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the places to go*

### Straight talk with Starr

Former Supreme Court  
Justice Sandra Day  
O'Connor will speak at 1  
p.m. on Monday in Waco  
Hall in an On Topic session  
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to pick up a ticket at the Bill  
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# Lecturer reconciles science, religion

By DANIEL C. HOUSTON  
STAFF WRITER

One of the country's most  
prominent philosophers claimed  
Thursday it is science and natural-  
ism — not science and religion —  
that conflict with one another in  
front of a packed room of Baylor  
students and faculty.

Dr. Alvin Plantinga, profes-  
sor of philosophy at the Univer-  
sity of Notre Dame, said some  
atheist intellectuals like Richard  
Dawkins argue Christianity is  
fundamentally incompatible with  
the theory of evolution, and many  
Christians buy into this notion,  
because they believe evolution  
requires species adaptation be

considered “unguided.”

Plantinga, however, said these  
critics of Christianity fail to prove  
the evolutionary process couldn't  
be guided according to a particu-  
lar design.

He went on to argue that be-  
lieving both in a world in which  
all actions are determined by  
material biology, as well as in the  
theory of evolution, is irrational.

“Naturalism is, in fact, a kind  
of religion, and if it's incompatible  
with evolution, then it's incom-  
patible with science,” Plantinga  
said. “So I agree that science and  
religion — or science and quasi-  
religion — conflict, all right, but  
it's a conflict between naturalism  
and science, and not a conflict  
between Christianity or theism

and science.”

To defend the claim that natu-  
ralism conflicts with evolutionary  
theory, Plantinga said a person  
who believes in both naturalism  
and evolution has reason to be-  
lieve human cognition itself is not  
reliable.

This, he said, would under-  
mine a person's ability to believe  
his or her mind comes to true  
conclusions more often than not,  
which would also undermine the  
original belief of the compatibil-  
ity of naturalism and evolution.  
Thus, Plantinga concluded, the  
belief in naturalism and evolution  
is self-defeating.

Not all audience members  
thought his argument was con-  
vincing. Several students, includ-



CHRIS DERRETT | LARIAT EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Dr. Alvin Plantinga speaks on Thursday in Armstrong Browning to a  
crowd of students and faculty.

ing Miami senior Alan Swindoll,  
raised objections to Plantinga's  
arguments during a question-  
and-answer period following  
his lecture.

“I agree with him person-  
ally, but this is the main thing that  
[critics] talk about,” Swindoll told

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# Mayborn Museum to host reopening of Historic Village

By DANIEL C. HOUSTON  
STAFF WRITER

The Gov. Bill and Vara Daniel  
Historic Village will reopen to the  
public May 12 after two years of  
renovations, according to univer-  
sity sources.

The university is wrapping  
up a renovation project during  
which, among other things, it  
has added insulation, air condi-  
tioning and heating units to the  
historic buildings once owned by  
Gov. Bill Daniel and his wife Vara  
Martin Daniel.

The Daniels donated the  
buildings to Baylor in 1986, along  
with thousands of artifacts, mov-  
ing them by caravan from their

original home in Liberty, accord-  
ing to a Mayborn Museum Com-  
plex press release.

Dr. Ellie Caston, director of  
Mayborn, said the renovations  
were necessary to protect the ar-  
tifacts from heat and cold, and to  
make the buildings more acces-  
sible to wheelchair and stroller  
users.

In other words, she said, it's  
about bringing the facilities up to  
professional standards.

“This is really a dream-come-  
true for us because we now feel  
that the Mayborn Museum Com-  
plex is complete,” Caston said.  
“We just had to get this figured

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MATT HELLMAN | LARIAT PHOTO EDITOR

Dr. Ellie Caston, Director of the Mayborn Museum Complex provides information on Thursday about the Gov.  
Bill and Vara Daniel Historic Village in the final stages of renovations.

# Racers in stilettos to raise breast cancer awareness

By BRE NICHOLS  
REPORTER

Racers in stilettos will dash  
through Downtown Waco this  
Saturday for a fundraising event  
to raise awareness about breast  
cancer.

The first annual Stiletto Stam-  
pede for the Cure Waco is a 100-  
yard dash — in which racers sport  
high heels — that will be held at  
10 a.m. at Heritage Square in  
Downtown Waco.

Stiletto Stampede for the  
Cure is a nonprofit organiza-  
tion in Austin. Their mission is  
“to raise breast cancer awareness

among young women and men  
and empower them to become  
advocates for their health through  
fun events and unique programs,”  
according to the organization's of-  
ficial website, www.stilettostam-  
pede.org.

Proceeds from the stampede  
will go to support various breast  
cancer awareness and education  
efforts, such as nonprofit Susan G.  
Komen for the Cure, as well as a  
post-operative rehabilitation pro-  
gram in Austin developed by the  
Stiletto Stampede organization  
last year.

Jenny Sparks, a volunteer and

member on the committee for the  
Stiletto Stampede organization,  
has been working with the event  
since it began four years ago.

“This event isn't just for wom-  
en but for anyone who wants to  
be silly and have fun,” Sparks said.  
“We have tons of men and chil-  
dren also signed up, and you don't  
have to run; you can walk, skip,  
cartwheel— we don't care. Put on  
heels and get into it!”

The morning will begin with  
a Zumba dance warm-up, Sparks  
said, after which participants  
will hear speakers share testimo-  
nies and give advice about being

healthfully aware of your body.

The event is organized for  
participants, Sparks said, so sur-  
vivors, men, women and chil-  
dren can compete respectively in  
groups.

One group will make the dash  
with their dogs— the “Pooch  
Scooch”— in which participants  
are encouraged to dress up their  
dogs to race with them.

Sparks said prizes have been  
donated from local sponsors for  
race winners, as well as for other  
categories such as “Best Dressed  
Dog.”

Conway, Ark., senior Caroline

Levan will be participating in the  
Pooch Scooch with her Shih Tzu  
named Cash.

“We're going to get dressed-up  
and get really into it,” Levan said.

Levan said she has also par-  
ticipated in the Susan G. Komen  
Race for the Cure since her fresh-  
man year at Baylor.

“This is a cause that is very im-  
portant to me, so I'm excited for  
another event where I can go out  
and have fun while supporting  
the Susan G. Komen foundation,”  
Levan said.

In addition to the Stiletto

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# Texas man put to death on Thursday for role in fatal robbery shooting

By MICHAEL GRACYK  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

HUNTSVILLE— A Texas man  
condemned for a robbery in which  
three people were shot, one fatally,  
apologized to a woman who survived  
the 2002 attack and family members of  
the slain man before receiving a lethal  
injection Thursday.

Beunka Adams said he was a stupid  
kid in a man's body at the time of the  
crime, which started at a convenience  
store southeast of Dallas and ended in  
a remote area several miles away.

“Everything that happened that  
night was wrong,” Adams, 29, said, as  
he stared at the death chamber ceiling,  
never looking at the people who gath-  
ered to watch his final moments. “If I  
could take it back, I would. ... I messed  
up and can't take that back.”

His death was carried out less than  
three hours after the U.S. Supreme

Court rejected a last-day appeal to  
postpone the execution, the fifth this  
year in Texas.

Adams' attorneys had asked the na-  
tion's highest court to halt the lethal  
injection, review his case and let him  
pursue appeals claiming he had defi-  
cient legal help at his trial and during  
earlier stages of his appeals.

He won a reprieve from a federal  
district judge earlier this week, but the  
Texas attorney general's office appealed  
the ruling, and the 5th U.S. Circuit  
Court of Appeals reinstated the death  
warrant Wednesday.

Adams expressed love to his family  
Thursday and asked those witnessing  
his execution to avoid letting any hate  
they had for him consume them.

“I really hate things turned out the  
way they did,” he said. “For everybody  
involved, I don't think any good came  
out of it.”

He took about a dozen breaths, then

started to wheeze and snore. Eventual-  
ly, he became still. He was pronounced  
dead at 6:25 p.m. CDT, nine minutes  
after the lethal drugs began to flow into  
his body.

Adams and another man were sent  
to death row for the slaying of Kenneth  
Vandever, 37, who was in a conve-  
nience store on Sept. 2, 2002, in Rusk,  
about 115 miles southeast of Dallas,  
when two men wearing masks walked  
in. The men announced a holdup; one  
of them was carrying a shotgun.

After robbing the store, Adams and  
Richard Cobb, both from East Texas,  
drove off with the two female clerks  
and Vandever in a car belonging to one  
of the women.

Testimony at Adams' trial showed  
he gave the orders during the holdup  
and initiated the abductions. They  
drove to a remote area about 10 miles

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This photo provided by the Texas Department of Crimi-  
nal Justice shows Beunka Adams. The 5th U.S. Circuit  
Court of Appeals on Wednesday lifted a reprieve given to  
Adams, a death row inmate facing execution Thursday  
evening by lethal injection for a fatal shooting during an  
East Texas convenience store robbery 10 years ago.



# BU does justice to students with O'Connor lecture

## Editorial

Baylor will have the honor of welcoming Justice Sandra Day O'Connor to campus as a guest for President Ken Starr's OnTopic lecture series next week.

O'Connor, the first woman to sit on the U.S. Supreme Court, will speak about her time on the Court, issues America is dealing with today and iCivics, a program she founded to bolster civic education. An iCivics model was created at Baylor Law within the last year, and has helped spread the use of iCivics to local classrooms.

O'Connor's lecture will begin at 1 p.m. Monday in Waco Hall, and Baylor students, employees and even alumni are already anticipating what promises to be an inspiring event.

As of Thursday, all the tickets for the event had been given out, according to the Bill Daniel Student Center Ticket Office. Plans for a limited amount of overflow seating are also being made, according to the event's website. Tickets for this seating can be picked up at 10 a.m. Monday at the Waco Hall Box Office.

It's a relief that the university has ticketed the event, which should help to avoid the chaos that ensued over first-come-first-served-style seating when former U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice was the OnTopic guest last semester.

At that event, many hopeful attendees were turned away, including some

who arrived early but sat in a reserved area that was not clearly marked. By the time they realized the mistake, many were unable to find alternate seating.

But it looks as though there has been much better planning for seating at Monday's event. That's fortunate, because when students rise up to support a university event, they shouldn't have to worry about being turned away unfairly.

Starr's OnTopic lecture series has gotten students excited about listening to lectures and has exposed them to speakers who are not only prominent, but influential and inspirational. T. Boone Pickens, founder and chairman of BP Capital Management, was the first guest for Spring 2011, followed by Rice in the fall. Both lectures had large turnouts (Rice's overwhelmingly so) and we hope to see similar student support for O'Connor and other lecturers in the future.

Having these men and women on campus provides opportunities for students to learn, ask questions and possibly even build connections. Students should take advantage of that and express our gratitude for the time these speakers spend with us by continuing to rise up and support Starr's effort. The presence of such prominent men and women on campus is good not only for students on the individual level, but for the university as a whole, as we work to build greater strength and respect for the Baylor name across the nation.

We look forward to hearing Justice O'Connor speak, and to seeing what surprises the OnTopic lecture series holds for the future.



# Keep reading, and the Lariat will keep telling it like it is

I read an obituary for "Facts" the other day in the Chicago Tribune.

It was funny, sad and more true than I would like to think. It also struck at the heart of what is wrong with our culture.

We have become a society divided further and further by violent political rhetoric that disregards everything from facts to basic human decency. Between the left and the far right lies a vast gulf of apathy in which the average American, disgusted by the conflicting interests, drowns in a sea of pop culture and processed food.

Panem et Circenses, as the Romans would say.

To an extent this is our fault. We, the media, have turned news viewers into partisans and radicals. What cannot be fit into our two narrow definitions of a balanced issue is thrown out and replaced by entertainment. Instead of men and women working tirelessly to make sure the truth is available, we obscure it behind glitz and lies.

We've substituted Edward R. Murrow for Bill O'Reilly, and I'm sorry for that. You deserve better.

We fell into the trap, but we

did not create it. Somewhere along the line people stopped caring about learning the whole story.

The people on the fringes got louder and louder and eventually hijacked the grand debate that makes this country work so well.

The need to simplify things into black and white, right and wrong, Democrat and Republican has created a country where anyone that feels like they don't fit into one of those camps gets left out of the debate and stops caring.

We all lost faith in one another. The Lariat has had its prob-

lems in the past, but I'm proud to say that we have avoided the partisanship of mainstream media. I understand the criticism we receive. I used to be one of the Lariat's biggest critics, and it's true. We are students and we occasionally make mistakes. What is important is that we learn from those mistakes and whenever possible we heed the voice of the students and faculty that read our paper. That hasn't been the norm around the university lately, but it will be for us.

I can't say we won't make mistakes and I can't say that we'll cov-



Rob Bradfield | Editor in chief

# I can thank college for my irresistible eHarmony profile

If I create an eHarmony profile after my May 12 graduation, it'll look something like this:

- Occupation: Finding a job
- Income: Less than I made at the Lariat
- Education: Does a journalism degree count?
- Hometown: Katy
- Current city: Take a wild guess



Chris Derrett | Needs a job

With the real world snarling and licking its chops like Fluffy the three-headed dog and eyeing the fresh meat that is Chris Derrett, I feel it's my duty to take a not-so-introspective, not-super-serious look at my Baylor career.

I can't be fired for anything I write, and I'd have to say something pretty offensive to have my diploma revoked, so why shouldn't you and I enjoy this last column?

Let's start with the bad times, which eventually became the good times and are now the unbe-

pregame forfeit.

Thankfully the moment actually came near the end of the second quarter against Wake Forest, when some guy dashed down the field, stopped like a human joystick to avoid a defender and kept running for a 22-yard gain. Now he plays for the Washington Redskins.

As seniors we've seen how Baylor's athletic success has blossomed since 2008, and it's become a huge deal even to the most casual fans. It's virtually impossible to measure the size of moments like a Heisman trophy and a women's basketball national championship.

Then again, college has also been about small moments, everyday gatherings or random events that make our experiences unique.

For me, it might be things like watching movies with a group of friends in Penland until 3 a.m. and carefully escorting the girls out of the room, a room located

three doors down from the hall director.

I'm not saying that did happen, and I'm not saying it didn't.

I'll remember things like game nights in the Russell lobby, where I once sold my Monopoly estate for a Subway sandwich.

I'll remember stories from my best friends, like the time a close friend of mine crashed his bike after trying to ride over a Fountain Mall speed bump while talking on his cellphone. When the group of cute girls ran over to check on him, he assured them he was OK.

Of course, you could fly over your handlebars at any school, so when I think about my Baylor career, I have to remember times I enjoyed that wouldn't have been possible at any other university.

I'm thankful for the chance to work at the Lariat for the last three years, and I will never forget traveling with Lady Bears, Court-side Players and spirit squad around the country during the Lady Bears' 2010 Final Four run.

Now that I think about it, Brittney Griner is probably still wondering what my friend and I were doing stepping onto the hotel elevator each with seven pillows in our arms.

My time at Baylor also wouldn't be complete without the abundant opportunities students have to get plugged into a college ministry in Waco. I will forever regret that it took me three years to finally crawl out of my cave and find a college ministry, but through this group I've still had the chance to skate around a roller rink wearing a jean vest and be mistaken for Snoop Dogg on Facebook.

That brings me to my final point. Traditions, stories and opportunities unique to Baylor would be nothing without the people around us every step of the way.

On May 12 I'll see my friends who can't go 30 seconds without making a "Remember the Titans" reference when we're together. I'll

see my mother and brother, and maybe I'll picture my late father sitting next to them.

I'd give anything for Dad to see me walk across the stage, but I know he would have given anything for me to have the opportunity at such a diploma.

Seniors, we've both personally and collectively amassed more unforgettable stories than Baylor has parking complaints. Anything we say about graduation could just as well be conveyed with a deep, deep breath and a long, long exhale.

Freshmen, try not to blink, because when you open your eyes, you'll see your graduation cap falling to the ground after you've triumphantly tossed it up in the air.

Yep, that's the same "up in the air" as my post-graduation plans. Sic 'em.

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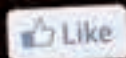
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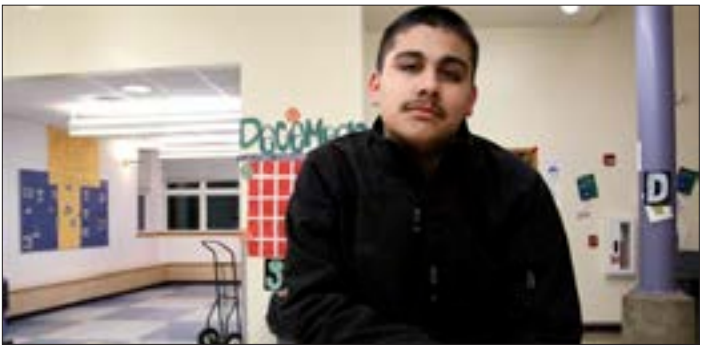
# ACLU sues border patrol over traffic stop

By MANUEL VALDEZ  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SEATTLE — The American Civil Liberties Union filed a lawsuit Thursday against the U.S. Border Patrol seeking to bar agents from making traffic stops, saying people are being pulled over and questioned for the way they look and without reasonable suspicion. The lawsuit stems from tensions between immigrants and the expanded presence of Border Patrol agents on Washington state's Olympic Peninsula, which shares no land border with Canada. "People are being stopped based solely on their appearance and ethnicity. This is unlawful and contrary to American values," said Matt Adams, legal director of the Northwest Immigrant Rights Project, which also joined the lawsuit. "No one in a car should be stopped and interrogated by government agents unless the law enforcement

officer has a legal basis to do so." The ACLU and the Northwest Immigrant Rights Project filed the lawsuit on behalf of three peninsula residents who have been stopped by Border Patrol agents. One of them is Ernest Grimes, a prison guard at Clallam Bay Corrections Center and a part-time police officer, who said he was pulled over in 2011. The lawsuit says the agent approached Grimes, who is black, with his hand on his weapon while yelling at him to roll down his window. The lawsuit alleges the agent provided no reason for the traffic stop while he interrogated Grimes about his immigration status. Grimes was wearing his guard uniform at the time. The other two men in the lawsuit are Latino U.S. citizens. Jose Sanchez, a prison guard, said Border Patrol agents have stopped him numerous times and

questioned him about his immigration status. In one instance, agents told Sanchez they were pulling him over because his windows were too dark, but they didn't ask for his car insurance or registration. The other plaintiff, 18-year-old Israel Ramos Contreras, was with a group of friends when four agents pulled them over. The lawsuit says one of the agents tried to take the keys out of the ignition and interrogated the teenagers but never provided a reason for the stop. Ramos also was asked for his immigration status outside a courthouse in Forks. "The Border Patrol's actions have created a climate of fear and anxiety for many people living on the Olympic Peninsula. The residents in this suit all are U.S. citizens who worry that they could be stopped and questioned without reason any time they drive or are passengers in cars," said Sarah



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The ACLU filed a lawsuit Thursday on behalf of Ramos and two others seeking to stop U.S. Border Patrol agents from conducting traffic stops in Washington state.

Dunne, the ACLU's legal director. The lawsuit says traffic stops by Border Patrol agents violate the Fourth Amendment and exceed the agency's legal powers. It seeks to bar such stops until agents are trained on what constitutes reasonable suspicion. The suit also asks the court to require that agents file paperwork justifying each traffic stop and make it readily available to a court-appointed special master. The lawsuit is seeking a class-action status. Border Patrol spokesman Richard Sinks said U.S. Customs and Border Protection strictly prohibits profiling on the basis of race or religion. "In determining whether in-

dividuals are admissible into the United States, CBP utilizes specific facts and follows the Department of Justice's 'Guidance Regarding the Use of Race by Federal Law Enforcement Agencies,'" Sinks said. The agency has said it is following its mandate to enforce the country's immigration laws and protect the border and shoreline from terrorists, drug smugglers and other illegal activity. After the Sept. 11 attacks, President George W. Bush ordered U.S. Customs and Border Protection, which oversees the Border Patrol, to beef up its presence on the U.S.-Canada border, which is almost twice as long as the U.S.-Mexico border.

# Missing student Paige Haas found

By LINDA WILKINS  
STAFF WRITER

Willis senior Paige Haas has been found, Baylor Police Chief Jim Doak said. A missing persons report was filed for Haas this week, Doak said. As of Thursday afternoon, Haas' location was known and her parents were headed to meet up with her, Doak said. He was not able to disclose her location. He said Haas left campus by her own decision and there was no foul play involved. Though it was reported by news outlets online that Haas was participating in mission work when she went missing, Carl Gulley, college minister at Antioch Community Church, where Haas is a member, said Haas was not participating in any Antioch-sanctioned service projects when she was thought to be missing.

Haas did not go to her thesis presentation Tuesday at Baylor and this raised red flags about her whereabouts, Gulley said. Gulley said he let Haas' parents know Antioch was available to help when Haas' whereabouts were unknown, and he has extended his offer of support for the Haas family on behalf of the church now that she has been located. "Everybody is just relieved she was found," Gulley said. "We're really thankful she is safe." Lori Fogleman, director of media relations at Baylor, confirmed Haas has been found. "We are very concerned about our students and about our students' safety," Fogleman said. She said the Baylor Police Department contacted several sources and made connections to try to find Haas.

# Baylor to send nutritionists overseas for mission

By MEGHAN HENDRICKSON  
REPORTER

Sending a nutrition team on a missions trip is a new trick for an old school—but this summer, Baylor will do just that. A team of seven nutrition students will embark on a mission May 19-27 to Panajachel, Guatemala. Dr. Janelle Walter, professor of nutrition sciences, will lead the team. For the past five years, Walter said she has been trying to make way for students to explore the world through their studies. "Nutrition programs all over the country have gone to Guatemala," Walter said. "Guatemala's been studied for decades because it's so poorly nourished."

Walter said the team will be teaching children games about healthy eating at a local preschool, cooking and serving food at a nearby center that feeds children each day and observing the children to discover if there are any "signs of overt malnutrition." Kansas City, Kan., senior Leigh Sunderland said she thinks the trip will help prepare her for the international nutrition work she would like to do after she graduates. "We aren't planning on doing much evangelism, but I will be looking for opportunities to share the Gospel with anyone who is willing to hear," Sunderland said. "Food and nutrients are the bases of our physical lives, but won't sustain the deeper hunger in our souls that can only be filled by

God. My ultimate vision is to care for those in need by providing for their physical needs, and through those acts of care, to draw them in to hear the Good News that will be the true nourishment they are looking for." All seven student team members are enrolled in a special section of "World Nutrition," taught by Walter, that includes the trip as part of the coursework. Bandera senior Jennifer Lavallee said the class has met once each week of the semester to discuss the trip, plan itineraries and prepare materials to take to Guatemala, including dietary information and educational games for children. "Mind you that all of this needs to be in Spanish, so we're having to stretch our abilities a bit," Lavallee

said. "None of us are fluent, but we are mostly communicative, at least,

*"Food and nutrients are the bases of our physical lives, but won't sustain the deeper hunger in our souls that can only be filled by God."*

Leigh Sunderland | Senior,

in the language." The team planned on serving in the jungles of Honduras until last month, when Walter decided

to change the trip's destination to Guatemala because of the violence in the area of Honduras they intended to travel. "I felt like God was closing the door," Walter said. Walter said she Googled "nutrition missions Guatemala" and came across the website for a United Methodist Church mission initiative in Guatemala, MissionGuatemala.com. Walter said her team seemed like a great fit for the work of Mission Guatemala, and it has been arranged for them to serve through that organization. Walter said she looks forward to students "experiencing being in a different culture and working with that culture in a positive way."



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# Wildfire season expected to be intense, officials say

By SUSIE MONTOYA BRYAN  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

TIJERAS, N.M. — More than 100 large fires have swept across the nation this year, and the head of the U.S. Forest Service said Thursday the rest of the 2012 fire season is expected to be just as active as 2011, which saw historic wildfires on hundreds of square miles in Arizona, New Mexico, Texas and elsewhere.

Forest Service Chief Tom Tidwell said the Southwest continues to be dry, but the middle part of the U.S. up into the Great Basin could be in for a more severe season as drought marches across the country.

“We need to understand the conditions that we’re facing today. They’re different than what we used to deal with,” he told The Associated Press before a national conference call on the federal government’s efforts to prepare for the season.

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we see, and the more erratic weather that we’re seeing, especially throughout the country this spring, those are the things we have to factor in,” Tidwell said.

Federal scientists are monitoring weather patterns and trying to make predictions so resources can be placed in the areas where they’re needed most. And the Forest Service is working to add three more large air tankers to its fleet this year and 10 more next year.

“We take this responsibility very seriously. We know lives and property depend on it,” U.S. Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack said during the conference call.

No state knows this better than Texas, where historic blazes last year destroyed more than 2,900 homes and burned nearly 4 million acres statewide. Wind-swept fireballs in the state were fueled by dry, dead grass and record-break-

ing heat.

Forecasters with the National Interagency Fire Center said the conditions are a little different this year. A lack of moisture in many places has resulted in fewer fine fuels on the ground, and the strong winds that pushed many of last year’s fires are not expected to be as relentless. However, snowpack across the intermountain West left much to be desired, and the fuels out there are dry.

Still, forecasters at the fire center in Idaho said the uncertainty in global weather patterns could lead to dramatically different outcomes for the 2012 fire season.

“Anything can happen,” Vilsack said, noting the key to being prepared will be accurate predictions.

Add to the uncertainty the growing complexity of preventing and fighting fires in areas where homes and businesses are en-

croaching upon forests and other open lands.

Federal officials also stressed the importance of preventing human-caused fires and pushed the use of prescribed fires as a tool to better manage the nation’s forests.

Fear of using fire to fight fire stems from incidents like a deadly wildfire last month in Colorado that started as a prescribed burn. That blaze killed three people and damaged two dozen homes.

“When we get into these droughty conditions, we have less opportunity to be able to use that as one of the tools, but it’s just essential that we continue to address these hazardous fuels,” Tidwell said.

Had it not been for prescribed fire and thinning efforts in southeastern Arizona over the past few years, the massive Wallow Fire could have been even worse,

Tidwell said. He said the fire dropped out of the treetops and became more manageable in areas that had been treated.

While the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s fire budget stands at more than \$2 billion this year, Tidwell said residents need to do their part; the majority of fires are caused by people.

Tidwell spoke in Tijeras, a mountain community just east of Albuquerque. The mountainside behind him was covered by a dense grove of pinon and juniper trees with some 25,000 homes tucked here and there.

“If we can prevent just a few of those human-caused fires, it often will result in one less large fire from occurring,” he said.

Associated Press Writer Ramit Plushnick-Masti in Houston contributed to this report.

# Red Men Museum and Library offers glimpse into fraternity culture

By REBECCA FIEDLER  
CONTRIBUTOR

The Red Men Museum and Library, a simple, red brick building, is not Waco’s most iconic attraction.

But the small, quiet building, with its walls decked with books and historic artifacts from centuries ago, gives visitors a glimpse into the past that many might not expect to find in Waco.

Books published in the early 1800s are displayed, along with objects of all shapes and sizes, telling their stories from behind glass cases.

A collection of letters from a Civil War soldier to his mother rests on one shelf. A 1774 viola that circulated during the World War II United Service Organization days bears the signatures of 90 famous figures including Charlie Chaplain, Bob Hope, Herbert Hoover and Margaret O’Brien. A colorful

painting of a cup of flowers is on loan to the museum, a work from the hand of Adolf Hitler himself.

Preserving history both local and national, the museum also holds relics significant to Baylor.

Take the .41-caliber Colt pistol from 1898, for instance, resting in a glass case near its holster at the museum. The pistol belonged to William Cowper Brann, a man who was openly against Baylor University and what he believed to be its religious hypocrisy and intolerance.

Brann was described in a biography on tshaonline.org as a man who held prejudices against many groups of people including Baptists, Episcopalians, the British, women and African Americans. David Lintz, director of the Red Men Museum and Library, said Brann’s hatred resulted in a showdown in downtown Waco with Tom Davis, the angry father of a female Baylor student who didn’t

appreciate Brann’s disparaging remarks about Baylor women.

The pistol on display is the one Brann used to fatally shoot Davis right before Davis shot back and killed Brann, too.

Lintz said he believes though these items might seem unrelated to one another, they all serve to preserve the nation’s history, a major goal of the late Robert E. Davis, a historian and the museum’s founder.

A loyal member and former national secretary of the Improved Order of Red Men Fraternity, a group dedicated to inspiring patriotism, Robert E. Davis found pleasure in bidding on historical artifacts at auctions and adding them to his collection. Eventually, he used these items to fill the Red Men Museum & Library, which was constructed in 1991, Lintz said. Davis’ collection safeguards objects of significance in the history of the Improved Order of Red

Men, as well as many other curiosities from Waco and American history.

Fraternities such as the Improved Order of Red Men, said Lintz, once played a significant part in America as a source of companionship and even financial safety. Fraternities united men with a sense of exclusivity and secrecy while catering to their needs by providing things like pensions and health insurance, Lintz said.

According to the The Improved Order of Red Men official website, the group traces its roots back to historic groups such as the pre-Revolutionary patriotic secret society the Sons of Liberty, who were responsible for the Boston Tea Party. Today the Improved Order of Red Men still exists, Lintz said, though its membership has dropped significantly since its peak.

Lintz said he believes the fraternal history of the United States is disappearing, but the Red Men Museum is trying to preserve the history of the Improved Order of Red Men by saving artifacts and documents.

“The old fraternal stuff is disappearing. A lot of it’s made out of gold. [It’s been] sold and melted,” Lintz said. “You’ve got granddads with old boxes of stuff in the attic. Nobody wants it; they don’t see any need to save it. Sadly, it’s disappearing, so we’re trying to save that.”

The Red Men Museum only sees about 100 visitors per month. Lintz said he credits the digitization of books and other artifacts as a reason the attendance of libraries had declined. Once the object is easily accessible from a computer database, the need to visit diminishes.

Dr. Ellie Caston, director of the Mayborn Museum and senior lecturer in the department of museum studies, said there are pros and cons to this trend.

“I’m always going to say that there is importance to the original object or document,” she said. “I think it’s wonderful that technology is able to make a lot of these things available to people who would never be able to get to Waco, Texas.”

“But I also think there is something extraordinarily powerful when a person encounters a document or artifact that is the ‘real deal.’ When you realize you are looking at a letter that was written to a loved one from a soldier in the Civil War, there is something extraordinarily powerful about that document when it’s in your presence,” Caston continued.

The museum and library are open 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on weekdays. Admission is free, and the library books are accessible, though the library is non-circulating. Visit [www.redmen.org](http://www.redmen.org) for further information, or call the museum at 254-756-1221.

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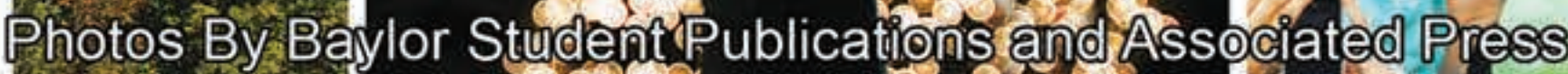
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Investigators scour the site of a cockfighting operation April 19 near Edcouch. A masked gunmen opened fire during an illegal cockfight at a rural ranch near the border with Mexico early Thursday, leaving three people dead and eight wounded, authorities said.

# Cock-fighting organizer given \$1.25 million bond

By Christopher Sherman  
Associated Press

EDINBURG — A local businessman who investigators called a "kingpin" on the South Texas cockfighting circuit was slapped with a \$1.25 million bond on Thursday even though he isn't suspected in the fatal shootings at a cockfight last week that helped lead authorities to his doorstep.

Investigators have long been trying to find organizers of the widespread illicit activity, and they allege that Guadalupe Herrera, who owns a local chain of transmission shops, collected all the money from and organized the fights and even raised fighting cocks.

Herrera turned himself in and is facing one count of cockfighting and one count of engaging in organized criminal activity.

"This is the person that we have identified as one of the Hidalgo County kingpins of cockfighting," Sheriff Lupe Trevino said. "He is instrumental in setting up the derbies, the tournaments. ... This is big, big business for him."

Determining that Herrera could be a flight risk, a Hidalgo County justice of the peace set bond for the 41-year-old at \$1.25 million during an arraignment hearing. The same judge set bonds at \$1 million for

three others charged with the same counts last week.

None are accused of being among the masked gunmen who ambushed a cockfight early April 19, fatally shooting three men and injuring eight others. Trevino said two brothers who were killed were the likely targets.

The gunmen remained at large. There was no suggestion that Herrera was involved in the murders, which Herrera's attorney noted during the arraignment hearing. Defense attorney Terry Canales also appealed to Justice of the Peace Homer Jasso by noting that his client had turned himself in.

Canales called the bonds "exorbitant" and "disheartening" after the hearing. He planned to file a motion for a reduction.

Canales said investigators notified his client Wednesday afternoon that there were warrants for his arrest. He negotiated his surrender and turned himself in early Thursday.

"He's got no knowledge as to the shooting or the shooters as to who they were, and he's got no knowledge as to why it transpired," Canales said.

Asked about the allegation that Herrera organized cockfights, Canales said, "whether that allegation is true or not, it definitely doesn't implicate him in the murders."

"Cockfighting is a widespread 'sport' in the state of Texas and it's prevalent throughout the Mexican-American or Hispanic community," Canales added. "The fact that there was an act of violence in this particular gathering I don't think is indicative of the entire group of people that do this."

That differed from Trevino's view of the activity, which is illegal in all 50 U.S. states.

Last week, he called it "a magnet for criminality," noting that the three men killed in the attack all had criminal pasts.

Trevino estimated between 150 and 200 people were in attendance when gunfire erupted just after midnight on the small ranch near Edcouch, about 15 miles northeast of McAllen.

Trevino said Thursday that investigators still had two other high-level participants in their sights. The fallout from the violence turned out to be a break on a long-time target for law enforcement. It yielded witnesses familiar with the upper echelon of the operation.

Still, Trevino was pessimistic on the potential impact of the arrests.

"It is culturally accepted, but nonetheless it is against state law," he said. "People don't see it as a crime. They see it as a blood sport."

# Nuclear is going down

## Low-level waste to be buried at West Texas site

By Betsy Blaney  
Associated Press

LUBBOCK — State regulators have given final approval for a Dallas-based company to begin burying low-level radioactive waste at a West Texas site near the New Mexico border, according to a letter posted online Thursday.

In the letter, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality told Waste Control Specialists LLC that the dump site conformed to design and construction specifications. The letter was posted on the agency's website.

The dump site will be the final resting place for low-level radioactive waste from 38 states. A separate site nearby will handle radioactive waste from federal sites around the country.

The approval ends a yearslong effort by the company, whose majority owner is big-time Republican contributor Harold Simmons, to accept the waste at 1,340-acre tract of scrub brush terrain about 360 miles west of Dallas. State lawmakers cleared the way for the site with a law passed during the last legislative session, but the commission still had to sign off on it.

The agency said in its letter that its staff is monitoring four wells nearby the burial facility because of water found inside.

"It is important to ensure that

saturated conditions do not exist within 100 feet of the disposed waste," states the letter, which is signed by Brent Wade, deputy director of waste at the environmental agency.

Company spokesman Chuck McDonald said the state now has a safe solution for disposing of low-level radioactive waste. The company said Thursday evening that it hadn't yet started burying waste.

"The state of Texas has been diligent and thorough in its oversight of this facility, which is the most robust disposal facility ever constructed in the United States," he said. "In addition, the state has been zealous in its geologic review of the site and with more than 600 geologic core samples and monitoring wells that state oversight is continuing."

Environmental groups have voiced concerns about the geology of the site and its potential to contaminate underground water sources they say are too close.

Earlier this month, state Rep. Lon Burnam, a Democrat from Fort Worth, wrote Attorney General Greg Abbott asking him to waive a confidentiality agreement so that Burnam could publicly release documents detailing possible groundwater contamination at the dump.

Burnam said he obtained the documents under a 2009 open records request. Burnam said he couldn't release what's in them but that they contain officials' concerns about the location of groundwater tables near the dump site; the margin of safety in the event of groundwater contamination; and

the possible risk of public exposure to radiation.

Karen Hadden, long an opponent of the site, said she was disappointed the company got the go-ahead to bury the waste.

"There aren't enough assurances in place to protect against water contamination and over time we'll probably learn the hard way about this serious problem," she said.

Waste Control, which also stores, processes and manages hazardous wastes at the site, has spent hundreds of millions of dollars to open the dump. In 2009, the state issued two licenses to the company to bury low-level radioactive waste, making it the nation's only dump for all classes — A, B and C — of nuclear debris and the first low-level site to open in 30 years.

One license pertains to a compact between Texas and Vermont that allows for disposal of radioactive materials such as uranium, plutonium and thorium from commercial power plants, academic institutions and medical schools. Last year, though, lawmakers approved allowing low-level radioactive waste from 36 other states to be buried in West Texas.

Petitions to bury waste from the compact states and the three dozen other states must be approved by the Texas Low-Level Radioactive Disposal Compact Commission on a case-by-case basis.

The other license deals with similar materials from sites run by the U.S. Department of Energy, such as Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico, Hanford Site in Washington state and other federal facilities.

# UTEP debates boxing ban

By Jim Vertuno  
Associated Press

AUSTIN — A state senator from El Paso said Thursday the University of Texas System regents should overturn a decision by Chancellor Francisco Cigarroa to ban a high-profile boxing match from the Sun Bowl over unspecified security concerns.

The regents are scheduled to meet Wednesday and Thursday in Austin. Sen. Jose Rodriguez, a Democrat, sent the nine-member board a letter asking them to put Cigarroa's decision on their agenda so he and other lawmakers and officials from El Paso can ask them to intervene.

"I urge the Board of Regents to reverse this decision; allowing it

to stand will cost El Paso millions of dollars and irreparably damage our city's reputation," Rodriguez's letter said.

Cigarroa told the University of Texas-El Paso that its football stadium cannot host the June 16 fight between Mexico's Julio Cesar Chavez Jr. and Ireland's Andy Lee after a risk assessment determined the fight created an elevated security risk. UT system officials have provided no details to support the claim, and the risk assessment report has not been made public.

Local, state and federal law enforcement agencies say they are unaware of any security risk associated with the fight.

Rodriguez said he's frustrated that the UT system has not provided details to support the decision.

Cigarroa's move banning the fight angered El Paso officials who say their city has been falsely portrayed as a war zone suffering spill-over violence from the drug war in Mexico. El Paso ranks among the safest cities in the U.S. in terms of violent crime.

El Paso officials have said they will do what they can to keep a bout projected to generate about \$4.5 million for the city. Organizers expected more than 40,000 fans at the fight featuring Chavez, a popular Mexican boxer and the WBC world middleweight champion.

Fight promoter Bob Arum of Top Rank said he will move the fight to Houston's Toyota Center if needed but is willing to wait until after the regents meet.

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This Wednesday photo shows Jennifer Tyrrell and her son Cruz Burns, 7, during a visit to New York to build momentum for a petition to overturn what she says are Ohio Boy Scout's anti-gay policies.

# Boys' parents rally behind ousted lesbian den mother

## Group to fight Boy Scout 'anti-gay' rule

By JOHN SEEWER  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

The first-graders in Ohio Pack 109's Tiger Scouts didn't know or care their den mother was a lesbian — at least not until the Boy Scouts of America threw her out over the organization's ban on gays.

Now, parents who were aware of Jennifer Tyrrell's sexual orientation well before she took the boys on campouts and helped them carve race cars for the annual Pine-wood Derby have rallied to her defense in a case that has re-ignited the debate over the Scouts' policy.

"I teach my children to judge people on their actions," said Rob Dunn, a father in Bridgeport, a village of about 2,000 across the Ohio River from Wheeling, W.Va. "Whether you agree with their life-style or not."

The Boy Scouts of America, whose oath calls for members to be

"morally straight," maintains that as a private organization it has the right to exclude gays and atheists from its ranks.

That stance was upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court in 2000 but has led many state and local governments to deny support for the Scouts.

Male scout leaders who are gay have long been barred, but instances of women being excluded are not well-documented and probably rare. A lesbian couple in Vermont were told two years ago that they could no longer be involved with their son's Scout troop.

Because of the policy, Tyrrell said she only reluctantly allowed her 7-year-old son to join up in Bridgeport, where she lives with her partner and their four children. Told, she said, by the local cub master that it didn't matter that she is a lesbian, she was drafted to lead the pack in September.

Tyrrell told parents at their first meeting about her sexual orientation. Some already knew her because she had coached youth baseball and volunteered at school, organizing class parties and reading to children.

"She wasn't trying to hide any-

thing," said Dunn, whose son is among the dozen or so members of the boys-only pack. "Nobody I know of has ever made a single complaint against her."

Tyrrell said she was removed in April, right after she was asked to take over as treasurer of the local Boy Scout troop — which oversees Tiger Scouts, Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts — and she raised questions about the finances.

She said the Boy Scout Council for the region told her she had to resign because she is gay.

"In this case, the policy was understood by her and her fellow volunteers but not followed," said Deron Smith, a spokesman for the Boy Scouts of America at its headquarters in Irving, Texas. "When a fellow pack leader made a complaint about it, to a local Scouting professional, they followed the policy."

The organization said it believes Scouting is not the right place for youngsters to be exposed to issues of sexual orientation.

Tyrrell said she is not certain who complained, but she felt betrayed. So did parents, who organized a protest last week outside the church where the pack held its

meetings. They demanded Tyrrell be reinstated.

Crystal Sabinsky said: "My son asked me last night, 'Why did Jen leave? Why is she in trouble?' He doesn't understand."

"The only people who were hurt were the kids," Dunn said "They're asking questions they shouldn't have to ask at this point."

Parents of the Tiger Scouts, a program for first-grade boys before they become Cub Scouts, said they never heard Tyrrell mention her sexuality to the children. Club rules require a parent or other adult to accompany each child to every meeting.

"I had no clue she was a lesbian. It doesn't really make a difference to me," said Don Thomas, whose grandson is in the pack. "She did a fantastic job, and the kids loved her. You couldn't ask for a better den leader."

Gay rights groups have taken up Tyrrell's cause, starting an on-line petition to get the Scouts to change their policy.

"The extent that people care is amazing," Tyrrell said. "We're a perfectly normal family. We're not dangerous. We're not predators. We're just normal, everyday people."

# Moody-Ramirez awarded for diversity work

By MALLORY HISLER  
REPORTER

Surprised is the best way Dr. Mia Moody-Ramirez, assistant professor of journalism and media arts, said she could describe how she felt when she was told she won the 3rd Annual BU Diversity Award.

The award recognizes faculty and staff who strengthen and promote diversity through their work and service.

Moody-Ramirez is the adviser for the National Association of Black Journalists' Baylor chapter and Diverse Verses, a multicultural poetry and spoken word group. She was with her family Wednesday at Portraits, a youth drama group gathering, when the award was announced.

"I was surprised and very happy. It made my year," Moody-Ramirez said. "It was great because my family was there and excited

for me."

She said she was told she had been nominated, but never expected to receive the award.

Robert Darden, associate professor in the department of journalism, public relations and new media, was the first Diversity Award recipient and is one of Moody-Ramirez's colleagues.

"She is unfailingly pleasant and upbeat. We all love her," he said. "The students give her high ratings and her classes are always full."

While he was excited when he won the award, Darden said he was more proud when Moody-Ramirez was given the honor because of her on-going work and research with the issue of diversity.

"She's very worthy. I'm just thrilled," Darden said. "[She deserves it] because her work — both [in her] scholarly and personal life — is devoted to working with diversity."

He described some of her work

as an evaluation of media coverage of minorities, and said it brought



Moody-Ramirez

disparities in coverage to the attention of various networks.

Darden said Moody-Ramirez followed two stories of college students that went missing, one who was white and one who was African-American.

According to the research, the white student got significantly more coverage than the student of color, he said.

"I think that they [the networks that were presented with her research] were stunned. We've got to do a better job," Darden said. "The only way dialogue can happen is if there is information presented in a reasonable and verifiable way, and that's what she does."

Moody-Ramirez said she felt the award validated her research.

"It means that people take my work seriously," she said.

Lexi English, an administrative associate in International Student and Scholar Services as well and chair of the Baylor University Campus Diversity Committee — which gives out the award — said what the committee looks for in nominees is rather simple.

"We are looking for people that are promoting diversity above and beyond what they need to do,"

English said. "And that's what she does."

English said selecting Moody-Ramirez seemed the right choice, because her work aligned with what the committee was trying to do.

"When we got Dr. Moody's recommendations by colleagues from across campus, it was pretty clear," English said. "She presents lectures and writes on diversity, and does a number of other things to promote diversity."

English has served on the committee since 2008, and took over as chair in 2010 — the first year the committee gave the award.

"We encourage the university to be diversity-minded. We give grants to organizations that do things to promote it," she said. "We want all of our students to see that there's more going on outside the Baylor Bubble."

The committee is funded by the Office of the President, and gave

out \$9,500 to 13 different organizations this year, not including Moody-Ramirez's \$500 cash prize.

Moody-Ramirez said while there is still more to be done, she sees Baylor making strides to accomplish diversity, which she said encompasses gender, age, race and disabilities.

"Baylor's definitely making progress," Moody-Ramirez said. "Our interim department chair, Dr. [Sara] Stone, is a woman. As I look all around campus I see changes, like women in the administration and more racial diversity in students."

Moody-Ramirez said her goals now are continuing to research and write about diversity, and finishing her final year of tenure-track.

As a promoter of diversity, she had plenty of advice for students.

"I think it's important that people seek out diversity," she said. "You have to be open-minded. You have to put yourself out there."

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# Condemned dog free

## Pit bull mix spared from death row after attack

By SHEILA BURKE  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — A mutt who sat on doggy death row for more than a year before given a reprieve is now officially free from government captivity and headed

toward TV stardom.

Prada, the 4-year-old pit bull mix that was ruled vicious and ordered put down, was released Thursday from Nashville's Animal Control facility, where the dog had been held since January 2011.

Prada was ordered put down after attacking several other dogs. A judge spared the dog's life after the Villalobos Rescue Center in New Orleans agreed to take the animal.

The center is featured in Animal Planet's reality TV show "Pitt Bulls and Parolees," which puts ex-convicts and abused dogs together in order to rehabilitate both man and animal. w

"Prada loves these people," Nicole Andree, the dog's former

owner said after a representative from the rescue center came to Nashville to collect the dog.

Andree, a 35-year-old childless real estate agent, fought a lengthy court battle to spare the dog, vowing never to stop until she got Prada off death row.

Andree eventually agreed to give up her beloved pet to save the animal's life. The judge lifted the death order after Nashville lawyers said they would not object if Prada went to the rescue center. The dog, however, must stay there for the rest of its life.

Andree says she plans to visit Prada at the center. She also said she believes the dog will have a good life there despite never being able to leave.



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This March 8 file photo shows Prada, a 4-year-old pit bull mix, at an animal control facility in Nashville, Tenn. Prada, who sat on doggy death row for more than a year before given a reprieve, is now officially free.

# Former Edwards aide testifies about campaign finances

By MICHAEL BIESECKER  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

GREENSBORO, N.C. — John Edwards' former aide acknowledged Thursday that much of nearly \$1 million in campaign supporters' cash went to build his North Carolina dream house, not to buy the silence of the presidential candidate's pregnant mistress.

Andrew Young testified for a fourth straight day at Edwards' campaign finance fraud trial, peppered with questions from Edwards attorney Abbe Lowell about the money from two donors that flowed into personal accounts controlled by Young and his wife.

Young said he took secret payments from wealthy donors at Edwards' direction to help conceal the presidential contender's affair with Rielle Hunter and keep his 2008 presidential campaign viable.

Young said the checks, secretly provided by a then-96-year-old heiress, were mixed with the couple's other house funds, much of

which went into renovations and construction of their \$1.5 million hilltop house on 10 acres near Chapel Hill, N.C. Young suggested his wife, Cheri, would know more about where all the money went, saying she "is the one who handles the finances in our family."

Young's testimony is considered key to the prosecution's case that while campaigning for the White House, Edwards directed a scheme to use the money from the heiress and a Texas lawyer to conceal his affair with Hunter.

Young initially claimed he was the father of Hunter's daughter and took her into his home with his wife.

Lowell asked Young about numerous changes to the construction of the North Carolina house after the secret payments started coming in, including a pool, home theater and an extra bedroom.

At the time, Young and his wife were living with Hunter in a \$20,000-a-month rental mansion along the California coast, paid for

by a wealthy lawyer who served as Edwards' campaign finance chairman.

"We were living out in Santa Barbara and we lost our sense of perspective," Young said on the witness stand. "The house became more and more extravagant."

Edwards denies knowing about the \$725,000 in checks from heiress Rachel "Bunny" Mellon sent to Young through her interior designer.

In addition to providing the maximum \$2,300 to the Edwards campaign allowed by law, Mellon also provided another \$6.4 million to a political action committee and anti-poverty foundation tied to Edwards.

Another \$200,000 was given to the Youngs and Hunter by the Texas lawyer, Fred Baron. Records shown at trial documented payments for private jets, five-star hotels and other expenses incurred by Hunter and the Youngs while they were in hiding.

Baron died in 2008 of cancer.

He was 61 years old.

Young testified Thursday he had sent Baron an invoice for many of the expenses the aide had already paid for with money from Mellon. He admitted Baron then wired another \$325,000 to the builder constructing the Young's house.

The questions about the cash from Mellon funneled to Young's house came towards the end of a full day of cross-examination, in which Lowell sought to undermine the ex-aide's credibility and paint him as a pathological liar.

Lowell pointed out inconsistencies with Young's account of the scandal at trial this week and in multiple other accounts, including grand jury testimony and his 2010 tell-all book about Edwards.

Referring to the timing of a conversation with a law partner of Edwards, Lowell asked, "And you made that up too, didn't you?"

"No, sir," Young responded.

Lowell asked Young whether he first learned Hunter, was pregnant in May 2007, as his book says:

in June 2007, as he testified; or in early July, a date backed by phone records and Hunter's medical records.

The timeline issues could challenge the accounts of conversations Young said he had with Edwards in a car discussing who to ask for money to help take care of Hunter and discussing Hunter's pregnancy.

Young said he couldn't recall the exact date for either event, one of many times on Thursday he admitted he couldn't remember the timing or sequence of events to which he had testified.

Lowell asked Young to recount his story of how Edwards had asked him to claim paternity of Hunter's child on December 13, 2007. Young had said the phone conversation occurred while he was sitting in his car and had looked over to the passenger seat to see a copy of Newsweek magazine with Edwards on the front.

The defense then flashed a photo of that magazine cover up on the

screens visible to the jury. It was dated two weeks later.

Seated at the defense table, Edwards appeared more upbeat than in past days, frequently smiling and whispering with his attorneys as Young testified.

Lowell also challenged Young on which amount of money Mellon said she would provide over time to help make Edwards president — \$1.2 million, as he testified this week, or \$900,000 and \$925,000, figures he had previously given.

Young said the number he provided this week is the correct one.

Later in the day, Lowell asked Young whether \$1.2 million was also the exact amount of the original construction contract for his house. Young replied that it was just a coincidence, and that \$1.2 million was also the price for which they had sold their previous lakefront home in Raleigh, netting a \$400,000 profit.

Lowell's cross examination of Young will continue Friday.



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Stampede, Sparks said the organization will host a pre-race party from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Friday at the Hotel Indigo in Waco.

“[It] is just an excuse to put on your heels and hang out in a cool hotel, grab some \$5 appetizers and learn about breast cancer in a fun environment,” Sparks said.

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away in Cherokee County, where Adams ordered Vandever and one woman to get inside the car trunk and then raped the other woman. Testimony also showed he forced all three to kneel as they were shot.

Vandever was fatally wounded. The women were kicked and shot again before Cobb and Adams, believing they were dead, fled. Both women were alive, however, and one was able to run to a house to summon help.

“He asked for forgiveness and I forgive him, but he had to pay the consequences,” said one of the women, Nikki Ansley, referring to Adams after witnessing his execution. She survived being raped and shot but continues to suffer painful injuries from the gun blast.

The Associated Press usually does not identify victims of rape, but Ansley has publicly acknowledged it and agreed to be interviewed.

Now a nurse, she said standing

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a few feet from Adams and watching the drugs take his life was contrary to her instincts to want to aid others.

“I help people in surgery,” she said. “Standing in there, it was a feeling that I didn’t want to help him.” Her mother, Melinda Ansley, said Adams’ apology could never erase the damage he caused.

“It’s not going to fix the hole in her back,” she said, referring to her daughter’s wound from the shooting.

Donald Vandever, the father of the slain man, said Adams’ execution “doesn’t really change anything.” “As far as I’m concerned, it was way too easy on him,” he said.

Adams and Cobb were arrested several hours after the crime, about 25 miles to the north in Jacksonville.

Adams was identifiable because he had slipped off his mask after one of the women said she thought she knew him.

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the Lariat after the event. “Why should we believe that these natural creatures wouldn’t have true beliefs? I was trying to point out that if you have true beliefs, that might help you in a natural environment. But he’s saying that doesn’t have anything to do with it because natural selection only cares about behavior, [not beliefs].”

Swindoll said he thought Plantinga responded convincingly to his objection.

Other audience members questioned whether it really was irrational to hold a belief solely because that belief is improbable.

Dr. Trent Dougherty, professor of religion at Baylor, introduced Plantinga and said his defense of theism in the academic world has helped make it acceptable to be a Christian philosopher in academia, something that was not always taken for granted.

“What it is like for me to be a Christian philosopher when I came up through grad school [in the 2000s] is different because of the efforts of this man in his early career, forging a path that people like me were later privileged to walk,” Dougherty said.

Space shuttle Enterprise to arrive in NY

By DEEPTI HAJELA  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Any new arrival to New York City wants to see the sights — and the space shuttle Enterprise is no different.

Enterprise is scheduled to arrive in the city Friday, riding on top of a modified jumbo jet. Its trip was to include low-altitude flyovers over parts of the city and landmarks including the Statue of Liberty and the Intrepid Sea, Air and Space Museum on Manhattan’s west side.

The shuttle had been scheduled to arrive earlier in the week but NASA pushed it back because of bad weather.

The shuttle prototype was housed at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington but will soon be making its home at the Intrepid, where it will be “the largest and most significant space artifact in the entire Northeast,” said Susan Marenoff-Zausner, Intrepid’s president.

That won’t happen right away; after its fly-around, the Enterprise is heading to Kennedy Airport, where it will remain for a few weeks until it’s taken off the 747 jet it rode to New York.

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out, and with the help of a lot of people, Baylor’s done it.”

The Mayborn’s indoor facilities, constructed in 2004, were intended to merge seamlessly with the historic village, but Caston said that goal was not truly realized until this project’s completion with a new entrance connecting the two areas.

“We found that there’s so much to do inside, that people didn’t quite get the connection between the two, and so we didn’t have as many people [visit the historic village],” Caston said. “So now we created a logical connection that’s going to make people want to do it all.”

The new climate control units in the buildings are hidden from view to preserve their historic facades, Caston said. She believes the value of the historic village has been enhanced by the new changes.

“The value of an artifact — and in this case, a building with its artifacts — is in its use,” Caston said. “So the more things we can put in these buildings for more people to see creates more value. Museums are no longer just repositories of artifacts that we keep hidden away; we have to figure out different ways to bring them out, and this is how we do it.”

Although most of the changes did not involve much structural



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In this Feb. 18, 1977, file photo, America’s Space Shuttle Enterprise, rides atop a giant 747 on its first test flight at Edwards Air Force Base, Calif. Enterprise is scheduled to arrive in New York on the back of a NASA jumbo jet today where it will be stored in an hangar at John F. Kennedy International Airport before assuming its new permanent location on the deck of the Intrepid Air and Space Museum in New York Harbor.

never have happened.”

She is confident the public will feel the same way and anticipates interest in the shuttle will increase the number of annual visitors by about 30 percent, to 1.3 million over the course of a year.

The public’s interest is what drove the Intrepid to find a way to display it even though a permanent display location still has to be found, Marenoff-Zausner said.

The initial plan was to leave it at the airport for a couple of years until its permanent home was set, she said, but “we want the public to be able to experience this immediately.”

In order to do that, Intrepid had to do some shuffling around of its collection. Last week, three aircraft were taken off the flight deck and sent to the Empire State Aerosciences Museum in Glenville, N.Y.

tampering with the buildings, construction crews temporarily removed the exterior and chimney of the planter’s house to replace the foundation. The exterior will be restored upon completion, Caston said.

The historic village will also include new features when it opens May 12. Construction crews have installed a new pavilion with picnic tables and a new facility displaying horse-drawn vehicles from the 19th century.

The entryway to the Mayborn indoor facilities will also include two new touch screen kiosks with information on the Daniels family and an interactive map of the historic village.

Also new to the exhibit will be the option of cell-phone tours of each buildings, according to Rebecca Tucker-Nall, changing exhibits manager.


“These [cell-phone tours] are going to be first-person interpretations,” Tucker-Nall said, adding staff members at the Mayborn volunteered to voice the characters. “So you’re actually going to hear from the school teacher at the school, and she’s going to tell you what her daily agenda is.”


Other characters on the cell-phone tour will include the commissary owner, the postman, the preacher, and the children.

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- Second Elite Eight appearance in three seasons
- Won multiple NCAA tournament games for second time since 1948
- 18 straight wins
- No. 8 final ranking
- Most wins for senior class
- Top-five recruiting class
- Perry Jones III and Quincy Miller declare for draft

## Equestrian

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- No. 3 overall finish

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- 36-8 overall record

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- Earned first selection to NCAA Championship tournament since 1999
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- 14 wins

## Volleyball

- Fourth NCAA tournament appearance in history
- Fourth consecutive winning season for first time in program history



## THE YEAR OF THE BEAR

# Baylor seniors revel in incredible athletic year

By KRISTA PIRTLE  
SPORTS WRITER

During the 2011-2012 season, it is possible that Pat Neff has gone through twice as many green bulbs as it did through 2008-2010. The senior class has seen it all: the rise of Robert Griffin III, the athleticism of Baylor men's basketball and the championship aspirations of Lady Bear basketball. Back in the fall of 2008, head coach Art Briles came in with hope to turn the football program around. His biggest step was replacing junior quarterback Blake Szymanski with true freshman Robert Griffin III. "Freshman year we had hope because Briles and Griffin just got here, but there wasn't any support for the teams," Columbia, Mo., senior Jane Erdel said. "Nobody

cared. It just wasn't an integral part of campus, and with that we lacked team spirit." Being hopeful for the future and celebrating it in the here and now are two very different things. Most of the students could be found outside the stadium tailgating and hanging out with their friends instead of inside supporting their team on the turf. Basketball wasn't much different. "As freshmen, my roommates and I could sit in season ticket seats and not even be kicked out," Victoria senior Ellie Keeling said. "The Lady Bear games were even worse. It was like having the whole Ferrell Center to yourself at times." The Lady Bears advanced to the Sweet Sixteen before falling to runner-up Louisville. The men's team failed to make the NCAA tournament and lost

in the championship round of the N.I.T. by six points to Penn State. Floyds Knobs, Ind., senior Trevor Allison did not attend Baylor until his junior year, but he kept up with the athletic program because his mom went to Baylor in the '80s. "The success of Baylor basketball and the potential to watch a great athlete like Robert Griffin III was part of my decision to come to Baylor," Allison said. "But I had no idea the success that was in store." Here's a quick recap of Baylor athletics bridging the gap from then to now. • **2009-2010:** Football finished 4-8 after Griffin tore his ACL the third game of the season. • Men's basketball advanced to the Elite Eight and fell to the eventual national champions of Duke. • Women's basketball advanced to the Final Four and fell to the

eventual national champions Connecticut. • **2010-2011:** Football became bowl eligible for the first time in over a decade but lost in the Texas Bowl to Illinois. • Men's basketball failed to make postseason play. • Women's basketball fell to eventual national champions Texas A&M in the Elite Eight. Now, here we are in the "Year of the Bear." Momentum is a word that has been used to describe the extravagant losing streaks of Baylor in the past but now it describes the longest win streaks in Division I in football (6), men's basketball (18), women's basketball (40) and baseball (24.) Baylor also has two national championship teams, women's basketball and the hunter seat division in equestrian, and the first ever

Heisman trophy winner. "The coolest part of all of it is Griffin winning the Heisman," Allison said. "It's the greatest individual trophy in sports, and a player at a school I was attending won it. That's just really cool." The Heisman seemed to set the foundation for the success of the rest of the program. The hope that was felt four years ago has finally begun to materialize as records continue to be broken and victories continue to pile up. "The surge of pride that students have in the school in infection and is helping all the programs achieve so much this year," Keeling said. "It's been a blessing to have been a senior this year." After the seniors walk the stage two weeks from now, they may receive a phone call in the near future asking for money ... for green light bulbs.

# Baseball hopes to carry success into summer

By GREG DeVRIES  
SPORTS WRITER

No. 3 Baylor baseball will take on the No. 25 New Mexico State Aggies tonight and Saturday. Both games of the two-game series will be at Baylor Ballpark, and the top 25 showdown should test both teams. Offensively, New Mexico State makes their living by drawing walks. In their 41 games this season, the Aggies have drawn 271 walks, leading the nation by over 50. They also rank No. 36 in the country in getting hit by pitches. They manage to take many free bases however they can get them. "[They] are very good, and [they] do what they do extremely well," head coach Steve Smith said. "When you look at their stat sheet ... it will not look like anybody's stat sheet that you've seen all year ... they lead the world in walks and getting hit by pitches." New Mexico State seizes the opportunities that they are given with free base runners. The Aggies are capable of piling on runs in innings. "They're doing a good job of hitting with runners in scoring position and [getting] guys on base. They're averaging about eight runs per game," Smith said. With this in mind, Smith stressed the importance of Baylor's pitching staff getting ahead of batters in the count. "Throw strike one. Throw strike one. Throw strike one," Smith said, emphasizing the importance of first-pitch strikes. "[It] is as big a pitch in the game as there is. It won't necessarily mean we have to



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Baylor baseball celebrates its series sweep over Texas A&M with a 7-5 victory Sunday at Baylor Ballpark after junior Max Garner closed out the game.

change anything, and I don't expect them to change anything. We just need to continue to be who we are and do what we've been doing." Junior left-handed pitcher Josh Turley will get the call tonight. Turley is 6-0 in his 10 starts. He leads the team in strikeouts with 51, and his ERA is 1.94. "It's always important to win games, especially when you have a tough schedule like we do," Tur-

ley said. The Bears recently bounced back from a loss that ended their 24-game winning streak. The loss came to the University of Texas at San Antonio 4-1 on Tuesday. "Coming off of the series [with] Texas A&M ... everybody was pumped up about that. [Then we played] a team like UTSA who doesn't take anybody for granted [and is] trying to beat big teams

like us. It was a good win for them. It's a bad loss for us," Turley said. Baylor responded with a strong outing against the University of Texas at Arlington 6-4 Wednesday. "To come back from [the loss] the next day and beat a quality team like UTA is a good thing for us. I think we played well, for the most part, until late. I'm just glad we got the W," Turley said. Baylor is 36-8 overall, 18-0

in conference and 25-3 at home. While this is a nonconference game, it will help prepare the team for their final two conference series against Oklahoma and Texas. Despite a perfect conference record late in the season, the Bears have not locked up the conference title. Texas is currently 11-4 in conference play and 24-14 overall. First pitch will be at 6:35 p.m. for tonight's game.



# Garner recovers from debilitating illness to ‘save’ Bears

By GREG DEVRIES  
SPORTS WRITER

Junior right-handed pitcher Max Garner has been stellar this season, but Garner is lucky to even be able to play this season.

He leads the Bears with nine saves, and hitters are only batting .260 against him. In 39 innings, he has recorded 38 strikeouts. He recently earned saves in all three games against Texas A&M.

"I played against him in high school. We played in his team's pre-season tournament," senior right-handed pitcher Joey Hainsfurther said. "He pitched against us and was lights out."

The next year, Garner's freshman year, he struggled with fatigue. His ERA was over nine, and he was slowly losing weight.

That summer, Garner and a few teammates traveled to Minnesota to play in the Northwoods League, a baseball league for NCAA athletes. Garner began to feel sick to the point that he couldn't play.

"My stomach started feeling bad, but I thought I just had a stomach bug or something," Garner said. "One day, I jumped on a scale and I had lost fifteen pounds. I was running fevers every day and

throwing up a lot."

Garner was diagnosed with ulcerative colitis, a disease where open sores appear on the large intestine. It is very similar to Crohn's disease. There is no known cause, but is believed to be tied to genetics.

"I remember the first day he came in to tell me about it," head coach Steve Smith said. "It was the first time [with Garner] that I felt like I was talking to a man. He looked me in the eye, and I knew he had something he needed to tell me"

After the diagnosis, Garner's parents came up to Minnesota, but Max could barely move or talk because of the pain.

"I was in the hospital for eight days. We though we got it under control with our first wave of medications and what not, but I was on a lot of heavy steroids for internal organs. As we weaned off of that, it kind of started to come back up," Garner said. "All of the drugs for this kind of disease are effective for some people 100 percent. [For] other people, you have to try one, and if it doesn't work, move on to the next one."

Garner redshirted his sophomore year. He tried to take classes, but his disease returned. This forced him to drop all of his classes

and focus on recovery.

The Garner family turned to the Mayo Clinic for answers. Max began another kind of treatment that was less popular, and has been in remission ever since.

"[My teammates] were calling me when I was in the hospital, just really wanting me to be able to come back and play," Garner said. "It was a big help to be able to talk to them and be able to come down to the dugout before games and talk to everybody. They wanted to make me feel like I was still part of the team. It's nice to have guys like that that are supporting you all the time."

Garner returned to pitch the next season. His first outing of the season came against Oral Roberts.

"I don't think I had ever been as excited to pitch in a game when we were down by four or five runs," Garner said.

He pitched 1.2 innings in his first game in almost two years.

"Just to get that under my belt was a big weight off of my shoulders. I could finally just relax and go play."

Later that season, Garner was at bat against Sam Houston State. He swung at a foul ball that hit his pitching elbow. Garner writhed in pain

and made a trip to the emergency room that night.

But throughout the past two years, he had gained toughness and maturity. This helped him return four days later to pitch against then No. 8 Texas.

"We brought him in here with the bases loaded against Texas. He flips up a first-pitch changeup and we get an out and the game is over," Smith said. "It takes a whole lot of a lot of things to make that pitch."

Garner's recovery has gained him a lot of respect. He is now a team leader and a crucial part of the pitching staff. Garner attributes a lot of his successes this season to his mental toughness.

"It [doesn't] matter if it's the ninth inning or a bases loaded situation. No matter what it was, it was better than being in the hospital," Garner said.

Smith is especially appreciative of Garner's maturity and attitude.

"He's a leader," Smith said. "He's a natural leader. He wants to win. He leads by example not just on game day but on all of the other days too ... When you go through something as challenging and as life-altering as Max's illness was, you'll grow up. It'll put a lot of things in perspective."



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No. 21 junior right-handed pitcher Max Garner winds up to throw in the ninth inning against Texas A&M on Sunday at Baylor Ballpark. Garner recovered from a stomach disease to return to the team.

# Softball heads to Stillwater, feeling pressure to improve in conference

By KRISTA PIRTLE  
SPORTS WRITER

Every Baylor team thus far has advanced to the postseason.

Softball, however, is in jeopardy of breaking that streak.

The Lady Bears are battling out for the sixth-place spot in the Big 12 with Oklahoma State, their opponent for this weekend.

"I don't think this weekend will tell the tale, but if it does come down to one of these two teams, this weekend will determine it," head coach Glenn Moore said. "We're fighting for sixth place, and six teams go out of the Big 12.

Right now I think this is a huge weekend for us."

So far this season, things have not gone according to plan for the team with World Series aspirations.

After being the first team in program history to advance to the semifinals of the series last season, anything short of winning the title was deemed unacceptable.

"Well we're not in good shape according to where we wanted to be this time," Moore said. "But we've had some obstacles that we weren't expecting as well. I still think our destiny is in our hands as far as post season goes."

Inconsistency has plagued this team, and the loss of junior pitcher Whitney Canion has not helped either.

"We're a little frustrated," senior third baseman Megan Turk said. "Definitely worried about our consistency. I don't know if worried is the right word. We have been very inconsistent this year."

Usually, inconsistency can be pinned on the freshmen, but that is not the case for the 2012 Lady Bear squad.

Baylor totals over 30 RBIs in conference play with the freshmen accounting for half of them.

"I'm going to put this in the

hands of who it should matter the most to," Moore said. "They're the ones that really haven't performed well enough for us to win."

Sophomore catcher Clare Hosack lives with Turk and knows what the three seniors are capable of.

"They have leadership, experience and are very good at what they do," Hosack said. "They know how to make us better as a team, and that's very important."

While the blame has been placed on the leadership of the seniors, the mentality of the inconsistency is a problem without an easy fix.

"I don't have a magic wand to wave over this team," Moore said. "To me it has to be internal."

Coming off an eight-run loss in College Station Tuesday evening came after a weekend in Lubbock where the team thought it was playing its best ball.

Now the team sees the loss as a boost into a big weekend on the road.

"Oklahoma State is a mirror image of Baylor right now," Moore said. "They haven't hit particularly well overall; neither have we. They honestly haven't pitched that well. It's going to be a dogfight. One of these two teams will go to the post

season. The team that shows up and outplays the other will be the victor and have a pretty good shot at the postseason."

An aggressive mindset at the plate will be vital for the Lady Bears to intimidate the struggling pitchers for Oklahoma State.

Mental breakdowns need to quit happening. A competitive nature needs to overwhelm the green and gold.

"In order to get to the postseason," Hosack said, "we need to win."

The first game of the three part series will take place at 7 p.m. in Stillwater, Okla.

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# 'Skins pick Griffin No. 2

By JOSEPH WHITE  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ASHBURN, Va. — There was no mistaking Robert Griffin III at the NFL draft. The ends of his dreadlocks settled onto a baby blue jacket. His checkered-patterned shirt was offset by a purplish tie with horizontal stripes.

Of course, there were the standout socks. Burgundy and gold stripes, the colors of his new team, with the words "GO CATCH YOUR DREAM."

"Go catch that dream — because a lot of times when you chase something you never get to it," he said. "So if you say, 'Hey, I'm going to go catch my dream,' you're already telling yourself that you're going to get it."

And, when asked how it felt to be finally chosen No. 2 overall Thursday by the Washington Redskins, he broke into the team's fight song.

"Hail to the Redskins! Hail vic-tor-y!" said Griffin, singing to Washington reporters by phone from New York. "That's how I felt. It felt that good."

The selection of the Heisman Trophy winner from Baylor, which was welcomed with chants of "R-G-3!" inside Radio City Music Hall, ends a monthlong courtship aimed at ending a revolving door at quarterback that has hampered the Redskins for two decades.

Targeting Griffin all the way, Washington traded three first-round picks and a second-rounder to the St. Louis Rams last month to move into the No. 2 slot.

Knowing that the Indianapolis



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Baylor quarterback Robert Griffin III poses for photographs after he was selected as the second pick overall by the Washington Redskins in the NFL draft at Radio City Music Hall, Thursday in New York.

Colts were planning to take Andrew Luck at No. 1, the Redskins got a head start by having offensive coordinator Kyle Shanahan meet twice with Griffin for a total of six hours to discuss offensive schemes.

The process kept Griffin from experiencing the usual draft-day suspense, but he's fine with that.

"It would have been pretty interesting to see the Redskins trade up to No. 2 right here in this room and see my reaction, but I'm not mad about it. A team said they loved me and they let everyone know early on that they wanted me, so they traded up and made it happen, so I'm not mad about that," he said as the first-round selections continued. "A lot of guys in this room right now are feeling a lot of anxiety."

Griffin is the Redskins' highest pick since linebacker LaVar Arrington also went at No. 2 in 2000. Arrington made three Pro Bowls in

six seasons in Washington.

Much, much more is expected from RG3.

The Redskins have started 21 quarterbacks over the last 19 seasons.

Rex Grossman and John Beck combined to put together a 5-11 record last year, Washington's fourth consecutive last-place finish in the NFC East.

Head coach Mike Shanahan won a pair of Super Bowls with John Elway and the Denver Broncos in the late 1990s, and he's pegged his plans for a turnaround in the nation's capital around the player who did the same for Baylor.

"You're always looking for that franchise guy," Mike Shanahan said, "and that term is used without him proving himself yet — we understand that. But he's got everything that you look for in a quarterback. Hopefully we can get the supporting cast around him and start playing very well."

# Titans draft WR Kendall Wright of Baylor at No. 20

By TERESA M. WALKER  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The Tennessee Titans need help on defense. They decided the best way to get it with the 20th overall pick in Thursday night's NFL draft was by taking an "electric" offensive playmaker in Baylor wide receiver Kendall Wright.

The Titans made Wright just the fourth wide receiver ever drafted by the franchise in the first round but their second in four seasons. They expect the receiver to contribute in a big way in his rookie season.

Wright may have been a surprise pick to some, but new general manager Ruston Webster said the Titans just stuck to their draft ratings.

"It really was more about Kendall and the fact he was the best player available," Webster said.

Coach Mike Munchak, trying to build off a 9-7 record in his first season, said adding a talented player like Wright will help the defense immediately because the offense should stay on the field and score more points.

"It helps both sides of the ball," Munchak said. "I mean when you're looking for guys to help you win, this is the type of guy that jumps to the top of the list. And that's what's exciting about it I think for the whole team."

"This is a guy who's going to help this team win football games."

Wright joins Haywood Jeffries in 1987, Kevin Dyson in 1998 and Kenny Britt in 2009 as the only wide receivers drafted in the first round by this team. Britt is coming off a torn right ACL and has missed games to injuries each of the past two seasons.

The Titans also looked at receiver Stephen Hill of Georgia Tech along with Michael Floyd of Notre Dame. They visited with Wright and also sent their coaches



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Baylor wide receiver Kendall Wright poses for photographs after being selected 20th overall by the Tennessee Titans in the NFL draft at Radio City Music Hall, Thursday in New York.

to work out the Baylor receiver.

And Wright now becomes an extra target for either Matt Hasselbeck or Jake Locker, the quarterbacks who Munchak wants competing to see which starts this season.

Offensive coordinator Chris Palmer called Wright electric and compared him to the likes of Drew Hill and Ernest Givens from this franchise's days with the run and shoot offense as the Houston Oilers.

"The fact he has the ability, with his run after catch, his hands are very, very good, and I think he's a guy that will allow us to move him

around and complement our other receivers and give us a chance to be more explosive offensively," Palmer said. "And the fact he can get down the field, if you watch the film, he's throwing passes, he's made outstanding catches. I think this guy is electric and a very explosive player."

The 5-foot-10, 196-pound Wright caught 108 passes for 1,663 yards working with Robert Griffin III at Baylor last season, and he was timed at 4.46 seconds in the 40-yard dash. Wright played four seasons at Baylor and finished his career with 302 catches for 4,004 yards with 30 touchdowns.

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Sophomore Jesse Brooks competes in the 800-meter run in Saturday's Michael Johnson / Dr Pepper classic.

Team reflects on season before NCAA meet

By SAVANNAH PULLIN  
REPORTER

Baylor track and field has one more meet in preparation for the Big 12 Championship, and before team members make their mark on a whole. They reflected on the season as a whole. “I say we’ve had a good season, a solid season,” head coach Todd Harbour said. “We’re still trying to put it all together on the men’s side. Hopefully it will be at conference.” Throughout this season, Harbour has had continuous concerns about the men’s side of the team with one of the biggest issues being keeping his athletes healthy, he said. Harbour said he has been blessed with other athletes who are able to pick up the slack when one athlete or a group has gone down. Freshman Rachel Johnson, who is

part of a women’s team that has been strong all season, has been one of the athletes who stepped up. She picked up a win last weekend in the first steeplechase of her career at the Michael Johnson Dr Pepper Classic in Waco. “Everyone on the team can make a difference,” Johnson said. “In high school, I didn’t come from a team that was super great at track, so just coming here and having other people like hurdlers, throwers and jumpers that are just really amazing and can contribute to a team is awesome.” From a first-year perspective, Johnson said she feels great about her season at Baylor but still has goals to accomplish. “Coach Harbour is a great coach, and he’s helped me a lot with training,” Johnson said. “I just love how the team is always supportive. I still have goals for next season and for the rest of this

season; we’re not done yet, so hopefully I’ll reach those.” Junior Everett Walker, who transferred from Barton County Community College, said his first year in Division I athletics has been a learning experience. “Back in junior college, the competition was pretty easy. Coming to Division I has been harder because you have faster athletes and the training is different. It’s harder, but it gets you through,” Walker said. Looking back on the season, Harbour notes the overall success of the team. “We’ve set a lot of school records, and we’ve had a lot of athletes perform at high levels all season long,” Harbour said. “Our [multi-event athletes] improve every week and do well; that’s been exciting. Our throwers have carried a big load this year. We’ve had a lot of positives across the board.”

Although school is coming to an end, the Bears acknowledge that championship week is close and there are still goals to be accomplished. It’s a statement that is truer for graduating seniors than other team members. “This is my last year so I want to go out with a bang,” senior sprinter Whitney Prevost said. “I want to make a difference. I want to hopefully win a national title.” Harbour claimed there is no secret factor to him team’s success. The key is simple – it’s the athletes. The Bears are currently in Des Moines, Iowa competing in the prestigious Drake Relays and will travel to Manhattan, Kan. for the Big 12 Championships the weekend of May 11. The NCAA Outdoor Championships will be held June 6-9 in Des Moines, Iowa with the USA Olympic Trials following shortly after.

Prevost overcomes setback, eyes Olympics and career with FBI

By SAVANNAH PULLIN  
REPORTER

With graduation quickly approaching, seniors have begun to reflect on their times at Baylor and the mark they have left on this community. As the Baylor track and field members begin this reflection process, the impact of senior Whitney Prevost cannot be overlooked. Prevost will be graduating in two weeks with a degree in education and a minor in criminal justice, with hopes of pursuing a career with the Federal Bureau of Investigation. As Prevost, a two-time All-American and 2012 Big 12 Champion, moves on to pursue a future in the FBI and tries to fulfill his Olympic athlete dreams, he said he has al-

ready made one of his dreams come true with his time spent at Baylor. “Coming here was just always a dream to me,” Prevost said. “My family is a really big track family, so they like track. I like track. I just always wanted to come to Baylor since I was little, and hopefully start a legacy or leave a mark here.” Prevost, who runs the 100 and 200-meter dashes along with being a member of the men’s winning 4x100-meter relay team, hopes to record new personal records, make it to the Olympic trials, and eventually to the Olympics in the 200-meter event. “My dad always said I was a quarter guy and a 200 guy, so I mean, I’m not too big on the 100, but I’m good at the 100, so I do it,” Prevost said. “My best event is the 200.”

Coming in to Baylor, Prevost was one of the top high school athletes in the nation. Unfortunately, his career took a traumatic turn during his freshman year when he tore his hamstring. “It was devastating,” Prevost said. “I knew I wasn’t going to be as fast the next couple of years as I was my freshman year.” Prevost said he hasn’t been the same since he tore his hamstring, but he never wavered from his determination to run a steady race again. He said he knew God had a plan for him through the whole situation. “I had to be mentally tough and get better as much as I could every day, and then one day, hopefully, I will back to where I used to be and it’s starting to get that way,” Prevost said.

His faith in the Lord and passion for track not only helped him get through his injury, but are also some of his best traits, according to head coach Todd Harbour. “He’s a godly young man, he loves the Lord, and he’s just passionate about running,” Harbour said. “He loves track and field. He always comes with a smile on his face and a good attitude everyday.” As Prevost maintained his character through the hardest years of his track career, his teammates looked on and took notes. “I’ve learned a lot from Prevost, like stay poised and stay relaxed,” 4x100-meter relay teammate junior Everett Walker said. “Working with him has been a blessing.” Walker said he’s always seen a strong work ethic in Prevost even though he’s only run with him for

one outdoor season. Prevost works hard, he said, and never wavers in his determination. Harbour shares this same opinion of the outstanding work ethic and character Prevost exemplifies at practice. “You can’t say enough,” Harbour said. “He’s a high character person, and he’s just an outstanding individual.” As the team prepares to lose an athlete as outstanding as Prevost, Harbour and the rest of the team will see a piece of him out on the track with them next year in Walker. “I’ve been able to help Everett (Walker) out,” Prevost said. “He’s gotten significantly better. He’s more patient, he’s starting to get more focused, and I really think I’ve made a big impact on him. Af-

ter I leave he’s going to be here representing Baylor, so that’s a good sign.” Prevost has definitely given his fair share of lessons in his past five years at Baylor, but he says the biggest thing he has learned is the important of being patient, putting God first, and doing his best to stay healthy. “You can be as fast you want to, but if you’re not healthy and you can’t compete, it makes no difference,” Prevost said. As he regains his health and gets ready to take his running career to the next level, Prevost keeps in the mind a lesson he has learned. “God has a plan,” Prevost said. “Just work with what He gives you and make the most of it, and when the time comes, take advantage of it.”



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Sweet victory

No. 34 Hailey Cowan celebrates after Baylor's Acrobatics and Tumbling team defeated Fairmont State on Thursday at the Ferrell Center. The win pushes Baylor into the semifinals of the national championship tournament, where they will face Oregon today at 6:30 p.m. in the Ferrell Center.

Traveled senior gave much to BU

By Kasey McMillian  
Reporter

Senior Diana Nakic is finishing up her final season as one of Baylor's top women's tennis players. "It is exciting but on the other side it's also sad because I am kind of leaving the team but it's a new start," Nakic said. "It's a new beginning and I am looking forward to it. I will be staying one more semester here and I will still be around the girls. I guess I still don't feel that excitement or sadness because I know I will still be staying one more semester because I am going to finish my school." Nakic is majoring in international business. "A lot of things I can translate to real life experiences because we are a team here and we need to work together and that is the most important," she said. "Also playing at Baylor has taught me how to manage my time like many other things." Nakic is originally from Velenje, Slovenia, and is a 10-time Slo-

vian champion who competed internationally and was ranked as No. 103 in the International Tennis Federation. Nakic then came to the United States in 2008 to attend Georgia State, where she was named Colonial Athletic Association Rookie of the Year and CAA Player of the Year during her freshman year. She was the second ever in CAA history and the first of GSU's women's tennis players to have received both those honors in the same season. In 2009-2010 during her sophomore year at GSU Nakic was named CAA Co-Player of the Year making history for Georgia State's first women's tennis player to win the award two consecutive years. "I went to Georgia for my first three years and I wasn't satisfied there very much and then I started looking at teams that had a really good team atmosphere," Nakic said about her decision to attend Baylor. "That's what made me want to come here." After her time in Georgia, Na-

kie transferred to Baylor in 2010 for her junior year. Nakic earned the Big 12 Tournament's Most Outstanding Player award and had an overall record of 30-7 in singles, and 24-10 record in doubles marking her at No. 3. Nakic also earned all-Big 12 honors in singles with an undefeated 11-0 conference record. During Nakic's last year to play for Baylor, she has led the team to the ITA Texas Regional title and is Baylor's highest-ranked singles player at No. 12. Nakic has had a total of 31 victories on the season and 8-1 in Big 12 singles, 6-3 in doubles. "My best experience is just the team atmosphere, you feel like you're actually family like we are spending four hours a day together and when you actually know each other well enough to know when they feel bad and can actually notice shows they actually care," Nakic said. "I think that's what going to stay with me and I am going to remember that for the rest of my life."

Baylor Sports Upcoming

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<b>Men's Tennis</b> <b>When:</b> 9 a.m. <b>Who:</b> Oklahoma St. <b>What:</b> Big 12 tournament <b>Where:</b> College Station	<b>Women's Tennis</b> <b>When:</b> 3 p.m. <b>Who:</b> Oklahoma <b>What:</b> Big 12 tournament <b>Where:</b> College Station	<b>Acrobatics and Tumbling</b> <b>When:</b> 6:30 p.m. <b>Who:</b> No. 2 Oregon <b>Where:</b> Ferrell Center
<b>Baseball</b> <b>When:</b> 6:35 p.m. <b>Who:</b> New Mexico State <b>Where:</b> Baylor Ballpark	<b>Softball</b> <b>When:</b> 7 p.m. <b>Who:</b> Oklahoma State <b>Where:</b> Stillwater, Okla.	<b>Track</b> <b>When:</b> All Day <b>What:</b> Drake Relays <b>Where:</b> Des Moines, Iowa
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The George Washington Bridge, a New York City landmark, may be playing an important role in the upcoming film “The Amazing Spider-Man.” Contributor Daniel Pope decided to take a look at the (very fictional) history of the bridge and what it could end up like when it finally makes it to the silver screen.  
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And the winner is...



Second Place

“The Legend of Zelda: Ocarina of Time,” the game probably expected by most to win the title, ended up in second place with 15.1 percent of the votes. Outside of “Mighty Morphin Power Rangers,” “Ocarina of Time” was well-ahead of the rest of the competition, with over twice the amount of votes that the third place “Halo” received in the poll. Critically acclaimed and financially successful, the appearance of “Ocarina of Time” in the top three is hardly a surprise. The only real surprise here is that it didn't take first.



First Place

In what was admittedly a surprise, “Mighty Morphin Power Rangers” for the Sega Genesis won the title for the “Greatest Game” in our online poll. The results were overwhelming, with “Mighty Morphin Power Rangers” receiving 26.3 percent of the overall votes — more that 11 percent higher than second place and almost a full 20 percent higher than third place. The game, which was added to our “Great Video Game” list by San Antonio graduate student Farzeen Dhalla, was released in several different forms over several different consoles, including SNES, Sega CD, Sega Mega Drive/Genesis, Game Boy and the Sega Game Gear. Perhaps the wide range of consoles that the game was released for helped to contributed to its success (and ultimately, its victory) in our online poll.



Third Place

“Halo: Combat Evolved” earned the third place spot in the Lariat's online poll and this is hardly a surprise, given that “Halo” is one of the best-selling games of all time and also one of the most critically well-received. Generally regarded as having re-defined the first-person shooter genre on consoles, “Halo: Combat Evolved” spawned an entire franchise of successful games, including “Halo 2,” “Halo 3,” “Halo: Reach” and “Halo Wars.”

Other winners include...

Best Character



Link

Link is the lead and only major playable character in “The Legend of Zelda” and its sequel, “Ocarina of Time.” Link has also appeared in all three of the games in the “Super Smash Bros.” series.



Yoshi

Yoshi is the only character on to appear as a playable character in six games on the list (“Yoshi's Story,” “Mario Kart 64,” all of the “Super Smash Bros.” games and super remakes of “Super Mario 64”) and so he clearly wins the title of “Best Character” based on the submissions received.



Mario

Arguably the most famous gaming character ever, Mario is in “Super Mario 64” and is also a playable character in “Mario Kart 64” and the “Super Smash Bros.” series.

Most Disappointing



Star Wars: Episode I Racer

Despite critical acclaim and enough financial success to spawn a sequel for PlayStation 2 — and even use in academic studies — “Star Wars: Episode I Racer” received zero votes in our online poll. Even the “Star Wars” franchise lost to “Power Rangers.”



XGIII: Extreme G Racing

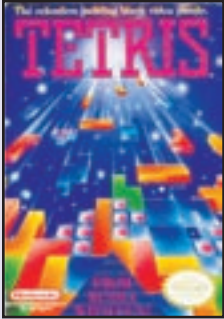
Much like “Star Wars: Episode I Racer,” “XGIII: Extreme G Racing” was a critically well-received science-fiction racer that led to even more sequels (“XGIII” was itself a sequel) and yet it received no votes in our online poll. This was not the finest day for “XGIII.”



Star Fox 64

“Star Fox 64” has elements of so many genres — and has shaped so many others — that it's hard to even place it within a single genre. The best label we could come up with at the Lariat was “Piloting” but even that seems too limiting given that it has elements of shooters and racers.

The Genre Definers



Tetris

Somewhat surprisingly, “Tetris” was the only puzzle game to get added to the “Great Video Game” list over the course of the year. Maybe this is just because “Tetris” is so clearly the greatest puzzle game of all-time — it's certainly one of the best selling ever. Regardless, the impact of “Tetris” on the puzzle genre cannot be overstated given that, at least in this poll, nothing else even came close.

Review: ‘Cabin in the Woods’ misses the mark

By RACHEL AMBELANG  
CONTRIBUTOR



For the past week, the only movie title I've heard anyone talking about is “Cabin in the Woods.” No one would tell me anything about it, only that I had to see it immediately. It's been quite a while since I've seen so many people excited about a film that isn't based on a novel or comic book series, so I dashed to the theatre to see what all the hype was about. Now, I must apologize to all my fellow film-goers for the following statement: I didn't like it. I know, I know. With the ridiculous amount of both critical acclaim and audience approval this



movie is getting, I'm the odd man out. The even more ridiculous part is, I don't think it was a bad movie. I know that seems contradictory, so let me explain my dilemma. “Cabin in the Woods” did a great job of creating a hook in their

trailer without giving much away. The story follows a group of five college kids out to a secluded area of the woods where they plan to spend a weekend getaway. Great setting for a typical horror movie. Only the trailer goes on to flash images of a control room, and gives glimpses of the ways in which the five kids are manipulated throughout the film. So the immediate question is, who is behind the controls, and why would they want to force a game of horrors on these students? Obviously, I can't give that away. I will, however, say that I was genuinely impressed with the answer because it was definitely not what I was expecting. I couldn't wait to see where the movie would go with the idea and that is why I came out of the theatre disappointed. I went in excited to see a fully

fledged horror picture and ended up watching a semi-comedy, semi-science-fiction movie with a few scares embedded in it. It was like seeing a horror spoof that was marketed as a real horror movie, but I couldn't decide which one it actually was. That being said I did laugh at the jokes, I did jump at the scares, and there's absolutely nothing wrong with mixing science-fiction and horror, because that's been happening for decades. It just wasn't the film I was expecting or, more importantly, particularly wanted to see. The basis for the film was perfectly molded for the horror genre. If they kept the focus on the terror aspect of the story, I might have watched one of the most unique horror movies created in a long time. Instead, I got way too much

focus on a pothead. Marty (played by Francis Kranz) is one of the five students, and is introduced with a three foot long bong hanging by his mouth. As a character, Marty is necessary to the story. In fact, leaving him as a perpetually stoned conspiracy theorist would have been perfectly acceptable, especially since Kranz played the character so well. But the amount of humor he brings totally changes the atmosphere of the film. While he was funny, Marty not only minimized from the effect of more than one suspenseful moment, he diluted the overall impact of the story. There's a line that exists between small moments that relieve an audience of the intensity of the film and actually creating a comedic tone. It seems as though “Cabin in

the Woods” was an elaborate attempt to balance the two emotions well, but I simply don't think the filmmakers pulled it off. I am all for comic relief. I'm also all for people trying new ideas and/or genre hybrids, but unless the horror movie is a parody, I just don't think horror and comedy can be mixed well. Either comedy or horror has to win out and, for me at least, the laughs were definitely what I walked out of the theatre remembering, not the scares. So, I don't agree with all of these critics claiming that this movie will redefine the genre. In the end I think this movie will be remembered as a humorous film with a clever idea, not as a horror film. This sentiment, for someone who was ready to see a unique and fantastic horror movie, was disappointing.



# Satire: Bridge will be high point of new ‘Spider-Man’

*Editor’s Note: With “The Amazing Spider-Man” shaping up to be one of the summer’s largest blockbusters, contributor Daniel Pope decided to take a satirical look at an important element in the comics: the George Washington Bridge in New York City. While the history of the bridge that Pope presents is entirely fictional, the bridge may in fact make an appearance in the film.*

By DANIEL POPE  
CONTRIBUTOR

As far back as I can remember I’ve been enamored with the George Washington Bridge. There’s a certain je ne sais quoi about it that boggles my mind and sends my heart aflutter. Truth be told, I’ve wanted to write a piece about this man-made wonder for a while, but I was worried I couldn’t do it justice.

What if I failed? Would the George (that’s what those of us in-the-know call it) be angry with me? Probably not, since it’s more-or-less inanimate. But I would have to live with the shame that comes with letting down that which has never disappointed me.

Then something magical happened. I rented the 2008 inspirational drama “Fireproof” (thinking it was the Denzel Washington film “Man on Fire”, talk about a thankful mistake) and I came to a realization: Kirk Cameron is the only main cast member from “Growing Pains” to still get movie work. Take that, Tracey Gold!

I also realized not putting forth an effort to illuminate the beauty of this wonderful bridge would be a regrettable disservice.

The George Washington Bridge was the brainchild of botanist George Washington Carver. Tired of having to canoe across the Hudson River to get from Bergen County, N.J. to New York City, Carver decided to do something about it.

In 1927, he commissioned up-and-coming architects Jeff and Beau Bridges to bring his vision to life. Although Carver initially insisted on using peanut shells as the primary building material, the Bridges brothers were able to talk him into steel, which numerous tests showed is far more durable.

Dubbed “The Manhattan Project”, construction of the bridge

lasted four and a half months and cost an estimated \$9,000 (about \$3.2 billion when adjusted for inflation). The George Washington Carver-Bridges (as it was originally known), opened for traffic on March 21, 1928.

Although the bridge was a rousing success, it didn’t come without cost. Jeff and Beau, whose relationship had once been close, now found themselves at odds with one another. Jeff became more and more famous, appearing in several Hollywood blockbusters, while Beau faded into the background.

This growing rift culminated in 1933 when, in a fit of frustration, Beau decided to take his name off the bridge.

In a show of solidarity with Beau, George Washington Carver decided to remove the “Carver”, and the bridge became known as the George Washington Bridge. While none of this is technically true, it is a lot more interesting than the real history of the bridge, which is pretty boring.

One of the biggest movies of the upcoming summer season has to be “The Amazing Spider-Man.” Now what does this have to do with the George Washington Bridge? Good question! Well, there is a very real possibility that the George will be featured in the film.

In the “Spider-Man” comics, the bridge occasionally played a role, notably in one story line involving Gwen Stacy. I’ve found no concrete information as of yet that the George will be in the upcoming movie, but my guess is that director Marc Webb is just being coy with the details.

On the topic of the upcoming “Spider-Man” movie, I asked Olathe, Kan., senior Matt McCallum what he thought of the dynamic of substituting the more well-known Mary Jane Watson character for Gwen Stacy. McCallum seemed open to the potentially infinite possibilities.

“I think it opens up the opportunity for new storytelling and, while it may create some confusion, I think in the long term it’ll be the right call to have used her,” McCallum said.

Stacy was last featured in the 2007 film “Spider-Man 3”, but in more of an auxiliary role. “Spider-Man 3,” of course, is fondly



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“The Amazing Spider-Man” will be a reboot of the “Spider-Man” franchise and will feature Emma Stone portraying Gwen Stacy. In the comics, an important scene involving Gwen Stacy occurs on the George Washington Bridge, prompting many fans to speculate whether or not the event will take place on screen this summer when the film is released July 3.

remembered for the scene where Peter Parker, influenced by the symbiote suit, strutted down the New York City streets to the tune of James Brown’s “People Get Up and Drive Your Funky Soul.”

Man, that movie was awesome. I went on to ask McCallum who his least favorite villain in the Spider-Man universe is and he said his least favorite villain is Rhino.

“Rhino. I think he lacks any real entertaining motivations,” McCallum said.

I believe most people would agree that Rhino is a pretty weak character, and yet, for some reason he’s been shoehorned into nearly every single “Spider-Man” video game as a laughably easy miniboss. It’s always the same thing: Rhino is on the loose somewhere causing a ruckus and you have to go stop him.

Luckily for Spidey, Rhino al-

ways chooses to fight in an environment with an indestructible brick wall. All battles go the same way: stand against the wall, and as Rhino charges, jump out of the way at the last second. Rhino will slam headfirst into the wall and a significant portion of his health bar will drain. After two or three probable concussions that would make Troy Aikman wince, the battle is over and you can go back to flying around the city.

But back to The George. For those living in New York, the George Washington Bridge is a daily reminder of mankind’s desire to attain greatness. I asked New York City resident Elisha Fieldstadt what she thinks of the bridge and she commented on its powers to take one’s breath away.

“I try to hold my breath when I drive over it,” Fieldstadt said.

Sounds like Fieldstadt and I are

definitely in the same boat. If I ever get the wonderful opportunity to drive across the bridge, I’m almost sure its pristine beauty would take my breath away.

Not being much of an engineer, I decided to get the opinion of someone who knows a bit more about bridges than I do. I asked University of Kansas architectural engineering major Tyler Monnett what he found most remarkable about the George Washington Bridge.

Monnett was impressed by “its combination of a suspension bridge that uses a truss structure for the towers.”

Aren’t we all, Tyler? Aren’t we all? When asked his favorite bridge in the world, Monnett responded with the Arthur Ravenel Jr. Bridge in South Carolina.

“A lot of cities use their architectural marvels as city symbols,

but the Arthur Ravenel Jr. Bridge actually deserves to be an icon,” Monnett said.

While I personally can’t fathom the idea of this bridge being better than the George, the pictures on Google look pretty cool.

At the end of the day, I realize that not everyone will share my passion with the George Washington Bridge. I very well may be the only one in the theatre applauding an establishing shot of the bridge during “The Amazing Spider-Man,” and that’s O.K.

My hope is that I’ve encouraged at least a few readers out there to learn more about this incredible structure. If you’re interested in reading more about the George Washington Bridge, you should visit [www.wikipedia.org](http://www.wikipedia.org). And don’t forget to see “The Amazing Spider-Man” in IMAX 3-D when it is released in theatres July 3.

# Viewpoint: Graduation is both end and beginning

By JESSICA FOREMAN  
CONTRIBUTOR

“What are you doing after graduation?” will be a part of nearly every conversation seniors are having. The answer to that question gives many a great deal of pride in their achievements as they speak of having secured their first job positions and having a 5-year plans already in motion. But for most, the mere thought of the question leads to anxiety.



Foreman

Graduation is a celebration of achievement, a well-earned accomplishment commemorated over ceremonies and family luncheons, an ending of a chapter and a beginning to the rest of the novel of life. It takes place in a time amidst engagement announcements, job interviews, a series of final finals and apartment searches on craigslist in cities unknown. Graduation is joyful, but it occurs in such an awkward in-between moment in life, especially if the path after seems more directionless than it did at the start.

My personal experience with finding a job has been quite a roller coaster, especially when my time competes with a full-time internship and demanding night classes in the fast-paced New York City program Baylor offers. Today, jobs are less abundant, competition is tougher and while you can still have a future plan, it’s almost guaranteed to get thrown off the highest skyscraper in the city. So where does that leave our graduating class of 2012? Discouraged? Confused? Ready to move to a different country on a whim and go incognito?

I must say I have toyed with the idea of moving to Australia and job searching there, working on a

cruise ship to travel and get paid, or being a beach bum and making smoothies in the south of Spain. All of these are fine ideas and may end up making another comeback in my future plans. However, I would like to pass on some advice to those who may just be in the same situation as I am: trying to make life plans within two weeks.

First, an entry-level job will not fulfill your heart’s desire. If it does, you are one of the lucky

few and I’d like to extend a hearty congratulations. However, an entry-level job usually exists as a seg-way to something greater. Every person has God-given talents and passions that eventually should be used to the fullest in one’s career. I personally love public speaking and being in front of an audience. Will a company trust me to manage all of their press and be their voice to the public initially? No and, quite frankly, they would be crazy to.

From what I have experienced in New York, entry-level public relations jobs much more likely entail drafting press releases, printing fed-ex labels and having a limited voice in client meetings. Eventually though — and by God’s grace — those that work hard will land in a position that uses individual strengths and characteristics they have been given to the fullest. It just may not happen in the first post-graduation job.

Second, many entry-level jobs prove to be valuable experience for a variety of future opportunities that better fit career desires, even if they are not in the same industry initially. Companies look for skill sets, specific characteristics and professionalism. With the slim pickings of jobs, many new gradu-

ates find it hard to find entry-level positions in their specific field and can quickly become discouraged and jobless for months.

Realizing that overlap occurs within many job opportunities may save you from living with the parents and becoming a “Step Brothers” rerun. If the same skills learned in entry-level are qualifications that can set you up with an opportunity more in line with career goals in the future, then accepting that initial job simply for professional experience may be what you have to do to get there. Think along the lines of “Administrative Assistant” or “Executive Assistant.”

Third, I have learned that God has a plan. Even if His may not align with what you thought your plan was, trust is the only thing that can hold sanity together. That and a long run in Central Park — or maybe even Cameron Park. Believing that He not only knows our heart’s desires, but also knows how to use the talents he created in us, is something I have had to come to terms with this semester. He knows what kind of job each individual would be a perfect fit for, and with trust and grace His purpose will be made known.

Indeed.com, Career Builder and New York City “Happy Hour” networking can only go so far. Job searching is a full time job in itself, especially in an exciting time with so many distractions and life going at 60 miles a second.

Remember all of this while enjoying the grand accomplishment from graduating with a diploma from one of the nation’s top universities. Take time to revel in the overflow of congratulatory cards, post-grad inspirational quotes and graduation success. The world is at your feet class of 2012, so I just have one question for you: what are you doing after graduation?



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# ‘Swamp People’ shows larger societal problems

By KENDALL KAUT  
CONTRIBUTOR

Making the case that a large majority of today’s television is awful only requires examining two specific networks and how much they have each devolved. Social theorists have spent many hours lamenting the History Channel’s decision to switch to a soapbox for individuals who believe aliens are the answer to any question without a solution. There is more to understand here, however, than the failure of one network.

America bears a heavy burden in this fiasco. I am not trying to demean anyone who avoided watching specials on the French Revolution or other major events. However, I will call out a society that has made “Swamp People” the third most popular show on cable.

I also will not hesitate to wallow in sadness at the spectacle of the “Jersey Shore” entering season five on MTV as cable’s second most popular show. There was a day when being able to recall memories of an MTV that played music was doable, yet this gets harder to do each day.

One program that has been relied upon for many years is at its best this year, because that program is the NBA playoffs.

Today, the NBA will begin first round playoff action. This season will feature teams that are as talented as any have been in recent years. The Memphis Grizzlies enter the Western Conference as the fourth seed, yet they feature one of the most balanced teams in the league with all-star Marc Gasol joining a recently returned Zach Randolph and Rudy Gay to form a team that is becoming a hot pick to win the West.

The defending NBA champions are the seventh seed in the West, while a team with Carmelo Anthony is seventh in the East. All of these players are capable of making plays and turning games around in an instant.

This is not 2004 or 2005, where the thought of watching the Pistons and the Spurs might have justified viewers flocking to “South Beach Tow.”

For those not into these playoffs, have no fear in joining the 8 million people who will make the same decision and watch “2 Broke Girls” at 8:30 P.M. on Tuesday.



This season will also be one of the last to see some of the elite players make a run at the championship. While the Celtics’ big three will all still return next season, they are running out of time. Kevin Garnett, Ray Allen, and Paul Pierce have all been in the NBA longer than any sitcom. Avery Bradley is presenting a tough matchup for them with the Atlanta Hawks and then they’ll have a chance to meet the Bulls and the Heat.

Kobe Bryant will still be around, but the Lakers will have to contend with an experienced Oklahoma City Thunder and a healthy Memphis squad in the West in the next several years. This season seems to be one of the last good chances for his squad to emerge from the West. But of course, why would you want to watch this when you could see if this year’s winner of “American Idol” can reach the pinnacle that Ruben Studdard and Taylor Hicks have met?

Finally, watching the playoffs is essential because of the storylines each series will bring. LeBron James will likely win his third Most Valuable Player award shortly but he still is missing a championship. After questions of shrinking in the fourth quarter in last year’s NBA finals all eyes will be on James to see if he can perform.

The Spurs championship window was considered closed after last season’s embarrassing exit as the top seed against the Memphis Grizzlies. This season, they will try and prove that a deep team is the route to a title, as opposed to Miami’s philosophy that assembling three All-Stars and the best player alive will get the job done.

The Clippers have been one of the worst major sports franchises of all time but this year, behind Chris Paul, the NBA’s best point guard, they have the chance to finally show that the team Billy

Crystal roots for in L.A. is better than the team Khloe Khardashian was at one point in time associated with.

The Pacers represent the under appreciated guy in life. Although there is nothing particularly overwhelming about Danny Granger or Roy Hibbert they enter the playoffs the third seed in the East, they are trying to demonstrate that a team outside of a top 10 market can win.

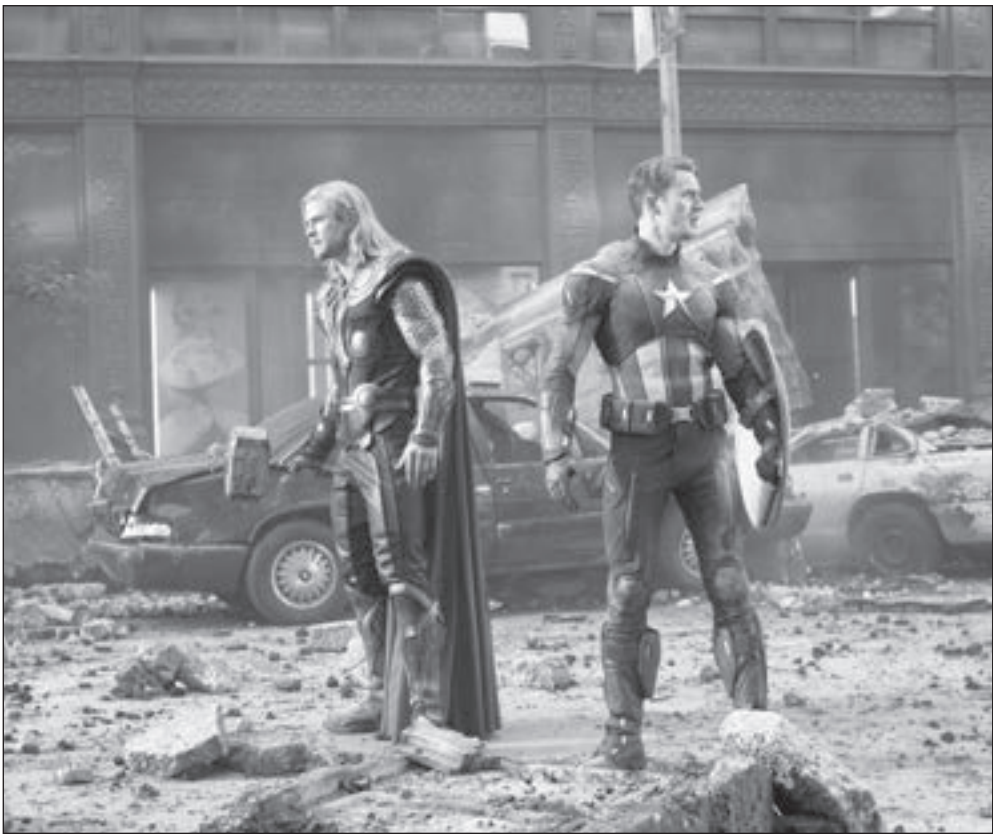
However, I still know the difficulty many viewers will face when the choice comes down to watching the playoffs or believing that “Two and a Half Men” is even better without Charlie Sheen. How could you want to watch the NBA over that?

The Roman Empire finally collapsed in 476. While it is easy to point to the proximate cause being weak growing seasons, overstretch, or inflation based on bad monetary policy of Diocletian there are many who pinpoint the intellectual and moral decay of the Roman populace as being instrumental in the downfall.

Today, it is difficult to imagine America’s best days are ahead of it, when in the days ahead “Swamp People” will find a place in 2 million homes. The solutions to what ails America might call for making tough decisions about reducing the welfare state, raising taxes and restricting foreign entanglements.

What is also paramount, though, are the small and seemingly inconsequential decisions that are leading to the intellectual and moral decay of our society.

Watching the playoffs might seem like a convenient way to avoid studying for finals or considering what life will entail after graduation, but when considered from the angle of stopping the dominance of “Swamp People” and “2 Broke Girls,” the rationale is far stronger.



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## Welcome to ‘The Avengers’

“The Avengers” features superheroes from multiple films already released, including Iron Man, Thor and Captain America. The film, which is being released to theaters May 4, is expected to launch the summer blockbuster season and do extremely well financially at the box office.

## Summer A&E Events

### Carillon Recitals:

**What:** A Recital for Ring Out  
**When:** 4:00 p.m. May 1

**What:** A Recital in Honor of the May 2012 Graduates  
**When:** 5:00 p.m. May 11

Both recitals are led by Carillonneur Lynnette Geary, who recommends Founder’s Mall as the best place to listen and advises to bring a lawn chair or blanket. Admission is free and the event is open to the public.

### The Avengers:

**What:** “The Avengers” release  
**When:** May 4  
**Who:** Director Joss Whedon leads Robert Downey, Jr. as Iron Man, Chris Evans as Captain America, Chris Hemsworth as Thor, Mark Ruffalo as Dr. Bruce Banner (the “Incredible Hulk”), Scarlett Johansson as Black Widow, Jeremy Renner as Hawkeye, Tom Hiddleston as Loki and Samuel L. Jackson as Nick Fury.  
**Where:** Movie theaters around the world.

### The Dark Knight Rises:

**What:** “The Dark Knight Rises” release  
**When:** July 20  
**Who:** Director Christopher Nolan leads Christian Bale as Batman, Michael Caine as Alfred Pennyworth, Tom Hardy as Bane, Anne Hathaway as Selina Kyle, Joseph Gordon-Levitt as John Blake, Marion Cotillard as Miranda Tate, Gary Oldman as James Gordon and Morgan Freeman as Lucius Fox.  
**Where:** Movie theaters.

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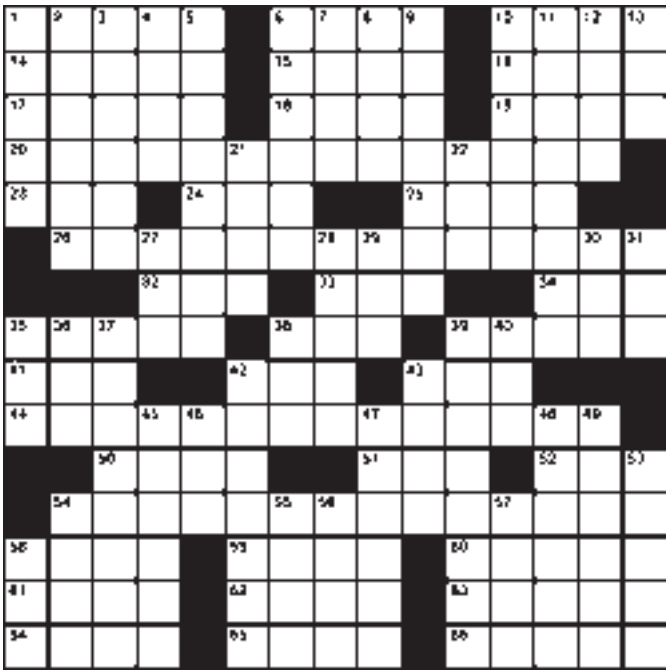
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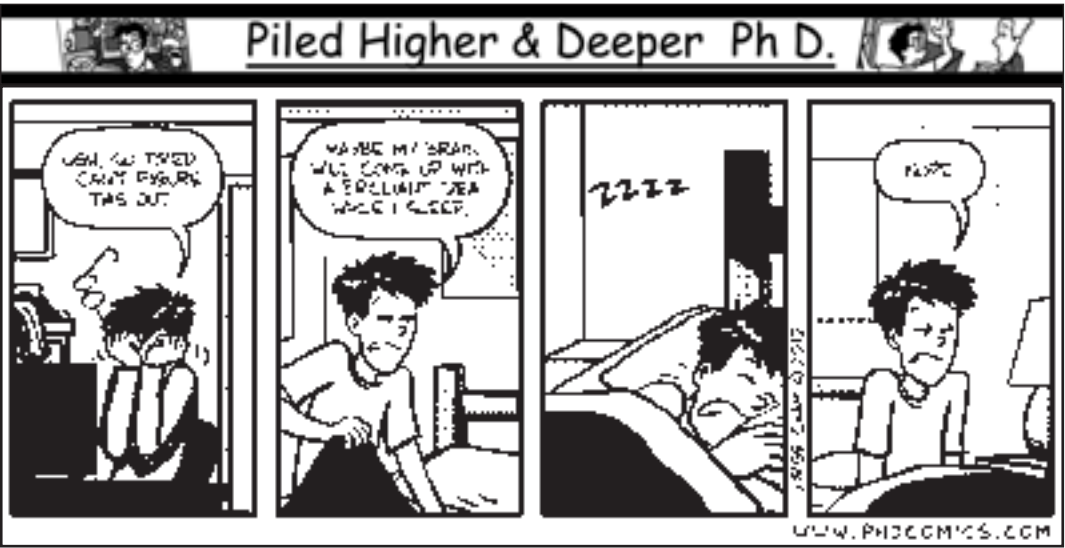
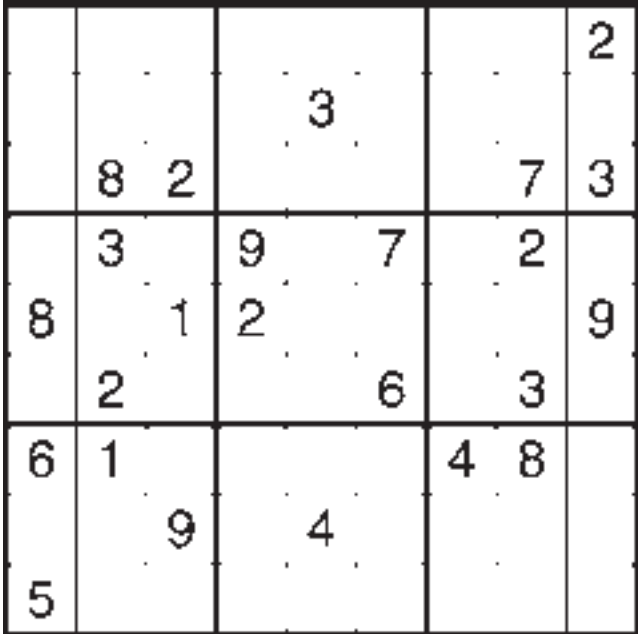
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- 37 Close game
- 38 Mason \_\_\_
- 39 Polenta base
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- 43 She played Lois on “Lois & Clark”
- 45 Violinist Perlman
- 46 Spinning toon
- 47 Group within a group
- 48 “I’ve got it!”
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