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Dr. Merold Westphal will present "The Nature of Biblical Faith in Kierkegaard's Fear and Trembling" from 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Monday in Foyer of Meditation in the Armstrong Browning Library. A reception will follow in the Cox Reception Room.

Around the world

The Baylor Symphony will perform alongside the Seinan Gakuin University Chamber Orchestra from Fukuoka, Japan, at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in Jones Concert Hall in the Glennis McCrary Music Building.



Students hear stances of Muslim groups

BY LAUREAN LOVE
STAFF WRITER

Students of many religions, classifications and races joined together Thursday night at Brooks Flats Residence Hall to discuss the recent protests in the Islamic community.

The protests were ignited in the Middle East when an anti-Islamic film, "Innocence of Muslims", was released in the U.S. Many in the Muslim world believe the video degrades the Prophet Mohammad. Muslims were even more outraged when they found that in the U.S. the video was protected by the First Amendment, because in his home country of Egypt, filmmaker Nakoula Bassely Nakoula would have faced swift punishment.

However, Al-Siddiq, President of the Islamic Center of Waco, feels the movie was not the only problem. Siddiq believes that it is years of built up hatred from America's attacks on Iraq and the Muslim country.

"It's very important in more educated lands, such as the United States, to recognize that, of the 6 billion people in the world, 1.2 billion are followers of Islam," said

Siddiq in an article he wrote for the Waco Tribune-Herald. "The barbaric and disgusting violence we see on TV and read about in the newspaper is hardly a fair representation of how most Muslims are reacting to this trumped-up documentary made in America."

Siddiq was born and raised in Karachi and has lived in America since 1987. Along with being president of the Islamic Center of Waco, Siddiq has also served in the U.S. Army.

"The bottom line is the economy, because all of the protests are happening in poor countries because the dictator has suppressed those people," Siddiq said.

International security analyst, David S. Ouallaalou, explains that Yamin is one of the poorest countries in the outer world; just the basic infrastructure is not even there. Half of the population and country is in or near poverty.

"They do not have a place where words can be expressed, so what are they left with?" Ouallaalou asked. "They are left with violence. Violence is a way of expressing that anger. The difference is, where do you draw the line?"

Many people agreed during

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With Animal Birth Control clinic low on funds, animals are expected reproduce at high rates, causing the number of animals euthanized to rise.

ABC Clinic in need of funding

BY MAEGAN ROCIO
STAFF WRITER

The Animal Birth Control Clinic, a nonprofit organization in Waco, is in need of funding after exhausting its biannual Trap-Neuter-Return grant of \$56,000 this month. The grant was written by the Heart of Texas Feral Friends, a program that is part of the Humane Society of Central Texas.

Dr. Stacie Layne Virden,

president of the Board of Directors at the Animal Birth Control Clinic, said the clinic's services were funded through the Texas Department of Health and Human Services by way of Animal Friendly Licence Plates sales online.

"Concerning the Animal Friendly Licence Plates, people that pay for those plates pay extra money," she said. "That extra money goes into the fund toward

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Drought depletes hog herds; bacon shortage on horizon

BY ELIZABETH CAMPBELL
THE WASHINGTON POST

Hog farmers are slaughtering animals at the fastest pace since 2009 as a surge in feed costs spurs the biggest losses in 14 years, signaling smaller herds next year and a rebound in pork prices.

The 73.3 million hogs processed in eight months through August were the most in three

years, U.S. Department of Agriculture data show. Pork supply will drop to the lowest per-capita since 1975 next year, the USDA estimates. Hog futures that fell more than any other commodity since June 30 may surge 39 percent in 12 months to as high as \$1.055 a pound, based on the median of 12 analyst forecasts compiled by Bloomberg.

Crop damage from the worst



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The monkeys ride again

Bobo, a white-faced capuchin monkey (right) and Bert, a black-faced capuchin monkey, round the corner on lap 1 of a race in the Banana Derby on Tuesday at the Red River Valley Fair in Paris, Texas.

Medicare makes habit of illegally refilling meds

BY KELLI KENNEDY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

MIAMI — Medicare routinely refilled pain pills and other restricted medications that are barred by federal law from renewal without a fresh prescription, government inspectors said in a report Thursday.

The report based on 2009 data found three-quarters of contractors who processed prescriptions for the Medicare Part D program wrongly refilled some medications classed as Schedule II controlled substances, which include strong pain killers and other drugs considered at high risk for abuse. Those refills were worth a total of \$25 million.

"Paying for such drugs raises public health concerns and may contribute to the diverting of controlled substances and their being resold on the street," said the report by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services inspector general.

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services said in response to the report that the inspector general was misinterpreting partial "fills" dispensed

to patients in long-term care facilities as refills. Partial fills occur when a pharmacist does not dispense all doses of the prescribed medication at one time. But the report said there was little evidence of that.

The report said nearly 400,000 Schedule II prescriptions were wrongly refilled, or about 2 percent of all Schedule II prescriptions billed under Medicare Part D in 2009. Of those 400,000, more than 25,000 also lacked some required information, including the name, address or signature of the prescriber.

The report comes as the country wrestles to get a grip on an estimated \$60 billion a year in Medicare fraud.

Medicare Part D provides prescription drug coverage for seniors. The federal government contracts with private companies to fill prescriptions and relies on those contractors to have safeguards in place to ensure compliance.

The program forbids providers from issuing refills on controlled substances, yet three-quarters of Medicare Part D contractors paid for refills, according to the report.

The prescriptions were mostly filled by long-term care pharmacies.

Federal health officials have been touting better safety mechanisms as prescription drug abuse overdoses reach epidemic levels.

Two Los Angeles doctors were recently charged with health care fraud after authorities said they prescribed controlled drugs to individuals without a valid medical reason. Medicare paid more than \$2.7 million for those drugs over an 18-month period, federal investigators said.

In May, Express Scripts, Inc. paid nearly \$3 million to resolve allegations they were using phony prescriber numbers at its mail order pharmaceutical facilities. The company is one of the largest pharmacy benefits managers in the country and runs prescription drug plans for employers, insurers and other customers.

The inspector general recommended that federal health officials automatically flag reimbursement requests from providers for controlled drug refills and refuse to pay them. The report

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A combine is surrounded by dust as it finishes harvesting a row of corn on Sept. 6, near Bennington, Neb. The latest update on the worst U.S. drought in decades shows that farmers had some relief with recent rains that soaked much of middle America.

Rapp vetoes bowling alley legislation in senate meeting

By JOCELYN FOWLER
REPORTER

What's done in the dark will come to the light.

Or not, according to the policies of the Student Senate.

During their exclusive executive session, senators discussed a new policy which would change the current grading system to include minuses as well as pluses.

Student Body President Kelly Rapp vetoed the Building a Better Bowling Alley legislation that passed last week.

According to Houston senior Brian Kim, all conversations that occur while the senate is in executive session are confidential and cannot be discussed outside of the session.

The Student Senate meeting began as usual: the gavel of senate president Brian Kim struck the desk at a little past 5 p.m., calling the meeting to order; chap-

lain Meagan Rowell delivered a few words of encouragement and prayed for benevolent attitudes among senators; next a motion to move into executive session was called and anyone who was not a senator was asked to stand outside in the hallway for the next hour or so.

However, Rapp said he believed the restrictive nature of executive session was unnecessary for the minor issues that triggered his veto of the bowling alley bill.

"The original bill was written asking administration and the athletics department to help build a bowling alley that was NCAA approved, but I didn't think that it was the best thing if we were to request administration to build a bowling alley that was NCAA approved if we didn't know the costs that were associated with it," Rapp said. Once senators closed their executive session, things moved rapidly.

Four court justices were confirmed, as were a court clerk and an assistant court clerk.

The funds requested in the Fish Fry 2012 bill were easily given with little protest from the senators present.

Colorado Springs, Colo., sophomore Meagan Rowell supported the bill and cited an enjoyable experience at last year's event as reason to approve it.

With more organizations on board this year, the bill's authors, sophomores Dominic Edwards, Will Jones and Dallena Nguyen, hope the event will be even better.

"The Fish Fry will feature an array of activities including a bounce house, a dunk tank, a monster obstacle course, as well as a food frying contest," reads the Fish Fry 2012 legislation.

"Overall it's a great event," Edwards said. "It's something we like to see in senate. We like to see collaborative events."

Judge approves \$42.6 million in FEMA trailer settlements

By MICHAEL KUNZELMAN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW ORLEANS — A federal judge gave his final approval Thursday to a \$42.6 million class-action settlement between companies that made and installed government-issued trailers after hurricanes in 2005 and Gulf Coast storm victims who claim they were exposed to hazardous fumes while living in the shelters.

U.S. District Judge Kurt Engelhardt ruled from the bench after hearing from attorneys who brokered a deal resolving nearly all remaining court claims over elevated levels of formaldehyde in trailers provided by the Federal Emergency Management Agency following hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

Roughly 55,000 residents of Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Texas will be eligible for shares of \$37.5 million paid by more than two dozen manufacturers. They also can get shares of a separate \$5.1 million settlement with FEMA contractors that installed and maintained the units.

Gerald Meunier, a lead plaintiffs' attorney, said the deal provides residents with "somewhat modest" compensation but allows both sides to avoid the expense and risks of protracted litigation.

"Dollar amounts alone do not determine whether a settlement is fair and reasonable," he said.

Jim Percy, a lawyer for the trailer makers, said Engelhardt would have had to try cases individually or transfer suits to other jurisdictions if the settlement wasn't reached.

"It was not going to end quickly, and it was going to be even more monumental for all the parties concerned," he said.

Formaldehyde, a chemical commonly found in building materials, can cause breathing problems and is classified as a carcinogen.

Government tests on hundreds of trailers in Louisiana and Mississippi found formaldehyde levels that were, on average, about five times what people are exposed to in most modern homes.

FEMA isn't a party to the settlements and had downplayed formaldehyde risks for months before those test results were announced in February 2008.

As early as 2006, trailer occupants began reporting headaches, nosebleeds and difficulty breathing.

Only three plaintiffs have opted out of the settlement with the trailer makers.

Engelhardt opened the floor to objections during Thursday's hearing, but nobody spoke up.

The judge said he didn't receive any formal, written objections, either.

But that doesn't mean the deal isn't a disappointment for many residents who blame their illnesses on the cramped trailers they occupied for months on end.

"We were told not to look for much," said Anthony Dixon, a New Orleans resident who says he developed asthma while living in a FEMA trailer for two years.

Dixon, 58, attended the hearing with his wife and mother to learn more about the deal.

"We're glad to get it over with," he added.

Engelhardt noted he received a letter from a woman whose 66-year-old mother, Agnes Mauldin, of Mississippi, died of leukemia in 2008 after living in a FEMA trailer.

Mauldin's daughter, Lydia Greenlees, said the settlement offers "very little" for what her family considers to be a wrongful death case.

"I am saddened about the settlement in that I feel like it makes a mockery of my mother's life," Greenlees wrote. "I don't want any-

one to think for one second that I view this settlement as a fair trade for my mother's life. I do not."

Dan Balhoff, a court-appointed special master, will determine the plaintiffs' awards.

Up to 48 percent of the total settlement money will be deducted for attorneys' fees and costs.

Payments are expected to go out late this year or early next year.

Engelhardt presided over three trials for claims against FEMA trailer manufacturers and installers after he was picked in 2007 to oversee hundreds of consolidated lawsuits.

The juries in all three trials sided with the companies and didn't award any damages.

Plaintiffs' lawyers have accused the trailer makers of using shoddy building materials and methods in a rush to meet FEMA's unprecedented demand for temporary housing.

Meunier, however, said it was difficult for plaintiffs' attorneys to prove a link between formaldehyde exposure and residents' health problems because many trailers couldn't be tested until months or even years after the fact.

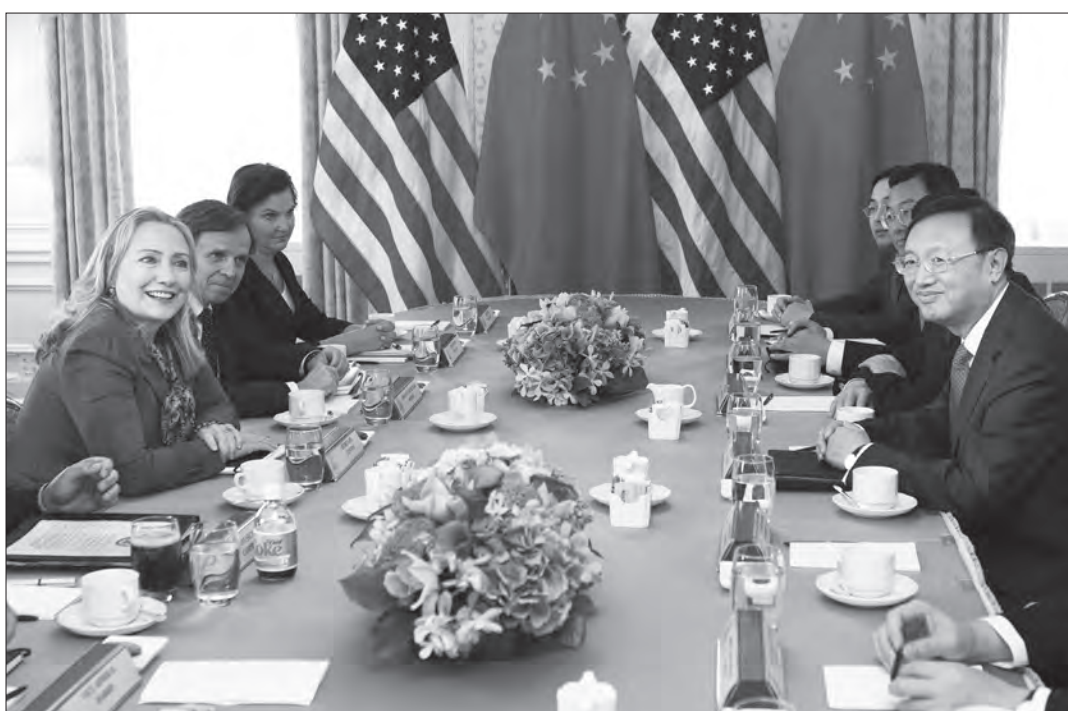
Many residents never sought treatment for their symptoms, he added.

"It was both challenging in the legal and factual sense," he said.

A group of companies that includes Gulf Stream Coach Inc., Forest River Inc., Vanguard LLC and Monaco Coach Corp. will pay \$20 million of the \$37.5 million settlement with the trailer makers.

Shaw Environmental Inc., Bechtel Corp., Fluor Enterprises Inc. and CH2M Hill Constructors Inc. are among the FEMA contractors that agreed to pay shares of the separate \$5.1 million settlement.

Only a handful of formaldehyde-related claims are still pending, including those against FEMA by a group of Texas residents.



United States Secretary of State Hillary Clinton meets with Chinese Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi on Thursday at the Waldorf Astoria hotel in New York.

Secretary of State Hillary Clinton presses China on maritime spats

By MATTHEW LEE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton urged China's top diplomat on Thursday to peacefully resolve increasingly tense maritime disputes with Japan and its smaller neighbors in Southeast Asia.

A senior U.S. official said Clinton had pressed Chinese Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi on the importance of settling its conflicting claim with Japan over the Japanese-held Senkaku islands, called Diaoyu by China, along with numerous competing claims in the South China Sea with members of the Association of South East Asian Nations.

"We urged that cooler heads prevail, that Japan and China engage in dialogue to calm the waters," the official said. "We believe that Japan and China have the resources, have the restraint, have the ability to work on this together and take tensions down."

The official was not authorized

to publicly discuss the private discussion between Clinton and Yang on the sidelines of the annual U.N. General Assembly and therefore requested anonymity. Clinton was expected to make the same case to Japanese Foreign Minister Koichiro Gamba when she meets with him in New York.

However, Japanese Prime Minister Yoshihiko Noda said Wednesday that his nation was not willing to compromise in its territorial dispute with China over the Senkaku islands that have spawned violent anti-Japan protests in China.

"So far as the Senkaku islands are concerned, they are the inherent part of our territory, in light of history and international law. It's very clear," Noda told reporters in New York. "There are no territorial issues as such, therefore there could not be any compromise that may mean any setback from this basic position."

Senior Chinese and Japanese diplomats met both in New York and Beijing on Tuesday, seeking to mend ties frayed by the spat over

the islands that has raised tensions between them to their highest level in years. The islands are uninhabited but sit astride rich fishing waters and potentially large reserves of natural gas.

In her meeting with Yang, Clinton also called on China to work cooperatively with ASEAN over the territorial disputes in the South China Sea, according to the U.S. official.

Clinton has been pressing China and ASEAN to develop and implement a code of conduct for the South China Sea that could pave the way for a mechanism to resolve the disputes.

Clinton, who was to meet later Thursday with ASEAN foreign ministers, said she was pleased that ASEAN and Chinese officials had resumed high-level meetings on the matter ahead of November's East Asia Summit in Cambodia at which the issue is expected to be a primary focus. The U.S. would like to see progress on the code of conduct by the time the summit takes place.

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Latin Dance blazes trail in campus, Waco community

By LINDA NGUYEN
STAFF WRITER

Let's salsa.
Or merengue.
Or cha-cha.

The Baylor Latin Dance Society is a student club at Baylor whose mission is to encourage student and community involvement in the Latin culture and to demonstrate and teach the different styles of Latin-influenced dances such as salsa, merengue, cha-cha and more.

"What we're trying to do is show people Hispanic heritage," Katy junior Melanie Medina said. "Dancing is a way that everyone can do that." Medina is the president of the Latin Dance Society.

The club meets every week. Medina said every week the club decides on a style of dance they want to specialize in for that week.

They warm up and learn the basic footwork together and then split into three groups by experience levels. The first level is for students who have never danced in a Latin style before and still need to learn the basics. The intermediate level is for students who have

already learned the basic footwork and want to begin working with partners. The advanced level is for students who have had previous dance experience and are familiar with the more technical moves.

"We accept all levels," Medina said. "That's why for the second half, we separate into levels so people are in their comfort zones."

Medina said dance experience can vary from people who have never done Latin dancing before to people who have had more professional experience and know more technical and advanced footwork. There is no limit to the number of students in each level.

"We leave it up to people's discretion, but we say things like 'to be in this level you have to know this and this and this,'" Medina said.

Atlanta sophomore Dominique Smith-Bryan, Baylor Latin Dance Society's service and fundraising chair, said she really enjoys being able to learn the different dance styles.

"I saw myself getting better and better," Smith-Bryan said. "People would comment and say, 'You're so much better than you were before.' It made me happy and kept me ex-

cited about it.

Medina said the club was started in 2001, mostly by people of the Hispanic community who wanted to get together and dance because there was not a Latin dancing presence in Waco compared to bigger cities like Dallas and Austin.

"I love it because I love dancing, and it's something I've always done," Medina said.

Smith-Bryan, who had no prior dancing experience, said she joined for other reasons. "I joined last year because after I saw Dancing with the Stars, I wanted to learn how to dance like that," Smith-Bryan said.

Dallas freshman Cristina Vega, a new member of Latin Dance Society, said she joined after a current member heard about her previous experience as part of a salsa band.

"I thought dancing would be the next best thing," Vega said. "I wanted to get a lot more technical because I used to only know basic footwork."

Vega said the Latin Dance Society has had a positive effect on her freshman year at Baylor.

"The environment is very healthy," Vega said. "Everyone is



Baylor Latin Dance Society performs on the main stage during Diadeloso April 14, 2011, at Fountain Mall. FILE PHOTO

friendly. Everyone helps each other."

The society holds an event every year in the spring called Salsa Invasion, where the club brings professionals and Latin dancing enthusiasts together. The dates for next year's Salsa Invasion have not been announced yet.

"We bring in other colleges and high schools," Medina said. "Professionals come and teach workshops."

Baylor Latin Dance Society meetings are every 9 p.m. on Monday in Russell Gym. Their first performance will be Nov. 9 in Waco Hall. Dues are \$15 a semester and \$25 for the year and includes a T-shirt and a discount for Salsa Invasion.

Mass. crime lab shut down due to faked drug test results

By BRIDGET MURPHY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BOSTON — Chemist Annie Dookhan was "Superwoman," a colleague at a Massachusetts state crime lab used to joke. She seemed unstoppable in her quest to please prosecutors, police and her bosses, testing two to three times more drug samples than anyone else, working through lunch and not bothering to put in for overtime.

"The kind of person, if you owned your own business, you would want to hire her," a supervisor would later tell police.

Beginning about four years ago, suspicions arose about the way she seemed to plow through so many cases so fast. After that, a supervisor complained he never actually saw her in front of a microscope. But her superiors let her work on.

Now, the startling explanation has come spilling out: Dookhan told investigators she faked test results on drug samples and cut other corners.

ing that of the state public health commissioner, whose department oversaw the William A. Hinton State Laboratory Institute before it was transferred to the Massachusetts State Police over the summer.

A war room of sorts is being assembled to pick through Dookhan's cases and determine which ones have been compromised.

Law enforcement officials say Dookhan tested more than 60,000 drug samples involving 34,000 defendants in her nine years at the lab. More than a dozen defendants are already back on the streets as authorities try to determine whether Dookhan's actions tainted the evidence in their cases, and more could be sprung. Authorities say more than 1,100 inmates are doing time based at least in part on Dookhan's work.

"It's incalculable the damage she's done ... not to say all the time, money and energy it's going to take the commonwealth," said defense attorney Bernie Grossberg, who has already had one client get out of prison and is being inundated with calls from others.

It remains to be seen if any lab supervisors face criminal consequences. The governor said Thursday it was troubling that Dookhan and her supervisors "did not seem to understand the gravity" of her actions.

"I fully expect, and indeed I will say I hope that there are charges, and I think that all of those who are accountable for the impact on individual cases need to be held accountable," Patrick said.

The governor has not said how much money he expects the state

will have to spend dealing with the crisis, but on Thursday his budget chief, Jay Gonzalez, wrote to district attorneys, court administrators and other state officials asking for an initial estimate of the costs expected as a result of the lab breach. The letter also seeks a description of the "scope, nature and timing" of the anticipated work. Dookhan's alleged confession and the missed warning signs were detailed in state police reports obtained this week by The Associated Press.

As early as 2008, a supervisor noticed Dookhan's testing numbers were high. He spoke to her superior, but nothing happened. In 2009, the supervisor took his concerns to another superior, saying he never saw Dookhan in front of a microscope.

In 2010, a supervisor did an audit of Dookhan's paperwork but didn't retest any of her samples. The audit found nothing wrong. The same year, a fellow chemist found seven instances where Dookhan incorrectly identified a drug sample as a certain narcotic when it was something else. He told himself it was an honest mistake.

In one incident detailed by state police, a lab employee witnessed Dookhan weighing drug samples without doing a balance check on her scale. Dookhan told police she just wanted to get the work done and never meant to hurt anybody.

"I screwed up big-time," she was quoted as saying. "I messed up bad. It's my fault. I don't want the lab to get in trouble."



MATT HELLMAN | LARIAT PHOTO EDITOR

Revered faculty member remembered

Attendees of the Thursday memorial service for Dr. Susan E. Colon, a former associate professor of literature in the Honors Program, are graced with John Bell's song "I Refuse to Be Comforted Easily," performed by assistant professor in Truett Seminary, Dr. Brian Brewer.

Judge orders man behind anti-Muslim film jailed

ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES — A federal judge on Thursday ordered the man behind a crudely produced anti-Islamic video that inflamed parts of the Middle East to be detained because he is a flight risk.

U.S. Central District Chief Magistrate Judge Suzanne Segal ordered Nakoula Basseley Nakoula held after authorities said he violated terms of his probation.

Nakoula, 55, was convicted in

2010 for federal check and sentenced to 21 months in prison. Under terms of his probation, he was not allowed to use computers or the Internet for five years without approval from his probation officer. Nakoula was arrested after federal probation officials determined he violated the terms of his supervised release, Thomas Mrozek, a U.S. Attorney's spokesman in Los Angeles, said Thursday.

Protests have erupted around the Middle East over a 14-minute

trailer for "Innocence of Muslims," which depicts Muhammad as a womanizer, religious fraud and child molester. Though the trailer was posted to YouTube in July, the violence didn't break out until Sept. 11 and has spread since, killing dozens.

Nakoula, a Christian originally from Egypt, went into hiding after he was identified as the man behind the trailer. The full story about Nakoula and the video still isn't known.

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MATT HELLMAN | LARIAT PHOTO EDITOR

There's history in uncharted territory as Baylor travels to West Virginia for its Big 12 conference opener at 11:06 a.m. Saturday.

Baylor head coach Art Briles and West Virginia head coach Dana Holgorsen worked together at Texas Tech from 2000-2002.

A shared experience has brought about a similar coaching mentality, as Saturday morning's game is sure to showcase footballs flying through the air.

The ground game, statistically, leans in Baylor's favor, as the Mountaineers only ran the ball for 25 yards against Maryland last weekend.

"I think we've been okay," Briles said. "We've been averaging over 200 yards a game. There are not many teams in America that are averaging 300 [passing yards] and 200 rushing a game. We are certainly not where we think we will be, we feel like we have some energy out there that hasn't produced yet."

That energy will be needed as the Bears head into a packed Milan Puskar Stadium.

The Mountaineers will open up play in the Big 12 conference, as well as celebrate homecoming; not to mention, West Virginia is 47-8 at home during the past eight years.

"We get to open those guys up to the Big 12," junior nickelback Ahmad Dixon said. "We get to show them how we perform in the Big 12. It's their homecoming as well. We know that they're going to be taking a lot of shots, so we have to stay focused and do what we have to do."

Whether or not the Baylor defense lines up in a 4-3 or a 3-4 is beside the point as it will focus on stopping a Heisman favorite in senior quarterback Geno Smith.

So far this season, Smith has an 81.4 percent completion record, going 96-118 for 1072 yards with 12 touchdowns and no interceptions.

Another big threat for the Mountaineers is senior wide receiver Tavon Austin, No. 9 in the nation for all-purpose yards. He is also responsible for kick and punt returns, possibly because he runs a 4.38 40-yard dash.

Austin isn't the only offensive threat the Mountaineers have, as a variety of receivers line up on either side of center.

"We know West Virginia has a really explosive offense," redshirt freshman defensive tackle Trevor Clemons-Valdez said. "We have our work cut out for us, but we are a great defense. We are a great team, and we give great effort. I have all the faith in the world that we're going to go out there and handle business."

Baylor matches up with the offensive threats with senior quarterback Nick Florence, who has recorded a 64.5 percent completion percentage, recording 71-110 for 1004 yards, 11 touchdowns and four interceptions.

Florence is a yard, touchdown and interception behind preseason Heisman favorite USC senior



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quarterback Matt Barkley.

Two of Florence's interceptions happened in the Bears' last matchup against the University of Louisiana at Monroe.

"It was awful," Florence said. "But you learn from it and to be able to bounce back was a good thing for me to clear it. We talk about it all the time is clearing the last play. We can't make those mistakes. Turnovers can kill a game, and we were down 14-0 early because of turnovers. We can't do that this week. We've got to protect the football and execute well."

Florence leads the nation in total offense with 387.67 yards per game while Smith is No. 2 with 379.67 yards per game.

As for the top target for Florence, senior wide receiver Terrance Williams leads the conference and is No. 6 in the nation with 117.7 yards per game.

Williams is surrounded by 1,000 yard receivers in senior Lanear Sampson and junior Tevin Reese.

Sophomore Levi Norwood is also a threat that is often overlooked.

"One thing that shocks me is that he [Norwood] is not the biggest guy, but he might be one of the toughest guys to bring down on the field," Florence said. "He plays with a lot of confidence and a lot of poise. He just understands the game and the holes."

While the game is being predicted as a shootout, both teams' defenses have different ideas.

"We want to go out and show that we can make plays too," West Virginia senior linebacker Terence Garvin said. "Of course as a defense you never want to go out and expect to give up some points. You want to come out and say that we are going to make plays."

West Virginia's redshirt freshman Isaiah Bruce is No. 2 in the Big 12 with 30 tackles so far this year.

Baylor's sophomore Bryce Hager is No. 1 in the conference with 13 tackles per game.

"They look pretty good on film," junior wide receiver Steadman Bailey said. "They look pretty solid on defense. They have some good defensive backs, and their guys up front do a good job of creating pressure on the quarterback. They've given up quite a bit of points the past few games, but that's no reason for us to take them lightly."

While the matchup looks even statistically, turnovers will play a big role in this game.

Baylor leads the Big 12 with a +2.0 turnover margin.

"Coach [Phil] Bennett teaches perfection, he preaches perfection and that is what we are striving for," Valdez said.

Ultimately, however, the result of the football game will all boil down to how it handles playing in one of the best stadiums in college football.

"They are going to have a good stadium," Briles said. "It's not like it's going to be a big first-time deal for them. They have been doing things right up there for a long time. The only significance is that it's their first Big 12 game."



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Taking a look at the Big 12: Week 5

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Baylor @ West Virginia: This is by far the most difficult test the Bears will have faced this season. No. 9 West Virginia has a wildly raucous crowd in Morgantown, and the Bears will be forced to play an early game at 11 a.m. which will be a different experience for them this year. WVU quarterback Geno Smith has already thrown for 1,072 yards this season, and he has accounted for 13 touchdowns. The Mountaineers top offensive playmakers are Tavon Austin and Stedman Bailey, who have 10 total touchdowns and more than 600 yards receiving. Baylor counters with a high-octane offense of its own with Nick Florence spreading the ball to Tevin Reese and Terrence Williams. Ultimately, WVU will be an extreme test for the Bears. Prediction: West Virginia 55, Baylor 38

Texas Tech @ Iowa State: The Cyclones and the Red Raiders are both 3-0 heading into their Big 12 Conference opener. Texas Tech has played a schedule full of marshmallows, and Iowa State is only slightly more battle-tested with a win over Iowa from the Big 10. Cyclones quarterback Steele Jantz can be a game-changer, and Texas Tech's only road game thus far was at Texas State. Homefield advantage should give the Cyclones the edge. Prediction: Iowa State 35, Texas Tech 31

Texas @ Oklahoma State: It's finally time to see what the Longhorns are made of in Big 12 competition. Sure, OSU lost Brandon Weeden and Justin Blackmon to the NFL, but playing in Stillwater is always a tough challenge. Cowboys running back Joseph Randle averages more than 6.7 yards per carry

and has 335 yards rushing on the season. Texas quarterback David Ash has yet to throw an interception this season and has thrown for 703 yards. The Longhorns' backfield is stacked with Malcolm Brown and Joe Bergeron, who have received 37 carries apiece this season and have each run for more than 200 yards. Texas' ground game might prove to be too much for the Cowboys. Prediction: Texas 41, Oklahoma State 24.

TCU @ SMU: As Baylor fans have witnessed, SMU is practically hopeless this season. This should be a breeze for the 3-0 Horned Frogs. SMU quarterback Garrett Gilbert has yet to blossom for the Mustangs, while Casey Pachall has the highest passer rating in the nation at 209.9 and has thrown for eight touchdowns and 841 yards for the No. 15 Horned Frogs. Although this is a rivalry game, TCU should get the better of SMU. Prediction: TCU 35, SMU 10

Teams on bye this week:

Kansas: The Jayhawks are 1-3 with their only win coming over South Dakota State. On Oct. 6, the Jayhawks travel to Manhattan to take on the No. 7 Kansas State Wildcats.

Kansas State: The Wildcats upset No. 6 Oklahoma in Norman last weekend in an impressive manner. Collin Klein was efficient with 149 yards passing and 79 yards rushing with a touchdown. The Wildcats play Kansas on Oct. 6.

Oklahoma: Head coach Bob Stoops has seen his Sooners squad suffer yet another upset at the hands of Kansas State. The Sooners travel to Lubbock to face the Red Raiders on Oct. 6.



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Brooks Flats hosts a Q&A panel Thursday on "How American Muslims View Islamic Protests Against America" with guest speakers Al Siddiq, President of the Islamic Center of Waco, International Security Analyst David S. Oualaaloul and Baylor World Religions Professor Dr. Chris van Gorder.

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the Q & A panel, but the film was just the tip of the iceberg that started the protests and that Americans should be educated on all of the issues that the Islam culture faces.

"We have fault and cannot blame their violence and behavior because they are uneducated or illiterate," Siddiq said. "We have to look at ourselves and what we do to provoke those kind of incidents."

Nakoula Bassely Nakoula, also known as Sam Bacile, the creator of the anti-Islam film, was arrested

on Thursday in California for violating the terms of his probation of bank fraud in 2010.

"We are trying to figure out as a country, how to respond to violence and threats of violence," said Baylor World Religions Professor, Dr. Chris van Gorder. "We have the Patriot Act, which is an unbelievable violation of the constitution, but people put up with it because they are willing to give up free speech for security."

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the state to fund low-cost or no-cost surgeries, spays and neuters across the state. Less licenses plates have been ordered over the past two years, so there was less money in the fund."

Echoing Virden's statement, Carrie Kuehl, executive director of the Animal Birth Clinic, said people supported the cause through the sales.

"The grant wrapped up early," Kuehl said. "It started slow, but as people understood and used the grant, the word spread. All of the funds were used for spays and neuters, and free rabies shots for cats

and dogs living in Waco."

Kuehl said the clinic was pleased that the community supported the Trap-Neuter-Return Program.

"The volunteer trappers and members of the community want to do the right thing and get them fixed," she said. "Now we need to apply for a continuous grant, because there are many strays and feral cats that need to be spayed or neutered."

The Animal Birth Control clinic, at 3238 Clay Avenue, offers surgeries and spays and neuters dogs and cats at a price lower than the

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also encouraged the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to work more closely with individual providers on this issue and follow up with those who had a high number of refills.

The agency said it has already provided guidance to contractors regarding partial fills and will consider whether additional direction is necessary. But the agency said working with individual providers and pharmacies is not an efficient use of resources.

market price thanks to its fundraising efforts. The clinic also offers low-cost vaccinations and flea and heartworm prevention medication.

Kuehl said the Trap-Neuter-Release Program helps alleviate community shelters of the growing number of animals.

"We don't want those animals to have more litters, which are at much higher risk to end up at the Humane Society," she said. "So everything we do at our clinic affects them, so we want to do as much as we can to reduce the burden at the Humane Society and rescue shelters and on municipal budgets."

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now, buyers including CKE Inc., the owner of Hardee's and Carl's Jr. fast-food chains, expect higher prices in 2013 as herds shrink and U.S. exports rise.

"We're going to see more consolidation in the industry," said Mark Greenwood, who oversees \$1.4 billion of loans and leases to the hog business as a vice president at AgStar Financial Services Inc. in Mankato, Minn. "It's only going to get worse on the higher feed prices."

Futures on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange fell 20 percent since June 30, the biggest drop among 24 commodities tracked by the Standard & Poor's GSCI Spot Index, which rose 11 percent. The MSCI All-Country World Index of equities gained 7.7 percent this quarter and Treasuries returned 0.2 percent, a Bank of America Corp. index shows.

A pig eats 10 bushels of corn to reach a slaughter weight of about 270 pounds, the University of Missouri at Columbia estimates. Corn futures rose 47 percent since mid-June after the USDA predicted the drought will cut domestic output by 13 percent. Prices reached a record \$8.49 a bushel in Chicago on Aug. 10.

Producers may receive about \$56 per hundredweight for hogs in the fourth quarter, and the cost of production is estimated at about \$72.29 per hundredweight, said Chris Hurt, an agricultural econo-

mist at Purdue University in West Lafayette, Ind. That means farmers may earn about \$151.20 for a 270-pound hog that cost about \$195.18 to produce.

Hog farmers will see "huge amounts of red ink" in the fourth quarter, said Jim Robb, the director of the Livestock Marketing Information Center, which is funded by the industry, universities and government. Fewer sows will be kept for breeding, cutting output and tightening pork supply, he said. That will raise both wholesale and retail prices to records by the second half of 2013, Robb said.

Prices for now are retreating, with wholesale pork costs tracked by the USDA tumbling as much as 25 percent since June 25 to the lowest in almost two years on Sept. 19. Hog slaughtering climbed 2.8 percent in first eight months of the year, the most since 2009, when farmers sought to shrink herds amid weaker demand following the global recession and the outbreak of the H1N1 virus, known as swine flu.

The 12 percent drop in corn prices from a record last month, and the prospect of bigger harvests next year, may encourage some hog farmers to slow their herd reduction. Slaughter rates in the five weeks through Sept. 1 rose less than 5 percent from a year earlier. That may leave enough sows to accelerate production once feed costs have come down enough, Rachel

J. Johnson, a USDA economist, wrote in a Sept. 18 report.

Meatpackers processed an estimated 79.735 million hogs in this year through Sept. 22, 2 percent more than a year earlier, government data show. Animals sold at slaughterhouses fell to 63.58 cents a pound on Sept. 14, the lowest since Nov. 26, 2010. Prices retreated 8.5 percent this year.

Lean-hog futures for July delivery are trading at 97.725 cents a pound, compared with 75.875 cents for this December, a sign traders are already anticipating fewer supplies next year. Per-capita pork supplies will shrink to 45.2 pounds next year, the lowest since 1975, the USDA estimates.

Hog producers are retaining fewer gilts, or young females that haven't had a litter yet, reducing the number available to replace older sows, said Rich Nelson, the chief strategist at Allendale Inc. in McHenry, Illinois, who has tracked the market for about 15 years.

Brad Hennen, a hog producer in southwest Minnesota, is reducing the size of his business because costlier feed and declining prices for weaned pigs. While he generally markets as many as 15,000 pigs annually, he expects to sell no more than 6,000 this year.

"It could easily get worse than that," said Hennen, who has been raising hogs since 1987.


sized for the average pet owner. For the low income and the trap-neuter-release volunteers, those are the free surgeries. We are dependent on donors for helping with those. We typically have six to eight surgeries that we need to be free because of the low-income owners and the trap-neuter program."

Kuehl said community members can still help if they cannot donate money.

"If they have their pet already spayed or neutered, they can help someone they know to help do the same, whether financially, provid-

ing transportation or telling them about our service for a reasonable price," she said. "It's more important now than ever for people to have their pets fixed because the Humane Society is being restricted."

The Animal Birth Control Clinic is located at 3238 Clay Avenue. Kuehl said the clinic is accepting donations online to continue its Trap-Neuter-Return program and other services. To donate, go to www.http://animalbirthcontrol.org. For more information, contact the clinic at 254-776-7303.



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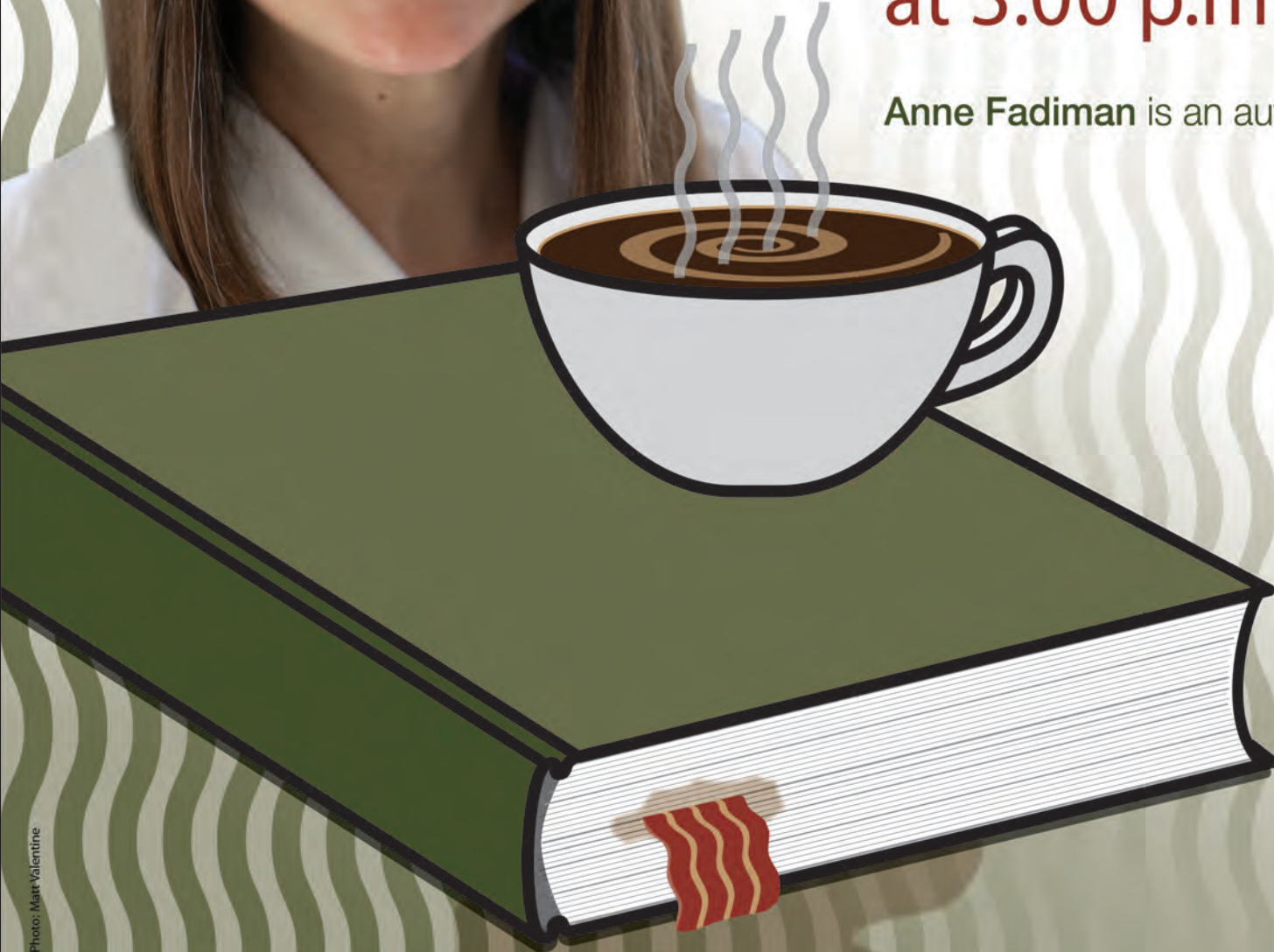



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