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Day one: Obama gets to work

The day after the inauguration President Obama talks economy, change

By David Espo
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In a first-day whirlwind, President Barack Obama showcased efforts to revive the economy on Wednesday, summoned top military officials to chart a new course in Iraq and eased into the daunting thicket of Middle East diplomacy.

“What an opportunity we have to change this country,” said the 47-year-old chief executive, who also issued new ethics rules for his administration and hosted a reception at the presidential mansion for 200 inauguration volunteers and guests selected by an Internet lottery.

After dancing at inaugural balls with first lady Michelle Obama past midnight, Obama entered the Oval Office for the first time as president in early morning. He read a good luck note left behind by President George W. Bush, then began breaking cleanly with his predecessor’s policies.

Aides circulated a draft of an executive order that would close the detention facility at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, within a year and halt all war crimes trials in the meantime.

Closing the site “would further the national security and foreign policy interests of the United States and the interests of justice,” read the draft pre-



Associated Press

President Barack Obama speaks to his senior staff to assert expectations on ethics and conduct Wednesday at the Eisenhower Executive Office Building on the White House campus in Washington.

pared for the new president’s signature. A copy was obtained by The Associated Press.

Some of the 245 detainees currently held at Guantanamo would be released, while others would be transferred elsewhere

and later put on trial under terms to be determined.

Obama’s Cabinet was moving closer to completion.

At the Capitol, the Senate confirmed Hillary Rodham Clinton as secretary of state

after a one-day delay forced by Republicans. The vote was 94-2, and spectators seated in the galleries erupted in applause when it was announced.

Treasury-designate Timothy Geithner emerged unscathed

from his confirmation hearing, apologizing for having failed to pay \$34,000 in taxes earlier in the decade.

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Economy top priority for new administration

By Ashley Corinne Killough
Staff writer

WASHINGTON — Echoing the nation’s growing concern over the recession, the economy topped President Barack Obama’s agenda Wednesday. His first day in office included a meeting with his economic team and the signing of an executive order that placed a pay freeze on White House staff members.

Obama’s choice for Treasury Secretary, Timothy Geithner, answered questions Wednesday at a U.S. Senate confirmation hearing. Geithner also announced that Obama intends

to release within the next few weeks “a comprehensive plan” to address the economic crisis, Bloomberg reported.

In his inaugural speech Tuesday, Obama encouraged Americans to endure the challenges ahead, as the recession is likely to continue. And a new CNN/Opinion Research Corp. poll found that 59 percent of those surveyed think it will take two years or longer for the economy to recover.

On Jan. 15, the House of Representatives unveiled its economic stimulus package, a bill that proposed \$550 billion in spending over two years and

tax cuts totaling another \$275 billion. In the package, government spending would aim to build and improve highways, provide for school construction and target other infrastructure projects.

Dr. Barry Bosworth, senior fellow of economic studies at the Brookings Institution, a public policy research organization, said an increase in spending typically fuels the economy more than tax cuts.

“Expenditures are normally thought to have a bigger multiplier effect on output and

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Associated Press

Vice President Joe Biden (left) clasps hands with President Barack Obama after he signed several executive orders during a meeting with their senior staff to assert expectations on ethics and conduct Wednesday in Washington.

December grad hits streets in pursuit of employment

By Brittany Hardy
Staff writer

Most students don’t think they’ll be wandering the side of the road holding a cardboard sign after they graduate from Baylor. But that’s exactly what alumnus Richard Notgrass, who graduated in December, did. Notgrass walked the Dallas streets for three days, this past weekend, his cardboard sign in hand, which read, “Baylor Grad for Hire! Ask For Resume.”

“For me, I think I’m the kind of person, when I’m stuck in a traffic jam, I’m looking for an alternative method. Right now,

literally there’s a traffic jam of people looking for jobs. This is my alternative method. And it’s working great,” Notgrass said.

On the first day Notgrass stood at the intersection of Market Center Boulevard and Stemmons Freeway. On days two and three, he walked along the North side of downtown Dallas, at the intersection of Woodall Rogers and Harwood Street.

“I thought about two things: I thought about my image and what I wanted to wear, as well as the nature of the sign that I would use. I definitely wanted to look homeless. Although

some would argue that they would want the sign to look pristine and professional, but I thought there the creativity would be lost. I wanted it to look like it came out of a garbage can, so it actually did come from a garbage can,” he said.

Notgrass said that as a December graduate, it can be difficult to find a job. He said most employers are not looking to hire right before Christmas and New Year’s.

That, coupled with the shrinking economy and a rise in unemployment, results in a situation where there is a significant lack

of available jobs.

Notgrass said the response has been more than he can handle. Three radio stations, two TV stations and two newspapers, including The Lariat, have contacted him. He has received more than 100 phone calls, given out more than 20 resumes, received more than 20 business cards, and had six interviews.

Although things seem to be going well for Notgrass, this act was a reflection of a larger issue.

“Market-based economies allow tremendous

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Texas oil may be in peril

By Betsy Blaney
The Associated Press

MIDLAND — In the West Texas oil patch, they can see the downturn coming at them from miles away like a pickup truck kicking up a dust cloud on the horizon.

With crude dropping below \$40 a barrel from a high of around \$150 over the summer, oil and gas companies in the Lone Star State are cutting back on drilling, the layoffs are beginning, and the boom of the past few years appears to be drawing to a close.

The boom may not necessarily give way to a bust. But the days of plentiful jobs, big paychecks and shiny new pickups and SUVs seem to be numbered.

“It’s been a good ride up, but we’re bracing ourselves for the ride down,” said Midland City Manager Courtney Sharp, who expects a drop in tax revenue next month because of slumping sales in the city of about 98,000.

Kevon Horst, 19, landed his first job over the summer in the booming West Texas oilfields when crude was selling for about \$140 a barrel. Horst and about 20 others working a rig near Canadian, about 40 miles from the Oklahoma line, were laid off recently. Gone are his \$2,000-a-week job and his apartment.

He and his girlfriend moved in with her mother, and he is struggling to keep up with the \$500-a-month payments on his new truck.

“I’m in a bind with it,” Horst said. “No one’s hiring now.”

Others in the Texas Panhandle and across the Permian Basin to the south, which produces 20 percent of the nation’s oil, are finding themselves in similar straits.

While overall unemployment is still low in Texas oil towns — 3.1 percent in Midland and 3.7 percent in Odessa, or about half the national average — that could change if oil prices don’t bounce back sometime soon.

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Stephen Green/Lariat Staff

Finger-lickin’ good

The Baylor Bear mascot enjoys a nice stroll members of the Chamber along Fountain Mall Wednesday evening.

Editorial

Bigger isn't always better

The results are in and it's true. Everything is bigger in Texas. And that includes the bellies.

Just as millions of New Year's resolutions of getting fit are burning out, the 2009 results of the 11th annual Men's Health Magazine's Fittest/Fattest cities survey was released.

Miami took the top spot this year as the fattest city in the nation, but Texas was not to be outdone. Four Texas cities graced this year's ranking out of 25 cities in the nation. Three Texas cities even cracked the top ten. San Antonio was ranked the highest at third place, Houston ranked sixth, El Paso ranked seventh and Dallas-Fort Worth came in at 14.

As for the fittest cities in the nation, Salt Lake City took the top spot with Colorado Springs, Colo., and Minneapolis taking the second and third spots, respectively. Austin also made the cut for the 17th position on the top 25 fittest cities ranking.

For the past five years, Texas has had at least one major city ranked in the top ten of the fat-

test cities in the nation.

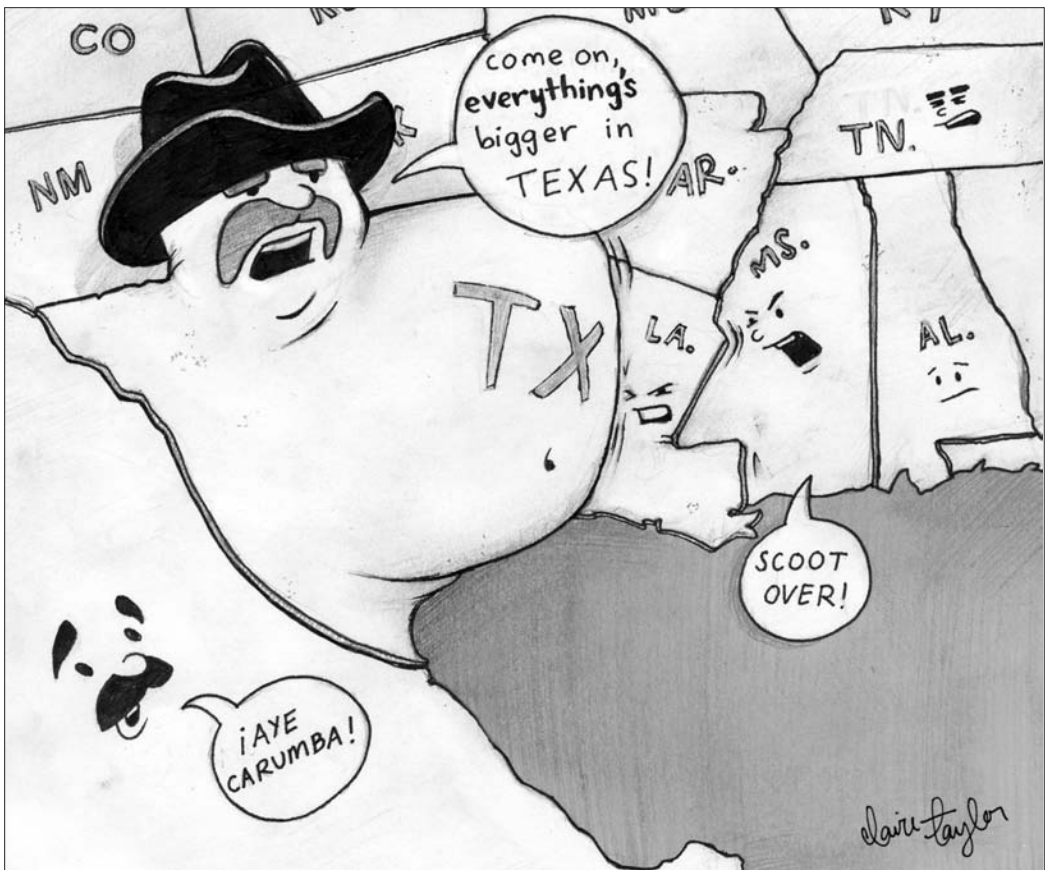
The survey evaluates cities based upon a total of fifteen different categories ranging from things as basic as nutrition to air quality and TV viewing.

These categories take into account what initiatives are being taken at the city and state level to promote fitness. The survey even evaluated the fitness practices of the various city mayors as to whether they are setting a healthy example for their residents.

The survey also uses health statistics from the Center for Disease Control. As far as commute routes, the surveys looked at the local commute and how easily residents could go to and from work. Parks and open space are evaluated for city recreation sites such as basketball and tennis courts.

In comparison with its "fitter" counterparts, Texas doesn't have the type of landscaping that would encourage or entice anyone to get outside.

Salt Lake City boasts plenty of ski resorts, hiking and biking trails as well as far more natural outdoor resources. There are more options for



things to do outside when it's 75 degree summers and snowy winters. Texas' climate doesn't allow for that kind of outdoor activity. The heat can make it unbearable to even be outside.

Cities like Dallas, Houston and San Antonio are heavily congested and have a higher population than Salt Lake City or Colorado Springs. Commuting in a big city is more challenging due to traffic and the large size of cities.

All this being said, the weather, traffic and geography may pose a challenge to outdoor physical activities in Texas, but that doesn't mean that Texans can't find other

ways to burn calories.

People in Texas may not be able to go skiing or walk to work, but that doesn't mean that they can't go to the gyms or work out at home to stay fit. Though it may be difficult it's not impossible to maintain a healthy weight.

The culture and perception of food revolving around the Southern culture in Texas and many other states in the South also contributes to expanding waistband. Food means a lot more than just nourishment and vitamins. It's a reason for families to get together and celebrate.

There's nothing wrong with

embracing our affinity for good Southern home cooking and comfort food. However, Texans also need to be aware of the health-related consequences of over-indulgence.

Even though Texas has made recent strides to become healthier by enforcing "snack tax" laws that are aimed at reducing obesity and improving nutrition, in addition to participating in a Center for Disease Control sponsored program to reduce obesity and other chronic diseases, this recent survey reiterates the point that Texans need to make greater strides toward health improvement.

sports take Sports team managers should stop meddling

As a high school friend of mine mentioned to me a few days ago, failure seems to haunt every sports team we root for.

I had never thought about it that way, but it seems to fit, or maybe I just follow failure. I came to Baylor, which didn't need my help in athletic struggles. Before that, I lived in Dallas: a city that's only recent championship success came from the 1999 Dallas Stars and a 1996 Super Bowl win by the Cowboys.

Coming to Baylor, I realized the football team wasn't very good. In my first four years here, we went 3-8, 5-6, 4-8 and 3-9. Then last year we went 4-8. Not exactly rousing success, but many people accepted the poor records as just "Baylor being Baylor."

However, in Dallas, fans have to deal with the other type of losing: that is squandered losses.

Let's face it, Dallas is the new Choke City. Just look at the different sports to figure that out.

Football: Where do I start with the Cowboys? The Roy Williams trade was a bust, the entire populace of Dallas/Fort Worth has turned on Jason Garrett, Tony Romo doesn't even look like he wants to be there and, of course, there is Jerry Jones. The owner and general manager of America's team set a fine example for the nation's youth, bringing in Terry "Tank" Johnson and Adam "Pacman" Jones — both ineffective contributors who have had legal problems in the past.

Basketball: You can start the story on the Mavericks just a few seasons ago, when Dwayne Wade swept past defending guards en route to a stunning four-game swing in the NBA Finals. The next season, former coach Don Nelson made his protégé, Avery Johnson, look absolutely foolish as a coach. Then the worst blunder, owner Mark Cuban traded one of the most promising point guards along with several other noteworthy concessions for an aged Jason Kidd.

Baseball: The Rangers have never been good, so the snub from the playoffs elicits nothing more than a yawn. However, in looking at all the major sports in the Metroplex, one position stands out.

The owners.

Cuban and Jones don't make very good decisions when it comes to sports, and the teams have suffered for it. Pacman Jones had been out for a full year, and it showed when he stepped on the field. He only had 31 tackles on the year, averaged a measly four yards per punt return and only played in nine games due to trouble with the law. He was clearly too slow to play, but Jones made an effort to sign him, trading away important draft picks in the gamble.

For any organization to be successful, there has to be two things: talent at the lower positions and non-meddling managers. Mark Cuban and Jerry Jones could take a page from their business backgrounds and apply it to their jobs as owners.

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BY BRIAN BATEMAN

point of view

Energy of inauguration crowd more than media hype

We each had our separate, crazy experiences Tuesday in Washington D.C. While mine involved a lot of waiting, pushing, shoving and walking, it also involved some unexpected educational opportunities.

For example, while wedged among a sea of bulky coats, scarves and hats for six hours straight, I learned about crowds. I learned that when thousands of people are crammed into an area the size of a small gym, they get creative. And surprisingly — and this might just be an Obama thing — they get friendly.

This particular crowd cracked jokes. They chanted cheerful slogans. While waiting in line for four hours, they plotted heroic strategies to get into the designated area. And a few people somehow discovered fault with President Bush for the cold weather.

This seemed antithetical to my preconceived ideas of large, uncontrollable crowds. As soon as I realized I would be

sewn into a quilt of people, I thought of the man who died the day after Thanksgiving from being trampled by a stampede in Wal-Mart. I thought of violence erupting in marches and protests all over the world last year. I thought of the 100 people who were burned alive in a nightclub fire in Rhode Island because it was too jam-packed for people to escape.

But my worries were soon quelled, partly by my concentration on avoiding frostbite, mostly by the positive and relatively patient mood of the crowd. Waiting four hours in conditions that make personal space a taboo is no easy task. Some grew concerned they would never make it in and left, but most remained hopeful.

And their wish came true when my particular group decided to break through the mesh fencing and storm the field at the start of the ceremony — thus, reverting back to my crowd anxieties. But at least we bypassed security to see history rather than make history — a realization I could only make in hindsight, looking back on the terrorism-free experience.

As journalists, we're trained to remain

objective. We all have our leanings, of course, but I've worked hard the last year to keep that separate from reporting, allowing my mind to tackle as many angles as possible. I've learned to not get star-struck or overly excited about some of the opportunities I've been fortunate to come across in covering politics.

A few days before coming to Washington, I kept reading the words "euphoric," "elated" and "passionate" in descriptions of the pre-inauguration mood in D.C. I prepared myself to avoid caving in to the excitement, striving to maintain an outsider mentality while documenting this huge event. I reminded myself over again that 47 percent of Americans didn't vote for Obama, that of course the crowds in Washington would be energetic — they were all part of that other 53 percent.

But what a challenge it's been. As soon as I landed, I could already feel the excitement. After conversing with people for two days on the sacrifices they made to be here and the joy they felt in getting to witness history, it was hard not to feel happy with them. When immersed in a mass of people, all of whom were standing eagerly on their toes with necks

reached out, silently listening to Obama speak, it was hard not to feel guilty as I clickety-clicked away on my Blackberry, typing notes from his speech.

But being here among the excitement, watching these crowds take great risks on inauguration day, I've realized this energy wasn't created by media hype. I experienced it. I was surrounded by it. I know it exists. And I know it's not something to discredit for fear of being cliché.

Although I'm a journalist, I'm also an American. And I've concluded there's no harm in enjoying a historic moment. Indeed, it's an absolute fact that a large portion of the country feels more dread about the next four years than hope.

But no matter what ideology you subscribe to, and no matter what may happen in the future, it's also an absolute fact that, for right now, the nation is home to a renewed sense of optimism. And during a particularly hard time with two wars and an economic meltdown, that is definitely a news story worth reporting.

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U.S. Airways in D.C. packed

By Anita Pere
Editor in chief

WASHINGTON — US Airways passengers waited in lines for hours Wednesday at Reagan National Airport in Washington, D.C. as those visiting for the inauguration poured out of the city.

Other airlines, such as United and Frontier, had very short lines at that airport.

Ryan Hampton of Miami said he had been waiting in line to check his luggage for more than two hours. He was still several hundred feet from the check-in counter.

Hampton said when he called US Airways Tuesday, he was told to arrive at the airport two hours in advance.

Transportation Security Administration personnel handed out phone numbers for passengers to call to reschedule flights, but many standing in line said they were told all flights out of the city were full.

The first time Hampton called, he was told he couldn't get on a flight to Fort Lauderdale, Fla., until Friday. He stayed in line hoping to fly stand-by.

"I've been on the hope train or two years; I can be on it another two days," said Hampton, who served as the finance co-chair of the Inaugural Committee.

During a later call a few minutes later, he was able to secure a seat on a flight departing later that evening.

Gail L. of New Orleans, who declined to give her last name, waited in line an hour and 15 minutes to get to the check-in counter for her flight.

"It just didn't seem like it would be this slow," she said. Only one employee was assisting customers at the counter where she needed to check her bags.

But Morgan Durrant, a media spokesperson for US Airways who was at Reagan National Airport, said in an e-mail that the airline had extra staff working.

Durrant said one hurdle was "the arrival of several tour buses this morning containing customers not flying until much later in the day."

He said the airline did not overbook flights like many frustrated customers speculated and would wave baggage and ticket change fees for the inconvenience.

An operations manager at the airport, who wished not to give his name, blamed excess luggage for the holdup.

He said usually more passengers bring only carry-on luggage, but the high number of visitors staying several days for the inauguration meant more baggage to check and pass security examinations.

The Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority and the Transportation Security Administration brought in extra employees from the nearby Washington Dulles International Airport to help direct passengers and perform security checks on baggage.

The U.S. Homeland Security Threat Level for aviation was orange, or elevated, meaning security checks at airports may be more thorough and take more time.

TSA officers Maurice Atkins and Bryant Lovelace had worked 22 hours straight at the airport Wednesday.

They said weren't sure when they would go home.

"We'll be here 'til we have enough personnel to cover



TSA officers as well as the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority in Washington D.C. tried to control crowds Wednesday at Ronald Regan Washington National Airport. Some officers were even brought over from other airports to help with the crowds. Transit Officials said the long lines of U.S. Airways passengers stemmed from a problem with checked luggage.

everything," Lovelace said.

In addition to assisting the influx of fliers, Lovelace said they had to deal with an unusually high amount of other issues, such as lost children and sick travelers.

Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority officer A. Sullivan works at Dulles International Airport but went to

Reagan National Airport mid-morning.

"It wasn't an emergency, they just needed some extra help," he said.

Another officer handed out water bottles to people waiting.

Airport shop and restaurant employees also kept busy.

Keyoan Hamilton, who works at Cosi restaurant in the airport,

Inaugural speech, events seek to spread message of inclusivity

By Sommer Ingram
Staff writer

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama has promised to move this nation in a new direction, and began working to make that promise a reality before even taking office. Along with messages of change and hope, a theme prevalent throughout this campaign was inclusiveness. Events leading up to Inauguration Day were a widespread attempt at outreach and encouragement of diversity.

On Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Obama encouraged people to go out and do service projects for their communities as a part of the Renew America Together project.

He also held the first-ever Neighborhood Inaugural Ball on the night of the inauguration.

As opposed to past inaugural

events that are generally limited to high-dollar donors and dignitaries, for this ball, a specific number of tickets were given away to various neighborhood groups around the D.C. area, and the remainder were sold at affordable prices.

"This is right in line with Obama's character," said a local man, who declined to give his name. "At the ball he referred to himself and his wife as neighborhood people, and that's really what they are."

The president picked a rather unconventional figure to lead the first inaugural event — the Rev. V. Gene Robinson of New Hampshire, who was elected the Episcopal Church's first openly gay bishop, delivered invocation for the kickoff of the Inaugural Concert Sunday at Lincoln Memorial.

However, Obama's inclusive nature elicited negative responses

when he selected evangelical pastor Rick Warren of Saddleback Church in Lake Forest, Calif., to deliver the inaugural invocation.

The gay community, who saw the selection as a blow to their cause, takes offense at Warren's disapproval of homosexuality and his support of Proposition 8, which banned gay marriage in California.

"You can't please everyone, and trying can only get you so far," Eloise Williams of Houston said. "But Obama definitely tries. I hope that's not his undoing."

Standing in front of millions on Capitol Hill on Inauguration Day, Obama delivered a message resonating with courage and determination, full of appreciation of the diversity of our country, and eager to capitalize upon it.

Quoting Old Scripture, Obama said the time has come

to set aside childish things. But he also reached out to members of other faiths — even people with no faith.

"We are a nation of Christians and Muslims, Jews and Hindus — and non-believers," Obama said to the massive crowd. "We are shaped by every language and culture, drawn from every end of this Earth."

Many spectators appreciated the inclusiveness of the speech.

"I liked how he mentioned all religions, including Atheism," Rob Gill from Overland Park, Kan., said.

Others look to his words as a glimpse of what is to come in the future.

"I thought the speech was very representative of where this country needs to be headed," a woman from Florida said. "He really appreciates this country for its diversity and wants to use that to our advantage. I was

standing amongst people of all kinds, and that really is what America is all about."

The Rev. Joseph Lowery, who gave the benediction at the inauguration, continued Obama's message of inclusiveness.

He began by quoting powerful lines from the Negro National Anthem, and spoke frequently of the unity and solidarity of the country.

Lowery ended the benediction with this phrase: "Lord, we ask you to help us work for that day when black will not be asked to get in back, when yellow will be mellow, when the red man can get ahead, man; and when white will embrace what is right."

Some felt that the way he ended the benediction directly opposed the message of inclusiveness Obama pushes for.

"When you think about it, his little rhyme at the end was unnecessary," a man from New Jersey said. "It's as if he was ignoring all the progress that's been made, everything this day stands for. Obviously whites had to embrace what was 'right' if some white people elected Barack Obama to be the president."

Others felt, however, that when taken in context of the rest of the benediction, the comment wasn't meant to be malicious, and that Obama's desire to be inclusive of all still resonates strongly.

"Maybe it wasn't the best way to end a benediction, but it wasn't a big deal," Williams said. "The majority of his benediction referred to history and togetherness. The part at the end is a spin-off of an old adage from years ago. He didn't mean any harm by it, and people shouldn't view it as taking away from Obama's message."

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Alumni recall changes in Baylor’s civil rights views

Jenna Williamson
Reporter

For journalists and authors Louis and Kay Moore, being on the Baylor campus Tuesday for President Obama’s Inauguration brought back a wave of memories. The couple, who will celebrate their 40th anniversary in August, both attended Baylor during the height of the civil rights movement.

Louis was the Lariat editor in chief from 1968 to 1969. His wife, Kay, was city editor of the Lariat at the same time. Both remember when Baylor’s first Black student, football player John Westbrook, moved into Martin Hall in 1965. Kay recalls that during her freshman year, Collins was racially integrated for the first time.

“Baylor was not in the forefront of civil rights,” Louis said. “Martin Luther King was not the most popular person on this campus.”

The day after King’s assassination in April 1968, the main story in The Lariat was about campus elections. It was a sad day in the history of college journalism and especially for The Lariat staff, according to Kay. Later that week, “we did a special edition of the Lariat on King’s assassination,” she said.

In 1968, Louis interviewed Dr. Vivienne Mayes, Baylor’s first black professor. As a student, Dr. Mayes was denied admission to Baylor on racial grounds. Along with his front-page story, Louis wrote an editorial on Dr. Mayes, chiding the administration for failing to formally apologize to

her.

Louis hired Willie White for The Lariat staff in spring of 1969. White was the first Black to work for the Lariat. Louis recalled taking a trip with White, Kay and Kay’s roommate. When the four stopped for dinner, Louis said that everyone was star-



Jacky Reyes/Lariat staff

Baylor Alumni and authors Louis A. Moore and Kay Wheeler Moore visited Baylor Tuesday.

ing at their table. It took him a moment to realize that people thought White was dating Kay’s roommate, he said.

The group “literally had cowboys follow us to our car,” and it was the “first time I had experienced discrimination almost inside a black man’s skin,” Louis said.

White was the Lariat editor from 1970-1971. Having a black editor proved to be difficult, even for a group which Louis referred to as so-called liberal journalists. He said he feels that although many Baylor students promoted equality in theory,

they didn’t always live it out.

“That was my contribution to the Lariat – to spotlight that issue (of civil rights),” Louis said.

After his time at Baylor, Louis went on to seminary and later worked for almost 15 years as religion editor for the Houston Chronicle. Currently, the Moores own Hannibal Books, a Christian publishing company based out of Garland. Louis and Kay have both written several books, the most recent of which is Louis’ “Witness to the Truth”.

The book describes lessons Louis has learned during his interactions with the church over the past 40 years. The book looks at the common threads in different religions and denominations.

“God can use any situation or circumstance at His disposal, both inside and outside the church, to fulfill His purposes on earth,” Louis said. “The truth is that God is at work everywhere and we are fortunate to be a part of what He is doing.”

When asked about Obama’s choice of Rick Warren and Eugene Robinson to be a part of the inauguration ceremonies, Louis said that the new president may have been trying to hard to balance two extreme theological viewpoints. He admitted that “Obama has his work cut out for him” because “America is very deeply divided, both politically and religiously.” Louis said that as Americans, “we need to have our own opinions” while maintaining “a sense of respect for one another.”

RecycleMania boosts sustainability

By Sean Doerre
Reporter

The Super Bowl of recycling got under way Sunday on the Baylor campus with the official start of RecycleMania. The 10-week contest tracks universities across the country in four different facets of waste reduction. This year, the University Sustainability Committee is hoping campus-wide changes that have been made will put Baylor on top.

“This year as we go in, we are fully deployed with recycling containers, except for a few academic buildings,” said Carl Flynn, director of communications and marketing for information technology and university libraries. Flynn is also the university sustainability committee chair of the education and communication working group.

“Last year we were saying recycle, recycle, recycle, and people didn’t know what to do with their stuff. But now it’s recycle, recycle and there are five containers within 50 feet of you.”

The 491 schools competing in this year’s contest will be measured in terms of the largest amount of recyclables per capita, the largest amount of total

recyclables, the least amount of trash per capita, and the highest recycling rate.

“I would say there are a lot of people excited this year, because they had a good experience last year,” Flynn said. “So we really think we are going to make a much bigger showing this year.”

Baylor will be looking to place high in the Stephen K. Gaski Per Capita Classic. In the Per Capita Classic, schools report their total weights for paper, cardboard, bottles and cans, and then that number is divided by the number of students, staff and faculty on the campus.

This is the third consecutive year Baylor will be competing in the program, after finishing third in the Big 12 last year and fourth in 2007. However, the recycling per person has increased for Baylor each of the past two years, starting with 6.77 pounds in 2007 and increasing last year to 11.4 pounds.

With the improved recycling infrastructure the committee hopes to compete for the Big 12 title, but last year’s conference winner and runner-up, Texas and Colorado, stand in the way.

“We weren’t behind first place very far per person last year, so if we could get up in the 15 or 16 pounds per person range, we

could possibly win the Big 12,” Flynn said.

“Winning Recycle Mania will take the efforts of every student, professor, and staff member at Baylor,” said Austin Cook-Lindsay, a San Angelo junior environmental science major and the undergraduate sustainability coordinator and RecycleMania committee chair. “If your dorm room has been collecting a pile of recyclable material, now is the time to do some spring cleaning.”

RecycleMania got its start in 2001 when staff from Ohio University and Miami University decided that something needed to be done to increase recycling on their respective campuses, according to the contest’s Web site.

Since the program’s inception, more than 114 million pounds of recyclables have been collected and the Web site reports that in the 2008 competition alone, 25,342 metric tons of greenhouse gas emissions were stopped from entering the atmosphere.

Contest totals will be updated at the end of each week and students and faculty can follow Baylor’s standing in the competition at <http://recyclemania.org>.



Courtesy photo

Antioch church members performed last year at the World Mandate event. This year, hundreds of people from around the nation will gather Friday through Sunday at the Ferrell Special Events Center for the World Mandate event.

Hundreds to gather for World Mandate of nations

By Brittany McNamara
Reporter

The harvest is now. The time is now.

Words rooted in the New Testament will echo throughout the halls of the Ferrell Special Events Center tomorrow through Sunday at the Antioch Community Church’s annual World Mandate.

Hundreds will gather from around the world to discuss the theme of World Mandate, ‘The harvest is now.’

Dating back to 1989, the first World Mandate began with 60 people gathered in a cafeteria, discussing students, the nations of the earth, and God’s heart for both.

“The first meeting consisted of people who were willing to say, ‘let’s take a weekend to stop and think about the nations of the earth,’” said Carl Gulley, Antioch’s college pastor.

This weekend will mark the 21st World Mandate and attendance may break last year’s total of 3,400 attendees, Gulley said.

Although the conference speaks predominantly to college students, the event is open to all ages.

“Main portions of the messages are driven toward college students, but we want everything to be open to the whole body of Christ,” Gulley said.

This year’s World Mandate will encompass four main speakers, three of whom are Baylor graduates.

“It’s really cool to see Baylor students that have been impacted by this message and are now living it out,” Gulley said.

According to the World Mandate Web site, the topics of the four main sessions include

“God’s Heart for Them, God’s Heart for You,” “Faith for the Impossible,” “Go!,” and “The Local Church is the Hope of the World.”

Those attending the conference will also have the opportunity to sit in on a list of breakout seminars, highlighting a variety of social justice issues among the nations.

Dance, music and monologues will be performed at World Mandate.

“The arts are a big piece for us. That’s how many people capture what God’s heart is for them and for the nations,” Gulley said.

Antioch’s 30-member dance team will perform a hip-hop routine Saturday night to “Ignition” by artist tobyMac’s song.

“We believe in using creative forms of expression to lead people into worship and prayer. The dance is one of the most powerful forms because it is visual and people can identify with it,” said Leslie Alba, a Colleyville junior and participant in the routine.

Reminiscing on past World

Mandates, Gulley’s face lit up as he recalled receiving an e-mail from a family whom he had never met. The first sentence read, “We want to thank you for messing our family up.”

The e-mail went on to say that the family’s lives had been changed forever. After attending World Mandate, they decided to undergo special training to become bible translators in a foreign nation.

“When the conference is finished, and someone decides to wrap their life around the Great Commission, then we win,” Gulley said.

Gulley reinforced the belief that all people can take part in the Great Commission.

“All of us have to be a part of this in some way, not just the ones on the mission field,” he said.

World Mandate registration is still ongoing. Those interested can go to <http://worldmandate.com> to register. Baylor students can use ‘baylor bears’ as a password to receive a discounted ticket.

BEAR BRIEFS

Student Productions start selling tickets for Sing at 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. today in the Bill Daniel Student Center. Students are allowed to purchase two tickets at this time. Additional tickets will be available for students at 9 a.m. Friday.

The School of Music will hold an event entitled “Collage II” at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Waco Hall. The event will showcase talented artists from different faucets of the School of Music.

A Baylor Founders’ Exhibit, part of the Baptist 400 Celebration, will be on display until Feb. 27 at Moody Memorial Library. The exhibit focuses on the early years of Baylor University.

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Sulak's Cafe, located at 208 North Main St. in West, has provided Central Texas with Czech cuisine since 1923.

Czech cafe offers tasty treats

By Elizabeth Herring
Contributor

"If you're going to die of salt, you shouldn't eat here," our waitress said with a smile as she handed us our menus. "Nothing here is bland," she added, and she was not kidding. Sulak's Cafe's menu selection is full of flavor. Sulak's Cafe, a small Czech restaurant in West, is recognized by its chateau-style exterior and its garlic steaks, among other entrees.

RESTAURANTREVIEW

Greeted by a row of mounted deer heads and a friendly wait staff, the restaurant was a slice of local life with a lasting history dating back to 1923. Polka music floats quietly through the air as customers sit either at the counter or at tables in the cozy dining room.

The wait staff is friendly and helpful, explaining the menu and talking about the restaurant's heritage and specialties with a friendly smile. The cook himself even ventures out from the kitchen to make the rounds through the tables, joke with patrons and give travel advice to town visitors.

Though Czech food is not for every eater, the food at Sulak's is

sure to draw in customers who like adventurous eating that is not like typical American cuisine. A wide selection of Czech favorites and adaptations on American cuisine fill the menu.

Sulak's Cafe was voted the best garlic steaks by the Wacoan's Critics' Pick in 2008, and these steaks offer a punch of flavor. The well-marinated steaks are served sizzling as the garlic butter melts on top and is absorbed into the steak. Jerry's Platter, another favorite, is a combination of locally smoked sausage, slow roasted pork with brown gravy, Sulak's own potato salad and sauerkraut.

This heaping platter is full of a variety of home-cooked favorites. The sausage is filled with a rich smoky flavor and is moist. The pork is also very tender, and Melissa, our waitress, swears by the gravy. The potato salad is packed with unexpected flavors and, along with the sauerkraut, is well seasoned with traditional Czech spices.

The cafe also has more traditional American diner choices like grilled cheese, soups, salads, hamburger steak, and chicken fried steak. Although normal to many menus, the twist on traditional flavors at Sulak's makes these dishes far from ordinary. Most entrees are either served

with a baked potato or hand-cut French fries.

The house salad that comes with each meal was refreshing. The bowl was not shoved full of pasty white iceberg lettuce, but instead had fresh romaine lettuce. The house dressing is creamy and has a kick of paprika. The dressing is such a favorite, that Sulak's sells it to go in pints.

For the fearless eater, there are traditional cabbage rolls. The rolls are little ditties filled with ground beef and rice and covered in a tomato puree. They are salty and make for a unique eating experience.

A trip to Sulak's is not complete without a slice of pie. These delicious desserts are piled high with beautiful meringue. They serve chocolate, coconut, half-chocolate, half-coconut, and lemon.

The lemon pie is a slice of summertime. The custard-like lemon pie filling is smooth, lacking the gel consistency and unbearable tartness of some lemon pies. The sweetness of the marshmallow-like meringue balances out the pie.

Entrees are between \$6 and \$15, and pie is around \$2 a slice.

Grade: B

Local rock band to heat up 'Waco Winter Meltdown'

By Lincoln Faulkner
Contributor

The 2nd Annual Waco Winter Meltdown will fire up this weekend with a medley of hardcore and punk bands including headlining local Cute As A Button, The Last Starfighter, Hands, Everyone Dies In Utah and In Living Memory.

The show costs \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door and will start at 6 p.m. Saturday at Art Ambush, located at 3523 Franklin Ave.

Waco band Cute As A Button first started playing together in a crash-course manner in 2006, co-front man Jonathon Lopez said.

The band, including co-vocalist Dylan Harper, guitarist Tyler Cummings, bassist Beau Robbins, drummer Clark Bynum, met for the first time the morning before their first show to practice all the songs they knew, Lopez said.

"We clicked way easy," Lopez said. "It was kind of eerie how we all got along so well. It was smooth from there."

Lopez said interacting with fans is the most fun part about playing live.

"It's something you love doing and trying to pursue, and people like it," he said. "People come to the show to support you. It's a really pleasing feeling, like nothing else I've felt before."

When it comes to inspiration, the band listens to artists that are heavy, but have a lot of various sounds, Lopez said.

"We listen to hardcore bands, but with creativity, with style, that sound unique and different," he said. "Something that makes people's heads turn."

One of the band's more popular songs, "Zompires," tells personal experiences with faith, Lopez said.

"I came back to church and felt really compelled to start writing lyrics for a song," he said.

Warming up the stage before Cute As A Button will be Hous-



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From Left: Tyler Cummings, Beau Robbins, Dylan Harper, Clark Bynum and Jonathon Lopez form the Waco-based hardcore-punk band Cute As A Button.

ton-based band The Last Starfighter, borrowing its name from a 1984 sci-fi thriller about a boy who is recruited as a pilot for an alien defense force, vocalist Roman Molina Jr. said.

Molina started the hardcore and punk-mix quintet in 2002 with guitarists Beau Gobert and Christopher Goodwinn, bassist William Guess, and Drummer Benny Tamyo.

The band started out with influences from punk bands like The Deftones, and then added hardcore elements familiar to bands like Hatebreed, Molina said.

Molina also said the band's sound includes traces of southern hard rock, citing bands like Lynard Skynard and Pantera.

Lyrically Molina said the band tries to avoid trivial issues, opting for spiritually based messages.

Molina said in the song "Los Muertos Saben La Verdad," which translates into "The Dead Know The Truth," he drew inspiration from a story in Proverbs.

"I was thinking about things going on in a politically charged environment," Molina said. "You can argue with each other back and forth, but at the end of the day I would rather have the wisdom to see the truth."

Also featured in the concert

Saturday is Hands, a North Dakota-based screamo quartet whose success has been surreal since the band's formation in 2007, vocalist Shane Ochsner said.

Ochsner, along with guitarist Jerik Hendrickson, bassist Chris Schwartz, and drummer Josh Silbernagel, started without much expectation how far the band would go, but ended up signing a one album contract with Lobster Records (who produced bands like Yellowcard) and then in 2008, after their first tour, signed with Facedown Records, Ochsner said.

"We're a band where we play music because we really want to glorify God in what we do," Ochsner said. "But we're not going to go out there and shove Jesus down people's throats."

The band is just a way of talking about their experiences and sending a positive message out to kids, Ochsner said.

"I feel like we're a 'real' band," Ochsner said. "I feel like the music that we play, and the stuff that we're saying, and the way that we handle ourselves outside of the band and in the band and onstage, I feel like we're just a real group of guys that love playing music and it's evident that we're really doing this to love the kids that come to the show."



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Sophomore guard secures victory over Kansas State



Kansas State's Jacob Pullen (0) and Baylor's Lacedarius Dunn (24) battle for a loose ball during the second half Wednesday, in Manhattan, Kan. Dunn scored 33 points, leading Baylor to an 83-65 win.

Lacedarius Dunn achieves third-longest 3-pointer streak in Baylor history

By Brad Dornes
Kansas State Collegian

After back-to-back road games and three straight losses by an average of 15 points, Kansas State men's basketball team returned home to face the No. 23 Baylor Bears on Wednesday night.

Even playing in the friendly confines of Bramlage Coliseum could not cure the ailing Wildcats as they lost to the Bears, 83-65.

Both teams started the game slowly. Baylor freshman forward Quincy Acy scored the first two points at 17:49 in the first half. K-State would get its first basket and tie the score at 2-2 more than a full minute later.

The Bears then proceeded to go on an eight-point run and extend their lead to 10-2, a lead the Wildcats would never recover from.

"Well, we knew coming in that this is a tough place to play," said Baylor head coach Scott Drew. "I felt we matched their intensity early on and felt like it gave us a chance to get a lead."

With 4:33 left in the first half, Baylor was up 27-16 over the Wildcats, when Baylor guard Lacedarius Dunn went on his own 9-3 scoring run, in which he hit three straight 3-pointers.

Wednesday's game marks the 23rd consecutive game in which Dunn has made a 3-pointer. It's the third longest streak in Baylor history and he has made at least one 3-pointer in 47 of his 49 career games.

"I have to give a lot of credit to our guards," Dunn said. "They found the open spots and it

was my responsibility to knock down the shots."

K-State scored the final four points of the half to trail 36-23 at halftime.

"They just went on another run that we couldn't get out of," K-State senior forward Darren Kent said. "Teams have been digging holes in our defense and we've been having trouble getting out of them."

During the second half, the Wildcats shot the ball more efficiently. But Baylor had an answer

"Well, we knew coming in that this is a tough place to play. I felt we matched their intensity early on ..."

Scott Drew
Baylor head coach

for every Wildcat run and never allowed K-State to get within 12 points in the second half.

"That's how they play," said head coach Frank Martin. "They are very aggressive offensively and they get a lead and then Curtis Jerrells controls the game and he gets guys open shots."

Dunn led all scorers with 33 points, shooting 75 percent from behind the 3-point line. Jerrells had 18 points, while Kevin Rogers and Acy each had 12 points.

The Bears as a team shot 56 percent from the field and 59.1 percent from behind the arc.

Leading the way for K-State was junior guard Denis Clemente with 17 points. Dominique Sutton had 12 points and Kent had 11 points for the Wildcats.

K-State (11-7, 0-4 Big 12 Conference) travels to Boulder, Colo., on Saturday to play the Colorado Buffaloes. Tip-off is set for 5 p.m.

Women's basketball nabs win against A&M by narrow margin

By Joe Holloway
Sports writer

The No. 5 Baylor Lady Bears beat the No. 9 Texas A&M University Aggies 64-61 on Wednesday night in College Station.

The clash of two top-10 teams fulfilled just about every expectation one might have, featuring 21 lead changes and 13 ties. The largest lead of the night belonged to the Aggies, who had a four-point advantage in the first minute of the game. It was the Lady Bears, however, that had the most important lead, the one at the end of the game.

"We have to work for everything in the Big 12," Baylor head coach Kim Mulkey said. "Anytime you can go on the road and steal one it's a good feeling."

And steal one the Lady Bears did.

The game was tied at 61 will little more than five seconds remaining in the game when sophomore guard Kelli Griffin inbounded the ball to junior post Danielle Wilson who went up under the glass to score the winning shot. Fouled on the play, she tacked on her free throw as well, putting the Lady Bears up by three with four seconds left on the clock.

"The key to that was the tim-

ing of the pass," Mulkey said. "It was a perfect pass where all she had to do was catch and finish."

Wilson did catch and finish, coming up with the go ahead points.

"Just being away and being on someone else's court, that's a big shot," Wilson said. "That was the biggest shot of my collegiate year."

Texas A&M head coach Gary Blair called the play a switch that his team should have switched off.

"We've got kids that know what to do, it just didn't happen," he said. "We made some mistakes, but that play didn't beat us. That play was part of it. There were a lot of things in between."

What was in between was a battle between two very evenly matched teams that featured what both coaches said was great defense, and in which Mulkey said the Lady Bears made just enough plays in.

Forward Morghan Medlock provided many of those plays throughout the night, putting up a season high 17 points.

"Morghan is on a roll," Mulkey said of the junior transfer. "Morghan Medlock did this every day at USC. What you're seeing is not surprising to her. She expects it of herself."

Whether the Aggies expected her to put up such big numbers or not, they certainly weren't prepared.

"Give Medlock a lot of credit," Blair said. "Medlock just killed us at the forward position. She's a very good player."

The leading scorer on the A&M University side of the ball was junior forward Tanishia Smith, who had 19 points. Senior guard Takia Starks also added 18 to the Aggie effort. Baylor senior guard Jessica Morrow had the task of keeping Starks, who she has played against since middle school, in check.

"Takia's a good player," Morrow said. "With players like that, you can't stop them, you just have to contain them."

Starks zero assists seem to indicate Morrow did a good job.

"Morrow had a very good defensive ballgame," Blair said. "She really changed a lot of (Starks') shots, particularly toward the end of the game. It's tough getting it off on that big guard."

Starks said at one point in the game where she was a little hurt, Morrow asked if she was all right even though they were guarding each other.

"It's really nice to see that," she said. "It's just a friendly rivalry. She's a great player."



Baylor player Jessica Morrow fights Texas A&M University center La Toya Micheaux for the ball during their game Wednesday, in Reed Arena, College Station.

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Sports briefs

Dan Gay plays in East-West Shrine Game

Senior tackle Dan Gay was put in an unusual position in the annual East-West Shrine Game Saturday, where he teamed up with former rivals Jorvorskie Lane and Stephen McGee of Texas A&M University in a battle of the nation's top college seniors.

Gay, who gained numerous postseason accolades including honorable mention All-Big 12, started the final 34 games of his career on the offensive line after switching from the defensive side of the ball.

Allison named to Wade Trophy Watch List

Senior forward Rachel Allison was one of five supplemental additions to the Wade Trophy Watch List, announced Wednesday by the trophy's selection committee.

Allison and the four other nominees were added to the preseason list of 25 student-athletes competing for the trophy based on "game and season statistics, leadership, character, effect on their team and overall playing ability."

Allison is second on the Lady Bears in scoring (13.0 ppg), rebounding (7.1 rpg), and minutes (29.3 mpg). She hopes to become the first Lady Bear to win the award, and joins Debbie Polk, Sophia Young, Steffanie Blackmon and 2007 nominee Bernice Mosby as past Baylor nominees.

Baseball to hold annual Meet the Team Dinner

Coach Steve Smith and his No. 8 ranked Bears will be featured in the team's annual dinner to kick off the season at 7 p.m. Monday in the Galloway Suite of Floyd Casey Stadium. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Texas Rangers hurler and former Bear Jason Jennings will be on hand. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased by calling the baseball office at (254) 709-5147.

Acy bringing fire to court

By Nick Dean
Sports writer

A team effort on the basketball court requires expert execution of balance and skill. Often teams slip into troughs of horrid teamwork because the balance is off. When Baylor's head coach Scott Drew runs into this problem, he may now call freshman forward Quincy Acy onto the court.

Acy has finally found his niche combining a sense of aggression with the technical skill of evading fouls.



File photo
Baylor forward Quincy Acy goes for a dunk against Tarleton State this fall in his first game as a Bear.

When Acy first started playing with the team, his energy and aggression were clear.

"We all knew he was a great athlete, the first day of practice we saw some of his dunks and realized that," head coach Scott

Drew said. "When he starts out on the floor his energy just starts out on a higher level."

Early games demonstrated that this energy could have some negative effects. Acy, a native of Mesquite, had a playing style that caused him to be heavily fouled early in the game.

"He prefers contact and that is a good thing," Drew said. "We just needed to harness that."

As Drew tried to contain then energy level but refrain Acy from getting excessive fouls, he ran into problems.

"He went from very aggressive to very passive and (he wasn't) doing anything," Drew said.

Acy started playing smarter and got help from his teammates.

"There was a time where I had no fouls but no points," Acy said. "It was frustrating, but I just kept working hard and I finally found it."

"I started playing more under control and learning about the refs," Acy said.

Senior forward Kevin Rogers is Acy's mentor and friend.

"It's easy for me to mentor Quincy because he plays my position," Rogers said. "He has continued to work hard and continued to blossom."

As Acy began to understand the defensive schemes, he seemed to settle with what he needed to do to mesh with the team. By steering away from avoidable contact and not going over the back for steals, Acy cut down on the foul count.

"He has started to mature a lot from the standpoint that he

is not getting into as much foul trouble as he did before," Drew said. "He has really progressed and come a long way."

Acy's progression led him to start against Oklahoma State University Saturday. It was Acy's first collegiate basketball start. In his first game as a starter, Acy proved his own, shooting 7-of-10 from the free-throw line and claiming 12 rebounds.

"He did a tremendous job blocking out," Drew said.

As a forward, Acy does not exactly measure up to the usual physical standards.

"I am pretty undersized for a power forward," Acy said. "I always stay in the gym and work on elbow jumpers."

Acy utilizes his other athletic strengths and unique talents to make up the difference he lacks in size.

"You have to use quickness and athleticism," Acy said.

"He rebounds and he is able to finish around the rim," senior guard Curtis Jerrells said. "Those are definitely things we lacked in the past years."

Apart from his game technique, Acy's undeniable energy and love of the game is clearly evident. Through verbal screams and unusual facial expressions, Acy brings something a little different to the court and may be the most charismatic Bear on the court.

"Quincy is pretty animated," Kevin Rogers said. "He has this tongue thing that he does, we have to get rid of that."

Acy's uncanny ability to build morale, to be a versatile player and his dedication to



Shanna Taylor/ Lariat Staff
Baylor freshman forward Quincy Acy slam dunks during the game against Oklahoma State Saturday in the Ferrell Center.

hard work allows him to work well with the squad. Acy now provides a balance and spirit that can add depth and maturity to the team.

"The aggression that he brings as a freshman means he can come up with anything," Carter said. "He is that kind of player."

Texas coach suspended after drunk driving charge

The Associated Press

AUSTIN — Texas coach Augie Garrido, who was suspended after a weekend drunken driving charge, says he "made a mistake."

Police arrested the winningest coach in major college baseball Saturday after he was stopped by officers and failed a field sobriety test. Texas athlet-

ic director DeLoss Dodds suspended Garrido indefinitely.

"I made a mistake. There's a price to pay. I'm going to pay it. We'll go from there," Garrido told the Austin American-Statesman as he left his lawyer's office Wednesday.

Garrido, 69, has coached at Texas since 1996, leading the Longhorns to national cham-

pionships in 2002 and 2005. His 1,629 wins are the most in Division I history. He also won three national titles with Cal-State Fullerton.

The Longhorns' 2009 season begins Feb. 20.

Baylor will play the Longhorns four times this season: once March 11 for an out-of-conference game at Disch-Falk

field in Austin and a three-game conference series May 1-3 at both Disch-Falk and Baylor Ballpark. The May 1 contest will be in Austin, while the May 2 and 3 games will be in Waco.

It is unclear whether Garrido will return in time for the season, but practice begins next week.

Baylor's record against Garrido since 2000:

9 wins
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Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Republicans on the panel invoked longstanding rules to postpone a vote on Eric Holder's appointment as attorney general.

Six Cabinet members have been confirmed so far, as have the two top officials at the Office of Management and Budget.

Obama's schedule for the day included separate sessions on the economy and the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The new president has pledged to take bold steps to revive the economy, which is struggling through the worst recession since the Great Depression. Last week, he won approval to use \$350 billion in leftover financial industry bail-

out funds.

He presided over the White House meeting on the economy as the House Appropriations Committee moved toward approval of \$358 billion in new spending, part of the economic stimulus package making its way to his desk.

The new commander in chief held his first meeting in the Situation Room, where he, Vice President Joe Biden and senior military and foreign policy officials discussed war in Iraq and Afghanistan. Obama campaigned on a pledge to withdraw U.S. combat forces from Iraq within 16 months, and to beef up the commitment in Afghanistan.

The new White House press secretary, Robert Gibbs, said Obama's phone calls to leaders in the Middle East were meant to convey his "commitment to

active engagement in pursuit of Arab-Israeli peace from the beginning of his term."

Gibbs also that in conversations with Israeli, Palestinian, Egyptian and Jordanian leaders, the president emphasized he would work to consolidate the cease-fire between Israel and Hamas in Gaza.

Obama intends to name former Senate Majority leader George Mitchell as a special envoy to the region.

Not everything was new at the White House.

In the Oval Office, Obama worked at a desk built from the timbers of a British naval vessel, the HMS Resolute, and used off-and-on by presidents since the 1870s, including Bush. It also appeared that the carpet that Bush used in his second term, a yellow sunbeam design, was still in place.

If some of the furnishings remained in place, there was no doubt that the new president meant to fulfill his campaign promise of change.

"As of today, lobbyists will be subject to stricter limits than under any ... other administration in history," Obama told reporters as he signed the new rules. The restrictions included a ban on gifts by lobbyists to anyone serving in the administration.

He also imposed a pay freeze for about 100 White House aides who earn \$100,000 or more. Its implementation was unclear, since none of them was on the payroll before Tuesday's noon-time inauguration.

Obama and his wife began their day at a prayer service that is traditional for the first business day of a new administration. They were joined in front-

peu seats by Biden and his wife, Jill, as well as former President Bill Clinton and his wife, hours away from confirmation as the nation's top diplomat.

"Grant to Barack Obama, president of the United States, and to all in authority your grace and good will. Bless them with your heavenly gifts, give them wisdom and strength to know and to do your will," prayed the Rev. Andy Stanley, one of numerous clerics from several religions to speak.

Obama and his wife also played host and hostess for a select 200 at an open house.

"Enjoy yourself, room around," a smiling Obama told one guest.

"Don't break anything."

At least two more executive orders are expected in coming days, according to two Obama officials.

One official said the first will require all U.S. personnel to follow the U.S. Army Field Manual while questioning detainees. The manual explicitly prohibits threats, coercion, physical abuse and waterboarding, which creates the sensation of drowning and has been termed a form of torture by critics.

The second order will set up a study of interrogation methods that could be added to the Army manual, including some that may be more aggressive than those currently permitted.

The officials spoke on condition of anonymity, saying they were not authorized to discuss the orders until they are released.

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growth and improvement in standards of living over time by facilitating investment and innovation. Unfortunately, market economies also fluctuate back and forth between good times and bad times," said Steven Green, professor of economics and statistics.

It's clear that the troubled economy is making it harder to find jobs, even for college graduates.

"Right now 7.2 percent of the U.S. labor force is unemployed, up from 4.4 percent two years ago. This means that over 11 million Americans are now unemployed. This will probably get worse — the unemployment rate peaked at 10.8 percent near the end of the 1981-82 recession,

for example. In past episodes the economy has always improved, and I expect that will happen again this time though it may be a year or more before things quit getting worse and start getting better," Green said.

Graduating senior Jon Piorkowski, said he would not consider doing the same as Notgrass.

"I would network and talk to every single relative I could find before I would ever walk the streets with a sign," Piorkowski, from Lake Saint Louis, Mo., said.

In an economy like the one we are facing, most people have clear ideas of the lengths they would go to in order to find a job.

"I'm done working the streets," said Notgrass, "I feel

like I have enough solid contacts and leads that I plan on working with those contacts and setting up as many interviews as I can and hopefully coming up with one solid employer and getting a job."

Notgrass earned a degree in communications from Baylor and before he began walking the streets with his cardboard sign he said he had applied for everything he believed he was qualified for, which included sending out at least one application per day since October.

"The degree that we have coming from Baylor really is very valuable," Notgrass said. "You can really work the fact that you went to a well-respected university to your advantage. Don't forget where you came from because it means a lot to other people."

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employment because a portion of any tax cut will be saved," Bosworth said. "But the offset is that there is a longer lag in infrastructure programs before the money is spent, compared to tax reductions."

Bosworth said he expects the Senate to first modify the plan, which would later be proposed for adoption by the White House.

"I expect the Obama administration will try to modify the plan in both houses, but ultimately accept what they get," Bosworth said.

As the bill makes its way through Capitol Hill, Obama may have some hurdles to cross with Congressional members,

who tend to place more focus on their state and local government than on the recovery of the national economy.

"However, there seems to be little opposition to the idea of the bill in principle, and I think Obama will largely allow the Congress to determine its composition," Bosworth said.

Dr. Wayne Brough, chief economist at FreedomWorks, an organization that advocates for lower taxes and less government, said that while government spending is aimed to help in the short run, whether it can actually help is up for debate.

"At some point that money has to come from somewhere else in the economy," Brough said. "You're taking resources away from private sector options for the same kind of

growth."

On the other hand, Brough said tax cuts, specifically those that would encourage investing, such as those on capital gains, would be more effective in producing long-term increases in economic activity.

The proposed stimulus package, with billions more in spending than in tax cuts, could have longer-running negative effects, Brough said.

"You would be borrowing from future generations, printing money or raising taxes," Brough said. "Clearly they're looking at what they can do in the short run, as the longer implications are much more negative."

The Associated Press contributed to this story.

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Earlier this month, two of the nation's biggest oilfield service providers, Schlumberger Ltd. and Halliburton Co., both of Houston, said they would cut hundreds of jobs because oil and gas companies have scrapped many exploration and production projects.

"Everybody is feeling anxious about the future," said Ben Shepperd, executive vice president of the Permian Basin Petroleum

Association.

Since the end of August, the number of active oil and gas rigs in the U.S. has dropped more than 20 percent, from 2,031 to 1,589 as of Jan. 9. No place has been hit harder during that span than Texas, which had 958 active rigs before prices tumbled but only 713 earlier this month, a 25 percent decline.

In Texas, independent operators account for 90 percent of the drilling.

"These are companies, whether privately held or publicly held,

that do not have the deep pockets that the major companies have," said Alex Mills, president of the Texas Alliance of Energy Producers. "What they're doing is taking a very hard, second look at their prospects."

Drilling continues in many places because the contracts with the energy companies and landowners have yet to run out. Also, some oil companies hedged against a price drop and are positioned better than others to handle the downturn. But the fear is that once many of these

contracts expire, they may not be renewed or renegotiated.

Industry experts said that until prices climb back to \$70 per barrel or so, drillers may be unable to persuade lenders to give them the financing they need.

During the boom, the Permian Basin gained an estimated 26,000 new jobs — in energy and other fields — between 2000 and 2007.

Just a few months ago, it was nearly impossible to get a week-day hotel room in Midland or

Odessa. Now anyone needing to make last-minute room reservations can do so with little trouble.

Homes usually sold within a month and commanded premium prices. Today, real estate values are slipping — especially for upper-end homes — and sales typically take up to three months.


Last July, Jed Heard boasted that sales at his Cadillac dealership in Midland were on pace to break a record set the year before, and it wasn't unusual for

someone to pay for an SUV with \$65,000 in cash. But sales have slipped 40 percent since October, he said.

"Credit is the biggest problem," he said. "It has been exacerbated by the downturn in oil prices, at least in Midland."

For Horst, who still hopes to again work on a drilling rig, that day can't come soon enough. He is making \$10 an hour helping his grandfather repair furniture in Pampa.

"We're just trying to get by the best we can. It's kind of hard."

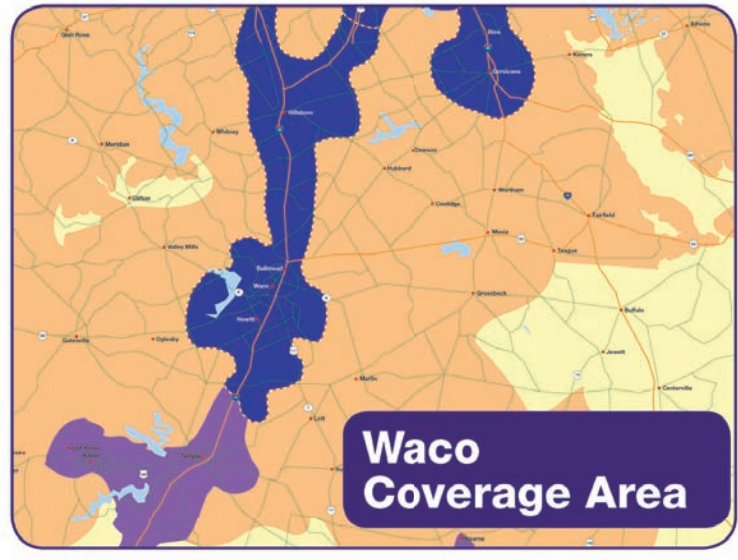



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