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Baseball takes two of three games against Kansas State, including a walk-off winner Friday



Advantage, Griner

ESPN Sports Science recently broke down the physics behind sophomore Brittney Griner's dunking and shot blocking ability. The intimidating findings shed light on why Baylor may earn a Final Four berth today:

- Griner slams the ball with more than 300 pounds of force
- Griner's hands are 9 inches long and 9.5 inches wide — a larger grip than LeBron James (who has a 9.25-inch grip)



- Griner has a 9-foot standing reach, meaning she can cover 203 cubic feet (2/3 more than the average WNBA player)
- From the center of the key, with a single 6-foot stride, Griner can block a shot anywhere inside an area covering 73 percent of the court inside the 3-point line
- At 6-foot-8, Griner is taller than 99.35 percent of all Americans

Watch the video on the Lariat's website at baylorlariat.com

Source: ESPN

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Up next: No. 1 Baylor vs. No. 2 Texas A&M

8 p.m. today American Airlines Center, Dallas Airing on ESPN



No. 44 forward Mariah Chandler expresses her joy after Baylor scores a 3-point shot against Green Bay.



42 drops 40:

Griner shines

DALLAS — No. 1 seed Baylor needed no time to rebuild momentum as it battled past No. 5 seed Wisconsin-Green Bay 86-76 on Sunday at the American Airlines Center. The Lady Bears advanced to their second consecutive Elite Eight behind a careerhigh 40 points from sophomore Brittney Griner.

"March Madness. When I'm feeling it in games, it's just something that comes over you," Griner said.

Griner and company came out on a mission in the opening minutes

The Lady Bears, who posted a season-high 58.9 field goal percentage by the end, burst through the gates to a 14-2 lead as four different starters got involved in the

It didn't take long for Baylor to utilize the height mismatch on the block with the 6-foot-8 Gri-

"Even with two or three defenders [covering Griner], we still have to get her touches," freshman guard Odyssey Sims said.

Griner had 13 of her team's first 29 points before taking a seat on the bench for the remaining 5:51 of the half with two fouls.

Griner wasn't the only No. 42 doing work under the hoop, though.

Green Bay's No. 42 Kayla Teteschlag led her team in points and rebounds both halves and never left the court. The senior eventually finished her complete game with a double-double — 27 points and 10 boards.

With Griner on the bench ear-

sophomore Brooklyn Pope again filled the scoring void.

After Green Bay pulled within four, the sophomore post added three straight buckets in the closing minutes of the half. If Baylor came out the aggres-

sor to open the first half, Green Bay came charging out of the locker room to open the second. The Phoenix cut the deficit

to three points multiple times

thanks largely to senior Celeste

Hoewisch's four treys on the When Baylor needed an offensive kick to distance itself for the final time, though, it knew ex-

actly where to turn. The Lady Bears' leading scorers all season, Griner and Sims,

took command. The guard-post duo combined to drop 14 straight points to take

a 66-49 lead with 9:55 to play. Though it closed the gap to 10 and matched the Lady Bears' rebound mark at 34 with what seemed a relentless fight from its

senior-laden squad, the Phoenix

never overcame that deficit. Baylor's only two double-digit scorers, the freshman-sophomore pair, sank 58 of their team's 76 to-

"People don't need to take her for granted," Mulkey said of the Naismith finalist after her careerhigh points and double-double outing. "You're never going to see another Brittney Griner."

While Griner may be one of a kind, the Elite Eight trip pits No. 1 seed Baylor against No. 2 seed Texas A&M at 8 p.m. today in

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Speaker to highlight role of faith in education

By Sara Tirrito STAFF WRITER

Dr. Lee S. Shulman will deliver the next Presidential Symposium Series lecture on Thursday, titled "Learning to Profess: Challenges and Opportunities for Liberal Education in Faith-based Universities."

The lecture will be at 3 p.m. in the Kayser Auditorium of the

Hankamer School of Business.

No. 42 center Brittney Griner blocks Green Bay No. 4 guard Celeste Hoewisch at the American Airlines Center

in Dallas on Sunday during the third round of the NCAA women's basketball tournament. Baylor won, 86-76,

advancing to the Elite Eight, where the Lady Bears will face Texas A&M at 8 p.m. today.

Shulman is currently president emeritus of The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and the Charles E. Ducommun Professor of Education Emeritus at Stanford University.

Dr. Jim Bennighof, vice provost for academic affairs and policy, said he expects to hear Shulman speak about how a people's diverse viewpoints can give them richer perspectives on issues.

"One of the things he's looking at is the combination of one being an academic scholar in a particular area and also being a person of faith," Bennighof said. "I think that he views these two perspectives as being different vantage points for seeing and encountering the world, and I think he thinks that the ability to look at the same issue from different per-

spectives can be very provocative in terms of thinking about what's important with respect to the issues that you're looking at."

Shulman's own background as a scholar and a Jew can help him bring in an even broader perspective on faith and learning, Dr. Jon Engelhardt, dean of the School of Education, said.

"It may be unusual for someone who is of the Jewish faith to address this topic of spiritual dimensions at a Christian university," Engelhardt said. "He sees this in a way that adds a spiritual dimension regardless of what particular faith you're working from. It gives him a perspective about this issue that is not sort of the standard line. He's coming at it as more of an objective outsider."

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Center celebrates passage of autism assistance legislation



People gathered Monday outside Draper Academic Building to celebrate a bill that was passed allowing autistic patients to receive more assistance from insurance companies. Balloons and cupcakes were handed out, and children had their faces painted.

By Jade Mardirosian STAFF WRITER

The Baylor Autism Resource Center hosted an event Monday night to celebrate and bring awareness to recently passed legislation that will require insurance companies to provide more coverage to autistic patients.

"We are celebrating the fact that with the increase in diagnoses of autism, families will have assistance and the support in order to help their child as best they can," Dr. Julie Ivey-Hatz, director of the Baylor Autism Resource Center, said.

Virginia House Bill 2467 and the accompanying Senate Bill 1062 both require health insurers,

health care subscription plans and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage, worth up to \$35,000 a year, for the diagnosis and treatment of autism spectrum disorder in children ages 2 to 6. Autism Votes, an autism advocacy program, and Virginia State Reps. Tag Greason and Tim Hugo supported the bills.

"We celebrate the fact that the Senate and House recognize that early intervention is what help children succeed the most and we enjoy celebrating accomplishments and things that happen within the community of autism," Ivey-Hatz said.

Students in the School of Social Work reached out to the Baylor Autism Resource Center with the idea to host the event. The social work students had been following the legislation as part of a class assignment and decided to host an event to celebrate the bills becoming active.

Graduate student Ashley Noble said the event celebrates the acknowledgement that families of autistic children need resources and help with therapies for au-

"We just wanted to show that the Baylor Autism Resource Center is a support for those in the community and for those that have children with autism and for

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Private case dealings stifle progress of digitization laws

Editorial

Google is typically synonymous with progress, efficiency and technological advancement. Google Books, however, the technology giant's endeavor to allow a new way of reading and utilizing books, has been abruptly halted with a recent decision by a federal

The goal of Google Books is to scan and make every book ever published, especially "orphan books" - those books that remain under copyright, yet the possessor of the copyright cannot be located — available to the online community at no cost to start.

According to the New York Times, these can range from personal autobiographies to rare books in university libraries.

Judge Denny Chin for the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals presided over a case pitting Google against the authors and representatives of the authors of digitized books who do not want their market was even fully created. works controlled by Google.

Had the court not made the decision to halt the advancement of Google Books, the government would have essentially been supporting and endorsing one company — Google — to the point of a monopoly on digital libraries.

The primary problem is the two types of exploitation that are sure to arise from this issue — the exploitation of orphan books and consumers.

According to the Times, nearly half of all books are orphan books. With such a large population of orphan books and Google's former ability to digitize the books without concern for copyright, a monopoly would have existed had the courts not

Google Books would - according to the endeavor's mission — eventually be the only way to access half of the books in the world, which would ensure a monopolization of this new venture into digital libraries before the

There is still much to be decided concerning the limitations and restrictions to digitally publishing orphan books. Why should the national standard for orphaned books be decided in a private court case instead of being guided through the legislative branch?

In addition to the exploitation of the work, there is a potential for consumers to be exploited in the future. Google Books would already have the monopoly over digital works and could potentially begin to charge for the works it once offered free of charge. Google is a business and as such is looking for profitability. Why would the company be a deciding factor in how the federal government treats digitized orphaned books? There is a clear conflict of interest and neglect for the America lawmaking process.

Through the monopoly of digital texts, Google would also increase its chance of gaining a monopoly over other search engines — a monopoly most already

No competition would exist to drive the prices down and those who want to utilize Google Books would most likely pay a high price

If there is no competition within the digital library marketplace, there will exist no check on the distributors' power over the product and, subsequently, con-

Google Books is, in actuality, a wonderful tool to maintain the permanence of books. Taking into consideration the way that society is moving, it stands to reason that eventually digital copies of books may be all that exist. Therefore, the use of Google Books - or a variation thereof — will probably be necessary.

There are not enough valid reasons, however, to maintain Google Books in its current state. America's next steps should be carefully considered in order to best serve the public and our legislature should take action so that digital progress can continue.

Lariat Letters

Keep Family Abuse Centers vention & Service Act. **Funded**

We would like to bring to your readers' attention the epidemic of domestic violence in Texas and the need to continue funding of local domestic violence pro-

In one 24-hour period in the state of Texas, 3,758 domestic violence victims found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

Over 2,303 adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including counseling, legal advocacy, and children's support.

Almost 2,000 hot line calls were answered, providing victims with support, information, safety planning and resources.

This is over 82 hot line calls every hour. Local programs, such as Waco Family Abuse Center (FAC), exist to eliminate domestic violence in Central Texas by sheltering victims of domestic violence and by preventing abuse from occurring through intervention and education.

As communities in Texas continue to experience job losses and decreased community resources, local domestic violence programs have seen an 86 percent higher demand for services.

Over 60 percent of FAC's budget comes from government funding. The federal government has authorized \$175 million, shared by the nation's 2,000 local domestic violence agencies, through the Family Violence Pre-

This national funding is in jeopardy without a budget for

If FAC loses this funding, nearly 300 children, women and men in the Central Texas area would not be served.

FAC staff would be reduced. crippling our ability to serve sur-

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vivors in the area, especially those in the rural counties.

We are asking your readers call their Congressman or Congresswoman and urge them to preserve current funding levels for domestic violence and sexual assault programs.

Members of Congress need to hear that domestic violence and sexual assault programs are important to their constituents.

— Pagrita Fuller, Yung Hyun,

Masters of Social Work students at Baylor's School of Social

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Deceptive state campus carry bill opposes university's mission

One single vote could have unleashed a firestorm in Waco. A student government bill would have supported allowing certain students to carry a concealed handgun on Baylor property. I applaud Baylor student government for standing, however narrowly, in opposition to the extreme mea-

By no means am I against an individual's right to be secure. As court case after court case has confirmed, owning a handgun for personal protection is a constitutional right, just as it is a constitutional right of property owners to forbid handguns from private property. But when perceived insecurity begets irrational panic and infects rational discourse in the public sphere, cooler heads must prevail.

Senate Resolution 58-09 is a product of irrational fear and stands in opposition to Baylor's heart, our Christian values of peace, understanding, knowledge and love. Fear will make us silent. I must speak.

As much as the speakers at the Senate meeting tried to argue (albeit optimistically) that each



gun owner had "enough" experience to carry a hidden handgun on our campus, I believe that it is important to note that Jared Loughner, the Tucson shooter, and Cho Seung-Hui, the Virginia Tech killer, were 100 percent legal handgun owners.

They used those same weapons to tragically end the lives of many people. Likewise, these activists cannot guarantee the motives, good judgment and emotional stability of every single concealed handgun owner who may want to visit Baylor. Why encourage people to bring guns here?

If students are concerned about campus security, they should inspire dialogue with the Baylor police. Allowing any concealed handgun owner to carry a gun on campus will only create a Pandora's Box of problems for the university and student security.

This legislation capitalizes on both the fear many Baylor students have of living in Waco, as well as national tragedies such as the Virginia Tech shooting. These activists follow a Hollywood narrative that is not rooted in reality. If the advocates of this bill are worried about a violent gunman taking aim at defenseless students (which is a rather rare occurrence), then why aren't they calling for an increase in the number and presence of professional Baylor security officers or TSA-like

security screenings? Baylor is a civil forum, not a frontier settlement we must protect from Waco's perceived hordes of lawless bandits, who need to be rounded up by a student posse comitatus.

If a legally-licensed concealed handgun owner feels insecure outside of Baylor's grounds, then he or she is entitled to carry and use that weapon according to law. But, by agreeing to study at Baylor University, we all agree to follow its procedures and policies. That means we must disarm ourselves of violence and work for a peaceful, creative campus. The tragic shooting on Virginia Tech's campus and the violence in Tucson should not lead us to seek solace in our guns.

They should lead us to reform our mental health institutions and to recognize that dialogue promoting paranoia and vigilante justice coupled with increased gun ownership will, without a doubt, cause even more bloodshed than it already has.

The language of the bill is deceptive. Specifically, the author correlates Colorado State University's newly implemented conceal and carry policy with stagnant or lower crime rates.

He assumes that, in this short time, correlation and causation are one in the same. But, how can we know so early that this new policy caused such a complex effect, as lower crime, on a few acres

The reader is only allowed to see a small pixel of that area's sociological picture: guns on campus. Other marginalizing variables which do cause crime, such as lack of income, lack of education and poverty are completely disre-

Perhaps student government should engage the local community in a set of outreach programs rather than trying to form a student militia.

We all know what happens when mentally unstable people, like Jared Loughner and Cho Seung-Hui, have firearms. They are not rational enough to understand the deterrent of possibly losing their own lives. This is, if they are even cognizant enough to value their own lives or the legal

punishment afterward. The proposal states that crime decreased at such universities without actually providing information about what types of crime actually occurred. Were students caught with an illegal substance such as marijuana or alcohol?

Did someone suffer a robbery or a violent encounter with an assailant? Did a graffiti gang graduate with Studio Art degrees? It does not say. Owning a gun on

campus would only affect one of the previously listed "crimes." If the aim of this policy is to reduce violent crime, why is this author counting every type of crimes as justification for militarizing our campus? This evidence is cherrypicked at best, and a red herring to the context of this bill.

There are responsible, lawabiding gun owners. And there are those who are irresponsible

As any city does, Waco has a mixture of both. But to say that the Baylor's campus is so insecure that we need students to arm themselves in order to preserve order and safety is a gross exaggeration.

We don't need to deputize every concealed gun owner who walks onto the Baylor campus. In crisis and in peace, we should place our trust in our well-trained first responders who patrol our campus, but first and foremost, a loving, peaceful God and the sword of Christ's word.

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Lessons in Lithography

Berry Klingman, professor of art lectures his Lithography 1 class on aluminum plate printing Monday in the Hooper-Schaefer Fine Arts Building as a precursor to a special quest demonstration to be held Wednesday. Kent Rush, art professor at the University of Texas at San Antonio, will give the demonstration from 3:00-5:30 p.m. in room 169. The demonstration will follow a gallery talk by Rush at 2:30 p.m. in the Martin

Japanese group raises money, awareness for tsunami victims

By Caitlin Giddens REPORTER

As the death toll of tsunami victims in Japan approaches 11,000, Baylor students are raising donations and awareness across campus. The Japanese Student Association has set up donation stations in the Baylor Sciences Building, Hankamar School of Business, and residential and dining halls.

All donations will benefit the Japanese Red Cross.

"We set up the boxes for donations, but we also offer information to students who don't know everything that is happening in Japan," Brownsville senior Hugo Tovar, vice president of the Japanese Student Association, said. "Students may have seen what happened in the news, but when they see Japanese exchange students at our

donation stations, it gives them a deeper understanding than what they can find in the news."

After the tsunami and earthquake devastated Japan's northeastern shores on March 11, nearly 18,000 people have been declared missing and even more are without food or shelter. This devastation ranks as Japan's deadliest natural disaster since the 1923 Great Kanto Earthquake.

But Baylor students aren't ignoring Japan's cries for help. Japanese Student Association has raised more than \$600 through their donation stations and hopes to raise more throughout the week.

"We will be continuing the donation stations until Japanese Student Association's spring festival on Saturday," Tovar said. "This year's festival will be very special because of what's happe-

The festival will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday in Morrison Hall. Students are encouraged to attend the annual event and bring donations.

"I'd love to see students show more support for Japan," Tovar said. "But if they can't go, they can pray for Japan. These people need prayer."

Baylor Japanese lecturer Yuko Prefume was visiting Tokyo when the devastation hit. She didn't realize the magnitude of the earthquake at the time.

"Japanese people are used to earthquakes and tsunamis. So when it first hit, I didn't think much of it," Prefume said. "We thought surely this would stop, but it just got bigger and bigger. So we got ready to evacuate, but we felt like we had nowhere to go."

After escaping the disaster safely, Prefume hopes Baylor students will get involved.

"If students can, they should drop a few dollars or some change," Prefume said. "Also, Japanese Student Association needs volunteers to help at the donation stations around campus."

Students interested in volunteering at donation stations can email the Japanese Student Association president and Haslet senior Sarah Leat.

"I hope the rest of this week continues to raise awareness because the news has forgotten the devastation," Leat said. "We hope to raise donations and get Baylor students connected to Japan. Students can donate on campus, the American Red Cross or to the Japanese Red Cross. And Japan can always use prayer."

Study shows parenting styles affect alcohol abuse

By IADE MARDIROSIAN STAFF WRITER

A recent study done by a Baylor researcher suggests that young adults whose parents monitor their social interactions are less likely to have alcohol-related problems, and that young adults monitored by a parent of the opposite gender exhibit an even stronger correlation between parent interaction and less impulsivity.

"While there's a plethora of research showing that low parental monitoring contributes to risky behavior, very few researchers have examined the effects of parental monitoring separated out by mothers and fathers," said Dr. Julie Patock-Peckham, assistant professor of psychology and neuroscience and one of the authors of the

Patock-Peckham said this is the first study to research the link between parenting style and parental monitoring as well as exploring the monitoring style of each parent individually.

The study tested 81 college students from the Missouri University of Science and Technology and San Diego State University.

The students that participated

likely to do a better job of monitoring their children's lives and social plans, compared to permissive parents who were least likely to effectively monitor their children.

Authoritarian parents seemed to have neither an advantage nor a disadvantage in terms of monitor-

Further analysis of the data showed that more parental monitoring by the opposite-gender parent can directly reduce alcohol-related problems by buffering impulsiveness.

"It's well known that people who are more impulsive are more likely to struggle with control over their drinking and are more likely to experience alcohol-related problems than their less impulsive counterparts," Patock-Peckham said. "People seem to think that women or girls will be OK if just their mothers are involved in their lives, and this is really showing fathers they have an impact."

Dr. Emilio Ulloa of San Diego State University also helped author the study and said the research shows the effect parents have on their children is complex.

"Parental monitoring, as defined in our research, may seem benign on the surface, but is

"Our study shows that having strict house rules does not mean that emerging adults feel that parents really know about their social life or plans."

Dr. Julie Patock-Peckham | assistant professor of psychology and neuroscience

Obama explains military action in Libya

By Ben Feller ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON - Defending the first military initiative launched on his watch, President Barack Obama declared Monday night that the United States intervened in Libya to prevent a slaughter of civilians that would have stained the world's conscience and "been a betrayal of who we are." Yet he ruled out targeting Moammar Gadhafi, warning that trying to oust him militarily would be a costly mistake.

Obama announced that NATO would take command over the entire Libya operation on Wednesday, keeping his pledge to get the U.S. out of the lead — but offering no estimate on when the conflict might end.

He never described the U.S.-led military campaign as a "war" and gave no details on its costs, but he offered an expansive case for why he believed it was in the national interest of the United States and al-

In blunt terms, Obama said the U.S.-led response had stopped Gadhafi's advances and halted a slaughter he warned could have shaken the stability of an entire

"To brush aside America's responsibility as a leader and — more profoundly — our responsibilities to our fellow human beings under such circumstances would have been a betrayal of who we are," Obama said. "Some nations may be able to turn a blind eye to atrocities in other countries. The United States of America is different. And as president, I refused to wait for the images of slaughter and mass graves before taking action."

Obama spoke to a respectful military audience at the National Defense University after, in Libya, rebel forces bore down Monday on Gadhafi with the help of airstrikes by U.S.-led forces. The address to the nation was the president's most aggressive attempt to answer the questions mounting from Republican critics, his own party and warweary Americans - chiefly, why the U.S. was immersed in war in another Muslim nation.

Amid protests and crackdowns across the Middle East and North Africa, Obama stated his case that Libya stands alone. "In this particular country, at this particular moment, we were faced with the prospect of violence on a horrific scale," he said.

He also warned of the broader implications for the region, without naming the other countries undergoing violent upheaval.

Citing a failure to act in Libya, he said: "The democratic impulses that are dawning across the region would be eclipsed by the darkest form of dictatorship, as repressive leaders concluded that violence is the best strategy to cling to power. The writ of the U.N. Security Council would have been shown to be little more than empty words, crippling its future credibility to uphold global peace and security."

Obama said why he chose to intervene in Libya even while acknowledging that America's military cannot be used to stamp out every instance of repression.

"There will be times when our safety is not directly threatened, but our interests and values are," the president said. "Sometimes, the course of his-

tory poses challenges that threaten our common humanity and common security. ... These may not be America's problems alone, but they are important to us, and they are problems worth solving," Obama said. "And in these circumstances, we know that the United States, as the world's most powerful nation. will often be called upon to help."

The president also sought to address critics who have said the U.S. mission remains muddled. Indeed, he reiterated the White House position that Gadhafi should not remain in power but the U.N. resolution that authorized power does not go that far.

That gap in directives has left the White House to deal with the prospect that Gadhafi will remain indefinitely. Obama said the U.S. would try to isolate him other

completed a survey that asked the parenting styles of both their mothers and fathers, perceptions each of their parents had of their friendships and social plans, and questions about their own alcoholrelated problems. Patock-Peckham said she was

interested in studying the drinking habits of college students because this period is when these habits really start taking hold. Her hypotheses before begin-

ning the study included thinking two styles of parenting, authoritarian and authoritative, would prove to be beneficial for monitoring.

In the study parents were classified as authoritarian, authoritative or permissive.

Authoritarian parents are characterized by an emphasis on rules and obedience and a lack of dis-

Authoritative parents are characterized by clear rules and instructions, but with an atmosphere of open discussion.

Permissive parents are characterized by behaving more like a friend than a parent.

"We expected an atmosphere of rules to play into monitoring," Patock-Peckham said. "But our study shows that having strict house rules does not mean that emerging adults feel that parents really know about their social life or plans."

Results from the study showed authoritative parents were most likely the expression of a deeper relationship between parent and child based on sharing and trust in both directions," Ulloa said. " I think our research might actually speak to fathers more than mothers as few will be surprised about the role mothers can play in the social development of their children. It could also be that the findings highlight emerging trends in shared responsibility among par-

Patock-Peckham also believes this could be a generational

"It's completely speculative, as this is really a new finding, but I believe it has to do with the socialization process from one generation to the next," Patock-Peckham said. "Perhaps it has something to do with learning how members of the opposite gender view and value certain behaviors."

Dr. Kevin King of the University of Washington, Dr. Antonio Morgan-Lopez of the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, and Jennifer Filson Moses, a doctoral student at the University of Minnesota, also authored the study.

The study was published in the March issue of the Journal of Studies on Alcohol and Drugs.



Compromise still elusive as government shutdown looms

By Andrew Taylor ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — With the clock ticking toward a possible government shutdown, spendingcut talks between Senate Democrats and the Republicans controlling the House have broken off in a whom-do-you-trust battle over legislation to keep operations running for another six months.

Democrats have readied a proposal to cut \$20 billion more from this year's budget, a party official said, but they haven't yet sent it to House Republicans because they say it's unclear whether the majority Republicans would accept a split-the-difference bargain or will yield to demands for a tougher

"Republicans refuse to negotiate," Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid declared Monday. "The infighting between the tea party and the rest of the Republican Party including the Republican leadership in Congress — is keeping our negotiating partner from the negotiating table. And it's pretty hard to negotiate without someone else on the other side of the table," the Nevada Democrat said.

Republicans countered that it's the Democrats who have yet to offer a serious plan to wrestle spending under control and that a Democratic offer from last week to cut \$11 billion from the budget was laced with gimmickry.

Time is running short. Stafflevel negotiations last week ran aground, and the principals are going to have to pick up the pace to have any chance of making an April 8 deadline to avoid a partial shutdown of the government. Right now it appears that the shutdown that both sides have sworn to avoid is possible — if not probable.

Attempts to outmuscle Obama with legislation that pleases tea partyers, however, could incite a THE EAGLE (PG) (1:30) 4:00 6:45

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REPORTER

Baylor ShowTime! will entertain audiences with a Spring Show full of hilarity at 7:30 p.m. on Friday or at 3 p.m. on Saturday in Waco Hall.

Marking the performing ensemble's 30th year entertaining the Baylor community, the performance focuses on bringing laughter patrons through a variety of musical numbers.

"Musical comedy ... gives you the opportunity to escape for a little while," said ShowTime! director and 2004 Baylor graduate Daniel

"When you turn on the news, everything seems to be falling apart the world over, so it's nice to go somewhere and not think about that for a little while," Farris said.

Combining fan favorite show tunes, popular music and classic ShowTime! hits, patrons can expect toe-tapping melodies and belly-aching laughs.

"All of these [pieces] show the flexibility of ShowTime! students,"

"There's an absolute variety within the show. What's neat about it is it all seamlessly flows. A review-style show highlights the great moments and then moves on

to the next moment. ... You get the best of everything."

Audiences can expect tunes encompassing the past 30 years of ShowTime! as well.

"There's a group of pieces that audiences just love," Farris said. "We've turned that into a set. We're performing a piece from 'Pajama Game,' which is a very clean look. It's tight, it's clever, it's fun and it's one of the pieces I did as a student."

Performing during his undergraduate time at Baylor, Farris brings a dynamic element to directing, combining personal student experience with professional expertise.

Farris said the students' personalities played well into the song selections, enabling Farris and choreographer Jerry MacLauchlin to tailor acts to the ensemble.

"I heard the song 'Show People,' so I told them, 'I need you to start creating your own persona for this," Farris said. "They went off the wall. ... I think we found the right direction for them."

Spontaneity and dedication enable students to perform wholeheartedly, said Farris and

"Jerry refers to them as 'fearless,' which is great from a directing side," Farris said. "It's better to tone that energy down than to

Although the performers competently tackle rehearsals, the performance's nonstop tempo presents a challenge.

"With any ShowTime! performance, the biggest challenge is going from each number and trying to get into character as much as you need to," said Midlothian senior and second-year performer Martha Simmons.

"We can be singing a serious love song and then go all the way from that into children from 'You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown, writing a book report. I think it just challenges you as an

Farris said the combination of singing, dancing and acting is the troupe's biggest hurdle, requiring hours of practice before perfection is obtained.

"For one minute of onstage choreography, there's six to eight hours of rehearsal," he said. "That's why they're able to do what they do and do it well."

Originating in 1980, Show-Time! works with the local community to reach alumni, current and prospective students, as well as individuals throughout the world.

Touring internationally and throughout the nation, ShowTime! represents Baylor as creative am-



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bassadors on a grand scale.

"We're a little unique," Mac-Lauchlin told the Lariat in a previous interview. "We've been all over the place. [Showtime!] is a recruiting tool for Baylor and the School of Music. It's also a chance for students to have a part in a musical theater ensemble without being a

Throughout the 30 years at Baylor, ShowTime! has partnered with local charities and events like the Central Texas Affiliate of Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure, as well as local churches. Performances during homecoming weekend have become a staple in Baylor tradition.

Preceding a tour through Tennessee, Mississippi and Louisiana, ShowTime! brings its talent to the Waco Hall main stage for the entire Baylor community.

"A lot of the time we're off in different cities," said Simmons. "This time we'll have our friends and family and it's always great to share that with them."

For tickets or more information, call 254-710-3571.

Point of view: What's the big deal with the royal wedding?

By Barry Koltnow McClatchy-Tribune

It is with great trepidation and regret that I begin this column by breaking the most important rule of column-writing.

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Well, I'm stumped on something, and I'm asking for your help. I really am perplexed about this, and I certainly am capable of wasting 800 snarky words on the subject. But my curiosity has gotten the best of me, and I truly would like for you to help me.

Please explain why I should care about the wedding of Prince William and Kate Middleton on April 29 in Westminster Abbey?

Seriously, I want to understand the fuss that is being made over this royal wedding, not just by the media but by the American public.

From the moment the engagement was announced at a wellmanicured press conference on Nov. 16, the national media have inundated us with "news" on the pending nuptials. OK, I understand why celebrity-obsessed magazines and TV networks are going crazy. It's all about money. Kate Middleton on a cover sells maga-

But that doesn't explain why regular people care. There is no good reason why people would follow the media's lead on this matter, unless they genuinely care about this wedding. And that's what boggles my little brain.

One can grasp the concept of a popular royal wedding in England. It's part of their history.

It's in their nature to idolize the royal family. And, in this case, we're talking about their future king.

However, he's not my future king. Bruce Springsteen may be my boss, but Prince William of Wales is not my king. And he is not YOUR king. I also don't care that he is marrying a commoner. I'm a commoner. I assume that you are a commoner. Why is she getting special treatment by the media?

Believe me, I understand that a royal wedding is seen as a diversion from the difficulties we face in the real world, but don't we have diversions of our own?

Why was "Dancing with the Stars" created, if not as a diversion from a bad economy, lost jobs, three wars and nuclear meltdowns?

Imagine that I am lying prone metaphorically in a position of humility when I ask for your help. It fills me with pain - not quite

kidney-stone pain, but perhaps a good headache pain - to ask for your help because it signals weakness in the columnist world. I realize that the son of the be-

loved Princess Diana is automatically a favorite among the people, but to be honest, the public loved Lady Di long before she had children. Her wedding 30 years ago was huge. A reported 750 million people watched the wedding on television. Why would 750 million people

no longer under the thumb of the British Empire care that this beautiful young woman was marrying Prince Charles, who is not exactly the most charismatic or popular human being on the planet?

The only number I believe is the burgers served by McDonald's. I'm sure they use reputable accounting practices to determine that. This obsession and fascination

with royal weddings didn't start with Charles and Diana. The marriage of Charles' parents, Queen Elizabeth and Prince Phillip, was just as big an event.

I'll bet 750 million people lis-

tened to it on radio.

All the British crown weddings are a big deal, and that's the part I

And I must tell you that I am not a royal-hater. I have nothing against the royal family. I like movies about the royal family.

I just want to know why when the engagement was announced, the entire world stopped long enough to care? Believe me, if I had a funny answer, I would be writing it right now.

One more thing – I don't want anyone to think that this column is in any way an underhanded way to get invited to the wedding. I have no hidden agenda. I wouldn't go if I were invited. But maybe you could include in your responses why I would want to go to this wedding.

- McClatchy-Tribune

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BAYLOR

By Lindsay Cash, Daniel Wallace and Chris Derrett Lariat Staff

Sunday at Baylor Ballpark handed the baseball team chilly weather and a chance to take the three game series against Kansas

"I think today was a great example of our team being lucky and good. We had early errors in the field we were able to come back strong on, and a huge break in the top of the ninth," coach Steve Smith said. "There's no other way to describe that. That's baseball."

Junior Trent Blank started on the mound and pitched into the sixth inning, finishing with two strikeouts.

The Baylor bats got hot in the fifth inning. Sophomore Steve Dal-Porto's line shot followed by junior Brooks Pinckard's grounder in the gap put two on for senior Chris

Slater. His smash down the left field line sent both DalPorto and Pinckard home to tie the game.

Sophomore Max Muncy later singled up the middle to score Slater and push the Bears ahead, 3-2.

"Hitting is contagious; it's one after another. You see the guys in front of you do it, and it just happens," Slater said of his triple.

In the sixth inning, Blank handed it off to senior reliever Jon Ringenberg, who had a huge strikeout to diminish Kansas' hope of moving their runners home safely.

When the score tied up at three runs each in the eighth, Pinckard entered to close. The inning ended when a line drive came back to Pinckard and ricocheted off his foot right to Muncy, who stepped on first for the out.

"Max Muncy was able to make a big play to end the inning when

the ball bounced off my ankle," Pinckard said. "I had no idea where it was. It was a huge break."

All tied up in the eighth, sophomore Cal Towey grabbed a double on a Kansas State overthrow to first. But sophomore Jake Miller made the Wildcats pay with his line drive over shortstop. Miller's RBI created an exciting play at the plate with Towey sliding safe and Baylor going ahead, 4-3.

The Bears ended the series on a double play turned by senior Landis Ware at shortstop.

Relief pitching struggles Saturday

More late-inning struggles plagued Baylor baseball on Saturday, as the Bears fell to Kansas State, 6-3.

Freshman Trae Davis took the loss after surrendering a two-run, eighth inning homer over the right field fence to Jason King.

The Mexia native entered with the game tied at three, did not record an out and gave up his ninth run in his last 4.1 innings. He dropped to 3-1 on the season.

Sophomore Crayton Bare and junior Tyler Bremer finished the eighth inning, one in which the Wildcats took advantage of three walks and a hit batter to score three runs on just two hits.

Still searching for more reliability from his relievers, Smith said he knows his bullpen has the ability to throw strikes.

"I made a decision after last night's game that today would be Trae. That didn't work," Smith said.

Baylor's loss spoiled a solid day from junior starting pitcher Josh Turley, who went seven innings, allowing three runs on 10 hits. Although Kansas State did strike several times, it was never able to pounce on Turley for more than one run in any given inning.

"As a pitcher, to limit the damage in those kinds of innings is the best thing you can do. They're going to have innings where they score a couple of runs. It's just a matter of how you handle it, I think," Turley said.

Kansas State reliever Tyler Sturges' wild pitch allowed Muncy to score in the sixth inning, and sophomore Jake Miller then slapped a single up the middle that tied the game at three runs.

BU ends Friday with walk-off hit

Senior Chris Slater roped a double down the right field line in the ninth to score senior shortstop Landis Ware and capped off the defeat of the Wildcats, 5-4.

Pinch-hitter freshman Lawton Langford reached on a fielding error to start the rally in the ninth, with the Bears trailing 4-3. Two batters later, Ware singled to rightcenter field to score Langford and tie the game. After a stolen base that moved him into scoring position, Ware came home easily as Slater's line drive dropped just to the left of the foul line in right field, and the mob began as the team rushed onto the field to celebrate Baylor's fifth walk-off hit of the season.

Starting pitcher junior Logan Verrett tossed seven innings and six were scoreless. In the third inning, the Wildcats were able to score four runs on Verrett, but that would be the only inning they would do damage at the plate.

Muncy drove in the first run of the game in the bottom of the first inning scorching a line drive to right center field for a triple; he scored Slater who earlier singled.

Relief pitcher sophomore Max Garner recorded his first win of the season, pitching two scoreless innings to close the game.

Rangers' AL crown repeat no easy task

By Stephen Hawkins Associated Press

ARLINGTON — The shiny championship rings of Texas players are still in boxes. There have been a lot of spiffy improvements to Rangers Ballpark, too, since their first World Series.

Yet, there is already plenty to tarnish the expectations for the Rangers less than six months after winning their first American League pennant.

Just like the days when the Rangers were still also-rans in the AL West, there seem to be growing concerns about pitching despite plenty of big bats.

All-Star third baseman Adrian Beltre has been added to a lineup so stacked that Rangers career hits leader Michael Young has been pushed into the role of the primary designated hitter and dropped to sixth in the batting order. Josh Hamilton is coming off an AL MVP season when he led the majors hitting .359.

But ace left-hander Cliff Lee decided not to stay despite a \$138 million, six-year offer and instead returned to Philadelphia, another team he has pitched for in the World Series

And soon after settling on their Lee-less rotation, and deciding to keep hard-throwing Neftali Feliz in the bullpen, Tommy Hunter strained his right groin, Derek Holland had a horrible outing and C.J. Wilson went only two innings his final Arizona start because of tightness in his left hamstring.

Wilson, the crafty left-hander who won 15 games last season after making the transition from the bullpen to the rotation, did throw some more pitches on the side after coming out Saturday and still plans

to start the season opener at home Friday against Boston.

But while the weekend will include the debut of the ballpark upgrades and handing out those rings to fifth-year manager Ron Washington and his players, it marks the beginning of the Rangers' bid to return to the World Series.

"We know what it takes to get there now, and we need to win three more games, that's it," said, Lewis 3-0 with a 1.71 ERA in four postseason starts after 12 regularseason wins in his return from Japan. "That was the big deal, we know what it takes, we know what type of grind it is."

The Rangers had never won a postseason series, or even a home playoff game, before last season — the 50th in the history of the franchise that started as the expansion Washington Senators in 1961.

"It's a confidence builder. We've always felt like we could do it," Hamilton said. "We just got to the point where the pitching stepped up, and our defense and our hitting kind of all worked together at the same time"

Ian Kinsler has returned to the leadoff spot after a career-best .382 on-pace percentage last year while hitting in five different spots in the order. Elvis Andrus is hitting second, setting up Hamilton, Beltre, Nelson Cruz and Young, the longest-tenured Ranger who had requested a trade but seems content now to begin his 11th season in Texas.

"I think because we lost the World Series, it motivated everybody to be better," said Cruz.

While Lee was the big midseason acquisition last season, the Rangers already had a 5 1/2-game lead in the AL West that was the largest in any of baseball's six divi-



McClatchy Newspapers

Josh Hamilton of the Texas Rangers makes a catch in the outfield against the Arizona Diamondbacks in spring training action on March 5 in Scottsdale, Ariz. Arizona won, 3-2. The Rangers are 13-16 in Cactus League play.

sions when he arrived from Seattle. They had taken over first place for good June 8.

Lee won the clinching game in the AL division series, but lost both of his World Series starts, including the Game 5 clincher for San Francisco

Hunter, 13-4 last season, will open the season on the disabled list instead of in the rotation for the third straight year.

The decision has already been made on Feliz, and he's staying as the closer after setting a major league rookie record with 40 saves last season. Feliz was stretched out this spring and showed that he could be a starter, but other relievers struggled so badly this spring that he remains more valuable in the back-end of the bullpen.

Reliever Alexi Ogando could fill in as the No. 5 starter for now, but Texas looks forward to potential help from former NL Cy Young Award winner Brandon Webb, who is trying to make a comeback from shoulder surgery that has kept him out since the 2009 season opener for Arizona. Webb won't be ready for the start of the season, but made progress this spring.

Too bad Hall of Fame pitcher Nolan Ryan isn't an option.

While Ryan is long gone from the mound, there is no question about who is running the Rangers front office.

Ryan, the Rangers' president since 2008, added the title of CEO earlier this month after the surprising departure of managing partner Chuck Greenberg from the team.

BU, A&M softball split weekend series

By Krista Pirtle Sports Writer

Last weekend the battle between the No. 17 Baylor and No. 21 Texas A&M softball teams proved how tough conference play will be in 2011 as they split the series, both with walk-off home runs. Baylor took the first game Saturday, 2-1, in 11 innings and Texas A&M took the second, 6-5.

The Lady Bears hosted Saturday's game in front of a record crowd of 1,460 who went crazy as junior Megan Turk picked the perfect time to hit her first home run of the season.

It sailed over the left field wall in the bottom of the 11th inning, giving the Lady Bears a 2-1 lead to end the game.

Baylor scored in the bottom of the first inning when junior Kayce Walker stole home with two outs after the catcher misfired to second base trying to throw out senior Dani Leal, who was stealing second to bait the throw.

In the top of the third, a ground ball hit from a changeup came back to sophomore pitcher Whitney Canion, who threw it over freshman first baseman Holly Holl's head and allowed an Aggie to score.

After that, both teams couldn't seem to get anyone across home plate. In the top of the 10th, the Lady Bears loaded the bases with two outs, but a grounder to shortstop by sophomore Kathy Shelton sent the game into the eleventh.

Both Texas A&M sophomore Melissa Dumezich and Canion pitched all 11 innings for the teams, with Dumezich allowing two runs off five hits.

Canion proved just as dominant in the circle, allowing only

one run off four hits, with two walks and seven strikeouts.

Aggies even series with homer

The second game between Baylor and Texas A&M proved much more offensive, consisting of five home runs and 17 total hits.

It seemed like the Lady Bears

were going to sweep the opening series of conference play; the Aggies thought otherwise.

In the seventh, Nicole Morgan bit her second homerum of the

hit her second homerun of the game, scoring two runs and robbing Baylor of a win.

Canion pitched all seven innings in this game as well, allowing

six runs on eight hits, striking out eight and walking six.

Junior Lindsey Sisk started the game for the Aggies but only lasted four innings as she allowed four

runs on three hits. Dumezich came back into the circle for the last three innings.

Baylor started off the second game in College Station strong,

scoring two runs in the top of the first thanks to four hits.

Texas A&M scored in the bottom of the fourth with a solo home

run to right field by Morgan, cutting the Baylor lead in half 2-1. In the top of the seventh, Leal hit her second home run of the

hit her second home run of the afternoon to left field, pulling the Lady Bears ahead, 5-4.

The Lady Bears' next matchup

is a doubleheader against Stephen F. Austin University in Nacogdoches. They will resume Big 12 play this weekend, hosting a two-game series against Missouri at Getterman Stadium.

The Lady Bears and Tigers take the field at 2 p.m. Saturday for the first game and meet again at noon Sunday.











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No. 42 center Brittney Griner scores a basket during the game against Green Bay at the American Airlines Center in Dallas during the third round of the NCAA women's basketball tournament on Sunday.

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Dallas, where Griner must rub elbows for the fourth time this year with the only conference foe who averaged more points than her this season.

Now averaging 23.1 a contest, Griner recently passed Texas A&M senior Danielle Adams as the Big 12's leading scorer.

The Lady Bears have been successful in containing Adams in the three previous meetings this year.

The senior post, who averages 22.7 a game, was held to nine, 12 and 13 points the first three matchups.

The games have been anything but one-sided, though.

Both in the first meeting Jan. 30 and the last meeting March 12 in the Big 12 Championship, the Aggies had looks from behind the arc at the buzzer that would have sent the game into overtime.

In the Valentine's Day match-

up in Waco, the Lady Bears had to come from behind late in the second half to claim a nine-point victory.

The Aggies are coming off a 79-38 Sweet 16 round win over Georgia on Sunday.

Though thankful for the Elite Eight birth and the anticipated packed house, Mulkey can't help but imagine playing a nonconference opponent for the chance to advance.

"If you have worked so hard through the course of a year to gain a one and a two seed, it's a newness and a freshness you're looking for in the NCAA playoffs," Mulkey said. "The crowd and all that will be awesome, but truly it's going to be sad for whoever loses because we lose an opportunity, in my opinion, to have two teams that should be in the Final Four this year."

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the children themselves," Noble said.

Ivey-Hatz said she believes the type of resources outlined in the bills were not previously covered for autistic patients because they can be expensive, and if there is not a lot of research that proves treatments are effective, insurance companies are sometimes leery of covering them.

Noble works with autistic children at the Baylor Autism Resource Center every week in social circle groups. The groups are led by first-year graduate students in the psychology program and help the children with various social skills.

"It is definitely a time when children with autism can come in a relaxing and fun environment, and through informal means we can help develop social skills as simple as interacting with their peers," Noble said. "As a graduate student we are immersed in the first year of the program, allowing us from the beginning to work hands-on with the children and to gain a lot of experience."

Noble said she believes the event showed that the Baylor Autism Research Center supports children with autism in the community and their families.

"I think autism is becoming a much more relevant topic and I think that Baylor needs to be aware of how important it is to provide options and support for these families," Noble said. "Through the Baylor Autism Research Center we can help make a difference."

The event was informal and in-

cluded cupcakes, face painting and games for the children. Autistic children involved with the center's social circle groups and their families were invited to attend.

Ivey-Hatz said the Center for Disease Control and Prevention says that one out of 90 children will be diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder. To diagnose children, doctors look at how they respond socially and how they communicate. They also look for odd or unusual behavior such as rocking or varied speech.

Autism is a complex neurobiological disorder, and symptoms range from mild to severe, typically lasting throughout a person's lifetime. The disorder is characterized by varying degrees of impairment in communication skills, lack of social abilities and by repetitive behaviors. Asperger Syndrome, Rett Syndrome, Pervasive Developmental Disorder and Childhood Disintegrative Disorder fall under Autism Spectrum Disorders.

April is Autism Awareness Month and the Baylor Autism Resource Center will host its fourth annual autism walk April 16. Ivey-Hatz said the walk is a great way to promote awareness for autism.

The Baylor Autism Resource Center was opened in January 2008 with a grant from the Waco Foundation and support from Baylor.

The center serves Waco and its surrounding community and provides resources to the community and information about autism research.

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Shulman also sees the importance of both liberal arts education and professional schools and the ways that they can work together, said Dr. Wes Null, associate dean in the Honors College and incoming vice provost for undergraduate education.

"What I appreciate most about his work is he obliterates the distinction between liberal arts education and professional preparation, and sees them both as integrally related to one another and necessary for one another," Null said. "He is every bit as committed to liberal arts education as he is to quality professional preparation. He's someone that recognizes that

professional schools and colleges of arts and sciences have a lot to say to one another and are best when they're working in collaboration with one another."

Null said Shulman can help those who attend the lecture to think about Baylor's uniqueness and its place in higher education.

"Lee Shulman has a very good sense of higher education in America," Null said.

"He knows the landscape of American higher education and can help everyone there to think through how Baylor can and should both fit within that landscape and provide leadership within that landscape."

Auto crisis worsens in Japan

By Elaine Kurtenbach and Sharon Silke Carty Associated Press

TOKYO — The auto industry disruptions triggered by Japan's earthquake and tsunami will worsen in the coming weeks.

Car buyers will have difficulty finding the model they want in certain colors, thousands of auto plant workers will likely be told to stay home, and companies such as Toyota, Honda and others will lose billions of dollars in revenue. More than two weeks since the natural disaster, inventories of crucial car supplies — from computer chips to paint pigments — are dwindling fast as Japanese factories that make them struggle to restart.

Because parts and supplies are shipped by slow-moving boats, the real drop-off has yet to be felt by factories in the U.S., Europe and Asia. That will come by the middle of April.

"This is the biggest impact ever in the history of the automobile industry," said Koji Endo, managing director at Advanced Research Japan in Tokyo.

Much of Japan's auto industry
— the second largest supplier of
cars in the world — remains idle.

Few plants were seriously damaged by the quake, but with supplies of water and electricity fleeting, no one can say when factories will crank up. Some auto analysts said it could be as late as this summer.

There are signs, though, that things might not be as bad as analysts are predicting. Nissan Motor Co., which has seen production stop in several areas, said Monday that it expects factories to be back in operation in weeks rather than months.

The company has studied all of its parts suppliers and companies that supply parts to them and has determined that the situation isn't as dire as some predictions, spokesman Brian Brockman said Monday.

"It remains a fairly dynamic issue," he said. "We think we'll be back up in full production in a matter of weeks."

Yet at least in the short term, problems remain. Hitachi Automotive Systems, which makes parts such as airflow sensors and drive control systems, is waiting for its suppliers to restart while dealing with its own problems. Its plants are without water and gas, and have rolling electricity

blackouts. Workers are repairing crumpled ceilings, fallen walls and cleaning up shattered glass. A spokesman said he doesn't know when its plants will reopen.

The uncertainly has suppliers, automakers and dealers scrambling. And it exposes the vulnerability of the world's most complex supply chain, where 3,000 parts go into single car or truck. Each one of those parts is made up of hundreds of other pieces supplied by multiple companies. All it takes is for one part to go missing or arrive late, and a vehicle can't be built.

When General Motors briefly shut a pickup plant in Shreveport, Louisiana, due to a lack of parts, it caused the partial closing of a New York factory that supplies engines for those trucks. Sweden's Volvo has warned that its production could be disrupted because it is down to a week's worth of some parts.

Car buyers will soon see higher prices and fewer choices. Some car colors will be harder to get because a paint pigment factory in Japan was damaged and shut production. As a result, Ford is telling dealers to stop ordering "tuxedo black" models of its F-150 pickup and Expedition and Navigator SUVs. It's

also shifting away from some reds. The moves are precautionary, Ford said. Chrysler has stopped taking orders for vehicles in 10 paint colors.

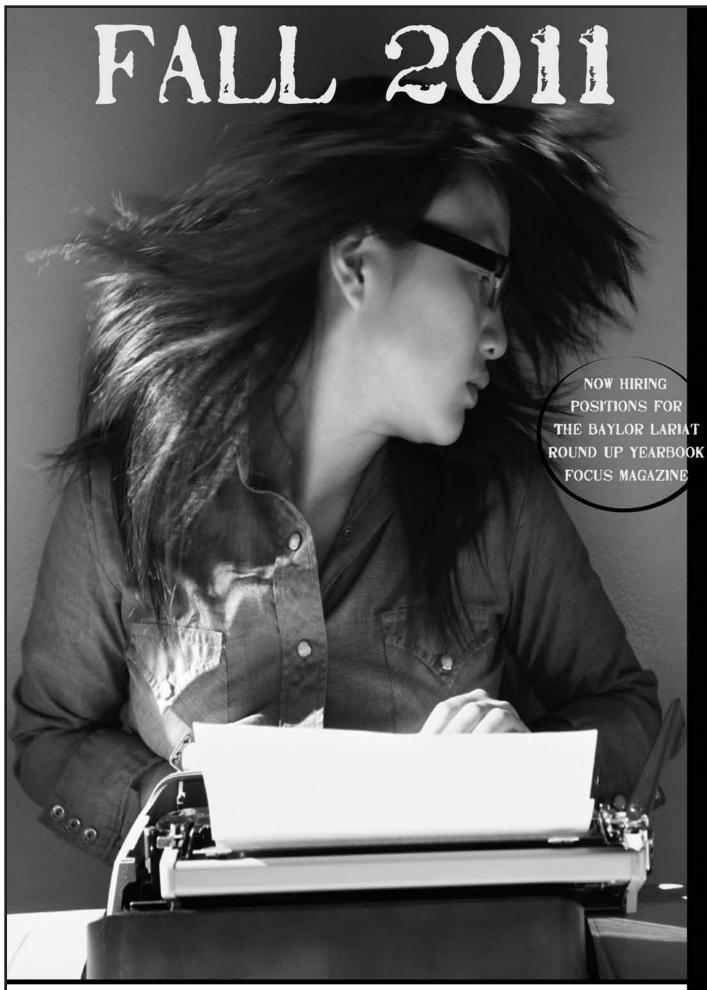
The plant that makes the pigment, run by Merck KGaA, won't resume production for four to eight weeks, and that depends a lot on progress in cleaning up the nearby damaged nuclear power plant, a company spokeswoman said.

The factory is in Onahama in northeast Japan, about 30 miles from the damaged Fukushima Dai-ichi power plant, which is leaking radiation.

"For both the timing of the repair start and for its timely completion, we are dependent upon the availability of infrastructure and utilities as well as upon developments at the Fukushima power plant," Merck KGaA spokeswoman Phyllis Carter said Monday.

The company makes pigments around the world, but the Onahama plant is the only one that produces the type used in many automotive paints, she said.

The lack of colors worries some dealers, especially when popular ones like black could be in short supply.



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