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Don't miss the Lyceum Series' Music Education Convocation with Dr. Lori Gooding from 6:15 to 7:15 p.m. in the Meadows Recital Hall in the Glennis McCrary Music Building. Gooding is the director of music therapy at the University of Kentucky. This event is free of charge and open to the public.

Put an end to MS

Help raise money to find a cure for multiple sclerosis by participating in Walk MS: Waco 2012 on Saturday at Heritage Square on the corner of Third Street and Austin Avenue. Register for the event at walkMStexas.org.



Romney, Obama exchange jabs in debate

By DAVID ESPO
AND JULIE PACE
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DENVER — In a showdown at close quarters, President Barack Obama and Republican Mitt Romney sparred aggressively in their first campaign debate Wednesday night over taxes, deficits and strong steps needed to create jobs in a sputtering national economy. “The status quo is not going to cut it,” declared the challenger.

Obama in turn accused his rival of seeking to “double down” on economic policies that actually led to the devastating national downturn four years ago — and of evasiveness when it came to prescriptions for tax changes, health care, Wall Street regulation and more.

The economy dominated the evening, as it has the race for the White House all year. Pre-debate opinion polls showed Obama with a slight advantage in key battleground states and nationally.

With early voting already under way in dozens of states, Romney was particularly aggressive

in the 90-minute event that drew a television audience likely to be counted in the tens of millions — like a man looking to shake up the campaign with a little less than five weeks to run.

The former Massachusetts governor virtually lectured Obama at one point after the president accused him of seeking to cut education funds. “Mr. President, you’re entitled to your own airplane and your own house, but not your own facts,” he said.

Romney said he had plans to fix the economy, overhaul the tax code, repeal Obama’s health care plan and replace with a better alternative, remake Medicare, pass a substitute for the legislation designed to prevent another financial crash and reduce deficits — but he provided no new specifics despite Obama’s prodding.

Said Obama: “At some point the American people have to ask themselves: Is the reason Governor Romney is keeping all these plans secret, is it because they’re going to be too good? Because middle class families benefit too much? No.”



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President Barack Obama shakes hands with Republican presidential nominee Mitt Romney on Wednesday after the first presidential debate at the University of Denver.

The two men debate twice more this month, but they were first going their separate ways on Thursday. Obama had campaign stops in Colorado and then Madison, Wis., while Romney was booked into Virginia. All three states are among the nine battlegrounds likely to settle the race.

At times the debate turned

into rapid-fire charges and retorts that drew on dense facts and figures that were difficult to follow. The men argued over oil industry subsidies, federal spending as a percentage of the GDP, Medicare cuts, taxes and small businesses and the size of the federal deficit and how it grew.

Obama sometimes seemed

somewhat professorial. Romney was more assertive and didn’t hesitate to interrupt the president or moderator Jim Lehrer.

Despite the wonky tone of the debate, Romney managed to make some points by personalizing his comments with recollection

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Study explores political hate on social media site

By LINDA NGUYEN
STAFF WRITER

Social media has many uses during election season.

This election season, social media has been used for hate speech, according to a recent study by Dr. Mia Moody-Ramirez, assistant professor of journalism, public relations and news media.

“The study looks at hate groups targeting President Obama,” Moody-Ramirez said. “I started the study three years ago in trying to update my syllabuses to reflect new media and to add social media to my syllabuses.”

While doing research to update her course, Moody-Ramirez said she noticed several Facebook hate groups.

“Digging deeper, I found a large percentage focused on Obama,” Moody-Ramirez said. “So I decided to write a study about it. I provide context by looking at historical stereotypes and comparing them to what was found in the Facebook hate groups.”

Moody-Ramirez focused on blackface and animalistic, social deviance and evil or angry historical stereotypes concerning African-American people.

The major stereotypes Moody-Ramirez has found in the hate speech center on comparing Obama to an animal or portraying him in a “ghetto” style.

“I found a large number of what I call ‘animalistic portrayal’ where they are compared to animals, specifically monkeys,” Moody-Ramirez said. “There is one picture where they have three monkeys and one of them has President Obama’s face superimposed on one of them. Another portrayal is the ghetto stereotype where they portray Obama with gold teeth and do-rags and a lot of jewelry. It is characteristic of that which would be the ‘ghetto’ stereotype.”

Moody-Ramirez said there have also been hate groups that stereotype first lady Michelle Obama.

“There is a lot of the angry black woman stereotypes or the idea that she’s masculine,”

Moody-Ramirez said. “With the masculine stereotype, they compare her to men. There are pictures where they draw a mustache or superimpose muscles on her arms. That would be considered sexist and racist.”

Moody-Ramirez said she examined different groups on Facebook to determine whether the groups were hate groups or groups that disliked the politics or platforms of the candidate. She said she acknowledges that not all the Facebook groups that critique President Obama use hate speech.

“I acknowledge that some of them are political in nature and they address political satire rather than racism,” Moody-Ramirez said. “I focus on both of them in my study.”

Moody-Ramirez said the reactions to her study have been mostly positive.

“It’s been so widely received,” Moody-Ramirez said. “It’s been cited in the Washington Post. I was interviewed by a company out of New York. It’s been really positive with people wanting to interview me. If you put in the keywords into Google, people have cited the study.”

The study has caused students from both the Republican Party and the Democratic Party to think about the use of social media and the issues that have been coming into play with the election.

Wichita Falls senior Daniel Cervera, Baylor Young Conservatives of Texas outreach coordinator, said the study has provided a venue for students to discuss issues with social media.

“How might we respond to young people in light of Dr. Moody’s research? By educating them,” Cervera said. “Professionalism in political debate is something we care deeply about, and

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Striking back for better conditions

Kenyan health workers demonstrate on March 9 in the streets of Nairobi, Kenya. Wednesday marked the 17th day on strike for Doctors in Kenya’s public hospitals protesting the dilapidated state of public health care. Emergency rooms in some of Kenya’s public hospitals frequently don’t have gloves or medicine, and power outages sometimes force doctors to use the light from their phones to complete a procedure. Kenya’s government fired 1,000 of the 2,000 striking doctors last week despite a shortfall of skilled medical practitioners

Many supplements found to be illegally labeled

By GARANCE BURKE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN FRANCISCO — Dozens of weight loss and immune system supplements on the market are illegally labeled and lack the recommended type of scientific evidence to back up their purported health claims, government investigators warn in a new review of the \$20 billion supplement industry.

The report, released Wednesday by the Department of Health and Human Services’ inspector general, found that 20 percent of the 127 weight loss and immune-boosting supplements investigators purchased online and in retail stores across the country carried labels that made illegal claims to cure or treat disease.

In addition, many of those and other supplements lacked the scientific studies recommended to support their suggested uses.

Some products went so far as to state that the supplements could cure or prevent diabetes or cancer, or that they could help treat people with HIV or AIDS, which is strictly prohibited under federal law.

Consumers may not just be wasting their money on pills or tablets, but they could be endangering their health if they take a supplement in place of a drug thinking it will have the same effect, the report concluded.

“Consumers rely on a supplement’s claims to determine whether the product will provide a desired effect, such as weight loss or immune support,” the

report said. “Supplements that make disease claims could mislead consumers into using them as replacements for prescription drugs or other treatments for medical conditions, with potentially dangerous results.”

The market for dietary supplements — which can include anything from Vitamin C tablets to capsules of echinacea — is a huge one with hundreds of products. The inspector general’s investigation focused on one segment that officials said is booming.

Federal law doesn’t require supplements to go through rigorous testing to prove they are safe or even that they work. The Food and Drug Administration can act only after consumers get sick or a

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Don't let stray animals breed themselves to death

Editorial

If you are a dog or cat lover, your heart may be on the verge of breaking for the animals in Waco.

In case you weren't aware, the Humane Society of Central Texas was denied funding and in a matter of just two months, will be forced to put an end to its adoption program, turning it in to a 72-hour kill shelter.

Furthermore, Waco's Animal Birth Control Clinic has exhausted all of its funding, which will result in a major decline of spaying and neutering of animals in Waco.

After putting two and two together, we face the sad reality that our stray animal population is going to increase, meaning that the number of animals euthanized will also skyrocket.

We at The Lariat are asking how can this be happening in a city occupied by a university so concerned with ethics and philanthropy?

We are helping fix problems thousands of miles away, such as sending missionaries to Ghana or Kenya, but there are issues less than one mile away that we could

also dedicate our time to.

Baylor students are known for dog walking at the Humane Society to increase the good quality of our volunteer work on our resume and adopting the cute little puppies and kittens.

"We face the sad reality that our stray animal population is going to increase."

This will no longer be an option at the new and improved Humane Society. The animals there will be given a 72-hour window upon arrival for their owner to come and claim them.

There will be no more adoption program. You won't get to stroll into the Humane Society, venture through the kennels, select the cutest dog with the big eyes and take him home. Any animal left there for 73 hours will be dead.

We are deeply saddened by the thoughts of how many animals will be going to waste. They will be born to die.

Since the ABC Clinic can no longer afford to offer spaying, neutering and various vaccinations for little to no cost to Wacoans, not only will stray animals be euthanized, but many more will die because of diseases. Outbreaks of distemper and parvo could become prevalent again.

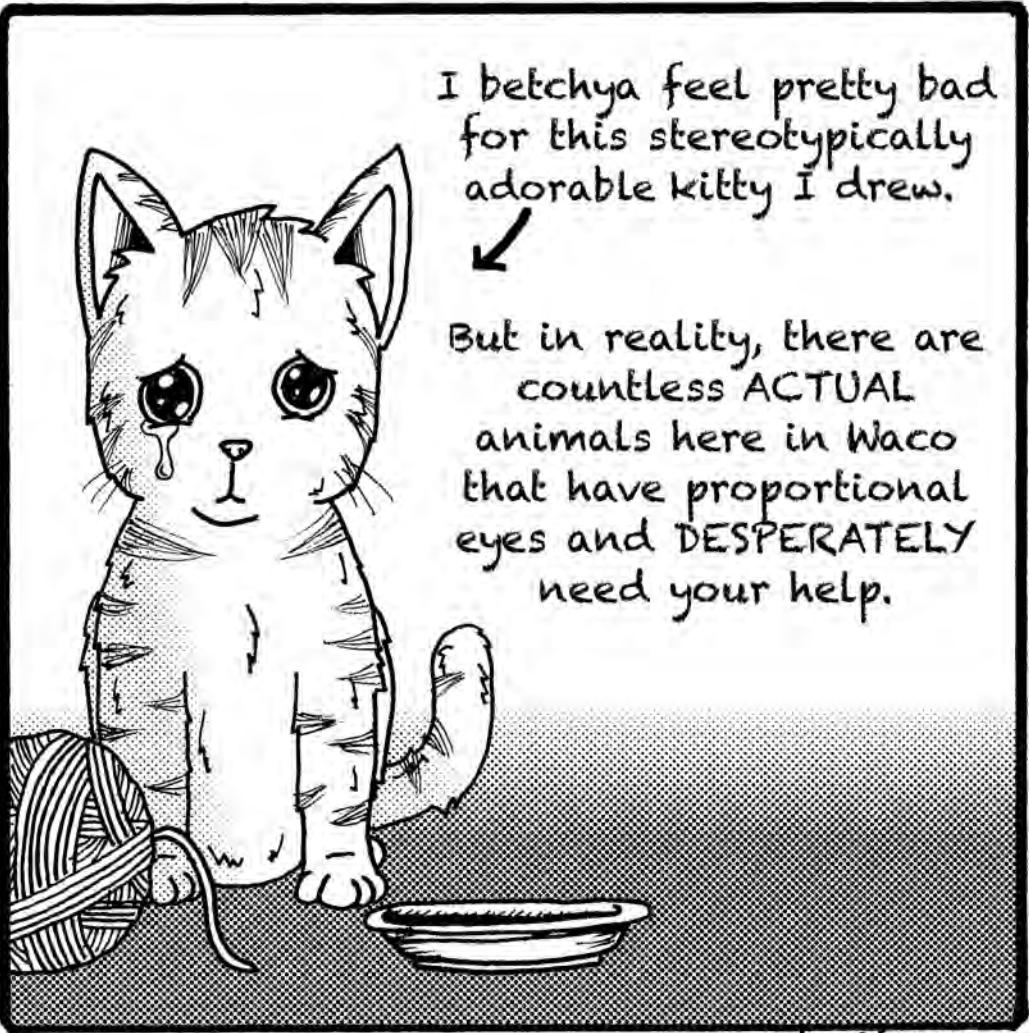
This is a disaster in the making. It is like asking for an epidemic of disease and death. All of this is due to a dispute over a mere \$75,000 that the shelter asked the city of Waco to contribute on top of the \$300,000 in funding that the shelter was already set to receive from them.

In comparison to some of the projects and programs that both the city of Waco and Baylor University have chosen to fund — for example, the new Baylor football stadium — this number is just spare change. \$75,000 is .002 percent of the \$35 million that Waco contributed to the stadium to be exact. Now that is definitely spare change.

Is this really who we are? We are frankly at a loss as to what an appropriate solution to this animal injustice should look like.

Therefore, we are calling on Baylor as a nation to rally together to find a solution.

Surely it shouldn't be too difficult for us to come up with a way to give these animals a chance at a healthy, happy life.



"I like to call him buttons because his eyes look like buttons." Julie Freeman, Faculty Advisor

How registered are you?

The Lariat recently asked you about the restrictions on partisan voter registration drives at Baylor, your political leanings and registration status. You responded and here are your answers.

Of those that wished to specify a political party 41 percent were Republicans, 38 percent Democrats, 6 percent Independent and 3 percent were either Libertarian or Constitution party.

When asked if they were registered, 96.8 percent said they were 3.2 percent weren't.

Only 10 percent had ever registered at a registration drive.

Thank you for your responses and tune in tomorrow for the next week's survey

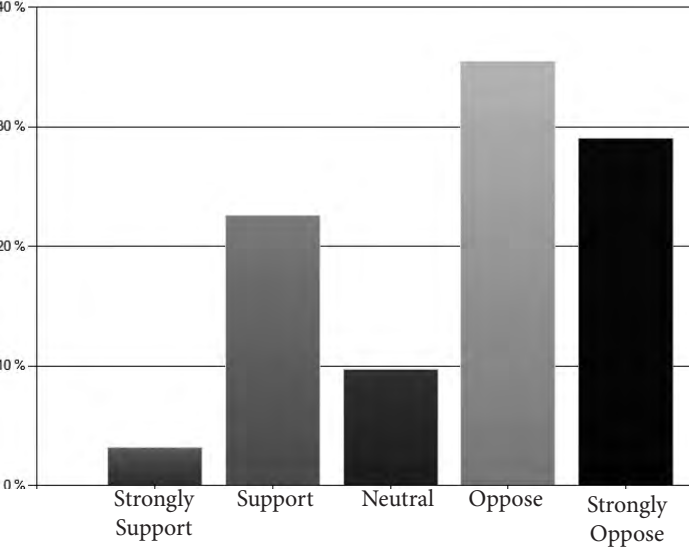
Rob Bradfield
Editor-In-Chief

It was poorly handled. Some adults get so paranoid they forget to use their brains.

The government has ruled that partisan organizations should not be prohibited from voter registration drives. All over the country, political parties and their activists can send text messages, e-mails, and even drive people to register to vote. Why should our campus be any different? People are smart. The notion that someone might vote for Obama just because the Baylor Democrats hosted a registration drive is absurd. There were not even any signs or indications that the Baylor Democrats were in charge of the drive! An average person walking up to the table would have no idea.

People need unbiased facts so that they can make up their own minds and not be influenced by an organization pushing an agenda.

How do you feel about the restrictions on partisan sponsored voting drives on campus?



It's important to know what's going on and try to spread correct information to others, so they can also make informed decisions.

A system of government such as ours cannot persist if its members are disinterested or disengaged in its fate.

I recognize and acknowledge the impact politics and governance has on daily life and I like to have a say in that.

I have my opinions and like to hear other peoples' as well.

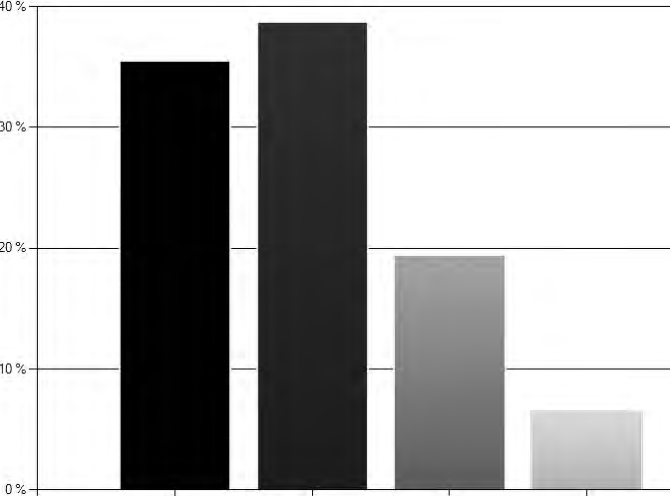
Come back tomorrow to see next week's poll on breastfeeding in the workplace

Go to the Lariat website and click on the link.

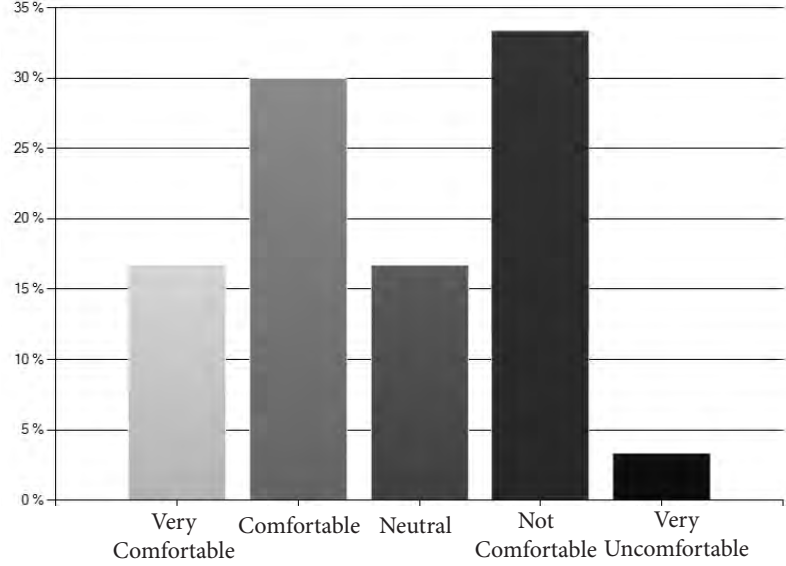
All answers are anonymous and may be published in next Thursday's Lariat.

The Baylor Lariat reserves the right to edit responses for grammar, length, libel and style.

How politically active are you?



How comfortable would you feel registering at an event hosted by a group with differing political views?



The act of voting is not a Democratic or Republican act, but an American act.

Though I may not agree with their views, I respect them if they are well informed. My views are just that, and I am comfortable with them regardless of where I am or who I am with. Being ashamed of my political views is, to me, equivalent to being ashamed of my heritage.

During my time at Baylor (which is fairly recently), Baylor Democrats and College Republi-

cans hosted a joint event/dance party-registration drive. Any one and everyone could come, eat snacks, dance to some music, and register to vote if they were not already registered. Why didn't Baylor have a problem then?

Even beyond the simple question of propriety of the volunteers (hopefully that would never happen, but ...), signing up to vote is a RIGHT; it may be "about" politics, but the act itself is completely non-partisan. There is no room for party politics in the act of registration.

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Quantum optics researcher adds award to growing pile

By MAEGAN ROCIO
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Ranching and physics — an unlikely combination.

One Baylor researcher unites his two passions into a lifetime of work that has recently earned him a national award.

Dr. Marlan O. Scully, distinguished researcher at Baylor and member of the National Academy of Sciences, will receive the 2012 Frederic Ives Medal/Jarus Quinn Prize, the highest award given by the Optical Society of America, for his work in quantum optics.

The award is given in recognition of a lifetime of work in the optics field.

Scully will receive the award on Oct. 15 during the society’s annual conference in Rochester, N.Y. After accepting the medal, Scully will give his plenary speech “The Quantum Photocell: Efficiency via Quantum Coherence.”

Truell Hyde, vice provost of research and director of The Center for Astrophysics, Space Physics and Engineering Research (CASPER), said Scully is very deserving of the award.

“He has been the foremost

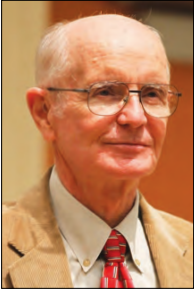
quantum optics physicist in the world for a long time,” he said. “He is a renaissance man that is well-versed in other scholarly areas and has published works in all of them.”

Scully said he is receiving the award for his contributions in four topics in the field of quantum optics: the quantum theory of lasers, quantum coherence effects, quantum thermodynamics and quantum erasure.

The quantum theory of lasers is the fundamental description of laser behavior that connects with aspects of the natural world, such as condensation. Quantum coherence effects also involve lasers but focus on oscillating particles and using them for different purposes, such as freezing light and detecting small amounts of anthrax.

Quantum thermodynamics, studies heat and work, and figures out how they work within quantum systems.

Quantum erasure deals with erasing information about a particle’s predicted path while tracking



Scully

the particle in an experiment.

Scully, who grew up on a ranch raising cattle in rural Wyoming, said he has earned the nickname The Quantum Cowboy because he uses physics in his life as a rancher.

“I’ve been raising cattle and that sort of thing all my life,” he said.

Scully said he became interested in the quantum optics field when he was a college student.

“The laser was just a new device when I was student, and we didn’t understand many of the aspects of laser behavior,” he said.

“So my teacher, Willis Lamb, suggested that this would be a fruitful topic to study, and I worked with him on it, thus getting involved in the field.”

The late Willis Lamb was a famous American physicist who won the Nobel Peace Prize with his colleague, the late German-American Polykarp Kusch, for their discoveries concerning the structure of the hydrogen spectrum. Lamb was also a professor at Yale.

Scully said he believed he

would be an engineer all his life due to working at a petroleum factory, but that changed when he attended community college.

“I attended Caster Community College, an excellent community college, then I went to the University of Wyoming,” he said. “I received a call from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. They told me I could skip the bachelor’s degree and start on my Ph.D. I went there as an employee, and after a year, even though I worked with General Electric, I found out Willis Lamb was coming to Yale. I went to Yale and did my Ph.D. with Lamb. I was hired by MIT on the faculty and have been a professor since. I have been a professor for 50 years.”

Kimberly Tappen, the associate director of the Institute of Quantum Science and Engineering at Texas A&M University, who works with Scully, said Scully applies his knowledge of quantum optics to his ranching lifestyle on the Brazos River.

“He uses lasers to determine the health of crops. When crops are under stress due to disease, sun, lack of water or insects, they tend to give off a chemical akin to aspirin,” and Scully uses a laser to

detect it, Tappen said.

Tappen said Scully also uses his knowledge to care for his cattle on his ranch.

“He also uses lasers to determine the health of an animal for better wildlife management,” she said. “He can check their respiration rates, do tests on their fecal matter and determine if are they healthy.”

Scully has written around 800 published papers on quantum physics and other topics, and three books. One of his books, “The Demon and the Quantum,” was a collaboration with his son, Robert Scully.

Besides his work as a professor and scientific writer, Scully is also involved in 12 organizations and foundations that focus on quantum optics, including The Optical Society of America, the American Physical Society and the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Tappen said Scully has been awarded with other distinctions by several science associations.

“He’s received many awards, honors and distinctions throughout his career. He has been elected to the National Academy of Scienc-

es, American Academy of Arts and Sciences, Academia Europaea and Max Planck Society,” she said. “He’s also received numerous awards such as the Guggenheim Award, OSA/DPG Hebert Walther Award, APS Schawlow prize, OSA Townes Award (from The Optical Society), IEEE Quantum Electronics Award, Franklin Institute’s Elliott Cresson Medal, OSA Lomb Medal, and Humboldt Senior Faculty Prize. More recently he was named Harvard Loeb Lecturer, which is a high honor, and received an honorary doctorate from Universität Ulm.”

Universität Ulm is a public university located in Ulm, Germany.

Scully is also involved with eight other U.S. universities, including Yale, Texas A&M, the University of New Mexico and MIT.

Scully said he is thankful for the opportunity to work in the quantum physics field and do what he loves.

“Just going to school and getting an education, you can do that in our wonderful country. In others, you’d be locked in one career. I was fortunate to enjoy my profession and apply what I know about science to raising cattle and managing wildlife.”



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In this Feb. 13, 2012, file photo, demonstrators protest outside of the U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals after a panel heard oral arguments in San Francisco in a lawsuit seeking to overturn Proposition 209, which barred racial, ethnic or gender preferences in public education, employment and contracting.

Study on race admissions may factor in affirmative action ruling

By JUSTIN POPE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

As the Supreme Court revisits the use of race in college admissions next week, critics of affirmative action are hopeful the justices will roll back the practice. A new report out Wednesday offers a big reason for their optimism: evidence from at least some of the nine states that don’t use affirmative action that leading public universities can bring meaningful diversity to their campuses through race-neutral means.

That conclusion is vigorously disputed by supporters of race-based affirmative action, including universities in states like California which cannot under state law factor race into admissions decisions. The new report, by Richard Kahlenberg, a senior fellow at the Century Foundation and prominent advocate of class-based affirmative action, calls those states’ race-neutral policies largely successful. The University of California and others call them a failure that’s left their campuses inadequately representative of the states they serve.

Kahlenberg also acknowledges that highly selective universities like UCLA and the Universities of California-Berkeley and Michigan haven’t recovered from drop-offs in minority enrollments after voters in those states outlawed racial preferences.

But in most places, the report argues, a combination of measures — aggressive outreach, deemphasizing of standardized tests, affirmative action based on class instead of race, and even getting rid of legacy preferences that mostly benefit whites — has allowed minority representation on their campuses to recover to previous levels.

Seven states have banned racial preferences in admissions outright — Washington, Michigan, Nebraska, Arizona, New Hampshire, California and Florida. In Texas and Georgia leading public universities use a race-neutral system,

though the University of Texas has maintained some use of affirmative action. It’s that policy at UT that’s now before the court in a case brought by Abigail Fisher, a rejected white applicant. Arguments are next Wednesday.

In its last two major affirmative action decisions, in 1978 and 2003, the court essentially took universities at their word when they argued it’s impossible to achieve adequate racial diversity without factoring race into admissions. But in the 2003 decision, involving the University of Michigan, the court also indicated it would pay close attention to race-neutral experiments in the states to make sure racial preferences were really necessary to achieve diversity.

This time around, the swing vote is likely Justice Anthony Kennedy, who dissented in the case nine years ago, precisely because he believed colleges need to try harder to achieve diversity by other means before resorting to racial preferences.

“It’s the central question in Fisher: whether race-neutral alternatives will work,” Kahlenberg said.

Kahlenberg says the state data, compiled by Halley Potter, shows they do. At the University of Washington, for instance, black and Latino enrollment fell after the use of race was banned but has since surpassed previous levels. At the University of Florida, Hispanic enrollment is higher and black enrollment is comparable to before race was banned (though the report’s figures show black enrollment has fallen lately from nearly 15 percent to below 10 percent).

In Texas, diversity numbers plummeted during a period in the late 1990s when the university wasn’t using affirmative action. The state implemented a “Top 10 percent” plan granting automatic admission to top high school students based on class rank, and its enrollment of underrepresented minorities has risen overall.

But supporters of affirmative action draw different lessons from

the experiences of the states trying race-neutral methods. For one thing, they note states like California, Florida and Texas are much more diverse now, so holding minority numbers steady isn’t progress. UT, which now uses race as a factor for a small part of its class, argues the Top 10 percent plan failed to provide sufficient diversity, noting blacks remain underrepresented and many classrooms lack minority voices.

“If there were a better way we’d love to see it happen, but we haven’t,” Hilary Shelton, senior vice president for policy and advocacy at the NAACP, said of race-neutral alternatives to ensuring minorities are represented at leading colleges. “What we keep seeing happen is when these programs are stripped away we end up doing much worse in the areas of integration.”

The nearly 100 briefs filed in the Fisher case also include several from social science researchers arguing race-neutral alternatives don’t work. In its brief supporting Texas, the University of California argued that when state voters ended affirmative action in 1996, it was unable to enroll a critical mass of black students, particularly the two most prominent campuses — Berkeley and UCLA.

California spent tens of millions of dollars expanding outreach, deemphasized standardized tests and even implemented a policy similar to Texas’ Top 10 percent plan, the university told the court. But the results weren’t satisfactory. In 1995, black students accounted for 7.3 percent of admitted freshmen at Berkeley and 6.7 percent at UCLA; the figures today are 3.9 percent and 3.8 percent, respectively.

“The University of California has tried almost everything (to recruit more minority students),” said Gary Orfield, co-director of the Civil Rights Project at UCLA. “It’s true the least selective colleges of the University of California are highly diversified, but we’ve had almost a disappearance of black students here at UCLA.”

US births down for fourth year

By MIKE STOBEE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — U.S. births fell for the fourth year in a row, the government reported Wednesday, with experts calling it more proof that the weak economy has continued to dampen enthusiasm for having children.

But there may be a silver lining: The decline in 2011 was just 1 percent — not as sharp a fall-off as the 2 to 3 percent drop seen in other recent years.

“It may be that the effect of the recession is slowly coming to an end,” said Carl Haub, a senior demographer with the Population Reference Bureau, a Washington,

D.C.-based research organization.

Most striking in the new report were steep declines in Hispanic birth rates and a new low in teen births.

Hispanics have been disproportionately affected by the flagging economy, experts say, and teen birth rates have been falling for 20 years.

Falling births is a relatively new phenomenon in this country. Births had been on the rise since the late 1990s and hit an all-time high of more than 4.3 million in 2007.

But fewer than 4 million births were counted last year — the lowest number since 1998.

Among the people who study

this sort of thing, the flagging economy has been seen as the primary explanation. The theory is that many women or couples who are out of work, underemployed or have other money problems feel they can’t afford to start a family or add to it.

The report by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is a first glimpse at 2011 birth certificate data from state health departments. More analysis comes later but, officials don’t expect the numbers to change much.

Early data for 2012 is not yet available, and it’s too soon to guess whether the birth decline will change, said the CDC’s Stephanie Ventura, one of the study’s authors.

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PBS’ ‘Half the Sky’ exposes oppression

By HAYLEY GIBSON
REPORTER

REVIEW

In war-torn Sierra Leone, a young girl’s rape goes unnoticed. Rape is normal and socially acceptable, so when the horrifying experience is brought to authorities, the investigation never takes them from their desks. The young girl is merely another number.

Women’s rights are a universal issue of debate, although in some countries such as Somaliland, in which one in 14 women will die in childbirth because they lack the proper health care, the matter is more serious.

These womens’ stories spread across 10 different countries with widely different issues. All of the stories expose the deep mistreatment and oppression of women in the modern world in the documentary “Half the Sky.” The documentary inspires viewers to join in the efforts to empower women in a world that treats them as inferiors.

“Half the Sky” made its debut screening on PBS this week and now is available at pbs.com. Created by New York Times journalists Nicholas Kristoff and Sheryll Du-Wunn, the documentary partners with celebrities such as America Ferrera and Olivia Wilde to expose the deep injustice of women in 3rd world countries.

The documentary is a powerful example of the injustice that the world inflicts upon powerless

women and the movement to “turn oppression into opportunity for women worldwide,” according to the “Half the Sky” website.

“In this world, talent is universal. Opportunity is not,” said Kristoff, in the documentary.

The documentary focuses on are female genital mutilation in Kenya, education in Vietnam, forced prostitution in India, gender-based violence in Sierra Leone, maternal mortality in Somaliland and sex trafficking in Cambodia.

For Melanie Smith, who leads the Baylor Women’s Leadership mission trips to Kenya every summer, the documentary expressed everything she has fought for in Kenya over the years.

Smith takes a team of female Baylor students to Nairobi, Kenya each summer to visit local micro-finance businesses, schools and orphanages. Smith’s team shares leadership empowerment seminars among women who have only recently earned the right to vote.

“In Kenya they are starting to look at women differently and see they have incredible potential,” said Smith, who explained that women in Kenya have traditionally been married off young and are expected to care for the children and cook.

“When you change the life of a woman, you are changing the



Olivia Wilde (center), America Ferrera and Meg Ryan are among the actresses who brought their star power to PBS’ documentary “Half the Sky,” which details efforts to help exploited women worldwide.

world and the future of a village,” Smith said.

A common thread among the countries featured in the documentary was human trafficking, society’s modern slavery.

The documentary took viewers inside the life of Cambodian girls younger than 10 years old whose parents sold them into the sex industry.

While the issue of human trafficking and its 27 million victims seems overwhelming for many, Cibolo junior Kacie Simpson, who is the chaplain of Baylor’s International Justice Mission chapter, believes steps must be taken to eradicate human trafficking.

“To know that someone who has a soul and was created in the image of God is being manipulated and used in a way that is so detrimental really sets a fire in me,” Simpson said.

Baylor IJM works to support the national IJM organization by focusing on increasing advocacy and awareness on campus.

The club will bring Invisible Children to Baylor this month to tackle the issue of child soldiers, and also plans to hold a poster campaign around Waco, which will depict the stories of individual victims of human trafficking in an effort to expose the injustice.

The documentary has sparked discussion online and on college campuses for its sobering information and insight into the brutal treatment of women in other cultures where they are denied basic dignity and necessities of life.

In a world where women are abused, I see hope. I see a generation that tuned in to PBS this week to learn more and a generation that got #halfthesky trending on Twitter.

The silent mistreatment of women in the 21st century must come to an end, and I believe that our generation will not be silent any longer.

The documentary will be available to view on www.pbs.com until Oct. 9.

John Stamos to join Beach Boys in Waco

Television star John Stamos will join The Beach Boys on Friday at the Heart O’ Texas Fair.

Stamos has appeared on a variety of television shows such as “General Hospital” and the popular ABC series “Full House” and has displayed his musical talents on stage touring with The Beach Boys over the past 20 years.

He has been making appearances with The Beach Boys since 1985 and appeared in the group’s video for chart-topper “Kokomo.”

The Beach Boys will play at 8 p.m. Friday at the Heart O’ Texas Fair’s concert series.

Tickets can be purchased at www.hotfair.com and range from \$21 to \$76.

Fun Fun Fun Festival releases new edition of festival app

Festival-goers at this year’s Fun Fun Fun Fest in Austin will be able to plan their fun day thanks to the festival’s new app, which launched yesterday.

The 2012 edition of the application will feature a new design and is available for all iPhone models.

The Android compatible application will be released soon.

The application features a custom show scheduler, which allows you to create a day-by-day itinerary of your favorite music and comedy acts, a Skate & Ride Ramp athlete schedule, and a custom taco locator, which features live mapping and directions to your favorite taco stand.

An interactive parking and

transport map will provide help in navigating the grounds.

Push notifications will also provide festival-goers with breaking news and updates on secret shows, performances, vendors and parking right to their mobile device.

An Instagram feed will be integrated into the app via the hashtag FunFunFunFest.

Fun Fun Fun Fest will be held Nov. 2 to 4 in Austin, and will feature acts such as Run-DMC, Santigold, David Cross and Against Me!

For more information on the festival or the application, visit your mobile app store or the festival website at www.funfunfunfest.com.



This Week In the Arts

Tonight:

HOT Concert Series: Hot Chelle Rae & Breathe Carolina. 8 p.m. Extraco Events Center. Tickets \$21-76.

Stars Over Texas Jamboree with Royce Montgomery, Lorna Willhelm, Dickie Rosser, Steve Raby and Ken Elliott as Elvis, “Oldies Heart & Soul.” 7 p.m. Lee Lockwood Library and Museum, 2801 W. Waco Drive; \$12, \$10 for 12 and under or seniors.

Friday:

HOT Concert Series: The Beach Boys. 8 p.m. Extraco Events Center. Tickets \$21-76.

Saturday:

HOT Concert Series: Mercy Me & The Digital Age. 8 p.m. Extraco Events Center. Tickets \$21-51.

David Ramirez & the Cartel CD release show, 8 p.m. Common Grounds, 1123 S. Eighth St.; \$10.

Disco Dandia 2012. Indian Association of Greater Waco. 7 p.m. - midnight. Waco Convention Center, 100 Washington Ave. \$15 or \$10 for senior adults and children 5-12, free for children 4 and younger. Admission includes dinner; babysitting provided.

Sunday:

Free Sunday at the Mayborn Museum. 1 to 5 p.m. Mayborn



Museum Complex, 1300 S. University Parks Drive. “12 Angry Jurors.” Jubilee Theatre, 1319 N. 15th St. Tickets \$10 or \$8 in advance.

Tuesday:

Baylor University Jazz Ensemble Performance. 7:30 p.m. Jones Concert Hall. No charge.

McLennan Community College Faculty Jazz Concert. 7:30 p.m. MCC Music & Theatre Arts Building. No charge.

Wednesday:

Baylor Percussion Group Performance. 7:30 p.m. Jones Concert Hall. No charge.

Thursday-Sunday:

“The Government Inspector.” McLennan Theatre. 7:30 p.m. McLennan Community College’s Ball Performing Arts Center; \$10, \$8 for senior adults and students.

Friday-Sunday:

“12 Angry Jurors.” Jubilee Theatre, 1319 N. 15th St. Tickets \$10 or \$8 in advance.

Through

Oct. 13:

HOT Fair and Rodeo. Extraco Events Center. More info at www.hotfair.com/

Through Oct. 14:

“Selections from the Art Center Waco Collection.” Art Center Waco, 1300 College Drive. \$2 or \$1 for students and teachers.

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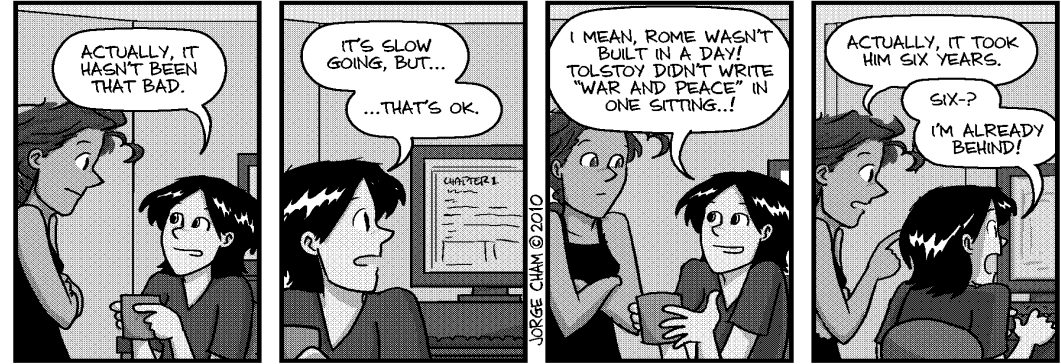
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Faith & Family by Sedrick Huckabee. Martin Museum of Art Gallery I. No charge.

Fireflies: Photographs of Children by Keith Carter. Martin Museum of Art Gallery II. No charge.



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DAILY PUZZLES

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 - 5 Check out with nefarious intent
 - 9 Gyneco-’s opposite
 - 14 Really cruel guy
 - 15 ABA member
 - 16 Man-trap
 - 17 Grievously wound
 - 18 Approach
 - 19 Thirteenth Amendment beneficiary
 - 20 Game with a windmill, usually 23 “-takers?”
 - 24 Big shots
 - 25 Requiring an adult escort
 - 28 Big London attraction?
 - 29 Handy set
 - 30 Former despot Amin
 - 31 Uncle Remus rogue
 - 36 Big butte
 - 37 Bootcut Skinny brand
 - 38 PC interconnection
 - 39 Like proofed dough
 - 40 Dueler’s choice
 - 41 Insect honored on a 1999 U.S. postage stamp
 - 43 Make a booboo
 - 44 ___ Lingus
 - 45 Article in Der Spiegel
 - 46 Not at all out of the question
 - 48 “Shucks!”
 - 50 Friend of François
 - 53 Literally meaning “driving enjoyment,” slogan once used by the maker of the ends of 20-, 31- and 41-Across
 - 56 Popular household fish
 - 58 Princess with an earmuff-like hair style
 - 59 Lose color
 - 60 “If ___ Would Leave You”
 - 61 Sea decimated by Soviet irrigation projects
 - 62 Done
 - 63 Removal of govt. restrictions
 - 64 Lucie’s dad
 - 65 Boarding pass datum

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 - 3 Like pickle juice
 - 4 Big rig
 - 5 Ensenada bar
 - 6 Devoured
 - 7 Headlines
 - 8 Rochester’s love
 - 9 Categorize
 - 10 Nabisco cookie brand
 - 11 Most in need of insulation
 - 12 Gun
 - 13 Individual
 - 21 Declares
 - 22 Spunk
 - 26 Four-wheeled flop
 - 27 Title name in Mellencamp’s “little ditty”
 - 28 Runny fudge
 - 29 Powerful pair of checkers
 - 31 Run, as colors
 - 32 Copy, for short
 - 33 Eternally
 - 34 Get fuzzy
 - 35 Prohibition
 - 36 Appearance
 - 39 Run the country
 - 41 Antelope playmate
 - 42 Language of South Asia
 - 44 Secretary of state after Ed Muskie
 - 47 Support for practicing pliés
 - 48 Farmers’ John
 - 49 Diva specialties
 - 50 Sonoran succulent
 - 51 Jason’s jilted wife
 - 52 Like helium
 - 54 “Impaler” of Romanian history
 - 55 Sci-fi staples
 - 56 Rocker Nugent
 - 57 Night before

Athletics sweep Rangers to win AL West on last day

By JANIE MCCAULEY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

OAKLAND, Calif. — The Oakland Athletics captured the AL West with another improbable rally in a season full of them, coming back from four runs down and a 13-game division deficit to stun the two-time defending league champion Texas Rangers 12-5 on Wednesday.

Josh Hamilton dropped a fly ball in center field for a two-run error that put the A's (94-68) ahead 7-5 in a six-run fourth inning. Hamilton's Rangers (93-69) are headed to the new one-game, wild-card playoff on the heels of just their second three-game sweep of 2012.

Both teams had to wait to learn their opponents from a pair of night games: Boston at New York, and Baltimore at Tampa Bay. The A's would earn the AL's No. 1 seed if the Yankees lose, and open the division series at the winner of Friday's wild-card playoff featuring the Rangers. If New York wins, Oakland would be the No. 2 seed and begin at Detroit. The A's needed a sweep, and they delivered to win their first division crown since 2006 and 15th in all. They overcame a five-game deficit in the final nine days, and Wednesday was their first day this year in sole possession of the West's top spot.

Grant Balfour retired Michael Young on a fly to center for the final out, then raised his arms in the air as the A's streamed out of the dugout and began bouncing up and down together in the infield.

"2012 AL WEST CHAMPIONS" flashed on the scoreboard.

Make it two champagne celebrations in three days for these A's. They clinched a playoff spot Monday and held a wild champagne dance party in the clubhouse. Oakland pulled off another remarkable performance in a season defined by thrilling walkoffs, rallies and whipped-cream pie celebrations by a team that was never supposed to be here. A club that trailed Texas by 13 games on June 30. A club with a \$59.5 million payroll, lowest



Texas Rangers' David Murphy drives in two runs with a single against the Oakland Athletics during the third inning of a baseball game on Wednesday in Oakland, Calif.

in baseball. General manager Billy Beane found ways to get a blue-collar franchise back to the playoffs for the first time since being swept by Detroit in the 2006 AL championship series.

"It was all part of the plan," Beane said before the game, planning to watch alone from the weight room in his usual routine. "It's a good day."

Coco Crisp hit a tying two-run double in the fourth against Derek Holland (12-7). Brandon Moss drove in three runs, including a two-run single in a four-run eighth. Rookie Evan Scribner (2-0) left the mound to a standing ovation from the sellout crowd of

30,067 and wound up the winning pitcher. He allowed two hits and struck out two in three scoreless innings after replacing struggling starter A.J. Griffin. Jerry Blevins relieved Scribner and struck out Hamilton to end the sixth before allowing a leadoff single to Adrian Beltre in the seventh. Ryan Cook, pitching for a fifth consecutive game, replaced Blevins and gave up a double to Nelson Cruz before retiring the next three Texas hitters with strikeouts of David Murphy and Mike Napoli. Catcher Derek Norris pumped his right arm as the Coliseum fans jumped to their feet.

Norris then homered leading off the bottom of the eighth for

his second RBI. It was his seventh homer and Oakland's majors-leading 112th since the All-Star break. The A's join the NL West champion San Francisco Giants as division champions. The Bay Area is already buzzing about a possible Bay Bridge World Series like the 1989 championship swept by Oakland, one interrupted by an earthquake.

Hamilton's miscue might haunt the to-be free agent if his Rangers don't get past their wild-card game. These are the same Rangers who twice came within one strike of the franchise's first World Series championship before losing Games 6 and 7 to the wild-card St. Louis Cardinals. It was Texas'

second near miss in as many years after losing the 2010 World Series to the Giants.

Yoenis Cespedes punched his bat, apparently thinking he had recorded the last out before the ball glanced off Hamilton's glove. Manager Ron Washington stood with a stunned look in the dugout, then had an animated chat with Hamilton once the inning ended.

Murphy's two-run single highlighted a five-run third inning that put Texas in prime position.

Moss drew a leadoff walk from starter Ryan Dempster and Josh Reddick followed with an RBI double. Josh Donaldson singled and Seth Smith's base hit made

Equestrian begins its Big 12 conference schedule Friday

By ALEXA BRACKIN
NEWS EDITOR

From clinking spurs to pounding hooves, the Baylor equestrian team will be in full force this weekend as it travels to take on Kansas State and Oklahoma State.

"It will be a very full weekend of travel and running around," head coach Ellen White said. "It is going to be a great time for the girls to get to know each other. One big road trip."

The competitions this weekend will mark the team's first Big 12 events of the season.

"This will be an exciting weekend because it's our first Big 12 matchup and our first travel series," said sophomore Kate Riddle who competes in hunter seat. "Both schools have strong teams, especially OSU, but we have a strong team this year and a competitive group of girls."

At Kansas State, the team will be showing five riders and have one exhibition in each event. The events consist of fences, flat, horse-

manship and reining.

At Oklahoma State, there will be six riders showing with one exhibition in each category.

White said the rosters for each day will not be the same.

When it comes to choosing who rides, White said, "As you are really practicing great, we will fit you in, but when you're in and showing really good, we don't bump you out unless someone better comes along."

Since the team is competing on the road, the women have to ride the home team's horses.

Upon arriving, the women who are competing are assigned a horse for the event and only get four minutes to practice and get to know the horse.

Reining and jumping are afforded exceptions; the reiners get five minutes, and the jumpers get an additional four fences.

"We don't know their horses because we are the visiting team," Riddle said. "That poses a challenge for all of us because we have four minutes to get a good feel of

our ride, but that's the exciting part."

A test bank of patterns for the flat and reining competitions are provided to the team ahead of time, giving the riders time to work on them.

"I am excited for this pattern because I've never done it before," said freshman Katie Abbot who competes in reining. "It's a pattern where you have to have the horse's attention the whole time. It's a good pattern to show too. However, it is a little long."

They are also provided with the exact dimensions of the arena they will be working in.

"We bump up pattern practice and flat work," White said. "During the events, the movement comes so fast to them you have to be set in that arena. They are learning fast."

The matchups with Oklahoma State and Kansas State are what White refers to as "old-time rivals."

"OSU and KSU will not be easy wins at all," White said. "If we win those, it will be because we really rode our best."



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The Baylor equestrian team will compete in English and Western styles as it participates in its first conference games of the 2012-2013 season against Kansas State and Oklahoma State on the road this weekend.

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Equestrian Schedule

10/5 @ Kan. St.

10/6 @ Okla. St.

10/12 v. Georgia

11/9 v. Fresno St.

11/17 v. S. Car.

11/18 v. TCU

2/2 @ N Mex. St.

2/8 @ TCU

2/9 @ TCU

2/16 @ SMU

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Texas man thought to be Russian secret agent, thief

By TOM HAYS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — A Kazakhstan-born owner of a Texas export firm was charged in New York on Wednesday with being a secret Russian agent involved in a multimillion-dollar scheme to, in the words of a U.S. prosecutor, “steal American technology” for Russian military and intelligence agencies.

Alexander Fishenko was among 11 defendants, including seven of his employees, named in an indictment unsealed in federal court in Brooklyn.

The FBI arrested the 46-year-old Fishenko and eight others Tuesday night and Wednesday morning and were to be arraigned in Houston; the names of their attorneys were not immediately available. Three defendants were still being sought.

The indictment alleges that since October 2008, Fishenko and his co-defendants “engaged in a

surreptitious and systematic conspiracy” to obtain cutting-edge microelectronics from U.S. makers and export them to Russian while purposely evading licensing requirements.

The microelectronics are subject to strict government controls. Authorities say they could have a wide range of military uses, including radar and surveillance systems, weapons guidance systems and detonation triggers.

U.S. authorities say the charges come amid a modernization campaign by the Russian military. Officials there are seeking components that are unavailable in Russia and often can only be bought in the United States.

“The defendants tried to take advantage of America’s free markets to steal American technologies for the Russian government,” Loretta Lynch, U.S. Attorney in Brooklyn, said in a statement.

Stephen L. Morris, head of the FBI office in Houston, called the



Federal agents carry boxes out of Arc Electronics Inc. Wednesday in Houston. A Kazakhstan-born businessman was charged in the U.S. on Wednesday with being a secret Russian agent involved in a scheme to illegally export microelectronics from the United States to Russian military and intelligence agencies.

charges an example of how some countries have violated export laws “to improve their defense capabilities and to modernize weapons

systems at the expense of U.S. taxpayers.”

Fishenko, a naturalized U.S. citizen and owner of Houston-based Arc Electronics Inc., was charged with operating inside the U.S. as an unregistered agent of the Russian government.

According to court papers, Fishenko was born in the former Soviet Republic of Kazakhstan and graduated from a technical institute in St. Petersburg before coming to America in 1994. He holds U.S. and Russian passports and has frequently traveled overseas to do business, making tens of millions of dollars on exports, authorities said.

An analysis of Arc’s accounting records showed a “striking similarity between fluctuations in Arc’s gross revenues and the Russian Federation’s defense spending over the last several years,” the court papers say. Investigators also recovered a letter to Arc from a Russian domestic intelligence agency lab complaining that microchips supplied by the company were defective, the papers add.

Phone calls and emails intercepted by U.S. investigators also “constitute devastating evidence of Fishenko’s illegal procurement for the Russian government,” the court papers say.

Prosecutors said the evidence revealed repeated attempts by Fishenko to cover his tracks. In one instance in March, he “directed an employee of a Russian procurement firm to ‘make sure that our guys don’t discuss extra information, such as this is for our military client,’” the papers say.

In an earlier conversation, Fishenko favorably referred to a business associate using “a Russian colloquialism for ‘spy’ or ‘secret agent,’” the papers add.

FBI agents in Houston executed a search warrant on Wednesday at Fishenko’s firm. A phone call to the company would not go through.

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tions of people he said he had met on the campaign trail. In another folksy reference, Romney told Lehrer, a veteran of the Public Broadcasting Service, that he would stop the federal subsidy to PBS even though “I love Big Bird.”

Generally polite but pointed, the two men agreed about little if anything.

Obama said his opponent’s plan to reduce all tax rates by 20 percent would cost \$5 trillion and benefit the wealthy at the expense of middle income taxpayers.

Shot back Romney: “Virtually everything he just said about my tax plan is inaccurate.”

The former Massachusetts governor and businessman added that Obama’s proposal to allow the expiration of tax cuts on upper-level income would mean tax increases on small businesses that create jobs by the hundreds of thousands.

Brandon Waltens, a sophomore from Keller who is the chairman for the Baylor Young Conservatives of Texas, said Romney’s hard stance against his opponent was a big success.

“Going in to this debate, the big expectation was that [Romney] needed to do three things: he needed to look Obama in the eye, point out his failures and offer his own solutions,” Waltens said. “I think he did all three tonight.”

“I think he did a great job of pointing out the unsustainable rate of spending under the Obama administration,” Waltens added.

Trenton Garza, a junior from Bushland who is the president of the Texas College Democrats, said Romney was unclear on his stance on reducing the deficit and his position on his healthcare system in Massachusetts.

“I heard more in 2 minutes

about him praising RomneyCare than I have in the past 2 years,” Garza said.

“[Romney] has yet to give us a response on what deductions he wants to make,” Garza added in reference to Romney’s stance on reducing the deficit.

Garza also said that Obama accomplished his goal of remaining calm and while responding to Romney’s criticisms, and that he expects Obama to be “much more aggressive” in the second and third debates.

Still other groups, like the Young Americans for Liberty, believe that neither candidates proved that they would stand up for individual rights and freedoms.

“After watching this debate, I cannot choose a winner,” Nole Oppermann, a sophomore from Lexington who is trying to establish a Baylor chapter for Young Americans for Liberty, said. “However, I can choose a loser. It does not matter who wins the election between Romney and Obama, the loser will be the American people,”

Oppermann said because both candidates support legislation such as the PATRIOT Act, there is a lack of support on both sides for individual freedoms.

The two campaign rivals clasped hands and smiled as they strode onto the debate stage at the University of Denver, then waved to the audience before taking their places behind identical lecterns.

There was a quick moment of laughter, when Obama referred to first lady Michelle Obama as “sweetie” and noted it was their 20th anniversary.

Romney added best wishes, and said to the first couple, “I’m sure this is the most romantic place you could imagine, here with me.”

Both candidates’ wives were in the audience.

Without saying so, the two rivals quickly got to the crux of their race — Romney’s eagerness to turn the contest into a referendum on the past four years while the incumbent desires for voters to choose between his plan for the next four years and the one his rival backs.

Romney ticked off the dreary economic facts of life — a sharp spike in food stamps, economic growth “lower this year than last” and “23 million people out of work or stopped looking for work.”

But Obama criticized Romney’s prescriptions and his refusal to raise taxes and said, “if you take such an unbalanced approach then that means you are going to be gutting our investment in schools and education ... health care for seniors in nursing homes (and) for kids with disabilities.”

Not surprisingly, the two men disagreed over Medicare, a flash point since Romney placed Wisconsin Rep. Paul Ryan on his ticket.

The president repeatedly described Romney’s plan as a “voucher program” that would raise out-of-pocket costs on seniors.

He continued, directly addressing the voters at home: “If you’re 54 or 55 you might want to listen because this will affect you.”

Romney said he doesn’t support any changes for current retirees or those close to retirement.

“If you’re 60 or 60 and older you don’t need to listen further,” he said, but he contended that fundamental changes are needed to prevent the system from becoming insolvent as millions of baby boom generation Americans become eligible.

Romney also made a detailed case for repealing Obamacare, the

name attached to the health care plan that Obama pushed through Congress in 2010. “It has killed jobs,” he said, and argued that the best approach is to “do what we did in my state.”

Though he didn’t say so, when he was governor Massachusetts passed legislation that required residents to purchase coverage — the so-called individual mandate that conservatives and he oppose on a national level.

Romney also said that Obamacare would cut \$716 billion from Medicare over the next decade.

The president said the changes were part of a plan to lengthen the program’s life, and he added that AARP, the seniors lobby, supports it.

With a two-minute closing statement, Obama said he had spent his first four years in office fighting for those in the emiddle class and those seeking to make it there. “If you’ll vote for me, I’ll fight just as hard in my second term,” he said.

Romney was as critical of Obama’s tenure as he was the moment the two men walked onto the stage.

If the president is re-elected, he predicted continued economic trouble for the middle class, chronic unemployment, higher costs for health insurance and “dramatic cuts to the military.”

Obama took office in the shadow of an economic crisis but promised a turnaround that hasn’t materialized. Economic growth has been sluggish throughout his term, with unemployment above 8 percent since before he took office.

Travis Taylor contributed to this story.



This photo released by the Office of Inspector General of Department of Health and Human Services shows a label from a dietary supplement. Federal watchdogs say many dietary supplements marketed to help consumers lose weight or boost their immune systems are illegally labeled and rely on shoddy evidence to support their health claims, according to a new report on government oversight of the \$20 billion supplement industry.

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safety issue comes to light.

The Office of Inspector General found that in numerous cases, when companies did submit evidence to back up their health claims, it fell far short of government recommendations.

One company submitted a 30-year-old handwritten college term paper to substantiate its claim, while others included news releases, advertisements and links to Wikipedia or an online dictionary, according to the report.

Overall, the review raises questions about whether the system is

allowing companies to mislead consumers, investigators said, and recommended that FDA ramp up its oversight. The report did not name individual brands or products, and also did not estimate the total number of dietary supplements on the market.

In response, the food safety agency said it would consider asking Congress for more oversight powers to review supplement companies’ evidence proving their products’ purported health benefits.

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Dr. Moody’s research provides us a much-needed opportunity to discuss these issues more at length.”

Plano senior Adaobi Ekwemani, Baylor Democrats president, said it saddens her that racism is still a part of American culture.

“To me, the disheartening part is the Facebook items of a racial nature are not even about the fact that he’s black but him being African, because I’m African myself,”

Ekwemani said. “America is a country of immigrants and to make fun of someone of immigrant roots is very disheartening.”

Ekwemani, however, does not believe that it’s an issue of the Democratic Party against the Republican Party.

“I think it’s unfortunate, and I don’t think it’s representative of the Republican Party,” Ekwemani said. “It’s American politics right now.”

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