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Men's basketball will play the Texas Longhorns from noon to 2 p.m. Saturday at the Ferrell Center. Tickets can be bought at the SUB Den ticket office or online at baylorbears.com.

Modern apostle seeks to reach world

ROB BRADFIELD
STAFF WRITER

Plenty of people pray daily, but for Waco resident Virgil Bell, praying is a full-time job.

Many have seen him praying on the foot bridge over I-35, clothed in long robes and holding two staves.

Occasionally, motorists passing below give him a friendly honk as he stands with his arms spread wide. He's out there three to five days a week, in any weather, praying for the safety and well-being of everyone he sees.

"My job is to reach out to everybody. I don't care what they did or who they did it to," Bell said.

Bell attended Waco's Paul Quinn College in 1975, where he met his wife, Kay. The couple separated in 1986, and Bell began a 17-year period of homelessness.

Bell said his time on the streets helped him better understand the plight of impoverished and displaced people around the world, and it was during this time he began his calling as an "apostle to the streets."

After reuniting with his wife in 1995 and moving back to Waco



MATT HELLMAN | LARIAT PHOTO EDITOR

Waco resident Virgil Bell prays for motorists Wednesday on the pedestrian bridge next to Baylor campus that extends over Interstate 35 near the Baylor campus.

three years ago, Bell began a lifestyle of public prayer. As reported in a 2010 Waco Tribune-Herald article, Bell initially met with re-

sistance from various Waco police officers. The article states he was repeatedly detained and even committed to a psychiatric hos-

pital for a short time. Bell readily tells the same story.

Like his time on the streets, he said he considers his experiences

with the police and in the mental hospital a part of God's calling for his ministry. "You have to get rejected first before you can get accepted," Bell said.

Since then, Bell said his relationship with the city of Waco has completely reversed. He can now be seen regularly, praying over the various law enforcement and government agencies in town, from the Waco police to the courthouse. Many in the law enforcement community now welcome Bell's prayers.

"He's very cordial and will offer to pray for us and other police officers, and we're willing to take all the prayers we can get," Sgt. W. Patrick Swanton, of the Waco Police Department, said. Among the Baylor community, Bell's unconventional faith has spawned mixed reactions.

Many people voice their support for Bell on the highway and on Internet forums like Baylorfans.com. To others, Bell's appearance — fully robed with a headwrap and staff — can be slightly shocking.

"If you told me he was praying, I'd believe you, but it just

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Bachmann hints at future political career

By DOUG GLASS
ASSOCIATED PRESS



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Former Republican presidential candidate Rep. Michele Bachmann, R-Minn., expresses appreciation as she puts on a gift from a supporter during a book-signing event in Aiken, S.C. Bachmann told The Associated Press Wednesday that she'll seek a fourth term in Congress following her failed presidential bid.

MINNEAPOLIS — Minnesota Rep. Michele Bachmann swept aside doubts about her political future Wednesday, declaring less than a month after ending her presidential bid that she will seek a fourth term in Congress.

Bachmann's decision ended speculation she might be ready to move on from the House, perhaps leveraging her popularity among some conservatives into a career in talk media.

Despite her high profile, Bachmann has been only a marginal player in Congress.

"I'm looking forward to coming back and bringing a strong, powerful voice to Washington, D.C.," Bachmann said in an interview with The Associated Press.

She said a formal announcement would come later.

Unless redistricting radically changes Minnesota's Republican-leaning 6th District, Bachmann figures to be a heavy favorite.

Other Republican hopefuls had stood aside awaiting her decision. No Democrats have yet declared for the race.

Bachmann is a potent fundraiser who brought in \$13.5 million in her last House race, but she likely would start from scratch after the presidential campaign. A campaign finance report that would show how much money she can bring to the race isn't due until the end of the month.

Ken Martin, chairman of Minnesota's Democratic-Farmer Labor Party, said Bachmann's announcement wasn't a surprise.

He said Democrats would at-

tack Bachmann for being absent from the district and for missing votes in Washington during months chasing the presidential nomination.

"Anyone who thinks that they're unbeatable is fooling themselves, and particularly once you hand us these issues on a silver platter," Martin said.

Martin said he's talked with several potential candidates who were waiting for a special redistricting panel to issue new maps late next month.

He said some also were waiting for Bachmann's decision.

David Fitzsimmons, 6th District chairman for Minnesota's Republican Party, said Democrats "put a lot of resources and a lot of energy" into three previous high-profile candidates against Bach-

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Baylor students pray for nations around the clock

By MEGHAN HENDRICKSON
REPORTER

More than 120 Baylor students have committed to pray for the nations of the world in 15-minute shifts to cover every minute of every day. The initiative is part of what the group hopes will become a campus prayer movement, lasting as long as there are participants.

From midnight to 12:15 a.m. Saturday, Deer Park sophomore Austin Bratcher will kick off Bears for Prayer, a movement for "God's mission around the world."

Bratcher got the idea for the prayer movement over Christmas break while reading "Let the Nations be Glad" by John Piper.

In the book, Piper mentions Jim Elliot, an evangelical Christian missionary to the Waodani people of Ecuador in the 1950s, who was killed by the Waodani in 1956.

Piper discusses a prayer movement Elliot started in the 1940s at Wheaton College in Illinois, before he ever went to Ecuador.

"He had 24 hours of prayer for mission recruitment on campus and God's mission around the world," Bratcher said. "Doing something of this nature is something that I've wanted to do for a long time, and then after reading it I was like, 'This is really simple to do.'"

After Christmas, Bratcher sent a Facebook message to three of his closest Baylor friends about the prayer team he envisioned. All three were on board with Bratcher's vision, and the team began to reach out to campus ministry leaders and students once spring classes commenced.

If one person prays for 15 minutes, it takes 96 people to pray nonstop for one full day. The team said they were excited as they watched the 96-person goal pass by with students continuing to volunteer to pray.

"The biggest thing I want to see out of the group is Baylor students actively serving in God's mission for the world, whether it be here in the states or overseas, but doing it passionately — doing it so they

can glorify God," Bratcher said. "Ultimately, the whole purpose of it all is to glorify God with all that we have, because that's what prayer is — prayer is just talking to God."

The team will send out daily emails with information about a specific country, leading participants to pray for that country that day. Information will come from the book, "Operation World: The Definitive Prayer Guide to Every Nation." After one year, the group aims for Baylor students to have prayed for every nation of the world by following the "Operation World" prayer guide.

Foreman, Ark., sophomore Lauren Galligani is one of the three friends helping Bratcher lead Bears for Prayer.

"I think having this discipline of 15 minutes of prayer is going to take dedication, and I think it's really going to strengthen people's faith," Galligani said. "The ones that have to wake up at four in the morning and pray for 15 minutes — go, you guys."

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President Barack Obama speaks about manufacturing and jobs during a visit to Intel Corporation's Ocotillo facility Wednesday in Chandler, Ariz.

Campaigns heat up

By DAVID ESPO
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. — On a day that combined two campaigns into one, President Barack Obama on Wednesday challenged Republicans to raise taxes on the rich as GOP rivals Mitt Romney and Newt Gingrich swiped at him on the economy and criticized each other over immigration.

With a week to go before the Jan. 31 Florida Republican

presidential primary, the polls suggested a tight race, although Romney and his allies seized a staggering advantage in the television ad wars.

They have reported spending \$14 million combined on commercials, many of them critical of Gingrich, and a total at least seven times bigger that the investment made by the former House speaker and an organization supporting him.

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Artists don't need to use b-word to succeed

Amid the excitement following the birth of Beyonce and Jay-Z's baby girl, Blue Ivy Carter, came the announcement that Jay-Z would no longer be using the word b---h in honor of his new daughter.

The announcement was met with a positive media storm and a discussion of the impact such prevalent derogatory terms had on females.

Unfortunately, Jay-Z made no such proclamation.

Originally, this editorial was going to be a discussion about Jay-Z's late-bloom-ing maturity. We would have said "good job" for eliminating one degrading word, but what about the rest? And why did Jay-Z not feel a similar burst of equality upon marrying one of the strongest fe-males in the music industry?

Given Jay-Z's personal denial of the story in the New York Daily News, how-ever, the aforementioned comments are somewhat off-base.

Instead, we can now comment on a 42-year-old husband and father who ap-parently finds it appropriate to refer to women in objectifying and demeaning terms.

Jay-Z is not the only male role model with such poor choice of subject matter.

Eminem, a paradigm of violent and degrading lyrics involving women, has repeatedly told the media that his word choice is no reflection on his personal views or relationships.

Somehow, that doesn't make it any better.

It's tempting to contrast Eminem and Jay-Z because the former has a publicly strained relationship with his ex-wife while the new father has a seemingly positive relationship with wife Beyonce, but that would be missing the point.

It doesn't matter how great Jay-Z and Beyonce's relationship is when he tells listeners to "get your own dog/that's my b---h."

And it doesn't matter how terrible things were between Eminem and his ex-wife. It is never acceptable to say "Sit down b----/If you move again I'll beat the s--t out of you."

While we are a news organization and in full support of the right to free speech, it is never inappropriate to ask that role models who have such an influence on the minds of America's youth, especial-ly young men, consider the impact of



their words.

Real men don't have to degrade wom-en to feel strong. A self-confident, strong individual would never resort to violence to express his frustration.

Even if Jay-Z and Eminem have never personally objectified or hit a woman, they have done just as much damage by allowing a message of hatred to dissemi-nate through the Top-20 charts.

As long as there is a constant message spread by the men society has deemed "cool" that it is OK to treat women like sexual objects, men and women will never be able to truly respect each other.

Without respect, little else in life works.

Perhaps Jay-Z should think about how he would feel if a young man ad-dressed Blue with lyrics from his

own songs.

Not much would have changed if Jay-Z had taken a stand against the b-word, but maybe one young admirer would have recognized the message of respect Jay-Z was sending.

Female artists do not escape censure, either. Women can be the most insidious force against gender equality.

Men must realize they have worth

outside of that created by pushing wom-en down. Relationships based on equal-ity far surpass the empty sex promoted by modern music. This is the message we should encourage our artists to promote in all their creative ways.

It is listeners who decide what music makes it to the top of the charts. We are all culpable when it comes to the culture we promote.

Unborn children have as much a right to live as anybody

In the time it takes to read this col-umn, approximately four people in America will be denied the most funda-mental human right.

Thomas Jefferson underscored this right in a document of cursive writing more than 235 years ago. It was on that day in 1776 when "life"—with right-ful, hallowed veneration—was declared through legality a unique, inherent right, a blessing of God and entitlement of humanity. Celebrated words, placed properly in line before "liberty" and "the pursuit of happiness," were affirmed by 56 signers of the Declaration of Inde-pendence.

Yet, in one of the greatest and most tragic displays of irony, that blood-bought right to life is continually ignored and violated — and in the same country that vowed to protect it. What's worse is that blame rests upon the apathetic shoulders of the people because we, as a nation, have neglected to rise up and speak out against this grave injustice.

Darkness has continued to masquerade as light, beneath ambiguous ex-pressions such as "women's rights" and "freedom of choice." Meanwhile, silent cries are muffled in that darkness, while an abortion clinic doctor tears a beau-tiful human body, created in God's image, into shreds.

It's the modern-day holocaust, and it's time we as humanity labeled it for what it is — an exhibit of perfect selfishness,



Grace Gaddy | Assistant city editor

a trampling of love, virtue and mercy, a betrayal of all that we, together in the family of humanity, hold dear.

It's abortion, and it's wrong. It's a busi-ness fueled by greed, which feeds itself off others' hurts, pain and fear. It's killing, simply put, and it is the opposite of love.

If we truly believe that God is the giver and creator of life, then how can we turn around and dismiss one's right to live, which essentially denies God as God, saying "we know better," that it was unplanned, an inconvenience, a mistake, an accident?

This is an absolute blasphemy of what God, his love and life is all about.

No life is a waste. No life is an acci-dent, even if the parents didn't necessar-

“Silent cries are muffled in that darkness, while an abortion clinic doctor tears a beautiful human body, created in God’s image, into shreds.”

ily plan for it. And with modern develop-ments in science and technology, it can no longer be disputed that this tiny, pre-cious life is "just tissue."

An infant in the womb is no differ-ent than any of us, except for size, level of development, environment and de-pendency. Really, how does seven inches through a birth canal separate murder from "choice?"

Therefore, we are battling a carefully covered-up war of discrimination — age discrimination. An infant in the womb is at a particular size, level of development, personal environment and level of de-pendency due to its age. Time is the only measuring stick separating "us" from the infant. So we're not just talking about a scientific issue.

But that, I believe, is already widely discerned. Otherwise, there wouldn't be so much controversy surrounding the is-sue.

Rather, this is about right and wrong, justified or unjustified.

At the core, abortion is wrong be-cause it breaks the heart of the Father. God, our heavenly Father, created life to be lived; it's another one who came to destroy it. Therefore, we must look at abortion for what it is — the work of the destroyer.

And that doesn't mean we go blow up clinics or stand in judgment of those who have made unfortunate decisions. That too would be work of the destroyer.

Moreover, one of the greatest things about our heavenly Father is that he ex-alts mercy, forgiveness and restoration. And what the enemy meant for evil, God can — and will— turn around for good.

So, in this battle against injustice, we must fight strong and sure, always steadfast, hating sin and loving sinners. We must stand up for what is true, just and right. We must do everything from hearts committed to love.

Love allows life, and love transforms.

It's time for us to transform our nation and society into one that is truly for lib-erty, equality and justice. And by over-turning Roe vs. Wade, and casting a vote "for life" in this upcoming election, that would mark a step in the right direction.

One day, we'll have to give an account of what we did with the choices and voic-es we have while on this earth. On that note, I hope we all let a singular voice marinate in our minds, one for justice and freedom:

"We hold these truths to be self-evi-dent, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness." - Thomas Jefferson, Declara-tion of Independence (July 4, 1776) .

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Lots of Laughs

Sam Hogan, host of Stand Up Comedy in the Den, opens the show with a few laughs Wednesday at the Bill Daniel Student Center.

Judge rules identity of terrorist recruit needed

By TOM HAYS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — A judge gave federal prosecutors until a week from Wednesday to give up the name of a witness they say was recruited for a chilling, al-Qaida-sanctioned plot for suicide bombers to attack the New York City subways with explosives made from beauty supplies.

Lawyers for alleged plotter Adis Madunjanin had demanded to know the identity of the man, referred to only as John Doe in court papers, before Madunjanin goes to trial later this year.

At a pretrial hearing on in Brooklyn federal court in Wednesday, prosecutors initially resisted identifying the government witness — “Mr. John Doe” one called him — citing concerns about his safety. But U.S. District Judge Raymond Dearie said Madunjanin’s lawyers had a right to know the name.

“They have to prepare a defense,” the judge said.

However, the judge also agreed to allow the government to provide the name under a protective order barring the defense from disclosing it to the public.

In a revised indictment filed last week in Brooklyn, Medunjanin was hit with a new allegation that he — along with former high school classmates from Queens, Najibullah Zazi and Zarein Ahmedzay — tried to recruit John Doe to travel to Pakistan “to wage violent jihad.”

It was the first time the government had linked a fourth person in the U.S. for what prosecutors call three “coordinated suicide bombing attacks” on Manhattan subway lines.

Medunjanin, 27, pleaded not guilty on Wednesday to the new indictment, which added the charge of use of a destructive device.

He had previously pleaded not guilty to conspiring to use weapons of mass destruction, providing material support to a terrorist organization and other counts.

Prosecutors allege that Medunjanin, Zazi and Ahmedzay tried to recruit the fourth man before the three went to Afghanistan in 2008 to join the Taliban and fight U.S. soldiers.

The three fell under tutelage of al-Qaida operatives, who gave them weapons training in their Pakistan camp and asked them to become suicide bombers, authorities say.

After returning, Zazi, a former Denver airport shuttle driver, cooked up explosives with beauty supplies and set out for New York City around the eighth anniversary of the 9/11 attacks.

After becoming suspicious he was being watched by law enforcement, he abandoned the plan and returned to Colorado.

Zazi and Ahmedzay have since admitted in guilty pleas that they wanted to avenge U.S. aggression in the Arab world by becoming martyrs.

Both could testify against Medunjanin at a trial expected to begin in mid-April.

Connecticut mayor criticized for insensitive ‘taco’ remark

By JOHN CHRISTOFFERSEN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW HAVEN, Conn. — The mayor of a working-class city roiled by allegations of police discrimination against Hispanics faced scathing criticism Wednesday from officials including the governor for saying he “might have tacos” as a way to do something for the community.

The comments by East Haven Mayor Joseph Maturo brought unwanted attention to the leadership of the New Haven suburb, where four police officers were arrested Tuesday by the FBI on charges including deprivation of rights and

obstruction of justice. The mayor was also criticized for his recent reappointment of police Chief Leonard Gallo, who was apparently referred to in the indictment as a co-conspirator.

The four officers are accused of waging a campaign of harassment against Latino residents and businesses, including assaulting people while they were handcuffed and intimidating people who tried to investigate or report misconduct allegations. All four have pleaded not guilty.

The taco comment came as Maturo, a Republican, was being interviewed late Tuesday by a reporter from New York’s WPIX-TV,

Mario Diaz, who asked, “What are you doing for the Latino community today?”

Maturo’s response: “I might have tacos when I go home; I’m not quite sure yet.”

He initially defended his response and said it was being unfairly twisted. But he later apologized, saying he’d had a long day of interviews.

Democratic Gov. Dannel P. Malloy said the comments are “repugnant.”

“They represent either a horrible lack of judgment or worse, an underlying insensitivity to our Latino community that is unacceptable. Being tired is no excuse. He

owes an apology to the community, and more importantly, he needs to show what he’s going to do to repair the damage he’s done. And he needs to do it today,” Malloy said.

Hartford Mayor Pedro Segarra, a native of Puerto Rico, said he was “disgusted” by Maturo’s comment. East Haven Democratic Town Committee Chairman Gene Ruocco called for Maturo’s resignation.

The comment “goes to the root of the racial profiling allegations here in East Haven,” Ruocco said in a statement. “Everyone knows the seriousness of this matter and for him, as the leader of our community, to say something so utterly insensitive is a complete disgrace.”

East Haven resident Marcia Chacon said she and other Latinos in her community were offended by Maturo’s comment.

“This is an insult against us,” she said. “I thought ‘Wow, here we are in East Haven, and this is the person who is supposed to help us.’”

Racial profiling complaints surged in recent years in East Haven, a predominantly white suburb on Long Island Sound where the Hispanic population more than doubled in size over a decade to 10.3 percent of its 28,000 people. Last month, a lengthy civil rights investigation by the U.S. Department of Justice concluded there

was a pattern of biased policing in East Haven, where only one of the roughly 50 police officers speaks Spanish.

Maturo released a statement Wednesday to express his “sincerest apologies” to East Haven and its Latino residents and business owners for the taco comment, asking residents to “have faith in me and our community as we address the challenges arising out of the past days’ events. Unfortunately, I let the stress of the situation get the best of me and inflamed what is already a serious and unfortunate situation. I regret my insensitive comment and realize that it is my job to lead by example,” he said.

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Students answer ‘Call of Duty’ in BSB

By LINDA NGUYEN
GUEST CONTRIBUTOR

Students walking into the Baylor Sciences Building earlier this week were greeted by two flat screen Sony televisions complete with first-person shooter “Call of Duty: Black Ops.”

This was all a part of a study by Waco doctoral student David Thomson, from the department of educational psychology, in order to determine correlations between game play and various other factors.

“I’m trying to see various levels of expertise. I want to see if there is a continuum between novice and expert,” Thomson said. “I wonder if visual reasoning and game habits help predict where people are along the continuum.”

Many students have already participated in Thomson’s study, including some students that do not normally play video games.

“I walked past this all yesterday and I thought it’d be fun to

play video games for science. It’s a low-key way to participate,” said The Woodlands senior Sarah Nicholson, a biology major with many classes in the BSB.

Thomson said he particularly wants to study the similarities and differences in reasoning between different demographics. He wants to understand the inclinations, a person’s natural tendency to act a certain way, abilities the gamer brings and how all of this affects game play.

“I’m looking at all different things, whether or not sex and socioeconomic status are a factor. Do women have inclination?” Thomson said.

For other students like Houston sophomore Rodrigo Gomez, a chemistry major, playing “Call of Duty” is not too out of the ordinary.

“I have all my classes in the BSB. I saw it and thought, why not? I play a fair amount, more than the average person,” Gomez said.

Thomson was also paying at-

tention to the different factors that make up game play.

“Some things are preferential, like push skill [how persistent players are in the game]. I wanted to see what you did to avoid obstacles or avoid destroying the environment, and the visual reasoning in scanning the lower and higher positions,” said Thomson.

Gomez said he is very interested in seeing what the study reveals.

“Maybe those that study spatial recognition will fare better. I believe it helps being a chemistry major. I think we need a lot of spatial recognition,” Gomez said.

Students play on one of four levels in the game, completing up to nine missions before dying. Thomson said the outcome factor was determined by the difficulty of the level and how many missions were completed.

Thomson said he got the idea from watching his own kids play for hours.

“I knew I couldn’t keep up, but I had to ask why? The only way I



Plano sophomore Christopher Skrodzki plays “Call of Duty” as part of a study to determine correlations between gameplay and other various factors on Wednesday in the Baylor Sciences Building.

could keep up or even get to that point would have been to memorize [the layout]. I would have to memorize. It really comes down to improvisation versus memorization,” Thomson said.

Thomson said he wants to open up conversation about game design.

“Maybe this is a lesson in the

difference between male and females. What are games that women would want to play that aren’t under development? Would it be a social connection game involving combat, role playing or even multiple personalities?” Thomson said.

Nicholson said she thought the whole study was very interesting, but she probably would not make

a habit out of playing.

“I might give a different game a shot, but I’m not much for first-person shooters,” said Nicholson.

The study consisted of playing through a level of “Call of Duty” and then answering a survey about the student’s approach to playing the game. The study concluded at 7 p.m. Wednesday.

Memorable music strengthens opera ‘Dido and Aeneas’

By CANDY RENDON
REPORTER

If you have always wanted to enjoy an opera but have felt intimidated by the complexities of vocal performances such as this, “Dido & Aeneas” will provide you a simplified opera with all the drama and comedy of much more elaborate opera performances.

Baylor Opera Theater presented Henry Purcell’s production “Dido & Aeneas” Tuesday night at the Jesse H. Jones Theatre at the Hooper-Schaefer Fine Arts Center. Period instruments accompanied by the Baylor Symphony Orchestra brought to life the original music as it would have been played.

The production starts with an

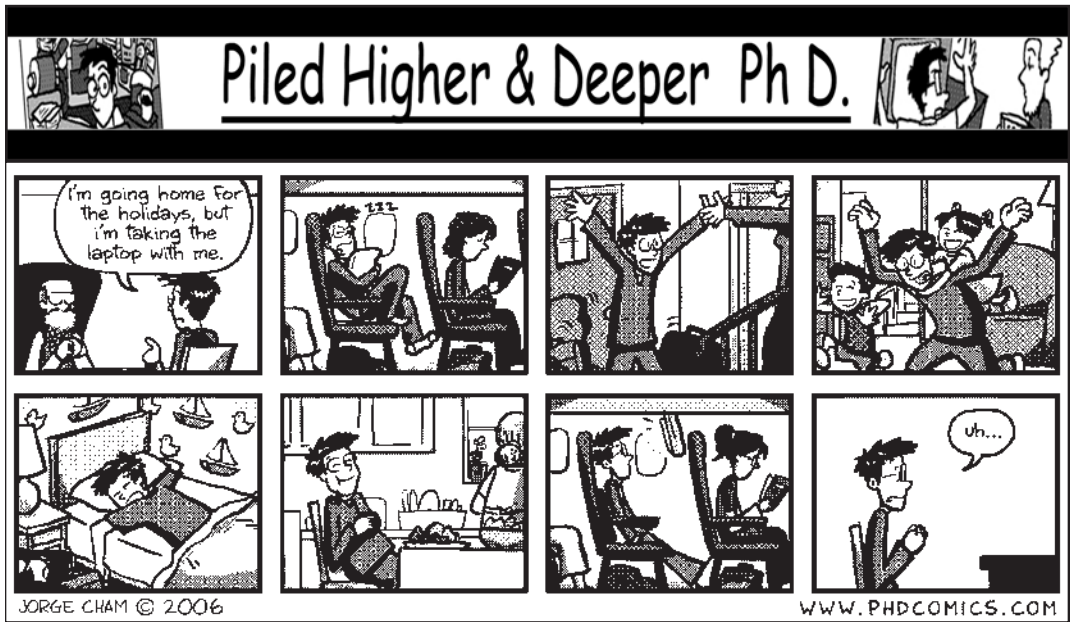
elaborate prologue in which the cast members introduce the character of Henry Purcell, the opera’s playwright and composer, which was a smart acknowledgement of his work with the music. Purcell is quiet at first and then draws all the characters closer with his short stacks of parchment music lines. The characters immediately begin to sing, and festive dancing ensues. Thus begins the opera.

The excitement sharpens when Purcell shows them his new work “Dido & Aeneas,” a tale of man and woman finding love. Purcell slows down his hands as he opens the sheets of the opera, and he silently moves about the stage to choose his two lead actors.

Purcell moves stage left and se-

lects a still woman. Then he moves stage right and motions a still man towards the center of the stage. The two characters receive the paper scripts and remain quiet. They lift their heads slowly and gaze at one another without a motion. The characters immediately fall in love with the other.

The two leads take soft steps backward while continuing their hardened gaze, and the orchestra strings croon softly until the harpsichord’s harsh notes begin. With the music carrying off quickly, the actors on stage move faster and faster until the lights dim to a dark blackness.



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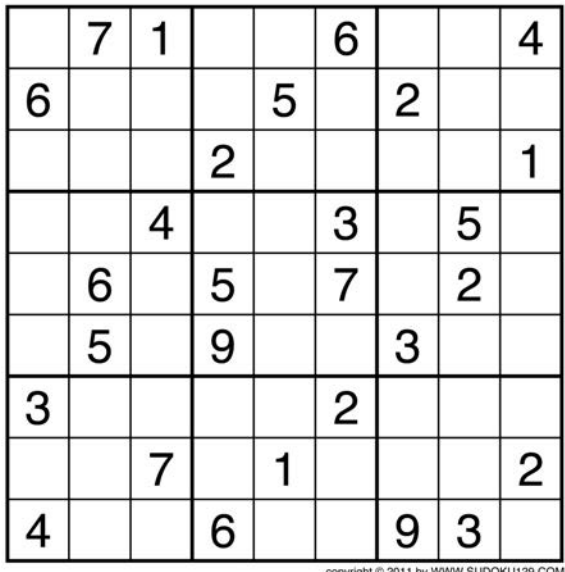
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Across

- 1 Utah's state gem
- 6 Stable newborn
- 10 Emblem
- 14 "Don't try to be ____"
- 15 ____ jure
- 16 Slicer's warning
- 17 See 38-Across
- 20 Passed down, as folk mus.
- 21 Shop gripper
- 22 Four Holy Roman emperors
- 23 '40s-'50s pitcher Maglie
- 24 Tangle of hair
- 25 P.D. alert
- 26 See 38-Across
- 33 Silver and gold
- 35 Absorb, as a loss
- 36 Via, à la Burns
- 37 "____ you clever!"
- 38 Clue for 17-, 26-, 43- and 57-Across
- 39 Intersect
- 40 Unlike Wellesley College
- 41 Board partner
- 42 Downloadable media player
- 43 See 38-Across
- 46 Clunker
- 47 Cruet fluid
- 48 Corn serving
- 51 That and that
- 54 Proverbial equine escape site
- 56 Sharp part
- 57 See 38-Across
- 60 Plotting
- 61 Head start?
- 62 Neutral shade
- 63 Dry run
- 64 No sweat
- 65 Being pulled

Down

- 1 Knave of Hearts' loot
- 2 Fictional plantation owner
- 3 Guitar played with hands and feet
- 4 Dry
- 5 San Diego attraction
- 6 Having limits
- 7 Makes a choice
- 8 U.S. Open stadium
- 9 Rickey broke his stolen base record in 1991
- 10 "Assuming that's accurate," biblically
- 11 Winter garb
- 12 Guesstimate words
- 13 Takes home
- 18 Rogers's partner
- 19 Last year's frosh
- 24 Hot sandwich
- 25 Sequence of scenes
- 27 It's not posed
- 28 Aptly named author
- 29 Holiday tuber
- 30 Dismissive bit of rhetoric
- 31 Highland tongue
- 32 Legendary seamstress
- 33 Eponymous physicist Ernst
- 34 Switch add-on
- 38 "I'm talking to you!"
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- 51 Letter-shaped fastener
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From redshirt to big plays

Sophomore uses extra year to boost low post ability

By GREG DEVRIES
SPORTS WRITER

A strong bench helps any team be successful. Redshirt sophomore Cory Jefferson provides that spark in the low post that fans love. If shifting momentum were a statistic, Jefferson would be leading the pack.

Despite being a driving point guard's worst nightmare, Jefferson has humble beginnings. He was born in Tacoma, Wash., but moved to Louisiana at a young age.

His mother, Fancy Pace, was in the military, so he moved around the country before landing in Killen.

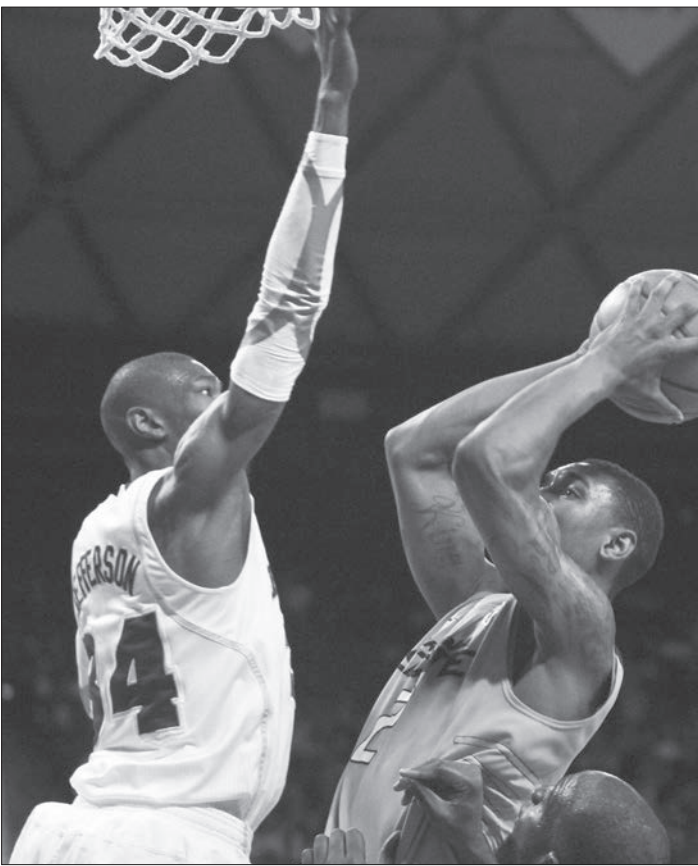
He established himself as a true basketball talent at Killen High School before coming to Baylor. Now he is getting it done on the court at the Ferrell Center. How does he get it done? Big dunks and big blocks.

"A dunk puts more points on the board and a block adds to the stops, and both get the team hyped," Jefferson said.

It makes sense that Jefferson would have this kind of mentality. His favorite player is Dwight Howard of the Orlando Magic.

"When he's playing you know he's going to get a dunk or a good block or something," Jefferson said.

He released his inner-Dwight this season against the University



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No. 34 forward Cory Jefferson goes up to block an Oklahoma State player during the game Jan. 14 in the Ferrell Center. The No. 6 Bears beat the Cowboys 106-65.

of Texas-Arlington Mavericks by recording 10 points, seven blocks, and seven rebounds in 25 minutes of play.

The Bears did not get this kind of play from Jefferson last year. While he played in 21 games as a true freshman, Jefferson redshirted his sophomore season to retain eligibility.

"I knew it was going to be a hard thing to do but I knew it would better me," Jefferson said.

The redshirt year really helped him improve and gain muscle mass.

"I think I was like 170 pounds when I first got here... Now I've bulked up a little bit. It's definitely a difference from when I first got here," Jefferson said. He is now listed at 210 pounds.

Senior Quincy Acy has been helping Jefferson get better for a few years.

"I pushed him in the weight room a lot during his redshirt year. He was weak when he got here. He's made more progress there. That's a tribute to the coaches and

how hard he works," Acy said.

Jefferson said Acy works him hard every practice to get him ready for game time.

"Every time we step on the court, you really don't have a choice going up against Quincy Acy, so I thank him for that," Jefferson said. "Trying to guard him every day, it's never a day off, so that's really prepared me for this year too."

Acy has pushed Jefferson in the weight room, but he isn't the only one pushing him on the court.

"Every day in practice, he gets the luxury of going against Perry [Jones III], Quincy Acy, Anthony Jones and Quincy Miller. So he gets better each and every day," head coach Scott Drew said.

Drew has been directing these huge strides that Jefferson is taking.

"Some people say he's our most improved player," Drew said. "In the non-conference schedule, [he] really got off to a great start... He's only a sophomore. His junior and senior years are going to be much better than this year."

Mulkey, Lady Bears to give Sooners second dose of BU

By KRISTA PIRTLE
SPORTS WRITER

The No. 1 Baylor Lady Bears have a four-hour bus trip to Norman, Okla. to take on the Oklahoma Sooners (12-5, 4-2) today, a trip the men's team came back victoriously from Tuesday.

The Sooners are coming off back-to-back wins on the road against Kansas State (65-57) and at home against Texas (73-67).

Baylor remains undefeated and looks to increase its win streak to 20 and its conference wins to 7-0, the third time it would happen in Baylor history.

Spanning over the years, the wins fall in favor of Oklahoma, who is 24-13 against the Lady Bears.

These two teams have split their past 10 matchups, with Baylor winning the previous two.

Oklahoma, however, is 0-12 when up against a top seed.

"When we go there, they've only lost one game at home, and that's what you're supposed to do, protect your home floor," head coach Kim Mulkey said. "I don't anticipate it to be any different: down to the wire."

On the season, Oklahoma is

6-1 at home, with a record crowd expected, as this evening is "Cheer like a champion" night at Lloyd Noble Center.

"They always have a nice crowd that comes out and supports them," junior center Brittney Griner said. "They're going to give us their best shot. It's going to be a good environment to play a women's game."

In order for Baylor to truly be successful, the Lady Bears must shut down sophomore guard Aaryn Ellenburg, the reigning Big 12 Player of the Week. Ellenburg averaged 26 points in both games against Baylor last season and has recorded 18.2 points per game this season overall.

Playing the perimeter alongside Ellenburg is current Big 12 Freshman of the Week Sharane Campbell, who has shot 62.2 percent from the floor at home.

As far as rebounding goes, Baylor is increasing its dominance on the boards as junior forward Destiny Williams leads the conference in pulling down an average of 12.3 boards per game.

Oklahoma lost its top rebounder in junior forward Joanna McFarland, who is sidelined with a fractured jaw.

"Injuries have affected their

team," Mulkey said. "They're playing at home and they have a great leader shooter. They're playing like they don't miss them."

Similar to the Lady Bears, the Sooners have a trio of players averaging double digit scoring: Ellenburg, junior guard Whitney Hand (11.9) and the injured McFarland.

"They have great leadership in Whitney Hand," Mulkey said. "She is the extension of their coach on the floor."

In the paint, Griner will not be the tallest by half a foot but merely 2 inches.

The 6-foot-6-inch sophomore center Nicole Griffin has recorded 36 blocks on the season and averages 5.8 points per game.

"She's gotten better because of minutes played," Mulkey said. "She just plays very, very hard and doesn't try to do anything she's not capable of doing."

The game will be televised on Fox Sports Network at 7 p.m. today.

After tonight's game, the Lady Bears will return to Waco to host Kansas at 7 p.m. Saturday.

Two games in three days will be a test for Baylor.

"We're just taking it one game at a time," Griner said.

Rain, 75 miles cannot stop Baylor

By TYLER ALLEY
SPORTS EDITOR

Due to the rainy weather in Waco Wednesday, the No. 5 Baylor women's tennis team was forced to move its home match to the Lion Indoor Tennis Center in Ennis.

The 75-mile difference had no effect on the undefeated Lady Bears as they defeated Stephen F. Austin 5-1. The team moved to 6-0, the fourth-best start in team history.

Head coach Joey Scrivano was quick to give praise to Patrick Sullivan, SFA's head coach.

"Coach Sullivan is building a great program at SFA, and he has a dangerous team that could definitely do some damage in the NCAA Tournament," head coach Joey Scrivano said in a press release. "He is an up-and-coming coach that is doing a great job."

The location and time change forced the match into only six singles and no doubles matches.

Baylor's top two singles players won their matches in straight sets.

Senior Diana Nakic, No. 14 in the nation, won her match against Tereza Bekerova 6-3, 7-5. Senior Nina Secerbegovic defeated Jith-

mie Jayawickrema 6-1, 6-4.

"Our top three did a great job of putting us in position to win the match, especially with Nina and Diana setting the table with those first two wins," Scrivano said.

Senior Sona Novakova defeated Elena Kordolaimi 6-4, 3-6, 6-1, and sophomore Jordaan Sanford defeated Alina Shazhko 6-0, 5-7, 7-5.

Freshman Megan Horter lost her first set 2-6 to Julia Lorca before sweeping the last two sets.

Senior Brittany Ridenour, a volleyball players stepping in due to injury, lost 6-0, 6-0 to Antonio Kolovou.

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