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Left: Baylor post Rachel Allison prepares to box out a University of Texas at San Antonio player. The Lady Bears struggled to put away the Lady Roadrunners on Sunday, but defeated them

87-82 in overtime at the United Spirit Arena in Below: Baylor guard Kelli Griffin tires to make a layup against a UTSA defender Sunday.

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Police charge senior with soliciting sex

By Brittany Hardy

After a yearlong investigation by the Austin Police Department, the Baylor Police arrested a Baylor student in connection with solicing sex from an underage girl in an online chat room.

Ferris senior Jesus Zepeda, 22, has been charged with online solicitation of a Child and was taken to McLennan County Jail in lieu of a \$10,000 bond, said Joel Pridgeon of the Austin Police Department Child Exploitation

According to a representative from the McLennan County Jail, the arrest was made on Friday by the Baylor Police Department.

Zepeda, a senior majoring in Anthropology and Forensic Anthropology and who plays clarinet for Baylor University, was arrested in connection with an AOL chat room conversation with someone believed to be a 14-year-old girl, but was in fact Trent Watts, an undercover

police detective from the Austin Police Department.

The warrant was filed last week, but the investigation has been going on for over a year, Pridgeon said.

"Real bad guys work on their own time. It's not like TV, where you bag these guys in under an hour," Pridgeon said.

Chief Jim Doak of Baylor Police Department said the case is an Austin Police Department case and such comments should come from officers there.

Doak said the Baylor police investigators worked with the Austin Police Department during the past month, but he said he believed it prudent to have one voice speaking about the investigation.

That voice should be the Austin Police Department, Doak

Zepeda was released from McLennan County Jail on Saturday after posting his bond, according to a McLennan County Jail representative.

ResNet reports computer usage

By Sean Doerre

Residential hall students' computing choices seem to reflect a busy, on-the-go life style, according to Campus Living and Learning's Residential Technology Services Fall 2008

The report, which has been conducted since 2004, is a compilation of information gathered from residents during the network registration process. Campus Living and Learning then uses the information to provide a better computing

"We gather the data and share it with other departments/ divisions, such as the Academic Technology Directors group," said Dave Kennedy, assistant director for Campus Living and Learning. "The information

experience for students.

helps us to plan our resources appropriately: staffing, equipment, etc."

In this year's report, the number of students who live in residence halls and have a registered computer on the wired residential network rose by a percentage point from last year to 88 percent, but remained lower than the 93 percent of connected residents in 2004.

Recent trends continued from last year's report as laptop use increased to 89 percent and desktop share fell to 12 percent. În 2004, laptop use was only 70 percent and desktops were used by 30 percent of the

"The portability has always been the plus of the laptop,' David Burns, manager of Student Technology Services, said. "A couple of things have hap-

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Golden boy

Olympic gold medalist Jeremy Wariner watches the Baylor track and field team during Saturday's Dr Pepper Invitational at the Hart-Patterson Track Complex.



Putting it all on the line ...

Baylor's toughest test yet

By Joe Holloway Sports writer

LUBBOCK - Leon Barmore has seen his share of basketball teams.

A member of the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame, Barmore coached at Louisiana Tech University in some form or fashion from 1977 through 2002 before coming out of retirement this year to take over as Baylor's interim head

So when Barmore, who has the highest winning percentage in women's college basketball history at .869, says he's impressed with a team, the statement carries some weight. After Baylor won a

Sunday night 87-82 decision against the University of Texas at San Antonio in overtime, Barmore, who filled in as head coach for a hospitalized Mulkey in the game, made it clear how impressed he was with this group of Lady Bears.

"I have high praise for our basketball team and everything they have gone through," he said. "Especially today. They gave a little extra tonight when they had to, just like they have all season."

Mulkey said she watched the game by herself in her room at the nospital in Lubbock.

"I was a nervous wreck

Dakota State. I saw LSU play, so I was getting nervous that I was not going to be able to pick the game up and then they switched over and I watched it," she said. "It was a very emotional day for our basketball team and our coaches, and I thought San Antonio played very, very well. And for us to hang in there and win the basketball game doesn't surprise me because we have been through a lot this year with a lot of things off the floor and

couldn't see TCU and South

Senior guard Jhasmin Player said Sunday night that before the game because I Mulkey routinely tells the

basketball games.

we have found ways to win

Lady Bears that they should be able to coach themselves should anything ever happen

"I think Jhasmin Player said it best," Mulkey said Monday. "That let me know that she has listened well over her four years."

Sunday's game was the first time Mulkey had been sidelined since March 3, 2004 and it was only the latest unforeseen occurrence that has threatened to derail the Lady Bears this year.

On Dec 19, 2008, junior forward Morghan Medlock received word that her moth er had been murdered. But

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Mulkey back on sideline for SDSU

By Joe Holloway Sports writer

LUBBOCK - The No. 2 seeded Baylor Lady Bears will continue play in the NCAA tournament at 8:30 p.m. tonight against the No. seeded South Dakota State Jackrabbits in the United Spirit Arena in Lubbock.

Baylor head coach Kim Mulkey, who was released from a Lubbock hospital Monday, said she would be back on the court to coach the game.

"I'm feeling fine," she said. "I will be there (tonight) unless something unforeseen happens again."

Mulkey entered the hospital Sunday when she had an adverse reaction to medication she took after having surgery to remove a kidney stone on Friday. She was out in time to make most of the team's Monday practice. Sophomore guard Melissa Jones said it was good to have the coach

"It feels great," she said. "Just the presence of having

just kind of gave us that uplift that we felt like we needed."

Jones who provided the uplift in

It was

Mulkey's absence when the Lady Bears needed it most - their tournament opener



Mulkey

Assistant coach Leon Barmore, who manned the helm in Mulkey's absence, said that Jones was a tough player to

against the University of Texas

at San Antonio. She scored a

career-high 21 points in the

game, eight of which came in a

five-minute overtime period.

guard. "I thought she was huge for us the whole game," he said.

"Especially at the end."

Baylor will need her to be just as dominant when they

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Men's basketball faces Auburn **Tigers**

By Brian Bateman Sports editor

The Bears started the season hoping for a trip to Detroit, but they would probably be happy with a trip to New York City

That's what awaits Baylor should they defeat No. 1 seed Auburn University at 6 p.m. tonight in Auburn, Ala.

'I have never been to New York City, so that is great motivation to get there and getting to play at Madison Square Garden," senior guard Curtis Jerrells said.

Over the weekend, the Bears ran roughshod over Virginia Tech, taking the game by 18 points. Auburn had a similar win over the University of Tulsa,

defeating the Golden Hurricanes

"Auburn is very athletic. (They are) similar to some of the Big 12 teams that are more perimeter-oriented like we saw up in Oklahoma (City)," Baylor head coach Scott Drew said.

The Tigers (24-11) will likely start a four-guard set, much like the Bears did at times last year. Senior forward Korvotney Barber, who is 6-foot-7-inches tall,

will likely take the post. 'The power forward position (was) really effective for them and we had a hard time guarding (him)," Tulsa head coach Doug Wojcik said after the Sat-

urday game. The Bears will hold a strong size advantage over the Tigers. Junior center Josh Lomers had a double-digit performance against the Hokies, and will likely be the fulcrum of the Bears' offense.

"It feels great to finally be involved in the offense. I've always been there, but people are focusing on me now and it has opened up some new opportunities for the team," the Boerne native said.

Junior guard DeWayne Reed leads the Tigers in scoring, averaging 13.2 points per game. However, Barber and junior guard Tay Waller are other essential players for the Auburn offense. Barber averages 12.9 points per game and 9.5 rebounds, while Waller averages 12.2 points and .419 from beyond the arc.

The 3-point shot could be an issue for Drew, who intends on keeping Lomers and senior center Mamadou Diene on the court in a zone defense. The Tigers average 7.7, 3-point shots per game, and could shoot the Bears out of their defense if they hit a

Drew is still convinced of its use because it keeps the team out of foul trouble, reduces the threat of overpowering centers and keeps his team fresh, he

"The zone defense has been very effective; we have been very active and, because of that, we have stayed with it. It has definitely helped us on the defensive end and kept us fresher on the offensive end because man-toman takes more out of you," he

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Chinese curiosity ill-rewarded by Secret Service in Dallas

Question: As a driver, who is the last person you want to mess

Answer: A police officer. Question: As a foreigner, who is the last person from whom you want to provoke suspicion? Answer: A national security

Question: As a guest citizen, what is the stupidest way to greet the authorities of the host country?

Answer: Damage their stuff. Well, these three questions and answers precisely describe what happened to me during spring break - I hit Bush's Secret Service agents' car.

My mom, who came from China to visit me, heard former President George W. Bush bought a home in Dallas for \$2 million and asked me to take her there for a tour and some photos. We googled the address and followed the GPS to a very quiet and unremarkable neighborhood. I stopped at a stop sign right in the middle of the road. Then I started driving again, with no idea that I just triggered

A man with a white earphone plugged in one ear and a long tail disappearing in his collar like most agents have in movies came out of a maroon Chevrolet parked across the road and

Î did not notice him, since he was well-covered by dark win-

I explained to him that my mom was here from China and wanted to see Bush's house. He asked us to make a U-turn and

We weren't even allowed to take a photo. Mom and I were

While being watched by his sharp eyes, I didn't give myself enough room to make a U-turn.

As I was rounding out my U-turn, I underestimated the space I needed to get past his



The next second, at the speed of less than five miles per hour, the right front bumper of my car kissed the back bumper of the Chevrolet.

The doors of the Chevrolet swung open immediately, and I was startled to see two more men came out from the car and walk toward me.

My brain exploded and my heart nearly escaped while nobody did anything for a moment.

Then the younger man took a glance at the damage and came up to me with frustration written on his face. "Madam, it was just so hard to hit us. We were parking there."

"I'm so sorry! I'm just an Asian driver. I was eager to visit Bush!" I believe my brain was still on sabotage.

I bet they thought the accident was simply so impossible to just happen, if not deliberately designed, plus I was talking to my mom in Chinese the whole time (she doesn't speak English).

steps and shouted "stay in the car!" when I wanted to get out to check the damage. I froze and even put my hands on wheel for good measure. The older man already made

The men backed up a few

a call, and a police showed up in less than two minutes, faster than I've seen in the U.S. My brain started to function a bit, but not enough to find my insurance. The police threat-

provide it. I asked for their permission to make a phone call to my friend, since it was actually his

ened to tow my car if I couldn't

car I was driving. Their stares burned me as I dialed. I wondered what they would do if I said, "it's time. Action!"

Finally, insurance found, background checked, and the possibility of me being a terrorist eliminated, they allowed me to get out and check the damage. My crappy Honda Accord only had some scratches on the right side, while their shiny Chevrolet had a dent on left back end.

"Interesting. So what's wrong with American car?" I laughed. They didn't.

The younger man gave a

I tried to chat with him when I was told I had to wait for another police to make a report. 'Are you FBI?" I asked

"No, we are Secret Service."

"So CIA?"

"No, Secret Service." "Like Jack Bauer?"

"No, Secret Service."

"Fine." I would have known the distinctions if I were a ter-

"Seriously, is Bush here?" "Ma'am, I can't answer your

"Do presidents still need to be protected after they leave

'Yes, 10 years." "Standing here for 10 years?!" I guess I really made their day in

a boring job like this. After about 20 minutes, they finally let me go.

"Are you sure you can make it this time?" The younger man

laughed when I started the car. I was fine. I just needed a deep breath to find my feet first. The cost for visiting or

attempting to visit George W. Bush varies: It could be a war or time in prison for hurling shoes. In my case, I don't quite know yet, until I call my insurance company.

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Editorial

Laptops present high-tech distraction

It's back to a paper and pen for many students at top universities around the country. At least two dozen professors at Yale University have banned the use of laptops in their classrooms since 2006, when the classrooms were set up with wireless Internet, according to the Yale Daily News. Professors at Georgetown and Cornell have been noted to forbid laptop use, as well. While technology is a necessary part of today's society and learning, laptops do not automatically have a place in

Laptops pose problems for the students using them, their peers and the professor.

While many students may say they bring their laptops to class because it helps them take better notes, most of them also use it to do other things during class time, too. The endless temptations of a laptop in the classroom include: instant messaging, shopping, playing games and checking Facebook status updates.

A 2006 study by Dr. Carrie Fried, a professor of psychology at Winona State University, found that students reported using their laptops for purposes other than taking notes almost 25 percent of the time they were -one percent said ing class, 68 percent said they were signed into an instant messenger service and 25 percent reported playing games while class was going on, according to The Chronicle of Higher Education.

David Cole, a professor of law at Georgetown University who bans laptop use in his classroom, has found similar results, he said in an op-ed piece he wrote for The Washington Post. After polling his students anonymously, he discovered that 95 percent admitted to using their laptops in class for "purposes other than taking notes, such as surfing the Web, checking e-mail, instant messaging and

Even when students are using their laptops to take notes on the lecture, they aren't learning the material as well as they could. Laptops allow people to type faster and take down the professor's lecture almost ver-

They stop processing the information they are typing out, becoming more stenographer than student. When taking notes by hand, because it is slower, students have to think through the information they are receiving, prioritize it and write down only the most



State study showed that the GPAs of students who used laptops in class were 5 percent lower than those who didn't.

Laptop use also distracts other students. Students are drawn to a laptop screen like bees to honey. One editorial board member spent her last two history classes observing a woman shopping for bikinis in the row in front of her.

Another could tell you what the guy sitting next to her is doing this weekend based on his IM conversation, but not

weeks. In the Winona State study, students reported that other students' laptop use was the greatest source of distraction during class.

Baylor's classroom conduct policy states that students must conduct themselves in a way "that does not distract from or disrupt the educational pursuits of others." A ban on laptops would be a proactive measure to enforce this policy.

Professors also benefit when laptops are taken out of class. Many professors look to the what her professor has been laces of students for signs of they checked their e-mail durimportant things. The Winona talking about the past two comprehension and interest so ing class.

they know how well the subject is being taught. Laptops are sometimes in the way of students' faces and also keep them from making eye contact with the teacher. Many of the professors at

Yale said they have seen the ban pay off for their students, with more interaction in class and higher grades, according to the Yale Daily News.

More professors, around the country and at Baylor, should consider enacting a ban on laptops to keep students engaged, focused and off Facebook dur-

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Big Sister program proves rewarding experience for both participants

Last weekend I found myself at Target trying to find a birth-day gift for my Little Sister, Ashley. She turned 11 and is a fan of Hannah Montana, anything with glitter and the color purple. We hang out once a week and I take her to parks and museums and movies. This week we are going to attempt to bake a Dr Pepper cake with a recipe we got from the museum.

Ashley and I haven't known each other long, about seven months to be exact. Ashley isn't my real little sister. She is my new friend through the Big Brothers Big Sisters of America program. We were matched this September and have slowly built a friendship over the past

I first signed up for the program out of guilt. My mom brought to my attention the value of volunteer work and its obvious absence from my schedule. I thought hanging out with a cute kid once a week didn't sound too bad!

My experience with Ashley has been much more than "not too bad." Ashley has changed from a quiet pre-teen with nothing to say, to a nonstop chatterbox who runs to give me a hug and tell me about her day. I am constantly on the receiv-

ing end of glow-in-the-dark jewelry, glitter-pen pictures, and run-on text messages filled with



BY DACHE JOHNSON

Ashley and I have a lot more in common than I originally thought. We both like "High School Musical," we both order our popcorn with extra butter and we both prefer to swing instead of climb at the park.

We talk about school, her six best friends, her parents divorce, the siblings she's lost,

ever been to college, but Ashley wants to be a veterinarian or a teacher. Ashley will receive a scholarship for college after a year of staying in the program. She loves when I come pick her up at school – it's very cool to have a "Baylor friend" when you are in elementary school.

I've helped her with her homework some, but she normally gets it done after school, where she stays because her mom has to work.

Our conversations have helped her grammar and sentence structure and she is constantly asking me what words She isn't the only one learn-

No one in Ashley's family has ing things. She has helped me

expand my Spanish vocabulary. She has taught me how to make bracelets by braiding plastic strands. I'm teaching her to French-braid hair. And next week we will both learn how to make that Dr Pepper cake.

I know I'm not going to be in Ashley's life forever. We plan to stay pen pals after I graduate, and I'm sure we will text message "4EVA." I just hope I can be a good friend and role model she trusts. Sometimes she asks me about college. She wants to know if my classes are hard, if I'm going to get a good job one day. I want to be a person who believes in her and always encourages her to go for it.

For now we're just have fun

and act silly – it's a little early to be filling out the college applications. We have quite a list of activities to accomplish still. We plan to visit Limited Too and Fuzzy Friends, see "Race to Witch Mountain" and "Hannah Montana: The Movie," and of course, bake our cake. The cake idea opened the door to a whole slew of cooking adventures that I'm not sure I'm qualified for. I think we will be sticking to mostly outdoor activities for the

I got a text message from Ashley today. It read, "Hi big sister! See you soon:-)"

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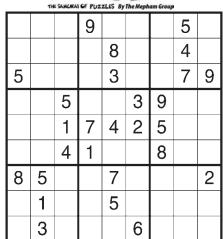
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Texas marriage license fee waived through seminar

By Ashleigh Schmitz

In order to deter increasing divorce rates, the Texas Legislature passed a law that increases the marriage license fee to \$60. However, if engaged couples

enroll in a free "Twogether in Texas" premarital education seminar, that fee is waived.

The law and the Twogether in Texas program both went into effect Sept. 1. The program not only waives the \$60 fee for marriage licenses, but also the 72-hour waiting period. The waivers apply when couples show the certificate received upon completion of an eighthour premarital education class

"The Texas Legislature started looking at how costly divorce is for the state and started looking at alarming statistics of how high the divorce rate is and they started talking about how to decrease divorce rates and promote healthy marriages," said Kate Bean, graduate assistant in the school of social work.

In 2004, the Texas recorded 178,500 marriages and 81,324 divorces. In 2008, McLennan County alone recorded 1,925 marriages and 1,299 divorces. The marriage breakdown costs taxpayers \$2.96 billion in Texas, mostly for single-parent families that receive support by the state.

The Texas Legislature plans for the Twogether in Texas pro-

gram to reduce the divorce rate and monetary burden on tax-

Dr. Cynthia Harr, assistant professor in the school of social work, said research supports that at least eight hours in one of these seminars make a significant difference in whether a marriage will end in divorce.

While the School of Social Work and Center for Family and Community Ministries plan to schedule three premarital education seminars before the end of the semester, the first one at Baylor was held Saturday. Other dates are to be announced this week.

"Premarital education causes couples caught up in the excitement of the wedding to really pause and consider their marriage, not just the wedding," Bean said.

"I think these classes promote couples to look deeper and know each other better so that there is a strong healthy foundation there to sustain a long healthy union," she said.

Another incentive for couples is receiving a membership card for the Texas Hitchin' Post. Their Web site, http://www.texashitchinpost.com, allows couples to receive discounts on things for their wedding ranging from florists, photographers and bridal gowns to deals on home warranties through real estate brokers.

Derek Johnson, director make the of operations and design for campus."

Lone Star Marketing, the firm that does marketing for Texas Hitchin' Post and Twogether in Texas, said that the success of Twogether in Texas will be more couples entering into marriage with the desire to be married as well as the 'know how' of staying married.

Bean and Harr said they plan to bring these classes to Baylor because the community here has the largest number of engaged or seriously dating couples in the McLennan County area. Of the 81 curricula approved by the Texas, Bean and Harr chose the "Within Our Reach" and "Prepare, Enrich" curricula for Baylor. Both curricula are connected to research being conducted by Baylor and Texas Tech universities.

"'Within Our Reach' teaches the listener-speaker method of communication," Bean said. "It's a very simple form of communication that should be common sense. It teaches you to slow down and really listen to what your partner is saying."

In addition to communication skills, Harr said the classes also teaches couples problemsolving skills and how to handle stress.

"We've talked to the Student Senate and Panhellenic Council and they are aware of it, but we're especially interested in making the student body aware of it," Harr said. "We want to make the seminars available on campus." Shanna Taylor/Lariat Staff

Cincinnati freshman Sam Patty paints her new pair of TOMS shoes during the TOMS Style Your Sole Benefit Monday at Common Grounds. "I just came to have fun and give a pair of shoes to African kids," she said.

Organizations sell dollar T-shirts

By Shanna Taylor Reporter

Spring cleaning for student organizations means cheap T-shirts for students as the Baylor Activities Council hosts the third annual \$1 T-shirt Day from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. today in the lobby of the Bill Daniel Student Center. The sale is an effort to connect students who want cheap T-shirts with groups that have leftovers they need to get rid of.

All of the 19 participating organizations will be offering extra shirts from past events for a dollar each, getting rid of their clutter and making money at the same time.

"This is a win-win situation. Students can find shirts they missed the chance to purchase before and organizations can clean out their closet, said Keri Bowman, vice president of the Baylor Activities Council.

Each organization brings something different to the sale and each participate for a different reasons. Some bring only one kind of shirt to sell and others as many as 10. Also, some Some participating organizations include:

Student Activities
African Student Association
Alpha Chi Omega
American Medical
Student Association
Asian Student Association
Baylor Business Women
Baylor Gymnastics
Habitat for Humanity
Indian Subcontinent
Student Association
Kappa Sigma
Latin Dance Society
OneBU
Zeta Tau Alpha.

use it to promote their group.

"We will be getting rid of extra shirts and getting awareness out about our organization because a lot of people still don't know we have a gymnastics team at Baylor," said Danielle Lee, the president of Baylor Gymnastics.

Others view it as a service to the community.

"Our organization participates in Dollar T-shirt Day

because it allows the Baylor community a chance to purchase our cultural t-shirts. We normally sell out — it's great," said Abir Mirza, historian for the Indian Subcontinent Student Association.

Some just appreciate the chance to make the most of cleaning up.

"We are in the process of doing a little spring cleaning so this is very helpful for us. This money will be used to fund one of two upcoming philanthropy events that we are hosting," Alpha Chi Omega President Kara DeBoth said.

Whatever the reason for participating, organizations and students both benefit, says Bowman.

"What better way for organizations to sell more shirts than by pricing them at just \$1 so students walking through the SUB don't really have to go get more cash," Bowman said. "These are shirts from previous events so it's great that students are getting a good deal, and organizations are making some profit that they wouldn't otherwise have made."

Mexico offers reward for drug lords

By Alexandra Olson The Associated Press

MEXICO CITY – Mexico's government on Monday offered \$2 million each for information leading to the arrest of 24 top drug lords in a public challenge to the cartels' violent grip on the country.

The list indicated that drug gangs have splintered into six main cartels under pressure from the U.S. and Mexican governments. The two most powerful gangs – the Pacific and Gulf cartels – each suffered fractures that have given rise to new cartels, according to the list published by the Attorney General's Office.

The list offers 30 million pesos (\$2 million) in rewards for 24 top members of the cartels and 15 million pesos (\$1 million) for 13 of their lieutenants.

Mexico's drug violence has killed more than 9,000 people since President Felipe Calderon took office in December 2006 as gangs battle each other for territory and fight off a government crackdown. Some of that

violence is spilling over into the United States, especially the Southwest, where kidnaps and killings are on the rise.

The rewards are the largest Mexico has ever offered for top drug lords, said Ricardo Najera, a spokesman for the Attorney General's office. Some of the men, such as suspected Pacific cartel leaders Joaquin Guzman and Ismael Zambada, are targeted by separate \$5 million reward offers from the U.S. government.

The new list appeared to be the first offering rewards for all the most-wanted cartel members at once. The government could be trying to signal its determination to take on the cartels at the same time, rather than one or two at a time as past administrations have done, said Andrew Selee, director of the Wilson Center's Mexico Institute.

"It tells you a little bit about Calderon's thinking," Selee said. "He really sees this as something he wants to eradicate. He's willing to take them all on as a unit."

The Beltran Leyva and Carrillo Fuentes gangs — once

considered affiliated with the Sinaloa group under the Pacific cartel alliance — were listed as their own cartels. So was La Familia, which operates in central Mexico and was once considered a gang that answered to the Gulf cartel.

The list sends a message that Mexico is using all it resources to root out drug traffickers days before a visit from U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and a month before President Barack Obama visits, said George Grayson, a Mexico expert at the College of William & Mary in Virginia.

Mexican officials "have been quite defensive about all the talk about Mexico's being a failed state and that the cartels are controlling more and more territory," Grayson said. "I see this as an acceleration of Calderon's policy but with one eye on the upcoming visit of the American leaders."

Stephen Meiners, a Latin America analyst for the U.S. intelligence service Stratfor, said many arrests are likely based on anonymous tips from cartel leaders trying to get rid of rivals.

BEAR BRIEFS

The Department of Multicultural Activities will partner with Alpha Chi Omega to present Take Back the Night: Break the Silence from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. Thursday at Fountain Mall. The event aims to raise awareness about rape and dating violence with keynote speaker Tara Brewster and a candlelight vigil. For more information contact Julie_Smith@baylor.edu.

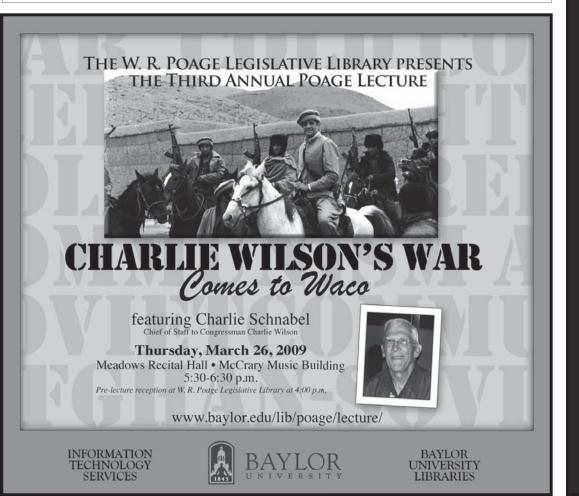
The Baylor Symphony Orchestra, with Pavel Eliashevich, will perform at 7:30 p.m. today in the Glennis McCrary Music Building of the Jones Concert Hall. The orchestra will perform two expansive works by Russian romantic composers, Nikolia Rimsky-Korsakov and Sergei Rachmaninoff. Russian pianist and guest soloist Pavel Eliashevich

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Bromantic comedy charms with witty, catchy humor

By Ash Anderson Contributor

Paul Rudd and Jason Segel have inadvertently created what 10 years ago would be called wishful thinking – the romantic comedy for guys.

FILMREVIEW

Fresh off his first screenplay, "Forgetting Sarah Marshall," Segel teams up with his favorite cast to deliver a comedy that throws humor and heart at you from all angles.

Peter Klavin (Rudd) has finally proposed to the girl of his dreams, and everyone knows that they're meant to be together. But there's one problem. Peter, a realtor, has always been "that guy." He can schmooze up a break-room full of women with absolutely no problem but can't seem to close out a phone call with another man in a way that doesn't leave an awkward silence hanging in the air — "alright, brosmithy, I'll, uh, catch you on the

Unfortunately, Peter doesn't have a best man, and, like I'm sure everyone knows, a best man is almost necessary at a

Jason Segel (left) and Paul Rudd star in the new comedy "I Love You, Man." Peter (Rudd) is a ladies man who has trouble keeping guy friends until he meets Sydney (Segel), who might put too much negative pressure on Peter's relationship

Enter Sydney Fife (Segel). Peter and Sydney meet for the first time at an open house. Humorously enough, Sydney has no intention of buying the house - Sydney is there to eat,

and he admits it. Instead of being offended, Peter is taken aback by Sydney's honesty, and they soon embark on a journey that is both heart-warming and hilarious.

In quite possibly the most

tame R-rated comedy I've seen in recent years, "I Love You, Man" pulls off a near impossible feat it delivers its raucous jokes at a lightning quick pace that you don't even realize what hap-

BOX OFFICE RESULTS

- "Knowing," \$24.8 million.
- 2. "I Love You, Man," \$18 million.
- 3. "Duplicity," \$14.4 million.
- 4. "Race to Witch Mountain," \$13
- 5. "Watchmen," \$6.7 million.
- 6. "The Last House on the Left," \$5.9 million.
- 7. "Taken," \$4.1 million.
- 8. "Slumdog Millionaire," \$2.7
- 9. "Tyler Perry's Madea Goes to Jail," \$2.5 million.
- 10. "Coraline," \$2.1 million. The Associated Press

pened until later in the movie. This leaves the story to develop at a brisk pace, while leaving you entirely captivated by the characters on the screen.

Also, the screening of this movie was the first time I've heard true, engaged and honest laughter, instead of the typical giggles and surprised gasps that accompany an adult comedy.

While thoroughly entertaining, the movie isn't perfect - it starts off slowly and makes you wonder, "Why do I care about these people who are getting married?" One or two elongated scenes in the movie also feel too much like filler, though in the end are necessary to the plot.

Overall, the film feels a tad too long, and some patrons that are looking for one-liners through and through will find themselves disappointed that a "bromance" got in the way of their expected raunchy good time.

Though, don't be deceived. While "I Love You, Man" gathers feel-good people in feel-good situations, there's enough hilarity to keep even the most straightlaced critic rolling in the aisles.

Cameos from Lou Ferrigno "The Incredible Hulk") and random one-scene characters from nearly every other Judd Apatow movie, a la Braces Girl from "The 40-Year Old Virgin" and Liz Breter from "Forgetting Sarah Marshall," keep the laughs coming and the party going.

From the standpoint of someone who enjoys witty, catchy and just plain smart humor, "I Love You, Man" delivers on all levels.

Dallas gears up to launch third annual international film festival tity entirely distinct (but just as

By Christopher Kelly McClatchy Newspapers

DALLAS – For its first edition, in 2007, the AFI Dallas International Film Festival did the unthinkable: It managed to carve an instant niche in the cluttered film-festival landscape, mainly by pouring millions of dollars into an elaborate, "uber"glamour event that stood in stark contrast to most scrappy, underfinanced regional film festivals.

In 2008, the festival avoided the sophomore slump by strengthening the quality and breadth of film programming and attracting some A-list names, among them Charlize Theron, Robert De Niro and

So can this upstart festival maintain its lucky streak and

high-profile) as Austin's recently-wrapped South by Southwest Film Festival?

'We're taking chances that people might not understand right now," says Michael Cain, artistic director and CEO of the festival. "But we want to take the long approach. We're asking ourselves: 'What is it that we can do to bring the spotlight on Texas to the world for the next 50 years?' The chances Cain speaks

about are not necessarily with the festival's marquee events, which this year once again include local premieres of high profile, star-driven vehicles such as "The Brothers Bloom" (starring Adrien Brody and Rachel Weisz) and "The Burning Plain" (directed by "21 Grams" screenwriter

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> Theron), along with tributes to Brody, director Kathryn Bigelow ("Point Break," "Strange Days"), and the Oscar-winning screenwriter Robert Towne ("China-

Like most festival programmers, Cain understands that a certain number of A-list names are needed to sell tickets.

But this year's program is also rich with intriguing international cinema, including the challenging, beautifully directed IRA drama "Hunger" and the Argentine comedy-drama "Empty Nest." Cain also believes

in the importance of educational and film history-based programming. To wit: On April, 2, Cain has scheduled a tribute to the late Rita Hayworth (her daughter, Princess Yasmin Aga Khan, will accept the honor), along with a screening of the iconic actress's most famous effort, "Gilda."

The same night, the festival is also kicking off a new series at the Nasher Sculpture Center in Dallas called "Book to Film," with a screening of "The Last Picture Show," with director Peter Bogdanovich in attendance.

some ways, to help re-brand the way people think of Dallas and Fort Worth," Cain says. "People come to town and prepare to be underwhelmed, but then they're like, 'We had no idea (these cities) had so much to offer." As with most arts organiza-

tions, the deep-pocketed AFIFilm Festival has not been immune to the economic downturn. Target reduced some of its sponsorship support, and Audi dropped out entirely (though Cain says that Lexus has stepped up to pick up some of the slack). But Cain insists that the festi-

val hasn't skimped on anything and that, in fact, it will be a more concentrated and effective event than ever before.

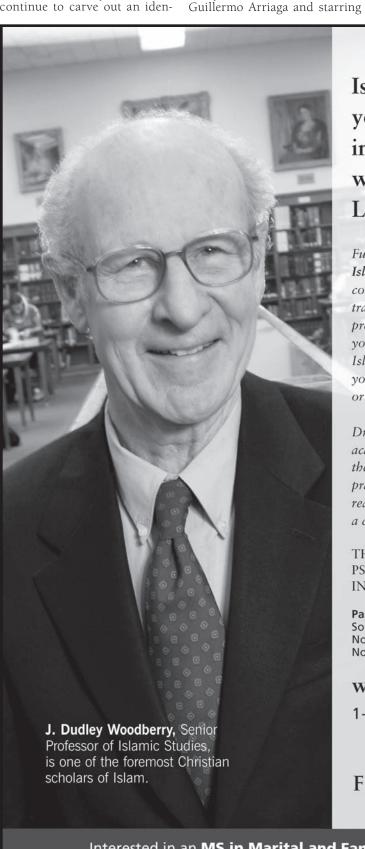
"We given some stuff up, but in other areas we've added," he says. "The family component "We're in a lucky position, in was a one-day event last year, but

this year it's a two-day event." In addition, Cain says, an "environmental visions" category has been added this year. The lineup includes a documentary about preventing whale hunting in the Antarctic Ocean ("At the Edge of the World") and a horror film about a vegan woman

As for the challenging task of sifting through the 180 scheduled screenings to figure out what you should see, Cain has a hard time selecting favorites. But he encourages festivalgoers to explore the unknown.

pregnant with her first child (the

"It's like when you first open up a museum, like the Nasher or the Modern," he says. "We're curating something. Our doors are open to everyone. And we want you to come in and take a



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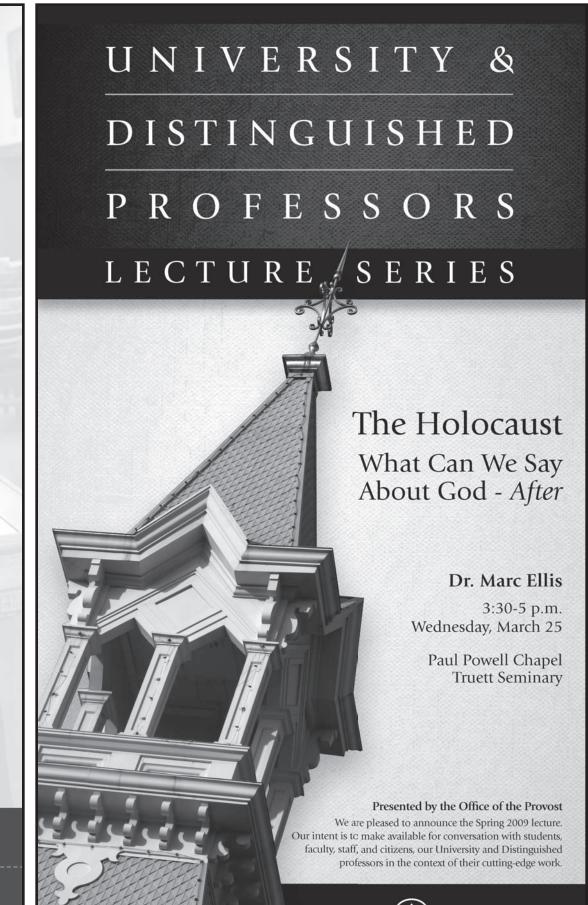
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7 straight for BU

By Gordon Voit Contributor

With a seven-game win streak on the line and an eye on recording their 25th win, the Lady Bears rallied from two down to top the visiting University of Central Arkansas Bears Monday night, recording a 10-2 win at Getterman Stadium.

The team rallied in the third inning to give senior Brittany Turner her fourth win in as many decisions, an inning that saw the team rally from two runs down to take the lead for

The team swept Northwestern State, Prairie View A&M, and Texas Tech Universities in consecutive series the past two weeks, and jumped out to a 2-0 mark in Big 12 Conference play this weekend in Lubbock.

However, the Lady Bears struggled out of the gate, as first baseman Alex Colyer bobbled a throw at first base to put leadoff hitter Luisa Escobar aboard in the first. Three batters later, UCA freshman Kasey Britt lined a pitch into the outfield for a two-run single, putting the Lady Bears in the hole, 2-0.

Brock set the visiting Bears down in order in the second, but couldn't stay on top in the third, yielding to Turner with two outs and the bases loaded. The senior from Fort Worth got second baseman Paige Burke to ground out, ending the visiting Bears' rally and keeping the Lady Bears within striking

Left fielder Nicole Wesley and company opened up the game

The No. 4 Baylor women's ten-

nis team swept the courts Sat-

urday, shutting out conference

foes Iowa State University and

No. 58 University of Nebraska.

Baylor defeated Iowa State

7-0 to start the day, dropping

in some of the matches.

Bears lost only one game.

Sophomore Karolina Filipiak

and junior Zuzana Chmelarova

completed the first doubles

match on court three with an

and Liza Wischer. Junior Lenka

By Ben Powell

in the third inning when freshman Bree Hanafin came on with runners at the corners and two outs. The hot-hitting shortstop drew a walk to bring up junior Courtney Oberg, who drew her team-leading ninth walk to put the Lady Bears on the board. Wesley then sparked the team's offensive burst by beating out a ground ball to record the RBI

With the teams deadlocked at two runs a piece, third baseman Megan Turk kept the rally moving by doubling to center field to give the Lady Bears the

"We kept popping out, but we kept fighting and kept the ball on the ground," freshman Kayce Walker said, saying that focus at the plate sparked the

Head coach Glenn Moore agreed, saying that the team's turnaround was about controlling what they could control and being patient in the box.

"We were facing a pitcher that we had a tough time against, and we knew if we stayed patient then we'd be OK," he said.

The team tacked on two more runs in the fourth behind some Wesley and right fielder Kayce Walker's third hit of the evening. Despite winds gusting up to 30 miles an hour, the Lady Bears run-ruled the visiting Lady Bears by recording a fourrun fifth inning that included back-to-back doubles from Wesley and freshman Megan Turk.

For the game, Turner tossed two and a third innings, allowing no hits and no runs in her

Broosova and sophomore Jelena

Stanivuk shutout Erin Karonis

and Kara Hickey 8-0 to clinch

the doubles point. Junior Csilla

Borsanyi and junior Kasia Siwo-

sz completed the sweep with an

her opponent, defeating Lang

6-0, 6-1 to earn the first singles

No. 66 Borsanyi flew past

8-1 victory on court two.



Baylor pitcher Shaina Brock winds up for a pitch Monday afternoon against the Central Arkansas Bears. Despite an early 2-0 hole, the Lady Bears bounced back for a 10-2 win.

12th relief appearance of the

The team will face rival Texas A&M University in the Battle of the Brazos at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday at Getterman Stadium. The Aggies split their series against the University of Nebraska this weekend in each team's Big 12

Walker said that against the Aggies the team will focus on playing the brand of softball that has gotten them to 25 wins

"(We need to) do the same things we've been doing, not popping up and focusing on playing Baylor softball, as coach says before every game."

Lady netters sweep conference foes

tried to plan out who we could sit out," Scrivano said. "All the players have some bumps and bruises right now.'

win streak to 10.

earn the second singles point for the Lady Bears. "(Siwosz) just continually got better today and by the second

like she was playing some of her best tennis of the spring," Scriv-Stanivuk clinched the match versus Weatherholt 6-2, 6-1,

With Ormond out, Broosova

Please see **TENNIS**, page 6

Back-to-back wins for men's tennis

The No. 7 Baylor men's tennis team lost their first home match of the season Saturday before rebounding to win back-to-back matches on Sunday.

Baylor took on No. 10 University of Southern California Saturday, losing to the Trojans 3-4 despite winning the doubles

"(USC is) talented and good and I thought that their guys competed super well at all positions," head coach Matt Knoll said. "We got exactly what we expected from them.'

Junior Dominik Mueller and freshman Julian Bley lost 8-5 in the first doubles match completed, but junior Denes Lukacs and freshman Maros Horny on court two and senior David Galic and sophomore Jordan Rux on court one defeated their opponents 8-4, 8-5 respectively to earn Baylor the point.

Mueller earned the first singles point for the Bears, finishing off USC's Jason McNaughton $6-\overline{1}$, 6-2 on court five.

No. 6 Lukacs defeated No. 101 Jaak Poldma on court one 6-4, 6-1 to put Baylor up 3-0 and one match from victory. Lukacs is now 7-2 in completed matches versus ranked singles oppo-

The Trojans then quickly turned the match around.

On court four, junior Attila Bucko lost 6-1, 6-4 to Matt Kecki, No. 49 Rux lost to No. 92 Steve Johnson 6-3, 6-3 on court two, and Horny lost 6-2, 6-2 on court

With the match tied at 3-3, Galic lost in a second-set tiebreaker to No. 75 Abdullah Magdas 7-5, 7-6 (7-3). It was Galic's first loss in singles this season since coming back from a shoulder injury.

"When you look out there at the nine spots, I think six of them really showed up and were jacked up and competed hard, unfortunately three of them didn't," Knoll said. "You are just not going to beat a team like this if you have three spots not show

Prior to Saturday's match the Bears had a home-match winning streak of 13. The team's last home loss was against then-No. 7 University of Texas April 16,

Sunday, the Bears defeated the University of Texas at Dallas and the University of Texas at Arlington to improve to 6-0 in doubleheader matches.

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set collectively.

After sweeping the doubles matches to earn an early 1-0 lead, Horny and Bucko defeated their opponents 6-0, 6-0 and 6-0, 6-3 respectively, setting up Bley to clinch the match with a 6-0, 6-0 shutout over the Comet's Eric Debusschere.

Freshman Marc Bruche improved to 3-2 for the season with a 6-0, 6-1 victory on court

The team's only loss came

on court six when Jay DeCoste defeated senior walk-on John Arvesen 1-6, 7-6 (7-2), 1-0 (10-

"You are just not going to beat a team like (USC) if you have three spots not show up."

> Matt Knoll head coach

Baylor next competed against UTA, defeating the Mavericks 7-0 for the team's fifth shutout victory of the season. Everybody was ready, every-

body concentrated and took care of business," Knoll said. "We had more consistency, more energy and effort up and down the lineup and obviously that's more important than talent." Bley earned the first singles

point, defeating his opponent 6-0, 6-0 for a second consecutive Mueller, now 10-5 in singles

matches this season, won on serve 6-3, 6-0 to earn the sec-Bucko clinched the match,

defeating UTA's Adam Srkala With the match's outcome decided, Lukacs earned his

100th career singles win against Mindaugas Celedinas 6-3, 6-2. "It was not the goal to get the (milestone)," Lukacs said. "It's just a nice thing next to the win,

but obviously it feels great and I'm happy with this performance in three-and-a-half-years." Horny followed with a 6-1, 6-1

victory on court six. Galic completed the sweep, winning 6-3, 6-3 to the applause of 12 fans. The Bears are now 13-5 on the

Baylor next competes against No. 2 University of Stanford as part of the Hewlett-Packard Cup at 6 p.m. today at the Baylor Tennis Center. The match will later be broadcasted on the Fox Col-

only two sets collectively. "When you get an opportu-No. 35 Broosova defeated nity to shut out a team you got to ISU's Maria Macedo 6-1, 6-1 to do it," head coach Joey Scrivano said. "I was really impressed set up Filipiak with the clinching match on court five. Filipiak with the way (Iowa State) comdefeated Wischer 6-1, 6-2.

Taylor Ormond, No. 37, lost peted and they really pushed us her first set to Karonis 3-6 but In doubles play the Lady stormed back to take the second 6-1 to force a super-set tiebreak-

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er that she won 10-3. Chmelarova, in her first singles match of the season, followed suit with a come from 8-0 victory over ISU's Tessa Lang behind win of her own. After losretaliated with a 6-3 second set, winning the tiebreaker 10-2. Siwosz completed the sweep

with a 7-6 (7-5), 6-4 victory over ISU's Marie Chartier. Baylor carried the momen-

tum from the morning match into their contest with Nebraska. The Lady Bears defeated the Lady Cornhuskers 7-0. Freshman Nina Secerbegovic

and Siwosz on court two and Broosova and Stanivuk on court one defeated their opponents 8-1, 8-2 respectively to earn the doubles point. With doubles wrapped up Nebraska's Mary Weatherholt and Jennifer Holmberg defeated Borsanyi and Chmelarova 8-5 on court three.

Secerbegovic and Stanivuk jumped into the singles lineup, giving Ormond and Chmela-

"We basically kind of looked ing her first set to Hickey 5-7 she at it ahead of time and just Secerbegovic took just 52 minutes to dispatch Wiveca

Swarting 6-1, 6-1, extending her Siwosz defeated Stephanie

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BEARS from page 1

Medlock went on to have a great year and has played an even bigger part in the lineup after Baylor was dealt its next

On Feb. 28, junior post Danielle Wilson went down with a knee injury in Baylor's 66-57 win at Texas. Wilson had been the team's leading scorer and rebounder all year long, but, aside from a debacle at Kansas that handed Baylor an embarrassing 69-45 loss, the Lady Bears have managed to keep on winning.

"You can't imagine what these kids have done since Danielle Wilson's injury," Barmore said after Sunday night's game. "This is not the same team since she got hurt. Before the injury, it was a final four team. Now we're struggling with who to play and when to play them. But no matter what, they have showed me, just like tonight, how much heart and character they have which is very seldom seen with a basketball team."

And if that's Barmore's take on this year's Lady Bears, consider it women's basketball gospel.

BBALL from page 1

Baylor will have to keep tabs on defender's hands. Auburn steals the ball 16.4 times per

"Their play is similar to Oklahoma State; they play four guards. They have Missouri's type of pressure on defense," Drew said.

Still, the Bears are keeping the postseason in perspective.

That is one of the main things about our success right now; we are just going out and having fun," Austin native Jerrells said.

take on South Dakota State University, whose 90-55 win over No. 10 seed TCU dispatched the Horned Frogs in a convincing fashion.

MULKEY from page 1

"They're going to be a tremendous team for us to compete against," Mulkey said of the Jackrabbits. "They've won a lot of basketball games. They're much better than the seed they got. That is a very, very good team."

South Dakota State made 16, 3-point shots in its game with TCU, setting an NCAA record for the most scored by a team in a single tourna-

"When you make 16 threes, holy cow," Mulkey said. "That just caught my attention. They're very well coached. They're very disciplined. They shoot a lot of threes but they do other things well. I'm as impressed with their defense as I am with their offense.'

The two schools have met once before, on Nov. 25, 2006 in the Bahamas. Baylor won that game 71-53, but when asked if she thought the Jackrabbits had closed the gap since then, Mulkey said she didn't think there was much of a gap to be

'They could have played in the tournament and got a great seed then," she said. 'They've been good for a long time."

One thing missing from the Lady Bears' game against the Roadrunners that they will look to bring to their game with the Jackrabbits is

"I think our energy was not where it should be on defense," senior forward Rachel Allison said. "Our defensive intensity has been awesome and that definitely did not show like Coach Barmore said it did not show last night. We had a little trouble guarding dribble penetration, so we will work those kinks out hopefully by next game."

TENNIS from page 5

took full advantage of competing at the number one spot. Broosova defeated Nebraska's Madeleine Geibert 6-3, 2-6, 1-0 (14-12), using a forehand winner to end the match.

Broosova earned the honor of Big 12 Player of the Week for the second consecutive week.

Borsanyi and Filipiak closed out the afternoon, defeating their opponents 6-4, 6-2 and 6-7 (4-7), 6-1, 1-0 (10-5) respec-

"Í'm glad to see that (Filipiak)

found a way to win," Scrivano said. "She probably wasn't playing her best tennis but she found a way regardless."

The Lady Bears are now 11-4 for the season and 3-0 versus conference teams, all three decided by a shutout.

Baylor will next play in Boulder, Ćolo. against No. 60 University of Colorado at noon Satur-

day.
"(Colorado has) given us a lot trouble in the past because playing them on the road in altitude can be tough for our team, Scrivano said. "We are definitely not going to take them lightly.

Financial plan aims to take over bad mortgages

By Tom Raum The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - The Obama administration aimed squarely at the crisis clogging the nation's credit system Monday with a plan to take over up to \$1 trillion in sour mortgage securities with the help of private investors. For once, Wall Street cheered

The announcement, closely stage-managed throughout the day, filled in crucial blanks in the administration's financial rescue package and formed what President Barack Obama called "one more critical element in our recovery.

The coordinated effort by the Treasury Department, the Federal Reserve and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. relies on a mix of government and private money, mostly from institutional investors such as hedge funds, to help banks rid their balance sheets of real-estate related securities that are now extremely difficult to value.

The goal, said Obama, is to get banks lending again, so "families can get basic consumer loans, auto loans, student loans, (and so) that small businesses are able to finance themselves, and we can start getting this economy moving

It was a huge gambit and one that came like a tonic to Wall Street, which had panned an earlier outline of the program that lacked detail.

Stocks soared, the Dow Jones industrial average shooting up nearly 500 points, thanks to the bank-assets plan and a report showing an unexpected jump in nome sales.

The introduction of the plan was closely choreographed so that the president, rather than Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner, would be the first administration official to

appear on camera at midday to discuss it. Geithner met earlier in the day, before markets opened, with a group of reporters at the Treasury Department to go over specifics. But cameras and broadcast-quality audio recorders were barred.

It was the reverse of what happened Feb. 10. Then, after Obama had helped raise expectations toward Geithner and the plan, the treasury secretary went before cameras and bombed. The Dow plunged about 300 points amid investor confusion about details.

The fleshed-out plan is designed to help fix a value on damaged mortgage loans and other toxic securities.

If the value of the securities goes up, the private investors and taxpayers would share in the gains. If the values go down, the government and private investors would incur

"This will help banks clean up their balance sheets and make it easier for them to raise capital," Geithner said.

The plan will take \$75 billion to \$100 billion from the government's existing \$700 billion Troubled Asset Relief Program. The government will pair this with private investments and loans from the FDIC and the Fed to generate \$500 billion in purchasing

Geithner said purchases eventually could grow to \$1 trillion, roughly half of the estimated \$2 trillion of toxic assets on bank books now.

On the hot seat, Geithner has a lot personally tied to the success of the new program. His performance in the Cabinet, including his slowness in learning about multimillion dollar executive bonuses paid by insurance giant AIG after taking bailout money, has been severely criticized by some in

Geithner testifies on Tuesday before the House Financial Services Committee.

Under a typical transaction, for every \$100 in soured mortgages being purchased from banks, the private sector would put up \$7 and that would be matched by \$7 from the government. The remaining \$86 would be covered by a government loan.

The plan was introduced ahead of a summit next week in London of 20 major and developing economies strug-gling with the global reces-

Obama is trying to get other wealthy countries to do more to stimulate their economies with government spending, as the United States has done. However, other countries, particularly ones in Europe, are resisting U.S. calls for more stimulus and would prefer to see more internationally coordinated bank regulation.

The administration was expected to outline its plan for financial regulation overhaul later this week.

Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. Chairman Sheila Bair said she expects her agency will finance as much as \$500 billion in purchases of residential and commercial real estate loans.

Bair said the program should help banks clean up their balance sheets and raise fresh capital, though she added that "there may be some banks beyond help." The agency has said before it expects more bank failures, she said.

A joint statement by the Federal Reserve and Treasury Department said the Fed snould play a central role in preventing future financial crises. That implied a wish that Congress expand the Fed's authority in regulating all financial institutions, not

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pened in recent years that have basically made it a really attractive option for students. One is that laptops have gotten a lot cheaper and you get a lot more power for your money.' Student Technology Services

uses the results of the survey to scrutinize the success of its computer check-out program in the library. Burns said that since more students are bringing laptops to campus, in theory, the number of checkouts should go down, but that hasn't been the Along with the shift to lap-

tops over desktops, residence hall students have shifted to Windows Vista over Windows XP. The report indicates that nearly half, or 48.16 percent, of all of the computers are now running Vista and that XP usage is down from 42.5 to 21.75 percent. This is the first year that no Windows 95, 98 or ME operating systems were reported.

Macintosh computer usage also experienced growth as 29.2 percent of residents reported having a Mac as compared to 21 percent in 2007.

"I think Apple has done a really nice job marketing towards students," Burns said. "There is a theory out there that people bought iPods and decided they were cool and maybe Apple makes cool things and so I will buy an Apple computer

When it comes to residence halls, Penland Hall showed the biggest concentration of residents with a registered computer with 95.34 percent or 558 of 584 students having a wired computer. The lowest percentage residence was Brooks Flats with only 79.31 percent reporting a registered computer. Campus Living and Learn-

ing also saw a spike in residential hall students that had more than one registered computer. In 2007, there were only 154 multi-computer users, while in the Fall of 2008 there was 539

"I think the lower cost of computers has allowed students to purchase both a laptop and desktop," Kennedy said.

Compared with a national study done by the Educause Center For Applied Research of 44 universities, Baylor is experiencing many of the things that are occurring throughout the country. The national survey indicates an increase in laptop use and a decrease in desktop

The national survey also indicated that 66.1 percent of students use Internet-capable phones. While the Campus Living and Learning report does not include information on the devices, Burns said Baylor is monitoring their proliferation.

'If the ultra-mobile platform becomes more dominant," Burns said. "We will certainly adapt and start providing services to those platforms as well."

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Home sales jump in Feb. employers cut back on pay.

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - One month does not a recovery make. But a surprising leap in existing home sales in February was a welcome if tentative sign of hope that the real estate market may be stabilizing. While sales of existing homes remain at lows not seen in more than a decade, economists were encouraged by the news, saying it reflected buyers

who were taking advantage of deep discounts on foreclosures and other distressed properties. That's essential if home prices are to find their longawaited bottom. Prices plunged by almost 16 percent from a year ago in

February and are expected to keep falling well into 2009. Tens of thousands of homes remain tied up in the foreclosure process and are not yet for sale. Plus, as the recession deepens and job losses mount, many buyers are likely to stay on the sidelines.

"The four-letter word in the housing market is 'jobs,' said Nicolas Retsinas, director of Harvard University's Joint Center for Housing Studies. "If you're worried about having a job tomorrow, you're not likely to buy a home now.

Sheryl Morgan, a real estate agent in Canonsburg, Pa., about 20 miles south of Pittsburgh, recently lost two potential clients after strapped local

"Instead of selling and buying a new home, they're staying and refinancing," she said. The National Association

of Realtors said Monday that sales of existing homes grew 5.1 percent to an annual rate of 4.72 million last month, from 4.49 million units in January.

It was the largest monthly sales jump since July 2003, with first-time buyers accounting for about half of all transactions. Home sales activity has returned to December's levels, but still remains lower than most of last year.

Without adjusting for seasonal factors, though, sales nationwide were down more than 10 percent from a year earlier. The West was the only part of the country to show increased sales, rising nearly 24 percent from a year earlier.

February's sales figures don't reflect the new \$8,000 tax credit designed to lure even more first-time buyers into the market. However, the credit has begun to attract buyers like Mindy Robbins, 30, of Billings, Mont.

Robbins, who is scheduled to close next month on a \$129,000 house with threebedroom and two baths, said, "I wanted to take advantage of the stimulus package.

Buyers like Robbins should help invigorate spring and early summer sales, but how much will depend on the overall con-

dition of the U.S. economy. "If the economy stabilizes

around midyear and financial conditions improve, then sales will probably begin to slowly increase as buyers step back into the market," wrote JPMorgan Chase analyst Abiel Reinhart. He noted that homes are now far more affordable to average Americans due to far lower prices and attractive mortgage rates.

The median sales price in February skidded to \$165,400, down from \$195,800 a year

That was the second-largest drop on record and prices are now off 28 percent from their peak in July 2006. However, in a positive sign,

sellers' asking prices are starting to rise in places like San Diego and Orange County, Calif., said Lawrence Yun, chief economist for the Realtors. T

hat could be an early indication that prices are stabilizing in the most distressed parts of the country Meanwhile, in contrast with

the housing boom, when buyers took out ever-riskier loans and maxed out their home equity lines, "homebuyers are not over stretching" Yun said. "They want to stay within their

The number of unsold homes on the market last month rose 5 percent to 3.8 million, a typical increase for the winter months.

At February's sales pace, it

would take almost 10 months to rid the market of all of those