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Richardson sophomore Drew McBayer attempts to stop Southlake sophomore Trent Miller from scoring a point during Baylor Quidditch League practice Tuesday evening at the Opera Building fields.

# Conference encourages students to 'Be the Change'

BY JENNIFER KANG  
REPORTER

Baylor will host Be the Change Missions Conference this week. The conference will focus on justice issues in the world and ways students can correct global injustices.

It is free and open to all students, and will last from Wednesday-Saturday.

This conference is led by stu-

dent volunteers from the Be the Change Steering Committee, Megan Corbett, global village committee chair and graduate student at Truett Seminary, said. Students organized this justice-themed event and found speakers who could give insight on this topic.

Corbett said the conference will have speakers who are knowledgeable in various fields.

"We're incorporating people

that are from different agencies and organizations that are doing things all around the world, and also incorporating things that are happening locally," Corbett said. "We're really trying to incorporate all different vocations."

The conference will cover a variety of aspects of justice, such as those pertaining to social work

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# Listeria outbreak continues terror across U.S. as death toll rises

BY MARY CLARE JALONICK  
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As many as 16 people have died from possible listeria illnesses traced to Colorado cantaloupes, health officials said a death toll that would make the food outbreak the deadliest in more than a decade.

The Centers for Disease Control said last week that 72 illnesses and eight deaths were linked to the outbreak. Since then, state and local health departments in Kansas, Nebraska, Texas and Wyoming have reported six additional deaths that may be linked to the tainted fruit.

Nine people died in an outbreak linked to salmonella-tainted peanuts almost three years ago.

Deaths linked to the cantaloupes are expected to easily surpass that

number.

Listeria is more deadly than more well-known pathogens like salmonella and E. coli, though those outbreaks generally cause many more illnesses.

Twenty-one people died in an outbreak of listeria poisoning in 1998 traced to contaminated hot dogs and possibly deli meats made by Bil Mar Foods, a subsidiary of Sara Lee Corp. Another large listeria outbreak in 1985 killed 52 people and was linked to Mexican-style soft cheese.

Listeria generally only sickens the elderly, pregnant women and others with compromised immune systems.

The CDC said last week that the median age of those sickened was 78.

Dr. Robert Tauxe of the CDC

says the number of illnesses and deaths will probably grow in coming weeks because the symptoms of listeria don't always show up right away. It can take four weeks or more for a person to fall ill after eating food contaminated with listeria.

"That long incubation period is a real problem," Tauxe said. "People who ate a contaminated food two weeks ago or even a week ago could still be falling sick weeks later."

On Sept. 21 the CDC reported illnesses in California, Colorado, Illinois, Indiana, Maryland, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin and Wyoming. The agency said then that four had died in New Mexico, two had died in Colorado and one person had died in both

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# BGCT moves ahead on cuts

BY DANIEL C. HOUSTON  
STAFF WRITER

The Baptist General Convention of Texas executive board voted Tuesday to recommend a budget proposal that would slash undergraduate funding for Baylor by 51.7 percent while also approving a renegotiated special agreement between the two institutions.

In the proposed budget, Baylor and the George W. Truett Theological Seminary are the only Baptist institutions set to lose BGCT funding — a loss of \$889,053 for Baylor and \$18,596 for Truett.

All other institutions, including Houston Baptist University and Dallas Baptist University, would see funding increases.

Baylor President Ken Starr, spoke at Tuesday's executive board meeting, said BGCT funding for undergraduate programs amounts to 15 percent of Baylor's religion department budget and 10 percent of Baptist student ministries funding, but he did not explicitly denounce the budget changes.

"The reason that Baylor University is not mounting an appeal — we have no standing to mount an appeal as such — is because so many of our sibling institutions are being

substantially benefited," Starr said, "and so we give thanks that they will be very significantly benefited by virtue of these policy decisions in the budget that are then driving the allocation."

Steve Vernon, acting executive director of the BGCT, said the change in funding was motivated by a desire to provide relatively more funding to those universities considered "affiliated" with the BGCT, meaning they allow the BGCT to select 75 percent of the membership of their boards of trustees.

Baylor and HBU allow the BGCT to select 25 percent of their board of regents memberships and therefore relate to the BGCT by special agreement.

"Our participation in their governance is much less than it is with our affiliated institutions," Vernon said. "So the question comes: Do you make a distinction between those who are affiliated and those who relate to us by special agreement?"

The proposed funding distribution is based on a three-category system in which every school, regardless of its affiliation status,

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# Jackson's voice echoes in trial

BY ANTHONY MCCARTNEY  
AND LINDA DEUTSCH  
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First, prosecutors showed a photo of Michael Jackson's pale and lifeless body lying on a gurney. Then they played a recording of his voice, just weeks before his death.

Slow and slurred, his words echoed Tuesday through a Los Angeles courtroom at the start of the trial of the doctor accused of killing him. As a worldwide audience watched on TV and Jackson's family looked on from inside the courtroom, a drugged Jackson said:

"We have to be phenomenal. When people leave this show, when people leave my show, I want them to say, 'I've never seen nothing like this in my life. Go. Go. I've never seen nothing like this. Go. It's amazing. He's the greatest entertainer in the world.'"



Jackson

Prosecutors played the audio for the first time during opening statements as they portrayed Dr. Conrad Murray, 58, as an incompetent physician who used a dangerous anesthetic without adequate safeguards and whose neglect left the superstar abandoned as he lay dying.

Defense attorneys countered that Jackson caused his own death by taking a drug dose, including Propofol, after Murray left the room.

Nothing the cardiologist could have done would have saved the King of Pop, defense attorney Ed Chernoff told jurors, because Jackson was desperate to regain his fame and needed rest to prepare for a series of crucial comeback concerts.

A number of Jackson's family members were in the courthouse, including his father Joseph, mother Katherine, sisters LaToya and Janet, and brothers Jermaine, Randy and Tito. LaToya Jackson carried a sunflower, her brother's favorite flower.

Murray, who arrived at court holding hands with his mother, is charged with involuntary manslaughter. If convicted, he faces up to four years in prison and the loss

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Bill Sackett stands next to cantaloupes at his Rocky Ford, Colo., farm market about a hundred miles from Jensen Farms in Holly, Colo., where cantaloupes have been recalled following a listeria outbreak that has killed at least two people, sickened 22 and spread to several states.





# Religious extremism class unfairly restricted

Miami University’s Department of Comparative Religion caused a stir in Ohio last week with their proposal to invite a member of the Westboro Baptist Church to speak. It was, however, the College of Arts and Science that made national headlines when a decision was reached to drop the plans altogether.

Shirley Phelps-Roper was scheduled to visit Dr. Hillel Gray’s 100-level class on religious extremism. Phelps-Roper is a lawyer and the daughter of Fred Phelps, minister of Westboro Baptist Church. Many people, including one contributing writer for the Baptist Press, have argued Westboro is closer to a hate group than a church.

The Miami Student, the university’s newspaper, reported the Department of Comparative Religion sent a proposal to the College of Arts and Science to “give notice and invite input concerning the plans” for Phelps-Roper’s visit.

The College of Arts and Science did

**Editorial**

not feel Phelps-Roper’s appearance was a good idea, and the college’s dean, Phyllis Callahan, said she was concerned with the risk of bringing a controversial speaker to campus.

While the College of Arts and Science did not have the power to restrict speakers from visiting classes, the department of Comparative Religion cancelled Phelps-Roper’s appearance in Gray’s class knowing the College of Arts and Science reacted negatively to the proposal.

The College of Arts and Science’s disapproval of the speaker is a direct violation of Gray’s academic freedom, which, according to its definition, outlines the professor’s right to teach as he or she sees fit.

If the College of Arts and Science is

denying Gray’s proposal by arguing his invitation to Phelps-Roper is evil, perhaps the college has more in common with the church than it thought. To deny exposure to views that challenge one’s own thinking, is in a way what Westboro Baptist Church advocates for daily. The group is well known for its numerous protests outside military funerals in which members carry signs with offensive slogans such as “God Hates Fags” and “Thank God for Dead Soldiers.” The group believes military deaths are God’s punishment for the tolerance of homosexuality and a sign of the coming destruction of America.

Though Miami University does not necessarily agree with the views of Westboro Baptist Church, the group provides an appropriate and almost crucial guest for a class on extreme religion.

Academic freedom aside, Miami University employs Gray to teach religious extremism to students. Therefore

the College of Arts and Science should also trust Gray’s judgment in who he invites to speak to those same students.

Callahan told the Student, “We do not restrict faculty members’ ability

*“Though Miami University does not necessarily agree with the views of Westboro Baptist Church, the group provides an appropriate and almost crucial guest for a class on extreme religion.”*

to invite a guest speaker to their class.” Adding, however, “If I have an approval voice, I will not approve it.”

It seems as though Callahan is not sure what her stance is. To say the College of Arts and Science does not limit a

professor’s academic rights, but if given the chance to do so, she would, is contradictory at best.

Again, the College of Arts and Sciences at Miami University does not have the power to ban speakers brought to the department of religion. But more importantly, the visit shouldn’t have needed approval in the first place. It should have been common sense to have a religion extremist group speak in a class about religious extremism.

Whether or not the beliefs of Westboro Baptist Church are in line with those of the department and the university, canceling the speaker was unnecessary.

If Miami University considers a class on extreme religion to be appropriate, real-world extremist groups should be on the curriculum list. What better way is there to broach the subject than a visit from a member of Westboro Baptist Church?

# Preparation, relaxation key when dealing with stress

Yep, it’s about that time again. That dreaded point in the semester when things start to really pick up. When everything seems to happen at once. When you realize you’ve committed yourself to a few too many extracurricular activities. Papers are due, midterms are around the corner and projects can no longer be procrastinated. Add a social life to all that and you’ve got the recipe for another stressful semester.

As a senior at Baylor, I’ve been through my fair share of hectic semesters. Through it all I’ve managed to develop some helpful techniques to help deal with the stress of college life. Hopefully they can be of some use to you as well.

The most important thing I’ve learned is that time management is key. Take a day each week (I recommend Sundays) to plan out the upcoming week. Schedule everything from workouts to social events so you never have to worry about not getting things done. Just make sure you stick with it.

When you’re making your schedule, be sure to leave yourself a free day. Use it however you want. Do anything that makes you happy, even if it’s just watching an entire season of your favorite TV show on Netflix. Don’t feel guilty about this; you’ve totally earned it.

During those moments when you’re starting to feel overwhelmed, don’t allow

the stress to get to you. Take a deep breath and clear your mind of everything pressing. Use these moments to reflect on the things you’re thankful for. I’ve learned from experience that positivity can change the course of your entire day.

Life is a balancing act. If you want it to run smoothly you can’t take on more than you can handle. Make a list of all the things you’re involved in and prioritize them according to what’s most important to you. If you start to feel like you’re being spread too thin, it’s OK to let a few things go from the bottom of the list.

Physical activity is also a great way to relieve stress. The key is finding an

activity that you enjoy so you look forward to doing it. My go-to stress-relieving activity is running.

Through all the stress this semester might bring, don’t forget to thoroughly enjoy your time at Baylor. It’s so easy to get caught up in everything you have going on that you don’t take time out to just live. Take a few minutes as you’re walking between classes to take in your surroundings. Take advantage of the positive experiences that college life has to offer. You’ll be glad you did.

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## Going Postal

United States Postal Service workers protest Rep. Bill Flores Tuesday on Austin Avenue in support of HR 1351, which could potentially save jobs.

# Students’ safety concerns rewarded with bike lanes

By JORDAN HEARNE  
STAFF WRITER

Students who asked for better traveling conditions on campus were rewarded with new bike lanes at Fourth, Fifth and Seventh Streets and Dutton Avenue this summer.

Smith Getterman, Baylor’s sustainability coordinator, said students “overwhelmingly” sought the bike lanes, which would increase drivers’ awareness of possible approaching bicyclists.

The new bike lanes are expected to increase the safety of students traveling across, to and from campus. Transportation Alternatives, a New York organization that advocates biking, walking and public transportation, reported in November 2010 that the use of bike lanes throughout New York caused a drop in injuries to pedestrians and bicyclists. Accidents involving bikers decreased by more than 50 percent, and injuries to pedestrians went down by up to 60 percent.

Safety is not the only benefit of on-campus bike lanes. Getterman said from a sustainability stand-

point, adding bike lanes has been a “passion project” to him because the lanes encourage bicycle use, which benefits the environment by reducing the carbon emissions from cars.

Matt Penney, director of parking and transportation services, said student focus groups, organized with the help of student government, gave insight to the on-campus safety problem from a student perspective.

“While most Baylor departments were focusing on Baylor property, probably because that is where our responsibility and authority reside, students showed an interest in bike paths on city streets leading into campus,” Penney said.

Penney said the conversation about adding bike lanes to campus came from the planning of multiple Baylor organizations.

“Parking and transportation services, Baylor Police Department, sustainability, design and construction and student government were all involved at some level of the planning,” Penney said.

Last spring, other areas of

Waco installed bike lanes into busy streets.

The conversation concerning bike lanes began a few years ago, according to the Advisory Board of the City of Waco’s Public Improvement District No. 1 service delivery plan for 2011-2012. The project to put in new bike lanes on Fourth Street and Fifth Street was completed last June. Penney said Baylor officials felt the need to continue bike lane efforts on campus.

So far, student response to the new bike lanes has been positive.

“People like them, and some students even feel safer walking and running in the bike lanes,” Getterman said. “Students coming to campus during night hours are feeling safer.”

In the future, it is possible more lanes will be added.

“Research is already being made to better understand bicycle use on campus,” Penney said. “Specifically, the question is being asked, how can the university better organize the use of bicycles to make it easier and safer for our students?”

## Graduate school courts media with hire

By ANNA FLAGG  
STAFF WRITER

The Baylor Graduate School, which features more than 100 graduate programs, is hoping to raise awareness on campus about its various programs and benefits this year through media involvement. A new position has been created to facilitate this movement.

Dustin Morrow, a graduate assistant in the English department, has taken the recently created role of media and public relations coordinator.

His job is to get the word out about what the graduate school is doing on and off campus.

Dr. Denny Kramer, assistant dean of the graduate school, said it was time to hire a public relations coordinator. Ten percent of the Baylor population consists of graduate students, but these students are often overlooked, Kramer said. Morrow’s new position was born from increased funding and the growing need for awareness.

“A whole lot of things go on in the graduate school that don’t get out to the rest of the Baylor community,” Morrow said. His job encompasses promoting graduate programs, discovering the happenings of the graduate world and

talking to the students about their lives.

Morrow said he believes these students are an asset to the university due to their involvement.

Many graduate students teach classes at Baylor.

“There is less pressure of universities only having Ph.D. professors teach students,” Morrow said. He said he believes that both graduate students and undergraduates benefit from this program and he has received positive feedback from both students and parents about the graduate student teachers.

“If graduate students are teaching [undergraduate] students, they are not just being thrown into a classroom,” Morrow said of the benefits to graduate students. “These teachers are qualified and have fresh research to contribute.”

Kramer said Baylor is trying to give these students the best educational experience possible and cater to their needs in return. He cited one example, a new program that allows male and female graduate students to take paternity or maternity leave.

“Baylor Graduate School is proactive and on the cutting edge of current trends and needs,” Kramer said. “Students can get up to eight

weeks off at full funding or 16 weeks off at half-funding. Through this program, we are able to show students we care and provide tangible support.”

Kramer said most graduate students choose Baylor due to its strong religious principles, much like many undergraduates.

“A majority of graduate students want to study their discipline without surrendering their faith-based values, and that’s why they choose Baylor,” Kramer said. “These aren’t just people who work in a lab or in a cube, only caring about their discipline.”

Other graduates cite Baylor’s academic excellence.

Cathryn Clark, a first-year graduate student from Houston, chose Baylor based on what she views as a positive commitment professors here have to their students. Clark received her undergraduate degree at Pepperdine University.

“When I talked to some of the professors in the program, I could tell they care about their students,” Clark said. “There is a smaller, more personal atmosphere here compared to larger universities.”

To find out more about the Graduate School, visit [www.baylor.edu/graduate](http://www.baylor.edu/graduate).

# Shooting to kill time

## Baylor paintball team wins big tournament, looks to gain publicity, presence from event

By BRITTNEY COULTER  
STAFF WRITER

Covered in paint, the National Collegiate Paintball Association of Baylor brought home a major win from its recent season opener that it hopes will bolster its presence on campus.

The team battled its way through four preliminary games, quarterfinals, semifinals and finals to ultimately place first at its competition on Sept. 17.

This is the first overall tournament win the team has had since they were chartered in 2008.

“In past years we’ve been a pretty consistent top five finisher but we’ve never won a tournament,” Trinidad, Colo., sophomore Garrett Danielson said.

At the September tournament, Baylor beat teams from Texas Christian University, the University of North Texas, Texas A&M, the University of Houston and Texas Tech University.

“We beat out some of the best teams in our conference, so it was huge for us,” Danielson said. “It’s an awesome start to our season.”

McKinney senior Shelton Miller started the team three years ago and said the team initially served as an alternative to Greek organizations but grew into something more.

“A bunch of us had played back in high school and middle school, so we thought it would be cool and a great way of making friends,” he said.

“It became something a lot bigger than we had ever really thought it was going to be,” Miller said.

Miller said he hopes the recent tournament win will bolster their presence on campus and bring in new recruits to join the team.

“It was good to have some of the new guys out there seeing us win an event,” Miller said. “It’s a marketing tool for us to use.”

According to the team’s website, the team participates in five in-conference tournaments and travels to the National Collegiate Paintball Association National Championship annually.

The championship is three days long and held in different locations each year.

The paintball tournament has often been broadcast live by Fox College Sports.

This year, the national championship will be held in Lakeland, Fla., and will host more than 200 college teams from across the country.

The team is open to all full-time

Baylor students as long as they can provide their own equipment.

Dues are \$300 for the year and are used to cover travel expenses.

Practices are held once or twice every weekend at Weber’s Shooting Sports in Troy, which is approximately 25 minutes north of Waco.

Although team members say they are competitive and love to win, they said their favorite aspect of being on the team is friendship.

“I love to win, I love to play



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The Baylor paintball team celebrates its first overall tournament victory Sept. 17. The team practices weekly and will compete in the National Collegiate Paintball Association championship.

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# Trinkets leave the drawer, fill a canvas

By JESSICA FOREMAN  
REPORTER

Every button, brooch and trinket has a story, according to Fort Worth artist Ann Ekstrom. An 18th century button may have been a part of three generations, three different dresses and three individuals' experiences.

The buttons, trinkets, brooches and pins that are the focus of her paintings are also "little pieces of history," Ekstrom said.

The Martin Museum of Art is hosting "Conversations, Situations, and Meditations" in Gallery II which features Ekstrom's large-scale oil paintings of miniature, everyday objects from a different perspective: a personal perspective.

"My show, 'Conversations, Situations, Meditations,' is a collection of works, in oil and watercolor, that addresses themes of memory and the passage of time," Ekstrom said. "I have been making paintings of small elderly buttons and pins and bits of ephemera for a long time."

Ekstrom began collecting funky, plastic jewelry from the '20s and '30s in high school when she was able to drive herself to flea markets. She said she loved the hand-made carvings in the pieces; they were a form of folk art. Ekstrom said her mother, the late painter and printmaker Beth Lea Clardy, loved costume jewelry and wearable forms of art.

"It's what she couldn't have when she was younger," Ekstrom said. "So she made it stylish."

Ekstrom's collection continued to grow, and eventually the pieces worked their way into her paintings.

"One day in the '80s I thought, 'Am I going to be an artist or an

art student?'" Ekstrom said. "So I looked around at what interests me, what was in my world."

Ekstrom's collection in Martin Museum is a selection of still life works that she has made over the last two decades. In the center of the exhibit is a glass case with a few of Ekstrom's collection of trinkets.

"A lot of the pieces you can find in her artwork," said Adriel Greene, educational coordinator for the Martin Museum of Art. "It kind of makes you see that basically you can make art out of anything."

Greene said Ekstrom's gallery is an "interactive exhibit," like a scavenger hunt, because the viewer can look at a painting and then search for the components of that painting in the glass case.

Ekstrom's "Dresden," one of her most famous pieces featured in the exhibit, showcases the intricate petal patterns from the lid of a porcelain scent bottle. The 5-foot round canvas has a 3-D effect, which Ekstrom noted was an unintentional element.

She said while "Dresden" was showcased in a gallery, she would watch people go to the side of the painting to check if the canvas was actually projected.

The circular "Dresden" was the first of a series of 100 "tondos" that Ekstrom will paint.

"There are a number of round paintings, from 6 to 60 inches in diameter, called tondos. These represent a single button or object and I call these 'Meditations.' Sometimes these are displayed together to represent the contents of a drawer full of secrets."

Twenty-four tondos are displayed together in her collection. She named the compilation, "Hazzie Lea's Time Capsule" after her grandmother

who had a box full of different trinkets and knick-knacks.

"Most of these things could have been easily thrown away," Ekstrom said. "Somebody had them in their hand and attached memories."

Memories are also ingrained in the minds of those who have seen the works of McRay Magleby, the graphic design artist responsible for creating what design professionals from 40 different countries call the "Most Memorable Poster in the World."

Featured in Gallery I of Martin Museum, the "Wave of Peace" poster commemorates the 40 years of destruction in Hiroshima, Japan, caused by the atomic bomb.

Magleby was one of several professional artists working on a design for the poster; one design was to be chosen. He said while he was beginning to form sketches, a vision of a wave with doves flying from the wave crest came to him in a dream.

Magleby worked on several sketches of a wave, but none of them fit his vision until he came across "The Great Wave off Kanagawa," an 1829 poster by Japanese artist Katsushika Hokusai. Magleby by said he was moved by the form and design of the wave from Hokusai's design, and that inspiration formed a basis for his internationally famous "Wave of Peace."

"The way I think about design is simplified, almost Japanese," Magleby told City Weekly. "Most people are surprised by the sketches. My style came from falling in love with screen printing while realizing its limitations. You can't use a lot of details, and the registration has to be simple. But big blocks of color work really well. I've tried to



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Trinkets are a key part of the Ann Ekstrom exhibit in the Martin Museum. Ekstrom says the buttons, trinkets, brooches and pins in her paintings are "little pieces of history."

work with the limitations of each medium."

Magleby's exhibit in Martin Museum features silkscreen posters he has created during his career, including the 2002 Salt Lake City Olympic Games poster and U.S. postage stamps.

As a retired graphic design professor from the University of Utah and the former creative director at Brigham Young University, many of his posters in the Martin exhibit were designed for university-related events.

The poster compositions are bold, clean, and simple, and these

factors work together for an eye-catching work of art.

"The same compositional principles apply to any work of art: negative and positive space, breaking up the grid and creating good eye flow," Magleby said. "I studied Maynard Dixon, who was a great designer; he composed big paintings brilliantly. He leads you off in all different directions, but it always feels right."

Magleby said he lives his life as an artist would. His house is full of carefully placed compositions, bold colored accent walls and effective use of positive and negative

space. Magleby said it is a lifestyle a designer cannot avoid.

Currently, Magleby has turned to painting landscapes in acrylic and lives in Utah.

The Martin Museum, located in the Hooper-Shaefer Fine Arts building, will showcase the exhibits of Ekstrom and Magleby until Oct. 1. These galleries are free to the public, and many pieces are internationally recognized.

"It is the best art department that I personally know of," Ekstrom said. "It's really like an artist academy instead of a university art department."

# Soderbergh's film 'Contagion,' Gosling deserve Oscar buzz

By JOSHUA MADDEN  
A&E EDITOR

If you're like me, then you know that it's never too early to start talking about what films could potentially garner some Oscar nominations at this year's Academy Awards.

While a large number of the "buzz-worthy" films are not out yet, there have been quite a few films that could earn some nominations that have already been released.

In no particular order, here are some of my picks for films to watch out for during this year's awards season:

**The Debt:**

There are a lot of reasons to like the odds for "The Debt" garnering some kind of nomination this year, but the most notable reason is both Sam Worthington and Jessica Chastain gave quality performances.

Even in a stronger year I would probably be picking out Chastain as a likely supporting actress nominee, but given how weak the field is this year in terms of supporting actress performances, I see her performance as being a difficult one to ignore.

Worthington is more of a long shot, but this film gave him a chance to show more of his talent than he revealed in "Avatar," so it's certainly possible the Academy will reward him.

**Contagion:**

Of the films released so far this year, I don't think that any are more likely to get a ton of nominations than "Contagion."

There's no way around director, picture and original screenplay. "Contagion" should easily get nominations for all of these given Steven Soderbergh's reputation.

Scott Z. Burns' screenplay seems like the heavy favorite to win original screenplay this year. I struggle to see anyone else who has a shot at knocking him off.

In terms of acting, Jennifer Ehle had what was arguably the film's major breakout performance and it seems like the Academy may have trouble finding a reason not to nominate her for supporting actress.

That all being said, I think "Contagion" is likely to pull in at least one nomination for supporting actor, if not more. Laurence Fishburne's performance as a morally conflicted high-level doctor at the CDC seems like a likely nomination.

Jude Law's turn as a swarthy, unlikable blogger who seeks to take advantage of the situation caused by the epidemic also seems like a possible nomination.

Finally, even though he is admittedly a long shot, Elliot Gould's performance as a biochemical researcher was so against type and well done that the Academy should seriously consider nominating him as well.

**Drive:**

Much like "Contagion," "Drive" seems as if it has already been nominated for director, picture and screenplay.

As "Drive" was adapted from James Sallis' novel of the same name, Hossein Amini's screenplay won't have to compete with "Contagion" since "Contagion" was original while "Drive" is adapted. It wouldn't surprise me if these two films were the ones that carried home the screenplay awards this year.

All signs point to this being Ryan Gosling's year. His performance in "Drive" was excellent and with a widely praised supporting turn in "Crazy, Stupid, Love," and the upcoming release of "The Ides of March," it seems incredibly likely that he will be nominated for something this year.

Given how good he was in "Drive," however, he will likely get nominated for it barring an incredible performance in "The Ides of March."

Albert Brooks' portrayal of the villain Bernie Rose in the film will also likely get some attention. It's a very different role for him than what we might expect, so the Academy will probably reward him for showing some range.

It's a solid year for us film buffs and, particularly for supporting actor, it's really tough to pick a favorite this far out, but it seems likely that this awards season will be a fun one to watch.

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# Crowd energy fuels Baylor play

By Krista Pirtle  
Sports Writer

In the recent past, the green and gold of Baylor fans seemed to be adequately matched with the colors of the opposing team.

This season, however, all three home games have brought in more than 40,000 fans, cumulating 126,921, and green and gold has outweighed the competition's. This advantage is something Baylor players take pride in.

"It's been a difficult process," senior linebacker Elliot Coffey said. "I've been around for a long time, and there were games when we went out there and there were more fans for the other team than there were of ours. To look up and see that we're finally putting seats in the stands makes us want to go out and play as hard and as well as we can to keep them coming, to get the numbers up even farther than they are now."

Coffey's freshman season was head coach Art Briles' opening season as well. That 2008 season featured an average of 34,124 fans per game.

The number saw some decline in 2009 when junior quarterback Robert Griffin III injured his knee and was redshirted.

Last season with the first bowl berth in 15 years, Baylor averaged just more than 40,000.

Could the excitement of this season's successes and expectations

be directly related to the green and gold clad fans in the stands? Griffin thinks so.

"I haven't seen this before," Griffin said. "Didn't matter who we were playing, we weren't getting fans here. They're excited about what we're doing; we're excited about them showing up and yelling for us. I'm happy they're showing up, wearing the green and gold. It's home field advantage. When you're at home, your fans are there. They outnumber the other fans by a lot and that's a great feeling."

Baylor, however, does house one impressive tradition: the Baylor Line.

Freshmen, clad in their gold line jerseys, run across the field to make a human tunnel, welcoming the football players as they step foot on the turf right before game time.

"It's amazing when you walk out of that tunnel with all of that smoke, and you can't see anything for awhile except the numbers on the jerseys in front of you," senior running back Terrance Ganaway said. "You walk out, and the fans erupt. It's just a great feeling."

With the addition of defensive coordinator Phil Bennett, scrutiny has been placed on the Baylor defense.

Fans, whether they know it or not, have influence on the stands the defense makes.

"Its great especially on third downs when they have the make



MEAGAN DOWNING | LARIAT STAFF

Baylor fans cheer for the Bears Saturday at Floyd Casey Stadium. Baylor beat Rice 56-31. The crowd reached more than 40,000 for the third time in 2011.

noise sign up on the scoreboard and everybody goes crazy," Coffey said. "On top of wanting to make that play yourself, just knowing that you have everybody from Baylor behind you feels great."

Since 2008, Baylor's home field win record has been 10-9.

Last season, the Bears were 4-2 in the Case.

After all the team does during the summer, hearing the fans'

cheers adds to its love of the game.

"Your fans, 40,000 people cheering for you, rooting you on is a good feeling," Ganaway said.

As Baylor continues to bring its loyal fans to Floyd Casey to watch as the program turns around towards national rankings, bowl games and all around more success, there is one more thing the team asks of its fans.

"Now we've just got to get them

to stay the whole game, even when we're blowing people out," Griffin said.

Baylor witnesses the effect home field advantage can have almost every year within its conference.

The Oklahoma Sooners have only lost one game in Norman in 10 years, a 2005 defeat by TCU.

Texas A&M's Kyle Field is loud, obnoxious, and yes, the upper deck

does sway as the Aggies "saw 'em off."

Looking outside the Big 12 and into the Aggies' new home, the SEC, stadiums are huge and filled with fans just as loud as the Aggies are known to be. For example, Death Valley, LSU's hallowed stadium, is called one of the most dreaded road playing sites in college football. LSU has won 44 of its last 49 home games.

# Griner off to Europe with U.S.

By Daniel Wallace  
Sports Writer

Junior Lady Bear star Brittney Griner is off to Europe. The players who are participating in the 2011 USA Basketball Women's National Team European training camp and exhibition games were announced Monday. Griner will join Baylor alum Sophia Young, who currently plays for the San Antonio Silver Stars WNBA team.

The team also includes other WNBA stars such as Swin Cash (Seattle Storm), Tina Charles (Connecticut Sun), Asjha Jones (Connecticut Sun), Renee Montgomery (Connecticut Sun), and Cappie Pondexter (New York Liberty). Candice Dupree and Diana Taurasi of the Phoenix Mercury are expected to join the team in Europe later this week. The team features a total of 26 players.

The team opens training camp today in Naples, Italy in order to prepare for the five-game exhibition tour that goes through Oct. 9. It will open its 2011 European tour with two games in Naples, followed by a game in Valencia, Spain. The final two games will take place in the Czech Republic and Hungary.

While in Italy and Spain, the team will face reigning Italian champion Famila Schio and Ros Casares Valencia. In the Czech Republic, it will compete against Czech league champion ZVVZ-



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No. 42 center Brittney Griner blocks Green Bay's No. 4 guard Celeste Hoewisch at the American Airlines Center in Dallas during the 3rd round of the 2011 NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament March 27, 2011.

USK Prague. The final game will be against UNIQA-Euroleasing Sopron, the Hungarian Cup winners.

Griner is the only collegiate player on the squad. Sophia Young is a two-time All-American that helped lead the Lady Bears to a national championship in 2005. In the 2006 WNBA draft, Young was selected as the fourth overall pick

by the San Antonio Silver Stars.

Griner and Young will be coached by current University of Connecticut women's basketball coach Geno Auriemma. Auriemma has seven national championships to his credit with Connecticut and boasts an all-time winning percentage of .861 in his 26 years of coaching

# Men's tennis clears house at home

By Laureen Love  
Reporter

Baylor men's tennis earned both the singles and doubles titles in the 11th annual Baylor-HEB Invitational at the Hurd Tennis Center this past weekend.

"It was an unbelievable day for us. That's the second time in history that we've had both guys in the finals and we won the doubles as well," head coach Matt Knoll said in a press release. "It was big deal that they were able to make it through the draw and keep a Baylor guy's name on the trophy."

Freshman Mate Zsiga won the singles championship, while junior Roberto Maytin and freshman Marko Krickovic won the doubles crown, which marks the fourth

time Baylor has claimed both the singles and doubles titles.

"It was a big deal for Mate to win in his first college tournament and it was great for Bobby (Maytin) to come back and win doubles again," Knoll said. "Winning with two different partners says a lot for what he's doing in doubles. It's definitely a wonderful start to the season."

Maytin and Krickovic, the Baylor doubles team, had an 8-4 win over Iowa's Marc Bruche and Will Vasos.

With this win, Maytin and Krickovic became the sixth Baylor doubles team to win the tournament. Maytin also became the first Baylor player to win the doubles championship twice; he and John Peers won the 2010 tournament.

During the semifinals there were two Baylor players against two Oklahoma players. Zsiga won over Dane Webb 6-2, 6-1; Maytin had to play three sets against Guillermo Alcorta but claimed a victory with 6-3 in the first set, 2-6 in the second and 6-1 in the third.

In the singles championship, two Baylor players, Maytin and Zsiga, took the court two hours after Maytin won the doubles match. Zsiga won the first set 6-1, while Maytin won the second match 7-5. In the third and final set, Zsiga won 6-1 and earned the title.

The men's tennis team will be at the prequalifying of the ITA All-American Saturday and Sunday, then move on the qualifying on Oct. 3-5 and the main draw will be Oct. 6-9 in Tulsa, Okla.

# XC finishes behind ranked squads

By Laureen Love  
Reporter

Women's cross country competed against a tough field that featured eight regionally ranked teams and finished sixth overall on Friday in Toledo, Ohio, at the Toledo Inter-Regional Bubble Buster.

The Lady Bears had a total of 135 points, which earned them a sixth-place finish ahead of Ohio State with 152 points and Eastern Michigan with 204 points. South Central Region rival, Arkansas, took the team title with 36 points over West Virginia with 57 points, San Francisco with 101, Columbia with 106, and Toledo with 115.

"We didn't have a bad day, but we didn't have a great day either,"

head coach Todd Harbour said in a press release. "We definitely got some valuable experience racing in a major Division I race. We came in ranked about sixth among these teams and that's exactly where we finished."

Over half of Baylor's top runners had been resting in preparation for this meet the past two weeks.

Senior Cate Westenhover led the team to a 20th-place finish with a time of 13:56.8 for the 4,000-meter course at Ottawa Park. Westenhover had a 10-second improvement from the opening course at the Bear Twilight meet.

Freshman Rachel Johnson placed 22nd with a time of 13:59.5,

which is a 14-second time improvement for her.

Senior Kristen Hanselka place 27th and had a time of 14:09.4. Freshmen Erin Hegarty and Bree Schrader rounded out the Baylor top five. Hegarty finished in 32nd with a time of 14:56.6 while Schrader came in 37th at 14:21.1.

Baylor men's took the week off after competing the last three consecutive meets.

The men and women's teams will both be back on the road Friday for the Adidas Notre Dame Invitational in Notre Dame, Ind. The 5,000-meter women's course and the men's five-mile course are scheduled to begin at 2 p.m. on the Notre Dame Golf Course.

# Women's golf stages second-round comeback to win in New Mexico

By Laureen Love  
Reporter

Women's golf won the Dick McGuire Invitational by four strokes this past weekend in Albuquerque, N.M.

Baylor started the final round tied for fourth and was six strokes behind the leader, Northwestern. The Lady Bears shot a final round of 295, which was the lowest of any team Monday, finishing the

tournament with 11-over. TCU and Denver tied for second with 15-over and Sunday's leader, Northwestern, finished fourth with 16-over.

"Pin placements were very tough, but we played smart golf and hit the ball very well," head coach Jay Goble said in a press release. "I knew we would play well if we had a few putts drop. It's pretty awesome to win and beat several teams ranked way ahead of us."

This victory was Baylor's first win since April 2010 at the Baylor Spring Invitational.

Freshman Hayley Davis finished in second place for the second consecutive tournament. Davis shot a 2-under in the final round only one stroke behind the individual champion, New Mexico's Sofia Hoglund, who shot a 3-under.

Senior Chelsey Cothran tied for fourth overall with even-par.

Senior Jaclyn Jansen tied for 17th place with a 5-over finish. Davis, Cothran and Jansen had 10 of Baylor's 13 birdies Monday.

"Once again, Hayley (Davis) and Chelsey (Cothran) continued their good play," Goble said. "Hayley had a chance to win it, but couldn't get a few putts to fall. She's playing her way into contention every time. She'll get some wins; it's only a matter of time."

Senior Valerie Sternebeck tied

for 39th at 9-over. Freshman Emma Carberry tied for 79th at 19-over for her collegiate debut. Freshman Stani Schiavone followed in 83rd at 20-over.

"All day, I tried to watch how we were playing and not paying attention to the scoreboard because you can't change what's on there," Goble said. "Everything was great Monday. Everyone went higher in the final round, so you know it was tough day all around. But we

managed to shoot the lowest of any team and take care of business."

Baylor will return to New Mexico Oct. 10-12 in Las Cruces for the Price's NMSU Invitational.

The Lady Bears' next tournament will take place Oct. 30- Nov. 1 at the Alamo Invitational in San Antonio.

Men's golf returns to action this weekend in the Rod Myers Invitational Saturday and Sunday in Durham, N.C.



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Oklahoma and Maryland.

In the last week, state and local health departments have reported higher numbers.

Officials in Texas said two deaths are linked to the outbreak and officials in Nebraska said one death there is linked to the outbreak.

Officials in Kansas and Wyoming said they are investigating three additional listeria deaths that may be linked as well.

The CDC has not confirmed those numbers.

Missouri and Florida have also reported new illnesses linked to the cantaloupes.

The outbreak has been traced to Jensen Farms in Holly, Colo., which recalled the tainted cantaloupes earlier this month.

The Food and Drug Administration said last week that it had found listeria in samples of Jensen Farms' cantaloupes taken from a Denver-area store and on samples taken from equipment and cantaloupes at the farm's packing facility.

Tests confirmed that the samples matched strains of the disease found in those sickened.

The FDA has not released any additional details from its investigation into what caused the illnesses.

The Rocky Ford-brand canta-

loupes from Jensen Farms were shipped from July 29 through Sept. 10 to Arkansas, Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Illinois, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia, and Wyoming.

The recalled cantaloupe may be labeled "Colorado Grown," "Distributed by Frontera Produce," "Jensen-farms.com" or "Sweet Rocky Fords." Not all of the recalled cantaloupes are labeled with a sticker, the FDA said.

Unlike many pathogens, listeria bacteria can grow at room temperatures and even refrigerator temperatures.

The FDA and CDC recommend anyone who may have one of the contaminated cantaloupes throw it out immediately.

Consumer health advocates say those who think they may have had the tainted fruit in their kitchen should go a step farther.

Caroline Smith DeWaal of the advocacy group Center for Science in the Public Interest says people should clean and sanitize any surfaces that the cantaloupe may have touched.

"Listeria is an environmental

contaminant and it is very hardy," DeWaal said.

About 800 cases of listeria are found in the United States each year, according to CDC, and there are usually three or four outbreaks.

Most of these are traced to deli meat and soft cheeses, where listeria is most common.

Produce has rarely been the culprit, but federal investigators say they have seen more produce-related listeria illnesses in the past two years. It was found in sprouts in 2009 and celery in 2010.

While most healthy adults can consume listeria with no ill effects, it can kill the elderly and those with compromised immune systems.

It is also dangerous to pregnant women because it easily passes through to the fetus.

Dr. Tauxe of the CDC said the type of listeria linked to the cantaloupes is not one that is commonly associated with pregnancy-associated illnesses, however.

State and federal health authorities have not definitively linked any miscarriages, stillbirths or infant illnesses to the current outbreak.

Symptoms of listeria include fever and muscle aches, often with other gastrointestinal symptoms.

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and business, and will show students different ways they can get involved with the justice issues seen in the world.

Dr. Kim Kotrla, assistant professor of social work, will speak along with Jennifer Smyer, director of social work, on justice in their field. This lecture will be from 4 to 5 p.m. Thursday in the Fentress Room of the Bill Daniel Student Center, and will focus on how students from various disciplines can get involved on issues of injustice and human trafficking at a community, local or global level.

"We want to share a vision about how various disciplines can work together on the issue of human trafficking," Kotrla said. "It really does take a variety of different professions to come together on this issue."

Kotrla sees students as the future in addressing injustice issues and would like to educate students on ways they can help.

"The main point we want to get across is that no matter what your background is, if you have a passion

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of his medical license.

Speaking for more than an hour, prosecutor David Walgren relied on photos and audio recordings to paint Murray as an inept and reckless caretaker.

Walgren showed a photo of a lifeless Jackson on a hospital gurney. He juxtaposed the image with those of Jackson performing. Walgren also played the recording of Jackson speaking to Murray while, the prosecutor said, the singer was under the influence of an unknown substance roughly six weeks before his death.

Jackson trusted Murray as his physician, and "that misplaced trust in Conrad Murray cost Michael Jackson his life," Walgren said.

The recurring theme was Jackson's never ending quest for sleep and Propofol, the potion he called his "milk" and that he believed was the answer. Jurors were told that it was a powerful anesthetic, not a sleep aid, and the prosecutor said Murray severely misused it.

The prosecutor said while working for Jackson, the doctor was shipped more than four gallons of the anesthetic, which is normally given in hospital settings.

Chernoff, the defense attorney, claimed the singer swallowed several pills of the sedative Lorazepam on the morning of his death and that was enough to put six people to sleep. After taking Propofol, Jackson did not even have a chance to close his eyes, Chernoff said.

Chernoff, who had long hinted that the defense would blame Jackson for his own death, added a surprise. He claimed Jackson died not because his doctor continued to give him the drug but because he stopped it, forcing Jackson to take extreme measures.

"What we will hear is that Dr. Murray provided Propofol for two months to Michael Jackson for sleep," Chernoff said. "During those

two months, Michael Jackson slept. He woke up and he lived his life.

"The evidence will not show you that Michael Jackson died because Dr. Murray gave him propofol. The evidence is going to show you Michael Jackson died when Dr. Murray stopped," the attorney said. He said Murray was trying to wean Jackson off of Propofol and had been giving him other sleep aids known as benzodiazepines trying to lull him to sleep.

On June 25, 2009, the last day of Jackson's life, Chernoff said, he was in the third day of a weaning process and it didn't work.

"Michael Jackson started begging. He couldn't understand why he wasn't sleeping when Michael Jackson told Dr. Murray 'I have to sleep. They will cancel my performance,' he meant it," Chernoff said.

Murray, in a recording of his interview with police detectives, acknowledged that he relented and agreed to give Jackson a small dose of Propofol.

educated entrepreneurs and [work] with the goal of doubling their income in the next year."

Although the topic will be on business, McCormick said this is a great way for any student to see business in a different light.

McCormick stressed the importance of business education and how it can be taught to people in developing countries.

"Poverty is a huge problem. We believe that profit is one of the great moderators of the ill effects of poverty," McCormick said. "If we can teach the people who live and work in poverty skills, they can double their income in the next year. We're all about eliminating poverty, which we think is a huge justice issue."

Students can enter to win prizes by getting a punch card and attending four events.

Schedule cards and punch cards will be available at tables at chapel, the Bill Daniel Student Center, Penland and Memorial dining halls and the Spiritual Life Center.

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would be given a base level of funding set at \$625,000 and would receive reimbursements for certain theological education programs, but would not receive "pro rata" funding if they relate to the BGCT by special agreement. Pro-rata funding is distributed according to the number of semester hours taught at each institution.

A motion to amend the budget to return to the previous formula for BGCT funding distribution failed by a vote of 19 -34.

The new special agreement would strike language committing Baylor to maintain a clause in its bylaws requiring 100-percent Baptist membership on its board of regents, unless the BGCT consented to a change

in the agreement.

This requirement conflicted with another clause in the old agreement that gave Baylor the full legal right to "amend or rescind its articles of incorporation or bylaws without approval or consent of the BGCT."

The agreement would also grant Baylor three of five spots on the subcommittee responsible for identifying the BGCT's candidate recommendations to Baylor's board of regents. In the previous agreement, there was no provision for Baylor input at this early stage.

The executive board invited Starr to renegotiate the special agreement in May after Baylor's board of regents voted in February to allow up

to one-quarter of its membership to come from non-Baptist Christian backgrounds, a move which at the time ruffled some feathers within the BGCT.

"That's what our board of regents has done because of the sense that a number of our graduates that may have been cradle Baptists they may have been Baptists before they were Christians, you know what I mean? Those folks have, for whatever reason, in this 21st century, found Christian fellowship in another way," Starr said.

The executive board's proposals will be presented on Oct. 24-26 at the BGCT annual convention for a final vote.

Gun threat triggers search in California campus library

BY JOHN ROGERS  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Police using bomb-sniffing dogs searched a sprawling, four-story library at the California State University, Northridge, campus on Tuesday after an employee reported a man said he had a gun. No weapon was found.

University spokeswoman Carmen Ramos Chandler said the four-story Oviatt Library was evacuated about 10:30 a.m. after the staffer reported seeing a man wearing shorts and a T-shirt that read, "Human Rights Violation."

"The witness did not see a gun but something, I don't know what, indicated he may have had a gun," Chandler said of the man.

After a floor-by-floor search failed to turn up either the man or a weapon, campus police asked the Los Angeles Police Department to check the building with dogs.

Meanwhile, authorities cordoned off the library and a large grassy area in front. No classes were canceled.

"An alert was sent out to the entire campus via text, via voice, via email, Facebook and Twitter, just to let them know about the situation with the library," Chandler said. "The library was the only building affected."

The 353-acre campus, in the northwest corner of Los Angeles' San Fernando Valley, has a student population of more than 30,000. It was badly damaged in the 1994 Northridge earthquake, but has been extensively rebuilt and enrollment has swelled since then.

As the library was searched, hundreds of students and teachers milled around just outside the cordoned-off area.

The library will remain closed Tuesday evening while police continue the search. It will reopen Wednesday morning at 7:45 a.m., Chandler

said.

"All I heard was some guy had a

"The witness did not see a gun but something, I don't know what indicated he may have had a gun."

Carmen Ramos Chandler | University spokeswoman

gun or something," said freshman Gerardo Valenzuela, outside the blocked-off area on a 100-degree afternoon.

As word of the threat spread, graduate student Kevin Riley said some of his classmates told him their parents urged them to stay home.

He said they responded they felt safe.

Federal court says principals protected

BY TERRY WALLACE  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

A federal appeals court says two Dallas-area elementary school principals are immune from liability for stopping students from handing out Christian candy cane pens and other on-campus religious expressions, a federal appeals court ruled Tuesday.

By a 10-6 vote, the full 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans agreed that Plano school principals Lynn Swanson and Jackie Bomchill had qualified immunity from being assessed damages for their actions. That reversed lower-court rulings that would subject Swanson and Bomchill, individually, to damages.

However, a 10-6 majority held that the principals went too far and may have violated the children's free-speech rights.

Four families with students in Plano schools sued in 2004, claiming their children had been banned from handing out pencils saying "Jesus is the reason for the season," candy canes with cards describing their Christian origin, and other religious materials.

The school principals argued that the First Amendment's freedom of speech protection does not extend to the distribution of non-curricular materials in public elementary schools.

In a majority opinion, Circuit

Judge Fortunato P. Benavides ruled that existing court precedents have not established the constitutionality of the educators' actions "beyond debate."

"The law tasked them with maintaining the most delicate of constitutional balances: between students' free-speech rights and the (U.S. Constitution's) Establishment Clause imperative to avoid endorsing religion. But it failed to provide any real, specific guidance on how to do so," Benavides wrote.

"No federal court of appeals has ever denied qualified immunity to an educator in this area. We decline the plaintiffs' request to become the first," he wrote.

However, the 16 judges of the

Poll shows internet bullying sees increase; teen Internet use soars

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Catherine Devine had her first brush with an online bully in seventh grade, before she'd even ventured onto the Internet. Someone set up the screen name "devinegirl" and, posing as Catherine, sent her classmates instant messages full of lies. "They were making things up about me, and I was the most innocent 12-year-old ever," Devine remembers. "I hadn't even kissed anybody yet."

Devine, now 22, learned to thrive in the electronic village.

But like other young people, she occasionally stumbled into one of its dark alleys.

A new Associated Press-MTV poll of youth in their teens and early 20s finds that most of them, 56 percent, have been the target of some

type of online bullying, a slight increase over just two years ago. Three-fourths of the young people said they consider these darker aspects of the online world, sometimes broadly called "digital abuse," a serious problem.

They're not the only ones.

President Barack Obama brought students, parents and experts together at the White House in March to try to confront "cyberbullying." The Education Department sponsors an annual conference to help schools deal with it. Teen suicides linked to vicious online bullying have caused increasing worry in communities across the country.

Conduct rising to the point of bullying is hard to define, but the poll of youth ages 14 to 24 showed plenty of rotten behavior online, and a perception that it's increasing.

The share of young people who

frequently see people being mean to each other on social networking sites jumped to 55 percent, from 45 percent in 2009.

That may be partly because young people are spending more time than ever communicating electronically.

"The Internet is an awesome resource," says Devine, "but sometimes it can be really negative and make things so much worse."

The Internet didn't create the turmoil of the teenage romantic break-ups, bitter fights among best friends, jealous rivalries, teasing and bullying. But it does amplify it.

Hurtful words that might have been shouted in the cafeteria now can be blasted to hundreds on Facebook.

"It's worse online, because everybody sees it," said Tiffany Lyons, 24, of Layton, Utah. "And once anything gets online you can't get rid of it."



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Defense Attorney Edward Chernoff gives his opening argument Tuesday in the involuntary manslaughter trial of Conrad Murray at Superior Court in Los Angeles. Murray has pleaded not guilty and faces four years in prison and the loss of his medical license if convicted of involuntary manslaughter in Michael Jackson's death.

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