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Hunter Weakly, an Alvin junior, has been living in an RV park for two years with his roommate Austin Lindsey, a Del Rio sophomore. Weakly said living in the camper is cheaper than living in an apartment near campus.

BU pair calls RV park home

Wide-open spaces,
low bills make
camper economic

By Sarah Viesca
Reporter

After a year in Martin Residence Hall, Alvin junior Hunter Weakly decided it was time for a change.

He moved into an RV park. For the past two years Weakly has been living at the Riverview Campground (located near Loop 340) in a 40-foot

camper with his roommate, Del Rio sophomore Austin Lindsey and his English Lab named Cloud.

Weakly said he had a good time living in the basement of Martin, but he just got tired of being around so many people all the time. The noise late in the evening kept him awake.

"I hated being confined," he said. "I'm used to the country with open spaces and animals. I've always kind of been a country boy."

Weakly discovered the campground when he and

his former roommate Jackson Lindsey, Austin's brother, took a drive to explore the Waco area. Weakly quickly felt that this was the right place for him because he still felt cluttered living in an apartment.

"I'm not going to pay somebody \$500 when the place isn't worth that and it's not even yours," Weakly said.

His camper is just like any apartment, yet smaller, he said. It has a gas stove, microwave, refrigerator, queen-size bed, bathroom and wireless Internet. After adding up all expenses,

including utilities, lot rent and laundry, Weakly said he pays about \$267 a month.

Scotty Scott, the grounds keeper for the campground, has lived there for eight years and said there's no better place to live since real estate prices are so high. He also said at the campgroup you get your own space.

Although some people don't think buying a \$30,000 camper is cheaper than paying for an apartment, Weakly said in the

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Republicans spar over Foley's conduct

By Devlin Barrett
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Speaker Dennis Hastert's political support showed signs of cracking on Wednesday as Republicans fled the fallout from an election-year scandal spawned by steamy computer messages from disgraced Rep. Mark Foley to teenage male pages.

At the same time, the congressional aide who last week counseled Foley to quit said in an Associated Press interview he first warned Hastert's aides more than three years ago about Foley's worrisome conduct toward pages. That was long before GOP leaders acknowledged hearing of it.

The aide, Kirk Fordham, who resigned Wednesday, said he had "more than one conversation with senior staff at the highest level of the House of Rep-

resentatives asking them to intervene" at the time.

He made his comments as Rep. Roy Blunt of Missouri, third-ranking leader, told reporters he would have handled the matter differently than Hastert, had he known of it.

And Rep. Ron Lewis of Kentucky, in a tougher-than-expected re-election race, abruptly canceled an invitation for Hastert to join him at a fundraiser next week.

"I'm taking the speaker's words at face value," Lewis told the AP. "I have no reason to doubt him. But until this is cleared up, I want to know the facts. If anyone in our leadership has done anything wrong, then I will be the first in line to condemn it."

Ron Bonjean, Hastert's spokesman,

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Associated Press

A firestorm has erupted around former Rep. Mark Foley, accused of sending lewd messages to young pages.

Vice president boosts soldiers' morale during Fort Hood speech

By Liz Austin Peterson
The Associated Press

FORT HOOD — Vice President Dick Cheney thanked thousands of Texas troops for their service at a pep rally Wednesday, saying they must stand firm as terrorists try to break America's resolve.

Recalling terror attacks in Lebanon in 1983, Saudi Arabia in 1995 and 1996 and East Africa in 1998, Cheney said terrorists concluded they could strike



Cheney

Cheney told the

soldiers, many of whom face redeployment to Iraq later this month. "Pursue the enemy until there's no place left to hide. Stay in the fight until the fight is won."

Several of the terror attacks Cheney referred to occurred during President Clinton's tenure. The Bush administration has been bickering with Clinton backers since the former president gave a combative interview on *Fox News Sunday* in which he defended his efforts to kill Osa-

ma bin Laden.

Cheney said the U.S. backed off its mission or failed to effectively respond after each of the attacks, leading terrorists to believe they had power over American policies.

Now in Iraq, the terrorists "are absolutely convinced they can break the will of the American people," he said.

"With good allies on our side we will prevail," he said, to roaring applause.

About 19,000 members of the

Fort Hood-based 4th Infantry Division are expected to return home from Iraq by December. Thousands of members of the 1st Cavalry Division are heading to Iraq this month.

Cheney devoted most of his 20-minute speech to praising the troops for their hard work and sacrifices.

During its first tour, the 4th Infantry Division played a key role in Saddam Hussein's capture at an isolated area near Tikrit in December 2003.

"The dangers have been many, the duties have been hard and the performance has been superb," Cheney said.

Capt. Aaron Hatok, a native of suburban Pittsburgh who plans aviation operations for the 1st Cavalry Division, said he was honored that Cheney took the time to come to Fort Hood.

"It was like he was really coming here to speak to us and to wish us well and to let us know that the people of this country are behind us," he said.

Mom's studies worth sacrifice

Single parent balances
work, school for
daughter's future

By Christine M. Tamer
Staff writer

Saturday night parties, intramural sports, greek date functions and midnight calls to Pizza Hut don't describe the college experience of Temple senior Ester Minor.

Minor is the mother of 8-year-old Alexandria.

"I don't have time to experience the college experience," Minor said. "I have time to come here and go to class and then leave."

At 5 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, Minor wakes up and gets her daughter ready for school. At 6 a.m. she drops Alexandria off at a baby-sitter who later takes her to school.

Minor then drives to Temple, where she works for the U.S. Department of Agriculture until 1 p.m. She then commutes to Baylor just in time for her 2 p.m. class.

"I don't really rely on anyone else because people are unreliable," Minor said. "The only person I can count on and know is going to be there is myself. If something needs to be done, then I either do it or find a way to make it happen."

After Minor gets out of class at 3:20 p.m., she studies until 5 p.m. when she picks up her daughter at school.

Mother and daughter play tennis or ride bikes together before dinner.

"I don't let her watch TV because TV is just so bad," Minor said. "There is nothing on there for her to watch, so she doesn't get to watch it."

While Minor cooks dinner, Alexandria does her homework.

"We eat together and then go over her homework and then it's time to get her ready for bed," Minor said. "We do her required reading before bed, and she gets to bed at 8:30 p.m. I do more studying until 11."

Minor was married and had her daughter at 19. Minor and her husband were divorced three years later. After the divorce, she joined the Army and went to Iraq from March 2003 to March 2004. While Minor was overseas, Alexandria stayed with her father.

"After I came home I was able to decide if I wanted to stay in or get out (of the Army)," Minor said. "I didn't get to see my daughter a lot, so I decided to get out and join the National Guard because they also pay for school."

Minor has taken 18 hours every semester and will graduate

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Alumnus takes bell-ringing reins

By Katelyn Foster
Reporter

Students hum along with the familiar tunes resonating daily across campus.

Baylor named Lynnette Geary, assistant to the dean of College of Arts and Sciences, the official university carillonneur after the retirement of Dr. Herbert Colvin this summer.

Drayton McLane dedicated the carillon in Pat Neff Hall to Baylor in 1988. The four-octave instrument consists of 48 cast bronze bells ranging from 29 to 4,370 pounds.

Geary said she is excited about the new position. She has been a 10-year volunteer carillonneur for Baylor.

She said she views her new position as a service to Baylor.

"I'm one of those people who bleeds green and gold," Geary said.

As the carillonneur, she is responsible for many recitals, such as the memorial on Sept. 11, homecoming, Christmas, graduation and also two formal recitals.

While people can come into Pat Neff to watch her perform,

most listeners bring their own chairs and sit on the lawns surrounding Pat Neff, she said. Others walk around campus and listen.

Geary served as carillonneur at St. Alban's Episcopal Church for eight years. Her other musical pursuits include the clarinet and singing.

Friend and co-worker Jan Holmes, office manager for the dean's office in the College of Arts and Sciences, said the best words to describe Geary are dedicated and conscientious, noting that she practices on lunch breaks and weekends.

"She's one of the most dedicated musicians I've ever heard," Holmes said.

Julie Stahl, financial manager for College of Arts and Sciences, agrees.

"Lynette is one of the loveliest individuals you'll ever want to know," she said. "She's totally dedicated to Baylor University."

Geary graduated from Baylor with a degree from the School of Music and later received her masters here. Including her time as administrative assistant

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Pledging allegiance means more than saluting flag

Inevitably, at sporting events, there comes a moment when the flag is raised and the crowd, in one voice, begins reciting the words American children are taught from birth: "I pledge allegiance to the flag. ..."

And inevitably, I don't place my hand on my heart or salute.

It's an awkward moment to be sure. It's not that I turn my back to the flag, or sit down or give it the finger. It's not that extreme. And it's not that I don't appreciate the ability to watch baseball or speak my mind or criticize the government. And

yes, I have many family members in the military.

When the flag is raised and the chorus starts, I stand silently, aware of those who have suffered: families, children, friends.

I stand aware of great gifts of peace and shared spaces. I stand aware of the blood shed for it and under it but cannot say what it asks me to say.

What is at stake in my refusal to pledge allegiance to the American flag is not whether I think America's policies are deficient, or whether or not I agree with

point of view

BY MYLES WERTZ



its direction.

Rather, pledging or not pledging has to do with whether I believe the nation signified by this flag is my defining allegiance. Do I take America as my guiding authority, the owner of my allegiance?

In one sense I am, unavoidably, American. And thus, like it or not, America speaks for me every day, defining my history, my life. But at the risk of sounding like an anarchist, our government is not the final word on who we are.

As a Christian, it is the identity I have as one following Christ which commits the ultimately treasonous act of loving my neighbor, loving the other, loving ... my enemy.

It is this history of suffering and love which approaches us and challenges other names

given to us. It is this life which asks for allegiance above all others, and after all others have gone the way of all empires.

It is this identity, and this one alone, which does not erase all others but gives them their right meaning. It calls us to an identity which remakes all of our other names — American, democratic, free — and gives them their right place.

Only by first being undermined can these names have any real meaning.

I am one living in America, but to live in this place is to

love it rightly. It means knowing the pledge asks for weight it cannot hold. It means knowing America as the place I am born, the place that most likely I will die, but not the place which can mark me as its own.

It means loving its people and what it frailty points toward — a kingdom that does not rise or fall on economic power or war or treaties, but a kingdom that redefines these things in ways we can scarcely imagine.

Myles Wertz is a doctoral candidate in religion from Shreveport, La.

Editorial

Space tourism could boost NASA

Imagine being strapped into a rocket ship bound for outer space. You're joined by fellow astronauts, yet one thing separates you from your crew: You're a tourist. You have little to no training in space travel. You're simply along for the ride.

Space tourism is gaining increasing international interest: Especially in London, where Virgin Atlantic owner Richard Branson has invested \$100 million toward the construction of Virgin Galactic, a commercial space shuttle slated to launch in 2008.

Seats aboard the shuttle are available for \$200,000. However, Branson is also using the space trips as a reward to members of Virgin Atlantic's Flying club. Members with 2 million air miles can take a trip into space for free (2 million air miles equates to approximately 570 flights between New York and London).

Although \$200,000 may seem steep for a shuttle ride, a 40-year-old Plano woman reportedly shelled out \$20 million to travel alongside Russian astronauts on a visit to the International Space Station.

Her voyage marks the first trip made into space by a female tourist.

With the price in space travel tickets \$200,000, will more people start viewing space as a tourist destination? And how might NASA benefit from space tourism?

The national view of NASA differs drastically compared to that of the



United State's race to the moon. Space travel makes the news, yet Americans are no longer glued to the television watching the takeoff and return of the space shuttles.

The time is ripe to put a space tourism plan in action.

While \$200,000 is a hefty chunk of change, it's not an impossible amount for a significant percentage of the population to shell out. Let the people with money pump up the deflating budget.

This tourism, in turn, would attract

more interest to the dying space program. Pioneering an American space tourism program would revive the space industry in the U.S., perhaps even allowing NASA to utilize the funds to extend space exploration. Passengers could spend some time training for their voyage, enabling them to assist astronauts onboard while in space, though their expertise would be very limited.

The space voyage would be an educational trip for adults and children alike. American space tourism would

increase young people's interest in researching the bounds of space. This interest might further drive the exploration of space in the future.

Take for instance rewarding adolescents with a trip to space, versus a trip to NASA. Such a trip would cultivate a child's interest and provide an experience of a lifetime.

Following Branson's lead, the U.S. should utilize NASA's budget to begin providing opportunities to make space America's next vacation destination.

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Student-athlete bashing ignores school, community pride

I can't believe some of the things I hear people say.

A few weeks ago, before the football game against TCU, I overheard two guys behind me having an interesting conversation.

One of the guys said, "Baylor football freaking SUCKS. I totally hate (various players on the team)."

He then stated reasons why. The other guy responded with a snort, and they began comprehensively and thoroughly to deride select members of the football team.

I turned around, fully expecting to see some TCU guys decked out in purple and white, but imagine my shock when I

was greeted with Baylor green and gold.

Students and fans alike have opinions on how the season is going, but one thing that is disconcerting is the large number of Baylor students who spend their time trash-talking student-athletes.

Everyone has a right to his or her own opinion, but students have to remember that student-athletes are just that: students who are also athletes.

This is not to say that every single athlete at Baylor is the next Michael Jordan or Troy Aikman; quite the contrary.

They aren't professionally paid athletes; they're students, and the amount of venom that

point of view

BY DEANDRE' UPSHAW



some have when discussing specific players is disturbing.

I've overheard students completely tearing down and dissecting players' entire lives without knowing a single thing about them aside from what they see on the football field or the basketball court.

Remarks range from discussions of the player's performance in the game, to comments about

their families and their abilities and failures as a person.

Choosing not to participate in "Baylor bashing" isn't so much a debate of whether or not a player is good or bad, but a measure of pride in the university you attend and the community in which you live in.

"It's not fair," said Los Angeles freshman Alexander Yi.

"As long as they are playing their best, we should support them," he said.

Yi is one of the hundreds of freshman who join the Baylor Line before every home game in order to support the football team and cheer it on during the game.

Even worse are students

who don't bother to show up to games, yet who still feel the need to comment on parts of the game they didn't actually see or hear.

It makes one wonder, how do they know about that fumbled pass or interception if they weren't even in attendance at the game?

"I don't think some students understand the dedication and hard work that it takes to be an athlete in the Big 12," said Tara Gitau, a junior from Nairobi, Kenya.

"Win or lose, they are still our team."

After the upset against Army last week, the amount of pure, unadulterated hate against cer-

tain individuals on the team was so overwhelming, you would've thought that the legions of students streaming from Floyd Casey in green and gold were Army supporters in disguise.

It is time for us to start uplifting our players and our programs instead of tearing them down.

Many times after the cameras turn off and the opposing team has gone home, the only support our athletic programs have is within the Baylor community.

We should support them not only during good times, but rough times as well.

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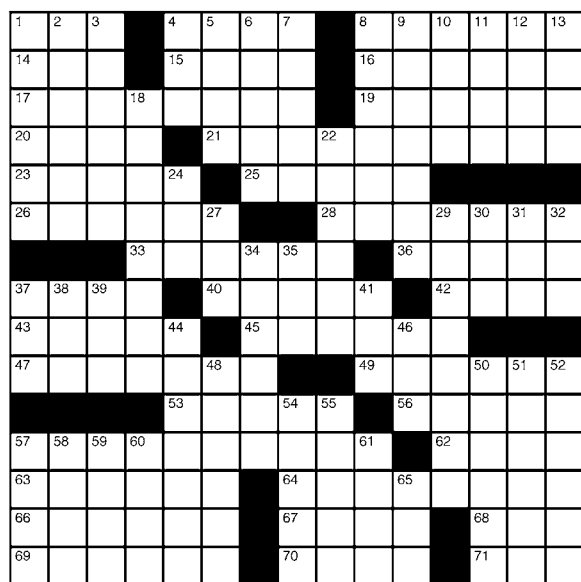
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McClatchy Newspapers

A detail is shown of the 81-by-31 foot abstract representation of Michelangelo's famous Sistine mural by spray paint artist Paco Rocio in Waterloo, Iowa. Rocio has used thousands of cans of paint to create the reproduction.

Spray paint revives art

By John Biemer
McClatchy Newspapers

WATERLOO, Iowa — Paco is down to his last prophet. He stands on a 6-foot scaffold surveying the image of Joel, and the few unpainted blotches left on a 2,511-square-foot ceiling. He pulls a paint-spray respirator over his goatee and shakes an aerosol can, the metal ball inside rattling noisily. He leans back and begins to spray brown paint — pfft, pfft, pfft — in quick strokes of his left hand on the plaster ceiling.

The details emerge on a pair of cherubs supporting a decorative column beside Joel. They are the last flourishes of a massive undertaking: a half-scale replica of the Sistine Chapel ceiling, one of art history's most remarkable feats.

And here it is in downtown Waterloo, a heck of a long way from Rome. The river here is not Tiber, but the Cedar. The artist is not Michelangelo, but Paco Rocio, 27, a refugee of the Bosnian war. The medium this time is spray paint. But the likeness to the Renaissance original is striking, and unmistakable.

Rocio began the painting in July in a historic building that

his family is converting to a restaurant and gallery. After studying photos of Michelangelo's work so long that it showed up in his dreams, Rocio laid down a foundation of almond-colored spray paint and tried not to think what he was getting himself into.

"If you think too much, you're going to kill your head," Rocio said.

"I just started doing it. Then, every once in a while, I would stop and look and think, 'Oh wow!' I would freak out a little. 'What am I doing?'"

All summer, curious onlookers stopped by as Rocio put in 10- to 15-hour days spray-painting the ceiling amid the noisy hammers and drills of construction work.

"Have you ever seen anything like this?" asked Ron Fiocco, manager of an AG Edwards office next door. "It's tremendous."

At first Rocio lay on his back to spray the ceiling, but the extra scaffolding scratched the floor, so he switched to standing up and bending backward. He stopped counting after he went through 2,000 cans of Krylon paint and spent more than \$6,000 of his savings.

And in the next few weeks, he will finish it: nine Genesis stories, seven prophets and five sybils spread over 81 feet by 31 feet — almost the square footage of a tennis court.

"This is what I live for," Rocio explains simply. "Just to paint. Nothing else."

It did leave Rocio, who is energetic and slim, exhausted and sore.

"One night, he couldn't even lift his fork," said his girlfriend, Tara Anderson, an acupuncturist. Her needles, he says, revived him after the hardest days.

Krylon later caught wind of the project and decided to sponsor it, shipping paint cans by the six-pack.

Word spread around Waterloo —and beyond. Rocio's work is key to an emerging cultural district in a factory town perhaps best known for the five Sullivan brothers killed when their ship sank in World War II, said Main Street Waterloo Executive Director Terry Poe Buschkamp.

"You hear about it and you say, 'What's that about?'" she said. "But you take just one look at it and you see it's just beautiful. I imagine there will be coach buses coming from all over. It's cheaper than flying to Italy."

BEAR BRIEFS

Jazz ensemble

Opening the 2006-2007 concert season, Alex Parker will lead 21 jazz musicians at 7:30 p.m. today in Jones Great Hall in the McCrary Music Building. The event is free and open to the public.

Fall Fitness Challenge

From 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. today through Oct. 13, students can register at the McLane Student Life Center for the Fall Fitness Challenge. Cost is \$25 per team.

Ministry meeting

The Special Needs Ministry Team will hold an interest meeting at 6:30 p.m. today at the Bobo Baptist Student Building.

Aids walk donations

The Student Global AIDS Campaign will collect money for the Saturday's AIDS walk from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. today in the Bill Daniel Student Center.

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Baylor pilots provide research for Houston air quality study

By Erin Pedigo
Reporter

Institute for Air Science students are trying to clean up Houston's air by flying planes around Central Texas for an air quality study.

Flights provide data for Baylor's part of a large study, Texas Air Quality 2, said Sergio Alvarez, research associate for the department.

The planes are flown by Baylor Aviation Sciences students who are certified pilots, two contract pilots, Alvarez, and Dr. Max Shauck.

Shauck is chairman of the Institute for Air Science and the

study's principal investigator.

Other universities and federal agencies are taking part in the study.

Alvarez said planes are flown from either Texas State Technical College or Ellington Field twice a day to measure amounts of chemicals in the air.

Carbon dioxide and a reactive hydrocarbon called NOX (a combination of nitric oxide and nitrogen dioxide) are measured by instruments on the planes.

NOX and alkenes, chemicals that come out of refineries in the form of different compounds, combine to make ozone, Alvarez said.

"Alkenes contribute to what

makes the air in Houston worse than Dallas," he said.

Air Quality 2's objective is measure alkenes while planes fly close to refineries at different altitudes, Alvarez said.

Planes circle the refineries and release formaldehyde as a tracer. The chemical shows up in the air and lets scientists know alkenes are present, he said.

A different location is pinpointed during each flight. Recent flights included Pasadena and Freeport and Shreveport, La.

The flights' data is represented in a mathematic model.

"The model takes in the alkenes and NOX that are close

to the source that the airplane measured, and then they run the model to see if they get the same values of ozone and formaldehyde that the aircraft measures downwind," Alvarez said.

The scientists' goal of the is to obtain the same amount of chemicals in both the plane and model measurements, he said.

If the numbers don't match, Alvarez said the planes need to be flown again because ozone is the chemical most sought after.

Shauck described the department's part in this study as

"purely scientific," saying they try and find which concentrations are in the air.

People on the other side of the study will then be able to make decisions about the pollution, he said.

Shauck said that daily briefings with contacts in Houston take place to determine where in Houston planes will be flown.

Levi Kauffman, an a research associate for the Institute for Air Science, does calibrations on the instruments that are put into the planes. Instruments sit

in place of the aircraft's back seats.

For instrument calibration, Kauffman said he dispenses chemicals out of compressed cylinders into them as part of maintenance.

Ten flights have taken place this semester, Kauffman said.

The Research Center's scientists are coming up with a plan to achieve air quality goals in Houston, Shauck said.

Baylor Aviation pilots are providing the data to back the ongoing air quality study.

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Artist explores various motifs

By Lauren Hightower
Reporter

For four hours after he got home each night, Karl Umlauf's breath smelled like fiberglass fumes. After three years of forming fiberglass, he had begun to develop health problems. That's what it took to make him switch to vacuum forming, the medium he worked with for the next eight years.

"Art is a continual corrective process," said Umlauf, Baylor's artist-in-residence.



Umlauf

Nothing could be more true about Umlauf's work. Throughout his art career, Umlauf constantly has been developing and changing his medium, style and technique. Today his work includes everything from sculpture and vacuum forming, such as the two displayed in the Moody Memorial Library staircase, to landscape painting and cast paper.

Umlauf came to Baylor in 1989 from Texas A&M University at Commerce.

He said he was nervous about his work at first because it contained images of bones and death. Umlauf didn't know how his art would be received, but his concerns were soon quelled.

"I was entering a phase in my work that was rather disturbing," Umlauf said. "It was almost as if I was daring (Baylor) to fire me."

But instead of making him tone his work down, Baylor encouraged him to continue.

In the 1960s Umlauf's work concentrated on landscape paintings of waterfalls and cliff faces. Most of his work from that period has a unique texture intended to bring the water to life and the cliff faces into stark reality, he said.

"The process of creating art is sacred," Paul McCoy, professor and ceramist-in-residence, said. "Karl puts himself into that creative process."

Despite the many creative stages his work went through, Umlauf never forgot his previous work and experiences.

"It was like I was carrying all of this baggage behind me from my previous phases," Umlauf said. "I always knew I was changing. I didn't know what was causing it, but it was always so natural."

Umlauf changed his focus to an acetate butyrate compound of plexiglass, more flexible than



Henry Chan/Lariat staff

One of Karl Umlauf's unique art pieces hangs in the busy main staircase of Moody Memorial Library. This is just one of his many pieces of artwork displayed on the Baylor campus and in galleries around the country.

typical compounds, and made vacuum forms. This medium required precision and plenty of patience. It was also unique.

"No one else was doing it at all," Umlauf said.

Umlauf made more than 200 vacuum-formed pieces in 10 years.

Many of Umlauf's art motifs have a story behind them. His period focusing on bone formations partially developed from looking at bones of cattle taken from the ranch he once owned near Commerce.

"He isn't what I would call a 'pretty picture' artist," Sherry

Cook, library facilities coordinator, said. "He looks at things and sees art where most people would see a pile of junk."

Umlauf's favorite work period is his machinery phase, though he said it's hard for him to decide on a favorite.

"The rewards are so different

for each one," he said.

Besides his work, Umlauf teaches figure drawing and oil painting in the art department.

"(Teaching) mentally prepares you to know more about yourself because you have to communicate to others," Umlauf said.

Federal government patents zany ideas

By Robert S. Boyd
McClatchy Newspapers

WASHINGTON — Some of the wackiest ideas in the world are preserved in the sprawling headquarters of the U.S. Patent Office in Alexandria, Va.

An anti-eating face mask. Bird diapers. A motorized ice cream cone. Brakes for a surfboard. A spanking machine. A burping beer mug. A cat exerciser.

These are among the dozens of obscure — some might say ridiculous — patents that the U.S. government has issued to inventors. Patents are supposed to help the economy by promoting innovation, but it's a stretch to see the usefulness of some far-out devices.

Not all these patents led to commercial products. One that did was a mechanical "high five" arm. The inventor, Albert Cohen of Troy, N.Y., had said it was meant to let a "solitary fan ... express excitement during a televised sporting event." It consists of a spring-loaded artificial arm and hand, mounted on a table, that slaps back like a missing buddy when it's struck.

Cohen patented his bright idea in 1994 and sold it through novelty stores before he died in 2004. "I still have some of them around," his widow said. "I wish I could find somebody to take them off my hands."

An anti-eating face mask, patented in 1982 by the late Lucy Barmby of Sacramento, Calif., was supposed to help people keep from getting fat.

It consisted of a cup-shaped wire screen that fits over a person's mouth and chin. The user can talk but can't shovel food into his or her mouth. The mask is attached with a strap behind the head. For those weak of will, the strap may be locked with a key to keep it from being removed.

"Under emergency conditions, the strap ... may be cut,"

the patent adds reassuringly.

"Obesity is a basic problem with which many people today are confronted," Barmby said in her patent application. She said the mask would be especially helpful to chefs, restaurant workers and housewives, "who must frequently cook meals during the day" and face "the temptation to nibble on the food being prepared."

"Many persons are virtually without the strength of will to resist overeating," she declared.

A diaper for pet birds was patented by Lorraine Moore of Watkins Glen, N.Y., in 1999. A spandex pouch to collect droppings is supposed to be attached to the bird by elastic straps and hooks with openings left for the wings and tail feathers. The invention is for sale under the more appealing name of "Flight-Suits" for birds.

In 1987, the government granted a patent to Chet Fleming of the Dis Corp. in St. Louis, for a way to keep an animal's — or person's — head functioning after it's been cut from its body. The head is placed in a box and connected to a series of tubes that supply it with blood and nutrients.

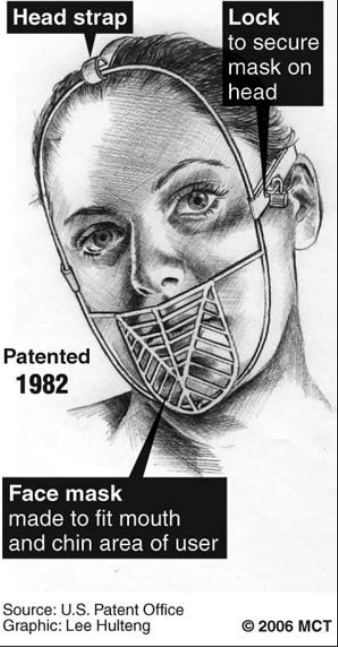
"It is possible that after this invention has been thoroughly tested on research animals, it might also be used on humans suffering from various terminal illnesses," Fleming's application said. He said the head "might experience a period of consciousness after it has been severed from the body."

Arlen Olsen, a patent attorney in Albany, N.Y., collects odd patents as a hobby. He dug up an ancient one for a "spanking machine" that he said "must have been designed by a sadist."

Another oldie, patented in 1930, was an "apparatus for obtaining a criminal confession" by using a "fake alien" to scare a suspect. No word on whether CIA interrogators have been using it.

What were they thinking?

Some of the patents the U.S. government has issued -- such as the anti-eating face mask shown here -- are for rather silly inventions.



In 1965, George and Charlotte Blonsky of New York patented a device to speed childbirth by strapping the mother-to-be on a spinning delivery table, hoping that centrifugal force would help the process along.

In 1999, Richard Hartman of Issaquah, Wash., patented a "motorized ice cream cone" consisting of a rotating cup powered by a small electric motor. The user is supposed to stick his or her tongue out and slurp the contents as the cup rotates.

In 2001, a Japanese inventor, Noboru Yokoya, patented a "braking system" for a surfboard. He proposed attaching two sponsons — little wings — to the sides of the surfboard. In case of need, the surfer pulls a rope releasing the sponsons and slowing the board.

Some other off-the-wall patents include a beer mug that burps when put down on a bar, a shoe air-conditioner, a trap that feeds birds to cats and a trumpet that also shoots flames.

Iran brushes off threat of sanctions

By Ali Akbar Dareini
The Associated Press

HASHTGERD, Iran — President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad warned Wednesday that sanctions will not stop Iran from enriching uranium after a European negotiator conceded "endless hours" of talks had made little progress and suggested the dispute could wind up at the U.N. soon.

The talks had been seen as a last-ditch attempt to avoid a full-blown confrontation between Iran and the U.N. Security Council after Tehran ignored an Aug. 31 deadline to suspend enrichment — a key step toward making nuclear weapons — or face punishment.

The latest comments — and the view of senior U.N. diplomats who told The Associated Press on Tuesday that nearly two years of intermittent negotiations had failed — suggested an emerging consensus that the time has finally come to consider Security Council sanctions.

Iran maintains its nuclear program is for peaceful purposes and does not violate international law. Its refusal to give up enrichment compounds the failure of more than three years of U.N. inspections to banish suspicions that Tehran might have a secret weapons program. The conflict picked up steam after last year's election of the hard-line Ahmadinejad, whose tough stance on the nuclear issue is wildly popular in Iran, even among moderates.

Javier Solana, the European official who has been negotiating with the Iranians, told the Euro-

pean Parliament on Wednesday that the Iranians had made "no commitment to suspend." The dialogue with the Iranians "cannot last forever" and it was up to Tehran "to decide whether its time has come to end," he said.

Solana said his talks had found "common ground" on some issues "but we have not agreed in what is the key point, which is the question of suspension of activities before the start of the negotiations." He suggested that if the talks ended, the standoff should be moved to the Security Council.

In a speech shortly afterward, Ahmadinejad warned that sanctions would not dissuade his country from pursuing nuclear technology, including the enrichment of uranium.

"You are mistaken if you assume that the Iranian nation will stop for even a moment from the path toward using nuclear energy, due to your nagging," he told the West, speaking to a crowd of supporters outside Iran's capital.

"For 27 years they haven't allowed us to use technologies that they possess," Ahmadinejad added. "This nation is powerful and won't give in to one iota of coercion."

In an apparent response to Solana, the Iranian president said his nation favored continued negotiations.

"We are for talks. We can talk with each other and remove ambiguities. We have logic. We want talks to continue," he said.

Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and foreign ministers from five other major powers were expected to meet, possibly

Friday in London, to discuss the situation.

Diplomats said the Security Council could meet as early as Monday to start work on a resolution imposing the first of a series of sanctions meant to make Iran roll back its program.

Iran was initially referred to the Security Council in February by the International Atomic Energy Agency, the U.N. nuclear watchdog, which said Tehran's suspicious activities represented breaches of the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty. The Vienna-based agency also said it could not be sure Iran was not trying to make weapons.

The United States insisted that Tehran halt enrichment as a precondition for further talks on its nuclear program, but Iran ignored the Aug. 31 deadline set by the Security Council.

The Americans then agreed to let Solana hold more talks with the Iranians after Russia, China and France spoke out against a rush to sanctions.

At first, both Solana and Iran's top negotiator, Ali Larijani, had signaled progress in the talks.

One diplomat said Western council members — the United States, Britain and France — favor an embargo on sales of nuclear or missile technology to Tehran as a first sanctions step. That would be followed by other sanctions, including travel bans on Iranian officials.

Iran has so far shown little concern about the prospect of such sanctions — perhaps because such limited sanctions would not greatly hurt the country overall.

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Service organizations get their hands dirty serving Waco

By Mallory Briggs
Reporter

They have functions and fellowship. But it's not all fun and games for service sororities and fraternities.

CHI's and Alpha Phi Omega are both greek organizations, but are not part of the Panhellenic or Interfraternity councils. Alpha Phi Omega is a service organization that incorporates fellowship, said Nirmeen Madhani, vice president of service.

Alpha Phi Omega is a national co-ed service fraternity founded on the ideals of the Boy Scouts.

Members are required to do 35 hours of service per semester,

20 of which must come out of the daily projects. Monday through Friday a different project is offered, ranging from leading a Boy Scout troop on Thursdays to working at the World Hunger Farm on Tuesdays.

Four to 10 people work two-hour shifts once a week at educational grow beds at the World Hunger Farm. They move shrubs, clear land, plant, weed and water, said Matt Heff, education director of the World Hunger Farm.

They make an "immeasurable difference that's hard to quantify," Heff said.

Alpha Phi Omega also has at least one monthly project, such as helping with move-in day or

washing fire trucks.

CHI'S Service Sorority also employs service as its main focus. Members are required to have 29 hours of service per semester, attend weekly meetings and one social function.

CHI'S is a sorority unique to Baylor. It was started in 1955 by a group of women who wanted to serve their community.

It now has about 50 members who do service hours every Saturday morning.

A recent Saturday project was writing 1,100 cards for Friends for Life, an organization which oversees nursing homes in and around Waco.

Each resident in every nursing home will receive a card.

CHI's also does big projects every year, serving as ushers at Pigskin and All-University Sing. The service sorority also decorates a historic house on the Brazos River for Christmas.

"CHI'S is for women looking to find their place. (Women) that like community service but are interested in meeting girls that like to do the same thing.

"We really bond by doing community service together," said Kathyne Butler, service vice president.

Both Alpha Phi Omega and CHI'S are similar to Panhellenic and Interfraternity sororities and fraternities. Members have functions, pay dues and attend meetings but the difference is



Sapna Prasad and Rozmin Ladha of CHI'S Service Sorority share a laugh while volunteering at the Waco Wetlands on Sept. 9.

Courtesy Photo.

that service is the cornerstone.

"Even though it's service, it's not all we do. Service projects are fun," Madhani said.

Together, CHI'S and Alpha Phi Omega are making a difference in Waco. By serving others, they are fulfilling themselves.

"We're really involved in the community. It makes you feel like you're a part of something great," Butler said.

Autopsy to investigate shooter's death

By Jon Sarche
The Associated Press

DENVER — The man who took six girls hostage at a Colorado high school last week was shot four times as the standoff ended — once by his own gun and three times by SWAT officers, according to autopsy results released Wednesday by state officials.

Authorities were awaiting more information to determine whether Duane Morrison died from the self-inflicted gunshot wound or the officers' shots, said Lance Clem, spokesman for the Colorado Bureau of Investigation.

Morrison, a 53-year-old drifter, had taken six girls hostage at Platte Canyon High School Sept. 27. He released four of them before SWAT officers blasted their way into Room 206, when authorities say he shot 16-year-old Emily Keyes before shooting himself.

Clem said autopsy results showed that Morrison killed Keyes with a single gunshot to the back of the head. She and the other five girls had been sexually assaulted, Sheriff Fred Wegener has said.

Tests show that Morrison had no drugs or alcohol in his system, Clem said.

The shooting, one of several at schools across the country in the last several days, was similar to a slaying Monday at an Amish schoolhouse in Pennsylvania, in which a man tied up 10 young girls and shot them, killing five, before killing himself.

During a fundraiser Wednesday in Denver for GOP gubernatorial candidate Bob Beauprez, President Bush said he has asked Attorney General Alberto Gonzales and Education Secretary Margaret Spellings to lead a meeting of experts to determine how the federal government can help state and local officials deal with school shootings.

"We want to make it certain around the country that the schoolhouse is a safe place for children to learn," Bush said. "May God bless Emily's family."

Warrantless surveillance to continue

By Dan Sewell
The Associated Press

CINCINNATI — The Bush administration can continue its warrantless surveillance program while it appeals a judge's ruling that the program is unconstitutional, a federal appeals court ruled Wednesday.

The president has said the program is needed in the war on terrorism; opponents argue it oversteps constitutional boundaries on free speech, privacy and executive powers.

In the three-paragraph unanimous ruling, judges said that they balanced the likelihood an appeal would succeed, due to the potential damage to both sides and the public interest.

"We are pleased to see that it will be allowed to continue while the Court of Appeals examines the trial court's decision, with which we strongly disagree," Deputy White House press secretary Dana Perino said in a statement.



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Big 12 honors Baylor keeper twice

By Will Parchman
Sports writer

Ashley Holder is not your average goalkeeper.

Holder, a junior who may be considered the best goalie in Baylor history before she graduates, has flown under Baylor's athletic radar, until now.

She has met with acclaim in her second full season as the Lady Bears' starting keeper.

Holder has recorded five shutouts in 12 starts and has taken home the Big 12's defensive player of the week award twice in the last three weeks, an award she won once in 2005.

Her performances last weekend against Iowa State and No. 17 Missouri were termed by head Coach George Van Linder as "phenomenal." She recorded shutouts in both games, leading Baylor to its first two Big 12 wins of the season. And her play against Missouri earned the Lady Bears their first victory over a ranked opponent in two years.

"She's a great shot-blocker," Van Linder said. "It's hard to get a direct goal on her. If a player takes a direct shot on goal, nine times out of 10 she'll save it, maybe a little more than that."

Van Linder first noticed Holder's potential in, of all games, a blowout loss.

Baylor faced eventual NCAA champion Notre Dame in its 2004 season opener, a game the Lady Bears lost 7-2. But Holder, then a freshman making her first collegiate start, kept her head high in defeat and managed 15 saves, which set the Baylor single-game record.

"In the first half we were down 5-0 or some crazy score, but she was outstanding," Van Linder said. "In fact, our backup goalkeeper at the time, who was a senior, came over to her and told her she did a good job. So that was really the turning point. We all thought 'Wow, we've got a good one.' She was young, but we all realized she was going to have a good future."

Holder said the Notre Dame

game was a sobering reminder that she was playing at the collegiate level.

"We definitely were welcomed to college soccer right then and there," Holder said of Notre Dame. "They had 32 shots on goal, but you can't think about that. You have to take each shot differently and just keep going."

But Holder's play hasn't just benefited her stat column.

Forward Anna Schuch, who leads Baylor in nearly every offensive statistical category, said that Holder makes things easier for every one of her teammates.

"We can rest assured that Ashley will be able to stop whatever is in her way," Schuch said. "We feel very comfortable with her back there."

Holder's teammates and Baylor supporters alike haven't been the only ones to notice her performance this year either.

"We played Portland this year, the defending national champions, and she made a save against one of their top national team kids," Van Linder

said. "The place was packed, and many of the Portland fans were clapping and talking about the save."

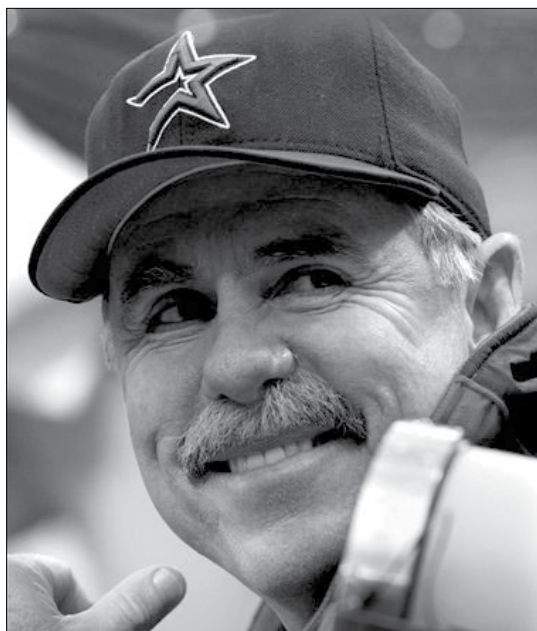
The key to Holder's success could lie in the staid routine she cycles through before each game.

Holder stretches with the team and then locks herself into her world between the pipes. As goalkeeper coach Shanna Caldwell said, a place governed by interminable routine.

"I think that having a schedule before each game is key," said Holder, who has allowed just 17 goals on 203 shots this year. "It helps you prepare mentally and physically the same way before every game."

Van Linder said Holder never ceases to find new ways to impress, and her future could be even better.

"She has certainly exceeded her expectations at a faster pace (than we thought)," Van Linder said. "We knew we were getting a good one. We just didn't know she was going to be this good."



Astros general manager Tim Lincecum gave manager Phil Garner a one-year contract extension Wednesday. Garner, who led the Astros to a World Series appearance in 2005, has a 219-179 record as the team's skipper.

Associated Press

Garner awarded contract extension

By Chris Duncan
The Associated Press

HOUSTON — The Houston Astros missed the playoffs for the first time since 2003, but general manager Tim Purpura's top offseason priority was still giving manager Phil Garner a one-year contract extension.

Garner will manage the Astros through the 2008 season, the team announced Wednesday. His contract was set to expire after next season.

"I feel very comfortable with Phil. We work well together and that has grown this past season," Purpura said. "I have a comfort level with what Phil is doing, a comfort level with how he goes about his business."

"You feel like you have a partner in this," Purpura said. "I think you have to have those kinds of relationships."

The Astros are 219-179 in 2 1/2 seasons under Garner. They won 10 of their last 12 games to go 82-80 this year, finishing 1 1/2 games behind St. Louis in the NL Central.

Purpura said Garner never lobbied for an extension, but Garner said he was hoping one would come.

"I'm having a good time," said Garner, who just finished his 14th season as a big league manager. "We were competitive this year. I think with our own-

ership and front office, we're going to be competitive for years to come."

Team owner Drayton McLane Jr. said Garner "has contributed greatly to our recent success."

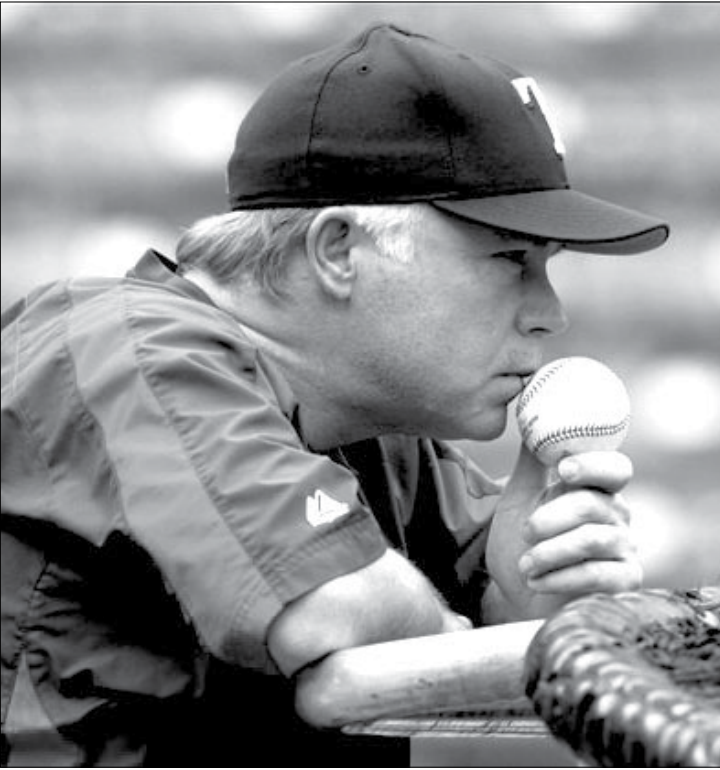
"Our goal has always been to bring a World Series championship to Houston, and we have come closer to reaching that goal under Phil's tenure as manager than at any other point in the history of the franchise," McLane said.

Also Wednesday, the Astros fired pitching coach Jim Hickey but retained bullpen coach Mark Bailey, hitting coach Sean Berry, bench coach Cecil Cooper, first base coach Jose Cruz and third base coach Doug Mientkiewicz.

Hickey had been Houston's pitching coach since Garner became manager. The Astros had the NL's second-lowest ERA (4.08) this season and tied the New York Mets for the most shutouts (12).

Aces Roger Clemens, Roy Oswalt and Andy Pettitte went to a combined 36-27, but rookie starters Taylor Buchholz, Matt Albers, Jason Hirsh and Chris Sampson went 11-17.

"We've got a lot of good, young pitchers that either made their debuts this year or will come through our system in the next several years," Purpura said. "It's helpful for somebody in my role to hear new perspectives and new ideas."



Associated Press

Buck Showalter, who managed the Texas Rangers to a 319-328 record over four seasons, was fired Wednesday. While he won American League Manager of the Year in 2004, he was never able to get a team with several young All-Stars above third place in the AL West.

By Stephen Hawkins
The Associated Press

ARLINGTON — Buck Showalter was fired as manager of the Texas Rangers on Wednesday, ending four seasons in which he was never able to get a team with several young All-Stars above third place in the AL West.

Texas was 80-82 this season, its sixth losing record in seven years since last making the playoffs in 1999.

Showalter was 319-329 with the Rangers, his third managerial job, and still had three seasons left on his contract when he was informed of the decision.

"You never heard me make an excuse all year, and I'm not going to start now. We just didn't get it done," Showalter told The Associated Press in a phone interview.

"They want to go in a new direction with a new voice. With the shelf life of managers, I feel fortunate," he said.

Showalter was the AL manager of the year only two years ago, when AL MVP Alex Rodriguez was traded in the spring and the Rangers went on to contend for

a playoff spot.

The Rangers were 89-73 in 2004, the fourth-best record in team history and an 18-win improvement over 2003.

They finished only three games back in the AL West, but still in third place behind the division-winning Angels and Oakland.

Showalter is the fifth manager to lose his job since the end of the regular season, joining Joe Girardi (Florida), Dusty Baker (Chicago Cubs), Frank Robinson (Washington) and Felipe Alou (San Francisco).

Girardi, the potential NL manager of the year, could be pursued by the Rangers. Current bench coach Don Wakamatsu and hitting coach Rudy Jaramillo could be candidates as well.

Showalter's replacement will inherit a roster that includes three-time All-Star shortstop Michael Young, switch-hitting slugger and Gold Glove first baseman Mark Teixeira, two-time All-Star third baseman Hank Blalock and Kevin Millwood, No. 1 pitcher with four years left on his contract.



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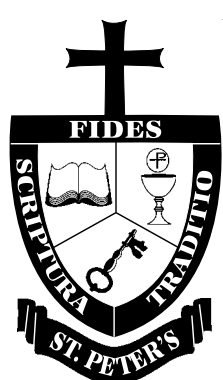
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Saddle up for fun at Fair and Rodeo

Annual HOT event offers entertainment and pricing deals

By Cat Smith
Reporter

The Heart O' Texas Fair and Rodeo kicks off Friday.

However, those in the know can get a preview of the festivities starting at 6 p.m. today during Sneak-A-Peek sponsored by Guaranty Bank.

Admission costs \$2, or is free with a coupon picked up from any Guaranty Bank location. Each ride will cost only a dollar tonight, and the band No Justice will perform.

The fair will run through Oct. 14 and features events for all ages. Tickets cost \$9 and armband prices vary.

Gina Phipps, vice president of marketing for the HOT Complex, said there are many new events that will appeal to college students. She said the music stage will be a highlight for college students.

"We have a lot more performances this year and more big names will be making an appearance," she said.

Performances this year

include several well-known country music performers.

On Saturday, Wade Bowen and Kevin Fowler will perform and on Oct. 12, Jack Ingram and Jarrod Birmingham will play a set. Aaron Watson and Roger Creager's performances will wrap up the celebration on Oct. 14.

Rebecca Laflure, a junior from Tyler, said she was excited about the performances.

"I had no idea that there'd be so many singers this year," Laflure said. "I really like a lot of the performers that'll be there, so I'm definitely going to check out the fair this year."

A karaoke contest will feature a prize for the best overall male and female vocalist. Contestants in each category will complete for an announcement on the Waco 100 radio station and the chance to sing the national anthem before a rodeo event later in the week.

Phipps said one of the fair's most popular events will receive a new addition this year.

"In addition to all the returning coasters, we'll have a new ride in the Midway called the Million Dollar roller coaster that is a lot of fun."

Vicki Hobbs, agricultural



Henry Chan/Lariat staff

Crabtree Amusements worker Hermedez Bascus puts a last touch on cleaning the ferris wheel booths Wednesday before the Heart O' Texas Fair and Rodeo Sneak-A-Peek starts tonight. Hermedez said Crabtree Amusements has been preparing for the fair for almost four months.

events coordinator, said new agriculture events will appeal to a variety of fairgoers this year.

Hobbs said it's an exciting year to see the steer and heifer showings.

"We have seen a big increase in entries this year because we're giving the biggest payout for winners to date," Hobbs said.

"Everyone wants a piece of the payout."

There's even entertainment for the animals. At 3 p.m. Saturday, the Coliseum will host Wiener Dog Nationals, where dachshunds will race each other for the title.

There also are specials for people on a budget. On Tues-

day, every ride will be free. Also, a Fun Pass can be purchased. The pass costs \$60 and is good every night of the fair. It covers the cost of entry, an armband for rides and a general admission ticket to the rodeo events.

For a complete list of events, visit www.hotfair.com or call 776-1660 more details.

Celebrity trash-talk ends bad

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Can Travis Barker really have this effect on women? His estranged wife, Shanna Moakler, was involved in a nightclub fracas with Paris Hilton early Wednesday morning.

Barker, the drummer for Blink-182, filed for divorce in August from Moakler, who was recently voted off *Dancing With the Stars*.

Hilton said Moakler walked up to her in a Hollywood club, "used the most vile of language" and punched her in her jaw.

Moakler contends she exchanged mere profanities with Hilton, at which point Hilton's ex-boyfriend Stavros Niarchos emerged from the entourage, bent Moakler's wrists, poured a drink on her and shoved her down some stairs.

Officer Karen Smith said police planned to speak with witnesses at the club.

TMZ.com posted what it said was video of Barker and Hilton making out in a New York nightclub last month. But Hilton's publicist, Elliot Mintz, said the two are "just friends."

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Amish community prays for shooter to be forgiven

By Michael Rubinkam
The Associated Press

NICKEL MINES, Pa. —In just about any other community, a deadly school shooting would have brought demands from civic leaders for tighter gun laws and better security, and the victims' loved ones would have lashed out at the gunman's family or threatened to sue.

But that's not the Amish way. As they struggle with the slayings of five of their children in a one-room schoolhouse, the Amish in this Lancaster County village are turning the other cheek, urging forgiveness of

the killer and quietly accepting what comes their way as God's will.

"They know their children are going to heaven. They know their children are innocent ... and they know that they will join them in death," said Gertrude Huntington, a Michigan researcher and expert on children in Amish society.

"The hurt is very great," Huntington said. "But they don't balance the hurt with hate."

In the aftermath of Monday's violence, the Amish are looking inward, relying on themselves and their faith, just as they have for centuries. They hold them-

selves apart from the modern world, and have as little to do with civil authorities as possible.

Amish mourners have been going from home to home for two days to attend viewings for the five victims, all little girls laid out in white dresses made by their families. Such viewings occur almost immediately after the bodies arrive at the parents' homes.

Typically, they are so crowded, "if you start crying, you've got to figure out whose shoulder to cry on," said Rita Rhoads, a Mennonite midwife who delivered two of the five girls slain in

the attack.

At some Amish viewings, upwards of 1,000 to 1,500 people might visit a family's home to pay respects, according to Jack Meyer, 60, a buggy operator in Bird in Hand. Such visits are important, given the lack of e-mail and phone communication, Meyer said.

The Amish have also been reaching out to the family of the gunman, Charles Carl Roberts IV, 32, who committed suicide during the attack. Dwight Lefever, a Roberts family spokesman, said an Amish neighbor comforted the Roberts family hours after the shooting and ex-

tended forgiveness to them.

"I hope they stay around here and they'll have a lot of friends and a lot of support," Daniel Esh, a 57-year-old Amish artist and woodworker whose three grandnephews were inside the school during the attack, said of the Robertses.

Huntington, the authority on the Amish, predicted they will be very supportive of the killer and his wife, "because judgment is in God's hands: 'Judge not, that ye be not judged.'"

Roberts stormed the school and shot 10 girls before turning the gun on himself. Investigators said Roberts, who brought

lubricating jelly and plastic restraints with him, may have been planning to sexually assault the Amish girls.

Roberts revealed to his family in notes he left behind and in a phone call from inside the West Nickel Mines Amish School that he was tormented by memories of molesting two young relatives 20 years ago.

But police said Wednesday there was no evidence of any such sexual abuse. Investigators spoke to the two women Roberts named, who would have been 4 or 5 at the time, and neither recalls being sexually assaulted by Roberts.

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long run it evens out because the camper holds value.

"This is something you own and can invest in or you can sell it," he said.

Clint Dunbar, one of Weakly's friends from Texas A&M University, even named the camper "the mobacasa."

"He came up with the name because mobile home and trailer sound too derogatory," Weakly said. "Now everyone refers to it this way."

Weakly said that people usually associate living in a camper as being poor, but that's not necessarily the case since there a variety of people live in Riverview.

Some of the neighbors own RVs worth \$350,000, Weakly said.

Austin said he met Weakly thanks to his brother, Jackson.

"I became good friends with Hunter and he needed a new roommate after Jackson left," Austin said.

Austin said he lived in Penland Residence Hall his freshman year, and while it was a

great experience to meet new people, he enjoys living in the campground a lot more.

"The best part about living out in Riverview campground is the quiet atmosphere," Austin said. "The mobacasa is very quiet, and it's peaceful."

The campground is owned by Skipper and Connie Vos and has about 122 sites surrounded by pecan trees, a peach orchard and is within walking distance of the Brazos River. Weakly said the park usually is booked during the weekend or when there are big school activities.

"Baylor (parents) are surprised that students live up here," Weakly said.

Although Weakly lives off-campus, he said he's not far from town in case he needs something.

He said he usually goes to Robinson if he needs groceries or wants some fast food. Weakly said he sometimes wishes he lived closer to campus when he has an hour break between classes, but doesn't mind the 10-minute commute.

"You have to give yourself extra time to get to campus be-

cause sometimes you might get stuck behind a tractor or horse riders," Weakly said.

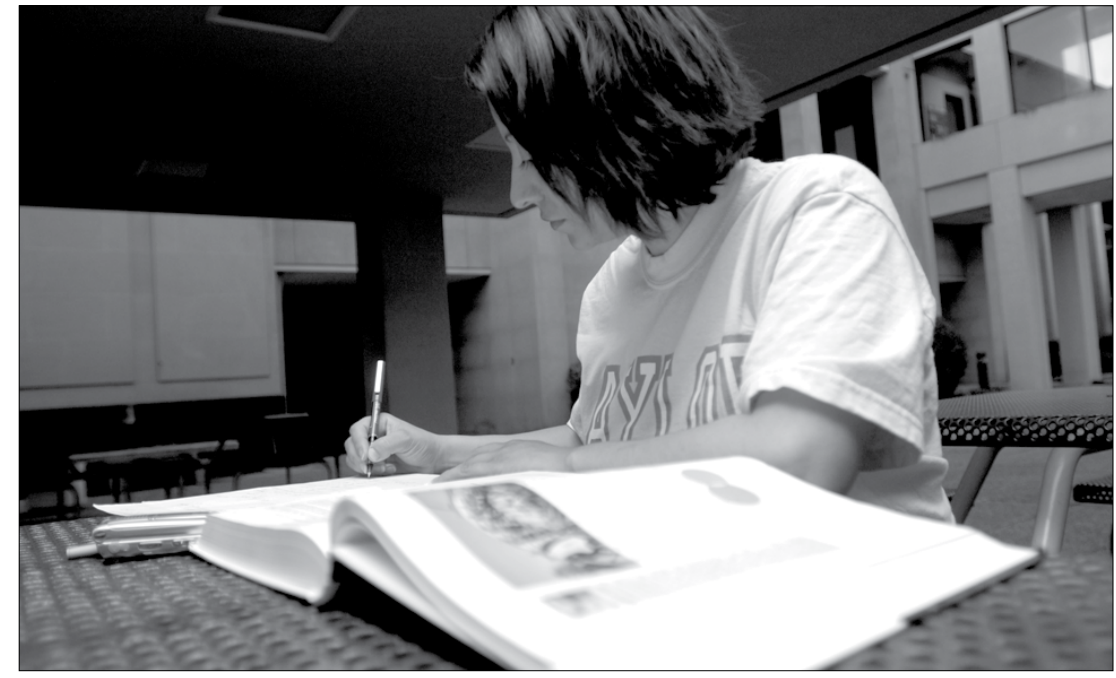
There is always something to do around the campground, Weakly said. In the past, Jackson, Austin and Weakly have gone exploring through some of the Brazos River's tributaries, caught a 65-pound catfish and during the winter made campfires to roast marshmallows.

One of the things Weakly said he enjoys about the campground are the people. He said his neighbors are always more than willing to help or lend a hand when he needs it.

"Sometimes I'll be at work and might not get off until 11 p.m. and if no one is home I'll just call our grounds keeper and he'll take Cloud (my dog) out for his walk," Weakly said.

Weakly said that some of the few bad things about Riverview is the occasional hunter or coyote in the area.

"Sometimes to save electricity, we'll open the windows up at night and you can hear the coyotes howling and the crickets chirping," Weakly said.



Melea Burke/Lariat staff

Senior Estes Minor balances school, work and raising her 8-year old daughter everyday. Minor, a member of the National guard, said she's become accustomed to being self-reliant.

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in May. It will have taken her three years to complete college.

"While I am in school, my parents did not help me," Minor said. "It's just me and her."

Minor attended Temple College for a year before coming to Baylor in 2005.

"When I first came to Baylor, I was commuting back and forth from Temple," Minor said. "That was just really hard because I didn't have any time to spend with her (Alexandria), and most of my time was spent driving."

Minor decided to move closer to Baylor last year.

"It has worked out a lot better because we get to spend a lot more time together," Minor said. "Before she would already be home by the time I got home, and then she would have to study while I cooked dinner."

Minor said the hardest thing about being a student and parent is the lack of a support system.

"With my human resources groups, when we have to meet she has to come with me, and I know she would rather do something else, something more fun,

but you know I can't just leave her anywhere," Minor said. "She comes with me and she'll sit in the computer lab and do her homework while we do ours."

Minor advises students like her to "stick with it."

"It's difficult at times to go to school and have all those extra responsibilities, but I would much rather deal with it and struggle for a few years than struggle for a lifetime because of money or opportunities not there because I don't have a degree," Minor said.

As a single parent, Minor has not sought help from anyone at Baylor, she said.

The Piper Child Development Center at Baylor has three children whose parents are students, Director Barbara Crosby said.

"I respect and admire parents going to school," Crosby said. "It's a sacrifice, and I totally support them."

Piper costs more than \$450 dollars a month depending on the age of the child, Crosby said. While Baylor students do not get a discount, Crosby said she encourages students to apply for federal grant money through

the Child Care and Development Fund to help them pay for childcare.

"The most difficult thing (for student parents) is doing that balancing act of spending quality time with the child," Crosby said. "As a mother you feel as if you are missing out on so many things the child is doing because of school or work."

Students who have children have limited choices for on-campus housing, said Frank Shushok, dean for student learning and engagement. The Speight-Jenkins Apartments are the only option currently available.

"I am hopeful that we will one day expand our options for families, but we've started our efforts toward a truly residential campus by giving priority attention to traditional undergraduate housing, our most pressing need," Shushok said.

Minor said the struggle of being a single parent is well worth it.

"I think if I was really young, like right out of high school, I'd really feel like I was missing out on something," Minor said. "But as far as right now, I am here to get a degree and move on."

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in the History Department, Geary's has worked at Baylor for more than 29 years.

The bells students hear every day between classes is a recording of the carillon.

Geary said she believes the

music coming from the tower is a "point of reference" for the campus.

She said students have told her the sounds give them a "sense of place at Baylor" and that they emphasize the connection of the university.

Geary said she enjoys the feelings she gets when playing

the carillon.

"It's something that feeds my soul," she said.

Others appreciate her devotion to Baylor and couldn't be happier about her new position as the official carillonneur.

"She's the perfect choice to keep the carillon tradition at Baylor alive," Stahl said.

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declined to comment on the claim made by Fordham.

He said the entire issue had been referred to the House ethics committee.

"We fully expect that the bipartisan panel will do what it needs to do to investigate this matter and protect the integrity of the House," he added.

House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi issued a statement saying that Hastert and the rest of the GOP leadership should

be "immediately questioned under oath" by the panel.

"The children, their parents, the public, and our colleagues deserve answers and those who covered up Mark Foley's behavior must be held accountable," she said.

Foley, 52, a Florida Republican, resigned last Friday after he was confronted with sexually explicit electronic messages he had sent teenage male pages.

Through his lawyer, he has denied having had any sexual

contact with minors.

His abrupt departure left behind a virtual sex scandal that has shaken Republican confidence, and poll numbers, little more than a month before elections at which their control of the House of Representatives will be tested.

It also plunged Hastert and others into an intensive effort to respond to a string of unanswered questions, what senior lawmakers knew, when they learned and what they did about it.

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