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Law School aims to teach the masses

By Shanna Taylor
Reporter

Open admission, no tuition and only three hours of class is hardly typical of law school, but that is just what the Baylor Law School is offering Saturday morning as they hold the People's Law School.

The annual event, now in its fourth year, provides members of the community with the opportunity to take up to three different hour-long courses in areas of the law that affect their everyday life.

"It is an entryway into the world of law for those who don't have any formal legal training," said Will Hutson, a local lawyer and Baylor Law alumnus who teaches one of the courses. "It answers a lot of questions about why things happen the way they happen. It kind of demystifies the legal profession as far as common areas of concern."

The courses will be offered from 8:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. at the Sheila and Walter Umphrey Law Center.

They will be taught by law school professors, local lawyers, and others from around the state.

The first 120 people who arrive will receive a free copy of University of Houston law professor and 'The People's Lawyer' Richard Alderman's book "Know Your Rights."

The free event drew more than 150 people last year, according to Patricia Wilson, a professor of law at Baylor and the organizer for the event.

"People from all walks of life participate. We have landlords as well as tenants, employers as well as employees, people with interests in starting a business, people who are going through a divorce or looking to adopt a child," Wilson said. "It really just depends on where people are in life."

This year the 14 courses being offered deal with areas such as how to deal with debt collectors and what role the law plays in it, deceptive trade practices like shoddy home repairs and deceptive car sales and e-commerce and legal policies encountered on the Internet.

Other sections will address elder law, including guardianship and Medicaid planning, employment law, two sections of family law, one dealing with divorce and protective orders and the other with child custody issues. Finding

People's Law School 2009 Course Listings

Debt collectors
and the law

Deceptive trade
practices law

E-commerce

Elder law

Employment law

Family law I, II

Finding the law

The judicial process

Landlord/tenant law

Personal bankruptcy

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Wills and estate
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the Law, a course discussing ways to research law, will also be taught, though enrollment will be limited due to available facilities.

A Judicial Process course will offer an overview of the justice system.

Courses covering law in areas such as landlord/tenant responsibilities, personal bankruptcy, small businesses, traffic tickets and wills and estate planning will also be offered.

Space is limited in some of the courses, Wilson said, but prospective attendees can register online until 5 p.m. Thursday to ensure they will have a place.

"Anywhere you turn in our society your going to come up against some kind of law that you're going to have to deal with or navigate," said Brandon Kinard, a student volunteer from the law school who is helping to organize the event. "The People's Law School is an opportunity for an individual in our community to come and

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Jacky Reyes/Lariat staff

Myles Baker recently discovered a mathematical concept as a sophomore at Baylor University.

It's all about the numbers

Sophomore creates new math concept to help field of finance

By Sommer Ingram
Staff Writer

Sophomore Myles Baker has discovered that there is room for creativity in mathematics, and this has led him to uncovering a new way to look at parts of finance.

"The reason I started studying math was because it satisfies my intellectual spirit," Baker said. "There's a problem, and you solve it. Like in A Beautiful Mind, his problem was schizophrenia, but he saw it as just another problem to solve. Despite the fact that math is structured and analytical, that doesn't mean there is no room for creativity."

Baker is already engaging in research as an undergraduate, and has come up with a new mathematical concept with the power to have a significant impact on the field of finance.

"This started out as something any calculus student can do," he said. "Calculus is so fundamental. There are a lot of opportunities for anyone to get interested and involved and to discover things."

In his studies, Baker began

to work on a theory that provides a different way to solve the problem presented in The Black-Schole's equation, which is used to evaluate option pricing in finance. He developed three theorems that use an equation to show an error associated with applying finite differences to the Black-Schole's equation.

"This is important because it tells us how reliable these estimates can be," Baker said. "Before, we couldn't use any of these estimates because of previous mathematical papers that have proved they are wrong."

Though the equation can't technically be solved, Baker's theory is an important stepping stone to further discoveries.

"It requires a thorough understanding of what finite differences are," he said. "It's a matter of just manipulating what's going on. You have to anticipate what the yield will be, and math can help with that."

Originally an architecture major, Baker said he feels that his creative side has helped him in his research efforts.

"I'm a very analytical person—I like organization, but I respect creativity as well," Baker said. "I didn't want to

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Red Cross searching for help

By Nick Dean
Staff writer

The American Red Cross, often seen as a global and local hero for those in dire need of relief from natural disasters and other ailments, is in the middle of a search for members of the community to step up and ensure the future of the non-profit organization.

As a national organization, the American Red Cross was honored in a Presidential Proclamation signed by President Barack Obama Tuesday. The proclamation officially declared March as Red Cross Month. This was the 66th time the month of March has been named in honor of the organization.

The Heart of Texas Area Chapter of the American Red Cross began the American Red Cross Heroes Campaign, their largest direct fundraising effort, at the beginning of March.

"Our goal is to get 50 community members committed to raising \$1,000 for the Red

Cross," said Angie McFarland, financial development director for The Heart of Texas chapter.

The 18-county group has helped people throughout Central Texas by rendering aid during disaster times on a large and small scale. The Red Cross also provides first aid and CPR training for community members.

More specifically, the Red Cross provides special services for military families and their communication with loved ones. The organization has provided more than 1,685 local military families and soldiers with emergency communication services.

"We are the only organization that can support the Department of Service to Armed Forces," McFarland said. "We are able to help soldiers that are overseas in good or bad situations, such as a hospitalization of a family member or a new birth."

As the Red Cross looks to maintain its volunteer work, it is looking toward communities and the heroes within that are ready to help keep the organization afloat.

"Everybody can be a hero," McFarland said. "Whether that is a financial contribution or volunteering in the community."

The campaign is a grassroots campaign aimed at local business people, school groups, church groups, civic clubs and individuals.

The local chapter's goal is set at \$50,000. All that is raised will go directly to the support of Red Cross work in Central Texas such as disaster relief and, especially in the Heart of Texas, assistance for victims of house fires.

"Our main budget is in disaster relief," McFarland said. "House fires and tornadoes are common in our area."

When covering 18 counties within Central Texas, house fires are frequent.

"We see about 20 to 30 house fires on average in a month," J.P. DeMerritt said. DeMerritt is the Emergency Services director for

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The \$100 dollars raised by a hero could buy:

- 476 comfort kits containing toiletries to disaster victims who have lost their homes

- 28 sleeping cots or 198 blankets for disaster victims who must sleep in a shelter

- 8,800 "Are You Ready for a Tornado?" brochures for distribution to local residents

- Infant formula and supplies for 20 babies after a disaster

- Shoes for 50 disaster victims or clothing for 9 individuals.

- Food and groceries for up to 10 families of three in one week

- Minor building repairs to make habitable to homes damaged by disaster

President wants to shift resources to SW border

By Devlin Barrett and Eileen Sullivan
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Obama administration is preparing to send federal agents to the Southwest border as reinforcements in the fight against Mexican drug cartels, even as officials consider taking money from one immigration enforcement program and using it to fight cartel-related crime.

The deployments are part of

President Barack Obama's first moves to boost federal security on the U.S. side of the border.

The nation's top law enforcement officer, Attorney General Eric Holder, told reporters Wednesday he would visit Mexico in early April to meet with Mexico's president and attorney general about the cartel violence.

"Our two nations are bound by more than just a common border and we want to make sure that the fate of Mexico turns out

to be a good one, because that will have a residual good impact on the United States," Holder said.

It was not immediately clear if Holder would travel to Mexico with Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano, who is headed there around the same time.

President Obama is also scheduled to visit Mexico next month.

Immigration officials are considering asking Congress

for approval to shift tens of millions of dollars from enforcing workplace immigration laws to the anti-cartel efforts along the Southwest border, according to a person familiar with the discussions who spoke on condition of anonymity because officials have not yet made the request to Congress.

Such a request could face stiff resistance from lawmakers who want that money spent investigating employers who knowingly hire illegal immigrants.

Sean Smith, a spokesman for the Department of Homeland Security, denied such a request would be made and said it was never under consideration.

One official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said Homeland Security officials have been discussing for the past week different ways to respond to growing violence along the border. The idea of shifting money from enforcement of workplace immigration laws came out of those talks.

Another official familiar with the plans said the Immigration and Customs Enforcement Agency, known as ICE, will be shifting more than 90 officers to the border. The official requested anonymity because the plan has not yet been announced.

The additional immigration agents could double the size of an ongoing ICE task force that has been working with other

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Baylor Bubble shows no sign of economic recession

Every time you turn on the news, the situation involving our economy seems darker then ever. The government is bailing out yet another bank, the stock market is dropping another 10 percent, the announcement of 20,000 more layoffs.

One step onto the Baylor campus, however, and one would never know that we are in the worst recession since the Great Depression.

Instead, the campus is abuzz about the daily lives of the students, all optimistically going about from class to class, event to event.

And, with All-University Sing ending a few weeks ago, the next big decision to be made by university organizations: who are we going pair up with for building a float for the Homecoming Parade?

No doubt, hours of discussion and debate will go into deciding who organizations will pair up with to build the next great float, all with the thoughts of glory from winning the “Judges Choice” award, which goes to the best float.

These talks will certainly include which organization will work the hardest, which group can afford to build the masterpiece that will attract new freshmen to their group, and which women/men will the most fun to hang out with until 3 a.m.

When the discussions and debates have ended, whether the group determines to work together with another organization or decides to build the float alone, all decisions come down to one thing: winning.

Meanwhile, around the rest of the country, families and



BY PAUL GIESE

friends will gather to discuss the cuts needed to be made to keep the family functioning while Dad attempts to find a job that can pay the mortgage, the car payments, all the while saving for when their kids start to head to college.

Other families will worry about paying for the mounting health care costs.

Still others will have to pull money from their depleted stock market accounts to pay off the electric bill that still seems to be so much higher than last

months.

Do we see the disconnect? To me, I see this over-blown Baylor tradition of building homecoming floats as the equivalent of the excessive executive compensation banks had been giving their executives before the mortgage crisis of 2008.

These executives, who are part to blame for the economic mess, also managed to earn tens of millions of dollars in salary and bonuses.

All this happened right as the government runs in to try and prop up the remains of the failing company.

That makes me sick.

But, the thought of organizations spending \$8,000 or more, plus countless hours on a float to be displayed for maybe three hours gives me the same feeling, especially given the times we

are living in. To think that many will be living on this amount for the next year as they deal with unemployment and the sinking stock market and that Baylor student organizations can rationalize spending this same amount of resources on a float is a puzzle all in itself.

As a former treasurer and vice president of my respected greek organization, I understand how easy it is to get wrapped into these seemingly important decisions. It is hard not to get wrapped into the “bubble.”

But, after spending 10 weeks working in Dallas on an accounting internship, where I had to work long hours with people with real jobs in a real business environment, I realize just how massive that bubble is, and how it has created a skewed reality for many Baylor students.

My hope is that students would not tolerate this excessive spending, and would keep their Baylor floats reasonable and modest. Instead of excessively flaunting the wealth of this campus, organizations should be thankful for what they have think about giving to those who have lost so much and who really need the help.

In President Obama’s speech to Congress on Feb. 24, he called Americans to make sacrifices for this country to recover from the situation we have found ourselves in. Baylor organizations are no exceptions.

This fall, lets stand out for the help we give to others, not for a meaningless “judges choice” float.

Paul Giese is a senior accounting major from Fredericksburg.

Editorial

Search committee falls short of groups’ wishes

Last fall, several Baylor constituencies requested from the Board of Regents the privilege of a significant role, specifically voting rights, in the search for our university’s next president. Regrettably, the board declined their request.

The Baylor Alumni Association, Faculty Senate and Student Government each passed resolutions asking for voting rights on a presidential search committee. Instead of giving these groups one or two votes each, the search committee is composed only of regents.

The search committee votes on candidates to recommend to the Board of Regents. Fourteen regents make up the search committee. All of the regents not rotating off the board in May are on the committee, with the exception of one who couldn’t take on the commitment because of his work schedule.

Here’s some clarification on the structure of finding a new president.

There are two committees for selecting a president, the advisory committee and the search committee. The advisory committee is made up of 10 members representing Faculty Senate, the Alumni Association, Staff Council and Student Government. The advisory

committee doesn’t have a clearly defined role, and Dr. Howard Batson, chairman of the Board of Regents, was quoted in a Lariat article on the search committees as saying “areas of inclusion will be left up to the search committee.”

In past presidential searches at Baylor, the advisory committee gave feedback on presidential candidates to the search committee. Regents then voted on the search committee’s recommendations to select a new president. Regents have the ultimate authority in selecting a new president.

In the interest of uniting the Baylor family, regents should have allowed faculty, staff, students and alumni to be represented on the search committee. After all, when the board fired former President John Lilley last summer, Batson said it was because the board lost faith in Lilley’s ability to unite the Baylor family.

If the board is truly concerned with uniting the Baylor family, it should have welcomed the input of faculty, staff, students and alumni in a more substantial way than just agreeing to listen. They should have given each of these groups a seat in the search committee.

To obtain top-tier status, the



goal of Baylor 2012, it would be wise to examine the best practices at top-tier universities and possibly implement their strategies at Baylor. Batson was quoted in an October 2008 Lariat article as saying regents were looking at the best practices of other universities when it came to presidential searches. Lynn Tatum, immediate past Texas state president of the American Association of University Professors, said he presented Batson with data on the presidential search practices of top-tier universities that shows most universities have a search committee composed of a more diverse group than just regents. Dartmouth University, which conducted a presidential search just last

year, had a search committee that represented students, faculty, alumni and regents.

By forming a search committee of only regents, the board has essentially given a majority of regents two votes in the process – the vote to approve a candidate for consideration, a right as a member of the search committee; and their vote to instate a new president, a right as a member of the board of regents. The fact that some regents get two votes while the other constituencies in the Baylor family get none isn’t fair. Since the regents possess the ultimate vote on who will be our next president, why couldn’t they have permitted a few alumni, faculty, students and staff members to serve on

the search committee?

The ideal search committee would have had a representative from the alumni association, Student Government, Staff council and faculty, in addition to regents. The regents, with 14 representatives, still would have had the most sway of any group represented in this search committee, but Baylor constituencies would have received what they requested. The Baylor family would be more united in the presidential search.

The next president, like previous Baylor presidents, will report to the regents, but he will direct Baylor University, which we all have a stake in. It would only be fair to give the governed a vote.

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Letters to the Editor

Campus carry and open carry gun rights issues are different

In Wednesday’s editorial you not only confuse two gun rights issues – “campus carry” and “open carry” –you even use the same misspelling of John Woods’s name as the Fort Worth Star-Telegram article.

The fifth paragraph of the editorial states, “According to opencarry.org, more than 58,000 Texans have signed a petition urging lawmakers and Gov. Rick Perry to allow residents to openly carry their handguns without having to conceal

their firearms.” The movement allowing handguns to be openly carried in Texas has absolutely nothing to do with the issue of whether or not licensed concealed carry should be legalized on Texas college campuses. The deadline to file bills in the state legislature has passed, and no “open carry” bill was filed. Two “campus carry” bills are currently pending.

The fact that you refer to John Woods as Jason Woods reveals that what passes for research and fact-checking at The Baylor

Lariat is little more than reading articles and editorials from city papers. Had you done a little more research, you might have come across Students for Concealed Carry on Campus (SCCC) and the “SCCC Handbook: Texas edition.” Those sources clearly and articulately answer all of the concerns voiced in your editorial.

W. Scott Lewis
Gun Rights Advocate and Writer
Austin

Turnitin.com encourages academic honesty

Your editorial on Turnitin.com focuses attention on a major concern for all universities: academic integrity. And your assertion that tools such as Turnitin alone can neither create nor maintain a culture of integrity within the university is definitely correct. Responsible use of Turnitin can be an asset in working with student papers. Many instructors use Turnitin as your editorial recommends, “in

moderation and with the understanding of its limitations.” If Turnitin produces strong evidence of plagiarism, instructors analyze the data and discuss the report with students before assigning grades.

The best solution to plagiarism is prevention. In our writing courses, we, as you recommend in your editorial, spend hours of class time instructing students in “what constitutes plagiarism, what is fair use (of sources) and how to navigate the labyrinth of

citation styles.” And any student enrolled in Baylor can visit our Writing Center Carroll Science Hall G-06, for help with appropriate source use and documentation.

I hope The Lariat will use it’s voice to encourage discussion and awareness of the importance of honesty within our university community.

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Director of Freshman Composition

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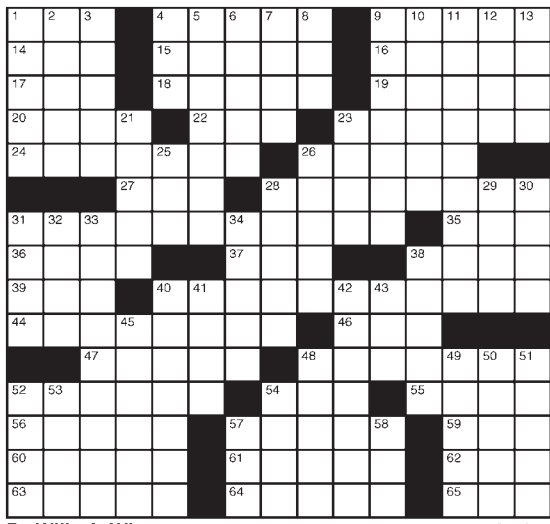
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By Willy A. Wiseman
New York, NY

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Historical sights tug emotions; talks of race advance change

By Lauren Hollon
Reporter

Editor's note: This is a first-person account of one student's spring break trip with Baylor's Civil Rights Tour.

Coming home to Waco after spring break, I felt what can only be described as culture shock. No, I didn't visit a foreign country. I didn't even leave the South. This year, I went on the Civil Rights Tour.

I grew up in a small, north-east Texas town haunted by its racist past. When people know Greenville, it's often because of an infamous billboard that was taken down decades ago. It read, "Greenville: The Blackest Land, The Whitest People." I'm not kidding. That being said, my family - like any other - has its prejudices. When I called my parents to tell them I got back to Waco safely, the first thing my dad asked was, "So, did they fill your head with a bunch of propaganda?"

While it did not include "propaganda," the trip was nine days of an almost-continuous stream of intense conversations on topics ranging from forms of discrimination to the nature of martyrdom.

Leaving the bus when we got home on Sunday was a bit unreal. I had become close to my fellow travelers, and it would be hard to communicate with others just how spring break had changed us.

A full discussion of everything this trip taught me is, of course, impractical. We visited eight museums, toured two churches, heard five talks, watched documentaries, read primary source documents and discussed what we thought and how we felt about everything we experienced. I'd like to point out a few moments that represent my own overall experience.

We visited the University of Mississippi, the site of famous riots that followed the enrollment of the university's first black student, James Meredith. In the archives of their Insti-



Courtesy Photos by Lauren Hollon

Above: The Civil Rights Tour group gathers outside 16th St. Baptist Church, the site of an infamous bombing in Birmingham, Ala., in 1963.

Top Right: Volunteer Craig Willie (from left); Marianne Magjuka, coordinator of service learning initiatives; and Christopher Mack, coordinator for off-campus ministries, install sheetrock in a flood-damaged home in New Orleans.

Bottom Right: Participants in the Civil Rights Tour nap at Kelly Ingram Park in Birmingham, Ala., after a long day of touring museums during their spring break.

tute for Racial Reconciliation, I read part of a contest-winning student essay on the prompt; "Why should the races stay separated?"

The author of the essay was probably in high school. I only read a third of it, but the student's first argument for segregation was based on the Bible. It was well-written and, using its twisted logic, it made sense. As I considered the logical progression of the student's writing, I realized that he probably didn't dream up the proofs himself. His pastor stood in front of the pulpit one Sunday and taught the congregation that people with dark skin don't deserve equality.

Later that day in our small

groups, we talked about how we look back with shame and anger at how Scripture was twisted to fit an agenda of discrimination. We wondered whether the American church will someday look with shame on how the Bible is used to deny certain rights to homosexual couples today.

We discussed the tax breaks that accompany marriage, the topic of adoption and the commandment to love versus the ideas of holy living and enforcing church discipline. My group had very mixed feelings about these issues; most of us felt internally conflicted and didn't really know which side to take.

And that was just one small part of one particular conver-

sation, sparked from one site visit.

I learned that black girls in black schools in the '50s and '60s had an entire class period devoted to laundry when they reached the eighth grade. They took laundry class to prepare for employment as maids. White girls didn't spend part of their school days learning to wash, dry, starch and iron.

I learned that racism is incomprehensible to those who haven't grown up with it. There was a graduate student from China on the trip. It was hard to explain to her that Americans murdered other Americans simply because of the color of their skin. This American fact of life we call "racism" was baffling when viewed through the lens of another culture.

I saw pictures of children in Ku Klux Klan robes, learning how to hate others by watching their parents.

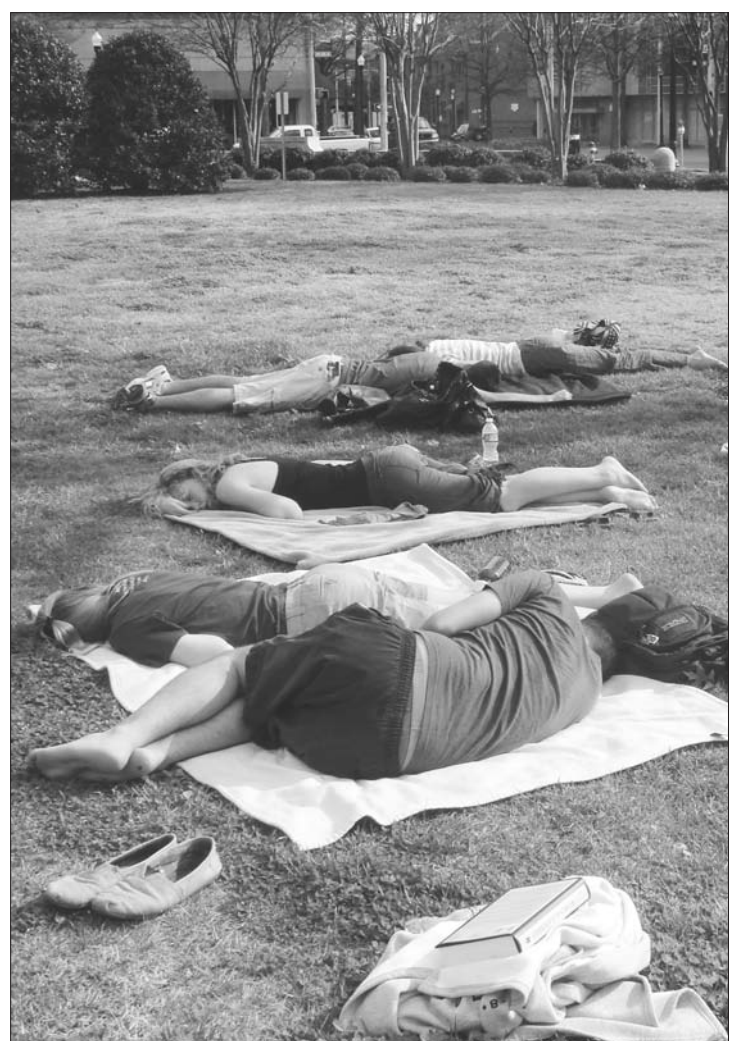
I listened to what minorities had to say about affirmative action, how injustice is still built into systems and how affirmative action is necessary as long as inequality of opportunity persists and individuals continue to harbor prejudice in their hearts.

I viewed Martin Luther King Jr. as a normal man. I walked through his kitchen, past the stove where his wife cooked dinner. I cried during a film of his mountaintop speech. I stood five feet away from the concrete balcony where he bled to death from a gunshot wound.

I learned that white people don't understand discrimination like minorities do. We don't feel like our entire race will be judged negatively if we say something stupid.

I learned that anyone who tells you racism is no longer an issue in America today hasn't been listening.

Taking this trip and having these experiences was life changing, but I don't want the conversations to end. If a random stranger asks for your thoughts on racism one day in the Bill Daniel Student Center, it could very well be me.



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‘Don’t Feed Da Animals’ fails to bring originality

By Grant Thornhill
Contributor

Gorilla Zoe's second solo album "Don't Feed Da Animals" is, at its core, prototypical mainstream rap — which can be good or bad, depending on your taste in music.

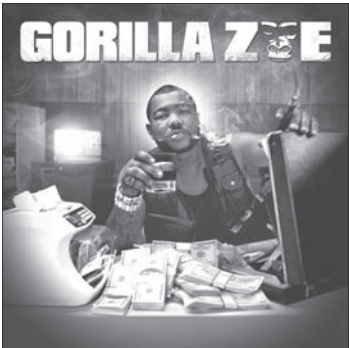
ALBUMREVIEW

There is no shortage of up-tempo beats, syncopated background "yeahs" and catchy chorus lyrics on this album. I disagree with Zoe when he claims that he is "too hood for MTV or BET" in the song "Hood Clap" — rather, the majority of the songs on this album are perfectly suited for play on mainstream music stations.

"Echo" has the appeal of a Timbaland hit, "So Sick" has the auto-tune smoothness of T-Pain and "What It Is" (feat. Rick Ross) has the pulsating quality of UGK or Three Six Mafia.

There isn't one song on the album that fails to deliver hard hitting beats and high production values that popular music fans crave. However, unlike Wayne's "The Carter III" or Kanye's "Graduation," "Don't Feed Da Animals" fails to provide enough originality or substance material to warrant repeated listens.

The first single from the



Associated Press

"Don't Feed Da Animals" was released Tuesday and is available for purchase on iTunes.

album, "Lost" leaves the listener wandering through a labyrinth of inane lyrics about losing one's mind. "I Got It" is a lesser clone of T.I.'s "Whatever You Like" — solely comprised of references to designers like Gucci and Louis Vitton and talk of yachts and planes. This song suffers from the same cliché preoccupation with materialism that plagues several other contemporary popular rap songs. Don't get me wrong! I love "Bling Bling" by Cash Money Millionaires — but it's been over 10 years since that song was released and rappers like Gorilla Zoe are still dedicating entire songs to clothes and ice.

To be fair, Zoe does scatter

some political ideas throughout his songs. To summarize — he hates Bush and loves Obama, which is undoubtedly a huge surprise.

He also has some clever lines that make the album a tad better. I particularly liked one line from "Untamed Gorilla": "How you ride? Darth Vader, black Benz, black tint, black gator." This short verse, unlike the majority of the album, briefly caused me to smile.

Although there isn't one major flaw in Don't Feed Da Animals that makes it worse than anything from Young Jeezy or Young Jot, there's very little that causes it to stand out from the crowd. This isn't necessarily a bad thing — I don't think that Zoe is trying to become the next Big or Pac with this album. However, I do believe that he could have made "Don't Feed Da Animals" a more enjoyable record had he taken more risks a la Lil' Wayne.

Therefore, if you keep your radio locked to 97.9 The Beat and religiously watch 106 and Park, then by all means go buy this album if you haven't already.

However, if you're looking for an innovative rap album that warrants repeated listens even after the hype fades, look elsewhere.

Grade: C



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El Tapatio's Mexican Restaurant & Cantina serves Mexican, Tex-Mex and seafood from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Sunday, Wednesday and Thursday and from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday. The restaurant is located at 600 N. New Road.

Hidden treasure proves tasty find

By Ashley Corinne Killough
Staff Writer

Sandwiched between Red Wing Shoes and Wheel Chairs Plus, El Tapatio resembles more of a glorified pawnshop than a Mexican restaurant. It sits on a small strip of commercial land on New Road, with a parking lot dimpled by potholes and cramped with limited spaces. But its outside appearance overshadows the more cheerful envi-

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ronment that waits inside.

The restaurant's interior seems impossibly expansive for its small façade. It includes two large sections in the front, a bar in the middle and another room in the back. The colorful atmosphere swarms with mariachi band music, which keeps the tempo for the wait staff's rapid pace. Oversized sombreros and massive paintings of Mexican ranches adorn the orange and red walls. Pink, red and white carnations are found dotted around the restaurant — on the walls, in the window seals, on the tables. The décor is fitting for the culture it tries to model, not overdone like On the Border, not underdone like some knock-off in the North.

El Tapatio is the product of a dream that started 34 years ago in the mind of 19-year-old Noel Jaimes Sr., who journeyed from South Mexico to Texas in 1975 with the hope of building his own restaurant. Earning \$5 a day as a fence hand, Jaimes saved up for years until he and

his wife, Jacinta, could afford to work in the restaurant industry. There they moved their way up, learning the tricks of the trade and perfecting their homemade recipes, and on May 3, 1999, they established El Tapatio in Waco.

Hospitality could easily be the family's motto. The waiters are considerate and concerned over your enjoyment, checking in frequently and with sincerity. On Valentine's Day, female guests received free flowers — carnations, of course — as they waited to be seated, and everyone got a special heart-shaped chocolate candy for dessert.

The six-page menu outlines a wide array of Tex-Mex favorites. Popular dishes include the Taco Salad, Chicken Enchiladas and El Grande, a large meal consisting of two cheese enchiladas, one crispy taco, one guacamole chalupe, one queso tostada and rice and beans — all for \$10.69. Each table receives complimentary chips with a small cup of thin, sweet salsa. Warm homemade tortillas are provided upon request. And iced water comes with a wedge of lime, not lemon.

Don't expect any fancy dishware or elaborate presentations. The simple white plates remind you that you came for the festive environment, not a sophisticated meal. Portion sizes are large and, if consumed entirely, produce the over-stuffed feeling you usually have after leaving a Tex-Mex place. Burgers and fries also are on the menu, but the traditional dishes serve as the main attractions. While your silverware comes with a napkin,

you might ask for another if you get the Taco Dinner, as the chefs don't go shy on the grease. The Mexican yellow rice has the right texture — not too soft, not too stale. The refried beans are salty, thin and topped with a thin layer of cheese. The prices are comparable to commercial chains but the service and decor conjure less imitated efforts in capturing the festive charm of la hacienda.

On a Saturday night, the mood especially was vibrant with a packed bar and a mariachi band playing around the restaurant. The four-seater tables are set up in such a way where they can be easily pushed together for big groups. The arrangement is intimate, too.

Even when the tables are separate, you're still within arm's reach of those sitting at the adjacent table. The tone is less festive during lunchtime, with speaker music replacing live music and sunlight replacing the nighttime-party mode. One can more easily hear the register ka-chinging away at the front and the silverware clanking in the back. But the menu is still the same, the service just as friendly.

Overall, the restaurant is satisfactory. While its outside appearance doesn't do it justice, it nonetheless fills your expectations of a family-friendly environment with good food. So, if you're craving an authentic Tex-Mex fix, then El Tapatio is a good stop. But if you're looking for an extraordinary, overdone San Antonio River Walk experience, it may not be the place for you.

Waco Civic Theatre to offer tickling farce ‘The Foreigner’

By Caley Carmichael
Reporter

The Waco Civic Theatre will invite audiences to see beyond stereotypes during its cackling story of mistaken identity in Larry Shue's "The Foreigner."

The play is a comical account of seven people who convene in a hunting lodge in Georgia. The story line snowballs from one little lie — that Englishman and foreigner Charlie Baker cannot speak English, director Joel Taylor said.

"It is very entertaining and a very easy play to watch," Waco Civic Theatre president Dr. Tommy Edds said. "The story line has a jokey premise and is very enjoyable."

Assorted scandals and secrets among the resort visitors also add laughs to the plot, actress Kathryn Coleman said. Coleman, a Baylor classroom tech specialist, plays the pregnant Catherine Simms, a Southern Belle with a vulgar tongue.

"Each person gets something different from Charlie, the foreigner," Coleman said. "When my character finds out that she is pregnant, she needs someone to talk to and comically ends up confiding in him."

Coleman said she enjoys being an unmanly character with a smutty script.

After being involved in the Waco Civic Theatre for six years as a backstage lights and stage manager, "The Foreigner" will serve as Coleman's first onstage performance, she said.

Other Baylor affiliates reign in the seven-member cast. Another faculty member and two students will also take stage this weekend, Taylor said.

"Most of our actors do this

just as a hobby," Edds said. "They are people who have regular jobs, but enjoy being on stage and performing."

Coleman said live theater is an art for the volunteers who participate.

"It is local people coming together to do what they love," she said.

A stage performance, however, is not the cast's only role.

"The cast also becomes the crew," Coleman said. "We all help with every aspect — lights, costumes, backdrops."

The Waco production of "The Foreigner" will be in its original form, Coleman said.

"The scripting is superb," she said. "The lines flow very well together and the characters mesh very well. This play was a joy to read: a big indicator that the stage show will be very good as well."

Taylor also praised "The Foreigner" playbook.

"I love Larry Shue's writing," Taylor said. "It is full of wit, visual creations and wordplay."

Edds said producing the play takes five weeks of rehearsal before opening night.

"We rehearse and repeat performances tons of times," Taylor said. "I remind my cast that this is funny, so let it be funny. Despite repetition, my cast gets energized when board members come in and laugh during our run-throughs."

Coleman said she thrives on audience interaction.

"Getting energy from the spectators is a natural boost and helps to bring my character to life," she said.

Taylor said Baylor students, as well as other Waco residents, will enjoy "The Foreigner."

"Almost everybody can relate going to a different subculture



Stephen Green/Lariat staff

Jeremy Davis plays "Ellard" in "The Foreigner" at the Waco Civic Theater.

and having new experiences," he said. "You can either accept the differences and enjoy them or react out of fear and anger with prejudice and reject them."

Edds elected "The Foreigner" to perform at his venue for a second time, he said.

"It is a very well-known play, very funny, a regional favorite," he said. "It was performed here several years ago and was a success, so we decided to bring it back." Performances start at 7:30 p.m. today and Saturday. Sunday's matinee will be at 2:30 p.m. and performances continue on to next weekend at 7:30 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at the Waco Civic Theatre box office at 776-1591. Prices are \$10 for adults and \$8 for seniors and students.

Coleman offers a fair warning to audience members.

"If you come to this show you probably will walk out with your side hurting," she said.

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Sports Briefs

Wilson earns All-Region honors

The Women's Basketball Coaches Association announced Tuesday that junior post Danielle Wilson has been named to the All-Region 5 team. The nomination makes Wilson a candidate for the State Farm Coaches' All-America Team, which will be announced April 5. Wilson led the Lady Bears with 15.1 ppg and 9.6 rpg this season, while she swatted 83 shots to put her at No. 6 in the country.

Softball sweeps double-header against Prairie View A&M

In their first action since sweeping a March 12 doubleheader against Northwestern State University, the Lady Bears blanked Prairie View A&M University in back-to-back games Tuesday, 11-0, 9-0. Freshman pitcher Whitney Canion tossed her second no-hitter of the season in the opening game, while she received offensive support in the form of eight runs on seven hits in the opening frame.

In the second game, freshman shortstop Bree Hanafin continued her tear at the plate by going 2-for-3 with three RBIs. The Arlington, Va. native has moved to the leadoff spot in coach Glenn Moore's streaking offense, while continuing her solid play in the field. The Lady Bears will take on Texas Tech University at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 21 in the team's Big 12 Conference opener.

Women's golf takes third at Baylor Invite

Junior Hannah Burke led the Lady Bears to a third place finish Tuesday at the Baylor Invitational, posting a score of 229 on her way to sixth place individually. Illinois State University took home first place at the meet with a three-round score of 927, while New Mexico State University placed second with a score of 931. The Lady Bears turned in a 28-over 316 in the final round to finish tied for third place with Missouri State University. The team will compete in the University of Cincinnati's Spring Invitational March 27-8 in Crystal River, Fla.

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Bears triumph over Hoyas

By Brian Bateman
Sports editor

There's a reason postseason tournaments come with a warning label tabbed "survive and advance."

No. 6 Georgetown University blew apart No. 3 Baylor's zone in the first half, shooting 76.2 percent from the field, but Baylor survived and advances to play Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, Va.

"Once Greg (Monroe) got (the ball), they seemed to put four or five bodies and six or eight arms around him," Georgetown head coach John Thompson III said.

Trailing 44-34, sophomore guard LaceDarius Dunn opened the second half with a flush shot, hitting two, 3-point baskets to jumpstart a 13-2 Baylor run.

"The first five minutes of the second half is the most important stretch of the game," the Monroe, La., native said.

The Bears shot 66.7 percent in the second half, breaking the Hoyas' methodical offense into a fast-paced shootout.

Georgetown tried to shoot the Bears out of their zone, hitting seven, 3-point shots in the first half alone. Nearly every shot the Hoyas took found its way into the rim, and those that didn't were rebounded and recycled for more points.

Baylor shot 55 percent in the

first half, thanks to senior forward Kevin Rogers' 12 points, but couldn't stop the Hoyas.

"We knew defensively we had to contest more shots. We did that in the second half. Because their style is so deliberate we knew we needed to go out and get momentum," Baylor head coach Scott Drew said.

Despite getting plastered from the floor in the first half,

"The first five minutes of the second half is the most important stretch of the game."

LaceDarius Dunn
Baylor guard

the Bears stuck with the 2-3 zone, and Baylor began chipping at the lead.

"They came out and cut the lead right away and the crowd got into it. They made some threes at the start of the second half that kind of got them going," Thompson III said.

The lead rattled back and forth, finally resting with the Bears when junior guard Tweety Carter converted a fast break into a 3-point shot at the 4:18 mark of the second half.

Georgetown attempted four-straight, 3-point shots, but failed to add any points to the scoreboard.

"Those are threes that you have to take because you're wide open," Thompson III said.

During the free-throw battle that followed, the Bears went 2-for-3, and Georgetown forward Dajuan Summers kept the game close with his 3-point shot. In fact, the junior had a last-second shot to win the game, but the ball brushed the tail of the net.

The win marks the first post-season win for Baylor since March 23, 1950, a 56-55 decision against Brigham Young University.

Rogers continued his scoring, collecting 20 points in the game, including a dunk and three alley-oop's. He tied Dunn for the high-point total. However, Curtis Jerrells had the hot hand, adding five rebounds and six assists to a 19-point performance.

Summers had 19 points to lead the Hoyas, while freshman forward Greg Monroe, who Drew tried to recruit, had 12 points. Georgetown outscored the Bears 20-3 on the bench.

Baylor will travel to Blacksburg, Va. to face the No. 2 Virginia Tech Hokies at 10 a.m. central time Saturday.



Shanna Taylor/Lariat staff

Baylor guard Curtis Jerrells rushes past Georgetown guard Jessie Sapp during the first round of the National Invitational Tournament Wednesday night in the Ferrell Center. The Bears won 74-72.

Baseball beats Texas State

After jumping to a lead in four innings, Baylor held on to a 22-17 victory Wednesday night against Texas State University in San Marcos. The Bears (12-4) got four-hit games from Dustin Dickerson,

Brooks Kimmey and Lucas Hileman. The Bears continue Big 12 action when they play host to Texas Tech University this weekend.

Women's tennis plays with confidence, beats Kentucky

By Ben Powell
Reporter

The Baylor women's tennis team showed why they are ranked fourth in the nation by beating No. 17 University of Kentucky 6-1 Wednesday at the Baylor Tennis Center.

Kentucky was Baylor's 13th straight ranked opponent and the ninth ranked in the top 20 this season.

"This is a quality win. Any team in the top 20 is a quality opponent, especially Kentucky," head coach Joey Scrivano said. "You have to beat a team like this. They won't give it to you."

The Lady Bears won all three doubles matches to earn the team doubles point.

Sophomores Jelena Stanivuk and Taylor Ormond, ranked No. 72 as a doubles team, were first to complete their doubles match.

The pair dropped only one game in an 8-1 rout of Kentucky's Christine Johnston and Megan Broderick.

Freshman Nina Secerbegovic and junior Kasia Siwosz extend-

ed their streak of doubles wins to six by beating Lauren Meier and Whitney Spencer 8-6.

No. 18 duo junior Lenka Broosova and Csilla Borsanyi, also a junior, defeated No. 29 duo Carolina Escamilla and Caroline Lilley 8-7 to secure the sweep and earn the team its fifth win over a ranked doubles pair.

In singles, No. 35 Broosova was broken in her first service game and was down 0-2 before breaking back to win the next three and go up 3-2.

She only allowed Johnston two more wins to finish 6-3, 6-1 and earn the first team singles point for the Lady Bears.

Secerbegovic continued her dominance in singles play, defeating Lilley 6-2, 6-3. Secerbegovic is 12-3 in singles and has won nine straight matches, dating back to February 15 against then No. 8 Duke.

No. 39 Stanivuk clinched the match for Baylor with a 6-2, 6-2 finish over Kentucky's Lauren Meier.

"I really like the way Nina, Jelena and Lenka are playing. Their level of play has been consistent week in and week out," Scrivano said.

"You obviously need some players that are going to be your backbone and right now that is

what they are for us," he said.

Siwosz and Borsanyi shortly followed by defeating their opponents 6-1, 6-3 and 6-2, 6-2 respectively.

Baylor's lone loss of the night came at the hands of Kentucky's Carolina Escamilla on court one. Escamilla defeated No. 37 Ormond 2-6, 2-6.

"Overall I just really like the way we're playing right now," Scrivano said. "We are playing with a lot of confidence. We are playing high percentage tennis and it's showing in the scoreboard."

Baylor is now 9-4 for the season and is 5-4 against oppo-


nents ranked in the top 20.

The Lady Bears will now play a double header against Iowa State University and No. 58 University of Nebraska at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. respectively, Saturday at the Baylor Tennis Center.

"Double headers are really physically, mentally and emotionally taxing but I feel like it will be a good challenge for our team to go through that experience," Scrivano said.

Free breakfast burritos will be served before the Iowa State match.

Inflatable games and face painting will be available during the Nebraska match.



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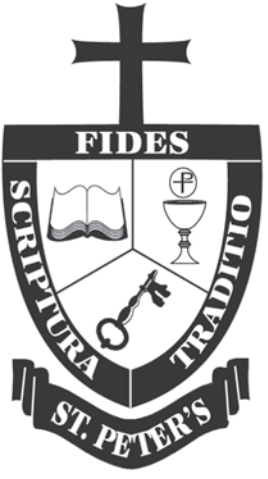
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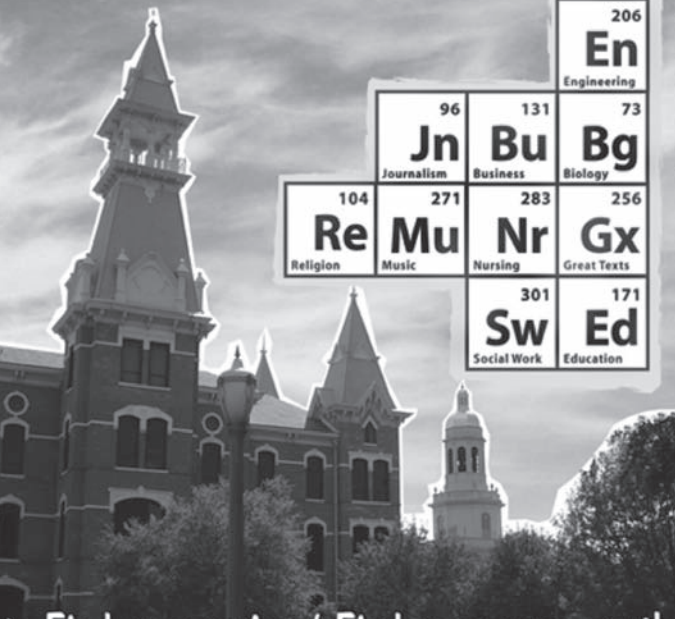



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detach myself from my creative side, and that's what drew me to architecture. But the research-oriented aspect of math relies heavily on being able to think out of the box."

Baker decided to move to the mathematics department after taking a Calculus I class taught by Dr. Tim Sheng.

"He is a very devoted student and that is encouraging not just for me, but for other students," Sheng said. "Everyone can do something, and I think Myles is a good example to show other students they have these capabilities as well."

Baker said he encourages other students to get involved with undergraduate research and to utilize the resources professors can provide.

"The opportunity given to me in Dr. (Sheng's) class was huge," Baker said. "Professors are constantly looking for students to

advance their departments and to mentor. I was definitely very enriched by the experience. I owe the world to him."

Baker presented his theory at the Texas Oklahoma Regional Undergraduate Symposium held at Abilene Christian University in February and will speak again at the Mathematical Association of America Texas Regional meeting in Denton in April.

Currently, he is composing a journal on his findings that he said he hopes to complete by the end of April.

In the future Baker said he plans to pursue his dream of architecture or pursue a higher education in math.

"Mathematics has stretched my mind and fulfilled my thirst for creativity in ways I didn't expect it to," Baker said. "There is so much potential in math, because you have to engage your mind in many ways, both analytical and creative."

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learn about these things, whether they have a problem right now, had one in the past or may be looking at some of this stuff in the future."

For Hutson the event presents an opportunity for lawyers as well, a chance to give back to the community.

"We're not Doctors Without Borders, but we are kind of like 'Lawyers Without Ties' on Saturday. We want to keep it simple," Hutson said about cutting the legal jargon for the event. "We want people to be able to walk away knowing more about the law than they did when they came."

For more information about the People's Law School, visit: www.law.baylor.edu

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The Heart of Texas Chapter. The chapter has trained more than 13,934 in CPR and First Aid or an average of 774 people per county in its area that is ready to respond to an emergency. The chapter has also assisted more than 6,560 individuals that were directly affected by a disaster.

The local chapter is in the planning process for future fundraisers, perhaps including a bike-a-thon in Cameron Park. McFarland said McClellan County has been helpful in the effort and the chapter has benefited from the county's assistance.

"We have seen a great philanthropy passion in McClellan County," McFarland said.

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federal agencies to fight the criminal organizations contributing to the border violence.

Separately, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives is hiring 37 people, including 27 special agents, to target gunrunners operating along the border.

The ATF is hiring agents and support personnel to boost anti-gunrunning teams in McAllen, Texas; El Centro, Calif.; and Las Cruces, N.M.. ATF also will add attaches to U.S. consulates in Juarez and Tijuana.

Some of the reinforcement costs will be covered with economic recovery money recently approved by Congress.

The U.S.-Mexico border has been a different problem for Obama than it was for his predecessor, George W. Bush. While Bush sent National Guard troops to stem the flow of illegal immigrants, Obama's first moves are designed more to keep violence from spilling across the border.

Mexican officials say the violence spawned by warring drug cartels killed 6,290 people last year and more than 1,000 so far this year, mostly south of the border.

Over the weekend, hundreds of Mexican army troops arrived in Juarez, a border city across the Rio Grande from El Paso, Texas. Police in Juarez have been swamped by drug violence.

The move brought the number of soldiers patrolling the city to around 7,000.

Warring drug cartels are blamed for more than 560 kidnappings in Phoenix in 2007 and the first half of 2008, as well as killings in Atlanta, Birmingham, Ala., and Vancouver, British Columbia.



Associated Press

They make D.A.R.E. officers seem tame

Federal police officers stand on guard near a store in Villa Ahumada, on the Mexican border with the US, Monday. Sliced by a railroad and the PanAmerican Highway that head straight to the U.S. border, Villa Ahumada is one of many outposts across Mexico that often don't appear on maps but that the army says are crucial to cartels to ensure passage of their U.S.-bound loads of marijuana and cocaine. The town is about 80 miles south of El Paso.

Fed launches \$1.2T revival effort

By Jeannine Aversa
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — With the country sinking deeper into recession, the Federal Reserve launched a bold \$1.2 trillion effort Wednesday to lower rates on mortgages and other consumer debt, spur spending and revive the economy.

To do so, the Fed will spend up to \$300 billion to buy long-term government bonds and an additional \$750 billion in mortgage-backed securities guaranteed by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac.

Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke and his colleagues wrapped a two-day meeting by leaving a key short-term bank lending rate at a record low of between zero and 0.25 percent. Economists predict the Fed will hold the rate in that zone for the rest of this year and for most, if not all, of next year.

The decision to hold rates near zero was widely expected. But the Fed's plan to buy government bonds and the sheer amount, \$1.2 trillion, of the extra money to be pumped into the U.S. economy was a surprise.

"The Fed is clearly ready, willing and able to be the ATM for the credit markets," said Terry Connelly, dean of Golden

Gate University's Ageno School of Business in San Francisco.

Wall Street was buoyed. The Dow Jones industrial average, which had been down earlier in the day, rose 90.88, or 1.2 percent, to 7,486.58. Broader indicators also gained.

And government bond prices soared. Heralding a coming drop in mortgage rates, the yield on the benchmark 10-year Treasury note dropped to 2.50 percent from 3.01 percent, the biggest daily drop in percentage points since 1981.

The dollar, meanwhile, fell against other major currencies. In part, that signaled concern that the Fed's intervention might spur inflation over the long run.

If the credit and financial markets can be stabilized, the recession could end this year, setting the stage for a recovery next year, Bernanke has said in recent weeks.

The Fed chief and his colleagues again pledged to use all available tools to make that happen, and economists expect further steps in the months ahead.

Since the Fed last met in late January, "the economy continues to contract," Fed policymakers observed in a statement they issued Wednesday.

"Job losses, declining equity and housing wealth and tight credit conditions have weighed

on consumer sentiment and spending," they said.

The Fed's announcement that it will spend up to \$300 billion over the next six months to buy long-term government bonds was something that in January it had hinted it would do. But some officials had seemed to back off from the idea in recent weeks.

Such action is designed to boost Treasury prices and drive down their rates, as it did Wednesday. Rates on other kinds of debt are likely to fall as well.

"This is going to help everybody," said Sung Won Sohn, economist at the Martin Smith School of Business at California State University. "This might help the Fed put Humpty Dumpty back together again."

The last time the Fed set out to influence long-term interest rates was during the 1960s.

The Fed's decision to buy an additional \$750 billion in mortgage-backed securities guaranteed by Fannie and Freddie comes on top of \$500 billion in such securities it's already buying.

It also will double its purchases of Fannie and Freddie debt to \$200 billion.

Since the initial Fannie-Freddie program was announced late last year, mortgage rates have fallen. Rates on 30-year mortgages now average 5.03

percent, down from 6.13 percent a year ago, according to Freddie Mac. The Fed's decision to expand the program could further reduce rates, analysts said.

"This is not only going to keep mortgage rates low for a long period of time," said Greg McBride, a senior financial analyst at Bankrate.com. "The mere announcement may produce a honeymoon effect and bring mortgage rates down to even lower levels in the coming days."

The goal behind all the Fed's moves is to spur lending. More lending would boost spending by consumers and businesses, which would revive the economy.

The Fed also said it would consider expanding another \$1 trillion program that's being rolled out this week. That program aims to boost the availability of consumer loans for autos, education and credit cards, as well as for small businesses.

Where does the Fed get all the money? It prints it.

The Fed's series of radical programs to lend or buy debt has swollen its balance sheet to nearly \$2 trillion, from just under \$900 billion in September. Sohn believes the Fed's balance sheet could grow to \$5 trillion over the next two years.

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