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### Vacation from reality

Students in need of relaxation can partake in a virtual vacation hosted by Baylor Counseling Center and the Department of Wellness. Along with free food, the event will feature tips on how to stay relaxed during finals and will take place from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. today and Wednesday in the Bill Daniel Student Center Den.

### Grab the Mic

The last Grab the Mic event of the semester will be held at 6:30 p.m. today in the Bill Daniel Student Center Den.

## Lariat Awards

The 2010 Lariat staff won 14 regional awards from the Society of Professional Journalists this past weekend, including these nine first-place awards:

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# Unfinished business: Jones III stays



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No. 5 forward Perry Jones III dunks the ball during the game against the Kansas on Jan. 17 at the Ferrell Center. Jones announced he will return for his sophomore year, foregoing the NBA draft.

## Talented freshman skips NBA draft, elects to return

By CHRIS DERRETT  
SPORTS EDITOR

True to his quiet, reserved nature, freshman forward Perry Jones III first looked to his father on his right, then his mother on his left, before announcing his decision regarding his future.

"I want to thank Baylor for everything they've done for me and my family," said Jones, whose lack of Baylor attire hinted at his possible departure from the university. "I really believe I can grow as a player and a person if I stay one more year at Baylor University."

Along with all of Baylor Nation, Jones' teammates then burst into applause, handclaps and high-pitched screaming.

Despite being projected as high as



Jones III

considers brothers.

No. 1 in this year's NBA draft, Jones will return to Baylor for a number of reasons, including his outlook for next year's team and the opportunity to spend more time with players he said he now

Jones II was fully supportive of his son as well.

"I am proud of him also," he said. "If his decision was to start swimming I would still be behind him 100 percent."

The choice took weeks of prayer and thought and wasn't finalized, Jones said, until a couple of days ago.

It wasn't easy when a Google search could show Jones his high NBA draft stock before Baylor's season even began. Jones actually entered the season thinking he would be another one-and-done player.

"I was thinking that, especially after reading articles and projections and stuff. That was in the back of my head," Jones said. "I think this decision can better me as a man."

### Big brother, little brother

The smiles in the room at Monday's

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# Biology teacher receives Collins award

## Students' votes determine 'outstanding' lecturer

By JADE MARDIROSIAN  
STAFF WRITER

The 2011 Collins Outstanding Professor has been awarded to a professor in the biology department.

Dr. Marcie Moehnke, lecturer in biology, has been selected by this year's senior class as the recipient of the award, which is bestowed annually by the Carr P. Collins Foundation. The award recognizes and honors extraordinary teachers at Baylor.

Moehnke said she was surprised when told she had been honored with the award.

"I must say I was very shocked and I think I was speechless for a while," Moehnke said. "Not many things shock me. It is such an

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in 2008, and other campus violence such as rape and assault, show the best defense against a gunman is students who can shoot back.

"I want to give law-abiding citizens a reasonable means of defense beyond duck and hide," Wentworth said.

But similar measures have failed in about two dozen states since 2007. Texas became a prime battleground for the issue because

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JED DEAN | LARIAT PHOTO EDITOR

## Under the table and cleaning

From left: Winston Salem, N.C., sophomore Abby McAlister, Grapevine freshman Caroline Laue and Garland junior Jordyn Hearne wipe down tables for the Salvation Army as part of Alpha Chi Omega's service during Steppin' Out on Saturday.

# Starr, BU fight to save tuition grants

By SARA TIRRITO  
STAFF WRITER

The possibility of severe Texas Equalization Grant cuts has caused leaders of colleges and universities across the state to speak out on behalf of the financial aid program. Today, President Ken Starr will send an email to members of the Baylor family, calling them to support the TEG program and contact their state legislators to express concerns about the proposed cuts to the program.

The email will be sent to cur-

rent students, faculty and staff, and also parents, alumni and friends of the university who reside in Texas.

The university also launched a website, [baylor.edu/saveteg](http://baylor.edu/saveteg), on Monday to provide the Baylor family with information and resources to use in contacting their representatives and seniors.

"When an issue affects students, our alumni care," Tommye Lou Davis, vice president for constituent engagement, said. "So it is time to arm them with the facts and turn them loose."

TEG cuts, proposed at 41.5



percent, could affect thousands of students not only statewide, but at Baylor itself. This year, the university has 3,200 students re-

ceiving funds through the TEG. More than half of those students are minorities.

However, many still have hope that the fate of the TEG can be reversed. Rochonda Farmer-Neal, director of governmental relations for Baylor, said she believes members of the Baylor family can truly make a difference regarding the TEG.

"If they contact their representatives and express to them the importance of TEG, it will have a

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# Concealed handgun legislation lacks support, stalls

By JIM VERTUNO  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUSTIN — Efforts to allow concealed handguns in college classrooms stalled in the Texas Senate for a second time Monday, leaving a measure that seemed headed for approval now struggling to survive.

The measure's Republican sponsor, Sen. Jeff Wentworth of San Antonio, said he didn't have the necessary support to call the bill for a vote. Wentworth would

not predict if or when he would try again.

"I'm hopeful this is a bump in the road," Wentworth said. "I don't have a very clear crystal ball."

The Senate had passed a similar bill in 2009 and Wentworth had assumed he'd get it through the chamber again. With more than 80 lawmakers in the 150-member House already signed as co-authors and Gov. Rick Perry supporting it as well, many expected the bill would sail into law.

Supporters of allowing Texas

concealed handgun license holders, who must be 21 and pass a training course, to carry their weapons into classrooms call it a critical self-defense measure and gun rights issue. Critics worry adding guns to campus life will lead to more violence and suicides.

The bill first ran into problems last week when it came up one vote shy of the 21 needed for a floor vote. Sen. Mario Gallegos, D-Houston, who originally supported the bill, changed his mind after college administrators in his district

complained about the potentially high cost of liability insurance and adding security.

Gallegos also asked teachers he knows to poll their students.

"[They] overwhelmingly wanted me to vote against the bill," he said Monday.

Opponents said the bill may now be doomed.

"I hope so," said Sen. Rodney Ellis, D-Houston. "It's a bad idea."

Supporters of the legislation argue the mass shootings at Virginia Tech in 2007 and Northern Illinois





# Government has no right to toy with private food companies' incentives

## Editorial

A bill introduced to the New York City Council last week, with a possibility of making it into state legislation, would require restaurants to offer toys to accompany kids' meals only if the meal meets standardized health requirements.

Leroy G. Comrie, the author of the bill and a Democrat from Queens, said eating healthy should be made "palatable and exciting" according to a recent article by the New York Times.

The bill states that any meal that contains more than 500 calories and 600 milligrams of sodium could not come with a toy.

The bill also requires that less than 35 percent of the calories come from fat. In turn, the new legislation would eliminate toys from many McDonald's happy meals.

However, even if the restrictions on the kid's meals prove effective as an for the pandemic of obesity in the United States, the bill still exerts too much governmental control over a private business and takes the control and responsibility of children's nutrition away from parents.

While the legislation would

affect only New York City — and possibly the entire state — it is the second such move to rid McDonald's happy meals of toys.

In November 2010, the San Francisco board of supervisors banned toys from the meals with a veto-proof 8-3 decision.

As some in New York City seek the same result, we wonder: How is this much governmental interference in a private company acceptable?

America, founded on the basis of Adam Smith's capitalism, should not be OK with any bill that unnecessarily limits the rights of a private company. The San Francisco decision and the proposed New York rule do just that.

These laws stick the nose of government in places it doesn't belong. It allows government to usurp the role of parents under the guise of protecting American children from obesity.

McDonald's, and any other restaurant that sells kids' meals, is already forced to release nutritional information of the meals it sells. A federal law was passed in March 2010 that requires chains with 20 or more stores to provide nutritional information to its customers.

The Food and Drug Admin-

istration states that nutritional information for restaurant and restaurant-type foods should be provided "by any reasonable means, including orally."

According to the FDA's website restaurants should have nutrition information in writing to ensure its validity.

This nutritional information allows customers to consume only that food which is personally acceptable. These laws allow parents to make conscious decisions about the food children eat.

Perhaps one of the most absurd aspects of banning toys in meals offered by McDonald's is that the legislation purports that all children must eat at McDonald's and therefore the government has a legitimate case to severely impede the private company's goals.

If children don't want McDonald's they don't — and probably won't — eat there. If parents want their children to have different eating habits than what fast food chains provide, they won't take them there.

McDonald's and all restaurants provide a good and customers are not required nor bound to purchase the good. America has seen an increase in the amount of emphasis placed on eating

healthier food. First Lady Michelle Obama's Let's Move initiative looks to fight childhood obesity and the government has started several websites, like mypyramid.gov.

This trend, however, is not sufficient ground to allow intrusive government control in a private company.

If that were the case, for instance, the desegregation of public schools would have never happened because a majority of Americans were staunchly against it.

America has long been the advocate for any minority and these pieces of legislation are antithetical to our country's founding. If a food chain wants to offer toys — and the toys are legally sound and safe for children — the government should have no say.

According to the Centers for Disease Control, many states in America have obesity rates of more than 29 percent. But it is not the responsibility of the government or restaurants to fix America's obesity problem.

Americans need to take responsibility for their own health decisions and dedicate themselves to eating right and exercising.

If Americans want healthy

food and healthy food is what they will pay for, then McDonald's and every other restaurant in the nation will quickly change its marketing strategies to keep up, because the consumers drive capitalism.

The government can't — and should not attempt to — change Americans' personal choices.

It is not the toys in happy meals that make Americans obese and unhealthy — it is Americans that make Americans obese and unhealthy.

Americans don't need to rely on the government to tell them how to eat or how to feed their children.

As a spokeswoman for the mayor of New York said, "Our efforts have been focused on providing consumers with education, so that when they make choices, they are informed."

The government's role should not be to take choices away from citizens — it should be to help people make informed decisions about their own lives like it has done by requiring nutritional information of food at restaurants.

Without the freedom to make our own decisions, be they good or bad, America would cease to be the free America we know today.

## LARIAT LETTERS

### Prior engagement kept candidate from debate

It was with deep regret that I emailed Electoral Commissioner Gregg Ortiz on Wednesday to inform him that I would not be able to be in attendance at the SBO Debate on Thursday. The candidates first learned on April 1 that the debate was tentatively scheduled for April 7.

Unfortunately, I had already committed myself two months ago to another event on the night of April 7. After much consideration, I felt that a student body president's mission must be to hold true to his word and to the service of the students of Baylor University, and, as a candidate for this position, I chose to act pursuant of this belief.

I look forward to the conversations with my peers and my friends that will occur over the next few days: conversations that will not cease once elections are over, but rather will continue and grow. Join the conversation.

— Ben Aguinaga  
Junior, student body president candidate

### Houston best pick for IVP

I am a senior who has been involved in student government for all four years of my time at Baylor. In my time as a SG member, I have worked with all three IVP candidates.

This being said, there is no question in my mind that Daniel Houston would make the best internal vice president that Baylor student government has.

For one, Daniel Houston is part of the reason that parking will be noticeably better in the future.

Next year, Baylor will introduce new options for parking decals. Students will have the choice of paying for parking in different areas of campus, for less. Full campus parking decals will still be available, or students can pay almost \$100 less to park in the east campus garage. Houston wrote the parking legislation that passed through Senate calling for this system to be implemented.

Unless Senate is approached from a comprehensive manner, there are always important student issues that will fall through the cracks. We need someone at the helm who can steer Senate in the right direction.

Houston is a leader. He cares about student issues, and he looks at the big picture. He proposes a platform that requires accountability from senators.

In short, Daniel Houston will get things done.

Daniel Houston is the best — and, I believe, the only — choice for internal vice president. I encourage each of you to cast your vote for him on April 13 and 14.

# Frustration rises when teams get so close, then lose

Can I catch a break?  
Or rather, can my teams catch a break?

I'm tired of losing, losing, losing. Ever since "winning" became a societal catch phrase, it's just served as a painful reminder of how my teams aren't.

Allow me to explain. As an Indiana native, my favorite sports teams have achieved a high level of success in recent years, by most standards. If I were a reasonable person, I would be satisfied with their performance.

Take the Indianapolis Colts. Pretty good team, right? They win a lot of games, and they reached the Super Bowl just two seasons ago.

How about the Butler Bulldogs? For two years in a row they've pulled off shocking, totally unexpected runs to the men's college basketball



James Byers | News editor

championship game.

The problem: Both teams lost in the championship.

The Colts lost to the New Orleans Saints in the Super Bowl. Shortly after that, the Bulldogs fell about 2 inches short of beating the

evil Duke Blue Devils on a last-second heave from half court. And just last week, Butler lost again — in less thrilling fashion — to Connecticut.

Not enough Hoosier heart-break? Just wait until the next night, when Notre Dame lost the women's championship to Texas A&M, of all teams.

Watching Butler lose in person at Reliant Stadium in Houston last week was the final straw.

How does a team shoot 18.8 percent from the field? I didn't think that was possible. Don't get me wrong, I'm still proud of my Bulldogs, but I'm throwing up my hands in exasperation. It's like my teams are cursed.

Need more proof? My beloved Indiana Pacers lost the NBA championship to the Lakers in 2000.

The Indiana Hoosiers lost the

college basketball championship to Maryland in 2002. To top it all off, last year the Indiana Fever lost the WNBA championship to the Phoenix Mercury. OK, I'm not going to pretend like that one bothered me.

In all seriousness, the teams I care about are 1 for 6 in major championships in my lifetime. That's pretty paltry.

The one victory is the only thing keeping me sane. The Colts won the 2006 Super Bowl. But that taste of the highest success has me craving more.

Texans can sympathize — except fans of the San Antonio Spurs, that is.

The Texas Rangers recently lost the championship and the Dallas Mavericks and the Houston Astros have all suffered a similar fate. UT football may have won it all in 2006, but the team lost a heart-

breaker in 2010. What gives?

I can hear readers groaning from here — "Is he really complaining about losing in the championship?" — after all, what right did I even have to expect Butler to be in the championship?

Shouldn't I be satisfied that my teams made it that far? Maybe I should.

Most teams don't make it to the championship in the first place. If you're a fan of a perennially losing team, you probably hold no sympathy for me.

But I'm here to argue that getting so close — and losing — is even more painful than mediocrity.

I've experienced both. When you don't expect your team to win, it doesn't kill you when they don't.

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# Shuttle offers students safety, convenience

By SALLY ANN MOYER  
REPORTER

While safety may be a concern for students on campus late at night, Campus Living & Learning provides a free shuttle service from 11 p.m. to 6 a.m. for all on-campus residents. The shuttle is a golf cart driven by one of six safety and security education officers.

“It’s something that we’re providing as a perk to living on campus,” Timothy Powers, associate director for Campus Living & Learning, said.

The driver of the shuttle for the night directly responds to calls made to 254-265-0690.

Moody Memorial Library is the most common pick-up location, and Collins Residence Hall, Koker-not Residence Hall and Brooks Vil-

lage are the most common drop-off locations, Powers said.

The shuttle can transport students from any campus location, as long as the destination is a Campus Living & Learning residence hall or apartment community.

“Between midnight and 2:30 a.m. is when we see our largest ridership, and during that time we actually have regular riders,” Powers said.

Plano freshman Grace Song, a Kokernot resident, is a regular rider who has used the shuttle service since August 2010.

“I was really nervous the first time, but I have been using it almost every time since then,” Song said.

She found out about the service from a residence hall meeting

at the beginning of the academic year.

“That day I put the number on my favorites. I knew if I ever needed it, I could always call whenever,” Song said.

The service began in the fall of 2009 in response to the elimination of several parking spaces near North and South Russell halls, Powers said.

Houston sophomore Thelma Ofor, a resident of Brooks Residential College, began riding the shuttle in 2009 at the recommendation of a friend. She said she now uses it almost every night.

“One, it’s safer instead of just walking back. Two, it’s quicker. When it’s cold you don’t want to be walking back in the cold; you want to get back to your dorm as soon

as possible. And people are actually friendly. So it’s kind of nice to have a conversation with them,” Ofor said.

The program has spread mainly through word of mouth, but ridership has increased dramatically since its inception.

The service has grown from 141 rides given during the 2009-2010 academic year to 2026 rides given in fall 2010 and a steady ridership of about 60 per week, Powers said.

“I didn’t think many people knew about it; some people still don’t know about it, but I’ve seen an increase from the end of freshman year to now,” Ofor said. “They’re a bit busier.”

The golf cart has room for the driver and three additional people. Rides are often full, Powers said

.Ofor said she normally shares rides with friends, something that has helped spread the word about the service to others.

“A lot of people don’t know about it. They’re usually surprised—like a pleasant surprise,” Ofor said.

Song has also shared the service with her friends, although she said the shuttle service is often met with initial unease.

“Actually, everyone was kind of skeptical about it. They made fun of me for it, but then later on they followed me,” Song said.

The shuttle offers on-campus residents both safety and convenience.

“Initially, we were providing it out of a service for safety to our residents, and now it’s become a

matter of convenience,” Powers said.

More males have used the service than originally expected, with ridership at about 35 percent male and 65 percent female, Powers said.

Song rides the shuttle for safety but appreciates the convenience it provides.

“Honestly, I feel so much safer and it’s kind of convenient, too, not having to walk all the way,” she said.

Powers said Campus Living & Learning is planning to purchase a second cart and market the program more in the fall.

“It’s something that’s important enough to us that we have budgeted some money to provide this service,” he said.

# Healthy appetite: Students receive taste of Bearobics

By MOLLY DUNN  
REPORTER

Students can get a head start on their summer workout plans and experience a sampler of the Bearobics classes that Baylor offers during the Beach Blanket Bash.

The demonstrations will be held from 5:30 to 7 p.m. today on Fountain Mall and are free to all students and faculty.

Alexanne Pitts, North Little Rock, Ark., senior and Bearobics instructor, said she is excited for the event and hopes many people will participate.

“It’s always fun in the spring to do the Beach Blanket Bash where it’s in Fountain Mall, it’s in the middle of everything,” Pitts said. “It’s just kind of different atmosphere than just being within the SLC. It’s fun to be in the middle of campus.”

Students and faculty are encouraged to bring their friends and a beach towel to participate in the classes. The night will start off just like most workouts, with a warm-up then, progress into higher-energy routines.

“We have all of our instructors come out and usually do a five-minute demo of their class,” Pitts said. “It usually starts with Pi/Yo [Pilates and yoga] and yoga and warms you up, then goes into Zumba, turno kick, just different classes we’re trying to market. People can come out, see demonstrations of not only what the class is like, but also the different personalities of the instructors.”

Colleen Bauer, Murphy junior and Bearobics instructor, said the event is focused on energizing the members of Bearobics and all other students.

“It’s not so much trying to get

members in, but it’s kind of just to revitalize them and get them back into it,” Bauer said. “Not to gain members, but really show the members that we’re still going and keep it up until the end of the year.”

Pam Long, graduate assistant for fitness in Campus Recreation, said Beach Blanket Bash is more of a party and it’s not even like exercising.

Door prizes will also be given to those in attendance. Long said there will be a raffle drawing for free membership with Bearobics for this fall and next spring.

Pitts said Bearobics is a great program offered by Baylor to faculty and students, and said she encourages everyone to stop by throughout the evening to see what the aerobics program has to offer.

“I really think Bearobics has a variety of classes,” Pitts said. “We’re always trying to make a different course to not only let you get fit but also have fun doing it, just a good atmosphere. Anyone can come out and try it, even if you have your preconceived notions of what an aerobics class would be. It’s just fun that you would get to be taught by your peers, by popular music. Just come out and try it.”

With the pleasant weather and atmosphere from the event, Bauer said, Beach Blanket Bash will be a great time for everyone who participates.

“The weather has not been a scorcher like usual,” Bauer said. “It is so nice and the wind is a blessing when you’re working out.”

Both Pitts and Bauer said all demonstrations will be voluntary. Students can choose to participate, sit out or just enjoy the music.

“Bring your own beach blanket and just be prepared to have a good time,” Pitts said.



COURTESY PHOTO

Baylor’s Baptist Student Ministries offered students a chance to recharge during a retreat to Balcones Spring last weekend. The retreat, geared toward overworked students, focused on teaching the importance of balancing work and play.

# Students find balance at retreat

By STORI LONG  
REPORTER

Between school, work, relationships and homework, balance can be a difficult thing to achieve. Baptist Student Ministries took students on a retreat last weekend to Balcones Spring, where leaders encouraged students to take a step back from all their responsibilities and worries in an attempt to find balance. This retreat was specifically focused for sophomore students, said Nancy-Page Lowenfield, graduate assistant for Formations-BSM.

“A lot of research shows that sophomore year is often the most confusing and stressful,” Lowenfield said. “It has a lot of changes going on, and I think second-years really need to find balance in their life.”

Rio Vista sophomore Ty Gist said he agrees with these sentiments.

“I think getting into the sophomore year means you get into a lot of your heavier and more intense classes,” Gist said. “Lots of times when this happens, your spiritual life and your personal life start to get strained.”

In order to help the students on the retreat achieve balance, the event focused on allowing the students to have a weekend of peace without any major obligations.

A lot of free time was offered, and students took the time to explore.

“I loved being immersed in nature,” Celina sophomore Taylor Epps said. “We had the chance to go kayaking, canoeing and hiking. It was just really cool being in nature that we had the freedom to

participate and be involved with. If we saw a tree we wanted to climb, we could climb it. If we wanted to jump in the lake, we could jump in the lake.”

The Baptist Student Ministries leaders on the retreat led different talks the students could attend.

The talks focused on ways students could step back in their fast-paced lives and reflect, such as spiritual disciplines and different forms of prayer from contemplative to more imaginative prayer.

Trip leaders said they wanted the retreat to be a chance for students to reflect on their needs.

“We really wanted this to be a time for students to practice self-care,” Celina sophomore Taylor Epps said. “We are supposed to love our neighbor as we love ourselves and until we are able to take care of ourselves, we aren’t able to love others.”

The retreat left students wanting to think more about decision, some said.

“I would say the biggest thing I took away from this was how to reflect,” Gist said. “It helped me learn how to step back from big decisions and ask: I could take this on, and it might be good, but will it help me have balance? Will it spread me too thin and make it impossible for me to do anything well?”

Beyond this, the retreat allowed many of these students to take a break from their demanding lives.

“Right now my life is stressful with a lot of deadlines and work,” Portland, Ore., sophomore Ann Dearing said. “It was really calming just to get away, and it helped give me a new outlook for the rest of the semester. Plus, just being in God’s presence is refreshing.”

# Obama’s speech to address deficit, propose reduction strategy

By JIM KUHNHENN  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama, plunging into the rancorous struggle over America’s mountainous debt, will draw sharp differences with Republicans Wednesday over how to conquer trillions of dollars in spending.

Obama’s speech, to be delivered at George Washington University, will set a new long-term deficit-reduction goal and establish a dramatically different vision from a major Republican proposal that aims to cut more than \$5 trillion over the

next decade, officials said Monday.

Details of Obama’s plan are being closely held so far, but the deficit-cutting target probably will fall between the \$1.1 trillion he proposed in his 2012 budget proposal and the \$4 trillion that a fiscal commission he appointed recommended in December.

The cuts accomplished last week were for \$38.5 billion over the next six months; the cuts envisioned now are for trillions of dollars over the next 10 years.

House Republicans, led by the chairman of the House Budget Committee, Paul Ryan, last week unveiled a plan that would cut \$5.8 trillion over 10 years with a ma-

jor restructuring of the nation’s signature health care programs for the elderly and the poor. Meanwhile, six senators have formed a bipartisan group to work on their own plan to rein in long-term deficits by making changes to Medicare and Medicaid and examining a fundamental overhaul of the tax system that would yield additional revenue.

Unlike the Republican plan, Obama is also expected to call for cuts in defense spending and for tax hikes, repeating his 2012 budget plan to increase Bush era tax rates for families making more than \$250,000. Obama shelved that plan in a

budget compromise with Republicans.

The Republican plan, however, would make the Bush-era tax cuts permanent.

The contrast the White House would like to pitch to the public is that Obama would help reduce the deficit by increasing taxes on the rich, while Republicans would pay for their tax cuts for the wealthy by making seniors pay more for their Medicare.

Republicans on Monday said Obama’s speech was overdue.

“I’m anxious to hear what the president has to say,” House Speaker John Boehner said on Fox News. “We’ve been waiting for

months for the president to enter into this debate with us.”

The speech is expected to affirm Obama’s stand on the spending he is not willing to cut, chiefly in the areas of education, energy, infrastructure, research and innovation.

In choosing to wait until now, White House officials have looked at past precedents, including President George W. Bush’s plan to partially privatize Social Security, and have seen the pitfalls of staking out major policy initiatives early that then come undone in Washington’s combative environment.

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# Actors break down ‘Fences’ to encourage Waco

By **BONNIE BERGER**  
REPORTER

Mission Waco’s Jubilee Theatre brings Pulitzer Prize-winning production “Fences” to the stage at 7:30 p.m. Friday.

Set in the 1950s, August Wilson’s production depicts the life and hardships an aspiring baseball player and his family’s experience in a pre-integrated sports industry. Social barriers to protagonist Troy Maxson’s goals drive him into a downward spiral of broken relationships and despair.

Maxson is a multifaceted character, “embracing all the contradictions of being black and male and American in his time,” according to New York Times critic Frank Rich’s review of the play in 1987. “A black man, a free man, a descendant of slaves, a menial laborer, a father, a husband, a lover,” Maxson is a figure audiences can identify with.

“The central theme is ‘what happens to someone when they give up on a dream?’” said Stephen Walker-Webb, costume and stage designer. “It deals with father/son relationships, the love between husband and wife. Because [Maxson] is so angry, it affects all his relationships. In the end, there’s this beautiful story about redemption and how we can be redeemed to



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The cast of August Wilson’s stage production titled “Fences” performs Monday during their dress rehearsal. Mission Waco’s Jubilee Theatre is hosting the production on Friday and Saturday.

one another.”

Directed by Lutheran Ministries and Social Services of Waco director Francine Lumbard, “Fences” brings literature and relatable themes to the community.

“You never get anywhere in society without trying new things,” Lumbard said. “This has been really wonderful for me. Knowing the ethnic and economic makeup of the community, I wanted to offer

something a little different.”

Through six weeks of rehearsals and preparations, actors and directors combated low budgets and scarce formal theatrical training to put together a production with passion.

“My actors have communicated and demonstrated commitment to do this,” Lumbard said. “They’ve been supportive of one another. As it is with any theatrical performance, it’s a collaborative art. So you have to have a group that is trying to pull together.”

This script marks the first full production for the Jubilee Theatre, requiring ingenuity and teamwork from directors and staff in order to bring the vision to life.

“I went into my grandmother’s closet and pulled out all the clothes out of her closet,” Walker-Webb said. “She was alive during this era and she would have been the same age as many of the characters. They worked perfectly for the production.”

Closet raiding was but one of the many unconventional ways in which the production of “Fences” came to life.

“I had to create this outside space that was believable,” he said. “I went Dumpster diving for about two weeks. I’d get a call from [Mission Waco executive director Jimmy Dorrell] for a meeting and I’d

be knee deep in a Dumpster pulling out a screen door.”

Walker-Webb wasn’t the only individual dedicating time and energy to the set design. Men from Manna House, Mission Waco’s center for rehabilitation, offered a hand as well.

“They would stay behind and help me work on pieces,” Walker-Webb said. “It’s been a community collaborative effort.”

Through the hours of hard work and creative endeavors, staff members learned lessons they contributed to an overarching goal.

“I was having to try to create what someone else was seeing in their head,” Walker-Webb said. “I’ve never assisted someone in directing a production before. It’s taught me how to communicate because no one knows your vision and you have to communicate that.”

“Fences” will show at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, with a matinee showing at 2 p.m. on Sunday 17. Pre-sale tickets are available for \$8 and are \$10 at the door. Reservations are available by calling (254) 753-4900.

“I’ve been very proud of my actors,” Lumbard said. “It takes a lot of courage to get up and perform as an actor, period. It also takes a lot of courage to step out and try something like this.”

# U2 breaks Rolling Stones’ record for highest-grossing tour

By **TODD MARTENS**  
LOS ANGELES TIMES

LOS ANGELES – U2 isn’t a band that does things on the cheap. When frontman Bono and guitarist The Edge went to Broadway, they did so via “Spider-Man: Turn Off the Dark,” which has already earned itself the distinction of being the most expensive show in Broadway history.

The band’s “360 Tour” has been no bargain either, with costs tallying at least \$750,000 per day, ac-

cording to Billboard, whether or not the band even has a gig that night.

So perhaps the news Monday released via concert promoter Live Nation that trumpets the “360 Tour” as the highest-grossing rock ‘n’ roll endeavor ever should come with an asterisk. After all, no doubt it’s one of the most expensive traveling rock shows ever, if not the most. Yet with 26 dates to go, the “360 Tour” has grossed more than \$554 million since it launched in 2009. That beats a previous record

set by the Rolling Stones’ “Bigger Bang Tour.”

In the statement, U2 manager Paul McGuinness was quoted as saying, “That dollar figure for the gross looks enormous. Of course I can’t tell you what the net is, but I can tell you that the band spend enormous sums on production for their audience.”

U2 only operates the scale of grand these days, but big, of course, is not always directly related to artistry. “Spider-Man: Turn Off the Dark,” for instance, is

the Broadway show the critics love to hate, and the “360 Tour” came at something of an odd time for U2. The trek was staged in support of the band’s 2009 album, “No Line on the Horizon,” which, while successful, didn’t spawn a hit on par with a “Beautiful Day” or an “Evolution.”

In fact, “No Line” represented U2’s more adventurous side, with slow-building songs that touched on gospel and largely avoided the knock-em-dead chorus or guitar riff.

It was a more atmospheric-leaning collection, and one with many songs, such as the seven-minute “Moment of Surrender,” that begged for an intimacy not found in stadiums. For a band well-versed in anthems, it was downright experimental, as U2 had released one of its quietest albums on the verge of staging its biggest tour.

Fans shouldn’t have to wait too long to see where U2 heads after the “360 Tour,” which is named so for its construction of space-alien-

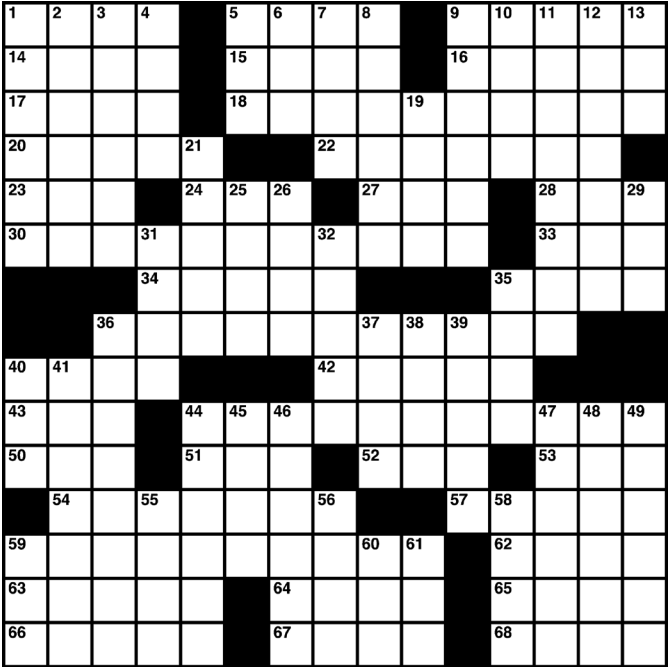
like theater-in-the-round contraption. Bono has been vocal in saying U2 has plenty of material waiting in the wings, including an album that the band has been working on with producer Danger Mouse (Gnarls Barkley, Broken Bells).

Working with Danger Mouse should be an encouraging sign for those aching for a more challenging U2. Yet the stage for the “360 Tour” was said to have cost upward of \$40 million to build, and one doesn’t make that kind of investment only to scale back.

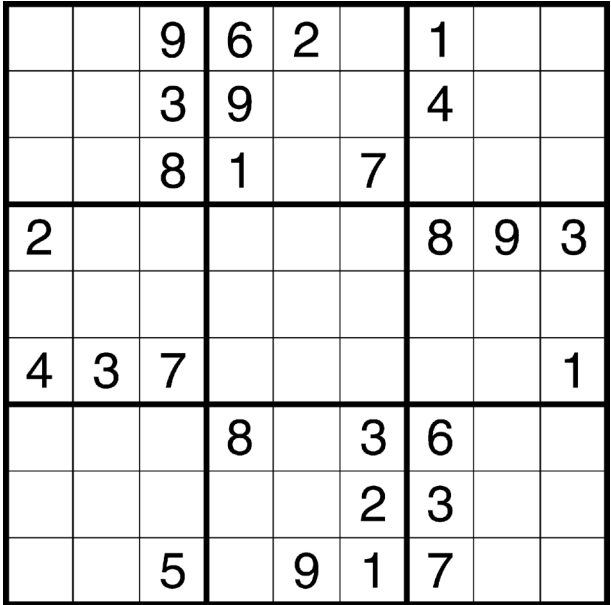
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  - 20 Doves’ homes
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  - 59 “Not another word!”
  - 62 Use UPS
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  - 65 “The \_\_\_ Love”: Gershwin song
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# Turley helps BU to lone weekend win vs. Texas

## Bears take one of three in series

By CHRIS DERRETT  
SPORTS EDITOR

Baylor starting pitcher Josh Turley wasn't used to the media attention he got following the Bears' 7-6 win over Texas Saturday. But if having a career day means pushing back postgame plans because of interviews, Turley welcomes it with open arms.

"I'd rather pitch well and get the win than pitch poorly and go eat dinner," Turley said.

Turley tossed eight innings, holding the Longhorns (23-8, 8-3) to three runs on seven hits while striking out five and allowing just one walk. His innings thrown set a new career high, as did his 114 pitches.

"For us to have a chance, Josh had to be special today. And he was," head coach Steve Smith said.

Turley's win was sandwiched between two losses to the Longhorns, 11-3 on Friday and 5-2 on Sunday. The weekend brings Baylor to 18-15 overall and 5-7 in conference play.

Friday's game featured a nine-run sixth inning that began with a fly ball lost in the lights and ended with fans from both Baylor and Texas filing out of the stadium. Sophomore Cal Tovey hit two home runs in the game, and junior Dan Evatt added one as well.

On Sunday, Baylor held an early 2-0 lead but allowed a run each in the fifth and sixth innings and three runs in the seventh before falling 5-2.

Saturday was Baylor's first win

*"For us to have a chance, Josh [Turley] had to be special today. And he was."*

Steve Smith | Head coach

over Texas at Baylor Ballpark since 2005. Junior Dan Evatt gave the Bears the lead for good with a two-run home run that carried over the left field wall, soaring with the help of winds blowing upward of 25 miles per hour. The shot was the first allowed by Texas starter Hoby Milner this season and a game-changing play in Smith's opinion.

"I think Evatt's ball is the thing that really gave us some life and maybe put just a hair of doubt in [Texas'] mind," Smith said.

Turley was particularly able to contain the Longhorns in the third inning, important against a Texas team outscoring its opponents 68-22 in the first three innings. With runners on second and third, Turley fanned Lucas Kephart and Tant Shepherd for his first and second strikeouts of the game.

"That was huge for us, because we're fighting for everything we can get, and they're fighting for everything they can get," Smith said. "To get those punchouts like that was, at that point in time, pretty big."

Baylor grabbed another four runs in the seventh with a two-RBI double from sophomore Max Muncy and a two-RBI single from junior Josh Ludy.

Baylor's seventh inning insurance proved to be completely necessary for the win, because similar to its recent performances against Big 12 opponents, the Bears' bullpen kept things interesting.

Junior Brooks Pinckard allowed four runners, one inherited, to score before Smith turned to sophomore Max Garner for a one-out save. Garner delivered, getting Lucas Kephart to ground out and end the game.

Considering Garner's success thus far in the conference season, Smith said he was considering using Garner in Saturday's game for a three-out save instead of turning



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No. 16 junior Brooks Pinckard slides for home plate against Texas on Saturday at Baylor Ballpark. Pinckard was called out on the play, but Baylor won the game, 7-6. The Bears lost to the Longhorns on Friday and Sunday.

to Pinckard first. The only concern was Garner's elbow, which took a hard line drive last Tuesday in the Bears' loss at Sam Houston State.

The injury did not seem to affect Garner on Saturday, as he

threw a changeup for a first pitch strike before retiring Kephart. Such an effort has Smith reconsidering who he wants to close Baylor's games.

"You can't just say, 'Pinckard's

our closer, so every time we get to the end of the game, he has to pitch," Smith said. "I think our best guy right now clearly at the end of the game is Max. But again, he's not going to be perfect either."

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Losing Pitcher: Brad Kuntz (0-1)												
Save: Corey Knebel (8)										HR: None		

# Mavericks grab half-game lead for No. 2 seed with OT win

By CHRIS DUNCAN  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

HOUSTON — Dirk Nowitzki had 23 points and 12 rebounds, and the Dallas Mavericks beat the Houston Rockets 98-91 in overtime Monday night to move a half game ahead of the Los Angeles Lakers for the No. 2 seed in the Western Conference.

Shawn Marion and Jason Terry scored 21 points each, and Tyson Chandler grabbed 12 rebounds for the Mavericks, who snapped a three-game road losing streak by beating Houston for the fourth straight time.

Kevin Martin had 28 points to lead the Rockets, who were eliminated from playoff contention on Friday.

Terry had a chance to win the

game in regulation, but missed the second of two free throws with 1.5 seconds remaining.

The Rockets missed their first four shots of overtime, and Chandler dunked and Terry hit a jumper from the wing to put Dallas in front to stay.

Courtney Lee hit a 3-pointer, but Terry scored again to make it 92-89 heading into the last two minutes.

With Mavericks owner Mark Cuban standing and yelling along the baseline near the bench, Martin missed a 3-point try with a minute remaining.

Marion flipped in a hook shot with 53 seconds to go, then rebounded a Goran Dragic miss to put the game out of reach.

Dragic scored 15 points and grabbed 10 rebounds, and Chuck

Dallas	Monday, April 11 Toyota Center	Houston
98		91
45.8% (38-83)	Field Goals	36.5% (35-96)
90.8% (18-20)	Free Throws	81.3% (13-16)
6	Off. Rebounds	17
43	Def. Rebounds	35
D. Nowitzki (23)	Lead Scorer	K. Martin (28)

Hayes had 10 points and 12 rebounds for the Rockets, who led 23-20 after one quarter despite shooting 35 percent from the field (9 for 26).

Dallas gave away eight turnovers in the opening quarter and

went 0 for 5 from 3-point range. Nowitzki started 1 for 7 and Jason Kidd opened 1 for 5.

Houston coughed up four turnovers in the first five minutes of the second quarter, but the Rockets outrebounded the Mavericks 14-6

in the quarter and took a 47-43 lead at the break.

There were nine lead changes and six ties in the first half, and neither team was up by more than five.

Chase Budinger hit a jumper and Martin sank his third 3-pointer to give Houston a 60-55 lead. The Mavericks closed the gap, but Brad Miller hit a straight-on 3-pointer just before the quarter buzzer to put the Rockets up 71-67 heading to the fourth.

Lee followed Dragic's miss with a one-handed dunk for a 77-72 Rockets lead with 7:55 left, and J.J. Barea answered with a 3-pointer to keep the Mavs within a basket.

Ian Mahinmi tied it 78-all with a three-point play midway through the final quarter. Martin sank two free throws with 3:37 left before

Terry re-tied it with a driving layup.

Nowitzki hit two free throws with 1:59 to go, giving Dallas an 82-81 lead. Martin badly missed a long jumper from the wing, and Marion slid inside for a layup. He was fouled and made the ensuing free throw to put the Mavs ahead 85-81, matching their biggest lead.

The Rockets rebounded Nowitzki's miss, and Dragic found a cutting Lee for a tying layup with 10.8 seconds remaining. He was fouled by Nowitzki and sank the free throw to put Houston back in front, but Chuck Hayes fouled Terry on a long miss with 1.5 seconds remaining.

Terry, an 85-percent free-throw shooter, missed the second try and the ball bounced out of bounds as the final buzzer sounded.

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Members of Zeta Tau Alpha sorority celebrate after winning first place during Stompfest on Saturday at Waco Hall.

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honor and because I understand what an honor it was it really did leave me speechless.”

Round Rock senior Colby Bouchard has taken Moehnke’s classes and served as her grader and a supplemental instruction student teacher for her genetics class. Bouchard said she was ecstatic when she heard Moehnke had been named as the recipient of the award.

“I was incredibly happy for her. She absolutely 100 percent deserves it,” Bouchard said. “She is a great choice for this year; she’s

just fantastic at what she does. I’ve loved working with her and I couldn’t ask for a better mentor and professor.”

Moehnke, who has taught at Baylor for six years, said she enjoys working with students.

“I love it when they learn something and I can see that it has finally clicked,” Moehnke said. “I like getting to know them as a mentor, adviser, teacher and even participating with them in different events outside of the classroom.”

Bouchard described Moehnke as passionate.

“She cares about her students immensely and just really wants them to succeed,” Bouchard said. “She is really knowledgeable and is just a fantastic teacher overall, probably one of the best I’ve had.”

The recipient of the Collins Outstanding Professor award receives \$10,000 cash, recognition in university publications as well as at the spring commencement and citation on a plaque. The recipient also gives a lecture on a subject of his or her choice.

Moehnke will present her lecture “Life Lessons from Scientific

Serendipity” at 4 p.m. today in A108 Baylor Sciences Building.

Moehnke said her lecture deals with special events in science that have come somewhat by accident.

“These scientists had an original plan, but this serendipitous event changed their direction. How they responded to that changed their lives,” Moehnke said. “In our lives we all have our plans and so forth. When we have a change in plans, what is important is how we respond and we can end up making a discovery in our lives as well.”



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## March to the beat

San Antonio junior Abigail Oilar (right) commands a flight of cadets through standard routine drills during spring flight training Monday, among them Kennesaw, Ga., freshman and cadet flagbearer Elisse Day.

## JONES III from Page 1

press conference were everywhere, from Drew on the podium to Jones’ giddy teammates rooting him on from the back of the room. Jones couldn’t see himself leaving for the NBA.

“They keep me out of trouble, keep me out of harm’s way,” Jones said of his teammates. “Staying with them seems better than going out to the real world by myself and being alone and not having a great group of guys to help me.”

Jones expressed additional excitement in playing with both veterans and newcomers next year, such as junior Boston College transfer Brady Heslip, freshman UC-Berkeley transfer Gary Franklin and sophomore Cory Jefferson, who redshirted this season.

Perhaps no player was more excited about Jones’ choice than junior Quincy Acy, the epitome of the Bears’ sentiment toward Jones.

“You can’t leave big brother stranded,” a smiling Acy said.

Acy, who has known Jones since Jones was a high-schooler, had admiration from Jones’ decision in the face of millions of dollars and likened it to Ohio State standout freshman Jared Sullinger staying an additional year.

“It just shows that the top talent aren’t going [to college] for benefits or whatever. They’re coming because they like the school and they like the people on the team. It says a lot about them,” Acy said.

### Above and beyond

At 13.9 points per game, Jones might have been the Bears’ second-leading scorer, but he said he still has work to do before becoming at least a solid contributor on an NBA squad.

A point of emphasis for Jones

will be “my motor, to be able to keep playing consistently throughout the entire 40 minutes of the game,” he said.

Drew said because of Jones’ size, Jones’ best basketball will always be ahead of him until his late 20s or early 30s.

Jones also knows basketball analysts will watch him closely next year, possibly questioning his decision and always pondering what could have been had Jones answered the NBA’s call.

“Even if I would have went there would have been a chip on my shoulder. You cannot avoid the chip,” Jones said.

For now, God’s call is all that matters to Jones.

“[The NBA] is in the back of my mind, you know. But I just know this is the right choice. I prayed about it, and God led me to this decision,” Jones said.

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of its gun culture and its size, with more than 500,000 students at 38 public universities.

Texas higher education officials have opposed the bill and legislative hearings have been dominated by testimony from students and professors on both sides of the issue.

“There’s still a lot of support out

there,” said Daniel Crocker, spokesman for Students for Concealed Carry on Campus.

“There is a human cost. That human cost is going to be borne by those who are unable to defend themselves.”

Several former University of Texas students who survived the

1966 campus shootings by sniper Charles Whitman have testified against the bill. Jim Bryce was a 25-year-old Texas student when he was pinned down by Whitman’s gunfire and saw three friend shots.

“I don’t think we’re on the frontier like my great-grandmother was,” Bryce said.

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major impact on the outcome of TEG,” Farmer-Neal said.

“When legislative members hear from constituents, they listen to them. They want to know what is impacting them, so for our alumni, our students to contact them it will have a major impact. And I believe it will be a positive impact on TEG.”

Baylor student ambassador and Mountain View, Okla., senior Aaron Fobes took a trip to the state capital with other Baylor ambassadors to lobby for the TEG on Thursday. Fobes said with a quarter of the university’s students receiving TEG aid, it is important for all students to realize how cuts to the grant could affect the student body as a whole.

“I think it’s important that students realize that with 25 percent of our student body receiving this grant, the reduction is really going to affect the type of students we have,” Fobes said. “I think the purpose of a university is a very collective experience that’s shared not only by academic merit but by people with different socioeconomic backgrounds bringing a different perspective, and that’s what is important about this grant is that it increases the diversity at our university.”

TEG cuts could affect not only Baylor’s diversity, but could also hinder current students from attending the university next year.

“Dramatic cuts in TEG funding could change the profile of the freshman class and it could affect retention, because students that are presently on the TEG might not be able to return without this financial aid,” Davis said.

Jackie Diaz, assistant vice president for student financial services, said a lack of TEG funding could also cause the state to lose out on talented future employees.

“Some of our students really want to go to Baylor. They want the private school experience,” Diaz said, “and if they go outside

the state because the funding is not available sufficient to meet their needs here in the state, then Texas [has] that risk of losing that student in the future and some of our brightest students could be finding employment in other places.”

Uncertainty about TEG funding has already affected the university, leading the financial aid office to alter award letters this year. TEG monies were left off completely and a paragraph that informed families they would be contacted if state funding for them was added.

“We sent out award letters this year without that TEG amount listed on the award for our prospective freshmen and transfer students, and that’s a first since we started TEG to my knowledge,” Diaz said.

Knowing that many families have come to expect TEG funding but also want realistic estimates prompted the financial aid office to address the situation when the letters were sent.

“Obviously, the award goes out every year and could change every year, but I will say that some of our parents ... have a reasonable expectation of what that TEG amount may be because of previous experiences with financial aid and the awarding environment,” Diaz said, “so I think that’s why we wanted to address that expectation and help them make the best decision possible, given that we just don’t have all of the facts yet.”

Although the financial aid office does not expect final news on the TEG until June, students were still encouraged to decide whether they would enroll by May 1 so they could get a refund on their deposit, if needed.

“I certainly expect that it’s going to cause some students to decide not to attend Baylor,” Diaz said. “I think probably there will be others that will look for other financial options to try to replace the funds that they had hoped to receive with the TEG.”

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