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The Institute for Studies of Religion will host a lecture by Stephen V. Monsma from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Tuesday in Kayser Auditorium of the Hankamer School of Business. The lecture will argue that faith-based organizations that provide health, educational, and social services to the public are facing increasing legal pressures to tone down or abandon their religiously based practices. Entry is free and students must register by 3:30 p.m. Tuesday at www.baylor.edu or call 254-710-7555.



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Baylor-Dr Pepper contract extended

By DANIEL C. HOUSTON
STAFF WRITER

Dr Pepper will remain the official soft drink of the Baylor Bears through August 2015 as the result of an agreement between the university and Dr Pepper Snapple Group Inc.

Administrators announced at a Thursday press conference the university's longstanding sponsorship deal with Dr Pepper

will be extended by two years with no substantive changes to the existing agreement.

The agreement grants Dr Pepper exclusive vending rights on campus and advertising opportunities in exchange for undisclosed financial compensation, Nick Joos, executive associate athletics director for external affairs, said.

“We’re not allowed to disclose [the amount],” Joos said Thursday, “but I will tell you that they are our largest corporate

partner that we have by far, and they probably have been for the entire time that the contract has existed. It’s a win-win for both parties.”

Rodger Collins, president of packaged beverages for Dr Pepper, said in a university press release that reaching a sponsorship deal with Baylor is perhaps more beneficial now than ever.

“We’re privileged to have seen some great times over the years we’ve been in-

volved with Baylor, but it’s hard to remember a more exciting time to be their partner than today,” Collins said. “The Baylor community has an unmistakable pride and passion for the university and its traditions, and we are proud to be a part of that experience.”

Joos highlighted the longtime relationship between Baylor and Dr Pepper, which dates back well before the company became

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MATTHEW MCCARROLL | LARIAT PHOTOGRAPHER

Battle on the tennis courts

Sophomore Robert Verzaal returns the ball against SMU at the Baylor Tennis Center on Thursday. The Bears defeated SMU 7-0.

Faith, physics to converge in lecture

By TREVOR ALLISON
REPORTER

Internationally known speaker, astronomer and Christian apologist Dr. Hugh Ross will visit Baylor Monday to speak on God and physics in two separate engagements.

Ross’ first lecture, “Taking Copernicus Too Far?,” will begin 3 p.m. in D.110 Baylor Sciences Building. His second lecture, “Do Physics and Faith Converge?,” will begin at 7 p.m. in B.110 BSB.

Both events are free and open to the public.

The Copernicus lecture will explore the idea of the uniqueness of earth, its properties and its location in the universe, Kristi Sandberg, public relations professional for Reasons to Believe, wrote in an email to the Lariat. Ross founded Reasons to Believe, a think tank of Christian scientists that examines the ties between science and faith.

Sandberg said the “Physics and Faith” lecture will examine the latest discoveries in physical science and how they point to the existence of the God of the Bible.

In this lecture, Ross will also address how the Bible aligns with the Big Bang Theory.

Dr. Walter Bradley, Distinguished Professor of Mechanical Engineering at Baylor, is a friend and colleague of Ross’. Bradley has known him for 27 years and has reviewed Ross’ books.

“He [Ross] is one of the more prominent Christian scientists that speaks on the topic,” Bradley said. “Students who come will be happy they invested the time.”

He said Ross helps make connections between science and faith that many may not make on their own.

“People are deceived that science and faith are enemies,” Bradley said.

Ross has written 11 books, authored hundreds of articles, and hosted television and radio shows on the convergence of science and faith.

Ross received a doctorate in astrophysics from the University of Toronto and did post-doctoral research work at the California Institute of Technology. While

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Helping homeless one coin at a time

By DANIEL C. HOUSTON
STAFF WRITER

A group of Baylor students raised more money than they know how to spend working to help lift two Waco residents out of poverty.

Pheonix senior Allison Temnick, led an effort that raised more than \$100 in a single day for two unemployed men whom she and a group of friends met in a Wendy’s restaurant parking lot a few weeks ago.

Although the group hasn’t yet decided exactly what resources it will purchase with the money raised, Temnick said she wants to use it to help the two re-enter the workplace and establish a stable source of income, rather than spending it to satisfy their immediate needs.

“I really have emphasized wanting to get them support so they can stand independently,” Temnick said, pointing out it was a difficult decision to avoid addressing their short-term needs. “If there’s any way for them to have some

stable income by the time I graduate, I would be really happy.”

Temnick met the two men, whom she identified only by their first names, Terry and Jonas, after she attended a Christian worship conference that inspired her to reach out to the less fortunate.

“At the beginning of the semester I went to a Passion Conference, and my real focus was to live like Jesus did in a really practical way,” Temnick said. “One of the big things that I had been thinking about a lot was serving the poor.”

Temnick said she felt compelled to provide extra jackets to needful strangers, bringing friends with her from Highland Baptist Church, including Shaun Skubal, a sophomore at Texas State Technical College.

“We look at our closets and we see all these clothes that are not being used and she called on us to help,” Skubal said. “As we were going, we headed over there to the part of Waco where we see most of the homeless people and we ended up coming across Terry and Jonas.”

Terry and Jonas live temporarily in a house that charges \$20 per person per night for rent.

When they met Temnick’s group, neither of them had a stable source of income.

Temnick later came up with the idea to hold a coin drive to raise money for them.

“I guess my idea initially was if we raised enough money maybe we could help them,” Temnick said. “I was thinking to help them get out of that house and that we could help them get a deposit on an apartment. ... As I was talking to them they said they preferred to stay there ... and I didn’t think that was going to be best for them.”

Temnick and her group pitched in to help purchase cellphones and minutes for Terry and Jonas so they would have phone numbers to list on job applications.

The group also helped them register for the necessary identification.

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MATTHEW MCCARROLL | LARIAT PHOTOGRAPHER

Senior marketing major Allison Temnick collects coins to help the homeless in Waco.

Guest speaker to share journey with eating disorder

By BREANNA NICHOLS
REPORTER

One woman has “divorced” her eating disorder and hopes to help others do the same.

National Eating Disorder spokesperson for 2012, Jenni Schaefer will speak about her journey with an eating disorder at 7 p.m. Tuesday in Waco Hall.

Schaefer is an internationally known author and speaker who has written two books about her struggle with bulimia nervosa.

The Baylor Body IQ Advisory Committee is bringing Schaefer to campus to conclude National Eating Disorder Awareness

Week, which is held the last week of February every year and to begin National Nutrition Month in March.

“Jenni has the ability to bring light to such a serious topic by using humor and songwriting,” Katy Senior Jamie Mortimer, a peer nutrition educator, said.

Schaefer has been featured on shows such as “Dr. Phil” and “Entertainment Tonight” to bring awareness to the topic of eating disorders and to “change people’s outlooks on the topic,” Mortimer said.

In her first book, the best-seller “Life Without Ed: How One Woman Declared Independence from Her Eating Disorder and How You Can Too,” Schaefer takes a close look into her battle with bulimia and

her recovery.

“I have never been married, but I am happily divorced,” Schaefer writes in the beginning of the book. “Ed and I lived together for more than twenty years. He was abusive, controlling and never hesitated to tell me what he thought, how I was doing it wrong, and what I should be doing instead.”

“Ed” is Schaefer’s eating disorder.

Her second book is “Goodbye Ed, Hello Me: Recover from Your Eating Disorder and Fall in Love with Life.”

In a biography on Schaefer’s official website, author Rob Simbeck wrote that Schaefer believes she is fully recovered and is “enjoying life she considers a gift to

be treasured.”

Dr. Emma Wood, a psychologist in the counseling center at Baylor and a member of the Baylor Body IQ Advisory Committee, said she hopes Schaefer will be able to bring awareness to students because this is a topic that is “interesting and important and needs to be addressed at Baylor.”

“This definitely won’t be a dry talk,” Wood said. “She is really engaging and it should be a really personal presentation.”

Wood said the topic of eating disorders is prevalent with college women.

“There are up to 40 percent of college females with bulimic behaviors that may not

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Society’s poor ideals caused ‘pretty or ugly’ YouTube trend

Editorial

YouTube’s wonders know no limits. The site allows you to share memories, view music videos, watch speeches and ask the world if you are ugly.

You may think it would be ridiculous to ask the denizens of the Internet to rate your attractiveness, but many teenage girls have taken to YouTube to ask just that.

In a disturbing trend, videos have appeared on YouTube in which young people, almost exclusively girls, asking if the viewers think they are “pretty or ugly.”

These videos reflect a huge problem. To ask the people of the Internet to evaluate you automatically subjects you to harsh criticism by people shrouded in anonymity. Trolls flood the Internet with the sole purpose of aggravating users; their cruelty could do significant damage to a girl’s self-esteem. Anonymous users have no problem saying things like “You fell out of the UGLY tree and hit every branch on the way down,” as one YouTube commenter said knowing he or she will never personally see the person in the video uploaded last November.

We know there are adults who visit

similar “hot or not” websites, but these people are grown and have already formed their own perceptions of beauty. The people in this recent crop of videos are too young to concern themselves with shallow judgment from strangers.

It is concerning these people feel the need to seek affirmation from strangers – their worth should not come from the meaningless opinions of others. That girls post these videos reflects on our societal values.

Increasing social pressure to be beautiful has driven young girls to wear makeup at an earlier age, dress in racy clothes and act beyond their age. Girls now fear getting fat as early as elementary school. Negative body images are at a high.

As a society, we need to reflect on the message we send young people at home, at school and through the media. What values are we promoting? If attractiveness is at the top of the list, we should be concerned.

A person’s worth does not come from his or her appearance. Personality, actions and intelligence are far more important features to praise. What good is being beautiful if that is your only admirable quality?

Often, the media is blamed for increasing pressure on girls and women to

act and look a certain way. People blame magazines for promoting diets and portraying skinny as the only acceptable body shape, but we cannot keep using the media as a scapegoat.

The amount of time somebody spends reading a magazine is significantly lower than the time he or she spends talking to family and friends. If we are promoting the same values as these magazines and TV shows at home and at school, we are doing more damage than the media.

It is vital that parents instill positive messages of beauty in their children from an early age. The media will bombard them with images of models and society’s view of what they should be, but parents and teacher can combat the effects of the media.

Parents should focus on telling their children their value is based on what they do and think. Young girls should be told they are beautiful as they are and that they are intelligent. Sure, it is OK to want your child to look nice and be put together, but looks should not be among the most stressed characteristics.

If the message young people receive about beauty is not reformed, we could see even more teens go to the Internet for affirmation, which would most likely lead to more distorted values and self-images. That is ugly indeed.

Seniors showed little love at Ferrell Center

I don’t know what’s harder to believe—the fact that Quincy Acy, Anthony Jones and Fred Ellis will never play another game for Baylor at the Ferrell Center, or the fact that I will never watch another men’s basketball game there as a student.

Or maybe it’s the fact that I have to write this column at all.

If you didn’t give a hoot about Baylor men’s basketball’s Elite Eight run in the 2010 NCAA tournament, you can stop reading. It’s certainly not a requirement to root for athletic teams, and there’s no point in feigning enthusiasm if you don’t really feel it.



Chris Derrett | Editor in chief

But if you’re a senior and you got hooked on March Madness in 2010, even if you hadn’t followed the team all season, and you legitimately hoped your classes were canceled so you could watch the Bears fight through their bracket, I have a question for you:

Where the heck were you Monday night?

A pathetic handful of students showed up that night to send Baylor’s seniors — Acy, Jones and Ellis — off the court in style after Baylor enjoyed a 77-48 beatdown of Texas Tech. Even if every one of those students was a senior, the total was still just a fraction of this year’s senior class.

We’ve run countless columns and editorials pleading for students to support the Bears, but this isn’t about general apathy. This is about the seniors.

Monday was a chance to send Acy, Jones and Ellis a very, very simple message, simpler than seniors finding an excuse to skip class.

Thank you.

Senior night at the Ferrell Center was our night to look back and appreciate the excitement Acy, Jones and Ellis helped create in past seasons and this year as well, each in his own way.

Acy has been the heart of this year’s team and has never dialed back his aggression throughout his career. You don’t have to know much about basketball for an Acy dunk to leave you screaming and jumping.

Maybe you remember rising to your feet 10 times in the same game, when Acy threw down 10 slams in Baylor’s 2010, 92-77 win over the Texas Longhorns.

While Acy has certainly cemented his place in Baylor basketball history, Jones and Ellis have become crowd favorites as

well and deserved every bit of applause they received in Monday’s pregame senior introductions.

Jones has averaged 6.1 points and 3.7 rebounds in Big 12 games and was a big part of the Elite Eight team.

Although Ellis hasn’t seen as much playing time this season, he’s been the quintessential teammate and model student-athlete. He’s an invaluable mentor as well.

For the seniors it’s over for the most part — you can’t go back and experience Monday night’s party if you missed it.

But it’s not completely over. If you didn’t know, there’s some team playing at 11 a.m. Monday at the Ferrell Center, a team that hasn’t lost any of its 30 games. There are three seniors on this Lady Bears squad, arguably one of women’s college basketball’s most dominant teams ever. Seniors, why not congratulate fellow seniors on careers well done?

Meanwhile fans in the class of 2013 can learn a lesson by looking to the court where Brittney Griner, Destiny Williams, Brooklyn Pope, Nae-Nae Hayden and Jordan Madden will play.

Juniors, those women will be the main event in next year’s senior night. If you feel any pride when you hear the No. 1 Baylor Lady Bears brought up in conversation, you owe it to your 2013 seniors to show up and loudly cheer them off the court.

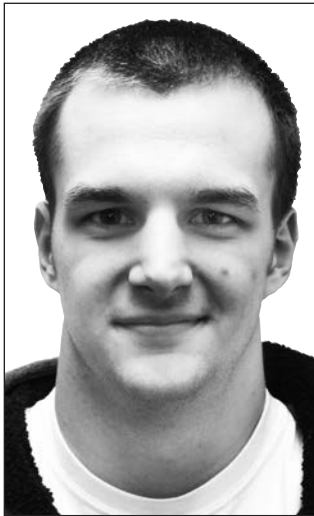
That’s the way basketball senior night should always be, but unfortunately at Baylor it is not.

We can do better.

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Drake makes no sense; neither does most mainstream rap



Greg DeVries | Sports writer

Society has been looking to the less-than-talented Drake for words of wisdom lately. Drake’s song “The Motto” was released on Nov. 15. In it, Drake claims the phrase, “you only live once,” commonly abbreviated as “YOLO.”

This motto needs to go.

The fact that people only live once should not be justification for an action. The line has been interpreted as encouragement to enjoy life. If you truly live life by the motto “you only live once,” then you can justify anything.

Want to try some cocaine? Well, you only live once, so go for it.

On the other hand, you only live once, so you probably

shouldn’t risk the damaging repercussions of cocaine. I believe we’re going in circles.

The motto isn’t even Drake’s to claim. “Man lebt nur einmal!” (translated “You Only Live Once!”) was a waltz written in 1855 by Johann Strauss II. “You Only Live Once” then became a 1937 crime drama starring Sylvia Sidney and Henry Fonda.

After that, “You Only Live Once” was a song by The Strokes. Then it was a song by Unsolved Mysteries. Then it was a song by Suicide Silence released just a few months before Drake’s song came out.

What exactly is Drake’s reason to live by this motto? The lyrics

don’t actually say why. He just goes on about how he is sitting on a figurative bench because he isn’t playing in a figurative game. Then he goes on to say that he cannot see people because his money is in the way. This may be some high-brow reference that I am not seeing, but I doubt it.

His verse doesn’t help either. He discusses his money, talks about the different cities that he visits and the girls that he fornicates with, but nothing about a time when he needed to overcome something by reminding himself to seize the moment.

I don’t know what is more pathetic: the current state of the rap industry or the fact that people

look to lyrics like these for motives. Rap used to be a fun way of talking about the good of times. Eventually, creative word play was introduced. This evolved into political or social content.

How did this thought-provoking material turn into mindless banter about money, cars, women and liquor?

A few years ago, I was hoping rap would make a recovery. I had hoped rap would return to the days of intelligent lyricism. Instead, society has continued on its path toward destruction.

Not only are we listening and purchasing music from rappers that spit meaningless verses, but we are also apparently living by

these words.

In December of 2006, Nas, who began rapping in 1991, released an album titled “Hip Hop is Dead”. A little more than five years later, nothing has changed. If the genre was dead in 2006, then it is extra-dead in 2012.

Think about the music that you purchase and listen to before you decide to make it a motto to live by. If consumers demand better music, then artists will have to write better lyrics. I really worry that somewhere along the way, we forgot about Dre.

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Opinion

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Weekend Calendar

Today:

Troubadour, TX
When: 7:30 p.m.
Where: Common Grounds
What: Troubadour, TX is a new television series by London Broadcasting that follows the lives of Texas songwriters and musicians. Some featured artists will be showcasing their talents at Common Grounds. Tickets are \$5.

Baylor Symphony Orchestra
When: 7:30 p.m.
Who: Conductor Stephen Heyde
Where: Jones Concert Hall
What: A free concert held by Baylor's 102-member orchestra, highlighting works by works by Tobias Picker, Maurice Ravel and Béla Bartók.

"Project X"
When: released today
Who: produced by Todd Phillips, director of "The Hangover"
Where: Movie theaters
What: "Project X" is a comedy that follows the story of an out-of-control house party thrown by teenagers wishing to make a name for themselves.

Saturday:

Percussion Symposium
When: All day Saturday
Who: David Land, composer; Douglas Perkins, percussionist; and Steven Schick, percussionist
Where: Jones Concert Hall
What: Baylor School of Music will present the symposium as a part of the Lyceum Series. The event is free to the public.

Master Class with Opera Director Edward Berkeley
When: 2 - 5 p.m.
Who: Edward Berkeley is the director of undergraduate opera studies at the Juilliard School of Music and teaches Shakespeare at Circle in the Square Theater School.
Where: Roxy Grove Hall
What: Baylor School of Music's Lyceum Series is hosting this class, which is free.

Roman resurrection: Classics become cool

Department hosts event to spark interest in culture

By KAYLA REEVES
REPORTER

An ancient Roman comedy and other Latin activities will kick off the weekend for a group of high school students celebrating ancient Roman culture. Baylor's Classics Department is having its ninth annual Latin Day from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. today.

Undergraduate students will provide Latin-themed activities for about 200 high schoolers from across Texas, but the day can be enjoyed by anyone, said Dan Hanchey, assistant professor of classics.

A comedic play written by

Plautus and directed by Dr. David White, professor in the classics department, is expected to be the most popular event, Hanchey said.

Alexandria, La., senior Stephen Margheim is playing the lead in this year's play.

His character Pseudolus is a tricky slave who hoodwinks a slave dealer to woo the woman his master has fallen in love with, Margheim said.

There is also a Broadway play and a movie, "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum," based on the story, he said.

The play is in English and will show at 1:15 p.m. today in the Marrs-McLean Science Building, room 100. The play is free and open to the public.

The events of the annual Latin Day are put on by students in the classics department, but not necessarily classics majors,

Margheim said.

Students range from freshmen to fifth-year seniors.

The play does not require auditions. Students can read through the script and choose roles based on their perosnal level of commitment and how much time they have to learn lines and practice.

"It's really easygoing, and it's tons of fun to get on stage as a collegiate student," Margheim said.

Another event will include viewing Latin-related advertisements created by high school students for a contest. Faculty members will vote for a winner.

This year, one of those advertisements is based on the popular Dos Equis commercials featuring "the most interesting man in the world," but changed to "the most interesting language in the world," Hanchey said.

There will also be a Certamen

competition, modeled off Jeopardy. Certamen means 'competition.'

"It's always funny because students and teachers will take it pretty seriously. There will be fierce competition," Hanchey said.

He said there is also a national Certamen championship, and one member on the recent national championship team participated in Baylor's Latin Day Certamen as a student two years ago.

The day will include Latin songs for students to learn, a tour of campus and lunch at Penland for the high schoolers.

Hanchey and Margheim agreed that Latin Day is beneficial to everyone who participates.

"It's definitely helpful for the kids," Margheim said. "They get to see that there are normal human beings who take Latin seriously, and [who] are not massive nerds and not weird. And for Baylor, it's

a chance to have our own influence to revitalize high school Latin programs, and people generally enjoy it."

Hanchey said he believes there is a value in studying Latin because of the wide range of topics involved.

"You get a chance to study culture, history, politics, religion, art, language and literature all at once," he said, "and so much of our culture is based on ancient Rome."

But the classics department wants to show the high schoolers more than just Latin language and history, Hanchey said.

"We want to educate the students about Latin, about Baylor, about Baylor classics, about what experience they could have if they came here," Hanchey said. "We also want them to have fun and see there's a community feeling in studying Latin."

Gingrich harbors hope for Georgia, campaign

By KEN THOMAS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ATLANTA — Newt Gingrich's political career is coming full circle: The state that nourished his rise to House speaker could strike a fatal blow to his presidential ambitions — even by his own admission.

The former Georgia congressman has acknowledged that a loss in this state's Super Tuesday primary would cripple his campaign. He's betting he can make another comeback in Georgia and a series of Southern primaries during the next two weeks in a go-for-broke strategy to outlast his opponents and seize upon conservative unease with Mitt Romney.

"I have to win Georgia, I think, to be credible in the race," Gingrich said Thursday, responding to a question during a breakfast with business leaders.

Gingrich told the Cobb Chamber of Commerce that Romney is "Massachusetts moderate baloney" and Rick Santorum is "Pennsylvania big labor baloney. But they're baloney. They're not going to fundamentally change Washington."

He has had perhaps the most topsy-turvy campaign of any Republican, nearly imploding last year and then rising in Iowa before facing millions of dollars' worth of negative attacks that weakened his campaign.

He rebounded to win South Carolina's primary on Jan. 21, but since has been on a long losing streak, falling far behind in the hunt for delegates.

The comeback plan is fairly



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Republican presidential candidate and former House Speaker Newt Gingrich speaks to the Cobb Chamber of Commerce on Thursday in Atlanta.

simple: Win Georgia and make a strong showing in neighboring Tennessee, Oklahoma and Ohio, thus picking up enough delegates in the process to compete with Romney and Santorum. He then hopes to pivot to Mississippi and Alabama on March 13 and stay in contention for large-delegate contests in Texas and California.

All bets may be off with a loss in Georgia.

"If he doesn't win in Georgia, where does he win?" said Merle Black, an Emory University political scientist. "In order to have a Southern strategy, he first has to have a Georgia strategy."

Low on cash, Gingrich's cause has been aided by the outside group Winning Our Future, a super PAC backing the campaign that recently received another multimillion-dollar injection from Las Vegas billionaire Sheldon Adelson. The fresh funding bankrolled a large ad buy in states crucial to Gingrich's strategy.

Gingrich boosters say Georgia and other states on the upcoming primary map share many characteristics with South Carolina, giving him a chance to rebound. With Romney facing questions among conservatives, the new ads on the air and a long slate of primaries

ahead, Gingrich may have little incentive to exit.

"With Santorum's decline, I believe, Newt will re-emerge as the anti-establishment candidate with a record of economic success," said Rick Tyler, a senior adviser to Winning Our Future and a former Gingrich aide. "The upcoming states are receptive to him and his message."

Although he lives in the suburbs of Washington, D.C., Gingrich has played up his local ties, making stops at the University of West Georgia, where he taught geography and history during the 1970s, and the Georgia Statehouse,

where he was joined Wednesday by dozens of legislators wearing buttons that read, "I'm in Newt's Army."

Gingrich has led in recent polling in Georgia but faces plenty of hurdles.

It has been more than a decade since he represented suburban Atlanta, and a significant portion of the state's population may have little memory of his time in government.

With so many delegates at stake — at 76, Georgia offers the most of any Super Tuesday state — Romney and Santorum are expected to compete here, too. Santorum campaigned in the state Thursday while Romney's wife, Ann, was making two appearances on his behalf.

But a win in Georgia is unlikely to give Gingrich a clean sweep of the state's delegates.

Under party rules, Georgia has three delegates for each of its 14 congressional districts. If a candidate wins a majority of votes in those districts, that candidate gets all three of the district's delegates. But if a candidate wins by less than 50 percent, the first-place finisher gets two delegates and the runner-up is awarded a single delegate.

Three Georgia GOP party leaders — the party chair and its national committeeman and committeewoman — are automatically awarded to the statewide winner. The remaining 31 at-large delegates are allocated proportionately among candidates who get more than 20 percent of the statewide vote.

Memorial to honor WWII men

ASSOCIATED PRESS

HOUSTON — Two survivors of the World War II sinking of the USS Houston will gather in Texas Saturday along with relatives of their shipmates for a memorial service in downtown Houston's Sam Houston Park at a monument dedicated to the warship.

Seventy years ago Thursday, a Japanese fleet sank the ship off the coast of Java. The ship carried 1,068 crewmen, but only 291 sailors and Marines survived both the attack and being prisoners of war.

Fifteen of the original crew members are still alive, but Howard Brooks of New Jersey and David Flynn of Florida, both 92, are the only ones expected to attend the reunion of the USS Houston CA-30 Survivors Association. ‘

The Japanese sank the USS Houston on March 1, 1942, during the Battle of Sunda Strait.

"We had no planes in the air at all, but the Japanese had planes and they were dropping what we called star shells," Brooks said.

The warship was listing and ablaze when the order came to abandon ship.

"At that announcement, you sort of froze for a second," Flynn, who was a radioman on the warship, told the Houston Chronicle.

Both men spent the next 3½ years as prisoners of war. Brooks was among those forced to build the Burma Railway, made famous in the 1957 film "The Bridge on the River Kwai."

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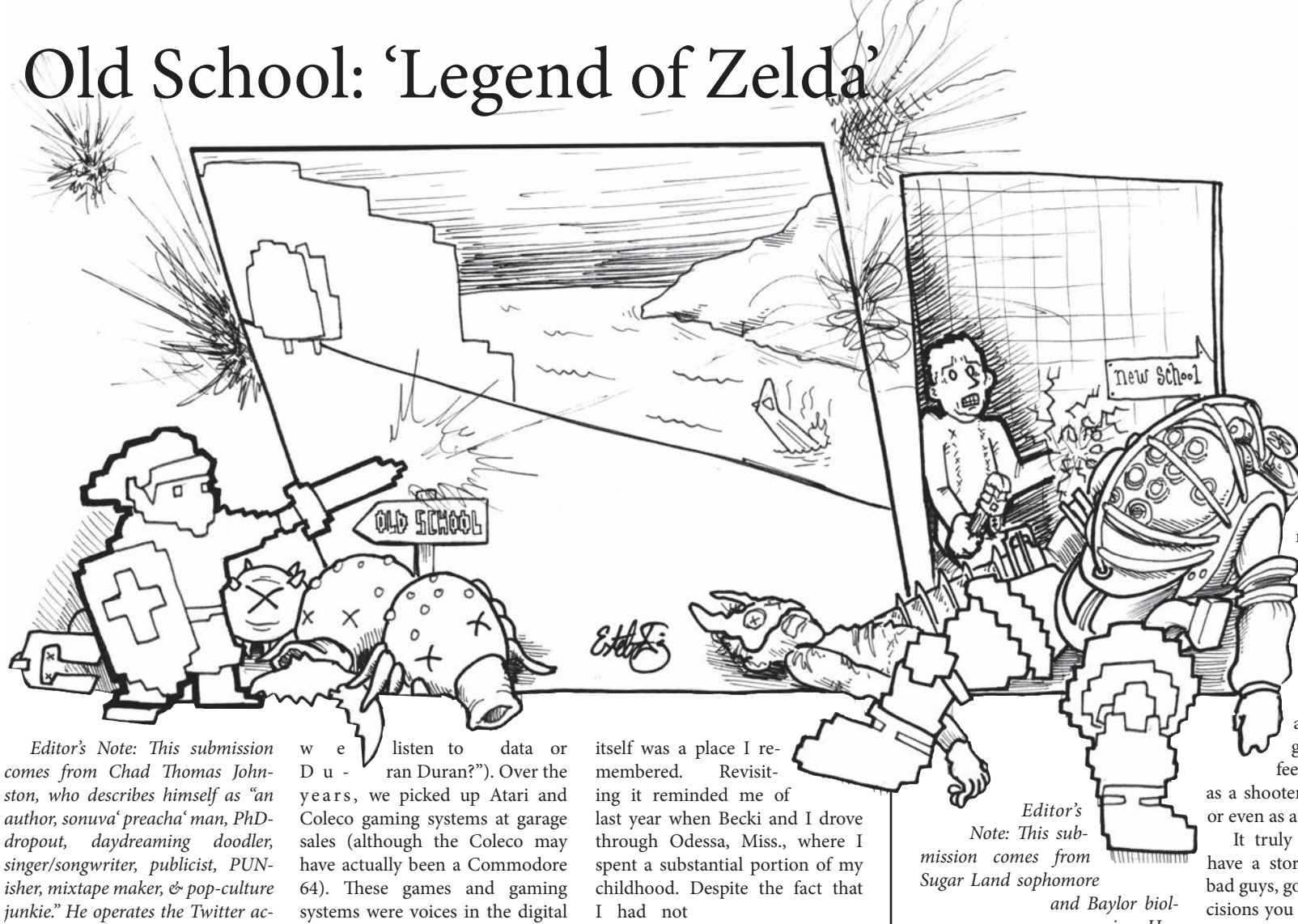
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Great Video Game: Classic and Modern Gaming

Old School: ‘Legend of Zelda’

New School: ‘BioShock’



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By CHAD THOMAS JOHNSTON
GUEST CONTRIBUTOR

Growing up in the church as the son of a minister, I met several “church bullies” along the way — people who picked on me one minute and paused for a moment of holy reflection when anyone mentioned the words God, Jesus, or Bible. I never liked these people. Since they always picked on me, I suspect they never liked me much either.

When it comes to video games, I assume a similar role to that of the church bully. I have long made fun of my gaming friends —in a rib-poking, eye-winking way, of course.

But when anyone mentions Nintendo’s original “Legend of Zelda” from 1987, I pause for a moment of pious reflection and worship at the 8-bit altar. Once the fog of quasi-religious fervor evaporates, I return to persecuting my video gaming brethren for playing “World of Warcraft” in their skivvies.

Sure, my wife Becki and I own a Nintendo Wii, and I am fond of the “Mario Brothers,” too. But I am hardly a fanatic. My wife is the gamer in our family, and it was her will for us to have a Wii.

I was only open to owning a Wii because I grew up with video games in my home. There was “Burger Time” on the Texas Instruments computer, a series of text-driven games a la “Zork” on the Tandy 1000 (with its cassette-tape drive that begged the question “Do

w e listen to data or D u - ran Duran?”). Over the years, we picked up Atari and Coleco gaming systems at garage sales (although the Coleco may have actually been a Commodore 64). These games and gaming systems were voices in the digital wilderness of my youth—John the Baptists preparing the way for The Legend of Zelda.

In 1987, or perhaps 1988, my parents bought my sister Alyssa and me a Nintendo Entertainment System (NES) and The Legend of Zelda along with it. Perhaps they were trying to atone for the Christmas when they gave us nothing but board games.

The cartridge for “Zelda” was made of metallic gold plastic, and it was like the Ark of the Covenant in “Raiders of the Lost Ark.” The gilded exterior could inspire want in a man, but the real, face-melting razzle-dazzle was inside.

Dad and I were dazzled by “Zelda” for the better part of 1988. As father and son, we played the part of the heroic Link, waging war against Ganon’s minions in the land of Hyrule without the benefit of the Internet’s walkthroughs. We wandered Hyrule with only the map that came with the game. It yielded few secrets, so playing the game was always something of a Lewis and Clark expedition for us. We clutched the NES controllers tightly in trepidation as we forged onward.

It took Dad and I six months to conquer the game. During that time, I memorized the names of Hyrule’s inhabitants with savant-like accuracy.

Upon repurchasing the original NES “Zelda” for the Wii’s Virtual Console sometime last year, I was pleased to discover I still remembered the names of many of Link’s enemies: Moblins, Tektites, Octroks, Peahats, Wizrobes and Leev-ers, to name a few.

Even more, the world of Hyrule

itself was a place I remembered. Revisiting it reminded me of last year when Becki and I drove through Odessa, Miss., where I spent a substantial portion of my childhood. Despite the fact that I had not visited my boyhood home in more than 15 years, I was able to lead us directly to it.

In more ways than one, home is at the heart of my love for “The Legend of Zelda.” It remains the game I played with my dad. While most fathers and sons seem to enjoy throwing the old baseball around in the yard, my dad and I preferred to throw the old broadsword around in the land of Hyrule.

It amazed me that my dad—a pastor who could read Greek, marry the living and bury the dead—would stoop to the level of a child and play video games with me. As I see it, this is the picture of the very gospel he continues to preach. That God, who could yawn universes into being, would choose to stoop and become a man so we might know him is at the heart of the Christian narrative.

Now that I have paused for a moment of pious reflection, I must deliver cruel remarks to my video-game playing friends. A bully’s work is never really done. Even in “Zelda,” when you beat the game, a second quest begins. One’s sword should never rest for too long, as I am sure Link would agree.

Editor's Note: This submission comes from Sugar Land sophomore and Baylor biology major, Huy Bui.

By HUY BUI
GUEST CONTRIBUTOR

“A man chooses, a slave obeys.” These are the words that echo throughout the world of “BioShock,” one of the greatest games ever made. The world is clear

These are articles in our ongoing “Great Video Game” series in which readers and staffers alike are asked to submit a few hundred words about a video game that they consider to be great. Does reading these articles make you think of a video game that you consider great? Please send us an email at lariat@baylor.edu with a suggestion for a “Great Video Game.” Please include a few hundred words on why you consider your game to be great and you just might find your opinion here.

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7 Load in a basket

11 Label

14 Busts

15 Potent introduction?

16 Nabokov novel

17 Source of mints, at times

19 With “on” and 59-Across, a hint to the theme hidden in three places in this puzzle

20 7-Across destination, eventually

21 New York City’s ___ River

22 Chowderhead

23 They often accompany stretches

25 “I Loves You, Porgy” and others

26 House on TV, e.g.

30 Poker star Hansen

31 River from the Cantabrian Mountains

32 Invasion leaders of the ‘60s

39 It prohibits illegal search and seizure

41 The recent past

42 Huit + trois

43 ___Aztec languages

44 Buyer, in legal usage

46 Love

49 Roundup need

52 Zoom

53 Sub

54 Once and again

59 See 19-Across

60 Subject of a 1922 archaeological discovery

62 Santa ___ winds

63 One who often doesn’t pick up?

64 Some chickens

65 Craving

66 Show closers, perhaps

67 Balmoral attraction

Down

1 Start of a tots’ song

2 1922 physics Nobelist

3 “___, old chap!”

4 Taj Mahal topper

5 Developmental stage

6 Prescott-to-Tempe dir.

7 Smith attendee

8 Round up

9 Hissy fit

10 Went underground

11 Attraction near U.S. 395

12 Go with the flow

13 Jenga and jacks

18 Remote letters

22 Broom alternative

24 Prefix with -pod

25 Pair

26 Challenge

27 Clarinet cousin

28 French vineyards

29 Agony

30 Blues and others

33 It’s cut and dried

34 Morph ending

35 Emmy-winning Arthur

36 Provided temporarily

37 Auto designer Ferrari

38 Prank ending

40 Head of Québec

45 Lepidopterous opponent of Godzilla

46 Orderly grouping

47 “Tell It to My Heart” singer Taylor

48 Expanse with crests

49 Reveal

50 Most Syrians

51 Cain was the first

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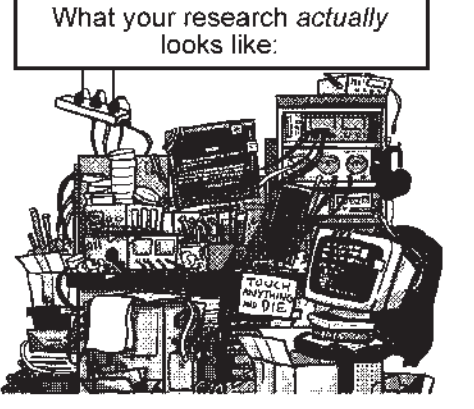
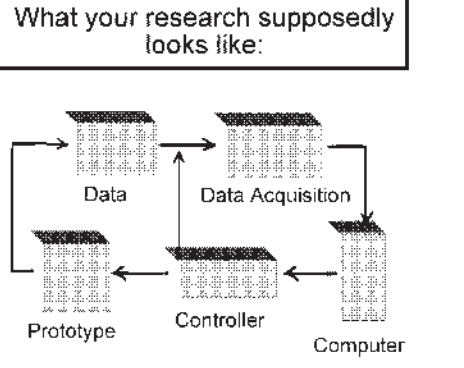


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BASKETBALL REGULAR SEASON FINALE

BU to be tested in tough arena

By GREG DeVRIES
SPORTS WRITER

Baylor men's basketball will conclude its regular season against Iowa State at 7 p.m. Saturday in Ames, Iowa. The Bears are currently one game ahead of the Cyclones in the Big 12 standings.

Seeding implications aside, a win would help assure that the Bears are playing their best basketball at an important part of the season. Finishing the season strong is a point of emphasis for every team. Senior Quincy Acy understands the importance of finishing on a winning note.

"That's how we want to end the season, on a run. But we still have a game left in conference," Acy said.

"It's their senior night, so I know they're going to go out and try and beat the heck out of us..."

Pierre Jackson | Junior guard

This team has a chance to do what no other Baylor men's basketball team has ever done: reach 26 regular season wins.

"[This game] is big for a lot of reasons. First and foremost, we have a chance to break a record that has stood since 1946, and that's 25 regular season wins being this school's highest and we've tied that," head coach Scott Drew said. "Now we have a chance to exceed that and have the record to ourselves."

A Baylor loss would result in a tie for third place, but because Iowa State beat Kansas on Jan. 14, the Cyclones would be awarded



MATT HELLMAN | LARIAT PHOTO EDITOR

No. 22 guard A.J. Walton lays up a basket against Texas Tech Monday at the Ferrell Center. Baylor beat the Red Raiders 77-48.

the third place ranking in the Big 12 tournament.

"Definitely for seeding, not only in the NCAA Tournament, but for the Big 12 tournament, the higher is always the better," Drew said.

In the previous meeting with the Cyclones, the Bears won by 15 points, 79-64. Sophomore Perry Jones III led the Bears with 18 points and seven rebounds on 8 of 13 shooting. Jones III is coming off of a strong performance against the Texas Tech Red Raiders that he hopes will continue.

"I made some shots that I've been missing for the past two weeks. My point guard and players are getting me in the flow of the game, getting me really involved and keeping me confident while I'm playing," Jones III said. "I just have to stay focused and not worry about missing so much."

Containing Iowa State sophomore Royce White was a point of emphasis for Baylor in the first

game. He still finished with 14 points, five rebounds and four assists, but the Bears forced him to turn the ball over seven times.

"We're trying to win every game. We don't want to lose another game because we feel like we shouldn't," Acy said. "At this point in time, it's getting close to if you lose, you go home. We have to have that mentality to win every game that we play in."

It was Cyclone sophomore Melvin Ejim who led Iowa State in the first game. He scored 17 points and grabbed seven rebounds.

"If we didn't have a scouting report, I wouldn't have known that they were transfers. They play together well and they can shoot. They all can shoot," junior Pierre Jackson said about some of the Iowa State starters. "It's their senior night, so I know they're going to go out and try and beat the heck out of us, but we just have to stay focused and get the win."

Lady Bears could earn perfection

By KRISTA PIRTLE
SPORTS WRITER

Perfection in the regular season is not a goal of the No. 1 Baylor Lady Bears, but it is one win away as they face Iowa State for the last game of the season at 11 a.m. Saturday in the Ferrell Center.

While the focus is on junior Brittney Griner and sophomore Odyssey Sims, three players will be honored at halftime for their dedication to the program: seniors Terran Condrey, Ashley Field and Lindsay Palmer.

"They're not really vocal leaders like that, but they do the right thing on and off the court," junior Brooklyn Pope said. "It's really hard to do the wrong thing when you have an example like that. [Condrey] picks me up for practice almost every day. I'll call her at the last minute. Practice will start at 1:15, and I'll call her at 1 o'clock, 'T [Condrey,] I need a ride!' And she'll go, 'Awww, Brook, I was just about to go. Here I come.' So one person won't be left behind. They always look out for us, and we're going to miss that."

Condrey has recorded the most minutes on the hardwood, serving as the fourth guard.

"I've coached a lot of great players, I've coached a lot of great kids," head coach Kim Mulkey said. "They don't get any better than Terran Condrey. She comes from a home that is loving. Her parents are actively involved in her life. Terran's going to do the right thing. I never have had a moment's problem off the floor with her. She's low-maintenance, she's respectful. She will go down as one of my all-time favorite kids, because she's just here. 'What do you want me to do, coach?' I don't worry about anything concerning Terran Condrey."

For Field and Palmer, their roles have been more behind the scenes.

"Just like Terran, Ashley and Lindsay are low-maintenance," Mulkey said. "Those kids get beat up every day in practice. Ashley, of all the people, she's the one that has had to guard Griner the most. And it gets to the point sometime where



MATTHEW MCCARROLL | LARIAT PHOTOGRAPHER

No. 42 center Brittney Griner shoots the ball during the game against UCLA on Nov. 17 at the Ferrell Center.

you can just see her out there, it's like, 'Coach, I don't have another part of my body that doesn't have to bruise on me.' It wears on you. And yet at the same time, they can see the bigger picture in life."

The bigger picture, Mulkey said, is the impact their playing careers will have on their lives as well as the impact they will have on Baylor in the future.

"And they understand they're getting a free education. And the memories that they will have, regardless of the minutes that they did or didn't play, they've never been anything but great teammates," Mulkey said. "They're extremely intelligent. Both [Field and Palmer] graduated, and they're both working on another degree plan. Just down the road, they will be great ambassadors for our program, because they're going to be

very successful in whatever they choose to do."

Field, Palmer and Condrey will all start the game on Saturday against Iowa State.

The last matchup between the two teams was a 57-45 victory for the Lady Bears, proving to be much more defensive than offensive as both teams shot under 40 percent from the floor.

Iowa State trailed by only eight points in the paint because of the 6-foot-7-inch junior Anna Prins who led the Cyclones with 17.

After that contest, Mulkey described the game as one that will prepare a team for the playoffs. Once conference play ends Saturday afternoon, the Lady Bears will begin the Big 12 tournament where they will be the top seed, looking to reach their second goal as the Big 12 tournament champions.

Baseball hosts tournament, hopes to stay perfect at home



MATTHEW MCCARROLL | LARIAT PHOTOGRAPHER

No. 9 first baseman Max Muncy hits the ball against Sam Houston State Tuesday at Baylor Ballpark. The Bears won 6-2.

By GREG DeVRIES
SPORTS WRITER

No. 25 Baylor baseball will kick off the QTI Baylor Classic at 6:05 p.m. today at Baylor Ballpark against the University of California, Irvine. The Bears are 7-2 on the season and 5-0 at home.

Part of this season's success has been due to strength on the mound. Fourteen pitchers have stepped on the rubber this season for a combined ERA of 2.96.

"We don't have a big-time, shut-out, dominant arm. We've got good arms, and we've got a number of them. But it's early in the year too and even those guys that have a chance to go deep into the game [are] not ready to go deep in the game yet," head coach Steve Smith said about his pitching staff.

One of the aforementioned arms that has been especially reliable is senior right-handed pitcher Trent Blank. Blank is 4-0 this season with a 0.59 ERA. He has allowed only one earned run in 15.1 innings.

Blank started Tuesday's game against Sam Houston State on short notice and still delivered five scoreless innings.

"We've had some guys go down with injury lately, and hopefully they all get healthy. I'm ready whenever and a lot of our other guys are too," Blank said. "I'm ready for anything. We're going to have to have some guys step up this weekend, for sure, and take some of those innings on, but I think everybody is ready."

The QTI Baylor Classic consists of three teams playing four games

in three days. After tonight's game, the Bears will have a double header against Lamar and U.C. Irvine Saturday followed by another game against Lamar on Sunday. Smith said his players' stamina will be tested.

"It'll test every team. Everybody is playing four games and everybody has a double header," Smith said. "I think with the fact that [senior right-handed pitcher] Tyler [Bremer] is not going to be available through the weekend may test us a little bit more."

Freshman right fielder Adam Toth broke his hand diving for a ball during the team's series at UCLA.

Freshman Logan Brown will start in his place.

"Anything to get on the field is a good thing, but I hate it for Adam.

It stinks," Brown said. "I feel like I have a good glove and a good arm out in right field. When I get on the base paths, I feel like I can do some damage running the bases, maybe steal a few bags, and just get on base and help the team."

Smith said he is confident in Brown's defensive abilities in right field. According to Smith, Brown and Toth have similar skill sets.

"[He brings] a little bit of the same things that we lost, in terms of Adam [Toth]. Very, very similar runner, a better arm, less pop and a right-handed bat instead of a left-handed bat," Smith said about Brown. "I'm thinking if you're in the other dugout and you see [we] don't have Toth, and they really weren't aware of Brown, they might look up there and say, 'I thought he was out.' They look so similar."

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AT&T relents on data plans

By PETER SVENSSON
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — AT&T Inc. backed away from an unpopular service policy after smartphone subscribers complained that the company placed unreasonable limits on its “unlimited data” plans.

The cellphone company said Thursday that it will slow down service for “unlimited data” subscribers after they reach 3 gigabytes of usage within a billing cycle.

The change relaxes a previous policy under which AT&T had been throttling service when subscribers entered the heaviest 5 percent of data users for that month and that area.

Under the now scuttled program, there was no way for subscribers to find out what the limit was ahead of time.

AT&T would send a text message warning to people who approached the limit. The data throttling would then kick in a few days later. Thousands of subscribers complained about the policy online.

“Our unlimited plan customers have told us they want more clarity around how the program works and what they can expect,” AT&T said in a statement Thursday.

According to a 2011 Nielsen study, the average smartphone user consumes about 435 megabytes of data each month.

A person would have to use roughly seven times that amount to hit AT&T’s 3 gigabyte throttling milestone.

An Associated Press story two weeks ago cited subscribers whose data service had been throttled at just over 2 gigabytes of data use. The story included others who had received warnings that throttling was imminent.

The 2 gigabyte barrier was lower than AT&T’s current “limited” plan provides.

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meet full clinical criteria,” Wood said.

Wood said she believes college is the “perfect storm for developing an eating disorder.”

“The problem is that diets and restricting calories is so culturally acceptable that it becomes a normal thing to have an unhealthy relationship with food, and especially at Baylor where there is a

DR PEPPER from Page 1

Baylor’s exclusive soft drink provider in 1997.

The original Dr Pepper beverage was invented in Waco in 1885, the same year Baylor moved to Waco from its first home in Independence.

“Dr Pepper Hours have been happening at Baylor since 1953, so I think that’s something that’s

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there, he met Dr. Gerald Cleaver, physics professor at Baylor, who was a graduate student at the time.

“We were both interested in the convergence of theology and science,” Cleaver said.

Cleaver said he has spoken at Reason to Believe events and written articles for the organization’s magazine, New Reasons to Believe.

He said Ross can help his listeners better understand “how

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Thursday, Terry and Jonas submitted applications to work for Baylor Dining Services.

Temnick’s fundraising efforts consisted of asking fellow students in one of her classes as well as members of the Baylor chapter of Pi Beta Phi sorority to contribute pocket change toward their efforts.

Instead of just coins, she said, many students gave larger donations.

Skubal said the efforts to help others made him and the rest of the group stronger in their Christian faith.

“Once you step out and love someone who really needs it, you grow so much,” Skubal said. “You really feel like you’re living for a purpose, and the purpose is to give glory to God.”



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This undated screen grab provided by Mike Trang shows a warning message on the screen of his iPhone that he received from AT&T advising he was in danger of having his data speeds throttled. AT&T Inc. on Thursday, caved to complaints that it’s placing unreasonable limits on the “unlimited data” plans it offers smartphone subscribers.

One person said his phone was practically useless for two weeks out the month because the data service was slowed so drastically.

AT&T stopped selling “unlimited data” plans nearly a year ago, but existing subscribers were allowed to keep it.

The company charges \$30 per month for the plan, the same amount it charges for 3 gigabytes of data on a new “tiered” or limited plan.

AT&T has about 17 million “unlimited” smartphone subscribers, most of whom use iPhones.

AT&T’s reversal comes less than a week after iPhone user Matt Spaccarelli won a small claims lawsuit against the company for slowing down his service.

A Simi Valley, Calif., judge awarded Spaccarelli \$850, agreeing that “unlimited” service shouldn’t be subject to slowdowns.

AT&T argued that it never guaranteed the speed of the service, just that it would provide unlimited downloads.

The company said it will appeal the decision. It bars subscribers from bringing class action suits.

As part of the new policy, the Dallas-based phone company said

subscribers with “unlimited” plans and smartphones capable of using the new “LTE” data network would see the slowdown at 5 gigabytes rather than three.

The LTE network is faster and doesn’t have many users yet.

T-Mobile USA is already up front about the usage levels where throttling kicks in for its data plans. Verizon Wireless has a “5 percent” formula similar to AT&T’s, but doesn’t throttle unless the particular cell tower a heavy user is communicating with is congested at that moment.

By contrast, AT&T and T-Mobile throttle speeds for the rest of the billing cycle, regardless of local conditions. Verizon’s policy has drawn few complaints.

Alone among the Big Four national wireless carriers, Sprint has an unlimited data plan that isn’t subject to throttling.

However, it reserves the right to cancel service for those who use excessive amounts of data.

In a similar incident last fall, Verizon abandoned a planned fee for settling phone bills through last-minute credit-card payments after customers complained.

unhealthy,” Wood said.

Wood and Mortimer said they believe Schaefer’s presentation will be a beneficial way for anyone, but especially college women, to gain awareness and preventative information to stop a possible problem before it can progress.

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to expire in late 2013 before the extension was approved, Joos said.

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nization of Christians in science. Cleaver said Ross is a frequent lecturer for the ASA and its sister organizations in Canada and Great Britain.

Ross’ visit is sponsored by the department of physics, the School of Engineering and Computer Science, Baylor’s student chapter of the American Scientific Affiliation and the Office of the Vice Provost for Research.

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Federal court orders date of Texas primary May 29

By CHRIS TOMLINSON
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AUSTIN — The federal court in San Antonio on Thursday ordered Texas to hold its primary elections on May 29, resolving for now one of the biggest issues in the state’s redistricting battles.

The three-judge panel issued the election schedule two days after releasing new political maps to be used in the 2012 election.

Minority groups had sued to block the original maps created by the Texas Legislature, claiming the maps either illegally divided minority voters or packed them into only a handful of districts to diminish their political power.

Federal judges in Washington also refused to approve of the maps because of potential violations to the Voting Rights Act.

Those lawsuits forced Texas

to twice delay holding primary elections originally scheduled for March 6, and the San Antonio court was forced to draw temporary maps.

In the election schedule released Thursday, the filing period for candidates will reopen on Friday and close on March 9, which gives politicians a chance to change their plans based on the new maps. County election officials will mail out voter registration cards on April 25 and runoff elections will be held on July 31.

While the court order clarifies the election schedule, some minority groups contend that the San Antonio court’s election maps are still unfair.

They have asked the court in Washington to rule quickly on the legality of the Legislature’s maps in hopes that it could force the San Antonio court to draw the

maps again.

There is no word on what that three-judge panel will do.

Political observers have complained about the later primaries, saying the date diminishes Texas’ chances of playing a role in choosing the Republican nominee for president.

Many fear that turnout will be low because May 29 is the day after Memorial Day, when many people go on vacation.

Low voter turnout means party activists will make up a larger proportion of the ballots cast.

That could hurt incumbents and more well-known politicians in a year where Republican activists appear hungry for change.

A July 31 runoff could also mean much lower than normal turnout because it comes in the middle of summer vacation.

Orthodox Jewish school wins chance to play in tourney semifinals

By CHRIS DUNCAN
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HOUSTON — Organizers of a Texas state basketball tournament relented Thursday and agreed to reschedule a semifinal game involving an Orthodox Jewish school after parents filed a lawsuit over the original game time, which conflicted with the Sabbath.

The Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools, or TAPPS, had rejected Beren Academy’s requests to reschedule a semifinals game that was to be played at 9 p.m. today. Beren players observe the Sabbath between Friday night and Saturday night and won’t play basketball during those hours.

A group of parents with boys on the team subsequently sued TAPPS and sought a temporary restraining order requiring the agency to reschedule the game.

After being notified the lawsuit had been filed, TAPPS director Edd Burleson said the association would reverse course and allow Beren (23-5) to play Dallas Covenant at 2 p.m. Friday afternoon. Should the Stars win, they’ll start their championship game no earlier than 8 p.m. on Saturday.

Headmaster Harry Sinoff and

coach Chris Cole only learned of the legal action on Thursday morning, they said, and regretted that the situation reached the level of legal action.

“It’s a mixed emotion,” Cole said. “We feel like we’ve earned the right to play. Our focus all week has been trying to get TAPPS to reschedule the game times to accommodate us.

“At the same time, this was not the course of action that we wanted.”

Burleson said earlier this week that association bylaws prevented TAPPS from moving Beren’s game time.

The complaint says that the basketball team is “being denied, solely on account of their religious observance, a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to compete in their athletic conference’s state basketball championship tournament.”

“That is an irreplaceable opportunity,” the complaint said, “and its deprivation constitutes irreparable harm attributable to disqualification of Beren and its team because of their Jewish religious beliefs and observances.”

Cole made the awkward call to TAPPS on Thursday morning, stressing that the school itself did not file the legal action.

Beren, with an enrollment of 247 students, immediately held an assembly in its gym, where rabbi Avi Pollak informed all the students that the game was back on.

“You could see some excitement in the hallway,” Cole said. “My phone started going crazy.”

When he went to bed on Wednesday night, Cole was resigned to the fact that the team’s season was over.

TAPPS twice denied appeals by Beren to have the start time of its semifinal game moved, and Cole called off Wednesday’s practice and presided over a team meeting instead.

“We felt like we had exhausted all opportunities,” Cole said. “We kind of sat around, like a family, and just talked and reminisced about things that happened during the season. It was a nice, quiet time. Today’s events were pretty shocking.”

Beren, a TAPPS member since 2011, advanced to the semifinals by beating Kerrville Our Lady of the Hills last week.

Sinoff said the school never planned legal action, even though the final resolution was what the school wanted from the beginning.

“We deserve this opportunity, we’ve made that case all along,” Sinoff said. “This is good for basketball, it’s good for the tournament. These are the teams that should play.”

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