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BU team lays down law

Mock Trial team
takes No. 1 at
national competition

Shauna Harris
Reporter

Baylor Law students once again reigned victorious. For the first time ever, a Baylor mock trial team won the American College of Trial Lawyers National Mock Trial Competition held by the Texas Young Lawyers Association in

San Antonio on March 28. "I was quite proud of our team's performance at the NTC," said Brad Toben, dean of the Baylor Law School. "The team and its coaches put in an inordinate amount of time preparing for the competition, but that preparation paid off." The team consisted of third year law students Eric Policastro of Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla., and Joel Bailey of Cleburne. The other mock trial team representing Baylor at Nationals was regional co-champions,

Tim Goines and Kendall Cockrell. Waco attorney and adjunct law professor Robert Little, along with Gerald Powell, director of the Practice Court Program and the Abner V. McCall Professor of Evidence Law, coached the teams. Law student Crystal Y'Barbo served as the evidence coach. "It is a wonderful feeling to be national champions, but an even better feeling to say that we were able to bring a national championship to Baylor,"

said Policastro. "We were not allowed to tell the judges where we went to law school for three days, and when it was over, I was never more proud to say that I am a Baylor lawyer." According to Bailey, he and Policastro practiced every night and weekend, including this Spring Break in order to excel at the national competition and come away with a victory. "I am as proud as I can possibly be of these fine young

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Courtesy Photo
Back row from left: Tim Goines, Robert Little and championship winner, Joel Bailey. Front row from left: Crystal Y'Barbo, Kendall Cockrell and national championship winner Eric Policastro. All attended the American College of Trial Lawyers National Competition in San Antonio on March 28. Baylor took home first place for the first time ever at the competition.

SDSU, Baylor tip off in the Garden

By Justin Baer
Sports writer

Baylor's mythical postseason journey arrives at its final destination at 6 p.m. tonight when the Bears invade the famed Madison Square Garden to take on the San Diego State University Aztecs in the National Invitation Tournament semifinals. Rising from the ashes of a disparaging season, Baylor has won six of its last seven games, including victories over prestigious programs like the Universities of Georgetown, Kansas and Texas. While the Bears fell short of an NCAA tournament bid, the team has given excitement to Baylor fans once again. "I think it's great for the basketball program, especially for Baylor University fans and community," head coach Scott Drew said. "My greatest concern was this senior class putting in so much work and energy into rebuilding this program and having a disappointing farewell. Losing to Nebraska in a half-empty arena on senior night was never how we envisioned these seniors going out." The seniors were able to redeem themselves when they were hosts to Georgetown. In front of a packed house, the group of seniors propelled the Bears in a 74-72 victory in its last career home game. And while the memories of rebuilding a program in the Ferrell Center have been numerous, the nostalgia at playing in the "world's most

famous arena" will be, according to senior guard Curtis Jerrells, greatly cherished. "It is the first time for a lot of us to go up there," the Del Valle native said. "They showed a little film before the Auburn game on some of the history there and that added some extra motivation for us. Our main focus is to win and I think we have done a good job of enjoying each win, but moving on to look ahead to the next games." As a No. 1 seed, the Aztecs have scorched through the tournament winning games by nearly a 13-point average. With only one starter not at least 6-foot-5, San Diego State equips a size advantage over Baylor at almost every position. "We haven't gotten a chance to watch much film, but I think anyone could see in the game against St. Mary's that they're a great team," Drew said Thursday. "They have size, athleticism and they play extremely hard." Senior forwards Lorenzo Wade and Kyle Spain lead the team offensively with 14.3 points and 14.0 points per game respectively. But the big challenge for a big team could be keeping up with Baylor's high-octane offense. The Bears have been averaging an astounding 77.3 points per game in the tournament, with Dallas senior Kevin Rogers and Monroe, La., sophomore LaceDarius Dunn catching fire in the recent games. While Dunn was originally disappointed in not making the NCAA tournament, he said he



Associated Press
Baylor center Mamadou Diene attempts to block the shot of Auburn's Lucas Hargrove during their National Invitation Tournament third-round college basketball game at the Beard-Eaves Memorial Coliseum in Auburn, Ala., Tuesday.

thinks the NIT is anything but a consolation prize. His numbers seem to indicate that. "It's still on my mind and it

was hard initially because we were pulling for the big tournament, but things happen for a reason and we just have to take it as it come," Dunn said. "A

game is a game and we are just looking forward to playing Baylor basketball and we know that is what we have to do to win."

Waco plans for new trolley

By Brittany Hardy
Staff writer

The Waco Metropolitan Planning Organization policy board voted and approved to launch an engineering study into a proposed trolley to link downtown Waco with Baylor campus. The study was approved on March 17, but most of the progress is yet to come. The date for the plan to begin is unknown at this time. "There's a lot that has to happen between now and construction. These are the very first steps that would be necessary," Chris Evilia, director of the MPO said. The designs have yet to be drawn, but when they are and the study begins, it will address safety, funding, traffic and other concerns. "Safety is an issue that will be handled when the actual designs are worked up, but we think by reducing the amount of traffic going between the two (places), ultimately it'll be safer than everyone getting into their vehicles and driving by themselves," Evilia said. Right now, the MPO is looking at the long-range future of downtown Waco and how it relates to Baylor campus. "The hindrance that keeps coming up is: access," Evilia said. The two main issues that come from developing access are distance and getting past Interstate 35. This trolley would satisfy both of those issues. "The study is to see if the project is feasible and how much we can do. Nothing's really set in stone, nothing's for sure, it is all kind of a preliminary thing ... to see if and when and where we can do it," Brandon Thomas, administrative assistant for Waco Transit said. Waco Transit will hire a company to design the study, Thomas said. "We don't know what the study is going to say. We still have to find a way to fund the project," he said. Waco Transit would most likely act as the operator of the project. "Our general manager brought up the idea. We actually all just found out about it a couple days ago. We heard talk, but we didn't know we were actually doing it. We're feeling it out and seeing what happens," Thomas said.

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Local government politics at play in Lorena

By Nick Dean
Staff writer

The move to what is commonly known as a "strong mayor" form of government is a polarizing issue in the town of Lorena. With a population of approximately 1,900 people, including several Baylor professors and students, Lorena is dealing with a power struggle in its local government. A city manger who reports to elected councilmen currently runs the City of Lorena. This could change after a vote on May 9. Citizens will decide on Proposition 1, which proposes to abandon the city manager

form of government in Lorena and replace it with a mayor-run form. The ballot also includes the two candidates for Lorena's mayor if the city were to change its form of government. Incumbent Chuck Roper is one choice for voters. The other is Joe Sanders, a current municipal judge in Lorena. Judge Sanders, with the help of the Lorena Councilman Robert Braswell was placed on the ballot, thanks to a petition from community members. One coalition recently formed in Lorena is opposed to the transition from city manager rule. "We are in the process of

educating the community on the merits of voting 'against' on this proposition," Bill Coleman said. Coleman is the current mayor protem of Lorena. A mayor protem assists with policies and local affairs and is also responsible for the interpretation of citizen's views when operating in a city manger form of government. "We will be sending out letters to Lorena citizens soon and are in the process of submitting articles to the local media," Coleman said. The coalition against this proposition has the support of the remaining four council members, including the current mayor, Chuck Roper. According

to Coleman, two ex-mayors, at least two ex-councilmen and 100 percent of the downtown business owners also support Lorena Citizens Against Proposition 1. According to the City of Waco Web site, more than 75.5 million Americans live in communities that operate under council-manager government. Born out of the progressive reform movement, the council-manager system of local government is one of the few original American contributions to political theory, according to the City of Waco Web site. In 1908, Staunton, Va., instituted the position defining the broad authority of today's city manag-

ers. The professionalism and education of a city manager compared to mayor-run government is one main concern for some members of the coalition. "By going to the strong mayor system, you are getting someone who may not be trained or may not be educated to run your city," Paul Romer said. Romer is a councilman in Lorena. "There are a select few Lorena residents that would have the time to be Mayor." Current Lorena City Manager, John Moran, could not comment on the proposition. Moran's job is in jeopardy if

Professor clarifies myths about practice of indulgences

As the controversy over a recent editorial in this newspaper illustrates, indulgences are easily misunderstood by non-Catholics and even by Catholics themselves. One cannot do justice to the topic of indulgences in a 680-word article, but at least the following clarifications can be offered.

Myth No. 1: Indulgences are a part of Catholicism's doctrine of works-based salvation. There is a double myth here, that the Catholic Church has a "works-based" soteriology (it doesn't) and that indulgences stem from it. The key to understanding indulgences is not the prism of faith and works, but of what is called operative and cooperative grace. Operative grace is grace that God works in us without us, such as the gift of faith, which none of us deserve and

for which none of us has meritoriously prepared ourselves. Receiving operative grace is like being brought back to life on the operating table after spiritually flat-lining. Cooperative grace, on the other hand, is akin to our cooperating with the Divine Physician in rehab, doing what he tells us in order to facilitate our recovery.

It is not that we are "healing ourselves" through our good works; rather, we are simply cooperating with the healing process orchestrated by the Physician. In Catholic life, indulgences can be one part of this healing process.

Myth No. 2: Indulgences are an "excuse" for sin or a "do-over" of some kind. Indulgences do not forgive or re-forgive sins; they help to remove the effects of sins that have already been

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BY MICHAEL FOLEY

forgiven. Sin is not only a transgression against God; it is also a wounding of oneself and of one's community — and wounds leave a lingering effect.

As St. Augustine puts it, there is a difference between having a poison dart removed and having the body recover afterwards. Hence the total triumph over sin involves not only its removal (forgiveness), but a healing of those wounds (its effects). Indulgences only deal with the latter.

Myth No. 3: Indulgences are "Get out of Jail" free cards ("jail"

being either Hell or Purgatory). As should be clear by now, indulgences are not about getting off scot free but about a complete transformation of one's life such that one becomes holy—a living, shining icon of Christ, a fully restored image and likeness of God (for this is the goal of all true spiritual healing). That is why indulgences are not efficacious unless they are accompanied by a genuine conversion of heart and a devout and active life in the Church, Christ's body.

Myth No. 4: Indulgences were sold. The term "sale of indulgences" is so commonplace in the annals of Christian history that it is surprising to learn that the Catholic Church never technically sold indulgences.

What it did was allow a donation to charity to be an indulgenced act. Obviously, there

is nothing wrong with giving money to a church (it is a biblically-endorsed activity), but unfortunately, the practice was vulnerable to abuse and gave rise to all kinds of corruption, especially in the hands of the unscrupulous. That is why the Council of Trent (1565) wisely forbade charitable donations from the list of indulgences.

Myth No. 5: Indulgences are a medieval invention. While indulgences became more explicitly defined in the early Middle Ages, they have existed in one form or another since at least the second century. For their history, see the "Indulgences" entry in the Catholic Encyclopedia on newadvent.org.

Myth No. 6: Indulgences were discontinued. Neither the Council of Trent nor the more recent Second Vatican Council (1965)

discontinued indulgences. In fact, Pope Paul VI expanded the practice of indulgences in 1967 by allowing any prayer to count as a partial indulgence. Thus, when a contemporary Pope grants an indulgence for a particular act, it is not to "remind" Catholics of the importance of acknowledging sin, but to actually assist in the removal of sins' effects.

Exposing these myths is far from adequately explaining indulgences, but hopefully it is a start. For a more robust treatment, I recommend the post of Aimee Milburn Cooper's blog titled, "For Daily Growth in Holiness, the Beautiful Spiritual Practice of ... Indulgences."

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Editorial

Teen tanning bills in state legislatures long overdue

With summer just around the corner, it may be tempting to hop into a tanning bed before trying on bikinis or breaking out the shorts. With prom coming up, girls in high school may be even more tempted to hit the tanning salons. But proposed legislation in states across the U.S. would help curb the surge of teenagers getting indoor tans. These laws, even those as restrictive as prohibiting people under 18 from using tanning beds, are the best way to prevent teens from exposing themselves unnecessarily to harmful UV rays.

Seventeen states, including Texas, Florida and Hawaii, are considering bills this year that would put restrictions on minors using tanning beds. Proposals range from banning people of certain ages from tanning salons to requiring teens to have a note from their parents giving them permission to tan.

States should consider expanding their laws to protect as many people as possible.

Right now, at least 29 states have some sort of regulation that controls teens' tanning bed use, but the recent proposals would be stricter than the current laws. Wisconsin has the highest age limit for tanning

bed use, allowing only those over 16 to use them. Many others ban people 14 and under.

Texas' current law restricts those 13 and under from using indoor tanning facilities. The Texas bill is one of the most restrictive on the table and would forbid anyone under 18 from using tanning beds unless they had a note from their doctor.

Even though this rule would be more far-reaching than rules of other states, it is a necessary precaution in protecting teens from skin cancer.

According to a 2002 study at Dartmouth Medical School, use of tanning devices increases the risk of developing squamous cell carcinoma and basal cell carcinoma, two types of skin cancer. The study also found that these risks increased 10 percent to 20 percent for each decade younger that the subject first started using a tanning device.

This is reason enough to set the tanning age limit at 18. Minors are less able to think about the long-term consequences of their actions, and because of a higher risk of getting cancer from tanning, the government should aim to protect them the best it can.

It's similar to laws prevent-



ing people under the age of 18 from buying cigarettes.

Tanning, like cigarettes, is linked to cancer and should be regulated more actively when it comes to teenagers.

Though many states are considering allowing teens to use tanning beds only if they have a permission form signed by their parents, this is not preventive enough.

Parents may be unaware of how harmful tanning could be to their children and would sign a release form without knowing the possible consequences. Many mothers may even tan themselves and don't mind if their daughters have the same experience.

Even without a parent's OK, teenagers could sign their parent's name on the permission slip.

It's not uncommon for a student to forge a signature on a field trip release form or a report card, so it wouldn't be hard to imagine teens doing the same thing on tanning bed forms. Requiring a note from parents is ineffective.

Instead, state governments should call for a doctor's note. This would limit teenage tanners to those who have more than aesthetic reasons for using tanning beds.

Winter depression, or seasonal affective disorder, is often treated with light ther-

apy. Tanning is also recommended sometimes for psoriasis and other skin conditions. Teens who really needed to use sunless tanning for these or other medical reasons could still receive the benefits, while those tanning just for looks would be protected from the consequences.

These regulations would not end tanning altogether, even for teens. If people still wanted the appearance of tanning, they could use self-tanning lotion, spray tans or even lay out in the sun, which, while as unsafe as tanning, can't be regulated. Using tanning beds is not the only option, and shouldn't be an option at all for teenagers.

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NIT trophy, New York City trip better than first round NCAA exit

Last year the Baylor men's basketball team made the NCAA tournament for the first time in 20 years.

After the fanfare and celebration in the Ferrell Center's selection show watch party, the Bears flew to Washington, D.C., for a first round game against the University of Purdue.

Then Robbie Hummel pummeled the Bears, and the Boilermakers steamrolled the Bears out of the tournament.

Call me crazy, but if viewed objectively, this season's National Invitation Tournament Final Four run is more productive than last year's trip to D.C.

I say objectively, because the first NCAA tournament in 20 years begs more than a yawn. And yes, the Big 12 regular season left much to be desired.

But who can argue with a trip to Madison Square Garden and tangible proof of winning a post-season tournament?

Only four champions can say that: the NCAA national champion, the NIT winner, the top College Basketball Invitational team and the CollegeInsider.com victor.

I've heard the detractors who say, "You're just competing to become the 66th best team in the nation!"

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BY BRIAN BATEMAN

I'd say it's a pretty good time to be No. 66.

So, what's so special about an NIT game?

First, the chance to play a post-season game at home. It is very rare in the NCAA tournament to have a home game, because

the selection committee makes neutrality a basic cornerstone of the men's tournament. Just two weeks ago, Baylor played host to Georgetown University for a tale-of-two-halves basketball game.

Baylor fans ate it up. The official attendance was announced at just over 8,000, but the excitement and noise in the Ferrell Center were above and beyond any I had heard at a men's game this year.

That wouldn't happen until at least the Sweet 16 in the NCAAs.

Pressure isn't an issue, either. Everyone who went to the Bears-Hoyas game — or even watched

an NIT game on TV — saw the seniors getting fancy with the ball. There were no-look passes, Henry Dugat's circus layups, and who could forget Kevin Rogers' finishing touches on alley-oops?

Sure, the Tyler Hansbroughs, Blake Griffins and Hasheem Thabeets of the NCAAs will get their share of thunderous dunks and ridiculous plays, but they've been making spectacular plays all year. Baylor hasn't been that way and is just now starting to bloom.

We saw shades of it in the pre-season, but the seniors have let loose and aren't ready to go home empty-handed. I haven't seen a

Baylor team this motivated — and talented — since I enrolled.

To top it off, a trophy wouldn't hurt. Granted, it's not the national title, but what sounds more appealing to a recruit or fan base: a NIT title with the promise of improvement or a 30-point loss to the overall No. 1 seed after winning a play-in game?

I'll take the NIT trophy any day over an early exit in the NCAA tournament, and I'm betting Scott Drew and the Baylor basketball team would, too.

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Texas authors discuss, sign books

Shauna Harris
Reporter

Four prominent Texas authors will visit Baylor today and Wednesday to participate in a book forum and other campus activities.

Jeff Guinn, Carlton Stowers, Mary Rogers and Jim Donovan will meet from 7 to 9 p.m. today at Meadows Music Hall in Glen-nis McCrary Music Building to speak with students, faculty and staff about their books and the art of writing and publishing.

"They are among the most tal-ented Texas writers and authors of today," said Mike Blackman, professor of journalism. "Stu-dents and the entire Baylor com-munity could benefit from their presence by participating in this event."

Guinn, Stowers and Dono-van have had their books on numerous best-seller lists, including that of The New York Times. Stowers and Guinn have received various literary awards throughout their careers and Rogers recently published her first book in 2008.

"The Four Texas Writers: Glory and Story" forum is spon-sored by the Texas Collection along with the Baylor Journal-ism Department and is open to all individuals interested.

"For anyone interested in good writing, just hearing how these four writers take you throughout the creative pro-cess to produce a book can be an invaluable experience," said Doug Ferdon, professor of jour-nalism and a coordinator of the writers' visit, in a recent news-letter.

Robert Darden, professor of journalism, will moderate the

forum. He will interview the authors regarding their nov-els, followed by a question and answer segment with the audi-ence.

Books being discussed include Guinn's "Go Down Together;" Stowers' "Where Dreams Die Hard: A Small American Town" and "It's Six-man Football Team;" Roger's "Dancing Naked and Donovan's A Terrible Glory: Custer and the Little Bighorn."

Guinn is the former book edi-tor and senior writer of the Fort Worth Star-Telegram. He has written fourteen books, both fiction and nonfiction. His lat-est novel, "Go Down Together," which is already in its second printing, is the accurate account of Bonnie Parker and Clyde Bar-row.

"I wanted to add context instead of extending the mythol-ogy of Bonnie and Clyde," said Guinn. "Books are kind of like children. They grow up to be however they want and the parent or writer doesn't have much say in the matter. I told this story as well as I could and now it's time to move on to other things."

Rogers was a columnist and an award-winning writer for the Fort Worth Star-Telegram. Her first published novel, "Danc-ing Naked," is a collection of profiles and personal essays published in the Star-Telegram about remarkable Texans.

"When I sit down to inter-view people, I always tell them that if they aren't willing to dance naked, there is no rea-son to continue the interview," Rogers said. "And I'm always shocked by how many people dance naked by revealing their emotions. What I was trying to

do with this novel was hone in on the heart and to touch people intellectually and emotionally."

Stowers' career includes writing for the Dallas Morning News. He has published more than two-dozen novels and won the Edgar Allen Poe Award twice. "Where Dreams Die Hard" is the story of the survival of a small town and its love for its football team.

Since 1993, Donovan has worked as one of Texas' fore-most literary agents.

"A Terrible Glory" is Dono-van's most recent work tells the true story of Custer at Little Big-horn. It remained on the best-seller list of the New York Times for several weeks.

Blackman said he urges stu-dents, faculty and staff to attend the whole event.

"Those interested in writ-ing would find listening to and meeting these writers an illu-minative and rewarding experi-ence," Blackman said.

The other activities that the authors will be involved in include a Journalism Awards Ceremony, private dinner with special guest Al and Lucille Dewlen and several classroom appearances

This award ceremony will be held at 3:30 p.m. today at the Hughes-Dillard Alumni Center. Students receiving an outstand-ing award will be recognized and presented with an auto-graphed copy of the authors' books, donated by the authors themselves.

"We are taking advantage of the fact that the authors are here and are willing to participate," said journalism professor Sara Stone. "We are very pleased to have them and are thankful for their donations."



Shanna Taylor/Lariat Staff

Bend it like a bear

Houston sophomore Paige McDonough gets in some practice Monday on the fields behind the Baylor Sci-ences Building before a soccer match with her intramural team, the Blue Angels.

Bill improves services to exonerees

By Jeff Carlton
The Associated Press

DALLAS — Wiley Fountain spent 15 years in a jail cell for a rape he did not commit.

Now the wrongly convicted man is serving another kind of time. He's free, but he's home-less.

After squandering nearly \$390,000 he received from the state as compensation for his time behind bars, Fountain, 52, spends his days collecting aluminum cans for 35 cents a pound.

He spends his nights in a tattered sleeping bag on the asphalt behind a liquor store in a run-down South Dallas neigh-borhood.

To other exonerees and their lawyers, Fountain is the worst-case example of the need for reforms in how the wrongly con-victed are compensated. They

are asking the Texas Legislature to increase compensation and to expand its offering of social ser-vices to give newly freed men a better shot at a second chance.

"First they lock you up and throw away the key, and when they turn you loose, they unlock the door and act like they've never known you," said Billy Smith, a Dallas exoneree who served about 20 years of a life sentence on a wrongful con-viction of aggravated sexual assault. "I had no money, no place to stay, no medical assis-tance, no anything."

DNA evidence has freed 36 wrongly convicted people in Texas. That's the most in the nation, according to the Inno-cence Project, which works on DNA exoneration cases. But unlike parolees, exonerees get almost no help from the state when they first re-enter society.

That could change this year. State Rep. Rafael Anchia,

D-Dallas, filed a bill to increase lump sum compensation from \$50,000 to \$80,000 for each year of incarceration. The bill also would require the state to pay some of the compensation in annuities, assuring exon-erees a lifetime income. The pay-ments would be retroactive to exonerees who already received lump sum payments, including Fountain, and would cease if there was a subsequent felony conviction.

"I don't imagine any of us locked up more than 20 years have a lot of experience man-aging personal finances," said Charles Chatman, who was exonerated in January 2008 after nearly 27 years.

The bill also would provide exonerees the same health insurance given to state employ-ees, a crucial benefit for those who often emerge from prison with severe health problems but no way to get medical coverage.

BEAR BRIEFS

The Albritton Art Institute Annu-al Lecture will feature guest lecturer Dr. Petra Chu at 7:30 p.m. today in 149 Hooper-Schaefer Fine Arts Center. Chu, professor of art history department at Seton Hall Univer-sity, will talk about "Visual Memory and the Creative Process: A Nine-teenth-Century Conundrum."

Dr. Donald Sailors will lecture on the topic of "Terror and Beauty, Lament and Praise: What Differ-ence Does Music Make?" at 3:30 p.m. today at the Meadows Recital Hall. Sailors was the William R. Cannon Distinguished Professor of Theology and Worship at Emory University in Atlanta.

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Courtesy Photo
(left to right) Tristan Sikora, Colleen Bauer, Kyle McGallion and Ashley Armstrong were the winners of the Baylor Fitness Challenge which took place Saturday at the McLane Student Life Center. The top four competitors, two male and two female, will earn their place on the Baylor Fitness Challenge Team.

Students tested in fitness challenge

By Trent Goldston
Reporter

The Baylor Fitness Challenge Saturday gave students the opportunity to compete and the chance to win a trip to compete in the American Collegiate Intramural Sports Fitness National Championship.

The challenge featured events designed to measure athletic speed, strength and agility. The competition was split into a men's and women's categories, with all hoping to be in the top two of their category, and earn a trip to Colorado Springs, Colo., to compete for Baylor.

The national competition will take place April 25. Van Davis, assistant director for Campus Recreation Fitness, and the fitness staff led the events.

Davis said the challenge was created to find the most well rounded athletes for the national competition. Calgary, Alberta, Canada sophomore Tristan Sikora won the men's category and said he didn't expect to win.

"I did the assessment earlier and they said I did pretty well. I thought, a free trip to Colorado, why not?" Sikora said. He plays for the Baylor Hockey team and credits his success in the fitness challenge with putting in a lot of time in the weight room at the McLane Student Life Center.

San Antonio graduate student Ashley Armstrong said she was very excited about the opportunity to compete in Colorado.

"I am stoked. It is such a cool opportunity and I am just going to have fun with it," Armstrong said.

Armstrong is a health education major, an administrator for the Bearobics and Bearcycle programs, and a Bearcycle instructor. "I honestly did not expect to win. It was really exciting," Armstrong said.

The final event was the obstacle course. The course tested its participants with seven different tests of ability. The athletes proceeded through the course one at a time, each with the cheers and support from the rest of the

athletes present.

"I really enjoy challenging myself mentally, so I really just wanted to take on a physical challenge," New Orleans junior Whitney Rochelle said. Rochelle competed in the challenge and is also a Bearobics instructor at the Student Center. "It has been a lot of fun, this whole experience has created a lot of bonding between those who came."

Baylor has not found out if it has qualified for the ACIS Fitness National Championship, which is contingent upon how many people completed the physical assessment in the past few weeks. However, Davis said Baylor should be able to qualify.

Before the program started it was Davis's goal to get 500 people to complete the assessment. "We reached our goal of 500 and will be submitting our numbers Monday. We will hopefully be hearing back by the end of the week," Davis said.

The Baylor Team took home the gold at the last national challenge several years ago.

Fitness Challenge Winners

**Women's Category
First Place:**
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Government may forgive disaster loans from hurricanes; rules, conditions apply

By Becky Bohrer
The Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — The federal government is proposing to forgive disaster loans made to coastal communities that have faced budget problems in the years after hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

Rules proposed Monday would let local governments avoid repaying some or all of their loans if their revenues for three fiscal years since the disasters haven't met operating costs. Debt forgiveness would not be automatic, meaning communities would have to apply for the relief and meet established criteria.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency made available nearly \$1.3 billion in loans to communities in Louisiana and Mississippi after the 2005 hur-

ricanes devastated the region — about \$1 billion more than it says it had released in community disaster loans for nearly all of the 30 years prior to the two major storms.

As of March 16, \$831 million in loan funds had been drawn down. FEMA had no estimate on how much of the loaned money may be forgiven.

In 2007, Congress authorized the agency to forgive the loans under certain conditions. But the rules proposed on Monday were the first specific steps moving that process forward.

"With this effort, we are closer to helping our Gulf Coast communities rebuild, recover and get back on their feet," U.S. Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano said in a statement.

The Department of Homeland Security, which oversees FEMA, said public comments will be

taken before the rule is finalized. The proposal also includes Alabama and Texas, but no communities there were deemed eligible for the loans.

After President Barack Obama took office, his administration pledged to re-examine recovery efforts. Authorities announced the creation of state-federal teams aimed to address funding disputes and new steps to speed rebuilding of New Orleans and other storm-damaged areas of the state.

In December, Louisiana's congressional delegation said rules for loan cancellation or paybacks were needed so governmental entities, including school boards, fire districts and sheriff's offices that received money, could budget appropriately in the future.

The first loans do not come due until the fall 2010, although

two communities — Mandeville, La., and Forrest County, Miss. — had voluntarily repaid their amounts in full with interest as of January, according to FEMA and DHS officials.

The city of New Orleans has drawn on its \$240 million in loans to bolster its operations. It doesn't expect to be able to operate without aid of the loans until 2011 — despite the return of much of its population and sales tax collections nearly returning to pre-Katrina levels.

"The city's revenues haven't returned totally to pre-Katrina levels, so we're still having our challenges," the city's finance director, Reginald Zeno, said. "But we're pretty hopeful that the loans will be forgiven."



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Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano, right, answers a question at a news conference as Housing and Urban Development Secretary Shaun Donovan, looks on after they completed a tour of the damage caused by Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans, March 5. Joining Napolitano and Donovan are, rear left to right, Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal, Congressman Charlie Melancon, Congressmand Ahn "Joseph" Cao, Mayor Ray Nagin, and U.S. Sen. Mary Landrieu, D-La.

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Paramount Pictures

From left: The Monsters — The Missing Link (Will Arnett), Ginormica (Reese Witherspoon), B.O.B. (Seth Rogen), Insectosaurus and Dr. Cockroach, Ph.D. (Hugh Laurie) — are defenders of the planet in “Monsters vs. Aliens.”

3D gimmick fails to make ‘Monsters’ extraordinary

By Ash Anderson
Contributor

Let’s get one thing out of the way: Hollywood has jumped on the bandwagon with turning every movie it can into 3D but leaving ingenuity and character development behind. There are a reported 15 movies coming out this year that feature the added dimension, and each one of them could have it left out.

That said, “Monsters vs.

FILMREVIEW

Aliens,” DreamWorks’ latest concoction, relies far too much on the advertised aspect of 3D viewing and largely expects that to carry their mediocre film to the finish line. Unfortunately, it doesn’t. I was left wondering why I paid an extra \$2 for the very thing that detracts from a movie doomed in the first place.

It’s upsetting, really, because, for the most part, DreamWorks (“Shrek,” “Over the Hedge”) releases quality films with quality voice-acting. That is simply not the case for this film. Instead of delivering a plot that is charming and funny, the studio in question seemingly banked on throwing together a myriad of the latest stars, hoping that they will draw crowds from every demographic possible.

The cast includes Reese Witherspoon (“Legally Blonde”), Hugh Laurie (“House”), Paul Rudd (“I Love You, Man”), Seth Rogen (“Knocked Up”), Stephen Colbert (“The Colbert Report”), Kiefer Sutherland (“24”) — stop me when I get to someone that

BOX OFFICE RESULTS	
1. “Monsters vs. Aliens”	\$58.2 million
2. “The Haunting in Connecticut”	\$23 million
3. “Knowing”	\$14.7 million
4. “I Love You, Man”	\$12.6 million
5. “Duplicity”	\$7.6 million
6. “Race to Witch Mountain”	\$5.6 million
7. “12 Rounds”	\$5.3 million
8. “Watchmen”	\$2.755 million
9. “Taken”	\$2.75 million
10. “The Last House on the Left”	\$2.6 million

The Associated Press

you haven’t heard of. As you can see, there’s no shortage of talent, but what really irks me is that while most of the aforementioned actors have the ability to give quality performances in live-action movies, hardly any of them seem to be able to deliver their lines in this animated farce without sounding constipated and/or bored.

The plot is just as ridiculously boring to watch as it is to listen to the barked-out lines of the voice acting.

Susan (Witherspoon) is about to get married. As she’s swooning on the gazebo outside of church, a meteorite of some kind decides to slam right down on her, causing her to transform into a 40-foot-tall woman, much to the dismay of her fiancé, parents and just about everyone in town.

The military arrives immediately to take her away to a monster detention facility, where she teams up with The Missing Link (Will Arnett), Dr. Cockroach, Ph.D. (Laurie) and B.O.B. (Rogen). But wait! An alien is attacking Earth, and he’s after the meteorite that landed on Susan! Go get him, Monsters!

The anti-climactic battle that follows is both beautifully rendered and artistically sound, but even that didn’t manage to hold my interest for more than 10 minutes.

Don’t get me wrong, I love animated movies, especially when the plot makes sense and is as beautifully made as “Monsters vs. Aliens.”

Sadly, this is a movie that would have been much better without the heavy reliance on 3D. I can only lament the loss of a film that could have been much better had there been a crew that was more concerned about the plot.

Grade: C

Watch the “Monsters vs. Aliens” trailer online at baylor.edu/lariat

Generic plot plagues ‘12 Rounds’

By James Blake Ewing
Contributor

The action film is a tired genre, destined to recycle generic plots and add “fresh” content by producing different angles and inventing bigger and better ways to blow things up.

“12 Rounds” provides neither an interesting angle nor plot, and fails at basic filmmaking. Narrowed down, it’s a generic rehash of an assortment of action films.

FILMREVIEW

The film opens with the FBI chasing after Miles Jackson (Aidan Gillen), a weapons dealer who’s always one move ahead.

What Miles doesn’t anticipate is Danny Fisher (John Cena), a New Orleans cop who, against all odds, captures Miles after an intense chase. During the man-hunt, Miles’ lover is accidentally killed and Miles blames Danny for her death.

One year later Danny is a detective living with his girlfriend. Miles has broken out of prison and is out for retribution. Miles blows up Danny’s house and kidnaps his girlfriend to begin his revenge. Miles will release Molly if Danny can win a simple game — 12 rounds, one winner and the game is on Miles’ terms.

The 12 rounds plot is a thinly veiled attempt to connect a series of action sequences. The film’s only twist is that the rounds are somewhat tied together. An attentive viewer will notice that the twist only incorporates three of the rounds and the rest of the games are filler to sustain the runtime and constant action.

That being said, the twist does give a method to the madness, sidestepping the problem of Miles being an irrational villain.

Action dictates the film, which is riddled with crazy choice problems that plague mastermind villain films. Danny is never asked to kill anyone, rather, he must figure out mind games such as disabling a bomb or getting to a certain location to avoid catastrophe.



Twentieth Century Fox

John Cena stars as a New Orleans cop in the new action thriller “12 Rounds.”

The filmmaking in “12 Rounds” conforms to the latest Hollywood trend of picking up the handheld camera and shaking it for all it’s worth. If any scene needs intensity, the camera is shaken as if it’s a magic wand that will automatically create tension. The places director Renny Harlin (Deep Blue Sea) chooses to employ this technique are illogical. In one scene the camera pans and zooms inside a moving vehicle, which in itself is disorienting, but then proceeds to erratically shake. It would be one thing to shake with the movement of the vehicle, but it’s clear that the vehicle is static and the motion is induced, creating a nauseating effect.

The liberal usage of zooms continues this nauseating effect. Harlin refuses to be bothered with trivialities such as moving the camera. Instead, the camera zooms in on the action. Not only is this lazy filmmaking, but also — on top of the shaky camera — it makes many scenes vomit-inducing. There were also a few moments my mind simply could not get a grip on because of the surplus of disorienting motion.

Stripped down, “12 Rounds” is another action spectacle of crashed cars and excessive explosions. It’s an action fix at the lowest possible level existing in that odd film universe where the hero can wreck hundreds of cars and avoid authority backlash.

Yet the film still bogs itself down with dull dialogue. The conversations are riddled with recycled jokes and cliché lines. Even more egregious is when it becomes apparent that the characters are not talking to each other, but to the audience. The characters explain to each other things they already know in a dry, heavy-handed manner. This is yet another case of amateur screenwriting that recently tends to plague the theaters.

High on action and low on everything else, the film is more about creating a disorienting amount of motion than actually making a good film. Even action fans will have a hard time enjoying “12 Rounds” with its camera constantly going round and round and round.

Grade: D

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Tennis battles wind to win 6th shutout

By Ben Powell
Reporter

The No. 10 Baylor men's tennis team finished its nine-match home stretch strong, shutting out No. 50 Virginia Commonwealth University and defeating No. 18 Pepperdine University 4-1.

The Bears' victory over VCU on Friday was the team's sixth shutout win of the season.

"Virginia Commonwealth has a very talented team. They've had some injuries and are not ranked as high as they usually are," head coach Matt Knoll said.

Fighting a 27 mph wind, senior David Galic slammed the ball over the heads of VCU's No. 40 duo Nicolas Vinel and Martin Schulhauser to win the doubles point for the Bears and earn the early lead.

Carried by the momentum from winning the doubles point, Galic quickly defeated Vinel in straight sets 6-2, 7-5 on court three.

Freshman Julian Bley came from behind to win his match, dropping his first set 4-6, but easily winning the next two sets 6-2, 6-1. Bley is 5-1 since becoming unranked after his 2-6, 1-6 loss to then No. 32 Kalle Norberg of the University of Mississippi.

Bley was ranked No. 121 prior to the loss.

No. 6 Denes Lukacs, a junior, clinched the match for the Bears when his opponent faulted his

second serve into the net.

Junior Dominik Mueller and freshman Maros Horny followed, both winning their matches in straight sets despite the wind.

"It's windy pretty much every single day in the spring," Mueller said. "We have a couple of days like today where it is extreme," and "you have to accept that you miss some balls or that you have to win some ugly points."

No. 49 Jordan Rux, a sophomore, played in his first singles match since Knoll removed him from the lineup following the team's home loss against then No. 10 University of Southern California.

"I've kind of struggled with my intensity on the court over the course of the season," Rux said. "I think it was a good idea for coach Knoll to take me out and give me a couple days to clear my head."

Rux broke Schulhauser in the first game but lost the set in a tiebreaker 6-7 (2-7). Rux broke to go up 5-3 in the second set and again two games later with a forehand winner down the right singles line to win the match and complete the shutout.

"Everybody did enough to give themselves a chance and then fought hard when they needed too," Knoll said. "Anytime you win seven-zero you got to feel good about it."

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Top: Louisville's Angel McCoughtry, top, shoots over Baylor's Jhasmin Player (15) during a women's NCAA college basketball regional tournament game in Raleigh, N.C., Saturday.

Bottom: Baylor's Rachel Allison (14), Morghan Medlock (55) and Jessica Morrow (3) are seen in their locker room following their 56-39 loss to Louisville in a women's NCAA tournament regional semifinal college basketball game in Raleigh, N.C., Saturday.

Sweet 16 defeat ends rollercoaster

By Joe Holloway
Sports writer

When the final buzzer sounded in the Baylor Lady Bears 56-39 Sweet 16 loss to the Louisville Cardinals in the RBC Center in Raleigh, N.C., it didn't just announce the end of the game. It heralded the end of a season that was a rollercoaster for the team both on and off the court, and the end of seniors Jhasmin Player, Jessica Morrow and Rachel Allison's careers.

Morrow reflected on the both of those prospects after the Louisville victory that sent the Lady Bears home with a final record of 29-6 for the 2008-2009 season.

"It has been an honor to play with this team," she said. "We have come through a lot of adversity this year. We have shown our true colors and persevered when a lot of teams would have folded under our circumstances. While it is still sad to have it end this way, I am proud of this team and its accomplishments."

Player said it was a situation she and the rest of the Lady Bears were trying to postpone as long as possible.

"One thing this team was trying to do was keep winning to avoid what we are dealing with right now," she said, adding that Baylor was, however, in a better position than most. "You're never satisfied with a loss. At the same time there are only 16 teams still playing in the country right now and a lot of teams who would love to be in the Sweet 16."

The loss is just the latest stop in a wild ride that took the Lady Bears both to incredible

highs and devastating lows all in the span of a season that few thought they would have.

Preseason rankings had the Lady Bears in the No. 19 spot. They were picked by the coaches to finish fourth in the Big 12 behind Oklahoma, Texas and Iowa State. It didn't take long, though, for the team to start exceeding expectations.

Player was perhaps the first to set the trend. She made her first in-game appearance since tearing her ACL in the Lady Bears' home opener against the Houston Jaguars, only nine months after she went down with the injury in a Feb. 2, 2008 game at Kansas State.

Three games later, a No. 19-ranked Baylor pulled off its biggest upset of the year, an 81-65 rout of No. 2 Stanford. The win was part of a 10-game winning streak that catapulted the Lady Bears up to the No. 6 spot before their first setback, a one-point loss to unranked Wisconsin in the championship game of the Paradise Jam, dropped them down to No. 10.

Four games later, another, and perhaps the most devastating, low hit the Lady Bears. While on the road to take on Oregon, word came through to the team that junior forward Morghan Medlock's mother, Shannan Barron, had been found shot and killed by her boyfriend, Geral Gallian, who had then turned the gun on himself. Somehow, only a day later Medlock was in the game against the Ducks, a game Baylor won 81-71 in the wake of unbelievable tragedy.

And Baylor kept winning.

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Sports briefs

Briles leads Bears into spring scrimmage

Freshman quarterback Robert Griffin and company will finish up spring practice Thursday with a scrimmage at the Highers Complex fields on University Parks Drive. The scrimmage, which is open to the public, comes after head coach Art Briles led the team in a scrimmage Saturday on its 12th day of practice. Contact the football office at 254-710-3058 for more information.

Volleyball's Christenson named to national team

USA Volleyball announced Monday that sophomore outside hitter Ashlie Christenson has been selected for the US Women's National A2 program. The Cleburne native will train with the 23 other members of the squad from May 18-22 in Minneapolis in hopes

of earning a spot on the Women's National Team.

Baseball takes series with Wildcats, climbs to No. 7

The team dropped this weekend's series opener to Kansas State University, 7-1, but freshman Brooks Pinckard held the Wildcats at bay with a scoreless, two-inning save to give the Bears the 7-6 win. With the victory, the Bears moved to 10-1 in one-run games on the season. Junior Aaron Miller continued his tear at the plate by recording a walk, drawing two hit-by-pitch calls, and ripping a two-run doubled down the right field line to lead the Bears. The team faces a pair of midweek games beginning with a 6:30 p.m. game with Texas State University tonight, followed by a game with Prairie View A&M University at 6:30 p.m. tomorrow.

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The Lady Bears started conference play 5-0 before they first tasted defeat on the court. It was in a game that, with former President George W. Bush in attendance, had the potential to be one of the team's greatest highs that the No. 2 Oklahoma Sooners dealt the No. 4 Lady Bears their first conference loss of the season. "It was a night that none of us will forget," head coach Kim Mulkey said. "The only thing that could have made it better was a win."

The only other Big 12 teams to take wins over Baylor were Texas and Kansas, and the Jayhawks' victory came on the heels of another game that could be considered both a high and a low for Baylor. In their second game of the season against Texas, the

Lady Bears beat the Longhorns 66-57 on the road but lost their leading scorer and rebounder, junior post Danielle Wilson, to a season-ending knee injury.

Assistant coach Leon Barmore said that, after Wilson went down, the team just wasn't the same.

"Before the injury, it was a final four team," he said after the Lady Bears narrowly beat UT-San Antonio in the first round of the NCAA tournament. "Now we're struggling with whom to play and when to play them. But no matter what, they have showed me, just like tonight, how much heart and character they have which is very seldom seen with a basketball team."

Wilson's absence no doubt hurt the team, but it didn't stop the Lady Bears from accomplishing some great feats without her. They beat

a Texas A&M team twice without Wilson that was routinely ranked in the top-10 three times in 2009 and once in the Big 12 Championship game. It was Baylor's first Big 12 Championship since 2005. They earned a No. 2 seed in the NCAA tournament despite critics saying they weren't good enough with Wilson and, once they were in the tournament, made it to the Sweet 16 for the first time since 2006.

Perhaps Baylor's season is best personified in Allison's final game against Louisville. Even with her left knee taped up to protect ligaments she strained in Baylor's narrow victory over South Dakota State in the second round of the NCAA tournament, Allison was still in the game with the Cardinals, getting up and down the court, doing everything she could to get Baylor one more win.

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lawyers," said Powell. "They were magnificent. They represented Baylor with professionalism and great competence."

According to Bailey, the tournament was structured around a criminal murder case in which an attorney was charged with killing a judge for taking away his client's \$10 million jury verdict and \$3.3 million in attorney fees. Teams argued for both the defense and prosecution throughout the competition, depending on their assignments.

Policastro said that the case was challenging to begin with but became more complicated as the competition progressed due to new evidence that was presented eleven hours before the third round and more evidence given 90 minutes before the final round.

"The case was difficult, but it became more complex

during the tournament," said Policastro. "Luckily, going to Baylor and having such great advocacy teachers and coaches helped us deal with the changes, and it wasn't much of an issue."

Eric and Joel competed against over 300 law schools from across the country in the regional and national competition. The national competition was comprised of 28 teams including teams from the University of Kentucky, Stanford University, Suffolk University, University of Georgia, Loyola of Chicago and Loyola Law School of Los Angeles.

According to Powell, new evidence was not the only unplanned incident the team had to overcome.

"I lost my voice after round two and we still had four rounds to go," said Bailey. "I was pretty nervous but I had some great teammates that kept the water and cough drops coming throughout the

day."

Both Policastro and Powell were concerned about Bailey's voice.

"We were worried because if he can't speak, he can't win," Powell said. "He had two more days to go. He could barely talk, but he shook it off and performed superbly."

This weekend's success was not the only mock trial competition that Baylor has ever won. In 2005 and 2007, other teams won the National Trial Competitions sponsored by the American Trial Lawyers Association.

"Baylor Law winning the National Trial Competition is a wonderful accomplishment for our students and our school, and emphasizes how we produce lawyers who are ready for the practice of law," said Toben. "This win confirms our recognition as a national power and reinforces the benefits of our practical approach to legal education."

Estranged wife target of nursing home shooing

Mike Baker
The Associated Press

CARTHAGE, N.C. — A painter accused of shooting up a North Carolina nursing home may have been after his recently estranged wife during a rampage that killed seven defenseless residents and a nurse tending to their care, authorities said Monday.

Robert Stewart's wife was working as a nursing assistant at Pinelake Health and Rehab when he attacked Sunday, not long after the two split, said Carthage Police Chief Chris McKenzie. The breakup was part of a rocky relationship that spread over many years and bookended other failed marriages, according to court documents.

Authorities declined to elaborate on how their relationship may have played a role in the rampage, but the prosecutor who charged the 45-year-old suspect with murder left no doubt the attack had a purpose.

"We can share this: This was not a random act of violence," said Moore County District Attorney Maureen Krueger.

A day after the shootings, Krueger said authorities didn't plan to release much more information about Stewart, nicknamed "Pee Wee" by his hunting buddies because, one said, he's about 6-foot-2 and 300 pounds, or the case outside of the courtroom. Several search warrants police executed in the hours after the shooting were sealed, and Krueger would not say why.

But it appeared the relationship between Stewart and his wife, identified by a neighbor as Wanda Luck, was tied in some way to the rampage.

"We're certainly looking into the fact that it may be domestic-related," McKenzie said.

According to marriage records in Moore County, a 19-year-old Stewart married 17-year-old Wanda Gay Neal in July 1983. They divorced three years later, and both were involved in several other marriages before they reunited and married a second time in June 2002. McKenzie said he believed the couple had recently separated again.

After his first divorce from Luck, Stewart remarried in South Carolina to a woman named Ellen Susan McCaskill. She identified herself as Sue Griffin during a brief interview on Sunday, and told reporters Stewart had recently started telling family he had cancer and was preparing for a long trip and to "go away."

In an interview Monday, Griffin said that during their 15 years of marriage, Stewart would often talk about Luck and make comparisons between the two, complaining that, "Wanda doesn't do it like that."

"I'd look at him and say, 'Well, I ain't Wanda,'" she said. "As time went on, I could tell he wasn't quite over her."

One of Luck's former husbands, Joseph Ferguson, said Monday that their union lasted less than two years. He said Luck talked about Stewart, whom he later met, calling him a "normal guy" and saying he was shocked by Sunday's events.

"I don't want to get into details about their marriage, but it was rocky. I can tell you that," Ferguson said.

Several telephone numbers for Luck and her family were disconnected, and a knock at the door was unanswered at an address in nearby Robbins. A neighbor of the couple's home in Carthage, Mark Barnett, said Luck was "a good person" who was born and raised in the North Carolina Sandhills community.

"I can't even imagine what she's going through," Barnett said.

Stewart made his first court appearance Monday on eight counts of first-degree murder and a single charge of felony assault of a law enforcement officer, and Krueger plans to seek a grand jury indictment on those charges next month. His court-appointed attorney, John Megerian of Asheboro, declined to comment because he hadn't spoken to his client.

McKenzie wasn't aware of criminal activity in Stewart's past, and records in Moore County show the only charges on his record stem from a drunken-driving case in 1988. He was involved in a few minor civil complaints, including a

2002 order that he surrender \$1,103 after a woman complained his business failed at repainting some wrought iron furniture.

Authorities said Stewart arrived at Pinelake, a 110-bed nursing home and care center for patients with Alzheimer's disease, around 10 a.m. Sunday. McKenzie said he was armed with more than one weapon, and witnesses said he was shooting both a "deer gun" and a shotgun.

Several people inside the home called 911, pleading for help: "There's a man in here with a double-barrel shotgun shooting people! White man with a beard."

The shooting spree was ended by 25-year-old Master Officer Justin Garner. McKenzie said Garner, a training officer with more than four years on the Carthage force and a past winner of the department's officer of the year award, didn't wait for backup.

"If that's not heroism, I don't know what is," McKenzie said. "He had to go to all the way through the facility to encounter this individual. It would be hard for me to believe he didn't (hear gunfire)."

Stewart wounded Garner three times in the leg as they traded gunfire, and the single shot Garner fired from his .40-caliber pistol hit Stewart in the chest. He was being held Monday at the state's Central Prison in Raleigh.

Authorities identified the victims as Pinelake residents Tessie Garner, 88; Lillian Dunn, 89; Jessie Musser, 88; Bessie Hendrick, 78; John Goldston, 78; Margaret Johnson, 89; Louise Decker, 98; and nurse Jerry Avent. Tessie Garner wasn't related to the police officer who ended the rampage.

Frank Feola, 63, gathered the belongings at the nursing home of his mother-in-law, whom he identified as Louise DeKler. As he packed up a table and a collage of photos, Feola called Stewart an "animal" who doesn't deserve the death penalty.

"That would be too easy," he said. "I feel like I'm walking around in a dream, that somebody could do something like this."

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Lorena citizens agree upon the proposition.

The move would eliminate Lorena's city manager position entirely; a position that Moran currently holds.

During his time at the city manager position, Moran has increased the commercial development in Lorena.

"Since Moran has been in Lorena we have had a Sonic, Jack and Jill Donuts and a Mexican food restaurant (established in town)," Romer said. "He has been able to bring successful commercial development to Lorena more than anyone before and that type of stuff is a challenge for a Mayor to achieve."

Lorena's history with a Mayor-run government is far reaching and the town only switched to a city manager government in 2003.

Past experience has also brought Romer to personally see many upsides in having a city manager.

"I've seen small cities that are mayor run and lots of different cities that are city manager run," Romer said. "There is no question in my mind that the city manager position is superior."

Reflecting on Lorena's history, Coleman is looking toward the future of the town and how this move may negatively impact it.

"Reverting to the strong mayor form of government will be a step backwards and we need to continue forward," Coleman said. "Part-time volunteer city management is the most costly item in any form of government and it will be too expensive for Lorena taxpayers to go down that road again."

Some in Lorena may see it as a fiscal issue, in that the salary for a city manager is costly. A mayor-run government would provide the citizens in Lorena to directly elect either Roper, a member of Lorena Citizens Against Proposition 1 or Judge Sanders, a proponent of the proposition.

According to the City of Waco

Web site, local governments have found that costs actually have been reduced with skilled management in the form of a city manager. The reduced operating costs came from higher forms of efficiency and productivity and the effective use of technology.

According to Coleman, a vast majority of the sitting council and prior council boast that a Mayor-run municipality, with foresight in mind, is more costly.

A step in the wrong direction could be costly as population and growth increases in major towns around Lorena, like Waco, according to Coleman.

"Indicators are that future metropolitan development for the Waco area are aimed toward the south," Coleman said.

Some of those indicators include the development of the Marketplace Shopping Center and the Hillcrest Hospital Complex.

"To manage this growth, we as a community, need full-time professional management in place."

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Any kind of transportation system is going to need federal funds. The MPO policy board voted and approved to designate \$300,000 for the study, but it is unknown where the funding would come from for the actual project.

"The whole reason for the MPO to exist is (to) identify the long-term need for these projects," Evilia said, "The first thing that has to be done is that we have to get some kind of engineering study to identify where this system would go and what kind of cost we are looking at, what exactly can we afford to do and whether this is feasible or not."

The idea came from much discussion of a greater downtown plan being raised by the Chamber of Commerce.

An unplanned amount of money came in from the economic stimulus package, which was recently approved by Congress. Waco's share is about 2.9 million for public transportation capital projects, Evilia said,

"This includes things like purchasing buses and vans, but can also include engineer studies."

Evilia and others say they believe in the trolley idea, because they said they hope it will encourage people to go downtown who may not otherwise do so.

"When people are walking, they're generally willing to walk about a quarter of a mile. Depending on where on campus, it could be anywhere from three quarters of a mile to a mile from Baylor to downtown," Evilia said.

As a result of the study, Evilia said he hopes they will have "some idea of cost. Is it going to cost 3 million or 30 million?"

Funding is the main concern, Evilia said.

"There are several developments taking place in downtown Waco that are intended to serve Baylor," Evilia said.

One of the largest additions is student housing, to be completed in May and hold 400 Baylor students.

"Short term, these students will have to use cars to get to Baylor, but this project could

ease parking on Baylor campus and would reduce the amount of traffic going between the two areas," Evilia said, "There's also a lot of property between downtown Waco and Baylor that is underused or outright vacant."

Evilia said he hopes this project would make that land more accessible and convenient to use.

"Downtown Waco's got some really cool stuff happening; two restaurants just opened this week, living areas and a new housing complex," Thomas said, "It gets students out of the so-called 'Baylor bubble', coming from a recent Baylor graduate. It gets people outside of the 'there's nothing to do in Waco' mentality."

Leah Stewart, the owner of Olive Branch, a restaurant that recently reopened in downtown Waco said she thought the possible trolley addition was a "great idea" and that it would "absolutely" help business.

"I think it connects students to Waco itself and it encourages them to be part of the city and not just their school," Stewart said.



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