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## McCain clinches Republican nomination

By Sommer Ingram and Ashley Killough  
Staff writer and Reporter

Former Arkansas governor Mike Huckabee ended his campaign tonight, conceding the Republican Party nomination to Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz.

"Millions of dollars were spent against us in this race, but tonight he left the race not because of that," said Fairfax, Va. sophomore Vincent Harris, who worked for the Huckabee campaign. "He's always said that once McCain got the 1,191 delegates he would concede, and not a moment before. He is a man of his word."

Despite the fact that many thought Huckabee should have ended his campaign long ago due to his lack of monetary support, Harris said money isn't what the people of America were looking for in this race.

"Governor Huckabee believed strongly that the Republicans needed a choice," he said. "He served as an outstanding alternative to McCain on many values issues that really matter like abortion and gay marriage. He wanted voters to have more than one option."

The political mood was markedly different in downtown Dallas Tuesday night, where a crowd of about 800 gathered at the Fairmont Hotel to celebrate Sen. John McCain's, R-Ariz., victory in clinching the Republican nomination.

"I think it's fantastic that it happened tonight and not later on in the process," J.J. Koch of Dallas said.

The audience, which had been watching the results for hours, erupted in excitement as McCain took the stage.

"Now, we begin the most important part of our campaign: to make a respectful, determined and convincing case to the American people that our campaign and my election as president, given the alternatives presented by our friends in the other party, are in the best interests of the country we love," McCain said.

Though Huckabee didn't have enough sup-

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Associated Press

Democratic presidential hopeful Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y. reacts to supporters cheers during a primary night rally Tuesday in Columbus, Ohio. Clinton is the projected winner of the Ohio primary.

## Clinton wins Ohio; Texas too close to call

By David Espo  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Hillary Rodham Clinton scored comeback primary wins in Ohio and Rhode Island Tuesday night, denting Barack Obama's delegate lead in a riveting Democratic presidential race. Arizona Sen. John McCain, an unflinching supporter of the war in Iraq, clinched the Republican nomination.

Clinton's twin triumphs ended a month of defeats for the former first lady, who told jubilant supporters, "We're going on, we're going strong and we're going all the way."

Obama won the Vermont primary, and the two rivals were locked in a tight race in a primary in

Texas. Same-day caucuses in Texas completed the day's contests. No matter they turned out, he said, "We have nearly the same delegate lead as we did this morning and we are on our way to winning this nomination."

Both Democrats called McCain — a Senate colleague — to congratulate him on his triumph in the Republican race.

With their remarks, first Clinton, then Obama, sought to frame the race in the best possible terms

for their own campaigns.

"They call Ohio a bellwether state, the battleground state. It's a state that knows how to pick a president and no candidate in recent history, Democrat or Republican, has won the White House without winning the Ohio primary," the former first lady said in Columbus.

Moments later, Obama stepped to the microphone in San Antonio. He said the outcome of the Texas primary might not be known until Wednesday, and he all but conceded defeat in Ohio. Either way, he added, it was the delegates that mattered.

Obama had 1,443 delegates, according to The Associated Press count, to 1,351 for Clinton, with

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Obama

## Anderson re-elected Texas state rep

By Victoria Mgbemena  
Staff writer

The race for state representative culminated with a win from the Charles "Doc" Anderson campaign last night. Clenching a clear lead over his opponent early on in the polls, Anderson solidified his seat as representative for district 56 over his opponent Jonathan Sibley, by almost a 2-1 margin. Anderson won with 10,030 votes to Sibley's 5,753 votes.

Anderson has held state representative membership in the Texas House of Representatives since 2004, having

been re-elected in 2006. Anderson has levied his seniority and experience to advocate for clean-coal technologies and transportation safety for school children. His win tonight sets the stage for his third term.

Sibley, an insurance lawyer and son of former state senator David Sibley, ran for representative seat supporting a platform of zero tolerance for illegal immigration and increased accountability for public schools. A Baylor undergrad and Law school alum, Sibley cited one of his major goals as public education.

"Fixing public education on the local level is important," Sibley said.

"The local officials and the state should focus on working on consulting through the school administrations rather than the bureaucracy."

Anderson is proud of his influences in public safety for children and education. Anderson headed the passing of a legislative bill that would require seat belts in school buses being assembled as of 2010.

"We want to have a system in place which would provide the option of installing the seatbelts in current buses so that the school boards can keep costs low," Anderson said. "I am pleased that it has prevailed in legislation after numerous attempts to

pass it in the past."

Vouchers for public schools were a hot topic for both candidates. Sibley voiced his opposition to vouchers, citing their detriment to public schooling statewide and reducing the playing field.

"Everyone likes vouchers if they benefit them and not others," Sibley said. "The idea cannot be realized in public schools without taking away from public schools in the first place. If we give up on different forms of education we will have problems in economic development and eliminate

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### Voters on the Street:

Ellen Blackburn  
Hoover, Ala., freshman

What is your reaction to John McCain being the GOP nominee?



I liked Huckabee so I'm kind of sad, but I really put a lot of faith in McCain's experience and I am really happy with the choice. Huckabee was a strong candidate, but I don't think he was expected to take Texas.

What is your reaction to Huckabee dropping out of the race?

I was a little surprised Huckabee dropped out so quickly because at the rally he was like, "Don't give up on me." So I was kind of surprised, but it makes sense.

Ryan Young  
Permanent precinct chair of Precinct Three

Barack does very well in caucuses as, I've seen in previous states.

I think the real question is going to be, is her lead in Ohio and Rhode Island more significant than his delegate lead in Texas and Vermont?

Rachel Glandorf  
Phoenix junior

What is your reaction to Huckabee dropping out of the race?



I think it was smart because he had no chance. It makes sense. It was a smart move; why waste more money when you know you're not going to win?

What is your reaction to John McCain being the GOP nominee?

I am not that excited about it because I am not the biggest McCain fan, but hopefully he gets a lot of help from other Republicans and that it's not just up to him.

Alexandra Neville  
Fair Oaks Ranch senior  
Baylor Democrats president

On Obama's loss in Ohio:

It is unfortunate, but at the same time he's got such a lead in 11 other states. We (the campaign) still have momentum. Ohio is a big loss but I don't think it's significant enough to affect the campaign overall or discourage him (Obama) from pushing on.

maker, returning with 33 hours of film representing a side of Iran the world doesn't generally see, he said.

One of the goals of the film is to humanize people and to also make people think critically, Mashouf said.

"I think right now we're a little lethargic when it comes to finding out the truth. People tend to take what the mainstream media gives them just for what it is, but the mainstream media does not have the truth as one of its high standards," he said.

With this film he said he's aiming to fight propaganda

that's fueling negativity and hatred in the world.

Because the film focuses issues through the lens of his personal experiences, it's able to maintain a more light-hearted tone while still addressing serious issues, Mashouf said.

One way he kept the feeling light-hearted was through his break dancing.

"It's things I wanted to do," Mashouf said. "I break dance in the United States and I wanted to dance in Iran."

Mashouf took his break dancing and used it to get to know other b-boys, or break dancers, in the country.

"Whenever I saw it I became really inspired by its message. I feel like it'll really open hearts and minds to the American people to see the human side of Muslims," said Dallas senior Hoda Said.

Said, an officer for the Islamic Studies Project in the Center for Jewish Studies, was behind the idea for bringing Mashouf to Baylor.

This type of story is one that's relatively untold, especially from a personal perspective, Said said.

"Now it's our job to assimilate and be active and vocal," she said. "We're struggling with

finding our own peace and our own identity."

When Mashouf shows his film tonight, it won't be its first airing in Texas.

Because of the number of students at universities in Dallas who planned on driving to Waco to view the film, it was shown Tuesday at Southern Methodist University.

"It's not just Baylor that I want to bring him to. I want as many people as possible to see this film as possible," Said said.

SMU senior Aisha U-Kiu, president of the university's Muslim Student Association,

contacted other universities in the Dallas area, such as the University of Texas at Dallas, to invite their students to the viewing.

"It's very appealing because it's about an Iranian-American who's been discriminated against and he chose to share that through this video," U-Kiu said. "I feel like a lot of young Muslims will really be able to relate to that."

The viewing of the film, followed by a discussion with Mashouf, will take place at 5 p.m. today in the Barfield Drawing Room in the Bill Daniel Student Center.

# Tired phrases add nothing to sports but irritation

You might remember the last time we met on this page we assessed Roger Clemens' propensity to project his misremembering on teammate Andy Pettite, Brian McNamee, Congress and now, possibly, photography. I infer this from recent reports of pictures surfacing showing Clemens at Jose Conesco's party, which Clemens seems to have misremembered, being there for the photo.

But that's not the point of today's discussion. I fully intend to find a new point in this column. Yet, given that the term "I misremember" may soon be

the new "I have no recollection," which took over for "I forgot," which replaced, "I did it," I would first like to pay special homage to phrases that drive sports fans nuts — at least those with IQs surpassing that of my backup cat Candy.

In case you misremember, we have a main cat, Kobe, capable of opening doors by herself by hanging on the door handle. So as not to limit the pool of sports fans who can enjoy this column, we'll stick with Candy as the cut-off point.

In describing Candy, we would have to say that she is

## sports humor



BY DR. KIRK WAKEFIELD

not very tall, but is, in fact, quite long. If I take her and stretch her out from toe-to-toe; well, to be honest, she doesn't much like it when I stretch her too far. Or too quick. But, suffice it to say that she is longer than she is tall.

So, why have so many basketball broadcasters taken to call-

ing players long? Are there some tall players that aren't long, once you stretch them out real good?

Apparently these long-sayers aren't familiar with the Golden Number (1.618), which either of my cats knows alludes to the fact that an average person's wingspan is approximately (102.3 percent) the same as one's height.

We may see overused words from other domains, such as religion, cross over into sports. I heard a preacher say, "Let me unpack this for you" more than five times in a half-hour broadcast last week. I just kept think-

ing, "Who packed it in there in the first place? Why do we have to do so much unpacking?"

It took me and the cats the full 30 minutes to realize we weren't listening to a Kanakuk Camp promo.

Will we have Dick Vitale unpacking the game for us pretty soon?

"This Duke-UNC rivalry is awesome, baby, with a capital A! It's unbelievable! When we unpack this team, their Diaper Dandies are PTP'ers!"

In this context, as parents, we don't want to think about what PTP stands for.

We wish we had space (a word now used for what football players are good in) for other overused phrases.

But I think we've found that, without question, at the end of the day, at crunch time, the point of this column is to serve as a wake-up call for those athletic, blue-collar players who give 110 percent, like the Paul Pierces and Elton Brands who aren't getting enough looks to start-up the bus and draw first blood. It is what it is.

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## Editorial

# Family housing needed

Most of Baylor's 11,000 undergraduates come to school with no ring on their finger, whether or not they want one by graduation. They live in the dorms freshman year and then most of them move off campus.

But for some students, the traditional campus living arrangement just doesn't work.

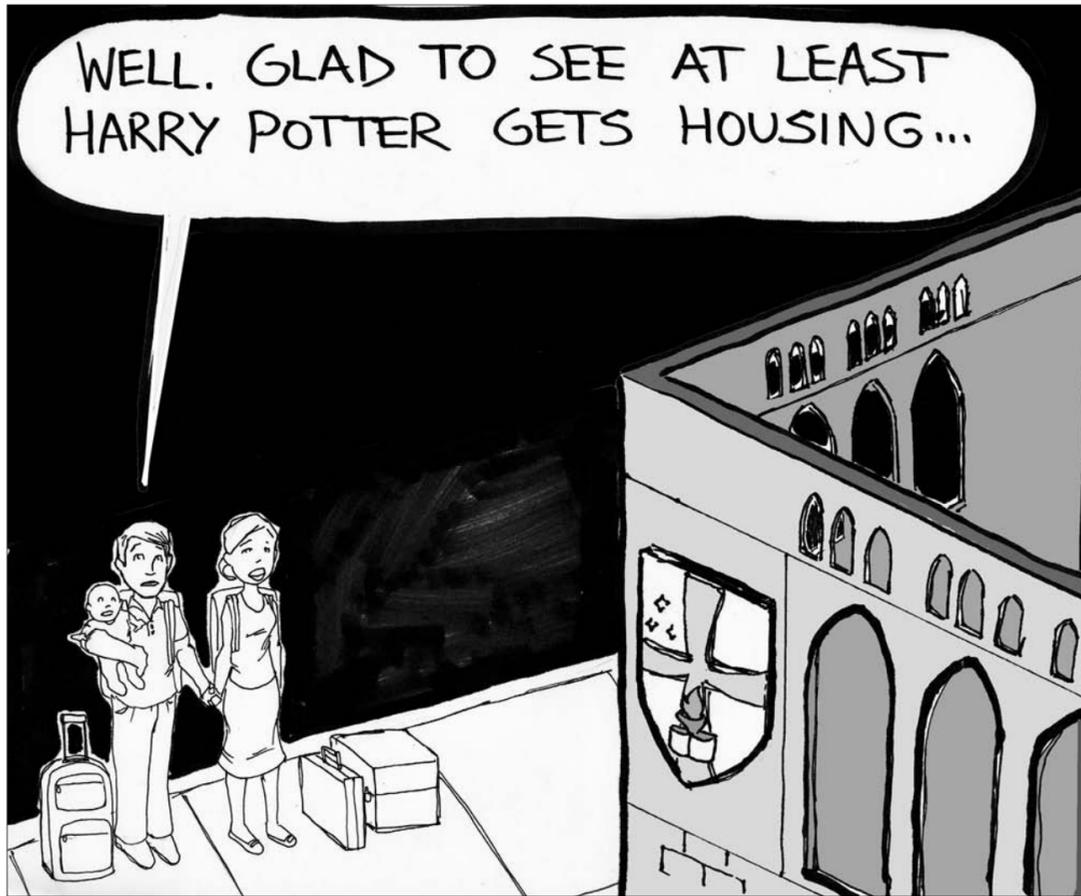
Baylor has almost 2,000 graduate students, seminary students and law students, many of whom are married and in plenty of cases have children.

Imperative II of Baylor 2012 aims to create a "truly residential campus," with the end goal of having 50 percent of students living on campus. Building new residence halls has pushed Baylor toward achieving this step, especially as concerns undergraduates, but focusing on a different sector of the student body might help as well.

Although Baylor currently offers housing for graduate, seminary and law students and married students at the Speight-Jenkins apartments, there are only 48 units, none of which accommodate more than two people (hence, no children).

As an institution looking to foster Christian values and therefore valuing the Christian family, Baylor should look into developing more housing for married students and students with families.

Married students, especially non-undergraduates short on funds, often need the convenience that on-campus housing can provide. It reduces or eliminates the need for a car and makes campus closer and more accessible.



We realize campus development is always being studied, and we think administrators should take family housing into account as the new Campus Master Plan is developed and revised.

Although the majority of students at Baylor are undergraduates, extending the housing options outside their circle will help Baylor become truly residential.

Baylor surely can increase the apartments for nearly 2,000 non-undergraduates to more than 48.

Baylor seeks to join the ranks of top-tier institutions and is continu-

ally improving graduate programs and adding new ones.

Focusing on the needs of its graduate students will not only increase its standing but may help draw those students here.

Many graduate schools at private universities have high demand for their apartments and offer a lottery system to allocate the residences. But not all graduate students face the same situation.

At Princeton, more than 70 percent of graduate students live in campus housing, according to the university's Web site. The school's

policy is to provide housing for all first-year graduate students, equally to single students and students with dependents.

It might seem like reaching to compare Baylor to a university with one of the best reputations and best per-student endowments But we make these comparisons every day when referring to undergraduate residence halls.

We want to be like the best, and the best schools make sure every part of their student body finds its place in the university — both figuratively and literally.

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# Alcohol-related offenses often become another stupid crime

I love stupid criminals. The idiotic things people do to get themselves in trouble with the law make for interesting crime stories.

For instance, one man from York, Pa., was arrested in relation to a bank robbery. His mask was made of drywall compound. According to USA Today, the man was easily identified because of the drywall bits on his clothing and a NASCAR license plate on his getaway car.

In Adrian, Mich., one man was charged with drunken driving after drinking two bottles of wine and driving his lawnmower through a snowstorm to get to the local liquor store.

This is one of my favorites. According to The Arizona State University Press, a man was arrested on charges of robbery because of the female victim's description of the alleged robber's attire: monkey-printed pajama pants. The monkey-panted man fell asleep on his victim's apartment floor, which makes sense, because robbery can be tiring.

As a crime-beat staff writer, I do not come across many crime log entries containing the words "monkey pants," "drywall" or "drunken lawnmower driving" very often. However, I am tired of seeing the words "minor in possession" or "public intoxication."

## point of view



BY CHRISTINA KRUSE

I keep regular contact with Baylor Police Chief Jim Doak to get information on crime stories. At first, I was astonished at the multiple drinking offenses that campus police have to handle. However, Doak assured me that drinking-related offenses will faithfully appear on the crime log, especially on the weekends.

According to University Mothers Against Drunk Driving statistics on college drinking, 1,700 students die each year from alcohol-related unintentional injuries, including those sustained in car crashes.

Also, drinking reduces the number of hours spent studying per day among college students. Each drink per occasion is associated with 15 minutes less of studying per day. Approximately five drinks per occasion are associated with a GPA lowered by half a grade. I think I have the ability to lower my GPA without any alcohol intake.

However, these statistics are well known, and no amount of

preaching is going to stop college students from making senseless decisions. The problem is that students do not think about the consequences of being arrested for an alcohol-related offense, such as jail time and fines.

The students who are arrested or fined for drinking are much like the criminals who commit stupid crimes. Their actions aren't beneficial and the consequences aren't worth the offense.

According to the Texas Penal Code, the punishment for public intoxication is a class C misdemeanor, which includes a fine of up to \$500. If you plan on boating, flying or assembling

or operating an amusement ride while intoxicated — don't. The Texas Penal Code states that these offenses are punishable by a \$2,000 fine and 72 hours in jail.

However, the sad and serious truth is that people have gotten hurt while someone was flying a plane, operating a boat or working a Ferris wheel.

So, college students who commit offenses while intoxicated may pay a lofty price for their one night of fun — just like the criminal in the monkey pants.

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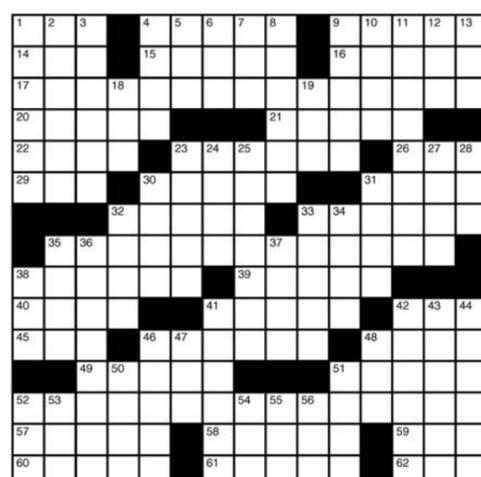
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# Fashion merchandising raises ethical questions

By Anna Taylor  
Reporter

When thinking about fashion merchandising at Baylor, it's hard to imagine the ethical issues that are involved in the industry, such as the cruelty to animals in the fur industry and children working in sweatshops.

In an effort to educate fashion students about these ethical industry issues, Dr. Lorynn Divita, assistant professor of fashion merchandising, held an annual debate in her Merchandising Trends and Issues class Tuesday, which marked the second debate regarding the apparel and textile industry.

"Many students do not realize that the apparel and textile industry is full of ethical issues that will challenge students' ideas and values once they are in their professions," Divita said.

Students were assigned topics so their views may not reflect their true feelings.

"Debates encourage students to see both sides of an issue particularly when they have to argue a side they disagree with," Divita said.

The debate included such controversial topics as the use of sweatshops and increasing American consumerism.

"Every issue is multi-faceted," Divita said. "Is farm-bred fur necessary in today's society when we have so many synthetic fibers that are difficult to distinguish from the real thing?"

Divita also addressed its impact on the environment.

"Fur decomposes naturally in landfills, while synthetic fibers do not break down for decades and leech dangerous chemicals into our ground, making their way into our water systems."

Moreover, the treatment of animals was discussed.

Some of the points against the fur industry included the fact that one out of four trapped animals chew off its own arm or leg to try to escape. The hearts of some animals that are trapped beat five to 10 minutes after

being skinned alive. Making a fur coat consumes 20 times more energy than producing a synthetic coat.

Plano senior Erin Chaney asked, "How many animals does it take to make a single fur coat?"

It takes a couple animals to produce one fur coat, but the side arguing in favor of the fur industry fired back with information including the fact that over 100 million people are employed by the industry.

"Is the welfare of the animals or the welfare of the people that are employed by the fur industry more important?" said Tyler senior Lauren Bibby.

Seattle senior Jonelle Zimmerman compared the fur industry to organ donation.

"When a person dies, the family or individual donates their organs for another person to use. When an animal dies, the fur is taken and made into an item of clothing for someone to use," Zimmerman said.

The second topic made students question whether sweatshops are a necessary part of apparel production.

This topic started a heated discussion.

Divita posed several questions on the issue of sweatshops and child labor. It may be hard to imagine pros to sweatshops, but Divita's students argued strongly for each side.

Some students pointed out that all countries go through a sweatshop revolution. Sweatshop workers make three to seven times more than the national average in their country annually, and there are standards that the sweatshops have to abide by.

"Sweatshops are necessary because if they were not working inside a factory, the alternative could be worse, such as prostitution to earn a living," Dallas senior Colette Granberry said.

On the side arguing against sweatshops, the group made it clear that they thought the rules were not being obeyed.

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Dr. Lorynn Divita  
assistant professor of fashion merchandising

followed due to consumers demand for the lowest price," Houston senior Jordan Martinez said.

This group suggested that retailers stop settling for the lowest price and that cameras should be put in sweatshops to monitor treatment of employees.

The last issue started debate about whether widespread consumerism is a good thing.

"The average American carries \$8,000 in credit card debt," Evergreen, Colo., senior Lauryn Shackelfort said.

Some students pointed out that credit card companies target young Americans, and between 2008 and 2012, clothing prices will rise 5%.

A student arguing against consumerism said that in the housing market there are more foreclosures than home sales.

On the pro side, Waco senior Callie Banks said, "Consumerism is vital to our economy. When consumers spend money, this ultimately creates jobs, which decreases unemployment. It encourages competition in price and quality. It encourages investment and improves inflation. The bottom line is that consumerism is a positive thing for the economy as a whole."

Divita said this discussion should start to prepare students for dilemmas they will face in their careers.

"This class broadens students' perspectives and hopefully helps them understand topics in sufficient depth to enable them to make the right choices for themselves once they are in the industry," Divita said.



Luis Noble/Lariat staff

## Vote aqui

McGregor citizen sets forth to vote Tuesday at the Fellowship Bible Church in McGregor, Texas.

# Faculty Senate holds meeting on pay increase, tenure issues

By Anita Pere  
Staff writer

A controversial university approach to issuing faculty pay raises and anticipation for the announcement of new tenure recipients highlighted Tuesday's faculty senate meeting.

The senate heard from President John Lilley and Vice President Randall O'Brien. Pattie Orr, vice president for information technology, gave a presentation on the successes of the university sustainability efforts.

Matthew Cordon, chairman of the faculty senate, said the university protocol for pay raises concerns the senate.

Faculty members receive salary increases based on merit only. Members of the faculty senate feel university teachers should receive a variable annual pay increase to compensate for inflation, then any merit-based increases on top of this, Cordon said.

"There should be enough of a pay raise so that people aren't punished," Cordon said.

Cordon said pay raises vary and are determined by a faculty member's department based on the department's annual evaluation of the faculty member.

Faculty members are issued a performance ranking each year from their department and receive pay raises accordingly.

Performance ranking guidelines vary for each department but focus on scholarly research, publication, teaching and service. A faculty member who achieves a low score will receive a smaller increase and might, when adjusting for inflation, receive a relative pay cut.

Cordon said university officials have addressed this concern. At a faculty-wide meeting in January, President Lilley introduced an increase in contributions to faculty retirement accounts and promised to "continue to press forward" in the area of faculty pay.

Cordon referred to imperative three of Baylor 2012 to illustrate the necessity of sufficient faculty pay.

"If we're going to have world-class faculty, we have to pay for world-class faculty," he said.

Adding to the concern over pay, the faculty handbook hasn't been updated or published since 2002, at which time teachers received raises based on both inflation and merit. This format was changed by vote of the Baylor Board of Regents during

the administration of President Robert Sloan Jr.

Karla Leeper, chief of staff to the president, discussed with the senate in February the task of streamlining university policies and gathering them so faculty can access them easily.

Cordon said student evaluations of faculty members don't greatly impact teacher performance ratings, but student opinions are given greater sway in tenure decisions.

Lilley and O'Brien also discussed new tenure appointments, which will be revealed by the next senate meeting. Newly tenured faculty members were expected to be disclosed last week, but Cordon said the president was out of town and could not meet with O'Brien to approve the new appointments. Cordon said those up for tenure should receive notification by mail.

Orr visited the senate to share the progress of sustainability measures at Baylor. Orr said university libraries have saved about 500,000 pieces of paper since switching to automatic two-sided printing. She told faculty members how to help, such as by requesting a small box from university housekeeping for materials to be recycled.

# Former student shot

Intruder shot victim in ear, will face charges for attempted murder

By Christina Kruse  
Staff writer

A former Baylor football player was shot in the ear this week-end after three men entered his duplex and demanded money.

Randy Taylor King, a 2006 defensive end for Baylor football team, as well as three of his roommates were present at the time of the shooting, said Waco Police Department spokesman Steve Anderson.

On Saturday, in the 1700 block of 17th street, a man knocked on the door and forced his way into the apartment along with two other men, according to the police report. One man went into King's bed-

room and shot him in the ear, Anderson said.

The suspects demanded money but left without any in a green sport utility vehicle.

All the men were described as black and wearing black pants. The intruder with the gun was wearing a black shirt and a black beanie.

Another intruder was described as having a goatee and cornrows, and wore a black shirt. The third intruder was around 35 years old, clean shaven, and wearing a yellow shirt.

The incident is under investigation. The armed intruder will be charged with attempted murder, Anderson said.

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# Military officials: Iran continuing to train insurgents

By Anne Flaherty  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Military officials accused Iran on Tuesday of continuing to train and arm insurgents in Iraq, while U.S. lawmakers said they were disappointed that Baghdad opened up its doors to the Islamic Republic's top leader.

"I think it's offensive," said Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., of Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad's two-day trip to Iraq this week.

Iraq has "got every right to invite whomever they want. They're sovereign. But we have a right to express an opinion about it," added Levin, chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee.

Levin's remarks come as the U.S. is struggling to combat Iran's growing influence in the region, and senior military commanders say it continues to provide bombs to Shiite militias in Iraq.

"We have no doubt they are still supporting insurgents," said Lt. Gen. Ray Odierno, the former No. 2 military commander in Iraq, at a Pentagon press conference. Asked if that was the greatest threat to stability in Iraq, he said, "If you ask me what I worry about most, I do worry about that as a long-term threat. And I think we have to, you know, constantly watch it."

Odierno, who has been nominated for a fourth star and assignment as vice chief of staff of the Army, said it was not surprising that there were fewer attacks during Ahmadinejad's visit to Baghdad, since it is mainly Iranian-backed Shiite military members who have been conducting attacks in the capital.

Adm. William Fallon, the top commander of troops in the Middle East, echoed these remarks

in a Senate hearing at which he said Iran was fanning the flames of global terrorism.

While Ahmadinejad has denied charges of harmful meddling in Iraq, "the facts prove otherwise," Fallon told the Senate Armed Services Committee.

Ahmadinejad's visit to Iraq marked the first by an Iranian leader since the country's 1979 Islamic Revolution. During his trip, he insisted U.S. power is crippling the region and portrayed himself as the enduring partner of Baghdad's Shiite-led government.

The U.S. has no diplomatic ties with Iran because it regards the country as a state sponsor of terror. But recognizing its influence on Iraq stability, officials last year opened limited discussions with Iranian officials by demanding the country stop arming Shiite militias.

Fallon called Ahmadinejad's visit a "mixed bag" because it presented an opportunity for Baghdad to push Ahmadinejad directly to stop the flow of weapons and start working with coalition forces.

"From our perspective, we are not going to help resolve the problems inside that country without assistance from outside," he said.

Several lawmakers on the panel said they saw Baghdad's invitation as a mistake and said Iran deserves to be isolated.

"I would hope that others in the administration would express their indignation about this visit and the comments made by that president because they go to the very heart of the enormity of the sacrifices of life and limb that we have suffered in trying to provide Iraq the ability to become a strong and sovereign nation," said Sen. John Warner, the committee's No. 2 Republican.



Associated Press

Green Bay Packers quarterback Brett Favre, right, talks with former Packers quarterback Bart Starr, left, before the NFC Championship football game against the New York Giants in Green Bay, Wis., on Jan. 20. Favre has decided to retire from the NFL after 17 seasons.

# Packers' QB Brett Favre retires

By Chris Jenkins  
The Associated Press

GREEN BAY, Wis. — Brett Favre has had enough.

After a wild ride marked by fist-pumping highs, head-shaking lows and a record number of consecutive starts, the 38-year-old quarterback told the Green Bay Packers on Tuesday that he intends to retire.

"I know I can still play, but it's like I told my wife, I'm just tired mentally. I'm just tired," one of the NFL's greatest players told ESPN's Chris Mortensen in a voice mail message.

The man who completed more passes than anyone in history will let that last throw — an interception in the NFC championship game that set up the New York Giants' winning field goal — stand as his final toss.

Even the prospect of playing in one more Super Bowl couldn't convince him to stay.

"To go to the Super Bowl and lose, would almost be worse than anything else," Favre told ESPN. "Anything less than a Super Bowl win would be unsuccessful."

This time, Favre's fans won't have to endure another long winter wondering whether he'll

return.

"I think the finality of it just kind of hits you," Packers general manager Ted Thompson said. "Brett Favre's not going to be our quarterback anymore."

The three-time MVP walks away with most of the NFL's significant passing records — most career touchdown passes, most career yards passing and most career victories by a starting quarterback — and a victory in the 1997 Super Bowl.

As the Packers cheered Favre's touchdowns and victories (and cringed at his NFL-leading 288 interceptions) his body was breaking down.

"After a while it takes a toll," Thompson said. "And based on my conversations with him and Mike's conversations with him, he feels like that's enough paying of the toll."

That comes from his quarterback-record streak of 253 consecutive regular-season starts — illustrating his trademark toughness. Add in the playoffs, and Favre's streak stands at 275.

Most thought Favre had another good year left in him. But the guy who had joyful disregard for the ironclad rules of quarterback play said he was done.

"I was surprised when I heard it this morning," former Packers general manager Ron Wolf said. "He played with such a great passion. He must have figured he no longer had that passion, and it was time to get out."

Favre told the team he was simply worn out, physically and mentally, after starting every game since taking over as the Packers' starting quarterback in 1992.

He talked to McCarthy by telephone twice Monday night, indicating he intended to retire, then spoke to Thompson to finalize his decision Tuesday morning.

"He said it was time for him to hang up the cleats," McCarthy said.

Favre retires with 5,377 career completions in 8,758 attempts, with 61,655 yards and 442 touchdowns.

Thompson and McCarthy spoke at a news conference Tuesday afternoon, but the team has not said when Favre will address reporters.

Favre accompanied his youngest daughter on a field trip to Jackson, Miss., according to a woman who identified herself as someone who works for Favre. She spoke to an Associated Press

reporter through the security intercom.

"I know the fans are absolutely devastated today," Thompson said. "The Packers will move forward, but certainly we have all been blessed to see this man play this game the way he played it."

Even Favre's teammates didn't see it coming.

"I just saw it come across the TV," Packers wide receiver Koren Robinson said, when reached on his cell phone by the AP.

Former Packers coach Mike Sherman, now the head coach at Texas A&M, said he always figured Favre would go out with more fanfare.

"I always envisioned his teammates carrying him off the field — and his arm falling off as he left," Sherman said.

Now, he must be tough enough to stick to his decision to retire.

"As the season gets closer, I wouldn't be surprised at all if he changes his mind," said Hall of Fame quarterback Troy Aikman, a Fox analyst who played 12 years with the Dallas Cowboys.

What if Favre were to call the Packers come July?

"I think somebody would find a place for him," Packers chairman emeritus Bob Harlan said.

# Rice request for revival of peace talk rebuffed

By Anne Gearan  
The Associated Press

RAMALLAH, West Bank — The U.S.-backed Palestinian president rebuffed the Bush administration's request Tuesday to quickly end a walkout of peace talks with Israel, saying Israeli military bombardment of civilians in the Gaza Strip is unacceptable under any circumstance.

Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said negotiations are the only solution, and defended Israel's right to seek out militants who use the tiny Hamas-held territory as a launching pad for increasing numbers of rockets targeting civilians in southern Israel.

"I understand the difficulties of the current moment," Rice said following meetings with Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas. "We all must keep an eye on what is important."

She won no public promise that Palestinians would end their boycott soon. U.S. officials say they understand his political predicament and predict talks will resume after a brief lull. Abbas was not expected to relent before Rice leaves the Middle East on Wednesday.

"I call on the Israeli government to halt its aggression so

the necessary environment can be created to make negotiations succeed, for us and for them, to reach the shores of peace in 2008," Abbas said. He was referring to the goal — stated at a U.S.-sponsored Mideast peace conference in November — of reaching an Israeli-Palestinian peace treaty by the end of the year.

"Negotiations are going to have to be able to withstand the efforts of rejectionists to upset them, to create chaos and violence, so that people react by deciding not to negotiate," Rice said in Egypt at the start of two days of Mideast meetings overshadowed by the Gaza crisis. "That's the game of those who don't want to see a Palestinian state established."

Abbas pulled out of negotiations Sunday in protest over Israel's weekend sweep, which has killed more than 120 Palestinians. Abbas has given no date for returning.

The best Rice got from Abbas during their joint public appearance in Ramallah was affirmation that his government remains pledged to the peace path charted by Bush last fall. The negotiations are supposed to yield a deal outlining an independent Palestinian state this year.

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# Early Easter due to moon

By Kate Thomas  
Reporter

Spring break and Easter are barely a week apart this year, but it's going to be another 220 years before it happens again.

Easter, which is on March 23 this year, hasn't been this early since 1913, and won't be again until 2228. This is because Easter is partly dependent on the lunar calendar, said Dwight P. Russell, associate professor in the physics department.

"The basic idea is that the lunar month is linked to the phases of the moon, so it doesn't match perfectly with the year," Russell said.

Lunar months are 29 days, Russell said, while typical months in the Gregorian calendar, the calendar system used today, run from 28 to 31 days. This discrepancy causes fluctuations in the dates of holidays that depend on the lunar calendar.

"It just doesn't come out even," said Paul Derrick, a member of the Central Texas Astronomy Society and the author of

the "Stargazer" column in the Waco Tribune-Herald.

Derrick said that a lunar year is 354 days, versus the typical 365 or 366 days in a Gregorian calendar year. And Easter must fall on a Sunday because of church tradition.

"The thing is, you have to add 29 days, but you can also add six more days if (the full moon) happens on a Monday," Russell said.

The reason Easter relates to the lunar cycle is because it is traditionally dependent on the lunar-based Jewish holiday of Passover.

Easter is no longer tied to the date of Passover, however, Derrick said.

To further complicate things, Easter does not run strictly based on the lunar month.

According to About.com, in 325 A.D. astronomers predicted future full moon dates and called these Ecclesiastical Full Moons. The Pascal Full Moon is always the first Ecclesiastical Full Moon after March 20.

The Pascal Full Moon, however, is not actually a lunar event,

according to About.com, but a date set from historical tables.

Therefore Easter must occur after the Pascal Moon, which in turn must occur after an actual full moon. This said, Easter must occur between March 22 and April 25 each year.

And that's just the Western Church.

The Eastern Orthodox Church calculates the date differently, so that Easter in that church does not usually match the date of the Western Church, according to About.com.

The Eastern Orthodox Church uses the Julian calendar, a system replaced by the more accurate Gregorian calendar, according to About.com.

Eastern Orthodox Easter, therefore, cannot be celebrated before April 3 in the Gregorian calendar.

Coppell junior Preston Dunn said he was excited about the early date of Easter this year.

"I think it's cool because I get to go home and see my family earlier than usual," he said.

Next year, Easter will occur on April 12.



Jeff Leslie/Lariat staff

## The Baylor Line

Students wait in line in front of the Ferrell Center Tuesday to buy tickets for the men's basketball game against Texas A&M University. The game starts at 8 p.m. today.

# Harvard gym to accommodate Muslim women, some protest

By Mark Pratt  
The Associated Press

BOSTON — In a test of Harvard's famed open-mindedness, the university has banned men from one of its gyms for a few hours a week to accommodate Muslim women who say it offends their sense of modesty to exercise in front of the opposite sex.

The policy is already unpopular with many on campus, including some women who consider it sexist.

"I think that it's incorrect in a college setting to institute a

policy in which half of the campus gets wronged or denied a resource that's supposed to be for everyone," said student Lucy Caldwell, who also wrote a column in The Harvard Crimson newspaper critical of the new hours.

Student Ola Aljawhary, who is Muslim and works out elsewhere on campus but is not one of the women who requested the change, rejected that argument.

"The majority should be willing to compromise," she said. "I think that's just basic courtesy. We must show tolerance and respect for all others."

The trial policy went into effect Feb. 4, about a month after a group of six Muslim women, with the support of the Harvard College Women's Center, asked the university for the special hours, spokesman Robert Mitchell said.

"We get special requests from religious groups all the time and we try to honor them whenever possible," he said, noting that the school has designated spaces for Muslim and Hindu students to pray.

No men are allowed in the gym between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. on Mondays, and between 8 a.m.

and 10 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Even the staff during those times is all women.

The special hours allow the Muslim women, who adhere to traditional dress codes by covering their hair and most of their skin while in public, to dress more appropriately for exercising, said Susan Marine, director of the women's center.

"It's a pretty big breach of their moral and religious code for a man to see them with their hair uncovered and it's just not possible for them to be in a mixed environment," she said.

When student Kareem

Shuman showed up to work out at the gym on Monday, he was turned away but didn't mind.

"Knowing it was requested by women of my faith — it's very understandable to me," said Shuman, 21, who figured he'd just come back later for his workout.

Other men find the new hours inconvenient. Nick Wells, a junior who wrote an opinion piece in the Crimson criticizing the policy, suggested setting aside one room for women.

"It's not that I am opposed to the idea of helping people in religious groups or women in

general, but I just think Harvard is not being fair to people like me who live (near the gym)," Wells said in an interview.

The policy only applies to one gym. Because of its location at the edge of campus, it is the university's least used gym, Mitchell said.

The women-only hours are of minimal inconvenience because they are just six out of the 70 hours a week the gym is open, Marine said.

"Harvard has a moral and ethical responsibility to make sure our students can stay healthy," she said.



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# Bears set to wrestle with Aggies, emotion tonight

By Will Parchman  
Sports editor

If basketball is a game of emotion at its core, the Ferrell Center will be overflowing tonight.

With immediate postseason implications for both teams at stake, Baylor (20-8, 8-6) will meet Texas A&M University at 8 p.m. today at the Ferrell Center.

The game renews a rivalry that gave the Big 12 its longest game in history on Jan. 23 when Baylor pulled out a five-overtime, 116-110 win. It's also Baylor's Senior Night, marked by the final home game at the end of each season. For seniors Aaron Bruce, Mark Shepherd and Richard Hurd, this will be their final time to step on the Ferrell Center hardwood as players.

Hurd said that the program has already turned much of its sordid past into a proud program. A win tonight against a Texas A&M team (21-8, 7-7) that's lost four of its last five games would further push Baylor into a national light.

"It's been a long time coming," said Hurd, who hit two crucial free throws in the fourth overtime earlier this year against Texas A&M. "We just can't stop smiling. Every day in practice (head) coach (Scott) Drew tells us to remember what you're fighting for. The NCAA (Tournament) is your goal."

The fact that the team has come this close to the postseason is still sinking in for most of Baylor's players. Not the least of whom is Bruce, who's been through a sanction-shortened season, a one-win conference



File photo

Senior guard Aaron Bruce, pictured above in the second half of an 80-74 win over Texas Tech University in Waco on Feb. 6, will play in his final game at the Ferrell Center at 8 p.m. today against Texas A&M University. Bruce has appeared in 105 games as a Baylor Bear.

season and enough growing pains to fill the Ferrell Center during his time at Baylor.

"Obviously now the game on Wednesday is the next step to securing an NCAA Tournament bid, and that would be — I can't really describe how that would be," Bruce said. "To come from where we've come from to where we are now would be a tremendous feat."

With a win tonight, the Bears will clinch a spot in the Big 12's top four — good for a first round bye in the Big 12 conference tournament — and secure the team's first ever winning Big 12 record.

Baylor put itself in position to possibly knock the Aggies out of tournament contention Saturday by defeating the University of Missouri 100-89 at home.

Losing by four at halftime Saturday and down by 13 at the 16:14 mark in the second half, the team saw its fleeting postseason life flash before its eyes.

"We have talked about scenarios, and it was definitely an emphasis for us at halftime in the last game," said Bruce, who's averaging a career-low 9.3 points and 22.3 minutes per game. "We realized it was a really make-or-

break stage of our season then."

With Texas A&M's intimidating post presence, junior forward Kevin Rogers' role will be of critical importance. In the last meeting between these two teams, Rogers scored 19 points and ripped down a season-high 18 rebounds in 43 minutes of work.

Rogers was named co-Big 12 Player of the Week Monday

for his contributions against Missouri and the University of Colorado last week. He averaged 21 points and 9.5 rebounds over that span. He's scored double digits in points and rebounds in his last five games and has pulled down at least 10 rebounds in nine of Baylor's last 12 games.

But even with all the added distractions this relatively inexperienced Baylor team is now being forced to deal with, Rogers doesn't think the team needs to worry about overlooking its final two regular season opponents.

Especially not with an away game against Texas Tech University still on the docket.

"If we lose these next two then we're right out of the picture," Rogers said. "So we definitely have to keep a high focus. Like our motto has been all year — 'one game season.' And we're just paying attention to the next game."

Bruce's mom and dad flew in from his Horsham, Australia home last week and will be in Waco for Wednesday's game. Bruce said he was able to spend last weekend with friends and family and distanced himself from the notion that his 105-game Baylor career is quickly drawing to a close.

"I haven't really thought about it much," said Bruce, who leads all current Baylor players in nearly every career statistic. "I think I'll just enjoy it on Wednesday and take it as it comes. It's a very important game for Baylor University and just focus on preparing as best I can for it right now."



Alex Song/Lariat staff

Aurora, Colo., sophomore Gregg Glime runs between bases during Tuesday's game at the Baylor Ballpark. Baylor lost to Louisiana Tech University, 9-6.

# Bulldogs end Bears' winning streak

By Brian Bateman  
Sports writer

Baylor's 7-0 streak came to a close Tuesday, as the Louisiana Tech University Bulldogs downed the Bears 9-6 at Baylor Ballpark. The Bears were the last undefeated squad in the Big 12, but a five-run ninth inning pushed the Bulldogs (5-3) past Baylor (7-1).

"We scored fast and just didn't bury them," junior short stop Beamer Weems said. "This team needs to learn how to bury people."

After Clint Stubbs' game-tying two-RBI single to left field, Drew Bunting's single popped just over the outstretched glove of Dickerson for a two-RBI double. Patrick Thomas added an insurance run on his RBI single.

"They got the timely hit in the ninth inning and that's the name of the game," head coach Steve Smith said.

In that inning, Baylor's bullpen gave up more runs in the

top of the ninth than the rest of the season combined.

"I still don't feel that my sinker is there yet," closer Nick Casavachia said, who allowed four runs on two hits in one inning of play.

Head coach Steve Smith changed the line up, putting Pflugerville junior Drew Bias in at third base for Grand Junction, Colo. sophomore Shaver Hansen, who was sick. Channelview sophomore Aaron Miller moved to the designated hitter position and Lorena junior Adam Hornung took right field. McGregor sophomore Dustin Dickerson returned to first.

Carrollton senior Tim Matthews got the start for the Bears, allowing four runs on five errors.

Baylor would break the stalemate in the seventh. Junior short stop Beamer Weems and Bias reached base. With Weems on third and Bias on first, the Bears ran a suicide steal, sending Weems home without hesi-

tation. Bulldog pitcher Landon Braud didn't notice his lead and Weems slid into home plate for a 5-4 Baylor lead.

"We timed it perfectly and just caught them off-guard," Weems said, adding, "It would have felt a lot better if we had won."

Craig Fritsch relieved Matthews in the fourth. He struck out four, walked two and surrendered just two hits in four innings of work.

"I thought our guy was every bit the equal," Smith said. "We weren't scoring and they weren't scoring. We needed him."

Both squads got off to a hot start, combining for seven runs in the first two innings. Bulldog Alan Knotts allowed three singles and two walks on 40 pitches in the first but settled down, giving up just three hits and striking out five batters in 39 pitches over three innings.

For the second time in three games, a Baylor pitcher gave up a lead-off home run. Center fielder Adam Cobb launched the

sixth pitch of the game just right of the center-field wall - his second such home run in as many games.

Shaver Hansen did enter the game, walking once and sacrificing a bunt to move catcher Gregg Glime to third.

His return paid off, as Paul Miles' sacrifice bunt on the next at bat scored Glime.

The Bulldogs weren't done, though. In the top of the ninth, a walk, a single and a sacrifice bunt put the tying run at second with just one out. Casavechia walked another batter, loading the bases for Clint Stubbs, who knocked two runs in on a single to left field.

Aaron Lorio (1-1) picked up the win for the Bulldogs, giving up just one run on one hit, while Casavechia (0-1) took the loss.

Baylor will face the Bulldogs again at 4 p.m. today at Baylor Ballpark. Wade Mackey is expected to start for the Bears, while Luke Burnett will likely start for the Bulldogs.

# Rangers' Blalock still recovering from crash

By Stephen Hawkins  
The Associated Press

SURPRISE, Ariz. — Texas Rangers third baseman Hank Blalock was "stiff and sore" Tuesday, a day after his vehicle was rear-ended while stopped at an intersection.

Blalock, his wife and their 3½-year-old son were returning from lunch at a pizza restaurant when the accident occurred near Surprise. Blalock said they were all OK.

"We got crushed hard," Blal-

ock said Tuesday while sitting at his locker. "I've been in car accidents before. We got hit hard."

The impact crushed the front end of the car that hit Blalock's luxury SUV, though the air bags in his vehicle didn't deploy.

Blalock's SUV, which he drove to work Tuesday, has a cracked rear fender.

Blalock got his third straight game off after playing the first three, his first games at third base since surgery last May to remove a rib that was affecting nerves.

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# Chesney leads ACM Award nominations with 11 total

Paisley, Atkins, Big & Rich among other major nominees

By John Gerome  
The Associated Press

NASHVILLE — Kenny Chesney received a leading 11 Academy of Country Music nominations Tuesday, including entertainer of the year and top male vocalist.

Rodney Atkins followed with six nominations, including top male vocalist. Brad Paisley, Big & Rich and Sugarland all got four apiece.

Chesney also is up for song and video of the year for "Don't Blink" and vocal event for "Find Out Who Your Friends Are" with Tracy Lawrence and Tim McGraw.

Chesney received double nominations for artist and producer for "Shift Work" with George Strait, as well as for "Don't Blink" for single of the year and Just Who I Am: Poets & Pirates for album of the year.

If Chesney gets entertainer of the year, the most coveted trophy, it would be his fourth straight win, tying him with Garth Brooks.

"I just try to be the kinda artist I wanted to see when I was coming up," Chesney said. "To me, if you remember who you are, sing songs that speak to that and pay attention to the fans, that's all I can hope for. Seeing those people every night, I don't think I could do anything less."

This year, for the first time, fans will choose the winner of the entertainer category, with voting to begin May 5

The show will be held in Las Vegas on May 18 and carried live on CBS at 8 p.m. EDT.

Carrie Underwood and Paisley announced the nominations at the Country Music Hall of Fame.

Atkins' nominations include song of the year and video of the year for "Watching You" and album of the year for If You're Going through Hell, which he also co-produced.

The singer, who has had four straight No. 1 singles, won best new male vocalist at last year's ACMs.

"It's amazing to have your name mentioned with these guys like George Strait, Kenny Chesney, Brad Paisley. It's going to take awhile to sink in," Atkins remarked.

"It's nice to be noticed, kind of like getting to



The Associated Press

Kenny Chesney, who led the list of Academy of Country Music Awards nominees with 11, is shown here performing in Las Vegas. Chesney's nominations include entertainer of the year and also top male vocalist. The awards show will be held in Las Vegas on May 18 and carried live on CBS at 8 p.m. EDT.

step into the big leagues. It's what you always hope for," he said.

Paisley is nominated for male vocalist, album of the year for 5th Gear, video of the year for "Online," and entertainer of the year.

"This is one of the days where you're glad you got up early," said Paisley, who read the list with Underwood on CBS' The Early Show.

He added that his confidence as an entertainer has grown in recent years as he's headlined tours and bolstered his stage shows.

"I feel a little more comfortable and not as guilty" Paisley said of the entertainer nomination. "That doesn't mean that I feel that I deserve it, it just means I feel like I've earned a place."

Miranda Lambert and Taylor Swift received three nominations apiece including album of the year, Lambert for Crazy Ex-Girlfriend and Swift for Taylor Swift.

"I poured my heart into this album, and the great response makes it that much better," Lambert said.

Underwood said the ACM awards hold special meaning for her because they were the "first major awards that I started winning."

"And they're in Vegas," she added with a laugh, "so they always stand out as being a good time and just getting together and celebrating country music."

# The Black Crowes back with impressive blues, rock blend

By Amanda Robison  
Entertainment editor

The saying "lucky number seven" might just ring true as The Black Crowes come back after seven years to release their seventh studio album, Warpaint. This album shows the band sticking with what they know, and frankly what they do best.

## ALBUMREVIEW

Warpaint, which combines classic rock, country and blues all conveniently assembled together in each track, will sound more familiar than fresh to most Crowes' fans. The album boasts the dynamic amalgamation of lead singer Chris Robinson's soulful vocals with guitars and drums that seamlessly switch between rock and blues rhythms to reflect true Lynyrd Skynyrd-style Southern rock.

In fact, with Warpaint, the Crowes probably would've felt right at home during Skynyrd's heyday in the 1970s.

The album is a throwback of sorts, displaying a definite difference from many modern releases, with no real evidence of electronic production. The songs sound as if they could be performed completely live (by an actual band playing actual instruments, that is) and not lose any of the quality or feeling of the recorded tracks, which is a rare find among acts of today's synthesized-sound age.

Warpaint kicks off with "Goodbye Daughters of the Revolution," a pace-setting track for the album with pure rock'n'roll guitar riffs and a tinge of country twang. The next track, "Walk Believer Walk," brings a heavy dose of the blues. The guitar's slowed-down tempo doesn't detract from the song's



energy though, packing powerful punches with every strum, as Robinson's vocals follow the same blues-y rhythm to create a standout track for Warpaint.

The blues continue into the next track as the first few songs grow progressively slower, culminating in "Oh Josephine" as the Crowes deliver the song with a laid-back attitude, while still managing to evoke the emotion of more energy-driven songs.

"Evergreen" ups that energy, though, with the catchy hook, "Evergreen, evergreen, prettiest thing I've ever seen ..." and makes way for the soulful "We Who See the Deep."

With a voice made for Southern rock, Robinson's vocals are a highlight of the album. He'll sing in a raspy rock style on one track, then turn around and summon deep sentiments with his slow soul on another, all while maintaining an infectious energy that will keep listeners engaged. Through his performance style and vocals, Robinson has the ability to add a sort of swagger to the songs and epitomize the blend of blues, soul and rock'n'roll that encompass true Southern rock style.

Beyond the lead singer, the band's musical influences become more and more obvious as the album continues, beginning with Led Zeppelin, whose inspiration is evident in the

## Stand-Out Tracks:

"Walk Believer Walk,"  
"God's Got It" &  
"Oh Josephine"

echoes of "Movin' on Down the Line."

Vocals take a back seat on the next two tracks, which showcase electric guitars and drums as the more dominant elements. Rhythmic blues guitars combined with clapping cymbals drum up The Crowes' best bet for a dance hall sing-along on "God's Got It." And apparently what God's got is some rhythm, as the blues take over this track with a foot-stomping beat.

The last three tracks are significantly slower and seem to take a trip back in time. "There's Gold in Them Hills" brings Bob Dylan to mind, while Willie Nelson would fit right in with the harmonies of the harmonica on "Whoa Mule." Warpaint finishes with a serene and semi-psychedelic feel on the track "Here Comes Daylight," which has a retro sound that resonates a 1960s musical style. These final tracks solidify the album's affinity for the sound of classic artists and tunes of earlier days.

Besides the irony of beginning an album with a "Goodbye" and ending with "Daylight," the album finds a good balance by spreading out songs that contained similar styles.

With Warpaint, The Black Crowes offer a bevy of good songs, all of which exhibit their firm grip on their sound, and an ability to integrate the multiple elements of Southern rock'n'roll, blues, country and soul to create a cohesive collection of worthy tracks.

Grade: B+



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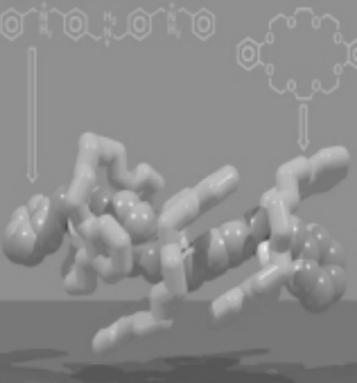
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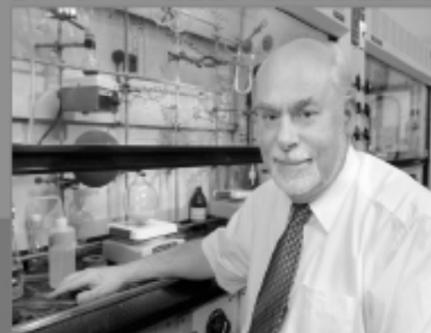
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school choice.” Anderson said that one of the projects he has successfully spearheaded has been the resolution which would require a six-month moratorium for free gasified coal plants, with an emphasis on reducing gas emissions. “I am pleased with the fact that the public has become more educated and more folks are leaning toward cleaner air in light of the debating that has gone on,” Anderson said.

“Our plans for encouraging clean air energy calls for diversified sources. We are looking at not only developing cleaner technology but also evaluating factors such as orientation and location of plants. We hope to get people involved in wanting to conserve energy by cutting back on the number of plants.” The Waco Chamber of Commerce and the City of Waco backed Anderson’s clean air initiative, with the City Council contributing \$10,000 to join the Texas Cities for Clean Air coalition. Among other issues, the

construction of the Trans-Texas Corridor received attention from both candidates. Anderson advocates additional debates and public discussion for the realization of expanding the corridor as it influences transportation costs for the public. Anderson supported the free will of the voters at the polls tonight. “Everyone chooses their own road,” Anderson said. “We would like people to look at our record. We try to elevate and empower the individual as opposed to the agencies, keep

the taxpayer in mind as well as make sure we don’t infringe upon civil liberties.” Sibley’s campaign congratulated Doc Anderson, and thanked supporters. “I want to thank those who supported me during this campaign. I also want to congratulate Doc Anderson, and commend his supporters,” Sibley said. “Doc ran an exceptional campaign and I will do whatever I can to make sure he is re-elected in November.” Anderson could not be reached for further comment.

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Democratic Primary		
Candidate	Votes	%
Hillary Clinton	12,275	50
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Republican Primary		
Candidate	Votes	%
John McCain	9,932	54
Mike Huckabee	7,141	39

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port to overtake McCain, according to a FOX News exit poll, he still won among the values voters and won the evangelical vote in Ohio. “He still has a strong following,” Harris said. “He started this race with people saying ‘Hucka-who?’ and now he has people saying ‘Hucka-boom!’ He started with no money, no organization, flying on commercial airlines and carrying his own luggage, and now he will finish second in the race for delegate nominations in the Republican Party. He’s done so much on so little.”

McCain thanked his former opponents and their supporters for their “steadfast dedication for keeping America safe, prosperous and proud.”

The Arizona senator promised to involve Americans in his campaign during the months leading to the general election.

The crowd was most responsive when McCain emphasized his concern for Americans’ impatience with “politicians who value ambition over principle, and for partisanship that is less a contest of ideas than an uncivil brawl over the spoils of power.”

James Sibolb, volunteer for the McCain campaign, traveled for eight weeks across the country raising support for the senator.

“The dominoes were just all coming our way,” Sibolb said. “John was destined to win the nomination.”

Rick Davies, McCain’s campaign manager, released a statement Tuesday night on the results from the primaries.

“John McCain has more than just ideas and rhetoric; he has the experience, judgment, and courage to achieve his vision for our nation’s future. John McCain will lead our Party to victory in November, and lead America on to her best days,” Davies said.

McCain exited the stage in Dallas with a charge of action.

“So stand up with me, my friends, stand up and fight for America — for her strength, her ideals, and her future,” McCain challenged. “The contest begins tonight.”

**ELECTION** from page 1

2,025 needed to win the nomination at the party convention in Denver this summer.

The former first lady picked up at least 75 in the four primaries, and Obama gained at least 54. Nearly 250 more remained to be awarded, including 67 in Texas caucuses that began after the primary polls closed.

Clinton and Obama spent most of the past two weeks in Ohio and Texas in a costly, bruising campaign, with the former first lady questioning his sincerity in opposing NAFTA and questioning his readiness to serve as commander in chief.

Polling place interviews with voters in both states suggested the criticism hit home, showing Clinton was winning the votes of late deciders in Ohio and Texas, as well as Vermont.

Hispanics, a group that has favored Clinton in earlier primaries, cast nearly one-third of the Election Day votes in Texas,

up from about one-quarter of the ballots four years ago, according to interviews with voters as they left their polling places. Blacks, who have voted heavily for Obama this year, accounted for roughly 20 percent of the votes cast, roughly the same as four years ago.

The economy was the No. 1 concern on the minds of Democratic voters in Texas, Rhode Island and especially in Ohio. But in Vermont, almost as many voters said the war in Iraq was their top concern.

More than three-quarters of Ohio Democrats said international trade had cost their state more jobs than it had created.

Roughly six in 10 of the Democrats who were questioned outside the polls Tuesday said that so-called superdelegates, who are party officials, should vote at the national convention based on the results of primaries and caucuses. That was unwelcome news for Clinton, who trails Obama among delegates picked in the states but holds a lead among superdel-

egates. Obama had campaigned hoping to land a knockout blow. As of March 1, his campaign had spent about \$9 million on television advertising in Texas and about \$4.5 million in Ohio; Clinton had spent about \$5 million in Texas and about \$2.3 million in Ohio, according to TNS Media Intelligence/CMAG, an ad tracking firm.

Clinton showed no sign of surrender as she campaigned on Tuesday. “You don’t get to the White House as a Democrat without winning Ohio,” she said in Houston.

“My husband didn’t get the nomination wrapped up until June (in 1992). That has been the tradition,” she added, without mentioning that this year most primaries were held much earlier than in 1992. “This is a very close race.”

For his part, Obama was already advertising in Mississippi, which holds its primary next week, and planned trips there and to Wyoming, which



Associated Press

Democratic presidential hopeful Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., is joined Tuesday by wife Michelle during a primary night victory rally in San Antonio. Obama won Vermont’s primary election.

has weekend caucuses. Pennsylvania, the biggest single prize left, holds its primary on April 22.

“All those states coming up are going to make a difference,” he said. “What we want to do is make sure we’re competing in every single state.”

It takes 2,025 delegates to

win the Democratic nomination, and slightly more than 600 remained to be picked in the 10 states that vote after Tuesday.

The Democratic marathon was in contrast to a Republican race that was fierce while it lasted but had long since been settled.

**Godspeed** by Ben Humeniuk



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