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Profs unveil study tactic

Ecology method provides useful techniques for researchers

By SARA TIRRITO
STAFF WRITER

Dr. Ryan King, associate professor of biology at Baylor, and Dr. Matthew Baker, assistant professor of environmental science at University of Maryland Baltimore County, have created a new method that can be used to analyze data related to air pollution, water pollution or other effects on ecosystems caused by human disturbances.

The method will enable researchers to better analyze data when studying various threshold responses in ecosystems. The method, Threshold Indicator Taxa Analysis, was made available to the public online on Feb. 1.

King said the technique will help researchers to identify where thresholds are, so that the information can be used to help keep ecosystems in balance.

“This technique was more sensitive and precise than other methods,” King said. “In terms of managing natural resources or protecting species or life, it’s important because it’s a tool that allows us to identify these potential tipping points and then we can manage so that we don’t exceed them. Or it could tell us where we have a problem, and then we can go in and try to understand why we have a problem and potentially try to restore the ecosystem so that it’s below the tipping point or threshold.”

Baker said he and King hope the information gained through

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Headed to Vancouver in Flying Colors

A skier flies through the air Monday as he goes down Mount Blackcomb in Whistler, British Columbia, Monday. Whistler will host several events of the upcoming Vancouver 2010 Olympics. The 2010 Winter games begin Friday in Vancouver, British Columbia.

Walmart backs Habitat’s green home

By CATY HIRST
STAFF WRITER

Habitat for Humanity began building its first Green Initiative house Saturday with a \$50,000 grant from Walmart.

Daniel Morales, Walmart media director for the southern region of America, said the \$50,000 grant is typically given to organizations that focus on the areas of education, environment sustainability, job skills training and health and wellness. The grant was awarded to Waco Habitat for Humanity on Nov. 16, 2009.

“We strive to give grants that will have a positive impact within a state or region, especially in places where we operate be-

cause we want to give back to our community,” Morales said. “What we saw in Habitat for Humanity was that it addresses the unmet needs of people in our community.”

Britt Duke, volunteer coordinator for Waco Habitat for Humanity, said they had about 40 volunteers present Saturday.

Morales said Habitat for Humanity aligns with Walmart’s four initiatives of education, sustainability, health and job training.

“This falls in a little bit of all four,” Morales said. “Habitat for Humanity offers a pathway for people to improve themselves and live a better life.”

Emily Fau, associate director for Waco Habitat for Humanity,

said this grant will help fund a new 10-house program, with four primary goals.

The first is to achieve an Energy Star rating on every home built, which ties into two of the other initiatives: to reduce home energy costs for Habitat homeowners and to learn and implement sustainable building practices when building Habitat Homes.

The other goal of the program is to sell the homes to families at cost through a zero-interest mortgage.

Morales said in order for people to meet the basic needs, such as education and health, they must first have a home.

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COURTESY PHOTO

Volunteers for Habitat for Humanity begin work Saturday at the first Green Initiative house, located at 317 N. 11 St. and funded by the Walmart State Giving Program.

Bears go 4-4 in first half of Big 12

By CHRIS DERRETT
SPORTS WRITER

After falling to Texas A&M, 78-71, at Reed Arena last Saturday, Baylor finished its first half of Big 12 play at 4-4.

“It’s not the way you want to start,” senior guard Tweety Carter said of his team’s first eight conference games. “But at the same time we have eight games left. We have to stay focused and stay together as a team.”

LaceDarius Dunn scored 23 points on 9-17 shooting for Baylor, but the Aggies hit key three-pointers and free throws down the stretch to pull away from the Bears.

Baylor narrowed the deficit to three points with 2:01 left before Texas A&M’s B.J. Holmes, who began the game 0-4 from behind the arc, nailed a trey with the shot clock expiring to put his team ahead 72-66.

“The big thing was B.J. hitting those 3’s; that really united (Texas A&M),” head coach Scott Drew said about the game’s final four minutes.

Holmes made his final three shots from downtown, includ-

ing back-to-back 3-pointers that brought the score to 62-61 favoring Baylor at the 4:52 mark.

In the final four minutes Texas A&M drew 16 free throws, converting 14 en route to the win. On average the Aggies shoot 65 percent from the line, good for eighth in the Big 12. Saturday they totaled 33 free throw attempts for the game and shot a season-high 84 percent with 28 made.

Baylor held two six-point advantages during the second half, but each time the Aggies eventually fought back to even the score. Drew credited his opponents for earning crucial rebounds to counter the Bears’ runs.

“Defensively, it was the second-giving opportunities we were giving,” Drew said. “The game was decided for us on the boards. We’ve had one of the top rebounding margins in the country, and today (Texas A&M) really took it to us on the glass.”

Bryan Davis helped the Aggies erase a 47-41 and 57-51 deficit by pulling down offen-

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No. 45 guard Tweety Carter loses control of the basketball while defended by Texas A&M No. 0 forward Bryan Davis (left) and No. 21 forward Ray Turner (right) in Baylor’s 78-71 loss to the Aggies Saturday at Reed Center in College Station.

First Lady fights childhood obesity

By NANCY BENAC
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — By now, it is abundantly clear that Michelle Obama loves french fries. The first lady talks about this “guilty pleasure” all the time, trying to ward off any notion that she is a nutrition nanny even as she cajoles Americans to eat better.

Now, her conversation with the public about the nation’s health and fitness is about to get a lot more pointed.

After laying the groundwork for nearly a year, she launches a campaign today against childhood obesity that she hopes will change the way millions of Americans eat, exercise, look and feel.

To succeed, she will have to take on powerful forces that have left one-third of children overweight:

- Busy parents who hit the fast-food drive-thru rather than cook a balanced dinner.
- Schools where cafeteria meals compete with vending machines and a la carte lines stocked with soda and candy bars.

- Food companies that spend billions hawking fatty snacks to children.

- Poor neighborhoods where nary a banana nor a head of broccoli can be found on store shelves.

- The screens — computer, TV, video — that keep kids off their bikes.

The first lady’s goal is ambitious: to put America on track to solve the childhood obesity problem in a generation. It’s a far cry from the days when Dolley Madison, the first first lady to associate herself with a specific cause, helped to found a District of Columbia home for orphaned girls.

“Thank God it’s not going to be solely up to me,” Obama said recently, stressing that the solution will require stepped-up effort from parents, schools, businesses, nonprofit groups, health professionals and governments.

To underscore that point, she’s bringing together Cabinet members, mayors, sports and entertainment figures, business leaders and more to announce the details of the administra-

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Ten reasons to love sports

Point of View



BY JEREMY JOSEPH

With the start of a new decade and the Super Bowl last weekend, I began to think of why I love sports.

1 After all the of the steroids scandal in baseball I can still look at my childhood hero, Ken Griffey Jr., and say he was the greatest player of this generation. He’s fifth on the list of all-time home run hitters with 630 and he has won 10 Gold Glove awards.

2 I can sit and have dinner with my friends or family and argue about whether Kobe or LeBron is a better basketball player (it’s Kobe obviously).

3 Tiger and Tebow, two of this decade’s greatest winners, are being turned into something that they were not before. Tiger has become an immoral person although we all thought he was the golden boy and Tebow is being projected to be a horrible quarterback in the NFL although he has done nothing but win at the college level.

4 Quotes like, “We’re talking about practice. Not a game, not a game, not the game that I go out there and die for and play every game like it’s my last. Not the game! We talking about practice, man.” and “Playoffs? You want to talk about playoffs? You’re kidding me, I just hope we can win a game.” And, “I’m a man, I’m 40!” can be used in regular conversation when discussing sports.

5 Since we are in an age where it seems like every show on TV is a reality show, sports still are the best reality programming on television. Every game is different. There may still be the same winners year after year after year, but the drama is different. The Cinderellas are different, and every once in a while someone does something that has not happened in a while, like Baylor beating Texas in Austin for the first time since 1998.

6 Speaking of Baylor basketball, we have a guy named Tweety who despite being one of the shortest guys on the court at all times, always has the biggest heart and gets me pumped for games.

7 After talking to Coach Art Briles and interviewing tennis Coach Matt Knoll and track Coach Todd Harbour, I realized that these guys are class acts and are here to help improve Baylor and Baylor athletics.

8 A city that has gone through the devastation that New Orleans has can identify with a football team and if only for about three hours, they can forget about the past and rejoice in the current bliss of their team.

9 Events and people like the original “Dream Team,” the 1980s Miracle on Ice, Jackie Robinson, Michael Jordan and Muhammad Ali, transcend time.

10 I absolutely hate the Dallas Cowboys and you cannot change my mind on that one. Of my two grandpas, one a Steelers fan, the other an Oilers fan, neither could stand them and that is the way I was raised.

Sports will always hold a special place in American society because of the drama they bring and because everyone knows what it feels like to compete.

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Attempted child-smuggling in Haiti

Why it was wrong and what this country should be doing to rectify damage done

Editorial

The Idaho-based Baptist group that was caught attempting to smuggle 33 Haitian children in what they called a rescue effort has received an outpouring of support, especially from the Christian community.

While it is never desirable to see fellow Christians face penalty for good-hearted efforts, their actions were neither heroic nor positive in shedding light on the Christian mission.

Simply put, what they did was lawless and should not be excused or praised by the Christian community.

It is not a question of the Baptist group’s intentions. It is clear that they meant to save orphaned children, however, in doing so, they may have transgressed the law and should be penalized in such a way. They were charged with child kidnapping Thursday under Haitian law and are awaiting a further decision in jail.

The Haitian government, though in shambles, is doing the correct thing in treating this group as it would anyone suspected of a crime. Nothing should exclude these people from the Haitian rule of law — not their American citizenship and especially not their intentions. It is even possible that the group exploited Haiti’s weakened government structure to further their cause.

In a statement to CBS News, Laura Silsby, the Baptist group’s leader, proved that how the concept of using one’s heart rather than one’s head does not always translate into smart decisions.

“We have not in any way trafficked or kidnapped children,” Silsby said. “We came here out of love in our hearts for these children and have done our best to help them.”

Clearly, carrying a busload of 33 children into the Dominican Republic is not the way we, as Americans and Christians, should be showing love and support to the people of Haiti. While these 10 Americans may not deserve the same treatment as child traffickers, they are serving as an example to others of the type of initiative that is not acceptable by the international community.




Another unfortunate aspect of this group’s actions is the possibility of repercussions for Baptist missionaries and aid workers serving in Haiti in the future. The fact that the press has referred to this group as “the Baptists” since their arrest on Jan. 29 is disconcerting and does not do good things for the church’s reputation. Perhaps the only positive thing that came from this ordeal is a new awareness of the gross incompetence of Haiti’s orphanages and child welfare system.

We should do all we can to ensure that money and aid go to bolstering the broken system for the children’s sake instead of taking it upon ourselves to decide their fates.

Immortal Ten: Reminder in appreciation

Point of View



BY CHRIS DERRETT

Two weeks ago I went with the Bear Pit to cheer on the Bears in Austin, and — to summarize — it was awesome. Avery Bradley’s final shot clanked off the iron, and suddenly the pain of three road trips we took last year (all resulting in Baylor losses), and seeing a hard-fought effort fall short to Kansas State this season all melted away.

We will remember the jubilation forever, and for that reason I never thought a Bear Pit trip could inspire a column that has nothing to do with a ball going through a hoop. Absolutely nothing.

Long before the jumping, screaming and raucous celebration used to release the anxiety and anticipation pent up during the game, we took a detour in Round Rock.

After strolling through the town’s historic downtown district, our three buses stopped at a railway, a seemingly ordinary iron track appearing no different than any other stretch of tracks in America.

And there was a bridge.

Eighty-three years and eight days prior to our trip that bridge did not exist, only that railroad, a torrential downpour, a bus, and the Sunshine Special train speeding toward the intersection.

Anybody who has attended a Freshman Mass Meeting knows where this story is going.

Sparing the horrific details, the train collided with the bus and killed 10 students traveling to Austin for a 1927 game against the Longhorns.

Passing drivers maneuvered around us, probably puzzled and irritated at three buses blocking half of the road. I’d guess most of them had no idea what had happened 83 years ago; nothing about the blue skies and sunshine gave any indication of the tragedy eight decades ago.

A Bear Pit officer read an account of the accident and advice to us about cherishing each day. Each generation of students must take every opportunity and put forth its best effort with the privilege of life.

I know what some of you are thinking: “Yeah, life is precious, blah, blah...” We’ve all heard that message countless times.

But think about it for a second.

When the Bears beat Texas, at least for me it was very easy for me to cherish life. Who doesn’t want to see some of his or her hopes come to fruition, in any aspect of life?

It’s not so easy when the situation sucks. When four tests all demand maximum focus, and three hours of sleep (or less) each night strain our bodies and minds, it sucks. When relationships with roommates, boyfriends or girlfriends, or even family members, get rocky during the semester, it’s rough.

Yet, we cannot let any of it distort the simple fact that life is not a given.

I consider each day a blessing from God, but regardless of belief each of us should appreciate waking up. Whether you see the sunrise as a miraculous blessing or a random occurrence of science and nature, you have awakened to another day.

Just like us, the Immortal Ten awakened expecting to give their best effort, on or off the court, and hopefully beat Texas.

We still had assignments due at Baylor after the Texas game. So did they.

We have people who care and support us every day. So did they.

We marched out of the Erwin Center overjoyed at the victory. They lost their lives.

Both current Baylor students and those lost in 1927 saw the prospects of life after a game. I live today, reminded on that Saturday of how awesome each day is.

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Lariat Letter

The students at Baylor University are brilliant, dedicated and determined to make the most of their education. A major part of making our time here valuable when we enter the work force is through experience. I have devised a plan that will ensure that we are adequately prepared for the “real world” — a weekly game day! The business majors can whip out “Monopoly,” the pre-med folks can try out their hopefully steady hands on “Operation,” the art kids can stretch their imaginations with “Pictionary,” physical education students can play “Twister,” and English majors can increase their vocabulary earning double word and triple letter scores with “Scrabble.”

This game day would not only give students a much-needed break from constant tests and lectures, but it would build camaraderie between students and prepare them for life after Baylor. For example, when climbing the ladder to financial success one must know whom to please, what strategy to take and also have lady luck on your side. And don’t worry...for those students who are still “undecided,” there is always “Twenty Questions” to help narrow down the endless prospects! A person can just roll the dice and behold the possibilities!

Megan Williams
Weatherford sophomore

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Please Recycle This Issue

Yeasayer’s latest album is top-heavy but good

By JAMES BYERS
REPORTER

Brooklyn-based Yeasayer once described its sound as “Middle Eastern-psych-snap-gospel,” quite possibly the coolest genre name I’ve encountered.

ALBUM | REVIEW

“Odd Blood,” the band’s second full-length album, finds the band drifting from that eclectic description and instead embracing the electro-pop of fellow New York bands like MGMT and Animal Collective.

Opener “The Children” uses dissonant electronic flourishes and mechanized vocals, a clear sign of the band’s evolution since 2007’s debut “All Hour Cymbals.”

“The Children” serves as little more than an introduction to the first single, “Ambling Alp,” an insidiously catchy art-pop anthem

with themes of encouragement and self-actualization (“Now, the world can be an unfair place at times / But your lows will have their complement of highs”).

There’s nothing wrong with evolving when the result is as quirky and danceable as “Ambling Alp.”

Thankfully, “Ambling Alp” is the first of several consecutive strong tracks.

“Madder Red” has a stadium-ready feel with its huge, harmonizing chorus.

While lead singer Chris Keating can carry a song all by himself, the band is at its best when all three members contribute vocally, as on “Madder Red.”

“I Remember” is the only Yeasayer song you could slow dance to.

It’s an unabashed, slow-moving ballad, complete with bleeping synths and Keating’s longing falsetto. (“You’re stuck in my mind / all the time,” he sighs).

I can only describe it as the

strangest song Michael Bolton never wrote, which I suppose is a compliment, but it perilously straddles the line between earnest and cliché.

Keating argues with himself like a schizophrenic on the bouncy “O.N.E.,” unable to decide if he should stick with his lover or leave while he still can.

With its ambient interlude and soulful chorus, “O.N.E.” is another unreasonably catchy standout, but unfortunately it’s the album’s high-water mark.

The second half of the album exhausts some of the goodwill the first six tracks generated by trying a little too hard.

“Love Me Girl” builds for two minutes, but instead of a proper payoff, Keating gives us a Justin Timberlake impression that he can’t convincingly pull off.

“Rome” and “Mondegreen” are both full of energy, and the latter is even driven by a saxophone, but both are saddled with slightly embarrassing lyrics and

lack the punch that make “Ambling Alp,” and “O.N.E.” so dynamic.

“Strange Reunions” utilizes a twanging sitar, giving the song a world music flavor.

As such, it’s a pleasant reminder of the “Middle Eastern” tag the band once favored, a tag that’s clearly much less apt now.

Yeasayer has a real penchant for strong singles.

Too bad they’re all stacked on the first half of the album.

Still, “Odd Blood” has its moments of outstanding pop sensibility.

That the band couldn’t sustain the creativity for the duration of the album is a little disappointing but understandable when considering the big stylistic jump.

The high points of “Odd Blood” are excellent, and they provide hope for a more consistent third album.

Grade: B



COURTESY PHOTO

The cover of Yeasayer's “Odd Blood,” expected to release today. Yeasayer is a Brooklyn-based band and “Odd Blood” is its second full-length album.

Bingo Walk promotes health, fun, unity

By JOHN D. ELIZONDO
REPORTER

This Saturday the Baylor fitness department will revolutionize the game of bingo. Say goodbye to sitting in bingo halls and hello to running on a track at the upcoming Bingo Walk.

The event will take place 10 a.m. Saturday at the Hart-Patterson Track, near Floyd Casey Stadium.

Participants will walk around the track while playing bingo at the same time.

“It is a good way to interact in the Waco community that you might not see in an everyday basis,” Tyler freshman Jon-Kayla

Brown said. “It is a way to be involved, exercise.”

The Bingo Walk is being held as a part of Baylor fitness department’s Pound for Pound Challenge.

The Pound for Pound Challenge is a university and city wide event that will donate 14 cents to Feeding America, a national food bank distributor, for every pound pledged to be lost.

Feeding America will then donate and distribute the money to local food banks, Caritas and Mission Waco.

The walk is one of the five monthly events Baylor fitness will sponsor to help people lose weight for the challenge.

“It is for a really good cause and everyone wants to lose weight and look good, and the more weight you [pledge to] lose the more food that is donated to the local food banks,” said Lindale freshman Sarah Cooper.

Van Davis, director of the event and assistant director for fitness and nutrition education at Baylor, said the Bingo Walk is not just for the 100-plus people already participating in the Pound for Pound challenge, but for everyone.

She hopes to attract more participants with the Bingo walk.

“I am hoping that this is an event participants can come to, but if there are anyone who has not joined we will have information

for them, so that after the walk they can go sign up,” Davis said.

The walk is free and no early registration is needed.

“When people come up to the sign in we will issue them a bingo card, a hard card with little windows so you could close them up when your number is called,” Davis said.

Davis suggest for participants to show up early for the event so they can hear instructions and stretch before they walk.

Door prizes will be awarded to the winners after each game, and if there are any prizes left over there will be a drawing for everyone still present.

The Bingo Walk will last for

about 45 minutes and Davis is certain that the event will end by 11 a.m.

At the end of the event, snacks will be provided and Davis will lead a stretching routine along with a talk about the importance of flexibility.

The event will be held regardless of the temperature, and Davis said participants should dress weather-appropriate.

“I would love for the Baylor students and faculty and staff to come out. I know it is at 10 a.m., but hopefully the weather will be a little warmer and students can still sleep in a little bit and then come out for a good cause,” she said.

Michael Jackson’s doctor pleads not guilty

By ANTHONY MCCARTNEY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES — Michael Jackson’s doctor pleaded not guilty Monday to involuntary manslaughter in the death of the pop star at a brief hearing that had all the trappings of another sensational celebrity courtroom drama.

Dr. Conrad Murray appeared in court in a gray suit as Jackson’s father Joe, mother Katherine, and siblings LaToya, Jermaine, Tito, Jackie and Randy watched from courtroom seats behind prosecutors.

Neither Murray nor the Jacksons showed much emotion as Murray entered his plea through his attorney Ed Chernoff.

“We need justice,” Joe Jackson said outside court before leaving with family members in a fleet of Cadillac Escalades.

Earlier, several people shouted “murderer” as Murray walked past a crowd of hundreds of reporters and Jackson fans on his way to a courthouse adjacent to Los Angeles International Airport.

Murray, 56, a Houston cardiologist who was with Jackson when he died June 25, entered his plea just hours after he was charged.

Superior Court Judge Keith L. Schwartz set bail at \$75,000, three times more than the amount most



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Conrad Murray, Michael Jackson's doctor, looks on as his attorney, Ed Chernoff, speaks during his arraignment Monday at the Los Angeles Superior Court on charges of involuntary manslaughter in the singer's death.

people face after being charged with involuntary manslaughter.

Prosecutors had been seeking \$300,000 bail for Murray, who was taken into custody by deputies but not handcuffed in public. He was expected to be released later in the day.

The judge told Murray he could travel throughout the United States after posting bail but must surrender his passport and not leave the country.

It appeared authorities were taking extra steps to ensure the arraignment did not become a media circus.

Lines were formed to gain ad-

mission to the courtroom, and the Jackson family was escorted in separately and seated before anyone else arrived.

Despite the precautions, the upcoming proceedings promise to be the focus of widespread attention.

Jackson, 50, hired Murray in May to be his personal physician as he prepared for a strenuous series of comeback performances.

Officials said the singer died in Los Angeles after Murray administered the powerful general anesthetic propofol and two other sedatives to get the chronic insomniac to sleep.

Murray is accused of the single felony count in a five-page complaint that said he “did unlawfully, and without malice, kill Michael Joseph Jackson” by acting “without due caution and circumspection.”

The complaint contains no details on Jackson’s death, but authorities have said the singer died after Murray administered the anesthetic and other drugs. Murray has said he did nothing that should have caused Jackson to die.

If convicted, the doctor could face up to four years in prison.

“We’ll make bail, we’ll plead not guilty and we’ll fight like hell,” Chernoff said before the charge was filed.

Known as “milk of amnesia,” propofol is only supposed to be administered by an anesthesia professional in a medical setting because it depresses breathing and heart rate while lowering blood pressure.

The American Society of Anesthesiologists warned in 2004 that a doctor using propofol should have education and training to manage anesthesia complications, be physically present throughout sedation and monitor patients “without interruption” for signs of trouble. Rescue equipment “must be immediately available,” it said.

Los Angeles investigators were methodical in building a case against Murray, wary of repeating missteps that have plagued some other high-profile celebrity cases, most notably against O.J. Simpson and actor Robert Blake, both of whom were acquitted of murder.

After reviewing toxicology findings, the coroner ruled Jackson’s death a homicide caused by acute intoxication of propofol, with other sedatives a contributing factor.

Murray appears to have obtained the drug legally and its use is not in itself a crime.

The comeback concerts sold out in anticipation of Jackson’s return as the “King of Pop” after years of odd behavior, trial and acquittal on molestation charges and self-imposed isolation that overshadowed a lifetime in music that reached superstardom with the 1982 album “Thriller” and such hits as “Beat It” and “Billie Jean.”

At the time of his death, Jackson was in relatively good health and had no illegal drugs in his system, according to the autopsy report obtained by The Associated Press.

Jackson had a strong heart and his kidneys and most other major organs were normal, according to the autopsy.

BEAR BRIEFS

Faculty Chopin Tribute

The Baylor School of Music presents a faculty piano recital at 7:30 p.m. today in Roxy Grove Hall. Eight members of the music school’s piano faculty will perform a bicentennial salute to Polish composer Frederic Chopin, who was born in 1810. This concert is free and open to the public.

‘The Seagull’ Opens Tonight

Baylor Theater presents “The Seagull” by Anton Chekhov at 7:30 p.m. in Mabree Theatre at Hooper-Schaefer Fine Arts Center. Tickets are available online or at the ticket booth. Regular ticket price is \$15.

Karate practice

Shotokai karate will hold karate practice from 8 to10 p.m. today in 320 Marrs-McLean Gym. Principles of practices will be taught and reviewed.

Last Day to drop class without grade

Today is the last day students may drop a class with either a DP or DF assigned by instructor on record. Any class dropped will be refunded 25 percent.

OneBU Meeting

OneBU will hold a general meeting from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Wenesday in 100 Morrison Hall. Diversity will be discussed.

To submit a bear brief, e-mail Lariat@baylor.edu.

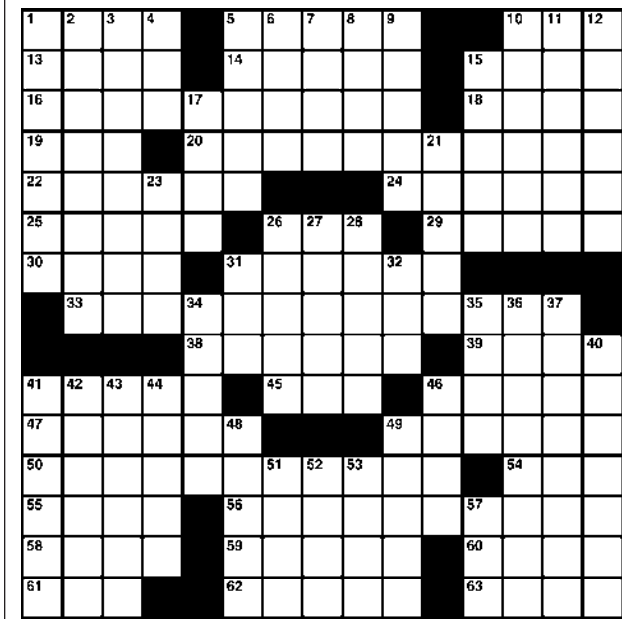
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Dr. J. Eric Wilson, conductor, leads the Wind Ensemble Monday during a performance in the Jones Concert Hall. The concert featured guest conductor Isaiah Odajima.

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use of the TITAN method will be applied in conservation efforts. "We hope that the use of the method will provide scientists with much deeper insight into how, when and why communities change in response to environmental degradation," Baker said. "That information could be used in all kinds of conservation efforts. That's one of the places we envision that it would be used— in the conservation of biodiversity and in development of environmental regulatory criteria." The professors decided to make the method available to other researchers for free because they believed it could have a greater impact.

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"They have to have a stable place to live, a roof over their head," Morales said. "This grant definitely helps meet some of that criteria." Morales said Habitat's desire to implement green technology is a reason the grant was awarded to Waco Habitat for Humanity. "One of our focuses is environment stability and we want to assist in the development of environmentally stable communities," he said. "That was one very attractive piece of their grant submission." This project, funded by the grant, will target very low-income households, where the household income is 30-60 percent of area median income in Waco, according to Fau. The project is estimated to impact 43 people, 26 of whom are children. Fau said the grant is the product of a longtime relationship with Walmart. Habitat for Humanity first began working with Walmart during Walmart's Volunteerism Always Pays (VAP) program a few years ago. Walmart Market 262, which consists of 12 stores in Waco and the surrounding area, has had many employees volunteer for Habitat for Humanity. Every time an employee volun-

"There are two different forms of currency. There's money and getting paid for a method, but there's also recognition and impact on the scientific community. By providing it for free, it will be used more by others," King said. "We think it's useful so we hope it's a useful method for others." Baker said they also hope the method will give other researchers better insight in working with their data. "Our primary interest in providing the code was to sort of enhance the understanding that scientists have of the data they work with. We think our method can provide that insight," Baker said. "We want people to not have to come through us, but to be

able to test it and discover it on their own so that it's used more widely. We feel strongly that our method will stand up to scrutiny, so we're not afraid to put it out there." Robert Doyle, chair of the biology department and director of reservoir and aquatic systems at Baylor, said the method is unconventional. "It's a very different use of statistics than the traditional ways," Doyle said. "King's ability to help us understand how to deal with these messy, complicated data sets is really valuable to anyone trying to manage water resources. We're delighted to have him here; he's brought a lot of new ideas and new techniques to us."

teers, Walmart gives money to Habitat. "They decided over the course of the last few years to focus on us because we had many stores working on our behalf," Fau said. VAP earned \$50,000 for Habitat for Humanity, and it is from this relationship that Habitat for Humanity was encouraged to apply for the \$50,000 grant from the Walmart State Giving Program. "We got to visit with some people higher up the chain on a state level, and we were invited to apply for the grant we just got," Fau said. "Rather than make it a house sponsorship, we decided to make it a larger project." Fau said the Walmart Return Center has also started to volunteer for Habitat, recently earning \$5,000 for Habitat for Humanity. This money will be applied to the Green Initiative program. Duke said the Walmart volunteers are helpful in the building projects. "They provide a lot of support and they are coming out in May," Duke said. "We have them booked for three weekends in May, and typically they have about 30 volunteers that come out for each weekend." Morales said, in total, Walmart

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tion's effort. That will involve promoting healthier schools, increasing physical activity for kids, improving access to healthy foods and giving people more nutrition information. Health advocates couldn't be happier to have a popular first lady adopting childhood obesity as her cause. They're also keenly aware of how difficult the problem will be to solve. "You don't just go from epidemic obesity to epidemic leanness," says obesity expert Dr. David Katz, director of Yale University's Prevention Research Center. Still, Katz says, Obama can provide the inspiration to help "shift the massive momentum of our society in the right direction." Lofty goals have come and gone before. A decade ago, the government's "Healthy People" program set a 2010 target that just 5 percent of children would be overweight or obese. The most updated government figures, released last month, weighed in at 32 percent for 2007-2008. The childhood obesity rate has at least held steady in recent years, but at levels that still leave today's children on track to die younger than their parents. The first lady has prepared for the obesity campaign by falling asleep over briefing papers, consulting with legislators, Cabinet members and policy experts, and speaking about the challenges that overstressed parents face in doing right by their children. And, famously, by hula hooping on the South Lawn to promote the need to get kids moving. She says she spent the past year figuring out how to talk about all of this "in a way that doesn't make already overstressed, anxious parents feel even more guilty about a very hard thing." That's where the french fries come in, part of the first lady's message that nobody's perfect and that there's plenty of wiggle room in a healthy diet. Obama caught some criticism by talking openly about having to watch the weight of her own daughters, a sign of just how touchy the subject can be. Clyde Yancy, president of the

American Heart Association, said Obama's focus will help generate the "noise" needed to change attitudes. But he said lots of organizations need to be involved to make substantive changes such as reducing fatty snacks and sodas in schools, providing better nutrition labeling of processed foods and more. "Anything she can do would be helpful because the burden of the problem is just that profound," Yancy said. Her challenge will be to give her message more bite than last year's gentle prodding, without coming on too strong and sounding like a national scold. She'll have to find creative ways to keep the message fresh so people don't tune out. "It has to be a pretty aggressive bully pulpit," says Jeff Levi, executive director of the Trust for America's Health, a Washington-based public health research organization. "It has to be much more than cajoling, and how do we solve this problem together." Levi said the first lady, who speaks as a mother as well as a public figure, can have a huge impact by helping change parents' and kids' attitudes toward food and exercise. But an effective campaign against childhood obesity also will require more money to carry out programs to help families turn changed attitudes into action. "We already have in place a constellation of programs that together can provide the opportunity to make the changes in schools and communities that would make a difference," he said. "The problem is that they are not fully funded." Ideas abound for addressing the problem: • Increase federal money to make healthier school lunches for poor kids. • Improve nutrition standards for school lunches; get the chips and doughnuts out of school vending machines. • Expand time for school recess and physical education. • Use federal incentives to encourage low-income families to buy healthier foods. • Prod food makers to stop targeting children with ads for high-calorie treats on TV and in

online video games. • Get more restaurants to print nutrition information on menus. • Do more medical screening for obesity in children. • Improve food labeling. • Provide more behavior counseling to overweight kids. The list goes on. The school lunch program, which is up for an overhaul by Congress this year, is one sure area of focus, and the administration is working with legislators on how to revise it. There should be some extra money available. President Barack Obama's proposed budget calls for an additional \$1 billion a year for child nutrition programs. Last year's economic stimulus package included \$500 million for one-time grants to help states and communities tackle smoking, obesity and various preventable health problems. Dora Rivas, president of the School Nutrition Association and director of food services for the Dallas public schools, said Michelle Obama can be a "great motivator" for parents and kids. But, she said, schools need more federal dollars to work more fresh fruits and vegetables and whole grains into lunches, and to keep up with the growing numbers of children who qualify for free or reduced-cost meals. Katz, the Yale obesity expert, said that while more money always helps, much can be done through sheer will and low-cost ingenuity to help build more physical activity into daily life and to motivate people to eat better. As people demand better food, companies will respond with better choices, he says. Like the first lady, though, Katz identified "food deserts"—poor areas where it's hard to find stores that offer healthy foods—as a particularly tough problem, one that will require addressing broader social inequities in society. The first lady said last month she won't be satisfied unless she knows she's made a difference. "That's the legacy I want," she said. "I want to leave something behind that we can say, because of this time that this person spent here, this thing has changed."

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sive boards on each of his team's counter-runs. Saturday night Texas A&M outrebounded Baylor 36-26, including 15 offensive rebounds versus the Bears' six. A 54 percent free throw shooter entering Saturday, Davis also hit 8 of 9 attempts from the charity stripe. Baylor silenced the crowd from the opening tip with a 24-12 lead, but three consecutive transition buckets capped a 14-4 run that got the 13,021 fans on their feet. "We were not staying focused;

we were relaxing," Carter said. "Give credit to (Texas A&M). They did a great job of keeping composure, executing on offense and getting stops." Although Baylor held the lead for the entire first half, it could not pull away after Texas A&M's run and entered the locker room up 35-32. Ekpe Udoh scored 14 points in the first 20 minutes on 6-9 shooting but was held to 0-6 after half-time. "It was the same defense (in the second half). It was my fault for not staying as aggressive as I

should have been," Udoh said. Texas A&M's win pushed Big 12 teams' combined home conference record to 34-16. Although both teams offered competitive basketball on Saturday, Drew acknowledged the difficulty for teams playing on the road. "It's very hard," Drew said about winning on the road in the Big 12. "I think top to bottom you could go down the line of just how tough these games are. Every game is going to come down to a couple of possessions, who makes shots and who doesn't."

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