing a false sense of security. Let's not fall into this misleading trap: America's enemies are alive, they are well and they are earnestly working and praying for its destruction.

Perhaps the most targeted piece of legislation over the past few years has been the Patriot Act. With leftist groups such as the American Civil Liberties Union and its allies vigorously campaigning to convince the public to view this act as nothing short of a birth certificate to an American police state, many have become skeptical of the ultimate intent of this specific legislation.

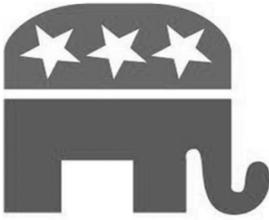
The Patriot Act's initial premise was to unite the various defense agencies and efforts to better equip the government in the fight against terrorism for the protection of the American people.

By boosting punishments for terrorism, advancing outdated analog surveillance systems and laws into the digital era and breaking down bureaucratic barriers that prevented American spies and law enforcement agencies from sharing crucial information, the U.S. govern-

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BY BRAD KNOTT



ment has intercepted and thwarted dozens of attacks.

What the left has forgotten is that the Patriot Act was embraced by profound majorities on both sides of the aisle when it was passed into law on October 26, 2001.

While the left emphasizes that the Patriot Act allows for periodic suspension of habeas corpus, wiretapping and other forms of communication monitoring, let us remember that we are at war.

In every major war in American history, civil liberties were taxed to a much greater extent than they are today in order to defeat the persisting evils.

Presidents Lincoln, Wilson and Roosevelt all suspended key civil liberties while presiding

over their specific war efforts. In doing so, evils such as slavery, fascism and genocide were defeated.

Furthermore, these concerns, though legitimate, are put to rest by the foundational system of checks and balances.

The Justice Department's inspector general pays close attention to the workings of the act and those who are affected by it.

The authors of the act did not design a permanent piece of legislation, and henceforth made it subject to congressional oversight. During the reauthorization of the act in 2005, it was modified in order that it may even more fairly and efficiently maintain and facilitate the protection of citizen freedoms.

This modification and reauthorization proves the act is in accordance with democratic principles, ensuring this legislation is by the people and for the people.

As John F. Kennedy charged, "Ask not what your country can do for you, but ask what you can do for your country," we too must ask what we can do for our country.

Allowing our government to monitor areas and persons of suspicion is the least we can do, and in doing so, we will ultimately be preserving the foundational liberties we so cherish for generations to come.

Brad Knott is a junior history major from Raleigh, N.C.

Suspension of liberties never just

What does it mean to you when you say you are an American? To most, it first and foremost means living in a country where people enjoy certain freedoms and inalienable rights as protected by the Constitution.

Yet it often surprises me how many people are unaware of or simply accept the government's recent suspension of our rights because we are in a time of war.

In 1938, Franklin Roosevelt addressed the National Education Association and said, "If the fires of freedom and civil liberties burn low in other hands, they must be made brighter in our own."

In a time when our administration has suspended habeas corpus, resulted to warrantless wiretapping and used torture to obtain information, these words are a reminder that America's civil liberties have been placed on the back burner and something must be done to protect them.

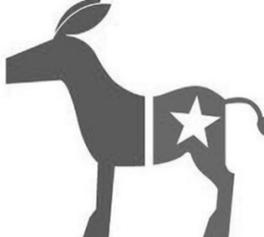
The Military Commissions Act of 2006 allows the U.S. to detain anyone who is considered an "enemy combatant" without a fair trial. For prisoners in Guantanamo and other military prisons, this means spending years incarcerated without questioning and without even the right to know why they are being held in the first place.

You might remember the story of José Padilla, an American citizen who was held for three years in a military prison before being

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BY ALEXANDRA NEVILLE



notified of his criminal charges and subjected to various forms of torture.

More recently, on February 11 of this year, the Pentagon announced that six Guantanamo prisoners had been charged with war crimes and could face the death penalty.

Co. Morris Davis, the former chief prosecutor, admitted that trials such as these are rigged from the start, preventing any of the prisoners from ever receiving acquittal. Davis has since resigned his position because he felt that he was compromising his own ideals due to political pressure.

The National Security Agency's "terrorist surveillance program" allows officials without

warrants to listen in on any phone conversation or read the text messages and e-mails of anyone in the U.S. suspected to be involved with or supporting al-Qaida. The potential for abuse runs high for wiretapping.

Information openly available on the Internet about FISA's program suggests that calls and text are screened for key words, including common words that may be considered code words.

If an interesting phrase comes up, network provider programs such as AT&T's "Daytona Database" that collects call detail records for company use must turn these records over to the NSA for further examination. Even an individual's Web traffic can be monitored without question.

So amid all this controversy, is suspending our civil rights really helping anything? For one thing, it is certainly giving our enemies exactly what they want by showing our weakness and fear.

It contributes to ill relations by showing that we do not respect the rights of others, never mind our own.

We say we are Americans and we enjoy our freedom, but beneath the surface of it all, we are obviously not upholding our ideals. Since when are our Constitutional rights fair-weather friends?

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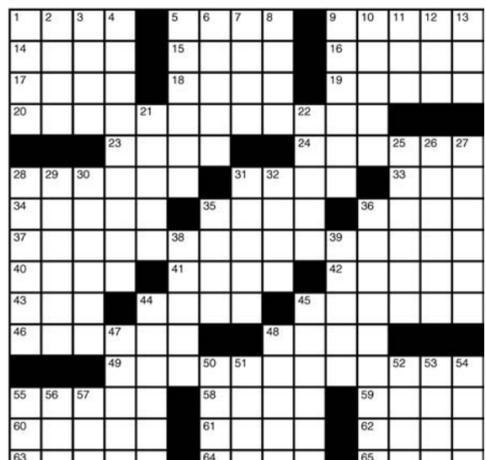
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BEAR BRIEFS

The Cultural Awareness Team of the Student Life Division will be holding the Tunnel of Oppression today from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. in the Barfield Drawing Room in the Bill Daniel Student Center. The experience will take about an hour. For more information contact Rae_Wright@baylor.edu.

Multicultural Activities will present Jana Spicka at 8:30 p.m. today in the Stacy Riddle Forum. She will be speaking on "Contemporary Demons: A Candid Look at Faith." For more information contact Taryn_Ozuna@baylor.edu.

Kappa Delta will be meeting at 5:30 p.m. today for an open recruitment dinner at Penland Dining Hall. For more information contact Laura_Glathar@baylor.edu.

Jana Spicka will be speaking at the Women's History Month Luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday on the 5th floor of Cashion Academic Center. Admission is free, but is on a first-come, first-serve basis. For information, contact Erin_Ebert@baylor.edu

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Tunnel opens eyes

Tunnel of Oppression seeks to make students aware of issues

By Lee Ann Marcel Reporter

The cultural awareness work team from the Division of Student Life is hosting the Tunnel of Oppression.

The event is aimed at educating and increasing awareness of the different forms of oppression people go through on a daily basis, locally and across the world.

Students are asked to register and then are separated into groups lead by a facilitator through the tunnel.

"I'm not even sure what I'm getting myself into," Dallas junior Yahaira Munor said upon entering the tunnel.

The tunnel is like watching a few small skits, but with a twist. Rather than sitting back and relaxing, the audience moves through a series of scenarios lead by the facilitator. The tunnel itself moves through various rooms inside the Bill Daniel Student Center.

Each room addresses a type of oppression including torture,



Jeff Leslie/Lariat staff

Students wait to enter the Tunnel of Oppression Monday night in the Bill Daniel Student Center. The tunnel, which encompasses several rooms in the student center, will be held until 10 p.m. today.

illegal land seizures, sexual and racial discrimination and abuse.

At the end of the tour participants are lead by the facilitator to discuss their experience.

"Its overwhelming. But everyone that sees it normally doesn't do anything about it," Cassville, Mo. junior Seth Reed said.

But this year they have added a resource area for those who want to get involved further with campus organizations. For example, the new International Social Justice Mission has launched a Baylor chapter.

"One of our purposes is to help people raise their voice through prayer," said Saralyn Salisbury, president of the International Social Justice Mission.

The Tunnel of Oppression began as a grassroots program at the University of Western Illinois, but moved to Baylor in 2005. In the previous years 900 students walked through the tunnel and engaged in discussions, said Carrie Anderson, graduate assistant for the New Student Programs. This year the tunnel has spread to the second and third floors of the Bill Daniel Student Center.

In previous years the audience were the ones being oppressed. "There were people yelling at us," Tomball senior Oanh Ngo said.

This year is a little less jarring. The tunnel will be held for the last time from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. today.

American Scientific Affiliation to hold design discussion

By Stephen Jablonski Reporter

The issue of intelligent design has been a sensitive topic at Baylor University for nearly a decade. Some believe it's time to talk.

The American Scientific Affiliation is attempting to diffuse the controversy surrounding issues like intelligent design, and to readily approach issues that relate to both science and Christianity.

Baylor's chapter of the American Scientific Affiliation holds lectures concerning religion, ethics and science throughout the semester.

Dr. Walter Bradley, distinguished professor of mechanical engineering, will discuss "Must a Christian Believe in Design?" at 5:30 p.m. today in Room 106 of the Robert M. and Louise Rogers Engineering and Computer Science Building.

Wescosville, Penn., junior Sam Chen, an officer of Baylor's American Scientific Affiliation, said the American Scientific Affiliation is a group of believers who are interested in science and are willing to encourage conversation.

"What we want to do is to understand and inform people about what science is saying as it relates to Christianity, and to promote discussion," said Bryan senior Micaela Landivar, president of Baylor's American Scientific Affiliation. "The goal is not to pick a side. We just want people to discuss this."

Landivar said Bradley organized the students of Baylor's American Scientific Affiliation

to discuss and reconcile science and Christianity.

"(The American Scientific Affiliation doesn't) take a strong

"We're just a group of Christians who are interested in science."

Sam Chen Wescosville, Penn., junior

position on intelligent design," Bradley said. "They want to provide a forum where Christians can integrate faith and scientific work in the best possible environment. I think the ASA is open to different ways that we might do that."

Chen emphasized that the American Scientific Affiliation is not taking a stance on intelligent design.

"We're not an intelligent design group," Chen said. "We're just a group of Christians who are interested in science."

Bradley said his lecture will address design at a cosmic level. While the term intelligent design has come relate in some ways to evolution, Bradley said he plans to look at interesting examples that point to design, but not evolution.

Bradley said there is a lot that can be discussed in design that doesn't necessarily deal with evolution.

"I think I want to speak to a more general way to believe in a design of some sort," Bradley said. "At this point I think it would be helpful to Baylor if we could engage in robust discussion and move toward a better understanding."

Increase in Christians who don't go to church

By Sarah Rafique Reporter

Christians can be categorized in five different groups, according to a new Barna Group study.

The Barna Group divides Christians into unattached, intermittents, homebodies, blenders and conventionals.

"(A study like) this may give a quick and simple look, but probably not something we can depend upon to be accurate," said Dr. Brian Brewer, assistant professor of Christian theology.

The study hinted that people are more likely to attend church during religious holidays, such as Christmas or Easter.

Frank Brown, pastor of Bellmead First Baptist Church, said he does notice a slight increase in the number of people attending church during holidays.

"We are steadily growing, but typically our increase has been about 20 percent," Brown said. "Our regular service attendance is about 90 to 110 people, so we pick up about 20 to 25 people during those times."

The study noted that "unat-

tached" Christians are among those who attend holiday services, rather than regularly attending church.

"I think it is always helpful to have labels, but sometimes it is overly simplistic," Brewer said. "However, we are seeing a growing trend in people who fall into these categories and we have a renewal to these categories as people try to find the simplicity of worship."

There are both positive and negative repercussions of labeling different types of Christians, he said.

The study noted that six out of ten adults in the unattached category meaning people who haven't attended church within the past year, consider themselves Christians.

People who do not attend church regularly are able to worship and pray at their own convenience, whenever they feel inspired to pray, without experiencing the full Christian environment, according to the study.

"Christians miss out on the full dimension of church and are able to dictate what the church is on their own terms," Brewer said.

Brewer said he feels that it is an important aspect of Christianity to worship at a church, whether it is a home church or a conventional one.

"People begin to do church on their own time and completely miss out on the prospect that Christianity is a cooperative pilgrimage," Brewer said.

People believe in the statement, "once saved, always saved," Brewer said, and no longer feel the need to go to church.

The study stated that of the unattached Christians, 19 percent read the Bible and 62 percent pray to God during a typical week.

"I'm not denying that someone is not a Christian if they are praying and doing bible study on their own time. But to be a healthy Christian, one needs community," he said.

The different classifications of Christians and number of Christians who attend services regularly are reflective of changing times among different generations.

Brown accounts the attendance increase to tradition.

"The '50s were very prominent times in [church] attendance," Brown said.

Older generations remember going to church when growing up while the attendance of younger generations is fading, according to the study.

"I'm afraid that it's the way that our culture is going," Brown said.

Linda Freeto, associate pastor for the Central United Methodist Church, said she also noticed an increase in the number of people attending church during holidays.

Freeto accredits the attendance increase to religious holidays being a time when families get together and, for Christmas, focus on the birth of Christ.

The attendance during Christmas and Easter are very high, Freeto said.

"I don't really know why there are more people (during religious holidays) - it has always been that way," she said.

The study identifies the other four groups of Christians as follows: intermittents are "under-churched;" homebodies are people who attend a house church, rather than a conventional one; blenders attend both conventional and home churches; and conventionals attend a congregational-style or local church.

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Water treatment research active

By Shannon Daily
Staff Writer

Baylor researchers are working to figure out a way to clean chemical compounds such as those found in Prozac and birth control pills out of the water supply.

Dr. Bryan Brooks, an associate professor in the environmental science department, said while waste water treatment plants clean a large amount of chemicals out of water, they aren't yet able to catch everything.

"Our current waste-water treatment plants do a really good job most of the time," Brooks said. "They just aren't designed for pharmaceuticals or personal care products."

Small portions of the compounds found in these products are able to slip through the treatment processes at the wastewater plants, getting into the water supply and affecting the wildlife it houses, Brooks said.

"The question is, do those substances present problems to humans and aquatic organisms when they're released out?" Brooks said.

One area research has focused on is the effect the pharmaceuticals have on fish.

While this specific research is ongoing, it has been deter-

mined that if a human were to eat the fish, the compounds the fish had absorbed into its tissue wouldn't affect the human, Brooks said.

This research is particularly important for drier areas, Brooks said, or areas that rely on effluent-dependent rivers. An effluent-dependent river is a river that receives the majority of its water, effluent water or waste water, from waste water treatment plants.

The Trinity River, for example, is an effluent dependent river.

The river receives 95 percent to 98 percent of its water from waste treatment plants in Dallas and Fort Worth before reaching its last reservoir at Lake Livingston, Brooks said.

"The work we've been doing with compounds - it's just a microcosm of the various environmental health problems associated with water reuse," Brooks said.

Dr. Joe Yelderman, geology professor, is another researcher working with Brooks. Yelderman works mainly on the treatment of the water while Brooks researches its effect on the environment.

The two work with the Baylor Waste Water Research program to find new ways to recycle water.



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Never too young to cheer

A young fan cheers on the Bears Saturday at the basketball game against the University of Missouri at the Ferrell Center. Baylor won 100-89.

Women's History month gets speaker

By Elizabeth Herring
Reporter

Media, peers and faith present conflicting views on what makes a woman.

Multicultural Activities is holding events for Women's History Month.

Jana Spicka, an author, speaker and songwriter, will be at Baylor talking to students about what religion says a woman should be.

At 8:30 p.m. today in the Stacy Riddle Forum Chapel, Spicka will speak to a women-only audience on "Contemporary Demons: A Candid Look at Faith."

"I feel like she's just real about telling her story," said Erin Ebert, graduate assistant for Multicultural Activities.

College women face different pressures to look a certain way or to act a certain way, Ebert said. Spicka will talk about her experiences dealing with these "contemporary demons."

Spicka will talk about the different pitfalls she faced in college and the consequences that came from those decisions.

She is not going to say, "don't do this, it's wrong," said Ebert, but she will talk about what women are called to be in Christ.

"She'll talk about taking off all those labels culture puts on us," said Ebert.

Spicka will also present at the Women's History Month Luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday on the fifth floor of the Cashin Academic Center.

Spicka will address different roles women hold and who God says they are in those roles.

The luncheon holds the same title as her book, *Unhindered: Revealing the Glory of a Woman*.

The luncheon is free and open to the public, although seats are on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Frankly Speaking, an open student forum that discusses topics that affect students, will also feature Spicka at 3 p.m. Wednesday in the Bill Daniel Student Center.

Julie Smith, a graduate assistant for Multicultural Activities, said that at a Christian school there is a lot of pressure to do the "Christian thing."

Spicka's different background and perspective to issues on campus will be a good input to Frankly Speaking, said Smith.

"[Spicka] wouldn't be offended by questions because she can go down that road with people," said Taryn Ozuna, coordinator for Multicultural Activities.

British news organization to broadcast student discussion

By Sommer Ingram
Staff Writer

Select Baylor students will have an opportunity to share their opinions regarding the presidential election with an international audience today.

British Sky News, an international broadcasting company based in the United Kingdom, is holding a live student debate on campus.

It will be broadcast to more than 100 countries.

Two students will debate, one representing Sen. Hillary Clin-

ton, D-N.Y., and the other representing Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., on issues currently affecting each candidate's campaign.

"There were a few factors that contributed to our coming to Waco," associate producer Tiffany Caroffino said. "Waco has become a hot-spot in politics for setting up headquarters and campaigning. We also thought about Baylor because we thought it would be interesting to get the views of students there, since it is a traditionally very conservative Baptist university."

The debate will feature only

students representing the Democratic Party because the Republican candidate has essentially already been decided, Caroffino said.

Plano junior Stephanie Formas will represent Clinton, but the Obama representative has yet to be determined.

"It's great to see students in the heart of Texas getting involved and having the chance to tell the world what we really think through this broadcast segment," Formas said. "I hope to represent Sen. Clinton the best I can because I believe she is

the only person in this race who can step in the White House and be ready to lead on day one."

Ryan Young, 2006 Baylor alumnus, created the Baylor for Obama organization and is in charge of finding the Obama representative for the debate.

Young said while he doesn't think the debate will necessarily affect the outcome of the primaries today, it is nonetheless a way to make the public more aware of what Obama stands for.

"We want to represent his campaign as best we can," he said. "A lot of students are

drawn to Barack because they think he'd be a charismatic, authentic leader, but they don't really know where he stands on the issues. We want people to know he does have a very sound policy on every issue."

Dr. Martin Medhurst, distinguished professor of rhetoric and communication, will also be interviewed on air.

"It's extremely important that people, whether they are students or not, take seriously their responsibility of citizenship," he said. "The foremost responsibility is following the

policies that shape our nation and when you have the chance, helping to shape those policies."

Engaging students in this kind of political dialogue is essential to the continued development of this country, Medhurst said.

"It's interesting because different groups play bigger or smaller parts in different elections," he said. "The 18- to 29-year-old group is playing a huge role in this election; they are pretty much the base of Obama's candidacy."

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Grand Junction, Colo., in-fielder Shaver Hansen hits from home base. Baseball won the QTI Baylor Classic championship trophy Sunday at the Baylor Ballpark.

Baseball retains trophy

Baseball sweeps QTI Baylor Classic, raising streak to 7-0, making the best season start since 1993

By Brian Bateman
Sports writer

For the first time since its inception, the QTI Baylor Classic championship trophy didn't leave Waco. Baylor powered past the competition, continuing a winning streak that has seen Baylor rise to 7-0. It's the best start for the Bears since the 1993 season.

The victory moved Baylor two spots higher in the Baseball America top 25 poll to No. 11. Even with the undefeated streak intact, head coach Steve Smith said he thinks the Bears still have work to do.

"I don't think that we are thinking right offensively," Smith said. "We're living on the fly ball right now, living on the home runs. That won't work against good, quality pitching."

The Bears posted wins over the University of Illinois, the University of Illinois-Chicago and Stephen F. Austin University.

Friday night, Baylor's bats got to work as the Bears compiled 21 hits – including three Aaron

Miller home runs – in a 20-6 rout of the Illini.

"Obviously he's got some juice in his bat," Smith said. "The last person to (accomplish that) was Charley (Carter) in 1998."

His 5-for-5 performance would be his best, as he added just one more hit in two games.

Dustin Dickerson and Ben Booker made up for Miller's sudden drop in production over the next two games. Dickerson added two RBI triples and Booker connected for his first home run of the year.

Saturday the Bears struggled early as Illinois-Chicago pitcher Derrick Miramontes held Steve Smith's squad to just one hit through five and two-thirds innings.

"I was thrilled to see us get into their bull pen," Smith said, adding, "I know that's extremely difficult to take him out of a one-hit shutout."

Miramontes was selected as one of two All-tournament pitchers along with Baylor sophomore Kendal Volz.

"He was a little off-speed pitcher," junior outfielder Ben Booker said. "That's what we wanted – to get to the next guy."

Redshirt freshman Shawn Tolleson struggled with his fast-ball, but performed well enough to allow the Bears to creep back in for a 5-4 victory.

"Eventually they'd start falling if we were patient," senior outfielder Paul Miles said. "The day before we put up a ton of hits there, the next day we can come and pitch and throw the ball around and win that way."

Sunday Baylor finished the sweep with a 4-3 victory over the Lumberjacks – the Bears' fifth one-run game this year. Sophomore pitcher Willie Kempf pitched well in spurts, but allowed runners to get into scoring position often.

"That 5th inning could have been a lot shorter if I just made a good throw over the first base," Kempf said. "I was just glad to get that 3-2 strike."

That strike bailed him out of a bases-loaded situation and saved Baylor the game. Senior Erik Forestiere closed the game out with two strong innings, striking out three and not allowing a hit.

"He came in throwing strikes. That's requirement number one," Smith said.

Baylor (7-0) will welcome Louisiana Tech University for a Tuesday-Wednesday two-game series.

The Bulldogs (6-3) just finished the Domino's Pizza Classic in College Station, where they dropped three to the University of Arkansas, Ohio State University and Texas A&M University.

Women's tennis No. 4 defeats Wake Forest University, 4-0

By Joe Holloway
Reporter

Papers blew across the courts and leaves swirled in a fury in the corners of the Baylor Tennis Center. The wind wreaked havoc on most everything, except the shots of the No. 4 Lady Bears tennis players, as the women's team blew past No. 19 Wake Forest University, 4-0, on Sunday.

Head coach Joe Scrivano suggested that his team's superior performance was the result of preparation and timing.

"We train them each week. Especially on windy days in practice, we try to get match play in so we know how to deal with it," he said. "I think we were really fortunate that Wake Forest caught a tough match yesterday with Texas A&M and they came in maybe a bit tired."

Scrivano said he was happy with the way his team performed in the wind gusts that have a tendency to push players off their game.

"The wind played a big factor. I told the team going in that Wake Forest was our number

one opponent and the wind was a close second," he said. "Our players did a great job. They didn't let it bother them."

The match was moved up to a 12:30 p.m. start time and shorted to a "first to four" tournament format in which the singles matches are played first.

No. 18 Lenka Broosova took the first match of the day for Baylor, beating Wake Forest's Christian Tara at No. 3 singles. Broosova took the first set with ease, winning 6-0. She dropped the first two games of the second set but then battled back to

win six straight and the set 6-2.

Broosova said she thought the weather was "a little tough," but that she also felt the team was well prepared for the conditions.

"Coach told us to just follow the game plan and try to hit everything in the middle of the court," she said. "It was windy but we knew what was happening."

Baylor got the next of the four points needed to win when No. 37 Jana Belikova beat the Demon Deacon's Sierra Poske at No. 4 singles 6-2, 6-1.

Shortly after, No. 24 Zuzana Zemenova dealt Wake Forest their third loss of the day, dispatching Sasha Kulikova 6-1, 6-1 in the No. 1 seeded match of the day.

"It was good," Zemenova said of the match. "I was just playing the way I should be."

The Lady Bears' lone senior this year, Zemenova also harped on pre-game preparation as a key factor in her win.

"I knew my game plan and I stuck with it," she said. "It was working well."

Freshman Karolina Filipiak

clinched the match for Baylor, downing Katarina Reveche 6-2, 6-1, playing No. 6 singles.

Now the Lady Bears will travel to Ames, Iowa to take on Iowa State University Friday in the first Big 12 action of the year.

While the team's attention is certainly now on this match, Scrivano is happy to have the win over Wake Forest nonetheless.

"There's not a lot of matches you can finish this quickly on the schedule," he said. "We're just happy to get a good win and move on."

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Sacramento, Calif., forward Jessika Bradley gets ready to shoot the ball in a game against the University of Colorado Wednesday. Baylor fell to the Buffaloes, 76-62.

Lady Bears to aim at title

After Baylor's loss against A&M, Bears get one more chance to claim Big 12 trophy

By Justin Baer
Sports writer

Second chances aren't a common occurrence in life. But fortunately for the Lady Bears, Saturday's second-largest defeat of the season against Texas A&M University was the first of two opportunities to capture the Big 12 Championship.

Although the 72-53 loss did place No. 8 Baylor (24-4, 12-3) in a do-or-die situation entering the final regular-season game of the season, the Lady Bears now have an opportunity to win their first Big 12 Championship since 2005 at home, where Baylor is a perfect 17-0 this year.

"Any time you lose you are disappointed, but not devastated," head coach Kim Mulkey said. "We can still win a Big 12 Championship. Fortunately that wasn't our last game, and it wasn't our last opportunity."

But don't crown the Lady Bears just yet. Thursday's opponent, No. 20 Oklahoma State

University, will not be a cakewalk. The Cowgirls account for one of four Baylor losses on the year, as the girls from Stillwater, Okla., defeated the Lady Bears 77-67 at Gallagher-Iba Arena on Feb. 5.

To add to the drama of Thursday's contest against the Cowgirls, senior guard Angela Tisdale will be taking to the wood floor of the Ferrell Center for the last time as a Lady Bear. Tisdale has brought an abundance of success to the Lady Bear program, but as Mulkey said, Baylor needs her now more than ever.

"The year she is having this year, that's why we are in position to win the Big 12 Championship," said Mulkey about her lone senior. "She has taken us on her shoulders, and she has delivered us time and time again. I am just fortunate to have had the opportunity to coach her."

Tisdale has the chance to become the first player in Lady Bear history to be a part of two Big 12 Championship teams. But she will have to rightfully earn that accolade. Tisdale will be matched up against super sophomore Andrea Riley, who leads the Big 12 with 22.6 points per game.

"Any senior would want to

go out with a Big 12 Championship," the Austin native said. "They have great guards that push it and go to the boards—they can do everything. We got to compete with that and hopefully we shut them down."

And if Tisdale and company are unable to lock down Riley, it's safe to say Baylor fans still won't call the season the Lady Bears have produced a failure.

"How in the world anybody could overlook what this basketball team has done this year—they are not following it very closely, if you look at what we have done," Mulkey said. "We lose one of our star players, and we are still beating people that are ranked."

But of course all the hype leading up to Thursday's game can be thrown out the window if the University of Kansas can pull off an upset victory Wednesday night at home against Kansas State University, who is currently tied for first place with the Lady Bears.

And if that happens? "I won't be here Thursday," Mulkey joked. "You go into that game, and you are going to play 'We Are the Champions' afterward, but that doesn't mean you want to lose."

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played were his highest in conference play. Those are all vital stats for a team that often struggles to match up with taller teams in the paint. And with Texas A&M University (21-8, 7-7) coming to the Ferrell Center Wednesday for a rematch of Baylor's memorable five-overtime win earlier this year, athletic post players will be at a premium. "Delbert is somebody who does a great job against athletic teams and really gave us a great lift," Drew said.

Perhaps most surprising is that Simpson's contributions have been on a steady incline as Baylor has mounted its most recent 3-game winning streak.

"He's a high-energy guy," junior forward Kevin Rogers said. "He plays with a lot of energy and a lot of passion. Any time you can have a guy like him contribute is definitely a big plus."

Simpson isn't the only unheralded post player making an impact this season. Shepherd registered at least 10 minutes played per game in six of Baylor's last seven games until succumbing to an illness and missing the second half against Missouri.

As for Shepherd, his tenacious hustle play and reckless style have put him on the radars of teams that hadn't paid atten-

tion to the unheralded forward before this season.

"Any loose ball, you know he's going to be around it," Drew said.

The Bears still had their share of problems defending Missouri's post combination of Leo Lyons and Demarre Carroll, who combined to record 39 points and 21 rebounds Saturday. University of Oklahoma forward Blake Griffin combined for similar numbers in his two games against Baylor while Kansas State University forward Michael Beasley ripped Baylor for 44 points in their meeting earlier this year. It was the highest single-game point total for any player in Big 12 history.

Those kinds of performances serve as a reminder that the team is still unusually thin and inexperienced at the forward position.

In that sense, the Bears will lean heavily on their guard-play to make sure their ticket is punched to the NCAA Tournament this month.

But with senior night against Texas A&M Wednesday fast approaching, Shepherd is looking to turn the attention to the few Baylor players that rarely get it.

Students can pick up tickets for Wednesday's game on Tuesday from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Teams battle for NCAA tournament spot

By Andrea Bagnato
The Associated Press

TUCSON, Ariz. — In many years, Arizona, Kentucky, Maryland and Syracuse would be a strong Final Four. This year, it might be the NIT Final Four.

As the regular season winds down and conference tournaments tip off, the Terrapins, Orange and Wildcats—the Arizona and Kentucky varieties—are in bubble trouble.

If pedigree were all that matters, they'd have nothing to worry about on Selection Sunday. But while these powerhouses are long on tradition, at the moment they're short on victories.

"We are in desperation mode now," Arizona forward Chase Buderger said.

Arizona has reached the NCAA tournament 23 straight years, the nation's longest active streak.

Kentucky has played in a record 48 NCAA tournaments, with seven titles and 13 Final Four appearances.

Maryland and Syracuse have each won national titles in this decade.

They aren't the only big names sweating the stretch run.

Florida (21-8, 8-6 SEC), the two-time defending national champion, has lost five of eight and has few notable victories.

Ohio State (17-12, 8-8 Big Ten), which reached the national final last spring, beat the Gators in December but has lost five of its last six.

Big East bully Villanova (17-12, 7-9 Big East) also has work to do.

"We know we've got to win some games to get in the (NCAA) tournament," Florida freshman forward Adam Allen said Monday. "Nobody wants to go to the NIT. It's like the champion of the losers if you win that."

Allen was talking about the Gators, but he could have been speaking for all the elite teams scrambling to improve their tourney resumes.

Start with the Arizona Wildcats (17-12, 7-9 Pac-10), who have picked a bad time to hit the skids. They've lost six of their last seven and were swept over the weekend by USC and No. 4 UCLA at McKale Center, their once-impregnable home.

Even so, interim coach Kevin O'Neill believes his team deserves strong consideration from NCAA selectors.

"I just want to play through the rest of the season and see what they say," O'Neill said. "I doubt there are 64 teams better than us, but we will see."

The Wildcats finish the regular season at last-place Oregon State and Oregon this weekend. The Wildcats split with those teams in January.

Kentucky (16-11, 10-4 SEC) is going in the other direction. After a 7-9 start, including an unthinkable loss to Gardner-Webb, the Wildcats looked as if they had no prayer of making the tournament.

But with nine wins in their last 11 games, they're closing with a rush, and on Saturday they threw a scare into then-No. 1 Tennessee, losing 63-60 in Knoxville.

The Wildcats have lost freshman Patrick Patterson, their No. 2 scorer and leading rebounder, for the rest of the season with an ankle injury.

Kentucky visits South Carolina on Wednesday and wraps up the regular season against Florida on Sunday.

"I know they can win these games without me," Patterson said. "I know they can play because if they couldn't, they

wouldn't be here. We have total confidence in ourselves and our teammates."

Kentucky last missed the NCAA tournament in 1991, Rick Pitino's second season in Lexington—and it wasn't because of performance. The Wildcats went 22-6 but stayed home because they were on NCAA probation.

The last time the Wildcats were eligible and failed to qualify for the NAAs was in 1988-89, when they went 13-19 in Eddie Sutton's last year. To put that into perspective, Patterson was born on March 14, 1989, four days after Kentucky ended its season with a loss to Vanderbilt in the SEC tournament.

If Syracuse and Maryland don't make the NCAA tourney, they will look back on last weekend with regret. Both blew double-digit leads and lost at home, and if there's one thing the selection committee doesn't like to see, it's home losses.

Syracuse (17-12, 7-9 Big East), the 2003 national champs, blew an 11-point second half lead to Pitt on Saturday and gave the game away with a turnover under their own basket in the final seconds.

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Pig nose portrays beauty in 'Penelope'

By Natalie Adeleye
Contributor

While *Penelope* is an amusing tale with a quirky, modern-day twist, it still gets packaged in the "make-believe" box, covered in unicorn stamps, and shipped to fairy tale land with all the other fairy tales.

MOVIE REVIEW

Personally, I think it's good for adults to reopen that fairy tale box once in awhile and experience some magic, but this movie seems to appeal more to children.

To give producers Reese Witherspoon and Jennifer Simpson some credit, their attempts at making the fairy tale innovative are not half bad.

While the film, which debuted Friday, has the classic themes of love and beauty that are rooted in *Beauty and the Beast* and *The Frog Prince*, it is still a unique film with an excellent message for children and young women.

Set in a city that resembles London, Christina Ricci stars as the lead character Penelope, who is cursed with a pig's nose.

Fearing society's rejection of their daughter's snout, Penelope's parents (Richard E. Grant and Catherine O'Hara) fake her death and lock her



Courtesy of Stone Village Pictures

James McAvoy and Christina Ricci star in *Penelope*, a tale of a girl who has a pig nose.

in their mansion to live her life sheltered and unseen.

Penelope's curse can only be broken if she is loved by "one of her kind," so her obnoxious mother works with a matchmaker to find another blueblood who can marry Penelope and break the curse.

Unfortunately for Penelope, all the men who see her snout run for their lives, instead of falling in love with her. That is, all the men except a charming gambler named Max.

Max, played by *Atonement* star James McAvoy, is hired by Lemon and Edward, two men who are desperate for a picture of "the girl with the snout," to befriend Penelope and

get a picture.

McAvoy delivers the role of Max perfectly. The audience loves him, even though he is introduced as a depressed gambler who initially tries to use Penelope to get money.

The two get along great, talking often through a two-way mirror that hides Penelope's identity. It is Max who helps Penelope finally realize that there is life outside the mansion doors.

With multiple little subplots and characters competing for attention, the story gets somewhat choppy.

Fortunately, all the characters in the movie are hilarious, which makes the choppyness a little more

tolerable.

In an age where beauty is defined by narrow stereotypes, *Penelope* addresses vanity issues and strives to set the definition of beauty straight.

As corny as it is, we need more movies like this (or we could keep settling for obscene amounts of bloodshed that seems to be common in films these days).

Though the film is make-believe, Penelope's character succeeds in making a statement about beauty, because she deals with disappointment and rejection in a believable manner.

No matter what age, most people have wanted to change something about their appearance at one point in time, so her character is very relatable.

The film brings light to the issue of vanity without breaking the light-hearted, happily-ever-after tone necessary for a fairy tale.

Although Penelope desperately wanted to be accepted by society, she learned to just accept herself.

While I don't see this film winning an Academy Award any time soon, it will encourage children to love themselves for who they are, despite their appearance.

Therefore *Penelope* smells like a winner, regardless of its imperfections.

Grade: B+

Barrymore donates \$1 million to food program



The Associated Press

Talk-show host Oprah Winfrey stands with actress Drew Barrymore on the *The Oprah Winfrey Show* Monday in Chicago as Barrymore made her donation.

The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Drew Barrymore said Monday she is donating \$1 million to help fight hunger.

She made the announcement on *The Oprah Winfrey Show*, saying she would give the money to the World Food Program, a United Nations body that delivers millions of tons of food aid to more than 70 million people in about 80 countries.

"I'm able to make this incredible donation — this has changed my life," she said on the program. "But I encourage everyone to give."

Barrymore, who serves as a World Food Program ambassador, later told The Associated Press that the \$1 million is the largest donation she's made.

"By far," the 33-year-old actress said. "But nothing has ever felt so good."

Barrymore, whose screen credits include the *Charlie's Angels* movies and *E.T. The Extra-Terrestrial*, visited the floor of the Chicago Board of Trade Monday afternoon, saying she discussed the impact of rising food prices on the poor.

"I wanted to bring awareness to it because it's not something we think about," she said.

There has been a 40 percent rise in commodity prices since the middle of last year, caused in part by skyrocketing energy costs and rising consumer demand in developing countries like India and China, a World Food Program statement said.

The Rome-based agency has an annual budget of about \$3 billion, but it said it needs \$500 million more this year than it anticipated to help feed the world's poor because of the rising food and energy prices.

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Boredom from 'Boleyn Girl' outshines brilliant acting



Courtesy of Sony Pictures

Scarlett Johansson (left) and Natalie Portman star as the Boleyn sisters who both vie for the love of King Henry VIII in *The Other Boleyn Girl*.

By Kelli Boesel
Contributor

The brilliant acting of Natalie Portman and Scarlett Johansson couldn't save *The Other Boleyn Girl* from slowing down time and making two hours feel more like four.

MOVIE REVIEW

The portrayal of the Boleyn sisters and their love affairs with King Henry VIII (played by Eric Bana), is depressing and dark.

With Peter Morgan adapting the novel into a screenplay, I expected more from the screenwriter of *The Queen* and *The Last King of Scotland*.

The perspective of the king's court was original, shattering most preconceived notions, but I couldn't help but think I had seen this movie before.

Even though love was at the

center of the movie, it is far from a romance.

It ends as history has previously determined – no surprises there.

Going into the movie, it seems like Portman and Johansson's roles should have been reversed, with Portman playing the sweet, lovable Mary instead of the devious seductress Anne Boleyn.

Surprisingly, both women rise to the acting challenge, making the portrayal of the sisters not only believable, but moving.

Portman shines as Anne, making the audience despise her, yet feel sympathy when she falls from favor.

She delivers her lines coolly and viciously, to the point where you can see the pure hatred in her eyes.

You also feel her desperation and pain, yet at the same time can't help but think she is getting what she deserves.

Anne is a torn character and the audience is unsure how to react at her end.

Johansson plays the lovable Mary Boleyn.

She is calm and has such a quiet beauty that you can't help but be on her side.

She is truly the friend and sister anyone would want, always loyal and strong. Johansson is radiant and steals every scene she is in.

All the other characters get lost in the movie, really playing minor roles that are outshone by the two actresses.

Even Henry VIII seems like a pawn in the hands of others.

The movie sets up one giant contradiction. The women seem to have all the ideas and schemes.

They are the moving force behind men's actions, but when it comes down to it, they have absolutely no control or power.

Although a woman's lack of

control is accurate to that time period, it's hard to believe they had that much influence on a king's actions.

As an example of this is, Mistress Boleyn tells her daughter Anne that the art of a woman is letting a man think he is in control when he is not, but then even she can't save her children from a terrible fate.

Also, key players in the historic story were put on the back burner and hardly mentioned.

Landscapes and fixtures were generic – nothing breath-taking.

The musical score was just kind of there and didn't add anything exceptional to the movie.

The soundtrack could have been taken from any other period piece and had the same effect.

The movie failed to impress and kept me glancing at my watch, just waiting for it to end.

Grade: C-

Paris designers tone down bling as economic worries loom

By Joelle Diderich
The Associated Press

PARIS – Paris Fashion Week capped a ready-to-wear season overshadowed by fears of a U.S. recession that led many designers to shun ostentatious luxury in favor of a more timeless elegance.

Marc Jacobs, considered by some to be the most influential designer on the planet, has gotten a lot of flak lately – for starting his shows late, for referencing other designers, even for losing weight and getting a tan.

His show for Louis Vuitton on Sunday, the last day of fashion week, marked a turn. The invitation went out on gray recycled card, the set was stark white and the show started just 15 minutes late – a record of near-punctuality in Paris.

The problem was that the clothes, too, seemed watered down. The painterly shades of past seasons were replaced by a washed-out palette of icy blue, almond green and pale yellow.

"What I try to do is play as a New Yorker who loves Paris," Jacobs said. "To me, this was a vision of what I thought French fashion shows used to be like, you know, very perfect, girls looking amazing, every outfit a shape."

That translated into tulip skirts with finned seams running along the hips, or boxy pleated pants tapered and cropped above the ankle – hard shapes for most people to carry off.

Actress Maggie Gyllenhaal praised Jacobs for going against



Associated Press

A model wears a creation Sunday by designer Marc Jacobs for the Louis Vuitton fashion house during his Fall-Winter 2008-2009 ready-to-wear collection presented in Paris.

expectations.

"Although he's the designer for this huge, huge label, and it's a huge corporation, it almost feels like there's something kind of subversive happening because he's there," she said.

Designers have responded in different ways to the economic turmoil and weak U.S. dollar that have caused North American retailers to tighten their purse strings this season.

Cedric Charbit, general merchandise manager at French department store Printemps, said some labels had ramped up the luxury while others were going down-market – and a few finding the right balance.

He noted that U.S. retailers were still struggling with the impact of globalization, which has devolved purchasing power to emerging market economies such as Russia, China, India and countries in the Middle East.

U.S. retailers "go to the shows where they see that the brands are no longer really paying attention to them, and I think intellectually this is hard for them to fathom," Charbit said.

Alber Elbaz balanced creativity with commercial savvy in his Lanvin show, which focused on little black dresses of the oh-so-chic Parisian kind.

There was a cropped version of the black satin one-sleeved dress that Tilda Swinton wore to the Oscars, while a trim black shift featured a strip of fabric running along the spine.

Belgian designer Olivier Theyskens sent out artfully disheveled outfits in heirloom satins, velvets and silks in his collection for Nina Ricci.

Deconstructed jackets were slung over slim pants in rich shades of sienna, purple and gold.

For evening, he gave Empress Josephine a rock chick makeover, sending out Empire-line gowns in dusty flesh colors that split open in the back for a semi-undressed feel.

Glenda Bailey, editor-in-chief of the U.S. edition of *Harper's Bazaar* magazine, said the distressed suits seen at Chanel earlier this week summed up the current mood.

"We want to have luxury, but we don't want it to be too overt," she declared.

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Obama, Clinton face Texas, Ohio votes that could decide long campaign



Sen. Barack Obama, campaigns Monday at a town hall meeting, in San Antonio. Associated Press

By David Espo
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Barack Obama and Hillary Rodham Clinton reached for the finish line of contentious Ohio and Texas primary campaigns on Monday as senior Democrats expressed concern the party could suffer this fall if their struggle goes much longer.

"I'm just getting warmed up," said Clinton, looking beyond this week's contests and shrugging off 11 straight primary and caucus defeats as well as a three-

digit deficit in delegates.

The former first lady campaigned from Ohio, where she accused Obama of double talk on NAFTA, to Texas, where her new television commercial questioned his readiness to serve as commander in chief.

Obama spent his day in Texas, a state rich in military bases, where he pledged to begin the withdrawal of U.S. troops from Iraq next year and envisioned a "seamless transition from active duty to civilian life" for men and women who leave the armed forces.

But he was shadowed by allegations that he had overstated his opposition to the North American Free Trade Agreement to win votes back in Ohio. He told reporters his campaign never gave Canada back-channel assurances that his criticism of NAFTA, which is wildly unpopular in Ohio, amounted to political posturing.

"Nobody reached out to the Canadians to try to assure them of anything," he said at a news conference in Carrollton, Texas.

In addition to Texas and Ohio, Rhode Island and Vermont hold

primaries on Tuesday. The four races have a total of 370 national convention delegates at stake.

Obama has won 11 straight contests, and leads in the Associated Press delegate count, 1,386-1,276. His margin is greater among delegates chosen in the primaries and caucuses, 1,187-1,035, while Clinton leads among party officials, known as superdelegates, 241-199.

Obama has been gaining ground among superdelegates in recent weeks as his victories have piled up, and Clinton's support has begun to erode.

BOOK from page 1

This was the most attended event and I think it speaks to how much of an impact this book has been to so many members in our community."

Director of community development Allan Marshall said he hopes everyone will have the chance to read the book and said it has transformed his own life.

"This book has the power to transform people's lives. This story has united Waco in such a way that nothing has ever before," Marshall said.

Fort Worth junior Katie Robinson obtained a free copy of the book through the promotion on campus and was happy to see a large crowd at the event.

"I thought it was really powerful and inspiring," Robinson said. "It was really cool to see so much of the community come

out tonight and it wasn't just Baylor students."

Local high schools have made the book required reading and held an essay contest in which three winners were able to have dinner with the authors.

Waco High School freshman Melissa Spinn, said she enjoyed reading the book.

"I thought it was really interesting. Usually when they gave us required reading, it's not that good," she said. "But this one I really liked."

Lorrie Higgins came from Georgetown to attend the event and said she felt like she got to know the authors personally.

"I thought the presentation was great," Higgins said. "It was very personal and I feel like I have two new friends."

Hall and Moore are set to write two more books, and a motion picture is to be produced by *The Pursuit of Happiness* executive producer Mark Clayman.

Godspeed by Ben Humeniuk



MCCAIN from page 1

Gramm, R-Texas, were present to endorse McCain.

M. A. Taylor, chairman of the McLennan County Republican Party, introduced a video describing McCain's experience as a prisoner of war. The story presented a message of strength, with McCain saying that he survived his four years in Vietnam by relying on his "faith in God, faith in country and faith in fellow prisoners."

During the short film, a protestor in a cowboy hat walked slowly through the audience holding a poster in the air with an anti-war message. Before security could escort him out, members of the audience were hollering for him to leave, with one man yelling, "Peace means winning war, not surrendering!"

After the lights came up, the crowd cheered and held up McCain signs as the Arizona senator took the stage. He thanked Baylor students first for taking their time from their studies to come out to the meeting.

"I've learned more from town hall meetings than anything else in my life," McCain said, emphasizing the importance of listening to the people.

After telling a couple jokes, McCain immediately dove into the issues, starting with the economy.

He called to make the tax cuts permanent, to eliminate the alternate minimum tax and to decrease the amount of taxes that American corporations pay.

"We've got to stop the spending spree in Washington, which has gotten out of control," McCain said. "It will stop when I am president of the United States."

McCain also said he plans to tackle spending by vetoing the first bill that comes across his desk with a pork-barrel project.

Speaking on the threat of radical Islamic-extremism, McCain offered his support of Monday's round of U.N. sanctions against

Iran for refusing to suspend its uranium enrichment programs.

"(The Iranians) are not only building nuclear weapons, they are exporting into Iraq, as we speak, the most lethal explosive devices that are killing young Americans who are serving our country," McCain said. "It has got to be stopped."

He also brought up the mounting tension between Colombia, Ecuador and Venezuela, where troops from Ecuador were mobilized along the Venezuelan border Sunday after a dispute involving the killing of FARC leaders.

"My friends, this guy Chavez is a very, very bad man," McCain said. "We cannot allow our friends, the Colombians, to go without our help."

McCain shifted the focus to talk about NAFTA, saying he supports and believes in free trade, drawing applause from only half the audience.

"I believe that the American worker is the most productive and the most efficient, and I will open up these markets for our products," McCain said. "Free trade is a vital element of our economy."

Regarding the war in Iraq, McCain invoked a strong response when he declared the surge a success, and that al-Qaida was on the run but not defeated. He thanked the Texas National Guard, saying it has "served in more ways and longer and harder than any time in the history of this country."

Members from the audience asked McCain questions involving his stance on abortion, dependence on foreign oil and the federal government's role in education.

Memphis sophomore Clay Carson asked the senator how he plans to fix social security.

"We've got to explain this problem to Americans," McCain said, endorsing private savings accounts. "As president I will ask the American people to ask the Democrats to reach their hand across to me because I will reach my hand across to them."

CLINTON from page 1

came to town last week.

"Chinese people always supported Bill Clinton's policy," she said.

T.D. Steinke, a retired director of the former United Rubber and Plastic Workers of America said, "I stand for the people who want to do something for the folks that have the least."

He told Chelsea his slogan was "Victory with Hillary."

"Victory with Hillary — I like that sir," Clinton said.

McGregor resident Frank Gutierrez said he came to volunteer because he heard Chelsea would be there.

"It is my first time ever, it's exciting," Gutierrez said.

Diana Bustamante of Hewitt said she usually volunteers with campaigns, big or small. Tomorrow she said she plans to take the day off work so that she can help wherever she is needed.

But local Waco residents were not the only ones in the campaign office.

Green Lewis, from Columbus, Ga., has been in Waco since

Wednesday volunteering with the Office and Professional Employees International Union.

"Basically what we're doing is visibility out in the streets and putting signs in yards," he said.

Waco resident Judy Shayman said she was so impressed after reading a biography of Hillary's that she founded the Texas chapter of Friends for Hillary back in the 1990s when she was the First Lady. Shayman said she was invited to spend an afternoon with Hillary at the White House through Friends for Hillary.

"We supported her good name when she was being torn apart by the Republican propaganda," Shayman said.

Shayman works for the Hillary Clinton campaign office from home, making phone calls for a several hours daily.

Shayman also met Chelsea today.

"I asked her, wouldn't she please tell us a little bit about herself," she said.

Clinton told her that she just turned 28 last week, and she lives in New York, working in finance.

"Someday I'll go back to that life," Chelsea said.

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