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Research ties religion with racial bias

Study uses priming to test an environment’s impact on mindset

By CATY HIRST
STAFF WRITER

Baylor researchers in the psychology and neuroscience department have discovered a connection between Christian religious concepts and racial prejudice.

The study, “Priming Christian Religious Concepts Increases Racial Prejudice,” was published in the Social Psychological and Personality Science Journal.

Megan Johnson, a third-year graduate student in social psychology, was the first author of the study and used subliminal priming techniques on computers to test how people’s environ-

ment affects their views.

Priming is when exposure to a particular concept influences an individual’s response to other issues.

“Priming as a whole, the main goal there is just knowing that our environment and things around us we are not totally aware of are affecting attitudes,” Johnson said. “So I think that would probably be the big, important thing here.”

Dr. Jaime Diaz-Granados, chair of the psychology and neuroscience department, said priming is an important way to research.

“I think it is an interesting finding that seems to show that individuals’ attitudes can be modified by their surroundings, in this case the priming by religious words,” Diaz-Granados said.

Dr. Wade Rowatt, associ-

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Combating Cancer One Slam at a Time

Flower Mound freshman Eric Bennett takes a swing on a beat-up car Wednesday in Fountain Mall. Members of the American Medical Student Association set up the car bashing as a fundraising effort for Baylor’s Relay for Life, which will be held on April 16.

Dia: Caillat slotted as year’s headliner

By SARA TIRRITO
STAFF WRITER

Acoustic artist Colbie Caillat will be headlining for the 76th Annual Diadeloso on April 22 in Fountain Mall.

“So many of my fans are college students, so when I was asked to perform at Diadeloso I knew I would be performing in front of an audience that knows me and knows my music,” Caillat wrote in an e-mail to the Lariat, “and that is always a great place to be.”

Boerne junior Scott Neumann, Diadeloso chairman, said this year’s theme, DiaNOW: Noise of Waco, is intended to continue last year’s music festival style, Diapalooza.

Entertainment coordinator and Midland junior Chris Salazar said other performers will include this year’s Uproar artists: Emory sophomore Brin Beaver, Waco freshman Drew Greenway, Glen Rose junior

David Dulcie, Franklin, Tenn., senior Michele Piland and Zoo Studio. Others set to play at Dia are Rockdale sophomore Garrett Muston and High Valley, a Canadian country band.

Dallas band Shapes Stars Make and Austin bands SPEAK and The Steps will also per-

“I hope to connect with everyone, and have a fun and great night.”

Colbie Caillat
Singer

form.

Caillat will be the last act and is slated to perform around 10 or 10:30 p.m.

Caillat said she may play some new songs at Dia and

might take song requests during her performance.

“I have just been in Hawaii, writing for a new album, so maybe I’ll try some of those out on the audience,” Caillat said. “My fans can expect to hear Bubbly, Fallin’ For You, my new single: I Never Told You, and if they shout out a song title loud enough, I might play that too.”

Caillat said she is looking forward to seeing the audience’s response to her song choices.

“I am always interested to see what songs an audience likes best,” Caillat said. “And also to see if this Texas audience differs from other parts of the country.”

Caillat said during her performance she may also speak about the Surfrider Foundation, a group that works to protect oceans and beaches worldwide.

“I am a big supporter of the Surfrider Foundation, and

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Pollen, sniffles abound

Current weather conditions form miserable atmosphere for Wacoans; doctors stress allergen precautions

By JOHN D. ELIZONDO
REPORTER

The sun is out, the trees have green leaves, and there is pollen all over the place.

Dr. Pramila Daftary of Allergy Asthma Care of Waco said the recent weather conditions have caused the immense amount of pollen and in turn, many of her patients have become sick.

“I have been really busy because of the pollen,” Daftary said. “There has been plenty of rain in the last several weeks, the temperature is warming up and the wind is what is causing the pollen to spread all over.”

Daftary said the pollen is affecting people in Waco more than usual and people should take the proper precautions to stay healthy, especially those with asthma.

“Students should take regular antihistamine if they have allergies,” Daftary said. “Then they should limit their activities outdoors, especially the two to three hours after sunrise because

the pollen count is extremely high. “

Daftary said students should not open windows in their apartments or in their cars no matter how nice the day is. She also suggested for anyone with an indoor/outdoor pet to keep the pet out of the bedrooms to prevent spreading of pollen.

Daftary encourages students to stay indoors as much as possible.

“If students are outside for a long time they should take quick showers as soon as they go indoors so that way the pollen does not stay trapped in their hair and clothes,” Daftary said.

Dr. N.J. Amar of the Hillcrest Allergy and Asthma Center said he has seen a lot of patients lately and said students should be aware of allergy symptoms.

“[Patients] have reached the allergy climax, which is like sneezing, running nose, congestion, itchy and watery eyes, wheezing and some skin rashes.” Amar said. “Those are some of the

symptoms and we have seen quite a few.”

Amar said if these symptoms develop, then students should take allergy medicine such as Claritin or Zyrtec to treat the allergies, but if it gets worse then students should get further assistance.

“If they still have problems, then they should see the doctor, and if they have problems long enough then they need to get an allergy shot,” he said.

Dr. Sharon Stern, Baylor health services medical director, has seen many Baylor students come in this spring with allergy symptoms.

“Several hundred students come in each year with allergies affecting their nose, but many more come in with allergic rashes and eye itching, as well as asthma,” Stern said.

Stern said in this area of Central Texas there are many common allergens such as mold, grasses, weeds, tree

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Social work professor to travel to China to accept award

By SARA TIRRITO
STAFF WRITER

Dr. Michael Sherr, assistant professor in the School of Social Work, recently won the University of Hong Kong Young Scholar Award for Outstanding Abstract.

Sherr will accept the award in June at the 2010 Joint World Conference on Social Work and Social Development in Hong Kong, China. Sherr and Trevor Stephen, a graduate student in the School of Social Work, made plans to attend the conference to give research presentations even before Sherr won the award.

Dr. Gaynor Yancey, professor and associate dean for baccalaureate studies in the School of Social Work, said Sherr is the first member of the school to be



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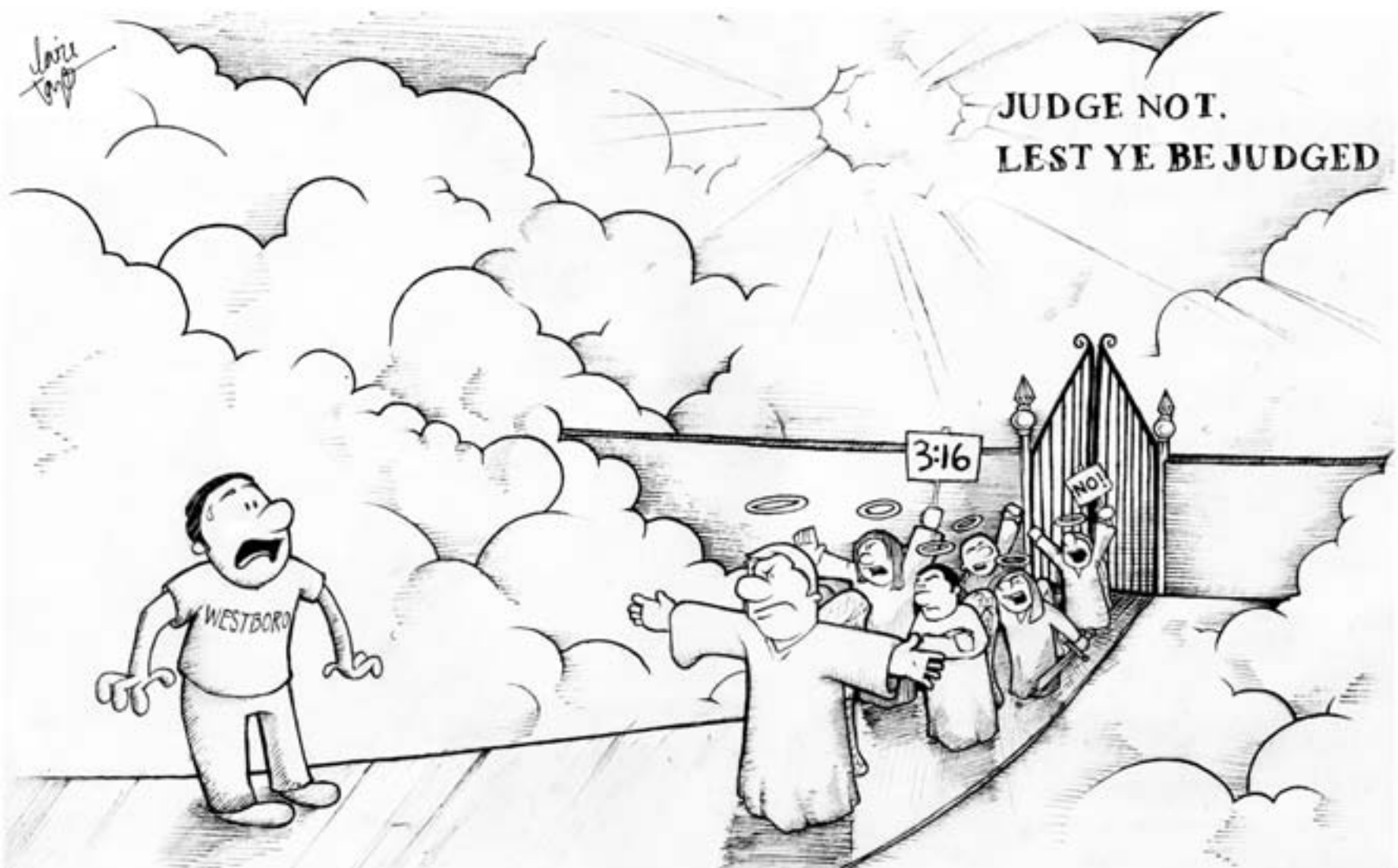
Dr. Michael Sherr, assistant professor in the School of Social Work, will accept the Young Scholar Award for Outstanding Abstract at the 2010 Joint World Conference on Social Work and Social Development in Hong Kong this summer.

chosen to give an international presentation and also the first to be named a young scholar.

The abstract, titled “Analyzing the Practice Methods of Jane Addams: Lessons for Building Partnerships, Social Capital, and

a Global Civil Societies,” utilized research he conducted in 2005 about Jane Addams’ social work strategies. Sherr said these strategies included forging rela-

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Disturbed Baptist group cruelly protests soldier’s funeral, sues his family to pay

Editorial

At a time when most families desire only to grieve, a controversial group has exploited one family and capitalized on a horrible tragedy.

Lance Cpl. Matthew Snyder died in Iraq in 2006. When Snyder’s body was brought home to Westminster, Md., for his funeral, the family received some unexpected and undesired guests.

Bearing signs that said, “You’re going to hell,” “Thank God for dead soldiers” and “God hates you,” members of Topeka, Kan. fundamentalist Westboro Baptist Church protested at Snyder’s funeral.

After suing the protesters for privacy invasion, intentional infliction of emotional distress and civil conspiracy in 2007, Snyder’s family rightfully received nearly \$11 million, which was later reduced to \$5 million.

Westboro dug the knife into the Snyder family deeper when they appealed the ruling. Three federal judges overturned the ruling on the basis of the protesters’ free speech, a valid point. Although some groups’ free speech is decidedly deplorable, free speech must be protected.

Now, however, Westboro Baptist is

trying once again to benefit from this family’s loss. In an even more disturbing attack than the initial protest, Westboro

Margie Phelps, the daughter of Westboro’s founding pastor and the lawyer for the church, gave her commentary on the

“Bearing signs that said, ‘You’re going to hell,’ ‘Thank God for dead soldiers’ and ‘God hates you,’ members of Topeka, Kan. fundamentalist Westboro Baptist Church protested at Snyder’s funeral.”

is seeking a ruling that would require the Snyder family to pay \$16,000 in the church’s legal fees.

The church claims that their lawyer, who is also a member of the church, made \$16,000 worth of copies related to the case.

trials with the Snyder family.

“They wanted to shut down the picketing, so now they’re going to finance it,” Phelps told CNN.

This statement provides a question. If the church needs \$16,000 to pay for copies related to this case, shouldn’t

they be spending that money on copies as opposed to funding protests? Clearly, Phelps has stated that the organization intends to use the money to fund future protests, not a ridiculous number of copies.

Snyder’s lawyer, who took this case against Westboro free of charge, asked the court in October of 2009 if the fees could either be dropped or lowered from the high 50-cent-per-page rate that Westboro placed on the copies. This appeal was denied.

Now the case will be presented before the Supreme Court. The Supreme Court has the opportunity to rule in favor of the memory of a man who gave his life and should be given respect by the citizens he protected with his service.

Westboro Baptist does not deserve this money and surely the Supreme Court will side with the Snyder family.

Westboro used this family’s pain to publically rub salt in the wounds of any family grieving from the loss of loved ones to military service.

The irony of Westboro’s actions is that the soldiers whose families are tormented by these protests gave their lives to protect this group’s hateful free speech.

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Lariat Letter

Concerned walker

Today, I was hit by a bicyclist. This is the third time in this semester that this has happened to me.

I was walking on the sidewalk and not on the street. I ride a bike myself, but I do not ride it on the narrow strip of concrete that’s meant for pedestrians.

I’m sure that I’m not the first person that this has happened to. In fact, I’ve noticed an increase in bike-related accidents every semester.

Baylor must do something to prevent this from happening again. There are now so many bikes, skateboards, cars and pedestrians on campus that the risk of permanent injury has increased to the point where regulatory actions must be done ASAP.

Helena Hernandez
Quezon City, Philippines, junior

Technology evolution: for better or worse?

It’s intriguing how time tends to evolve the human being. No, I’m not referring to that dreaded Darwin character, because honestly, I don’t understand how someone just woke up with a pair of thumbs. Although, I’m sure that person’s reaction would be invaluable.

The rapid technological advances, notably in the previous 15 years, have dramatically altered the social and psychological behaviors of human beings — at least in developed countries. Just imagine how different your college experience would have been in the mid-’90s at Baylor.

Facebook stalking would be nonexistent. Instead of “discovering” that the cute guy or girl who sits in front of you in your Poli Sci class shared your taste in music, you would have to actually (gasp) talk to them.

Asking a girl on a date via text message instead of face-to-face so that rejection is less humiliating?

Thanks technology! Forget about playing Words With Friends on your iPhone during the tedious lecture. You would be required to take notes — which wouldn’t come straight from a PowerPoint.

Point of View

By JUSTIN BAER



With the additional conveniences (or inconveniences depending on your point of view), life has become ubiquitously different.

But has it been for better or worse?

In-depth conversations have now become rarities, and our social skills are depleted by constantly texting, e-mailing and instant messaging. The effects could be adverse down the road in not only a personal aspect, but also a professional aspect.

While conversations behind a keyboard are expedient and sometimes the best option, the nonverbal cues delivered in communication are imperative. With new forms of communication, it’s like we have almost abandoned the

most vital kind — a personal conversation.

The emotion, the passion and even the meaning can get lost in a text. About everything that comes from my mouth is sarcastic, so I probably have more experience than most with misunderstandings that result from text conversations.

So when I say this, I am speaking to people like myself: nonpersonal conversations are not the same. They have become easy-outs — a way to express our emotions timidly.

Charles Dickens once stated “electric communication will never be a substitute for the face of someone who with their soul encourages another

person to be brave and true.”

And he is right. One of my best friends has been broken up with over a Facebook message. Now, I am just waiting to hear a story of a man who proposes to his girlfriend via text or instant message. What has this world come to?

In the professional world, our declining communication skills could become futile.

For example, sales are made or broken in conversation. And while meetings can be set up via e-mail, it’s the passion behind a salesperson that can really drive a buyer to purchase a product. Unfortunately, we are forgetting how to talk to people with our mouths.

While I accept that texting and e-mailing is the future media for communication, sometimes we can’t forget the value of “old-school” behaviors.

And maybe if that Darwin guy is right, I can grow some extra fingers to help me chat.

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Lecture series boasts concerns about water

By HOGAN ALLCORN
REPORTER

State Sen. Kip Averitt presented his lecture entitled “Water and Waco: Can the West Be Won?” on Wednesday night as part of the third annual Baylor University Colloquium on Ancient and Modern Political Inquiry.

CAMPI is a colloquium that examines new and old ways of meeting our water needs.

“H2Old and New: Water and Our World” is official theme of the lecture series that sees three experts in science and politics give their views on water management.

“Water is the key to one of the world’s largest and most robust economies,” Averitt said after explaining that Texas is the 11th

largest independent economies in the world.

Dr. John Thorburn, chair of Baylor’s Classics Department and Associate Professor of Classics, coined this year’s theme.

“The subject began when I was brainstorming about what topic we should examine for this year’s CAMPI event,” Thorburn said. “Because Baylor researchers, Wacoans and inhabitants of our world in general have been and will continue to be extremely concerned about water issues, the phrase ‘H2Old and New’ started to jingle about in my head. Once we had the topic and the title, the colloquium rapidly took shape. It should go without saying that water is one of the most important and basic elements of life. If our water fails, our species fails,

our planet fails.”

Averitt said the Texas population will double in 50 years, yet the amount of water will decrease by 18 percent.

Averitt is chairman of the Senate Committee on Natural Resources. During the 80th Session in 2007, Averitt crafted and passed Senate Bill 3, which advances the development of Texas water policy by protecting instream flows, encouraging conservation of existing water resources and allowing new water projects identified by the State Water Plan to meet future water needs.

Tommye Lou Davis, associate professor of classics and associate dean of the Honors College, introduced Averitt before his presentation on Wednesday.

The second lecture in the colloquium will be given by Dr. Peter Aicher, an expert on Roman aqueducts and professor of classics at the University of Southern Maine in Portland, Maine.

Aicher’s lecture, “Water in a Cultural Context: The Case of Ancient Rome,” will be presented at 4 p.m. today in Alexander Reading Room in Alexander Hall.

Aicher’s co-worker and associate professor of classics at USM, Dr. Jeannine Uzzi, said attending Aicher’s lecture would certainly be worthwhile.

“Peter is something of a rock star at USM,” Uzzi said. “Students are always enamored of him because he’s been on the Discovery Channel, National Geographic and NOVA as an aqueducts expert. He’s just an en-

gaging and inspirational teacher and we are very lucky to have him at USM.”

Thorburn said a lecture like Aicher’s that examines the past is vital information for our present and future.

“What happened in the past should inform our present and our future,” Thorburn said. “Both the successes and the failures of the past can be instructive, and modern political leaders could learn much from how ancient heads of government dealt with various challenges.”

Dr. Sandra Postel will give the final lecture, titled “Water in Modern Times: Adapting to a New Normal,” at 7p.m. today on the fifth floor of Cashion Academic Center.

Postel is the author and found-

ing director of the New Mexico-based Global Water Policy Project.

She is a former vice president for research at the Worldwatch Institute, a nonprofit organization committed to environmental research.

She was also named one of the “Scientific American 50” by Scientific American magazine in 2002.

“I’m very pleased about the trio of speakers we have: a state senator, an expert in Roman aqueducts, and one of the world’s leading aquatic scientists,” Thorburn said. “All three of these folks will bring different and fascinating perspectives to bear on an issue that is critical to the health and happiness of our world.”

Working out at the Ironhorse, an old-school gym

By ERIN NIPPER
REPORTER

Clinging metal can be heard from the parking lot. Men with muscles and tattoos bulging from beneath sweaty, ripped T-shirts lie on torn vinyl-covered benches as they lift weights with what appears to be little effort.

These men look as if they could break a tree trunk with their bare hands. One would not want any enemies at Ironhorse Gym.

“Hardcore definitely describes our gym,” said boxing and weight trainer Jamie Powell. “The best way to describe it is ‘old school.’ This is the last old-school gym in Waco. It’s the last of a dying breed, because of [more commercialized gyms].”

Powell trains some Baylor students in boxing, and according to him, none compare to their work ethic.

“The ones I’ve had, my Baylor girls are all awesome. If you give me 100 percent like these girls do, then you will see a difference in your body,” Powell said. “Out of all of my clients, they are my

hardest working. A lot of times, they come in and don’t want to work out, because they’ve been in school for two hours, but they still give 100 percent.”

Graduate student and Strickland Scholar Katie Davis started boxing 10 months ago. She said walking into Ironhorse the first time was not an easy thing to do.

“I can clearly remember closing my car door and then walking up and thinking, ‘What am I doing?’” Davis said. “I didn’t know what I was getting in to. I didn’t know if I was going to be able to hold my own in boxing.”

Davis has held her own and has grown to love boxing, as well as the gym.

“It’s rough, probably not as clean as [some gyms], but I go there now because it’s rough and because of the rough music. If I were to change gyms, I think my motivation would be different,” she said. “[It’s] the motivation behind why people are there, people who are completely dedicated, and it’s part of their life. You are going to change the way that



DANIEL CERNERO | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Tomball graduate student Katie Davis throws a punch at personal trainer Jamie Powell during a workout session Wednesday at the Ironhorse Gym.

you work out when you work out with others who are dedicated.”

Owner and trainer Joel Fudge knows that his gym is not a run-of-the-mill fitness center.

“It’s a work atmosphere,” Fudge said. “Everyone works hard. They get in, get work done and sweat it out. It isn’t the type of place that people come to just

to say, ‘I went to the gym.’ We are very result-oriented and work-motivated here.”

Powell agreed.

“The people that you see there are so big and muscle-y. When you see them, you envision yourself being like them,” he said. “You don’t get stronger and bigger by working out by yourself - you get stronger by working out with bigger people and lifting their weights. It’s got its own vibe.”

That “vibe,” as Powell put it, could scare some clients; however, he said there is no reason not to go to Ironhorse just because of its rough-and-tough exterior.

“Everybody is laid back, but they work hard,” Powell said. “All of the aggression is being released on the weights. I’ve never even seen a fight or an argument here.”

With classes and training that include the areas of mixed martial arts, boxing and self-defense, Ironhorse has a variety of clientele.

The gym offers a six-week boot

camp beginning on April 27. The boot camp will be on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays for \$75. The pamphlet says, “Guaranteed 15 to 20 lbs. of weight loss!”

Davis can attest to the results that Ironhorse’s boot camp pamphlet promises.

“I lost 30 pounds when I started boxing,” she said.

Powell says Baylor students should give the gym a chance, even if they are skeptical, because going to a newer, commercial gym might not produce the desired results.

“People who are going to [commercial gyms] are going there and getting babied. It’s old school, but they ought to give it a try just to see what a dying breed is,” Powell said. “You still ‘get paid’ in an old-school way. This isn’t the gym with the air conditioning and fancy equipment, but we train body builders. All of your Olympians—those guys don’t work out at [commercial gyms].”

Ironhorse Gym is located at 1718 Franklin Ave.

Student athletes: When the game is over, then what?

By NEELY GUTHRIE
REPORTER

Going to Baylor sporting events is an extracurricular activity for most students, but for the athletes competing, it’s much more than a game on a Saturday afternoon.

Student athletes dedicate several hours a week to training and competing in order to perform at a top level for Baylor.

Some of the athletic programs during the last five years have helped win two NCAA championships, nine individual NCAA titles and 25 Big 12 championships, according to Ian McCaw, director of athletics, on the Baylor Athletic Experience Web site

Baylor student athletes excel academically too, although structured practice schedules make balancing academics and athlet-

ics a necessity.

Flint Harris, director of student athletic services, described how much time student athletes dedicate to their sport.

“I think they’ve got to be disciplined. There are so many demands on their time, and they’re going to be practicing 20 hours a week,” Harris said. “Most people go to the SLC and hop on an elliptical for 30 minutes and instead [student athletes] do three hours a day and they’re exhausted when they get out of that.”

Beaumont junior Meagan McHenry was a cheerleader for Baylor for two years before ultimately deciding to stop after having three knee surgeries.

“In thinking about the future, I didn’t want to be the mom at the park with the cane. I want to be able to run around with my kids,” she said.

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Meagan McHenry
Beaumont junior

McHenry described her practice schedule, with 6 a.m. workouts, practices and games - all of which were very time consuming - but she learned to balance it all.

She also decided not to rush freshman year because she didn’t have the time.

“It was hard living in Collins and seeing a lot of my friends doing their rush activities, but at

the same time I had really close friends on the squad too,” she said. “I’ve always loved cheerleading.”

Now that she isn’t cheering, McHenry has had more time to be involved in the leadership at her church and she is also a member of Chi Omega Sorority.

“I’m thankful for my knee surgeries because they’ve taught me so much, and I’ve had opportunities to talk to other athletes and random people about it,” she said. “But it’s given me the opportunity to see the other side of college too.”

Roswell, Ga., junior Brandon White runs cross country for Baylor while continuing to be involved in other activities.

He ran for two years, took a semester off from cross-country for academics and is currently not competing because he is in-

jured.

White said a regular training week consists of 6:30 a.m. practices for a couple hours, depending on the workout, sometimes another run in the afternoon, weight lifting twice a week, long runs on Saturday or Sunday and about six or seven meets per season on the weekends.

Despite this intense schedule, White has found time to be involved in other things at Baylor.

“There is definitely time for stuff outside of running. I’ve gotten to experience as much as most Baylor people have, and I have a lot of real close friends off the team,” he said.

White is involved in Fellowship of Christian Athletes, where he has met other student athletes, and he also worked with Baylor students at Kanakuk Kamps during the summer.

For White, being in season helps him with keep up with academics.

“I think that having a structured schedule, like waking up in the morning and going to practice helps with academics. It seems to me when I’m not hurt and running a lot, I do better in school,” he said. “When I’m hurt it’s easy to not get a lot of sleep because I’m not running as much, and I’ll stay up later studying.”

White is a computer science major, which takes up a lot of his time outside of practicing.

Although majors do influence how much time students spend on academics, White said the mindset of cross-country plays a factor in school work.

“Our team usually has the highest GPA of any team because it kind of goes along with the discipline of the sport,” he said.

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Red shirt Thai protesters storm Parliament

By DENIS D. GRAY
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BANGKOK — Defiant anti-government demonstrators dared Thailand’s government Thursday to break up their escalating protests, vowing to stage a mass rally in the capital despite a state of emergency that empowers the military to move against large gatherings.

The country’s beleaguered prime minister declared the emergency Wednesday night after protesters briefly broke into parliament, capping weeks of protests that have paralyzed the government and cost businesses tens of millions of dollars.

The “Red Shirt” demonstrators championing the rights of the rural poor remained uncowed. Their makeshift camps set up in Bangkok’s historic district March 12 have spread to the main com-

mercial district and beyond, and they planned a mass rally Friday.

Amid fears that a showdown could end in violence, a Red Shirt leader dared a government crackdown. “If you have the guts to do it, do it now. But I warn you that our Red Shirt brothers and sisters would flood into Bangkok in greater numbers, if you crack down on us,” Jatuporn Prompan said.The emergency move by Prime Minister Abhisit Vejjajiva came after mostly peaceful protests turned chaotic when demonstrators burst into Parliament and forced lawmakers to flee on ladders over a back wall, with senior officials hastily evacuated by helicopter.The confrontation is part of the long-running battle between partisans of former leader Thaksin Shinawatra, ousted by a 2006 military coup, and those who oppose him. Thaksin was accused of corruption and show-

ing disrespect to the country’s revered monarch.

The demonstrators, called the Red Shirts for their attire, benefited from Thaksin’s populist policies such as cheap health care and village loans. They have demanded that Abhisit dissolve parliament within 15 days and call new elections, claiming he took office illegitimately in December 2008 with the help of military pressure on parliament.Instead, the prime minister has offered to do so by the end of the year.

Protesters camped in the city have ignored court orders and a massive security presence. They have shown surprising tenacity as well as organizational skills, living under primitive conditions in scorching heat and moving around the city in well-ordered motorized columns.

Abhisit has become harshly criticized for failing to take strong

measures to end the disruptive demonstrations. He has entered negotiations with the Red Shirts and ordered security forces to pull back from possible confrontations.

Several shopping malls have closed and luxury hotels put under virtual siege since Saturday, when demonstrators moved to a busy intersection at the heart of Bangkok’s commercial district.

Merchants have complained the boisterous demonstrations have cost billions of baht (tens of millions of dollars), and economists have expressed concern continuing protests will hurt the GDP.

Abhisit, in a televised broadcast that interrupted regular programming, said the aim of the emergency decree was to restore normalcy to Bangkok, and prevent “further related crime and disaster.”



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Protesters and supporters of ousted Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra break through line of riot police officers during an anti-government demonstration Tuesday in Bangkok.

Obama talks less of terrorism in outreach to Muslims

By MATT APUZZO
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Less talk about “Islamic radicalism” and a lot more about doing business. In the year since President Barack Obama pledged a new beginning in the relationship with the Muslim world, the White House has begun to change the U.S. focus.

Terrorism still dominates U.S. security concerns, but the White House believes it doesn’t have to dominate the conversation. Since Obama’s speech in Cairo last year, the White House has tried to talk more about health care, science and education.

It’s a strategy based on the belief that the prior administration viewed the world through the lens of terrorism. And when it talked to Muslim nations, it was all about winning the war of ideas.

“You take a country where the overwhelming majority are not going to become terrorists, and you go in and say, ‘We’re building you a hospital so you don’t become terrorists.’ That doesn’t make much sense,” says National Security Council staff member Pradeep Ramamurthy.

Ramamurthy runs the admin-

istration’s Global Engagement Directorate, a four-person team that Obama launched last May with little fanfare and a vague mission to use diplomacy and outreach “in pursuit of a host of national security objectives.” Since then, the division has not only helped change the vocabulary of fighting terrorism but has shaped the way the country invests in Muslim businesses, studies global warming, supports scientific research and combats polio.

Also, Obama advisers who are rewriting a document spelling out the country’s national security strategy plan to leave out references to “Islamic radicalism,” counterterrorism officials said. They spoke on condition of anonymity because the document is still being written and is weeks away from release. Currently, the document declares: “The struggle against militant Islamic radicalism is the great ideological conflict of the early years of the 21st century.”

Ramamurthy’s team is reaching out in a variety of ways. Before diplomats go abroad, they hear from him or his deputy, Jenny Urizar. When officials from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration returned

from Indonesia, the NSC got a rundown about research opportunities on global warming.

Ramamurthy maintains a database of interviews conducted by 50 U.S. embassies worldwide. And business leaders from more than 40 countries head to Washington this month for an “entrepreneurship summit” for Muslim

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National Security staff member

businesses.

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Many international Muslim leaders have cheered the new tone, not just for its symbolism but because it makes it politically easier for them to cooperate with

the U.S.

“It’s also a clear indication of President Obama’s substantial understanding of the intricacies of Muslim politics,” Jordanian lawmaker Hamada Faraaneh said.

On Wednesday, Iraqi government spokesman Ali al-Dabbagh applauded indications that the Obama administration would keep religious rhetoric out of the U.S. security strategy.

“It is a good message of assurance, and differs from the former American administration’s position on this matter which showed no real understanding of Islamic countries,” al-Dabbagh said. “This decision by Obama will help to reform the image Muslims have of America.”

Public opinion polls have shown consistent improvement in sentiment toward the U.S. within the Muslim world, though the viewpoints are still overwhelmingly negative.To deliver his message, Obama’s speechwriters have at times taken inspiration from former President Ronald Reagan. In China in 1984, Reagan spoke about education, space exploration and scientific research. He discussed freedom

and liberty. He never mentioned communism or democracy.

“They didn’t look up to the U.S. because we hated communism,” said Deputy National Security Adviser Ben Rhodes, Obama’s foreign policy speechwriter.

Like Reagan in China, Obama in Cairo made only passing references to terrorism. Instead he focused on cooperation. He announced the U.S. would team up to fight polio with the Organisation of the Islamic Conference, a multinational body based in Saudi Arabia. The U.S. and OIC had worked together before, but never with that focus.

“President Obama saw it as an opportunity to say, ‘We work on things far beyond the war on terrorism,’” World Health Organization spokeswoman Sona Bari said.

Polio is endemic in three Muslim countries — Nigeria, Pakistan and Afghanistan — but some Muslim leaders have been suspicious of vaccination efforts, which they suggested were part of a CIA sterilization campaign. Last year, the OIC and religious scholars at the International Islamic Fiqh Academy issued a fatwa, or religious decree, that

parents should vaccinate their children.

Obama did not invent Muslim outreach. President George W. Bush gave the White House its first Quran, hosted its first Iftar dinner to celebrate Ramadan and loudly stated support for Muslim democracies like Turkey.

But the Bush administration struggled with its rhetoric. Muslims criticized Bush for describing the war on terrorism as a “crusade” and labeling the invasion of Afghanistan “Operation Infinite Justice” — words that were seen as religious. He regularly identified America’s enemy as “Islamic extremists” and “radical jihadists.”

Karen Hughes, a Bush confidante who served as his top diplomat to the Muslim world in his second term, urged the White House to stop.

“I did recommend that, in my judgment, it’s unfortunate because of the way it’s heard. We ought to avoid the language of religion,” Hughes said. “Whenever they hear ‘Islamic extremism, Islamic jihad, Islamic fundamentalism,’ they perceive it as a sort of an attack on their faith. That’s the world view Osama bin Laden wants them to have.”

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Uproar releases ‘Volume 2’ featuring five artists

By JAMES BYERS
REPORTER

Emory freshman Brin Beaver said she was shocked when she auditioned and won a spot on the roster of Baylor’s Uproar Records.

She shouldn’t have been surprised. Talent runs in the family. Her brother is Texas country singer Ryan Beaver. Now Brin is making a name for herself at Uproar.

Beaver is one of the artists featured on “Volume 2,” Uproar’s second compilation album. She and fellow freshman Jacob Hooter sing together on two tracks they each wrote.

To celebrate the release of “Volume 2,” Uproar is hosting a release party at 7:30 p.m. today at University Baptist Church.

All the Uproar artists will perform at the release party. Former Uproar artist Jillian Edwards, who is now partnering with the production company Twenty Ten Music in Nashville, Tenn., will also perform.

Cover is \$7, which includes entry and a copy of “Volume 2.”

Uproar is Baylor’s student-run record label, managed by music and entertainment marketing majors in the Hankamer School of Business.

While Uproar’s student artists

benefit from that support, the students who run the label also gain professional skills.

“We want our students to have the hands-on experience of executing marketing strategies for artists from start to finish,” said Dr. Kirk Wakefield, professor of music and entertainment marketing.

The new album is different than 2009’s “Volume 1,” which consisted of 12 tracks by 12 individual artists. This year, Uproar decided to sign fewer artists. More than 50 artists auditioned in the fall, and only five were signed to a one-year contract.

“We wanted to have artists that were really dedicated to being successful,” said Uproar President Garrett Burnett, an Austin senior. “Our budget is pretty minimal. By only selecting five we were able to focus our budget on each individual artist, to give them more studio time and expand their experience.”

“Volume 2” features two tracks from each of the five artists on the roster, including Beaver and Hooter, David Dulcie, Drew Greenway, Michelle Piland and the band Zoo Studio.

By giving each artist two tracks, Burnett said, listeners will be able to better determine which artists they enjoy most.

“There’s something for ev-



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Zoo Studio band members, from left, guitarist John Steen, drummer Corbin Janssen, singer Max Helmerich and bassist Kevin Cochran will perform today at University Baptist Church at 7:30 p.m. as part of Uproar Records’ release party for its second compilation album.

erybody on this album,” he said. “There’s the Christian worship leader feel, but there’s also the full band sound, the acoustic folk sound, and there’s even Cajun feel. Every track is completely different.”

Members of Zoo Studio, the only full band signed to Uproar, said they were surprised and thrilled when Uproar signed

them in the fall.

“They market us, they book shows, they give us free professional recordings, they give us free merchandise,] they do everything,” said lead guitarist John Steen, a Southlake junior. “It’s like having a rich parent.”

Lead singer Max Helmerich, a Tulsa, Okla., junior, described the band’s sound as “laid-back, feel-

good rock.”

Helmerich admitted that the songwriting process has been a challenge for the band members, who formed Zoo Studio in September.

After making the Uproar roster, the band had concert scheduled by the label three weeks later.

“At one point, we had more

shows than practices,” said Helmerich.

Of the band’s two songs on “Volume 2,” Steen described “On My Way” as more radio friendly, and Helmerich described “How Long” as more meaningful and personal.

“‘How Long’ is about what it feels like to have the dream of doing something that feels impossible, but realizing that you can’t not do what you love,” Helmerich said.

“Or how long until we eat, or how long until we get to go to bed,” Steen joked.

Beaver said she enjoys writing both secular and Christian songs. The track “I Want to Move,” which appears on “Volume 2,” is one of her worship songs.

“It’s basically about me wanting to be a vessel, and do all these big things for God, but sometimes I feel so small and I’m trying to overcome that,” she said.

The Uproar artists will also perform April 22 at Diadeloso along with national recording artist Colbie Caillat.

In May, several Uproar artists will travel to Nashville to perform a showcase for executives from major record labels.

“That’s a pretty awesome opportunity,” Wakefield said. “They’ve got their chance, that’s for sure.”

Does ‘Iron Man 2’ have a shot at ‘Dark Knight’ level of success?

By STEVEN ZEITCHIK
LOS ANGELES TIMES

LOS ANGELES – Exactly one month from now, Tony Stark, Pepper Potts and the other personalities of “Iron Man” will return to make witty mayhem in the superhero sequel. And exactly three days after that, we could have a new domestic box-office record.

Stark himself, never lacking in suave self-confidence, probably wouldn’t make such a bold boast. But it’s entirely feasible. Ac-

cording to just-released tracking surveys, director Jon Favreau’s second installment in the Marvel franchise is showing astonishing levels of interest and awareness well ahead of its three-day opening next month. There are enough statistical indications to think that the first-weekend gross could top the \$158.4-million haul for “Dark Knight,” the current record-holder for the biggest (non inflation-adjusted) opening weekend and the gold standards for movie debuts.

Christopher Nolan’s Bat-

man sequel grossed that amount when it opened over a three-day weekend in July 2008. The same spring/summer period brought the release of “Iron Man.” The character was new to mainstream audiences and Robert Downey Jr. had yet to engineer his Hollywood comeback. The movie still opened to an impressive \$98 million, and went on to gross more than \$318 million domestically.

But this year’s sequel opening on May 7 should pulverize that \$98 million figure. Thanks in part to Downey, the Paramount-dis-

tributed film is drawing as much (strong) interest among women over 30 as it is among women in their 20s, the tracking surveys show. Males in their teens and 20s are so keen on the film they may as well be dressing up in an iron suit. About the only people who aren’t fully sold are teen girls, but there are signs of robustness there too. The “Iron Man 2” trailers have practically shut down YouTube. And according to one rival studio, “Iron Man” is now among the most-liked franchises in Hollywood, right up there

with “Spider-Man.”

Of course, shattering a box-office record isn’t the same as making a creative breakthrough. “Dark Knight” was a singular cultural phenomenon, adored by critics, loved by the public and regarded in the fan universe as the great example of superhero movies, the Giselle Bundchen of the form. Whether “Iron Man 2” will be similarly embraced remains to be seen.

From the advance material, we’re expecting more humor than we got in the Batman follow-up

but not necessarily the same level of grit or complexity.

Still, a combination of pop-culture awareness, hugely appealing (and promotion-minded) actors and a smartly waged marketing campaign could send “Iron Man 2” on the path to a record. That is, for now – “Batman 3,” after all, is currently in development. And given the tendency of superhero sequels to expand audiences as they go, that movie could eventually land with even more box-office force. It’s your move, Nolan.

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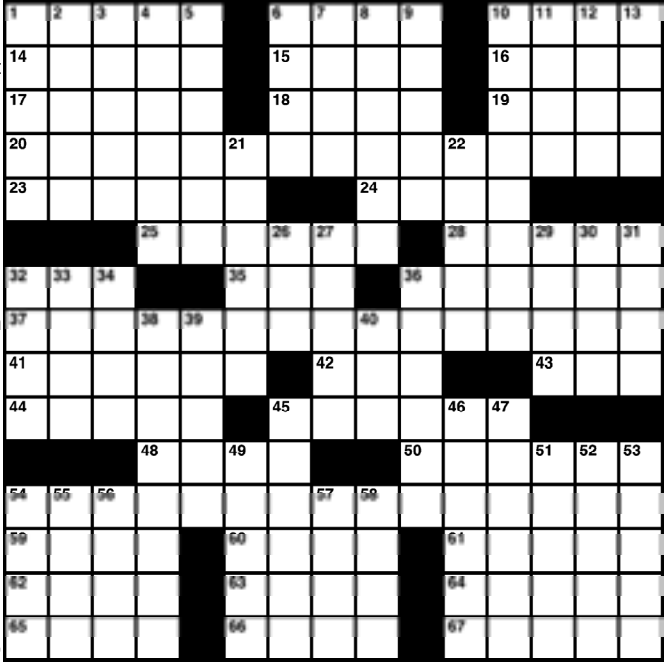
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- 6 “Iron Chef America” chef Cat
- 10 Trails
- 14 Dickens’s mysterious Mr. Drood
- 15 Fidel’s successor
- 16 “__ Named Sue”
- 17 Israeli ambassador Moshe
- 18 Like some profs.
- 19 Web links
- 20 Uneasy about a farm team member?
- 23 Michael Phelps sponsor
- 24 “Dies __”
- 25 Humble
- 28 Play footsie, say
- 32 It may be up
- 35 Plus
- 36 Shoe part for Astaire
- 37 Uneasy about a long shot?
- 41 Maps
- 42 Fair-hiring abbr.
- 43 Hi or lo follower
- 44 “Flowers for Algernon” author Daniel
- 45 “Analyze That” star
- 48 Top-shelf
- 50 Where Caligula reputedly tried to seat his 67-Across
- 54 Uneasy about an aquarium fish?
- 59 Winery prefix
- 60 Casual top
- 61 Stock phrase
- 62 Exploit
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- 66 Appear dramatically
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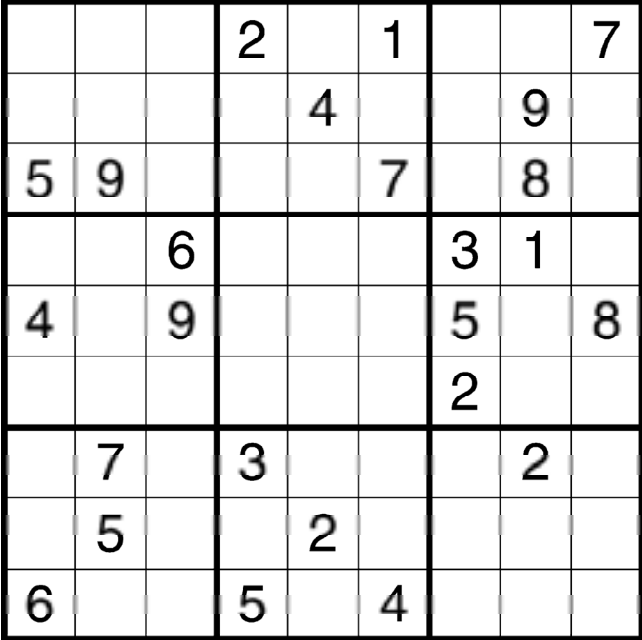
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- 2 __ in the bucket



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- 4 Colored a bit
- 5 Like some daring football kicks
- 6 Steep outcropping
- 7 Brewery feature
- 8 Act like fools?
- 9 Let out, say
- 10 Honored with a crown of foliage
- 11 Start of a spell
- 12 Go for a Masters?
- 13 CBS part: Abbr.
- 21 Roaming types
- 22 Green Goblin portrayer in Spider-Man films
- 26 Rock producer Brian
- 27 Newspaper revenue component
- 29 __-Tass: news agency
- 30 Red inside

- 31 I-90 in Mass. et al.
- 32 Magic harp thief
- 33 “__ hollers, ...”
- 34 __ matter
- 36 Believer
- 38 First three numbers, in some directories
- 39 “Not a problem!”
- 40 Cargo unit
- 45 Again, to Gaius
- 46 Talk out again
- 47 “Old” punches?
- 49 High country
- 51 According to
- 52 Dabbling ducks
- 53 Bogart’s “High Sierra” role
- 54 Musical ending
- 55 Follow
- 56 Don Juan’s mother
- 57 Random collection
- 58 Fire suppressant



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Scrabble scrambles rules in new version

By LAURA REMSON
STAFF WRITER

Tuesday I heard the news that Scrabble would be changing its rules for a special version of the game called Scrabble Trickster.

POINT of view

For the first time, the popular game would, in this newer version, allow players to use proper nouns.

Proper nouns, ladies and gentlemen, the bane of every Scrabble aficionado's existence.

This new spin-off game is not intended to replace the original game and would be a different option for players.

Part of the controversy is that because the rights to Scrabble are owned by Mattel in the U.K., this is where it will be available first. Hasbro owns the U.S. rights to the game.

Years of playing the game with my grandmother have taught me two things. One, she's a sore loser. But two, I've learned a lot about words.

It sounds a little silly, but it's true. Being surrounded by words that I was unfamiliar with helped me learn a lot.

For me, those are sneaky two letter words you can find pages and pages on the Internet.

A few of my favorites? 'Aa,' rough, cindery lava; 'li,' a Chinese unit of distance; and 'za,' which apparently stands for pizza.

I'm a little bit suspicious of

the last one, but for the sake of its awesomeness, I'll let it go this time.

Other new rules include a deck of card (a deck of cards?), and the ability to spell a word backwards (did you see that photo of Ttip Darb yesterday? Isn't his beard just out of control?).

I'm a little bit worried about the true Scrabble experts. I'm talking about the dressed up in Scrabble-wear ones. I imagine people in those see-through-green banker visors. These people are just first cousins of the bingo people with the dauber bags with individual holders.

I almost anticipate a full scale, grassroots boycott of this new game by the 'true' Scrabble players. Or maybe they are too cool to care or acknowledge this new,

lesser version of their beloved game. We'll have to see.

Another thing to consider is the Scrabble dictionaries. They already have two separate copies of the Scrabble Bible; one is for "recreational and school play" and the other for tournaments, which includes 120,302 words considered a little too dirty for normal conversation.

There are nearly an infinite number of proper nouns out there. They could never create a complete Scrabble Trickster dictionary.

I hope they at least create an iPad app to answer any of these questions. They could even include an actual iPad in the kit, giving them the easy ability to jack up prices.

Additionally, this is going to

have a major impact on how the game is played.

Instead of a game of intellectuals that can only be won by people who spend their time reading and memorizing the dictionary (true story), it could be won by those who just happen to watch an exorbitant amount of television and happen to have the names of every consumer product or prescription drug memorized.

Proper nouns defeat the purpose of the old-school board games that make you think, plan and evaluate. That's why it's called Risk (started in 1957) or Life (from 1860), not 'It's about as dangerous as a kitten,' or 'pre-Sims video game.' Scrabble was created in 1931.

One of the reasons Scrabble

organizers are excited about the change is that they hope it will bring in a younger audience for the game, according to a Time Magazine article published Wednesday.

Players can start to use celebrity names in addition the proper nouns.

I'm starting to wonder about the celebrity names that are bound to come up. What about Jay-Z or Ke\$ha? How would that one work?

The Scrabble people are going to have to start providing dashes or dollar signs. Maybe it should be spelled 'K-e-dollar-sign-s-h-a.'

First round of my Scrabble Trickster, I'm pulling out 'Maniit-soq,' and 'Sukkertoppen,' both towns in Greenland, which I can also use.

Trial approaches in King of Pop death

By LINDA DEUTSCH
AP SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

LOS ANGELES — With Michael Jackson's mother, father and three siblings looking on, Dr. Conrad Murray began a slow process toward trial Monday with the appointment of a judge and the setting of another hearing to handle pending matters in his involuntary manslaughter case. Murray made back-to-back appearances in two courtrooms.

First, Supervising Superior Court Judge Peter Espinoza assigned the matter to another judge for all further proceedings. Then, spectators, media and fans followed Murray down to a lower floor where he appeared before Judge Michael Pastor.

Abiding by ethics requirements, Pastor disclosed he had written a recommendation for Deputy District Attorney David Walgren, the prosecutor in the case who has applied to be a judge.

Pastor said they are not personal friends, and he would not have a conflict in trying the case.

Pastor also said that 27 years

ago he was appointed to the bench by then-Gov. Jerry Brown, who is now California's attorney general. Brown's office is seeking to revoke Murray's medical license pending trial.

"This will in no way affect my ability to be a fair and impartial judge in this case," Pastor said.

Lawyers have 10 days to file a challenge against Pastor if they choose.

Five members of the Jackson family appeared. Jackson's mother, Katherine, his father, Joe, and siblings Janet, Jermaine and Randy sat in the spectator section.

Trina Saunders, a representative of the attorney general's office, asked that the hearing regarding Murray's medical license be held sooner than June 14, but the judge rejected her request and said all pending matters would be handled on that date.

Earlier, about 50 Jackson fans waved signs and chanted outside the courthouse. The fans sang "We Are the World" and wore T-shirts with Jackson's picture and the slogan, "Justice 4 Michael."

Fans in a courthouse hallway called out "Hi Janet" as Ja-

net Jackson arrived. Murray has pleaded not guilty to involuntary manslaughter, which carries a maximum sentence of four years in prison. Normally, such a procedural hearing would draw few spectators.

But with Jackson's death as the backdrop, crowds of fans and media were expected, and Jackson family members have committed to attending all court proceedings against Murray.

Murray's attorneys contend the license issue is critical to his ability to pay for his defense. The doctor has a history of serious financial problems and his attorneys, Ed Chernoff and Joseph Low, said in a recent court filing that the effect of losing his license would be devastating to Murray.

"He is, without fear of overstatement, hanging on by a thread," the attorneys wrote. "His ability to pay for his own defense depends almost entirely on his ability to continue to treat patients."

Murray, 57, a cardiologist, has clinics in Las Vegas and Houston and also has a license to practice in California. Should his Cali-

fornia license be lifted, his lawyers suggest there would be a "domino effect" with other states moving to do the same. Already, Nevada authorities have filed a formal complaint against Murray saying he twice failed to mention delinquent child support payments on applications to renew his medical license.

Miranda Sevcik, spokeswoman for Murray and Chernoff, says Murray's legal team hopes to resolve the complaint in a way that allows the doctor to keep his license. As a condition of his \$75,000 bail, Murray has been ordered not to administer any anesthetic.

Jackson was 50 and about to launch a series of comeback shows in London when he died last June after being rushed to a hospital from his rented mansion. Murray, who signed on in May at \$150,000 a month to keep Jackson healthy through the comeback tour, told police he had been treating him for insomnia. The pop star was found to have died from acute intoxication with the hospital anesthetic propofol and other sedatives as a factor.

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- 3/4 cup chicken broth
- 1 bay leaf
- 1/4 teaspoon dried thyme
- 1 tablespoon butter


Directions

Season the chicken with salt and pepper. Rinse the mushrooms and pat dry. Season the flour with salt and pepper and dredge the chicken breasts in the flour mixture. Heat oil in a skillet over medium high heat and saute the chicken until it is nicely browned on one side (about 3 minutes). Add the garlic. Turn the chicken breasts and scatter the mushrooms over them. Continue frying, shaking the skillet and stirring the mushrooms. Cook for about 3 minutes, then add the vinegar, broth, bay leaf and thyme. Cover tightly and simmer over medium low heat for 10 minutes, turning occasionally. Transfer the chicken to a warm serving platter and cover with foil. Set aside. Continue simmering the sauce, uncovered, over medium high heat for about 7 minutes. Swirl in the butter or margarine and discard the bay leaf. Pour this mushroom sauce mixture over the chicken and serve.

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Hot hitting continues for Bears in 15-3 rout

CHRIS DERRETT
SPORTS WRITER

Baylor used a sixth-inning offensive assault to beat Northwestern State, 15-3, Wednesday night and win its second of two mid-week, nonconference games. Willie Kempf improved to 4-1, as a physically depleted pitching staff held up to defeat the Demons.

The Bears used unwanted generosity from Northwestern State to manufacture the game's decisive runs.

With the bases loaded, Raynor Campbell delivered a single through the left side to score Landis Ware and put Baylor ahead, 4-3. Max Muncy then tacked another run onto the lead with a single, the Bears' seventh of the game.

After a pinch-hit RBI from Kenton Gedwed and a Tyler Collins walk to load the bases once again, Gregg Glime smacked a single up the middle to push Campbell and Gedwed across the plate. The Bears held a 9-3 advantage after the inning,

which was plenty to notch the team's 17th win on the season.

"I thought, with the pitching situation the way it was, we would be doing good to split this midweek. But our guys have responded," coach Steve Smith said.

Baylor spread 13 hits over the night and stranded 12 Northwestern State baserunners.

Texarkana freshman Josh Turley got his first career start for Baylor on Wednesday night, although he had pitched 27.2 innings earlier in the season with a 3.58 ERA. His night lasted only 2.1 innings before he allowed two runs on seven hits, giving way to Willie Kempf. Turley tossed 59 pitches, 42 for strikes, as his team's offense struggled in the early innings.

Kempf relieved Turley in a bases-loaded situation, but Aaron Muñoz grounded out to end the threat. It was the first of two instances in which the Demons left three runners on; Kempf struck out Muñoz in the fifth and

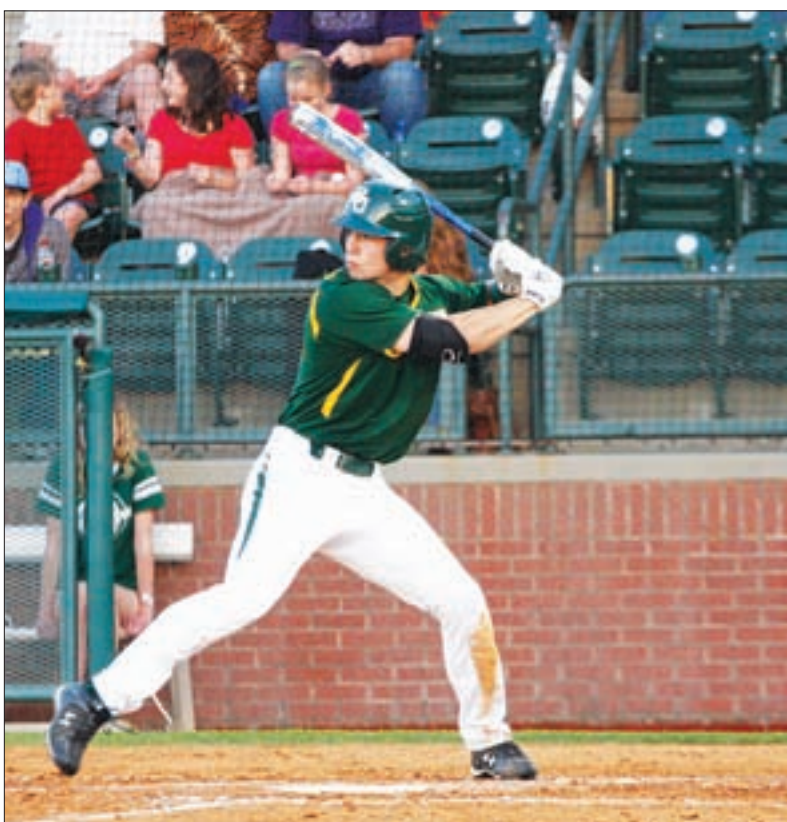
held Northwestern State scoreless in that inning.

"I felt pretty good. I had good stuff, and I was happy I could come in and help (Turley) out. I had better stuff than I've had the last few weeks, so I was pleased," Kempf said.

Kempf gave up four hits and a run in 3.2 innings of work.

Baylor's bats came alive in the third inning after Glime led off working a full count and drawing a walk. Ware followed with a single, and Vick earned another base on balls to load the bases for Pinckard. Northwestern State's Brett Fredieu's first pitch to the Buda sophomore caught him on the jersey for an RBI hit by pitch. Staring at a bases loaded opportunity, Joey Hains further plated Ware and Vick on a single to right field that gave Baylor a 3-2 lead.

"It was frustrating, but that's baseball. We competed up there and got on base, got (Fredieu out of the game) and got in the bullpen. It worked," Pinckard said.



Kerrville outfielder Logan Vick takes a swing against the Northwestern State University Demons Wednesday night at Baylor Ballpark. Vick and the Bears have scattered 69 hits in their last five games.

Mean Green sweeps softball in double-header

BY JEREMY JOSEPH
REPORTER

The No. 24 Lady Bears dropped both games of a doubleheader Wednesday night at Gettman Stadium against the University of North Texas.

The Lady Bears were upset in the first game by North Texas 11-3 in five innings.

Alicia Vasquez took the mound for the Lady Bears and allowed 11 runs and was credited with the loss.

"It's disappointing when you get embarrassed in game one," head coach Glenn Moore said.

Coming off a complete game loss to Texas Tech where she did not allow an earned run, Courtney Repka started the second game for the Lady Bears.

Unlike the first game in which the Mean Green scored 11 runs in the first three innings, the second game started off as a pitcher's dual.

Repka struck out five of her first nine outs and Brittany Simmons did not allow a hit until the bottom of the third for the Mean Green.

However, after Simmons allowed her first hit to Tiffany Wesley, she walked Kayce Walker and forced the Mean Green to switch to Kayla Lawson as their pitcher.

Lawson hit Courtney Nieten with her first pitch and then gave up the first run of the game as Jordan Vannatta hit a line drive to center field, bringing in Wesley from third.

Simmons was able to get out

of the inning without giving up any more runs when she struck out Bree Hanafin leaving Walker and Nieten on third and second base, respectively.

The Mean Green one-upped the Lady Bears in the top of the fourth as Courtney Bradshaw hit a two-run home run over the center field fence, giving them the 2-1 lead.

In the bottom of the fifth, Sydney Wilson started the inning off by walking; Wesley followed up the walk by drilling a line drive to right-center field for a triple, scoring Wilson.

"We had a runner on first, and it was supposed to be a show bunt and then slap. I slapped it, and it went further than I thought it was going to go," Wesley said. "I had a good

hit but it doesn't mean anything if the rest of the team is not hitting. It was a good hit, but we need to do it more consistently."

Lawson then allowed a single to Walker and walked Vannatta; she was then pulled from the game and pitcher Ashley Lail entered for the Mean Green with the bases loaded.

Wesley scored as Hanafin hit a routine ground ball to shortstop Lesley Hirsch, but the catcher dropped the ball on the throw home, putting the Lady Bears ahead 3-2.

Lail was able to get out of the bases-loaded jam with just one run scored.

The Mean Green rallied in the top of the seventh when the first two batters reached in the inning and Mallory Cantler hit a

double to left field and put the Mean Green on top 4-3.

Amber Miller followed Cantler's double with her own and gave the Mean Green an insurance run, 5-3.

"Those last three runs were unearned and we should have been out of it anyway, but I still wasn't up to my best," Repka said.

The Lady Bears could not make their own rally as they went down in order in the bottom of the seventh and dropped the second game 5-3.

"To get embarrassed and not come out and respond any better than we did, seeing the same pitcher we saw is disappointing," Moore said. "Right now I'm questioning the passion we have at this time of the season."

Sports Briefs

Compiled by Matt Larsen

Football finishes spring practice with Saturday game

The Baylor football team will conclude spring practices with the annual Baylor Spring Game at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Highers Athletics Complex practice fields.

Admission to the event, which is sponsored by Time Warner Cable, is free and free hot dogs and dollar drinks will be available.

Gates open at 1 p.m. and a special tailgating contest for Baylor student organizations will take place in the Highers Athletic Complex parking lot prior to the game.

Fans are encouraged to park in the Ferrell Center parking lots.

Complimentary shuttles, which will begin service at noon, will be provided for transportation to the complex.

Men's basketball finishes with highest ranking in school history

The Bears (28-8) finished at No. 10 in the final ESPN/USA Today Top 25 Poll released Tuesday thanks to their recent NCAA Elite Eight appearance.

Baylor broke its previous highest ranking of No. 18, set back in 1948-49, and finished ranked in the final AP and ESPN/USA Today polls for the first time in program history.

It finished the season tied with Texas A&M and Kansas State for second in the Big 12 at 11-5 while Kansas held onto the top spot.

Former Baylor star Jerrells guides Toros to D-League playoffs

Former Baylor guard Curtis Jerrells will play with the Spurs Development League team, the Austin Toros, in the NBA D-League Playoffs aired on VERSUS for the first time at 10 p.m. Saturday.

Jerrells, recently assigned to the Spurs roster, and the Toros will play host to the Dakota Wizards in the second of a three-game series this weekend.

Papa Johns will sponsor the VERSUS broadcast, which will air two hours after the actual game.

The Toros, who have advanced past the first round of the tournament the past two years, are one of eight teams who qualified for the D-League Playoffs.



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Lady Bears ascend back to No. 1 after convincing victory

By DANIEL CERNERO
REPORTER

The women's tennis team's decisive 6-1 win over No. 6-ranked Notre Dame has propelled it back to the No. 1 spot in the latest ITA rankings released Tuesday.

Baylor, currently riding a 10-match winning streak, took the court looking to avenge last season's loss to the Fighting Irish in the quarterfinals of the NCAA Championship.

"We've improved and I think that's what caught Notre Dame by surprise," head coach Joey Scrivano said. "I think they were really surprised by how much we improved at every position."

"That's the biggest compliment when you hear the opposing coach say that your players are better, because that's what you want to do. You want to develop players. It's one thing to bring in stud newcomers that really make an impact, but it's even more impressive when you can take the players that you have and make them better."

No. 6-ranked senior Lenka Broosova, who won her match

6-1, 6-1 over No. 18-ranked Kristy Frilling, said that Notre Dame isn't a team they take lightly because of their recent success.

"We have a lot of respect for them, because obviously they know how to beat us," Broosova said, reflecting on how Notre Dame was able to beat Baylor in two out of its three matches last year. "To be able to dominate them like that, it feels good. I've never been more confident in any team (as I am with this one), and I've been here for four years."

Broosova added, "I don't think it's a surprise that we beat them, I think it's a surprise the way we beat them."

After starting the day narrowly losing the doubles point, the Lady Bears responded by gathering wins from all six singles positions.

In the No. 2 position, No. 16-ranked sophomore Nina Secerbegovic squeaked out a victory after beating Notre Dame's Shannon Matthews in a third-set super tiebreaker. Matthews had been the clinching point for the Fighting Irish in their 4-3 win over the Lady Bears in that quar-

terfinals match last year.

"I was really anxious heading into the match to face her, because I wanted to get revenge for our team," Secerbegovic said.

"I was doubting myself after losing the first set, but (heading into the third set) I believed that I would continue to play the way that I did in the second set."

Junior Jelena Stanivuk, who has battled injuries this season, picked up her first win of the spring with a 6-2, 6-4 win over Kristen Rafael of Notre Dame.

"She's gone through a lot of injuries this year, and it's been a tough year on her," Scrivano said. "No one deserves to win more than Jelena. She's put in the hours and rehab."

"She's a big piece of the puzzle for us. We need her experience and her talent on the court and that was a good step in the right direction."

On how she was able to win, Scrivano added, "One, she's healthy enough to play a complete match. And secondly, she was able to close out the match. That was something she needed for her confidence. And I love the way she did it. She had to

win that match. Rafael didn't just give it to her."

The Lady Bears take the next step on their strenuous schedule Friday when they face the No. 5-ranked Northwestern Wildcats.

"That's a team that has arguably been the best team in the country over the past three years," Scrivano said. "They're extremely well coached and very disciplined."

This will be the first meeting with Northwestern in two years, when the Wildcats last traveled to Waco. In that match, the Lady Bears were ranked No. 2 and Northwestern No. 1, but Baylor was unable to pull off the upset as it lost 5-2, snapping a streak of 38 straight home wins.

Since that loss, the Lady Bears have rebuilt the streak to 30 straight home wins where it stands now.

"They're not going to give us anything," Scrivano said. "We're going to have to go out there and execute and be disciplined and beat them. It's going to be a great match, and I hope we get a lot of fans out there that can help be the difference."



DANIEL CERNERO | LARIAT STAFF

Hamilton, Ontario, junior Taylor Ormond strikes a serve March 25 against SMU. Ormond and the Lady Bears have won 10-straight matches, which has propelled them to the No. 1 ranking in the United States.

Woods' intentions become questionable with abrupt return to Masters

By LINDA ROBERTSON
McCLATCHY NEWS

Tiger Woods shed no tears. He did not sweat. Nor did he grovel.

He was back in the public eye and back in control.

He was, as always, as polished as a putting green.

Yet it was difficult to reconcile Tiger, looking out from beneath his Nike cap brim on Monday with an unwavering and remorseful gaze, with the guy behind those raunchy messages to his porn star paramour.

When he walks the fairways during the Masters this week, it will be difficult to see him as the world's greatest golfer. Certain images and associations wholly inappropriate to the hallowed grounds and green jackets of Augusta National come to mind.

The late Georgia writer Flannery O'Connor could have created a compelling short story based on Woods' return, combining her themes of grace and the grotesque. The title: "A Good Man is Hard to Find, Part II."

Woods gave a presentation of his faults. He knew this day was coming and he put it off for four months. He didn't make a plea for forgiveness, which was smart because the person he must work that out with is his wife, Elin, who will not, he said in the most painful moment of the press conference, be attending the tournament.

Woods didn't explain his betrayal of his family or why this behavior continued for years. But he did take a brave step into territory unexplored by him—humility.

As Woods' wealth and ego grew, padded by fawning corporate sponsors and worshipful fans, he often spoke with barely concealed contempt and a detached air of superiority.

On Monday, he sounded genuine — genuinely ashamed, genuinely sad, genuinely determined to be a better person.

"I lied to a lot of people, deceived a lot of people, kept people in the dark, rationalized, lied to myself," he said. "When I stripped all that away and realized what I'd done, the full magnitude of it — it's pretty brutal."

"Unfortunately I also lost my life in the process."

Woods should be commended for addressing 34 minutes' worth of questions about his private indiscretions.

But he didn't answer some of

the most nagging questions. He said what he did was "terrible," "horrible," "wrong."

"Winning golf tournaments is irrelevant to the damage I've caused," he said. "That's my responsibility. I did it."

What "it" is, he did not specify. He again avoided telling what happened late Thanksgiving night, when he crashed leaving his driveway, Elin bashed in the passenger window with a golf club and police found him snoring on the pavement.

He got five stitches in a busted lip, paid a \$166 fine and "it's a closed case."

He did not discuss why he led a double life, moving between posh and proper country clubs and down and dirty liaisons. An adult movie actress, lingerie model, stripper and waitress are

among the women claiming they had affairs with Woods.

The word sex was not uttered. He spent 45 days in rehab but when asked what he was treated for, he said, "That's personal."

He didn't give a convincing explanation of why he chose Dr. Anthony Galea, a controversial proponent of Human Growth Hormone now under investigation, to treat his knee and Achilles' tendon. Galea gave Woods platelet-enriched plasma injections but Woods denied taking performance-enhancing drugs.

He was vague about the extent of his use of Ambien, which he began taking when his father was ill, and Vicodin, which he began taking after knee surgery.

The reformed Tiger, who has returned to practicing meditation and following the tenets of Bud-

dism, promised to "tone down my negative outbursts," which included cursing at fans who dared make a peep.

"I've underappreciated the fans," he said.

You'd think it would be awkward for him to walk Augusta's fairways, lined by people, staring and judging. Not everyone still loves Tiger.

But the hard healing occurs on the therapist's couch. On the green oasis, he doesn't have to answer questions.

"It feels fun. That's something that's been missing," he said. "Nothing's changed. I'm trying to go out and win this thing."

The winning part hasn't changed. But Woods says he's a changed man. It's impossible to know how honest he is when that is the quality he abandoned.

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tionships with diverse groups of people, helping people from different social and economic backgrounds to socialize and knowing when to take a volunteer position instead of asserting herself as a leader.

Dr. Rob Rogers, associate professor of social work, said Sherr's research is important because it helps carry a historical social worker's contributions into the future.

"One reason it's important is because people who've made contributions in past history fade into the woodwork and their contributions are lost unless people resurrect them and present them in a new light to future generations," Rogers said. "I think what he did was, instead of just writing up something that was new, he went back and resurrected and highlighted something that had been done and been done well."

Roger said the award speaks for Sherr's abilities and global perspective as a researcher.

"I think it says that he is able to identify topics that are relevant for practice of social work in today's world, not just in the United States, but globally. Secondly, it's testimony to his skill as a researcher and writer," Roger said. "And third, I think it reflects his global perspective; that is, that he would even submit to this conference and make the effort to go halfway around the world to share the results of his research with a wider audience."

Sherr said the award is an honor to him because all of his research is done with the motivation of glorifying God.

"I really find that my vocation is to teach and to produce research and scholarship that is a glory to God. The thing that's most affirming to me is that my research is very close to understanding the impact of faith and practice, specifically trying to understand what's most important for students as they try to integrate faith into whatever they're learning," Sherr said. "And so my research all grows out of that. This study was directly connected to wanting to know more about her life and her motivations so I could educate my students, but educate broader as well — the field."

At the conference, Sherr will give a speech that corresponds with his abstract. He said he hopes primarily to encourage those in the audience to value the concept of relationship "as the pathway towards partnership, global civil society, [and] peace" and also to help them understand Addams' strategies.

"I hope that the audience will connect to the practice method strategies and be able to take those and use them...that they would actually have a framework that they can begin to put in place," Sherr said.

Yancey said she hopes Sherr's speech will not only spark discussions of Baylor students and faculty getting involved in social work worldwide, but will help other countries to see the importance of social work in their societies.

"I think there are many countries that are beginning to understand that the skills and knowledge base that we have in social work are important also in their settings," Yancey said. "What this may do is to begin to open the area of discussion about having social workers in international settings."

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pollen, mountain cedar and ragweed. She also warns students who are not from Waco to be cautious because the allergens here are different than the ones from home.

"In general a student who has had allergies in the past and who comes from a different area of the country may notice some improvement in the first year or two they are at Baylor," she said. "But after that time, their allergies tend to get much worse since they have been sensitized to local allergens."

Amar agrees that students with allergies from home will get worse in Waco because of the open fields and the winds, and he expects this allergy season to be worse than normal.

"This seems like it is going to be a pretty heavy allergy season, especially in the spring compared to the past couple of years, because of the rain and warming temperature," he said.

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support their work on behalf of maintaining marine environments," Caillat said.

"But I hope to connect with everyone, and have a great and fun night."

Neumann said he thinks Caillat's performance will encourage more students to take part in Dia.

"We expect participation to increase because of her being here and we're excited about that," Neumann said.

"The whole goal of Dia is for people to participate and to kind of be together, so we think that's going to make that happen."

Neumann said the \$25,000 needed to bring Caillat to campus came from the Student Government Allocation Fund.

"It was \$25,000, but that's a deal compared to what she's worth on the market," Neumann said. "We're so grateful for student government's help and their continued support of Dia."

Dia activities will also include various student organization booths, the Dia Dog Show, the Dia Queen contest and the Dia Games.

Groups competing in the Dia Games will also be competing for the new Dia Champion title, which will be awarded to the group that earns the most points.

Registration forms for Dia events can be completed online at www.baylor.edu/diadeloso.

Saratoga, Calif., junior Katrin Cooper, the general assistant for Diadeloso, said the use of online forms instead of mail-out forms this year was inspired by the fact that Dia falls on Earth Day.

"We thought this is such a great spark just to get us started with going green," Cooper said. "And we are working to make sure that we are conscious of that."

Cooper said the committee also hopes to work with the food vendors at Dia to cut down on paper usage.



Caillat

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ate professor of psychology and neuroscience, assisted with the study.

"Cognitive mental representations of religion were activated in half of the participants and neutral concepts were activated in the other half," Rowatt said. "Then participants completed the same measure of racial attitudes. In two separate experiments, those primed with religion reported more negative attitudes toward African-Americans than those primed with neutral concepts."

Some details of the study could not be divulged in order to maintain the integrity of future research.

Johnson said more work must be done to draw further conclusions about the issue.

"I think the main emphasis is that we don't know yet why this is happening," Johnson said. "So it is not that religion is causing racial prejudices or anything like that. And that these are small shifts in bias."

Johnson said this new information proves the need for further research.

"At this point it is still very exploratory in that this study just shows that for some reason, and we still don't know the mechanisms of why, but for some reason activating these religion concepts seems to lead to an increase in racial bias," Johnson said.

According to the study, Christianity was the focus of the research because it is the most prevalent religion in America and African-Americans were selected because they are historically disadvantaged in the United States.

Johnson believes the study is important to raise awareness of the issue.

The study claims that racism against African-Americans still exists on a "covert or implicit level" in the United States.

"The unique thing about this study is we experimentally manipulated an aspect of religion, specifically we activated individuals cognitive representations of religion by using words as primes," Rowatt said.

Baylor students from the introductory level psychology classes were recruited to participate in the study, totaling 43 students. There were 26 women, 26 men and one unspecified gender; 26 students were white, eight were Hispanic, five African Americans, one Asian or Pacific Islander and three unspecified. Students who participated received class credit.

Johnson said researchers are uncertain why religious concepts

cause prejudice and will conduct for more tests to further explore the issue.

"Research and the scholarly productivity of our faculty is an important part of what we do here, benefiting our graduates and also our undergraduates," Diaz-Granados said.

Diaz-Granados said the work done on the study was quality research.

"[Rowatt's] findings are based on observed behavior versus basing his findings on self report (survey data)," Diaz-Granados said.

Jordan LaBouff, Ph.D. candidate, also assisted with the study.

"The graduate students and I conceptualized the project and then undergraduate students were very involved in assisting with data collection and some of the statistical analysis," Rowatt said.

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