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## Harris County voting discrepancies investigated

McLennan County received complaints but primary integrity remains intact

Victoria Mgbemena Staff writer

Voting discrepancies have become the subject of interest surrounding the March 4 primaries in Harris County.

The Harris County Clerk's office has officially launched an

investigation, summoning the assistance of the District Attorney. The investigation follows allegations that hundreds of voters in Harris County had illegally cast votes at the early election primaries and on March 4. Texas bars voters from voting twice in an election cycle.

The Associated Press reported that Harris County Clerk Beverly Kaufman presented the names of over 1,000 people who may have cast votes in both the Democratic and Republi-

can national primaries. Kaufman's offices reported that out of the potential infractions, they believe 389 people voted during the early voting period and on March 4, participating in both party primaries.

Concerns over voting practice continue to stream in following the primaries; McLennan County has received its share of complaints.

After polling places closed, people complained about being locked out and some precincts

reported that the delegate count on the precinct ballots were incorrect. There were still voters who claimed that after polling places officially closed, people continued to stream in to vote.

McLennan County elections administrator Kathy Van Wolfe said that a situation where voters could cast multiple votes could not happen in McLennan County.

"McLennan County has a joint primary where everyone gets in one line to vote," Van Wolfe said.

"Other counties might encounter situations where people vote more than once because they don't vote in the same place according to precinct."

Van Wolfe says that counties where voters have different voting locations for each precinct face the task of consolidating results from each location.

Texas Secretary of State Communications spokeswoman Ashley Burton said that the state has not been summoned by Harris County to intervene in the inves-

tigation for voting irregularities, and that the state currently holds no enforcement authority on the local investigation.

Burton said that the state usually gets complaints from voters concerning improper procedures at polling places and for pre-voting, including how mail-in ballots are handled.

"Some people have asked about the legality of what goes on at the polling places. Most

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## Democratic primary continues at county conventions

By Christina Kruse Staff writer

The Texas two-step, a country western dance, is executed with two quick steps and two slow steps. This dance name also refers to the Texas democratic electoral hybrid process, the primary and caucus elections that were held March 4 — the two quick steps. However, one of the two slow steps will be taken this Saturday at the McLennan County Democratic

Party Convention, where 81 delegates will be elected to attend the state convention in June.

The 948 delegates that were elected from the 92 precinct conventions after polls closed on March 4 will attend the convention. Alternate delegates 1 as will also attend, bringing the total number of attendees estimation to roughly 1,400.

In comparison to the last McLennan County Democratic Party Convention held four years ago, attendance has

nearly tripled, said John Cullar, McLennan County democratic chairman.

"Part of what we will be dealing with is educating people," Cullar said.

Delegates will be taught the rules and procedures of the state delegate nomination process.

"It's a day of business—the business of the convention is to elect delegates," he said.

Previously, the convention's scheduled location was the Waco High School cafeteria.

The convention is now going to be held at the Waco Convention Center's McLennan Hall. The location was relocated to accommodate the large number of attendants and to avoid the overcrowding problem that occurred during precinct conventions on March 4.

There are four committees involved in the convention on Saturday: the credentials, nomination, rules and platform and the resolutions committee.

The credentials committee

will determine the eligibility of a delegate to participate in the convention. A delegate could be disqualified if he or she did not live in the same precinct in which they voted.

Sixty-two delegates will be elected from the precincts at the convention. The nominations committee will take applications from delegates who wish to be one of the other 19 delegates.

The rules and platform committee will make sure delegates follow the Roberts

Rules of Order. This year, due to increased participation, this committee will calculate the number of delegates for Sen. Barack Obama and Sen. Hillary Clinton.

The resolutions committee will verify the resolutions presented by the other committees.

"The turnout is going to be really good," said Ryan Young, an Obama delegate from precinct 3. Participation is not a

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## Violence in Tibet causes Bush to brave Chinese leader

By Terence Hunt The Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush sharply confronted China's President Hu Jintao on Wednesday about Beijing's harsh crackdown in Tibet, joining an international chorus of alarm just months before the U.S. and the rest of the world parade to China for the Olympics.

In a telephone call with Hu, Bush "pushed very hard" about violence in Tibet, a necessity for restraint and a need for China to consult with representatives of the Dalai Lama, the spiritual leader of Tibet, the White House said.

After days of silence by Bush as other world leaders raised their voices, it marked a rare, direct protest from one president to another. As if to underscore how pointed Bush was, the White House said he used the call to "speak very clearly and frankly."

At the same time, Bush was forced to address an embarrassing blunder by the United States — the shipment of nuclear missile fuses to Taiwan and the failure to discover the error for more than 18



The Associated Press

Taiwan's ruling Democratic Progressive party presidential candidate Frank Hsieh holds a torch symbolizing human rights and freedom Wednesday during a vigil in support of Tibet in Taipei, Taiwan.

months. "It came up very briefly," National Security Adviser Stephen Hadley told reporters. "Basically, the president indicated that a mistake had been made. There was very little discussion about it."

Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice had previously registered concern about China's actions in

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## Women make up 1.5 percent of capital punishment convictions

Radford University professor Mary Welek Atwell to discuss women on death row

By Lynn Ngo Reporter

As of December 2007, 51 out of 3,263 people on death row were women, according to the Death Penalty Information Center Web site.

In an effort to understand this gender disparity, the history, political science and sociology departments are co-sponsoring "Wretched Sisters: The Gendered Face of Capital Punishment," a presentation by Radford University's department of criminal justice professor Mary Welek Atwell as part of Women's History Month.

The event will be at 5 p.m. today in Bennett Auditorium. All faculty, staff and students interested in the issue of capital punishment, national politics and women's history are welcome.

Atwell is the author of three books on gender and criminal justice in the United States. Her most recent book, with the same title as the presentation, focuses on 12 women who have been executed in the U.S. since the Supreme Court reinstated capital punishment in 1972, said Dr. David Longfellow, associate professor of history.

"She is interested in what we can find in common about these women," he said. "The book is an examination of female victims of capital punishment and how the system works or how it doesn't work."

Dr. Byron Johnson, co-director of the Institute for Studies of Religion and professor of sociology, expressed an interest in the large difference between the number of women on death row and the number of men.

"If you're going to do a story of women on death row, the story is why they were convicted," he said.

Atwell's book will address the 1998 execution of Karla

Faye Tucker, the first woman to be executed in the state of Texas since the Civil War, and the first woman in more than a decade to be executed in the U.S.

Since 1998, two other women, Betty Lou Beets and Frances Newton, have been executed in Texas.

Atwell's presentation will be focused not only on the subset of women but also on capital punishment as a whole.

"I think the majority of the general public supports the death penalty," Johnson said.

He cited public opinion polls from the last 60 years as proof of the support for capital punishment.

Longfellow expressed the need for increased capital punishment education.

"There are not more important issues than issues of life and death," he said. "We all owe it to ourselves to think about this issue."

Longfellow said capital

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## No. 2 Lady Bears tennis team fall short to No. 1 Northwestern Wildcats

By Joe Holloway Reporter

The No. 2 women's tennis team lost a heartbreaker to No. 1 Northwestern University 2-5 Wednesday evening.

Though the final match count seems to indicate a lopsided victory for the Wildcats, the hundreds of fans who turned out to see the clash of the top two seeded teams would probably tell a different story from the final score.

"I don't think I realized what all went into a tennis match," said Woodlands senior Katie McCann, who was attending a tennis match for the first time in her college career.

Almost every match came down to the wire, the winner and loser separated by as little as a single serve, volley, or shot down the line.

"Any time you play a top-ranked team it's going to be a war," head coach Joey Scrivano said.

And a war it was, laced with intense battles, momentum — changing injuries, and high emotions throughout.

Northwestern struck the first blow early by winning two of three doubles matches to take the doubles point and an early lead.

Baylor's lone doubles victory came when the No. 54 doubles tandem of Taylor Ormond and Jelena Stanivuk came from behind to down the Wildcats' second seeded team of Suzie Matzenauer and Samantha Murray 8-6.

Despite losing the doubles point, hope remained for the Lady Bears as singles play remained tight throughout the night.

All but one match split the first two sets, requiring a third to settle the final victor.

Freshman Karolina Filipiak came from behind after dropping a close first set 5-7, winning an even closer second set 7-6 (8-7), and finally running away with the third set 6-3.

"I just started playing my game plan and it started working," she said after the match, walking on bags of ice taped to her feet. "I just really wanted to win."

After being down 2-5 in the second set, few saw the comeback in the works, including Scrivano.

"I'd be pulling your leg if I told you I thought that thing was going to turn around," he said. "That was really impressive."

The other big win of the day

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Luis Noble/Lariat staff

Zuzana Chmelarova plays the net in a doubles match against Northwestern University Wednesday at the Baylor Tennis Center. Northwestern won two of the three doubles matches, earning the doubles point and taking the early lead over the Lady Bears.



# Value of travel can't be measured by material gain

Ever since I was little, I've always had the desire to travel and see the world.

In middle school I had a two-month-long assignment for a class that required me to create a scrapbook and keep an extensive journal about an imaginary three-month trip around the world.

If I had three months to visit any 14 countries, where would I go? What would I see, do, touch, taste and remember?

My desire has intensified in the past couple of months, so much that I'm seriously considering taking a year off after graduation and teaching English in a foreign country.

When I revealed my desire to teach abroad to my parents over spring break, they responded negatively.

"Why would you want to do something like that? What ben-

efit would you be getting from this?" my dad asked.

Why not go to grad school right away or start looking for a job were their questions, as if taking a year off would set me far behind in my studies or attaining my professional ambitions.

I wasn't surprised by their response. I think most parents would have asked the same questions.

While studying in Maastricht last semester, I was able to travel to five of the countries that I had "visited" and have dreamt about since I was fourteen.

Throughout Europe, I met numerous young people from around the world who were taking time off during transition periods in their life, such as before starting college or a career, to travel.

I even met a few who had

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taught English in foreign countries.

These travelers come from cultures that are more accepting of such practices. Travel, as it should be, is an educational experience for them.

In a culture that is driven by a workaholic mentality, it difficult to deviate from the norm. Children are taught to do well in school so that they can get into college where they must do well so that they can meet the end goal of landing a well-paying job.

Once they get that job, they

work hard to achieve higher positions or increased pay.

It feels as if everything that we work for in school or in our professional life is to achieve some kind of monetary or status goal in the end.

I've had conversations with people my age who are friends and classmates about my plan to teach abroad. Some responded with similar questions as my parents. They don't see the value in an experience that doesn't result in materialistic ends.

Some share in my desire, but fear that interrupting a path society craves may result negatively.

My impression is that college is not a place for education but a place to learn what we have to and need to so that we may qualify for the job that we want.

To a large degree, this is the purpose of college and thus the

reason why people come to college.

But it must be recognized that some things can be done and are done for simply knowledge, regardless if it is immediately useful knowledge. Some experiences are experiences that can change your life even if they have nothing to contribute to your status or bank account.

An experience such as teaching abroad or traveling the world deserves just as much respect as any educational or career move.

Anyone who thinks that either experience isn't a learning experience should reconsider.

In an age of increasing globalization, knowledge of one's world is of utmost importance. Such knowledge cannot be attained from simply reading about places, people and cultures, but must be experienced through personal interactions

and conversations.

These interactions and conversations make it possible for us to relate to one another, and if not at least get an understanding of where a person is coming from, why they think the way they do.

Understanding is key in fostering good relations with our neighbors, and it's this understanding that will contribute to the American workforce and to any job that relates to people.

Traveling has been an ironic ordeal for me. I never considered that while learning about others, I would also learn about myself in the process. Living among other people, ideas and norms, has opened my eyes to the world around me and has allowed me to see myself in return.

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## Editorial

# Homeschool court ruling ridiculous

A recent California court ruling that would forbid parents without teaching credentials to homeschool their children has created a backlash by homeschool advocates in that state. And rightly so.

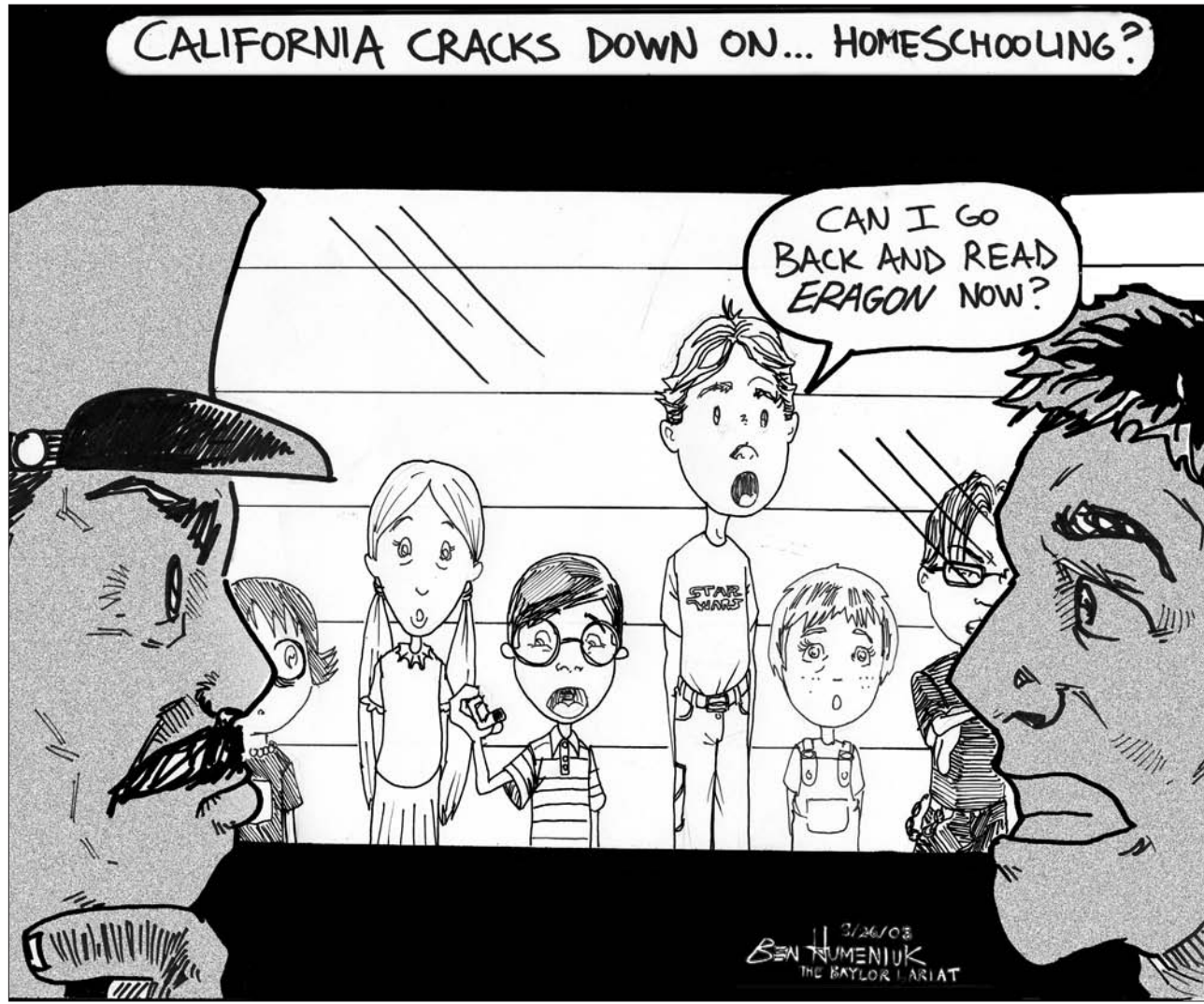
When Judge H. Walter Croskey of the Second District Court of Appeals in Los Angeles ruled late February that children ages 6 to 18 could only be taught by credentialed teachers in public, private or home schools, he added that teachers without credentials "will be subject to criminal action," according to *Time* magazine.

That's absurd. Parents should have the right to teach their children in their homes without the state's involvement. Forcing children to attend "traditional" schools is a gross violation of family privacy. The state is overstepping its boundaries here.

While the original lawsuit concerned children complaining of child abuse, requiring that children attend school under credentialed teaching will do little or nothing to address this serious problem. There are plenty of children attending public and private schools who have parents that abuse them.

And while there are doubtless cases where homeschooling parents are bad teachers, both the public and private school systems are also rife with examples of children not learning much in the classroom.

True concern for the quality of education should manifest itself in testing procedures or benchmarks, not



in denying parents without teaching degrees the right to educate their own children.

The suit is pending appeal to the state Supreme Court, and until then, California parents can homeschool their children without fear of reprisal. Jack O'Connell, the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, released a statement March 10 saying that the California Department of Education will not go after parents who do not

have teaching credentials. That's good news for parents for now, but it is disturbing that a court would make a decision taking away this much parental authority.

California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger said March 7 that the courts should overturn the "outrageous ruling."

"Parents should have a right to decide what's best for their children," he said.

Schwarzenegger is right on both counts. Although Judge Croskey cited a 1950s California law in his ruling that parents have no constitutional right to teach their children at home, California's Supreme Court should reconsider.

California is taking the concept of the nanny state literally, and it's not clear if either parents or children are benefiting from the governmental intrusion.

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# Honors college students don't deserve their negative stereotype

Honors kids walk fast.

This is an observation made by a friend of mine a few weeks ago, as we meandered (or so I thought — apparently she considered it "hurrying") down Fifth Street.

Well, ladies and gentlemen, Honors students walk fast as much as Collins women starve themselves and Martin men ... do nothing.

Stereotypes are prevalent on campus, and though much attention has been brought to them, I cannot recall in my three years here at Baylor whether anyone has yet addressed the snide acrimony aimed at those denizens

of the Honors College.

I remember how in my freshman year, young and carefree, innocent and full of purpose, I would constantly alienate myself from certain people, just because I answered the following question truthfully: "Where do you live?"

The answer was Memorial, dear readers, and the inquirer would actually take a step back and answer in stilted suspicion, "Oh, you're an Honors kid."

Is it an expectation of intellectual intimidation? Is it the turn-of-the-millennium phenomenon of the social rejection of those who don't talk solely in 1337 or

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txt msg and instead pursue a life of academic purpose?

It might just be the normal psychological function of the human brain that encourages stereotyping based on common characteristics or reference groups because it helps the brain make sense of the world around it.

That said, the stereotype of Honors students as ambitious, intimidating, reclusive and ruthless in their pursuit of good grades ... is mostly true.

But what of it? These are people driven by a need to learn, to achieve, to succeed and not just in their careers. As an Honors student myself, I am inundated by this culture of competition and erudition, but it is not a bad thing.

I have had the brilliant fortune of meeting people within the Honors College who are immersed in their pursuit of knowledge.

They are excited about

Socrates, and that is OK by me. Think for a minute whether you have had a serious conversation about an idea, author or period in history. Didn't it excite you to discuss it with someone who cares?

I believe this is what drives my colleagues here in Memorial, Alexander and beyond. Good grades and ambition are just a natural consequence of a love of learning and the motivation and determination to make sense of the world and expand horizons.

So cut them a break the next time you see them walk (quickly) into Memorial or Alexander,

and acknowledge that, when they decline an invitation to a party, citing a lot of homework, that they are simply fulfilling a primal hunger. Or the requirements of a slave driver masquerading as a professor.

Knowledge is a wellspring of crystal water in the desert and all you have is a rusty bucket full of holes. Drinking it all in requires a lot of time and effort, and people who choose programs like Honors, University Scholars and BIC are very, very thirsty.

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# Bowling, raffle gear up to Relay

By Lynn Ngo  
Reporter

Although Baylor's first annual Relay for Life isn't until April, students, faculty and staff can get an early start in helping to make cancer history.

The fitness department is sponsoring "Strike Out Cancer," a bowling tournament and raffle to help raise funds for the American Cancer Society.

The bowling tournament is from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on March 29 at the bowling lanes in the Bill Daniel Student Center and registration is \$40 per team.

The fitness department will also be sponsoring a raffle with a prize of free massages, one per month from April to December. Raffle tickets are for sale at the McLane Student Life Center and cost \$2 each or three for \$5. Tickets will also be sold at Relay for Life, and the winner will be announced at the event.

Blake Padgett, head mechanic and assistant manager of the bowling center, encouraged people to support the cause however they can.

"Some people can't walk long distances, so I think this is another way for them to participate and support the cause," he said.

The teams can consist of a combination of student, faculty or staff. Teams of all combinations are welcome to compete.

"Each hour we are hoping to have six teams show up," she said.

Each of the four members in

a team is to bowl one game.

"At the end of the game, we will tally up the points from each of the four members. At the end of the day, we will find out the top three teams," Davis said.

Each of the three top scoring teams will receive a trophy. There will also be trophies awarded to the top male and female competitor, Davis said.

Participation in the event can help make a small difference for cancer research, said Chad Williams, a fitness staff leader.

"It gets your heart in the right place. You're doing something with your time and not just sitting around," he said.

The tournament occurs on the same day as the Bearathon, but participation in both events is possible.

"On the registration form, teams can let us know when they can bowl," Davis said. "They can pick the time that will be best for them."

Teams will be notified on Friday of their bowling times.

Aside from participating in the tournament, Davis also encourages students, faculty and staff to seek donations for the cause. She said the goal is to reach at least \$1,500.

All proceeds and donations will go toward the American Cancer Society.

The deadline for signing up is 5 p.m. today.

Those interested can stop by the bowling center, the SLC or contact Davis at Van\_Davis@baylor.edu for a registration form.



Alex Poe/ Lariat staff

## Sinister motives

Atlanta, Ga., junior Brian Fuller supports a sign, reading, "Lefties kill babies," as he enters Morrison Hall Wednesday after a mock protest against left-handed people.

# Holocaust film series opens with *Downfall*

By Elizabeth Herring  
Reporter

Artillery makes the ground rumble. An underground bunker, almost its own city, is at work for the Fuhrer. Traudl Junge joyously accepts her new job as the personal secretary of Adolf Hitler.

The movie *Downfall* chronicles the last 10 days of Hitler's life from his 56th birthday on April 20 to his suicide April 30, 1945.

*Downfall*, along with three other movies, will be a part of the Spring Movie Series sponsored by the Center for Jewish Studies. *Downfall* will play at 6 p.m. today in the Heschel Room of Marrs McLean Science Building.

"The films concentrate on the fall of the Nazi regime and the dissent within it, and the lives of two survivors who meet afterward," said Dr. Marc Ellis, director of the Center for Jewish Studies.

Ellis said that the movie series is an annual event with the Center for Jewish Studies.

Ellis said that the movies are about the Holocaust, but they are

also about something broader.

"They're deeply moving and disturbing, and evocative — about violence and sin but also about hope," he said.

Although the movie series is about the Holocaust, different lessons can be learned about the event, Ellis said.

"The great thing about (the movie series) is that it is a more in-depth way for students to learn about the Holocaust from a different medium and a different perspective," said professor Gabrielle Sutherland, who co-lectures with Ellis in the Hitler and the Holocaust class.

"It is part of our history and something we all should be aware of," she said.

Jackson, Miss. junior Elizabeth Walker said she believes the films help students gain a better understanding of the world by learning about the Holocaust.

"Students should go (to the film series) because even though students don't think the Holocaust directly affects their lives, the Holocaust itself affects things happening today in the world," Walker said.

Screenings will be shown in the Heschel Room, 131 Mars McLean Science Building.

# Lecture series to address leaders

By Stephen Jablonski  
Reporter

Kelly Shushok, minister to life groups at Calvary Baptist Church, will discuss leadership in the church at 7 p.m. in the Barfield Drawing Room today.

Shushok will speak as part of the Leadership Lecture Series held by the Academy for Leader Development & Civic Engagement.

Shushok's lecture will focus on the responsibility of the church to introduce grace into society, and how churches need to understand that calling.

"Many churches don't understand that's their calling," Shushok said. "That's why the church is looking for leaders who will scream grace to the world."

Shushok said she will address that churches are institutions where people should be encouraged to be the most "real."

People shouldn't exude an idealized image of themselves,

but come with all that's troubling them exposed so that they may be "met with the best signs of hope," she said.

"You don't really need grace for the person you're pretending to be," Shushok said. "You need grace for the person who you really are."

According to the Academy for Leader Development & Civic Engagement Web site, the academy was established in 2004 by the Division of Student Life at Baylor University to create a means of collaboration for students practicing leadership.

The academy sponsors four lectures a semester, said Trinity Robb, graduate assistant and coordinator for Leadership Living and Learning Community.

Each of the four fall under a specific sector of society, such as church, private enterprise, contemporary social issues.

"The premise of the lecture series is that leaders should be able to articulate and discern the needs in the environment," said Melissa Gruver, graduate

assistant for student organizations and communications coordinator.

"Our purpose is to introduce students to a multitude and variety of needs in their community," Gruver said.

Gruver said the academy is unique from other departments because they offer class coursework as a co-curricular department of Student Life.

Gruver said the series is meant to convey that a prominent position is not necessary to lead.

The series relies on "diverse and dynamic individuals" to show how the qualities of leadership may be utilized in all aspects of society, she said.

In respect to the church, Shushok said that the church is the only place grace can be found.

"The church is the only place where grace is suspended," Shushok said. "The church is the only conduit for grace to the world. We are called to be leaders in that way."

## BEAR BRIEFS

The Environmental Concern Organization is holding a free film screening at 8 p.m. today at Common Grounds. They will be screening the documentary *Fighting Goliath* about the Central Texas coal fight. For more information, contact whitney\_petty@baylor.edu.

Armstrong Browning Library presents *Much Ado About Nothing* at 7 p.m. today through Saturday. Tickets are available through the library or call 710-4968.

Baylor Students for Social Justice is sponsoring the 3rd Annual Staff Appreciation Day Friday. They will have a table in the Bill Daniel Student Center from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. next to the Daily Grind coffee shop with information about their organization and a petition in support for Baylor to move toward a living wage.

Student Government has applications for students interested in running for student body officers, class officers, or Student Senate positions. The applications will be available in the Student Government office through Friday. The application must be submitted with a \$10 filing fee and GPA slip from Robinson Tower. For more information contact Nekpen\_Osuan@baylor.edu.

The Department of History will hold a presentation by former principal chief of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma, Wilma Mankiller at 3:30 p.m. on Monday in Bennett Auditorium as part of Women's History Month. For more information, please contact the history department. at 710-2667.

Career Services is holding a Job Search Strategies Workshop from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Monday on the fifth floor of Cashion Academic Center. Baylor alumnus Matt Price, who is with Wachovia Securities, will teach students to use different strategies to locate job leads. There will be free pizza and giveaways. For more information, contact Carolyn\_Muska@baylor.edu or call 710-8668.

Career Services will have trained student representatives offering peer resume critiques from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Monday in the Sid Richardson Science Building lobby. For more information, contact Carolyn\_Muska@baylor.edu or call 710-8668.

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# Bears beat Islanders, improve season to 12-2 at home

By Justin Baer  
Sports writer

The No. 20 Bears (15-7) won their second game in as many days with an 11-8 win over the Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi Islanders in a laborious three-and-a-half hour game Wednesday evening at Baylor Ballpark.

Supplementing yesterday's game in which he hit two home runs and tallied four RBI, sophomore right fielder Aaron Miller continued his outbreak from a previous 0-for-12 slump as the Channelview native finished the afternoon 2-4 and tied with a team-high three RBI.

"I am sure he is feeling a lot better and a lot more confident at the plate," head coach Steve Smith said. "We have got some guys that need to follow suit."

Wade Mackey earned the start for Baylor, but was shaky in the limited action he saw.

Junior Mace Thurman etched 4 1/3 innings of work, notching his second win of the season while also tossing a career-high six strike outs.

Although the Islanders did mount a season-high 17 hits off of Baylor pitching, A&M-Corpus Christi also left a season-high 13 runners on base.

"Wade, bless his heart, it's no fair when you don't have your best stuff," Smith said. "But you have got to learn to pitch when you don't have your best stuff."



Alex Song/Lariat staff

Wade Mackey prepares to catch the ball in a game Thursday afternoon at the Baylor Ballpark. Baylor gained victory over Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, 11-8.

Fortunately, Mace was on his game. Clearly the performance he gave us was the key to the game."

The Islanders snatched the initial lead in the top of the first

inning on a Chase Wheaton base hit up the middle that scored Trey Hernandez, who finished the game with an Islander single-game record five hits.

But the Islander lead was

short-lived as the Bears stormed back in the bottom half of the inning with a Miller two-RBI single that scored Beamer Weems and Adam Hornung.

"The last couple of days have

been really good for me because I have been under a lot of control at the plate," Miller said. "That's what I really wasn't doing the past couple of weekends. I was really making them come to me and throw me some strikes."

In the top of the second, Garrett Williams' seeing-eye-single scored Martin Parra and putting an abrupt end to Mackey's day as Thurman came in relief to record the final out of the inning.

Shaver Hansen, who finished the day with three hits including a home run, hit a one-out double off the center field wall before advancing to third on an Andrew Longoria wild pitch. Miller brought home Hansen on a double poked to right center field to put the Bears back on top 3-2.

The Baylor onslaught continued on Longoria's next pitch, when Brooks Kimmey slapped a base hit up the middle scoring Miller.

Dustin Dickerson drew a one-out walk in the bottom of the fourth before advancing to second on a Hornung single. Miller walked to load the bases which set up a Kimmey two-RBI double down the left field line. Landis Ware drew a walk to load the bases, but the Bears were unable to capitalize any further as Christian Slater ended the Bears' threat with a fly out to left field.

The Islanders had plenty of chances to cut into the Bears'

lead in the fifth and six innings. But it was Thurman's ability to get out of a jam that helped Baylor avoid an upset from a 5-18 squad.

"These jams, that's what I have been trouble lately with," Thurman said. "But this time Coach Smith came out there and told me just to focus, and get these guys. And it ended up working."

The Bears would go back to work in the bottom of the sixth with Kimmey and Ware connecting for back-to-back one-out singles for both players' third hits of the game.

After Ben Booker drew a walk, Raynor Campbell slapped a hit right through the third baseman's legs, bringing in two runs to increase the Bears' lead to 8-2.

Hansen's two-run homer in the bottom of the seventh only added insult to injury for the Islanders, but A&M-Corpus Christi did add two runs in the top of the eighth.

The Islanders instilled fear in the Baylor crowd in the top of the ninth, tacking on four quick runs.

Fortunately for the Baylor faithful, Randall Linebaugh came in and was able to record a game-ending double play with the tying run at the plate.

The Bears resume conference play this weekend with a trip to Norman, Okla., to take on an always difficult University of Oklahoma Sooner squad.

## Softball trounced by Texas A&M, 8-0

One-inning outburst in second inning claims game for A&M

By Will Parchman  
Sports editor

The Lady Bears may be missing their departed seniors more than they realized.

The No. 7 Texas A&M University softball team rode the gilded arm of staff ace Megan Gibson to an 8-0 win over Baylor Wednesday at Gettnerman Stadium in a game-shortened six innings.

Gibson ran her record to 19-0, dipped her ERA to 0.75 and shut out No. 18 Baylor (18-10, 1-3) for the second time in seven days. Baylor recorded just one hit and failed to get a runner into scoring position all night.

"It's hard to play with a deficit all the time and that's what we're having to do," head coach Glenn Moore said. "But we just got beat by a team that's much better than us tonight."

Sophomore Kirsten Shortridge got the start for Baylor but didn't make it out of the second inning. She surrendered six runs and threw 51 pitches in just 1 1/3 innings.

After an impressive freshman season last year, Moore said Shortridge's struggles from the mound this season are worrisome.

"Kirsten hasn't thrown well for us this year," Moore said. "Actually I think she's the one we're going to have to ride. I was hoping to just leave her in there and let her struggle, but when you're down six runs you've got

to make a change."

For the second straight night, very little went right for a struggling Baylor softball team that's missing both its top pitcher and run producer from last season. The Lady Bears lost 5-2 to Texas State University on Tuesday. Baylor won both games against Texas A&M last season and knocked the Aggies out of the College World Series to sweep the season series.

Just like the last time these two played this season, a 7-0 Aggie win on March 19 in College Station, a one-inning outburst crippled Baylor's chances.

"I think its confidence and I think its frustration," Moore said. "How do we get it back? I don't know if I have an answer but I know that we're looking down every avenue to go back and look at the things we've done in the past, discussing the banners that are hanging in this stadium."

The Aggies struck for six runs on five hits in the second inning to open the scoring and blow the game open. After loading the bases, a Shortridge wild pitch brought in the game's first run. Left fielder Kelsey Spittler cranked a double over Tiffany Wesley's reach in left field to bring home the remaining two base runners. Spittler then scored on a Macie Morrow single, while Shortridge surrendered a walk and a two-run double to the next two batters she faced.

Brittany Turner then entered to stop the bleeding, but the damage had been done.

"The intensity is there, we



Jeff Leslie/Lariat staff

Brette Reagan bats the ball in Thursday night's game against Texas A&M University. Baylor lost, 8-0.

just have to execute a little bit better," said Turner, who threw 4 2/3 innings in relief and surrendered no runs on four hits. "My teammates were back there talking me up and telling me what I needed to hear and how I needed to pitch well."

Moore called an impromptu team meeting in the pitcher's circle midway through the fifth inning and had it out with what he saw as a talented but under-achieving team.

"(He said) we're better than this and we better pick it up and that it's unacceptable to play the way we came out and played

today," Turner said.

Holly Ridley tacked on a triple in the fifth and scored when the ball got behind Brette Reagan at third base, stretching the lead to 7-0.

Spittler struck again in the sixth with a fielder's choice RBI to mercy rule Baylor and round out the scoring.

"I'm obviously not happy with our team's performance tonight, but I'm not ready to throw in the towel yet," Moore said. "I see a team that's full of talent. I see a team that's very average in the circle, but a team that's full of talent."

## Emil Brown leads Athletics to 5-1 win

By Howard Ulman  
The Associated Press

TOKYO — Emil Brown found a safe way home: hit the ball over the fence.

One day after Brown made a costly baserunning mistake, his three-run homer in the third inning led Oakland over the Boston Red Sox 5-1 Wednesday night and gave the Athletics a split of their opening two-game series.

Following Major League Baseball's third season-opening series in Japan, the teams were to head back to the United States on 10-hour flights across the Pacific with a split.

The Chicago Cubs and New York Mets split their Japanese series in 2000, as did the New York Yankees and Tampa Bay Devil Rays in 2004.

Boston began its World Series title defense with a 6-5, 10-inning victory Tuesday night, boosted by Manny Ramirez tie-breaking, two-run double.

The game might have lasted longer had Brown not been tagged between second and third on his RBI double in the bottom of the 10th.

Ramirez kept hitting Wednesday night with a solo homer in the sixth, although he struck out three times.

He could afford to stand and watch this one, a sure home-run deep into the left-field seats that moved him within nine of joining the 500-home run club.

On Tuesday, he admired his 10th-inning double from the batter's box, thinking it would

clear the fence, then hustled to second.

His homer was one of just three hits off Rich Harden (1-0) who is coming back from three injury-filled seasons and made just four starts last year — none after July 7. The right-hander struck out nine and walked two in six innings.

He did better against the other half of Boston's power duo, retiring David Ortiz twice, once on a strikeout, and walking him once. Big Papi went 0-for-7 in the series.

Coming in, Ortiz was 4-for-5 against Harden and Ramirez was 2-for-3 with two homers apiece.

Jon Lester (0-1) fell behind in the second on a double by Bobby Crosby and an RBI single by Chris Denorfia.

Mark Ellis led off with a walk and Mark Sweeney singled. Brown jumped on a 1-0 pitch from Lester and drove it over the left-field wall.

Oakland added a run in the eighth off Bryan Corey on Jeff Fiorentino's RBI single after a double by Kurt Suzuki, a native of Hawaii with Japanese grandparents.

Santiago Casilla, Keith Foulke and Alan Embree followed Harden with a scoreless inning apiece, completing a five-hitter for Oakland, which rebounded from its fourth straight opening-day loss.

Foulke threw a called third strike past Ramirez to end the eighth with a runner on second.

Lester gave up four runs, five hits and three walks in four innings.

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# 'Yuma' writers screen film at BU

By Erika Pedroza  
Reporter

Baylor alumni Michael Brandt and Derek Haas have their names attached to multiple box office hits such as *2 Fast 2 Furious*, *Invincible* and the upcoming *Wanted*.

And last week the duo trekked back to their roots at a screening of *3:10 To Yuma*, for which they co-wrote the screenplay, in Castellaw Communications Center. During discussion afterward, the screenwriters revealed how they got the start in their Hollywood careers within the walls of the same building on the Baylor campus.

"We met in Bob (Darden)'s class in undergrad," Haas said. In that screenplay and script-

writing class, their talent was evident from the beginning.

"I remember them both very well," said Darden, associate professor of journalism. "They are both good storytellers. You can learn how to write a screenplay, but being able to tell a tale that is better told on screen takes a little more. And Michael and Derek both have a flair for that."

In their varied but similar interests, the two have combined for an effective storytelling team. Brandt said he aspired to become a director, while Haas wanted to write. Despite their different ambitions, they were guided in much the same way.

"Michael was told he should learn the craft of editing because he couldn't really be taught how

to direct," Haas said. "I was told I couldn't really be taught to write but to read everything I could get my hands on."

Brandt specifically attributed guidance to Dr. Michael Korpi, professor of communication studies.

"He told me ... to learn how to be an editor so that I could move to Hollywood with a tangible skill," Brandt said. "And that holds true. What any director does best is edit."

Korpi said it's encouraging to see students his advice.

"It's nice to see it pay off," he said. "Michael has been exceptionally successful."

It was at Baylor that the two developed the bank of knowledge and advice that has paved the way for their success.

"Finding your voice is most important," Brandt said. "Ask yourself, if you would let your mom read it, without any explanation. If Spielberg has to come in and explain his work to you, then he's lost. If you're having to defend yourself, you've missed something."

The duo's next film, *Wanted*, based on a graphic novel and starring Angelina Jolie, Morgan Freeman and James McAvoy, will open in June. Haas also will release a novel this summer.

"I'm thrilled like a grandfather," Darden said. "With students like Michael and Derek, your main goal is to not mess up the natural talent and skills. It's every professor's dream for students to out and get to do what they've dreamt of doing."



David Poe/Lariat staff

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## Teriyaki Park serves sweet deals, sushi

By Lee Ann Marcel  
Reporter

What does Teriyaki Park have that Clay Pot, Bangkok Royale and Magic China don't? Raw fish.

Teriyaki Park is a great place for both those familiar and unfamiliar with the world of sushi. The hole-in-the-wall Japanese Steak and Sushi restaurant is located downtown in the shopping center just down from Ninja's and Gratziano's.

### RESTAURANTREVIEW

The service is quick and friendly and the menu offers low prices on a variety of dishes ranging from typical meats such as teriyaki chicken and beef to sushi.

Being new to the world of raw fish, the employee behind the counter helped me make my decision. He walked me through some of the signature dishes, including the Waco Roll, which is filled with beef, cream cheese, avocado and hot and spicy crabmeat.

Another item that caught my eye was the eel roll. Not quite bold enough to try the eel, I opted for the California roll, which is filled with avocado, cucumber, crabmeat and mayonnaise.

The green walls where adorned with old cookbooks and Japanese lanterns hung from the high ceiling fans. Heavily lacquered tables were scattered in the small eating area.

A few businessmen and stu-

dents sat inside nibbling away at their sushi rolls, and the scene would have been calm if it weren't for the loud radio blaring, "Help Me Rhonda" by the Beach Boys. The music really took away from the Asian vibe of the atmosphere.

I was impressed with how fast my order was brought to me as the kind waiter explained the side ingredients of wasabi and ginger to me.

The California rolls reminded me of a cell with layers and a small green nucleus.

The first layer included white sticky rice that stood out against the dark Asian plate. The rice clung to the outside of the avocado which held the pink crabmeat. Inside the meat was also a small bit of cucumber.

I fumbled around with my chopsticks and eventually got a bite. The rolls were chewy, but the avocado added a bit of crunch to it. The sweet crabmeat complemented the rice and the cucumber added freshness to the meat. With each bite I seemed to notice a different attribute.

I decided to give the wasabi and ginger a try. Being a pansy to spicy things, I was amazed that the green sauce packed a punch.

After recovering from the sting of the wasabi, I tried the pink ginger, which had a tinge of zest to it. Half-way through the meal I realized that the small rolls filled me up quickly.

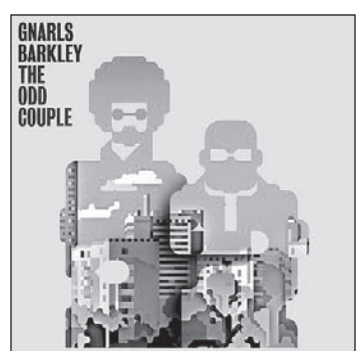
Overall, the food was good, with really nice presentation and you can't beat the prices.

Grade: A-

# 'Odd' is the new cool for Gnarl's album

By Amanda Robison  
Entertainment editor

The world went crazy for "Crazy" in 2006, and now the dynamic duo of producer Danger Mouse and singer Cee-Lo Green (aka Gnarl's Barkley) are back with an equally dynamic sophomore album, ironically titled *The Odd Couple*. However odd Gnarl's Barkley's style may be (musically and otherwise), this pairing is anything but — with an album that suggests they actually might be a perfect match.



entire album. And though *The Odd Couple* has an undeniable energy and upbeat feel throughout, the lyrics aren't left behind as Cee-Lo reaches deep on each track, such as on the second song, "Who's Gonna Save My Soul."

"Going On" begins with an electric guitar and echoing harmonies that immediately evoke the feeling of music of the '60s, which was an obvious influence on the entire album. The track jumps into a quick, clapping beat and Cee-Lo continues with cutting lyrics as he sings, "Anyone who needs what they want and doesn't want what they need, I want nothing to do with." Then the track transitions at around the 2-minute mark into a slowed-down slide with pounding bass and haunting harmonies, making "Going On" a stand-out on *The Odd Couple*.

Next up is the album's first single, "Run (I'm A Natural Disaster)" which sprints along at a record pace and provides a

**Stand-Out Tracks:**  
"A Little Better," "Going On," "Run" and "She Knows"

stark contrast to the following track, "Would Be Killer," which takes a darker turn with a slower bass line, scratching records and somewhat creepier vocals from Cee-Lo.

The dark vibes creep into the next track as well, as "Open Book" brings eclectic tribal drums, with sounds of the jungle in the background and an intense chorus that features Cee-Lo screaming at the top of his lungs. Despite a darker nature on these two tracks, the energy remains high and listeners will not be let down.

"Whatever" and "Surprise" bring the mood back up and lead into "No Time Soon," which may be the only semi-weak track on the entire album. I say semi-weak because though it's actually not a completely weak song, containing the same strong beats and slow, soulful singing, it isn't quite up to par with the rest of the outstanding tracks.

Fast-paced drums and clapping make an appearance again on "She Knows," which is another excellent example of the perfect blend of Danger Mouse's killer beats and Cee-Lo's intriguing lyrics and vocals.

"Blind Mary" initially sounds like something you might hear on a children's album, with

campy keyboards, a spacey sound and a simple beat as Cee-Lo repeats, "I love Mary, Blind Mary marry me," with the same infectious energy that has invaded nearly every track.

*The Odd Couple* ends on a strong note with one of the best tracks (if they can even be ranked), "A Little Better." The production is somewhat toned down, but the soulful vocals and deep bassline evoke an emotional feel that accelerates as the song progresses and Cee-Lo preaches, "What would be on your mind if you knew you was dyin', I would wanna just feel this one more time." I couldn't have said it better myself, because you'll definitely want to feel this album one more time.

He continues by offering "Thank You's" as the song fades out, and you'll also want to thank this duo for an outstanding effort on *The Odd Couple*.

The energy is non-stop on the album, with the endlessly creative beats from Danger Mouse combined with a soul sound Cee-Lo kills with conviction. Gnarl's Barkley has successfully created a style that is all their own and has effortlessly captured a sound with universal appeal.

*The Odd Couple* is going down in my book as the best album of 2008 so far, so good luck to all the other groups releasing music this year, because there's now a lot to live up to.

Grade: A+

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Tibet, but Bush's call raised the protest to the highest level of the U.S. government.

On the world stage, French President Nicolas Sarkozy notably has suggested a boycott of the Olympics opening ceremony in Beijing in August.

The United States and Britain have ruled out a boycott, and Bush has said he will attend. He has taken the position that the Olympics are about athletic competition, not politics.

China has defended its use of force against anti-Chinese protesters in Tibet, describing demonstrations that broke out in the capital city of Lhasa on March 14 as riots and violent crimes.

"No responsible government would sit by and watch when faced with this kind of violent crime, which gravely violated human rights, seriously disrupted social order and seriously endangered the safety of public life and property," Hu told Bush, according to an account by the official Chinese news agency Xinhua.

China's crackdown in response to the most sustained uprising against Chinese rule in almost two decades has put Beijing's human rights record in the international spotlight,

embarrassing and frustrating a Communist leadership that had hoped for a smooth run-up to the Olympic Games.

China on Wednesday showed some signs of relenting, allowing the first group of foreign journalists to visit Lhasa since the violence began.

The reporters were taken to Potala Square, below the Potala Palace, the traditional seat of Tibetan rulers, which reopened Wednesday for the first time since March 14. Then reporters were taken a few blocks away where many shops had been burned out during the violence.

Hadley said Bush pressed for a resumption of now-suspended consultations between China and representatives of the Dalai Lama, and that there was an encouraging response from Hu.

"It was interesting that President Hu said that the government was willing to continue contacts and consultations with the Dalai Lama as long as ... there's an abandonment of Tibetan independence and stopping activities that involve crimes and the use of violence," Hadley said.

Bush and Hu also addressed the sensitive subject of Taiwan, as well as North Korea's failure to hand over a promised declaration of nuclear weapon efforts and political repression in Myanmar.

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problem facing the members of Young's precinct. "There are a lot of people who want to go the state convention."

The Clinton campaign is going to hold classes about the delegate election process at the convention on Saturday.

"Both sides are working very

hard. The turnout is going to be high," said David Gray, a Clinton supporter. "It's historic."

The last slow step, and the final one, will be danced at the Democratic National Convention in August. At the Texas convention, 67 delegates will be elected and sent to the national convention, plus the 126 delegates that were determined by March 4 primary vote.

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punishment is something that is done deliberately. It's a process that involves deliberately taking the life of a person, and most countries disapprove of capital punishment, he said.

"The U.S. finds itself in very unpleasant company in this," he said.

El Paso senior Sarah Viesca

expressed an interest in capital punishment and regarded it as an issue that deserves attention.

"It's the death penalty. I don't think we will ever find a solution for it," said Viesca, who is taking a criminology course this semester. "It's just good to get out and educate yourself and just find out as much about the topic as you can so you can know where you stand."

**DA says he can't indict ex-minister**

The Associated Press

WACO, Texas — A prosecutor said there isn't enough evidence to indict a former minister accused of killing his wife whose death was originally ruled a suicide, but the investigation is continuing.

McLennan County District Attorney John Segrest said the murder charge against Matt Baker stands, but his office agreed to an order issued Tuesday that required a refund of the \$200,000 bond used to

secure Baker's release from jail in October.

Kari Lynn Baker, a 31-year-old teacher, was found dead two years ago in her home in Hewitt, near Waco. A justice of the peace ruled her death a suicide from an overdose of sleeping pills but later ordered the body exhumed after her family pushed for further investigation. The death certificate eventually was amended to list the cause as undetermined.

Because he wasn't indicted within 180 days of his arrest,

the law entitled Baker, 36, to have his cash bond refunded.

"It was an act based solely on the passage of time," Segrest said. "It does not dispose of the criminal charges in the least. Those matters are still under consideration by this office."

Police believe Baker, who reportedly had a mistress, rendered his wife unconscious with sleeping pills, then suffocated her with a pillow from their bedroom as their two daughters slept down the

hall. Baker has denied killing his wife and said he wasn't having an affair with a woman from his church in Lorena. He told police his wife committed suicide because she was dependent over the death of a daughter from cancer.

The wife's family refiled a wrongful death lawsuit against Baker last week. They had withdrawn the suit after Baker's arrest, saying they didn't want their case to interfere with any criminal prosecution.

Karolina Filipiak receives a ball during match play Wednesday at the Baylor Tennis Center.



David Poe/Lariat staff

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for Baylor came when No. 11 Lenka Broosova staged another come-from-behind victory over No. 25 Samantha Murray at No. 3 singles.

After dropping the first set 3-6, Broosova returned to form to take the second set 6-1 and the third set 6-2.

While the rest of the Lady Bears lost their matches, final scores fail to convey the intensity of play.

No. 26 Taylor Ormond gave an incredible effort after having to have her leg taped up halfway through the third set of her match because of cramping, losing the match 3-6, 6-3, 3-6 to No. 5 Georgia Rose.

No. 23 Zuzana Zemenova lost 7-5, 4-6, 2-6 to No. 3 Maria Mosolova in a match that spanned the length of the night and was hard fought throughout.

Freshman Jelena Stanivuk lost her final set 3-6 to Nazlie Ghazal after winning the opening set 6-2 and dropping the second set 6-7 (2-7).

No. 62 Jana Bielikova lost to No. 46 Lauren Lui in the only match to end in straight sets, 4-6, 5-7.

Altogether, it was a match for the ages, and Scrivano looks forward to facing Northwestern in the future.

"The way we're both seeded, if we see them again that probably means that we're playing in a final four or a final," he said. "We'd love to see them again."

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of our complaints come from people who say they waited too long to vote," Burton said. "That is seen as something as positive. It means that there is an increase in people actually getting out and voting."

Texas state party officials

estimated that 1 million voters turned out for the Texas caucuses on March 4. The number sets an unprecedented amount of public involvement in this year's election events. Van Wolfe said that there was a precise protocol for dealing with people standing in line after the polls closed at 7 p.m., although the machines are not automati-

cally cut off at that time.

"All clocks at the election voting places are synchronized according to the electronic equipment," Van Wolfe said. "That's how the judge knows that it's time to go out and close the polls. The judges will sometimes send an official to stand in-line at 7 p.m. to ensure that no one after that person may

enter and vote."

Burton said that the secretary of state office does its job aptly to assist in the voting process.

"A lot of time and effort goes into the election process to ensure that elections run smoothly and the counties have shown great leadership," Burton said.

**Godspeed** by Ben Humeniuk

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