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## Texas sees 2 percent population jump

By Sommer Ingram  
Staff writer

According to the annual state-level population trends compiled by the U.S. Census Bureau, Texas had the highest population increase in the nation from the period of July 1, 2007 to July 1, 2008. At two percent, the state's growth rate ranks third highest among the states. First and second were Utah and Arizona, respectively.

"This growth rate is certainly impressive for a state the size of Texas," said Robert Bernstein, who works in the public information office for the U.S. Census Bureau. "It's hard to have a high percentage growth rate when you start with a large population base like Texas', so this is phenomenal."

The figures, which were released last month, show the population of Texas with an increase of 483,542 people over the previous year.

"What's important is that Texas has been among the fastest-growing states for the past three or four years," said state demographer Dr. Karl Eschbach, a professor of demography at The University of Texas-San Antonio. "One way to look at it is to say that the population rate between 2000 and 2007 added enough people equivalent to the entire state of Iowa. It's really profoundly impressive if you think in those terms."

Baylor researchers with the Center for Community Research and Development said that about half of this growth can be attributed to natural increase, or the rate of births as opposed to deaths.

The other half comes from out-of-country immigration and net domestic growth, or people moving from other states to Texas.

"The perception is that everyone is coming from internationally, but that is not the

case," said Dr. Charles Tolbert, a researcher with the center and professor of sociology. "While it is a part, international immigration is not really driving the growth patterns anymore."

At the beginning of the decade, Texas was seeing more immigration from other countries, but now the rates of migration to Texas from other American states is becoming more prevalent.

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### Top 5 Fastest Growing States

State	Percent Change
1. Utah	2.5
2. Arizona	2.3
3. Texas	2.0
4. North Carolina	2.0
5. Colorado	2.0

Source: www.census.gov

## State looks to casinos for economic fix

By Brittany Hardy  
Staff writer

With the condition of the economy, many states, including Texas, are proposing the legalization of slot or casino machines to boost insufficient state budgets.

Proposals have been raised in at least 14 states, making the legalization of gambling more attractive to many state legislators and governors.

This method has been suggested by legislators as an option some view preferable to additional job cuts or raising taxes.

The issue has roots that stretch to Baylor University. Two past Baylor University presidents, Judge Abner McCall and Dr. D.R. White led the Anti-Gambling Coalition of Texas in the 1950s and 1960s.

The Anti-Gambling Coalition has undergone different names and leadership, but they are united by their anti-gambling goal.

In 1994, Texans That Care helped defeat several attempts to legalize gambling. They changed their name to Texans Against Gambling to better reflect what they try to accomplish as an organization.

"I believe state government

should not be involved with a predatory business. Casinos and other forms of gambling are most often predatory operations that cause addiction, bankruptcy and crime. We're opposed to any attempt to legalize casinos in the state of Texas, because we believe casinos hurt people," said Weston Ware, lobbyist for Texans Against Gambling.

"Subsequently, we believe that state government should not be in a business that creates addiction and causes problems such as divorce and crime, and very often in some cases, kids are going hungry while their parents are spending money at a lottery or casino," Ware said.

Ware said the organization is glad that people go to states other than Texas to gamble.

Since 1995, Texans Against Gambling and their coalition partners have defeated efforts to legalize some form of casino and slot machine gambling in every legislative session.

"If the state wants to go into business for itself, there are a lot of other methods that could be profitable," said Earl Grinols, a professor of economics and resident expert on the effects of gambling.

Judy Bowman, a senior

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### Stop 'dragon' your feet

A dragon dancer takes the stage at the Asian Student Association's Chinese New Year celebration Thursday night. In addition to professional dancers, the event also had free Chinese food and craft. This new year is the Year of The Ox.

## SWAT standoff leads to arrest

By Brittany Hardy  
Staff writer

After a Waco SWAT team standoff, Shawn Richardson, 22, surrendered to arrest Wednesday. He is being charged with first-degree murder.

He is being held in McLennan County Jail in lieu of a \$751,000 bail.

According to a press release, the victim, Jacob Hill, 23, verbally fought with a man who lived in the same fourplex as the victim at 2112 Columbus Avenue in Waco. Hill was stabbed in the upper torso and later died.

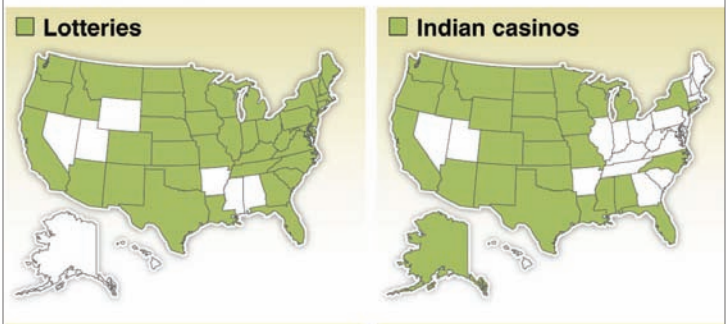
Officers first attempted to enter Richardson's home but were unable to get in. Waco Police SWAT Unit and negotiators were called to the scene. They entered, but Richardson had fled before the officers' arrival.

The officers received information that the suspect might be in McGregor. The McGregor Police Department held the residence at the 300 block of North 3rd under surveillance until the Waco SWAT officers and negotiators arrived.

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## Where to win big bucks

Types of gambling allowed in each state:



## Suicide rises among U.S. troops

By Pauline Jelinek  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Suicides among U.S. soldiers rose last year to the highest level in decades, the Army announced Thursday.

At least 128 soldiers killed themselves in 2008. But the final count is likely to be considerably higher because 15 more suspicious deaths are

still being investigated and could also turn out to be self-inflicted, the Army said.

A new training and prevention effort will start next week. And Col. Elspeth Ritchie, a psychiatric consultant to the Army surgeon general, made a plea for more U.S. mental health professionals to sign on to work for the military.

"We are hiring and we need your help," she said.

The new suicide figure compares with 115 in 2007 and 102 in 2006 and is the highest since record keeping began in 1980. Officials calculate the deaths at a rate of roughly 20.2 per 100,000 soldiers—which is higher than the adjusted civilian rate for the first time since the Vietnam War, officials told a Pentagon news conference.

"We need to move quickly to do everything we can to

reverse this disturbing ... number," Army Vice Chief of Staff Gen. Peter Chiarelli said.

Officials have said that troops are under tremendous and unprecedented stress because of repeated and long tours of duty due to the simultaneous wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The stress has placed further

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## Bookstore struggles to maintain stock

By Ashleigh Schmitz  
Reporter

The beginning of any semester is full of pre-class obligations: print the syllabus, find the best route between classes and get the books. That last item on the list proved to be a little more trying for several students this semester than it has been in the past.

"In the past, books have been very easy to obtain from the Baylor Bookstore," Hamilton senior Thad Boatner said.

"Unfortunately, getting books this year has been a much more difficult process."

Boatner, a student athlete on scholarship, is used to receiving his books "bundled up and ready to go" straight from the bookstore, courtesy of his scholarship. However, obtaining books was not as easy as in semesters past.

"I ended up having my books back-ordered for a week and was told to get the wrong edition of a text for my management class. It ended up that they didn't even have the right edition in stock so

they had to go back and order it after classes had started," Boatner said.

Boatner's story is not much different from other students who experienced similar struggles with the bookstore this semester. Lake Charles, La., senior Jessie Liang usually orders her books from Amazon.com in order to save money, but this semester she had to get a few books last minute at the bookstore.

"Imagine my frustration when I found that the only books I needed were not in stock

—not just once, but every time I checked for a good two weeks," Liang said.

While many students just waited it out with the bookstore, Dallas senior Lilly Ettinger looked to the library until she could buy her books.

"I found the textbooks on Baylor's NetLibrary, so now I can go read it there, but it's made my life more complicated this semester and I'm spending a lot more PawPrints pages printing things out," Ettinger said.

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Stephen Green/Lariat Staff

Shelves at the Baylor Bookstore sit empty, as the store has been having trouble keeping certain books in stock. Students and staff have had to make adjustments in reading and quiz assignments due to the shortage.



Editorial

PETA’S message lost in extreme, outrageous acts

People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, or PETA, is known for its outrageous protests, often involving throwing fake blood on people wearing fur or protesting naked en masse. Its latest actions are no less extreme, but show that PETA needs to take its mission more seriously so that other people can, too.

Earlier this month, PETA started a marketing campaign to have fish renamed “sea kittens.” The name, they said, would make people think twice about eating them and would hopefully prompt the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to stop its promotion of fishing.

“Knowing that the fish sticks in the school cafeteria are really made out of tortured sea kittens makes most kids want to lose their lunch,” PETA campaign co-ordinator Ashley Byrner has said.

Anyone interested in the campaign can go to PETA’s Web site and learn more about the cause, play an interactive game where you dress up a fish like a cat and sign a peti-

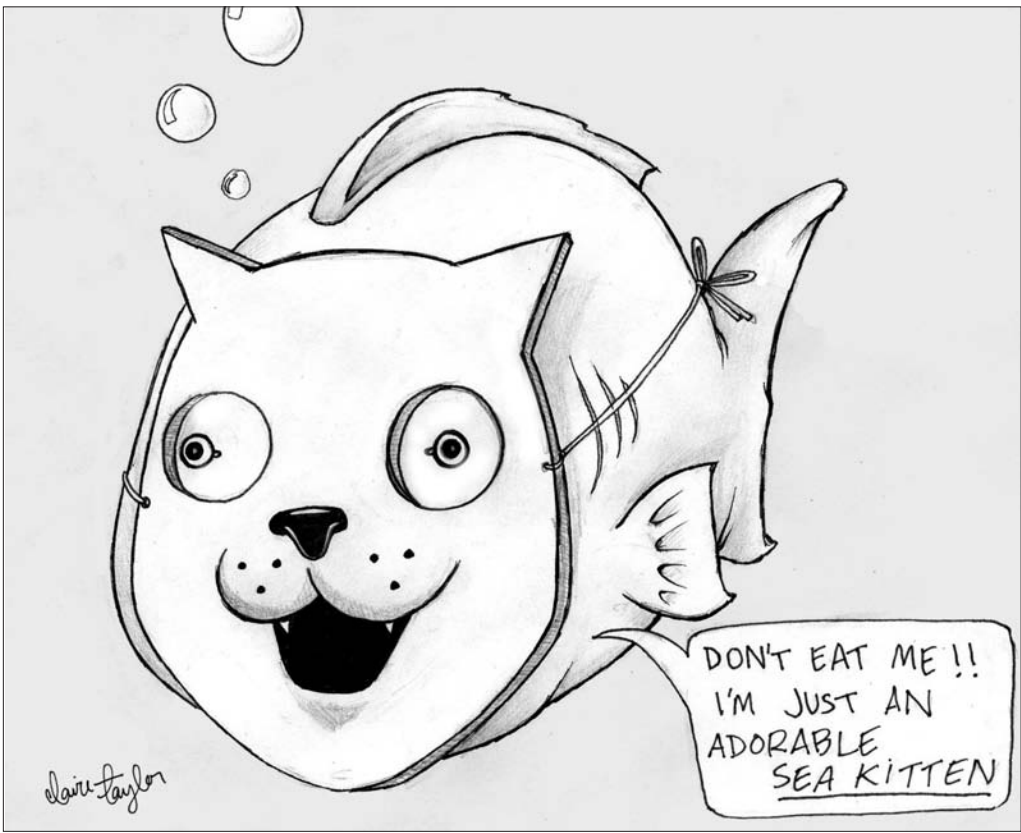
tion to have fish changed to sea kittens. But it’s hard to believe anyone would.

Instead of making real change for the better treatment of animals, PETA has made itself a side-show. No one can take its mission seriously when the solutions it offers are so absurd.

Changing the name of an animal isn’t going to make it any less appealing to those who consume it. And fish and felines aren’t comparable enough for people to actually make the connection and stop eating them. Catfish is still a wildly popular entrée even though it has a similar name.

The word fish has been around since the 12th century, according to the Merriam-Webster dictionary. It’s foolish for PETA to think they could actually have a word with such old roots in our language changed with such little reason for it.

PETA has also made headlines for other equally ridiculous suggestions recently. In September, the group asked Ben & Jerry’s Homemade Ice



Cream to switch out the cow milk used to make their ice cream for human breast milk. They said this would benefit the health of both cows and consumers.

These stunts have gotten PETA a lot of media coverage, which was surely their aim. But they are trading press time for accomplishing their mission. Their antics may make some people aware of how some animals are being treated, but they are turning off many more who find it hard to take them seriously.

PETA is becoming the class clown of charitable organizations, and it only hurts them in the long run.

PETA hasn’t always gone strictly for the shock factor. In 2007, they negotiated for former Atlanta Falcon’s quarterback Michael Vick to campaign for the humane treatment of animals.

Vick had been charged with and pleaded guilty to dog fighting. After his arrest, he took a PETA class in “respect for animals” and negotiated to give a public service announcement for PETA about animal’s rights.

This was a successful example of PETA using a bad situation and turning it into good PR for their cause.

This is the kind of issue and campaign they need to

tackle more often. There are much larger problems with the treatment of animals than what people call fish.

PETA should focus on raising awareness about things like puppy mills and conditions in slaughter houses and factory farms. If they would get their message out in a serious manner and confront issues that people care about, people would be more likely to respond and help make a difference.

Not all attention is good attention. Instead of making its cause into a circus for people to laugh at, PETA needs to project a more positive serious image to accomplish its goals.

point of view  
Wedding sickness not so abnormal

When every little girl is born, she has a disease deep inside her waiting to surface. It can be dormant for years and years before finally showing itself. And I’m afraid I’m starting to show the symptoms. I’ve got the wedding sickness.

Now, I’m not getting married anytime soon, and frankly, I don’t want to get married anytime soon. But there’s just something about a wedding that is so appealing that I think every girl can relate to. And if they can’t, the disease just hasn’t set in yet.

Lately it seems like everyone I know is getting engaged. My roommate’s engaged. Half the people in my classes are engaged. My 80-year-old grandfather might be getting engaged. So I’ve been hearing more than my fair share of wedding planning.

And when I hear about all the details of someone else’s big day, it’s impossible to not start imagining my own, or at least what it would look like if I had a limitless budget. The disease is slowly taking over. It also doesn’t help that the only reality shows worth watching, if you could say that any of them are worth it, are ones about weddings. “Bridezilla’s”, “Say Yes to the Dress”, and “Rich Bride, Poor Bride” are on the top of my TiVo list.

It’s hard to say exactly what’s so satisfying about watching other people get married. It could be the hopeless romantic inside of me longing to see a happy ending. It could be the sadist in me secretly hoping someone gets left at the altar. Or it could be the sheer entertainment of a bridezilla trying to find the perfect wine to go with her fried chicken dinner. Whatever it is, it doesn’t mean that I’m ready to get married; I just like weddings.

So men, don’t freak out when you see your girlfriend’s eyes light up at the sight of a bridal magazine or friend’s engagement ring. It doesn’t necessarily mean it’s time for you to give up your freedom. Let me explain to you exactly what’s so appealing about weddings.

First, there’s a diamond involved. I’m not really a materialistic person. Most everything I own I bought on sale. I try not to acquire things I don’t need. But for some reason, I drool over diamonds. To girls, diamonds are classic beauty. They’re romance and optimism and eternity. Plus, they’re just so sparkly. Engagements mean having a constant reminder of your fiancée’s love on your hand, and what girl doesn’t want that? Well, as long as that love is a couple carats and princess-cut.

Getting married also means you get to take engagement photos. You will never in your life be more photogenic or adorable than in your engagement photos. After seeing my roommate’s perfect pictures and having a strong urge to take some of my own, I thought maybe I was the only one who felt that way. But then I got a Facebook message from one of my best, most cynical friends expressing the same feelings. She had seen my roommate’s profile picture and was ready to go out and marry the first guy who asked her just so she could be that cute.

Third, a wedding means everything has to go the girl’s way. The bride gets to choose how everything looks, what everyone eats and how everyone treats her. Secretly, I think we all want an excuse to be the center of attention. At my hypothetical wedding, I could put my bridesmaids in the tackiest dresses imaginable and they would have to pretend to like it. And I plan on taking full advantage of that.

I think most girls would agree that those are the main allure of a wedding. And, oh yeah, there’s the groom. But honestly, that’s barely a part of the wedding fantasy. So if anyone sees me flipping through a wedding magazine, please don’t judge me. I don’t want to be this way. It’s disgusting and a little embarrassing. But I just can’t help it. It’s the darn sickness.

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BY BETHANY POLLER

Letters to the editor

Jesus would have been just as reckless

In her column, Liz Foreman questions the ethics of ministering in countries where Christian evangelism is against the law, to the point where she questions whether or not Jesus himself would have been so “reckless.” Speaking biblically, I believe the answer is quite obvious.

Isaiah speaks of a Savior, revealed as Christ, upon whose shoulders the government will rest upon, and adds in Isaiah 9:6-7 that “there will be no end to the increase of his government.”

I Peter commands that man submit to human institutions, a statement that Miss Foreman’s column would support, at least until the end of the verse where Peter specifies that the institutions and the governors must be obeyed if “sent by (God).”

I do not believe that a redeemer willing to go to the cross for me would be held up by ignorant, totalitarian laws. Indeed, he went to that cross for the very blasphemy for which modern missionaries are persecuted: preaching the word of God.

Miss Foreman’s advice is to preach only where it lawful. Jesus, in his final words on earth, commanded the apostles to be his witnesses “to the ends of the earth.” I can’t help but wonder what would have happened if Peter and Paul had followed Miss Foreman’s advice instead of Christ’s.

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It’s God’s law that we are called to obey

I was very interested to read the opinion piece “Undercover missions can’t justify breaking laws” by Liz Foreman. I understand that it’s not a simple matter of black and white, but I wanted to respond to a few points she made.

One of the primary disagreements Foreman had with undercover missions was the aspect of danger brought to the

missionaries and those who become Christians. What would Christianity be today if not for the courage of the early church to meet within the Roman Empire and defy Roman laws? I’m sure men and women went about their business as usual, making tents or selling food by day, and gathered at nights to worship in houses much like the Christians being discussed in the article.

Of course it was dangerous during the persecutions, and it’s still dangerous in some areas of the world today. However, Jesus never called his disciples to a safe way of life. Instead, he told them they must count the cost and carry their crosses.

In Matthew 10 Jesus tells in great length the trials the disciples will face for proclaiming the truth. He says they will be treated even worse than he was. And in regards to disrupting diplomatic peace, in the same passage he says he did not come to bring peace to the earth but a sword. Interpret that as you will, but I would say that Jesus had a greater mission than just coming so everyone could get along.

Now the main point was concerning breaking the law. I’d like to start out by saying there’s a difference between breaking the law and disrespecting a culture. Most missionaries I know go to great lengths to understand the culture they will be entering and choose clothing and behavior that will not disrespect the people they are reaching. So those two phrases should not be used flippantly.

Undercover missionaries are really no different than any Christian should be. They work to provide goods and services to people in order to support themselves. They live normal, everyday lives, and they worship Jesus and share him with people who are lost in this world. Since this is a typical expectation of a Christian, is it necessary for them to explain every aspect of their Christianity whenever they enter a country? When you travel to another country, do you feel the need to

explain that you will shop, take photos, visit attractions and talk to locals?

Let’s say that’s not good enough for you. If Christians naturally share the Gospel, then they shouldn’t be there at all. Well, ultimately it is God’s law that we are called to obey. Acts 4 describes the events when Peter and John were arrested for preaching Jesus’ resurrection to people. In verses 19-20, they tell the Sanhedrin “Judge for yourselves whether it is right in God’s sight to obey you rather than God for we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard.”

If you would like to use Jesus as an example, I agree that he never lied. However, multiple times Jesus broke the Sabbath by healing or by not requiring his disciples to wash before eating. For Jesus, laws for humans did not trump God’s work.

I, for one, applaud the work of those who are brave enough to face dangerous situations in order to save a man or woman’s soul. I applaud those who obey Jesus’ command to go and make disciples of all nations, not just the friendly ones.

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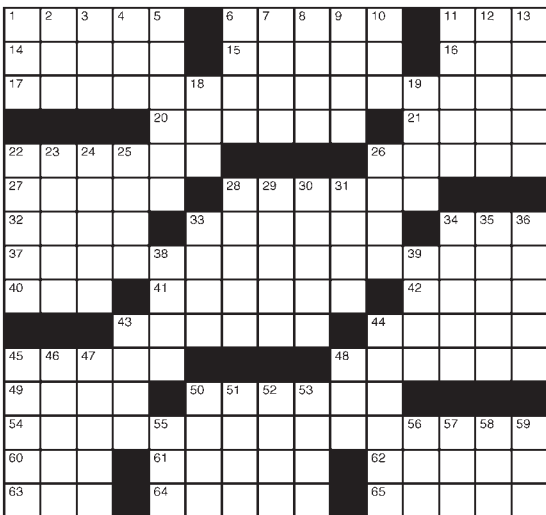
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burdens on an overwhelmed military health care system also trying to tend to huge numbers of troops suffering from post-traumatic stress, depression and other mental health problems as well as physical wounds and injuries of tens of thousands.

Yearly increases in suicides have been recorded since 2004, when there were 64 – only about half the number now. And they’ve occurred despite increased training, prevention programs and psychiatric staff.

When studying individual cases, officials said they found that the most common factors for suicides were soldiers suffering problems with their personal relationships, legal or financial issues and problems on the job.

The statistics released Thursday cover soldiers who killed themselves while they were on active duty – including National Guard and Reserve troops who had been activated.

The previous year’s rate of suicides – 18.8 per 100,000 soldiers – had also been the highest on record. But the new pace of 20.2 per 100,000 was the first time the rate surpassed the civilian number, when adjusted to reflect the Army’s younger and male-heavy demographics.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said the suicide rate for U.S. society overall was about 11 per 100,000 in 2004, the latest year for which the agency has figures. But the Army says the civilian rate is more like 19.5 per 100,000 when adjusted.

The new estimated rate of 20.2 is more than double the 9.8 in 2002 – the first full year after the start of the war in Afghanistan

The new Army statistics follow a report earlier this month showing that the Marine Corps recorded more suicides last year than any year since the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq in March 2003.

That report said 41 Marines were possible or confirmed suicides in 2008, or 16.8 per 100,000 troops. The Marine rate remained unchanged from the previous year.

Marine and Army units have borne most of duty in the two wars, which have required more use of ground forces to fight the insurgencies.

The numbers kept by the service branches don’t show the whole picture of war-related suicides because they don’t include deaths after people have left the military. The Department of Veterans Affairs tracks those numbers and says there were 144 suicides among the nearly 500,000 service members who left the military from 2002-2005 after fighting in at least one of the two ongoing wars.

The true incidence of suicide among military veterans is not known, according to a report last year by the Congressional Research Service. Based on numbers from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the VA estimates that 18 veterans a day – or 6,500 a year – take their lives, but that number includes vets from all previous wars.

“The suicide numbers released today come as no surprise to the veterans’ community who has experienced the psychological toll of war,” said Paul Rieckhoff, director of the Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America. “But we cannot let current trend lines continue. These are preventable deaths for which the Department of Defense and the VA can and must take bold action.

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As the semester began to progress, some professors realized that students needed a way to complete the reading even in the absence of textbooks.

“Thankfully my professor was kind enough to post photocopies of the homework assignments from the text on Blackboard, though I’m sure he did not enjoy having to ask every class period whether people had gotten their books yet,” Liang said.

Boatner’s professor did something similar.

“The professor had to give us PDF files of the book for the first week and a half, which some students couldn’t download because the files were too big. Those of us who couldn’t download the files and were waiting for the right texts had to deal with struggling through the first round of quizzes because we didn’t have access

to the right information,” Boatner said.

Other professors chose to delay quizzes a few days in order for students to work on getting their books.

“The main thing I did was wait to have a quiz,” said Dr. Scott Bryant, lecturer in the Religion department. “It didn’t set me back that much.”

Bryant cannot say whether performance on the first round of his quizzes was affected because of students not having the text or just not reading. However, he said does think problems at the bookstore will be a common occurrence because they do not know how many students will buy their books from other distributors.

“It’s easy to blame the bookstore, but it’s still the students’ responsibility to get their books,” Bryant said.

The bookstore director, Billy Nors, was unavailable for comment at the time of publication.

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“We were asked to go to a residence and do a drive by, to check and see if a vehicle was at that residence. Waco P.D. was notified that the vehicle was at the residence. We were advised that Waco P.D. had already mobilized their SWAT unit and they were headed to McGregor,” said Steve Foster, Chief of Police for the McGregor Police Department. “I know that Waco Police

Department has a top-notch SWAT team and felt that if the situation was to turn bad, they could handle whatever was thrown at them.”

Richardson surrendered without resistance.

“I am really glad that the subject did surrender and decided to give himself up, because there is always that fear that he might want to shoot it out and that is when many different things can happen, and most of them are not good,” Foster said.

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“We have seen a leveling off of immigration as the U.S. economy cools off,” Eschbach said. “There is lots of evidence of declining border crossing as well as illegal entry.”

Due to the stability of several industries in Texas such as oil, gas and export manufacturing, the state has been producing new jobs on a consistent basis.

“The state has been one of the most robust, and one of the only states in the nation, still growing jobs,” Eschbach said. “Such rapid growth is a sign that the state has a relatively healthy economic status.”

Despite Texas’ strong job market, such huge and consistent gains could have severe implications on the state’s infrastructure at a time when the country is plagued by an economy in recession.

“Are we building roads, schools, hospitals? Are we

increasing health care? We can’t build these things fast enough to keep up with the growth,” Eschbach said. “There is increasing congestion, and we need to be equipped to serve a population growing this quickly.”

President Barack Obama has pledged to implement an ambitious infrastructure plan that will pour hundreds of billions of dollars into fixing roads, bridges, and highways across the country, something Tolbert believes should have been done long ago.

A big factor in the state’s ability to handle the population boom will be where the people settle.

“We can probably accommodate the growth geographically if it is well dispersed,” Tolbert said. “But if they all settle in inner city areas, that’ll put pressure on major cities. There’s just a lot of need to adjust things, and it’s important that we anticipate a lot of change in the years to come.”

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lecturer of economics, has a similar opinion.

“I’m ambivalent about legalizing gambling. It can generate tax revenue but it is also associated with greater crime and other problems. Generally, I would prefer higher taxes on tobacco and gasoline instead,” Bowman said.

Advocates for the legalization of gambling in Texas say the state is missing out on a financially-boosting opportunity.

The American Gaming Association says they have “... long-implemented employee and public education programs to increase awareness of disordered gambling and promote responsible gaming practices.”

Rep. Joe Straus III of Texas has strong family ties to Texas horse racing. Straus’ father, Joe Straus, Jr., co-founded San Antonio’s Retama Park horse track and openly fought against Baptist groups who were anti-gambling.

However, Straus told the Associated Press that he will, “... not be involved in an issue, any issue, where my personal interests will be advanced.”

Illinois Gov. Blagojevich dismissed from office

By Christopher Wills  
The Associated Press

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. — Gov. Rod Blagojevich was thrown out of office Thursday without a single lawmaker coming to his defense, brought down by a government-for-sale scandal that stretched from Chicago to Capitol Hill and turned the foul-mouthed politician into a national punchline.

Blagojevich, accused of trying to sell Barack Obama’s vacant Senate seat, becomes the first U.S. governor in more than 20 years to be removed by impeachment.

After a four-day trial, the Illinois Senate voted 59-0 to convict him of abuse of power, automatically ousting the second-term Democrat.

In a second, identical vote, lawmakers further barred Blagojevich from ever holding public office in the state again. “He failed the test of character. He is beneath the dignity of the state of Illinois. He is no longer worthy to be our governor,” said Sen. Matt Murphy, a Republican from suburban Chicago.

Blagojevich’s troubles are not over. Federal prosecutors are drawing up an indictment against him on corruption charges.

Outside his Chicago home Thursday night, Blagojevich vowed to “keep fighting to clear my name,” and added: “Give me a chance to show you that I haven’t let you down.”

“I love the people of Illinois today more than I ever have before,” he said. And in a joking reference to Chicago’s history of crooked politics, he reached down to a boy in the crowd of well-wishers and said: “I love you, man. You know, this is Chicago. You can vote for me. You’re old enough.”

Democratic Lt. Gov. Patrick Quinn, one of Blagojevich’s critics, was promptly sworn in as governor and said he would

work to “restore the faith of the people of Illinois in the integrity of their government.”

Blagojevich, 52, had boycotted the first three days of the impeachment trial, calling the proceedings a kangaroo court. But on Thursday, he went before the Senate to beg for his job, delivering a 47-minute plea that was, by turns, defiant, humble and sentimental.

He argued, again, that he did nothing wrong, and warned that his impeachment would set a “dangerous and chilling precedent.”

“You haven’t proved a crime, and you can’t because it didn’t happen,” Blagojevich (pronounced blah-GOY-uh-vich) told the lawmakers. “How can you throw a governor out of office with insufficient and incomplete evidence?”

In a solemn scene, more than 30 lawmakers rose one by one on the Senate floor to accuse Blagojevich of abusing his office and embarrassing the state.

They denounced him as a hypocrite, saying he cynically tried to enrich himself and

then posed as the brave protector of the poor and “wrapped himself in the constitution.”

Blagojevich did not stick around to hear the vote. He took a state plane back to Chicago.

The verdict capped a head-spinning string of developments that began with his arrest by the FBI on Dec. 9. Federal prosecutors had been investigating Blagojevich’s administration for years, and some of his closest cronies have already been convicted.

As his trial got under way, Blagojevich launched a media blitz, rushing from one TV studio to another in New York to proclaim his innocence.

He likened himself to the hero of a Frank Capra movie and to a cowboy in the hands of a Wild West lynch mob.

Quinn, the new governor, is a 60-year-old former state treasurer who has a reputation as a political gadfly and once led a successful effort to cut the size of the Illinois House.

“I want to say to the people of Illinois, the ordeal is over,” Quinn said.



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Former Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich waves to his supporters after talking to the media outside of his Chicago home Thursday. Blagojevich was thrown out of office Thursday without a single lawmaker rising to his defense.

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# Environmental incentives for buying used textbooks

By Sean Doerre  
Reporter

Every student has experienced the nightmare: purchase a new textbook at the beginning of the semester for \$150, only to sell it back five months later for \$30. Sometimes new editions of books come out and the old ones are thrown out. The founders of Chegg.com, however, a textbook rental service, have found a way to give back to the environment in an industry where it would be easy to waste a lot of paper.

While claiming to save students money Chegg.com also

appeals to environmentally-minded students. The site contains many textbooks that have been used, which cuts down on the amount of new textbooks produced.

Adding to the company's green initiative, Chegg.com has recently partnered with American Forests and Global Releaf Project, groups that work to protect and restore trees and forests, for an initiative to plant one tree for every student's textbook rental.

"Planting a tree for every book a student rents, buys or sells is our way to give back to

the environment long after students have finished their schooling," said Aayush Phumbhra, co-founder of Chegg.com.

The program funded the planting of over 750 acres of trees in 2008, while saving students over \$16 million, Phumbhra said.

More than 30 million trees are cut down annually to produce the books sold in the U.S., according to a report prepared by the Green Press Initiative. The report also found that only five to 10 percent of the paper used by U.S. book publishers is recycled.

American Forests started the Global ReLeaf campaign in 1990 and has been planting native trees in rural and urban areas across the United States and around the world, according to the non-profit group's Web Site. The campaign plants trees along hillsides to reduce erosion and streams to prevent polluted runoff and sedimentation as well as other ecologically significant areas,

"Anything like this that has a truly green edge is really cool," said Carl Flynn, University Sustainability Committee chair of education and communication.

"Anytime you get the best of both worlds, it helps the environment: you are recycling textbooks so you are not requiring the publishers to print another book and they are planting trees."

Chegg.com aims to be easy on the environment as well as students' wallets.

"Chegg.com offers students a great way to get all the materials they need for their education at a significant savings," Phumbhra said.

The service offers students a revolutionary way to get textbooks. Instead of buying new

or used, Chegg.com offers the option to rent textbooks for a semester.

Osman Rashid and Phumbhra launched Chegg at Iowa State University in 2003 as a "hyper-local" classifieds directory and then expanded the business to its current function in the fall of 2007. At first the service was known as Textbookflix.com, but in 2007 it officially changed its name to Chegg, a combination of the words chicken and egg.

The service has grown to reach students on over 1,000 campuses, according to the company's Web site.

## Professor co-writes inspirational book

By Jenna DeWitt  
Reporter

A house of cards can help people sort out their priorities, according to a new book co-written by Baylor psychology professor Dr. Michael Frisch and performance coach Caroline Adams Miller. The book, called "Creating Your Best Life: the Ultimate Life List Guide," was released this month.

This is no ordinary house of cards, however. It is just one technique Frisch uses to help those he counsels set their goals. The Happiness House is made up of 17 paper squares printed with topics such as spiritual life, creativity, friends, community and work. Readers arrange the cards like a house, with their top priorities making up the first floor.

After their houses have been formed, readers flip over each card and write a life goal specific to that topic on the back. The book then encourages them to take a picture of their Happiness House and post it somewhere they can see it every day.

According to the book, the house is used to help readers define their goals and values in relation to each other.

"Using this approach also reminds you of where you can start your goal pursuit if you are feeling overwhelmed," Frisch and Miller write.

There is no true right answer, they say in the book, but "identifying your goals as uniquely yours and connecting them with your values are two key indicators of whether or not you will pursue your goals with vigor and excitement."

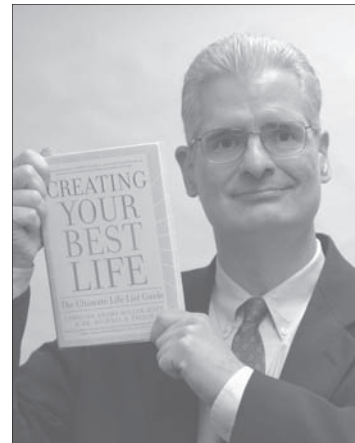
The book teaches readers to set goals as a way to finding meaning in life and achieving happiness. A major way to happiness for many people is through serving others, Frisch said. Another way is an active spiritual life. Through his research, he said he has found the two to be related.

"The happiest people spend time on non-competitive goals and service to others," Frisch said. "Actively, devoutly religious

people tend to be much happier, do better in school, live longer and are happier in marriages. My belief is that the essence of Christianity is service to others." The book is a new take on the field of positive psychology, Frisch said.

They wrote the book for anyone struggling with or trying to define their goals, or those looking for a new beginning, he said.

"It's a scientific self-help book. It has the latest in the science of goal-setting," he said. "Why not take science along with you if



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Dr. Michael Frisch, psychology professor, co-wrote the book, "Creating Your Best Life."

you want to reach the stars?"

"It doesn't matter if you change your goals a hundred times a day. You just need some," he said. "It is very important for students to have a specific career goal. It gives you motivation to get through hard classes. You should experiment as a student."

Dr. Susie Matlock-Hetzel, counseling center staff psychologist, said that Frisch's research could bring more than a list of goals. Students can see these goals as a source of hope.

"If it can be created by looking to the future, then breaking it down to the short term, you are not just creating goals for your life. You are creating hope. I can't think of a better pursuit than creating hope," she said.



AP Photos/Chris Nakashima-Brown

### Sign of the times

Hackers changed the electronic signs Monday intended to warn motorists of construction near the intersection of Lamar and Martin Luther King boulevards in Austin.

## Senate discusses sustainability staff position

By Morgan Hoffman  
Reporter

Concerns over Baylor's sustainability efforts around campus sparked a Student Senate debate Thursday.

The Baylor Sustainability Committee comprises 20 volunteer members and part-time staff who work to create an ecologically friendly campus.

The College Sustainability Report currently has Baylor ranked eighth in the Big 12, with an overall grade of C-.

Houston sophomore and student finance member Michael Wright said Baylor can no lon-

ger rely on a volunteer committee to head campus sustainabil-

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C- is the grade given to Baylor by the College Sustainability Report.

ity efforts.

"I feel like we've met the threshold of the committee as what they can do as volunteers. We have a gentleman who is responsible for sustainability initiatives, but he does have three or four other different chapters he is responsible for,"

Wright said.

Wright proposed that a sustainability coordinator support resolution be passed, which would recommend to Baylor administration that a full-time staff member be hired to head sustainability efforts.

"The volunteer committee would continue under the direction of the full-time staff member. The individual would focus solely on sustainability," said Garland senior and Student Body President Bryan Fonville.

Richardson senior Andy Beall, Student Senate committee affairs chair, added it is important to let the administration

know that the student body supports campus sustainability.

"What this bill is aiming to do is to show Baylor that the student body is behind doing something to improve awareness. This bill is saying we understand sustainability is a problem on campus and this is how we propose you fix it," Beall said.

Student Senate voted 19-12 in favor of recommending a sustainability coordinator be hired full time by administration for next semester. Wright estimated similar positions at Big 12 universities cost as much as \$75,000 annually.

## Volunteers needed for Waco's Poverty Summit

By Dache Johnson  
Reporter

Planning has begun for the second annual Poverty Summit event and this year, Student Activities is looking for students to plan and run it, said Marianne Magjuka, coordinator for service learning initiatives.

The 2000 census reported that 26.3 percent of the population in Waco were below the poverty line. The Poverty Summit aims to stimulate academic thought about poverty issues in Waco, the United States and in the

international community. Applications for the Student Steering Committee, available online and in the Bill Daniel Student Center, are due Monday.

The coordinators are looking for students who attended last year's event and can come in with fresh ideas and an interest in event planning and raising poverty awareness.

The committee will consist of a logistics coordinator in charge of securing a venue, dealing with contractors, and coordinating day-of logistics, Magjuka said.

A marketing and public relations coordinator will be needed to publicize the event and facili-

tate presentations for students and academic departments. An event coordinator will be in charge of securing speakers and coordinating breakout sessions and participation from student organizations, Magjuka said.

The arts coordinator will be in charge of the visual and digital arts during the Poverty Summit, and the institutional involvement coordinator will work to get other universities and colleges involved.

Last year's event exceeded expectations both in response and participants.

"We hoped for 150 people to attend and well over 250 par-

ticipated," said Karen Klinger, associate director of Student Activities for organizations and service. "We also handed out evaluations and the feedback was tremendous."

With encouragement from students who benefited from the event and were excited to see it continue, designs to expand the event were put into play.

The 2009 Poverty Summit is expected to be much larger and include surrounding colleges and universities, Klinger said. "When we open it up to other institutions like A&M, UT and TCU, we can spread the message well outside the Waco area."

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# Street-style dance moves onto Baylor campus

By Kristina Bateman  
Reporter

Baylor's newest student dance organization takes a step away from the traditional and focuses on hip-hop style dancing.

"Poppers, Lockers, and Breakers is an organization to bring unity into dance on this campus," Houston sophomore and club founder Cindy Adibe said. "I know there are a lot of people who want to hip-hop dance but there aren't many organizations that offer hip-hop dance (for Baylor students)."

Because the organization is new, plans for the future, such as community service activities, performances and semi-annual events are still in the works, Adibe said.

As for now, the Poppers, Lockers, and Breakers club will hold weekly meetings that focus on teaching dance routines and practicing the dance forms.

Eighties pop/dance music, largely inspired Michael Jackson's first releases, is played at the meetings.

"I want to see our talent and see if there's any new talent this semester and see what we can do with that," Adibe said. "I would love to have a show and have people come out and see us."

The organization would like

to form a "crew," much like those of the television show America's Best Dance Crew. These members would be the most advanced and would need to be able to perform harder routines in front of an audience.

However, the club's weekly meeting time should provide a chance for members to learn how to dance well enough to eventually join the crew.

"Anyone is welcome to come to lessons," Adibe said. "I'm willing to take it from step one, you've got to learn the basics first."

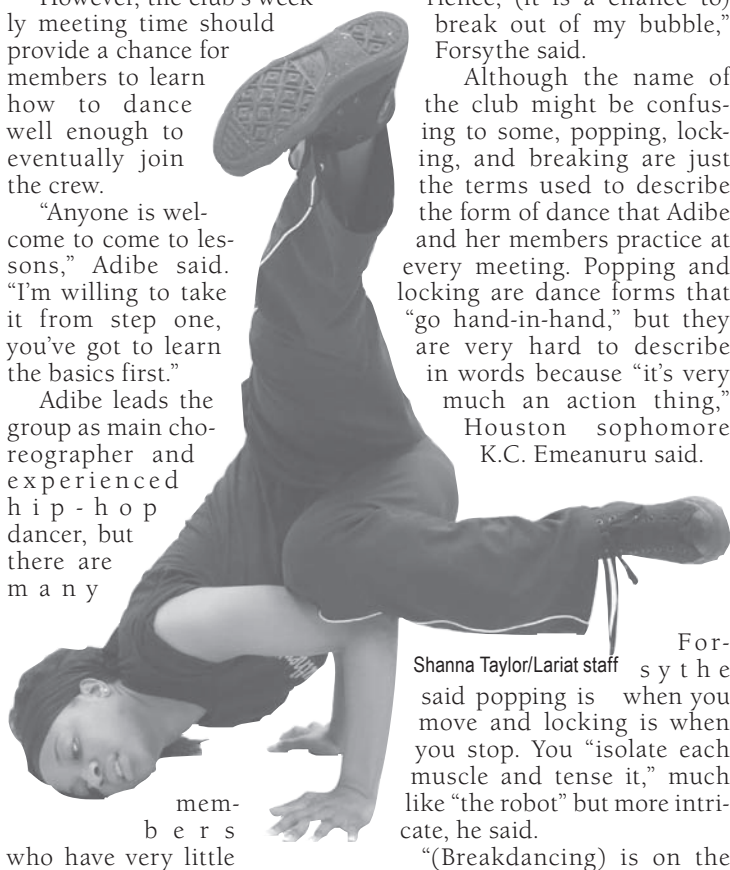
Adibe leads the group as main choreographer and experienced h i p - h o p dancer, but there are m a n y

members who have very little

or no dance background as well. Mandan, ND sophomore Lance Forsythe said he had no experience in hip-hop style dance before joining the club.

"That's kind of why I joined, because I didn't have any experience, (it is a chance to) break out of my bubble," Forsythe said.

Although the name of the club might be confusing to some, popping, locking, and breaking are just the terms used to describe the form of dance that Adibe and her members practice at every meeting. Popping and locking are dance forms that "go hand-in-hand," but they are very hard to describe in words because "it's very much an action thing," Houston sophomore K.C. Emeanuru said.



Shanna Taylor/Lariat staff

Forsythe said popping is when you move and locking is when you stop. You "isolate each muscle and tense it," much like "the robot" but more intricate, he said.

"(Breakdancing) is on the

ground; upper body strength is required. You are moving around pretty much everything but your legs," Forsythe said.

Adibe said she has been interested in forming a dance organization since this last summer after taking breakdancing lessons.

"That was like the breakthrough right there. I mean breakdancing — that's like the most advanced you could get for me," Adibe said. "It's so intricate and it's a tough style, and if you can conquer it, then you're a good dancer."

Adibe and her close friends and supporters, many of which are officers for the club, have been holding unofficial meetings since the middle of last semester. The group used word-of-mouth, a Facebook group and the help of other student organizations to get the word out about their quickly forming club.

Dancing on campus at Baylor University, a conservative Baptist school, has only been officially allowed since 1996. Now any lingering disapproval of dancing at Baylor has seemingly disappeared.

"It was remarkably easy to get (the Poppers, Lockers, and Breakers club) chartered," said Karin Klinger, associate director of Student Activities for Organi-

zations and Service. "As long as it's an organization that holds viable interests for the student body, we are willing to consider it as long as it doesn't in anyway conflict with kind of the ethos of the campus or the values of the institution."

Adibe said she did not run into any difficulty from the Baylor staff while chartering her hip-hop based club.

"The hardest part was finding an adviser," Adibe said.

Adibe and several members humorously recalled Adibe's dance demonstration in Director of Multicultural Affairs Pearl Beverly's office.

"Cindy impressed the adviser with her moves," Plano sophomore and Vice-President of the club Kendra Sanders said. However, the club is still looking for a permanent adviser.

Currently, the main focus of the Poppers, Lockers, and Breakers is to gain new members and grow larger and stronger on campus.

"There's nothing scary about this. It's pure fun, you're not going to get a grade for it. People are at different levels of dance," Adibe said.

The Poppers, Lockers, and Breakers club meets from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. every Friday in the Bearobics room at the McLane Student Life Center.



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## 'The Office' to air after Superbowl

By Verne Gay  
Newsday (MCT)

REASON TO WATCH: The one-hour apres-Super Bowl episode "Stress Relief."

WHAT IT'S ABOUT: Dwight (Rainn Wilson) decides to teach his colleagues the proper safety procedures in case of a fire, which causes considerable stress — notably to Stanley (Leslie David Baker), who suffers a mild heart attack. Michael (Steve Carell) decides on various ways to reduce office stress because, as he explains, "Nobody should have to go to work thinking this is the place I might die today. That's what a hospital is for ... is where dreams come true."

Some of his methods are debatable, until he decides on an office roast — of himself. Meanwhile, Andy (Ed Helms) downloads a BitTorrent version of a movie starring Jack Black, Jessica Alba and Cloris Leachman.

THE PRODUCER SAYS: Paul Lieberstein, who plays HR chief Toby and is also co-executive producer and writer of the episode, says of the plum time slot: "We've learned how to do some things better (over the years), and the actors have grown with their characters. We wanted to present the best of 'The Office' to people who maybe gave us a look very early on and decided it was a little too raw for them."

BOTTOM LINE: The rap on hourlong "Office" episodes has tended to be consistent — that a 22-minute joke got strrrrrtttted out to a 44-minute one. Not Sunday. The episode is largely brilliant, and includes some of the most inspired bits/lines in the show's run. (Do not miss the opening sequence.) The Jack Black movie-within-a-show doesn't quite click, but it perfectly services a side story involving Pam (Jenna Fischer) and Jim (John Krasinski). So, if Sunday's game stinks, at least we'll have "Stress Relief."

## Art Ambush to build artistic range offering indie music, creative art

By Lincoln Faulkner  
Contributor

Lead vocalist of Johnny's Body Jordan Rhudy said he describes the band as a painting of a man with a guitar, sitting in the graveyard as the sun rises.

Johnny's Body is headlining the weekend of indie art and music at Art Ambush, located at 3523 Franklin Ave.

The concert will also feature American History Project, Mangirlman Band and Lesser Beggars at 6:30 p.m. Friday.

"Damn Ants," an art show by Sydni Honey, featuring music by Boogdish, will open 6:30 p.m. Saturday.

Friday's show is \$8 and Saturday's show is free.

"We're definitely a band with two sides," said Rhudy. "We're a serious band. We have serious things that we talk about, but we also like to dance and have fun."

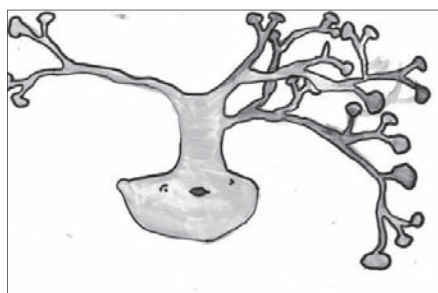
Rhudy said he started playing solo after leaving the punk rock band Garage34 in 2006, when his writing no longer fit the band's style.

"Eventually, all the other guys in Garage34 — we've been friends since we were kids — pretty much jumped on board," he said.

Members of Johnny's Body now include drummer Ben Rhudy, bassist Ronnie Martin, guitarist Taylor Branch, alumna Megan Harris on trumpet and accordion and keyboardist Carrie Martin.

The band's sound retains some of the punk trends heard in Garage34, Rhudy said, but introduces an indie-folk and rock n' roll influence.

"A lot of people compare us to a mix of The Shins and Arcade Fire," he said, throwing in Tom Waits and Johnny Cash as influences. "We kind of take the



Courtesy of Sydni Honey

"The Sea is Scary" by artist Sydni Honey. Honey will open her art show at Art Ambush Saturday.

old traditional style and add a modern touch to it, a little bit of something people can dance to."

Lyrically, Rhudy said he writes about all the things that nobody knows about but wants to know. Taking things that cannot be explained, such as love and death, and ("putting his) two pieces in," he said.

"Like I said, taking traditional music and putting a spin on it, I wrote a song called 'Where The Chariot Swings Low,'" Rhudy said, drawing themes from the hymn "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot" to express hard times. "It's spiritual music."

Rhudy said the band expects to release their first full length album in April.

Opening for Johnny's Body is the folk duo Lesser Beggars, whose members Colby Crelia and Gabe Echeverri come from the former band James Callihan.

"I was starting a new project as James Callihan was winding down," Crelia said. "I was playing a solo show with the stuff that we're using now as Lesser Beggars and Gabe wanted to play violin on one of the songs, and then I added in on percussion and everything else."

That is the way it has been since late 2008, he said.

The new style is experimen-

tal folk, and instead of spoken word reflecting on himself like in James Callihan, Crelia said he sings politically driven lyrics from a Christian point of view.

The song "Bread and Circus" is a reference from the early church," he said. "They would say the empire keeps the masses entertained with bread and circus, which means they feed them then entertain them."

Crelia said he uses the old reference to reflect on modern conditions.

"It's kind of the same thing," he said. "The government's feeding and entertaining us, but we're not thinking for ourselves as a community."

Adding to Art Ambush's growing repertoire is art. Artist Honey will open her show titled "Damn Ants" Saturday.

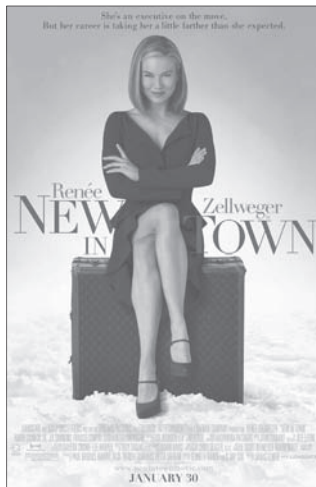
Though Honey expresses through canvas and paper as an artistic medium, she said growing up around music has influenced her work, listing Devendra Banhart, Bright Eyes and Led Zeppelin, to name a few.

Honey said she has been drawing her whole life, from house plans in elementary, to art she calls "the epitome of awkwardness."

"I don't know if it's really abstract," Honey said. "I think it's kind of a Native-American influence." Her style utilizes small lines and themes that may be "inappropriate but not disgustingly drawn" she said describing a picture she drew of nude singer/songwriter Devendra Banhart.

"It's an amazing outlet," she said. "You can express so much through just your hands, and lines, and ink that you can't really say. That's how I feel."

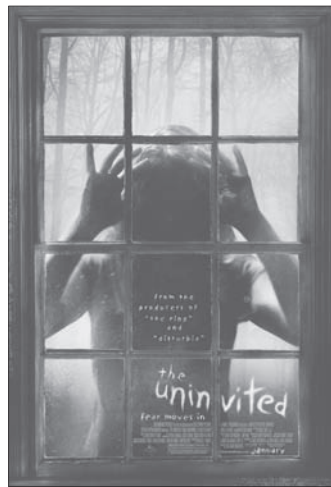
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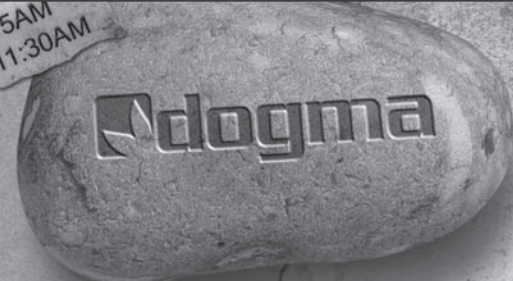


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In this file photo taken Jan. 27, Baylor guard Curtis Jerrells (0) takes the ball down the court against the Texas guard Dogus Balbay (4). Bears lost 78-72.

# Fans: lay off Lomers

I am one of the few that didn't make it the Bears' basketball game against the Longhorns. Though I failed to make it out to the Ferrell Center, my roommate and I listened to the radio broadcast while slaving over calculus problems and English essays. One name kept being reiterated – junior center Josh Lomers.

The crowd's participation is always key. Negative comments from the Baylor fans worked against Lomers. Cheers feed a player's motivation. At the bas-

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ketball games I have been to, Lomers' fan base has been more of a mockery. Facetious claims that Lomers is the best and groans every time he has the ball are common occurrences.

Though, I too have found myself disappointed with his game play or lack there of at times, he is still a Baylor bear-- a rising one at that. Lomers was able to demonstrate Baylor's need for a "big man." His short playing time was still helpful in attracting fouls and stopping some before the rim. With eight minutes left in the first half, Lomers had a series of plays including defensive rebounds.

The Boerne native played a total of five minutes in the game Tuesday. Complete with three free throws and a dunk, Lomers contributed greatly within his short playing time span.

The last time Lomers "showed up to play" was at the game

against Texas Tech in February 2008. Lomers had 14 points in the game and the Bears beat the Red Raiders 80-74.

Lomers was the only center to play for Baylor in the game against Texas and is the only center to make any points in the past two games. Head coach Scott Drew has expressed his emphasis on defense this season. The Bears are being punished by other teams that are making it to the rim and dominating the paint.

Basically, Lomers is doing what he can. Despite his differing playing style, he still deserves credit and support from the fans. His playing has improved and his confidence is soaring on the court.

Down playing one of the Baylor players is no different than cheering for the other team. Baylor fans need to rally behind Josh Lomers and save the degrading comments for the opponents.

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Nick Dean sports writer

# Tennis team is hopeful after being on the road

By Ben Powell Reporter

Baylor men's tennis will play its first two home matches of the season this weekend after going 1-1 on the road.

The Bears will compete in a pair of Intercollegiate Tennis Association National Team Indoor Qualifier matches.

Baylor will face No. 66 University of Utah in the first qualifier match on Friday at 3:00 p.m. The team will take on either No. 57 San Diego State University or No. 58 Georgia Tech University at 4:00 p.m. Saturday.

Winning the matches will seed Baylor into a bracket of 16 of the nation's top teams. This year the ITA National Men's Team Indoor Championship will take place Feb. 13-16 at the Midtown Tennis Club in Chicago, Ill., and is held at the University of Illinois.

Head coach Matt Knoll wants the team "understanding the meaning of relaxed intensity." "We are a little high on relaxed and a little low on intensity right now," Knoll said.

Coach Knoll and the Bears return the Baylor Tennis Center looking to get back on track after a two-match stretch on the road versus Southern Methodist University and the University of Florida.

On Jan. 22 Baylor edged SMU in a 4-3 decision in Dallas. Freshman Marc Bruche clinched the win for the Bears, defeating Gaston Cuadranti in three sets 6-4, 6-7, 6-1. Baylor's other three points came from wins by sophomore Jordan Rux, junior Attila Bucko and Julian Bley, also a freshman.

"It wasn't a great match for us," coach Knoll said, despite the win. "That being said, SMU did a great job really playing to their strengths, hiding their weaknesses and maximizing their opportunities."

The SMU contest was the first dual-format match for Bley, Bruche, and transfer Maros Horny.

Three days later, the Bears were upset on the road in Gainesville, Fla. by No. 10 Florida 7-0 for their first loss of the season. The Gators handed Baylor its first shut out loss since March 1, 2008, when the Bears were on the road versus then-No. 1 Virginia.

"We're going to lose," Knoll said in an interview before the start of the season, "I'm happy to lose 15 matches and win the National Championship."

The Bears' next match versus a Top 10 ranked opponent will be against No. 4 UCLA on Feb. 22 at 2:00 p.m. at the Baylor Tennis Center.

# Bears carry 2-game skid to Mizzou

By Nick Dean Sports writer

After two tough losses at home, the Baylor Bears are hitting the road to rally for a win against the Missouri Tigers in Columbia, Missouri.

Baylor (15-5, 3-3) is heading to Mizzou Arena after the loss to the University of Texas. The Bears shot 57 percent from the field against Texas but still failed to keep on top, resulting in a 78-72 Texas win.

"We just didn't get stops at the right time," senior guard Curtis Jerrells said.

An offbeat rotation, caused by junior guard Tweety Carter's three early fouls, resulted in Jerrells playing longer at the beginning and sitting on the bench for the last few minutes of the game.

"As hard as (Curtis Jerrells) plays, he needs a break," head coach Scott Drew said. "If I could have given him another

rest he would have been ready for the end of the game."

Missouri (17-4, 4-2) had a four game winning streak until the Kansas State Wildcats claimed an 88-72 win Wednesday night.

## Fast facts

**95.7** Baylor's average point production against Missouri over the past three games

**25** Number of games Lace-Darius Dunn has had a successful 3-pointer

**1** Missouri's offensive ranking in the Big 12

day night. The Tigers had their best Big 12 start, 4-1, since the 2001-02 season.

A win against Kansas State would have given Missouri a 5-1 league record, their best record since opening 7-1 in 1999-00.

The Tigers play a high-energy game up and down the court with great vigor, a style the Bears prefer as well.

The Big 12 is a league that keeps teams on a demanding schedule.

"Each game in the Big 12 is going to be (physical) and we just need to get use to that," Jerrells, an Austin native, said.

The Bears hope to finally harness all aspects of the team to their advantage.

The duo of freshman forward Quincy Acy and his mentor, senior forward Kevin Rogers, is one asset that is improving with each game.

"Kevin and Quincy really compliment each other," Drew said. The two players allow the Bears to shift opponents' focus from one forward; having both intense forward alleviates pres-

sure.

Drew hopes to get the ball inside to both Rogers and Acy in order to utilize the talent inside.

The Bears have been bringing an effective inside game to the court.

Drew said he has high hopes for improvement if a better inside game can mesh with an extensive outside game. Having never lost at home, the Tigers will put up a good fight on game night in the Mizzou Arena, where the Tigers call home.

Head coach Mike Anderson runs an 11-person Missouri team and rotates players frequently. Missouri also averages a winning margin of 29 points against conference opponents.

As the Bears attempt to upset the Tigers perfect home record they know this game is a pivotal one.

"We are focused on what is ahead of us," Acy said. "It's a must win game for sure."

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