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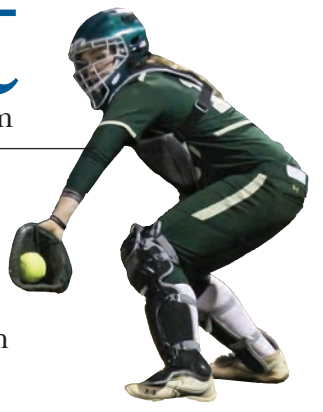
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The Waco Civic Theatre presents "All Hallowed," at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2:30 p.m. Sunday at Waco Civic Theatre, 1517 Lake Air Drive. Tickets are \$18 on Friday and \$13 for every subsequent showing.

Horsing around

The National Barrel Horse Association competition will take place Friday at the Extraco Show Pavillion, 4601 Bosque Blvd. For more information, visit extracoeventscenter.com.



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President Barack Obama, left, and Republican presidential nominee Mitt Romney confront each other Tuesday during the second presidential debate at Hofstra University in Hempstead, N.Y.

Presidential debate heats up town hall style

By DAVID ESPO
AND STEVE PEOPLES
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HEMPSTEAD, N.Y. — An aggressive President Barack Obama accused challenger Mitt Romney of favoring a "one-point plan" to help the rich and leveling offensive criticism about the recent deadly terrorist attack in Libya Tuesday night in a debate crackling with energy and emotion just three weeks before the election.

Romney pushed back hard, saying the middle class "has been crushed over the last four years," that 23 million Americans are struggling to find work and that the death of the U.S. ambassador to Libya was part of an unraveling of the administration's foreign policy.

The president was feistier from the outset than he had been in their initial encounter two weeks ago, when he turned in a listless performance that sent shudders through his supporters and helped fuel a rise by Romney in opinion polls

nationally and in some battleground states.

Obama challenged Romney on economics and energy policy, accusing him of switching positions and declaring that his economic plan was a "sketchy deal" that the public should reject.

Romney gave as good as he got.

"You'll get your chance in a moment. I'm still speaking," the former Massachusetts governor said at one point while Obama was mid-sentence. He said the president's policies had failed to jumpstart the economy and crimped energy production.

The open-stage format left the two men free to stroll freely across a red-carpeted stage, and they did. Their clashes crackled with energy and tension, and the crowd

watched raptly as the two sparred while struggling to appear calm and affable before a national television audience.

The rivals disagreed about taxes, measures to reduce the deficit, energy, pay equity for women and

health care issues. Immigration prompted yet another clash, Romney saying Obama had failed to pursue the comprehensive legislation he promised at the dawn of his administration, and the president saying Republican obstinacy made a deal impossible.

Under the format agreed to in advance, members of an audience of 82 uncommitted voters posed questions to the president and his challenger.

Nearly all of them concerned domestic policy until one raised the subject of the recent death of the U.S. ambassador to Libya in a terrorist attack at an American post in Benghazi.

Romney said it took Obama a long time to admit the episode

"I think [Romney] did a good job of pointing out the president's failure to responding to the [Libya] event."

Brandon Waltens | Baylor chapter chairman of Young Conservatives of Texas

"The difference was that [Obama] was much more on the offensive... He knew that he had something to gain."

Adaobi Ekweani | President of the Baylor Democrats

First black chief justice in Louisiana dispels racial tension

By MICHAEL KUNZELMAN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW ORLEANS — The Louisiana Supreme Court resolved a racially-tinged power struggle inside its own ranks, ruling Tuesday that Bernette Johnson should be the state's first black chief justice.

Johnson's years of appointed and elected service on the high court give her the seniority to succeed Chief Justice Catherine "Kitty" Kimball early next year, the court said in a unanimous ruling. Justice Jeffrey Victory, who is white, argued Johnson's appointed service shouldn't count and he deserved to be chief justice.

Voters elected Johnson in 1994 to the state appeals court, and she was assigned to the Supreme Court as part of settlement of an earlier lawsuit that claimed the system for electing justices diluted black voting strength and violated the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

She served an eighth Supreme Court district centered in New Orleans until the court reverted back to seven districts in 2000, when she was elected to the high court.

The racial dynamics of the case reverberated outside Louisiana. A long list of elected officials and civil rights advocates, including the NAACP Legal Defense Fund, called for Johnson to get the position. The New York Times published two editorials supporting her, one of which called the dispute an "unsettling example of how power can trample voting rights even where they should be sacrosanct."

The court said its ruling was based strictly on the law.

"Although commentators have loudly emphasized them, factors which we do not ascribe any importance to in answering the constitutional question before us include issues of gender, geography, personality, philosophy, political



The Louisiana Supreme Court ruled Tuesday that Bernette Johnson of New Orleans will be the court's next chief justice, resolving a legal dispute that wound up in federal court.

affiliation, and race — all of which have the potential to inflame passion," the court said.

Clint Dobson killer handed death penalty

By ANGELA K. BROWN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FORT WORTH — The Rev. Clint Dobson was sitting in his church office writing a sermon when a convicted felon began scouring the neighborhood for a car to steal.

The felon honed in on the church, where investigators say he suffocated the young pastor and severely beat his secretary before fleeing in one of their cars.

New details of Steven Lawayne Nelson's past — offenses that led up to what prosecutors called his most heinous crime — were revealed during a week-long hearing to decide Nelson's fate following his conviction last week of killing Dobson. On Tuesday, jurors chose the death penalty.

"It is hard for me to fathom that you did what you did for a car and a laptop and a phone," Dobson's father-in-law, Phillip Rozeman, said in a statement after the sentencing. "The world is going to miss a leader. It's sad to know all the people that won't be helped because Clint is not here."

Nelson suffocated Dobson, leaving him dead on the floor with a bag over his head and lying near his severely beaten secretary. Nelson had driven away in the secretary's car, then later sold Dobson's laptop and bought some items at a mall using the victims' credit cards.

Jurors had the option of sentencing Nelson to life in prison without parole.

For a death sentence, jurors had to unanimously agree that Nelson posed a danger to society, that he intended to kill and that there were no mitigating circumstances to diminish his culpability.

The 25-year-old Nelson showed no reaction as his sentence was read. He was later heard yelling after he was taken to a holding cell, where he broke a sprinkler head, causing flooding in the courtroom shortly after most people had left.

Three days before the murder,

Nelson had been released from a court-ordered anger-management program, part of a deal with Dallas County prosecutors after he was arrested for aggravated assault on his girlfriend.

He earlier had served time behind bars for a two-year sentence for theft, and spent much of his teen years in juvenile facilities after committing various crimes.

Dobson had taken a considerably different life path.

The 28-year-old had done missionary work and had big plans for NorthPointe Baptist Church in Arlington, about 15 miles west of Dallas. The young minister was known by friends and relatives as a generous, helpful person who also had a fun-loving side.

His widow, Laura Dobson, said she will continue to be her husband's voice and "be a reminder that good will always triumph over evil."

"I refuse to let you get the best of me," she told Nelson in a victim impact statement after the sentence. "You have wrecked so many lives ... that nobody will want to remember you after this."

Nelson had denied killing the minister, blaming two friends for the crime. He said he stayed outside and only came into the church to steal a laptop. He admitted stepping around Dobson and the secretary on the floor to get the laptop, but said they were still alive when

he was there.

Blood from both victims was found on a pair of Nelson's shoes, and studs from his belt were found at the church, according to testimony.

Prosecutor Bob Gill said Nelson's violence didn't stop as he awaited his murder trial, and that he fatally strangled an inmate with a blanket.

Nelson hasn't been charged in that death.

"Now you know why the state decided to seek the death penalty," Gill told jurors. "That's all that can be done here. It could not be more clear."

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Nelson

Re-releasing childhood classics in 3D is a scam

Editorial

In the early 1990s Disney taught us that dreams really do come true, beauty is on the inside and two words that can solve any problem: “Hakuna matata.”

Recently, these movies have been coming back to the big screen in 3D.

The trend started for Disney after the re-release of “The Lion King” brought in around \$80 million.

After that unforeseen success, the company decided to release four more: “Beauty and the Beast” in January 2012, “Finding Nemo” in September 2012, “Monsters Inc.” in January 2013 and “The Little Mermaid” in September 2013.

The \$80 million may not seem like much money in the movie world, especially in comparison to Pixar’s “Up” which brought in \$730 million, it is quite a bit of dough for a product of minimal investment that most people have already seen.

“Great stories and great characters are timeless, and at Disney we’re fortunate to have a treasure trove of both,” said Alan Bergman, president of The Walt Disney Studios, in a press release in 2011. “We’re thrilled to give audiences of all ages the chance to experience these beloved tales in an exciting new way with 3D —

and in the case of younger generations, for the first time on the big screen.”

Disney, however, is not the only franchise up for a little extra pocket change.

“Titanic” was recently released in 3D, and George Lucas mentioned an interest in releasing his Star Wars series in 3D.

As college students, these four years, maybe, are a hidden test to see how well we budget. Our parents probably wake up every morning and check our bank accounts to make sure we still have a positive number in there. These companies are trying to sway us into spending money on their old product by pulling on our heart strings and offering an up close and personal view of the majestic ballroom in Beauty in the Beast. While price ranges may vary throughout the nation, the additional cost of a 3D ticket does not.

At Waco’s Starplex Cinemas - Waco Galaxy, the price of a 3D movie ticket is \$2.50 more than a regular one.

Paying more money for a ticket to watch a movie we have already seen is absurd.

We are spending money to support an industry that is putting out old material.

Furthermore, the magic of the Disney classics comes from the timeless style the pictures bring.

For example, compare the pictures in “Cinderella” and “Tan-

gled.”

Rapunzel has a more modern flair to her appearance while Cinderella is more of a classic.

Going into the movie to bring depth to the left and right eye to change the movie from 2D to 3D actually changes the appearance of the movie.

While often change can be a good thing, with the classics — and the way we remember them — it’s not.

Plus, you have to wear the uncomfortable glasses, which are more inconvenient if you already wear glasses.

After spending an hour and a half in the special glasses that play tricks on your eyes, leaving the movie can cause many people to have headaches.

Who wants to pay more money for a headache?

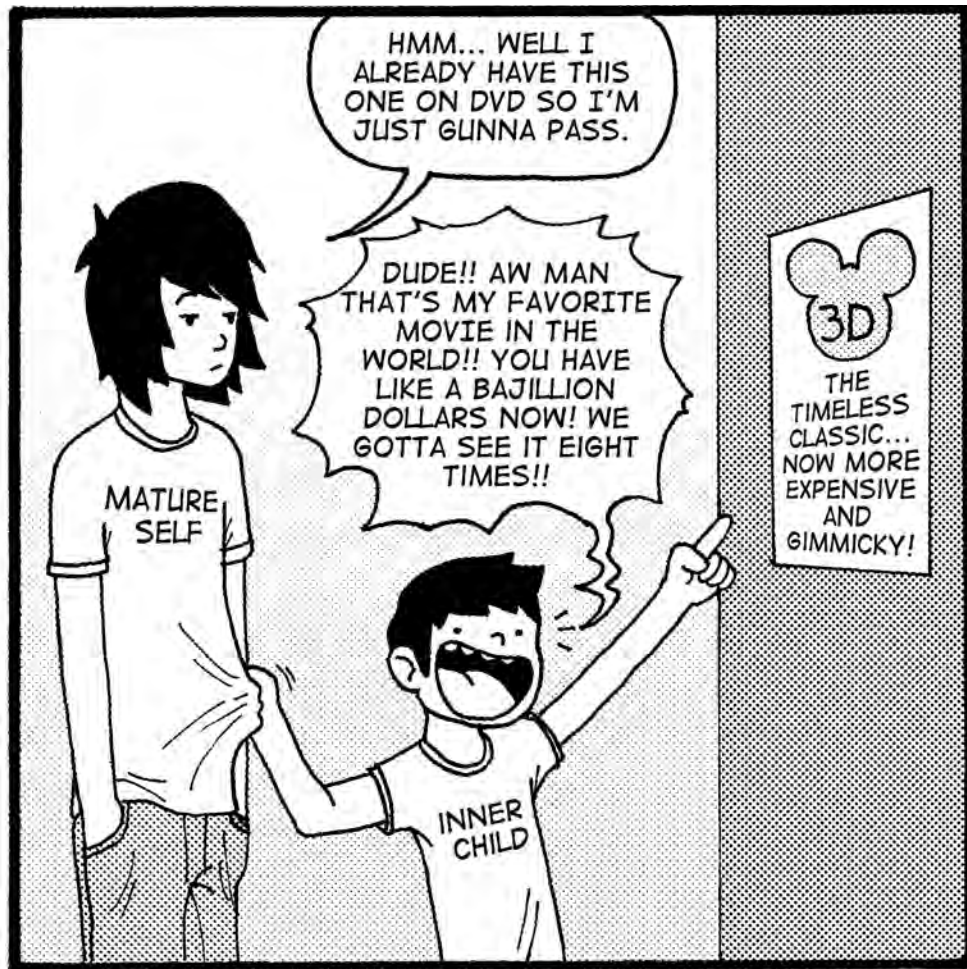
One way to get the classics out to the new generation is to release the movie on DVD and Blu-ray, like Disney just did with “Cinderella.”

Many families just have the classics on VHS and those players are not common anymore.

This allows a more credible way to get extra money by offering a product whose format is out of style and hard to work with.

Plus, if companies want their classic features to get some attention, they can air them on television.

Disney and ABC are the same



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company, and more recently, Disney classics have aired on the ABC Family channel.

The 3D theater release is a sign that creativity is lacking, not only is Disney but the entertainment industry as well.

They are trapping us in our

nostalgia to go into a dark theater with the tempting aroma of overpriced popcorn and wear ridiculous glasses for at least an hour and a half with things either popping out of the screen like an alien attack or barely any 3D effects at all.

Bottom line, the fact of the matter is, companies are not producing brand new content but are still receiving money.

And we, remembering our childhood, are suckered into spending the extra cash to go watch it.

Add Malala Yousafzai to list of those who fought for truth

Guest Column



Leonard Pitts Jr. | Guest Columnist

“Truth crushed to earth will rise again.” — Martin Luther King Jr. (quoting William Cullen Bryant)

Sometimes, oceans are not enough.

Usually, the fact that we are barricaded on both sides by great bodies of water gives us in this country a certain sense of remove from the awful things people with funny names do to one another in strange places on the far side of the globe. But once in awhile, the thing is awful enough that you can’t ignore it, or pretend that it is less real.

Such is the case with Malala Yousafzai, the 14-year-old Pakistani girl whose shooting last week on a school bus in the Swat

Valley sparked headlines and outrage here and around the world. Yousafzai, who at this writing is in critical condition after emergency surgery, has been an Internet activist, agitating for women’s access to education.

The Taliban considers that a capital crime. It claimed respon-

sibility for the men who stopped the bus and boarded it, who asked for Malala by name and, when she was identified, shot her and fled. The group has said that if Malala survives, it will come for her again. It says her death is required under Islamic law.

But make no mistake: Islam is not their religion. It is their excuse.

There are two reasons this story crossed the ocean. The first is that it is appalling. Human garbage does not get much ranker than a man who boards a school bus to kill a child. The second is that it is recognizable, that we see in their mad religious and ideological fundamentalism ghostly shadows of our own.

Granted, the outspoken child in this country is not in particular danger of physical violence from religious or ideological zealots.

But the abortion doctor is. The gay couple is. The Muslim-American is.

Fundamentalism is fundamentalism wherever it breeds, always the same dark stain of unbending literalism, always the same shrill claim that it guards the one true path to enlightenment, always the same crazed insistence that the one unforgivable crime against faith, the one inexcusable heresy of ideology, is to ask questions.

But where there are no questions, there can be no true answers. And where there is not freedom, there cannot be real faith. How real can faith be if it is not a thing freely held, if it is something required, coerced, enforced?

This is something fundamentalists never understand. They think people can be intimidated

or mandated into silence. They think people can be shot or bombed into obedience.

Perhaps, for a while, they can.

But the great man was right: truth crushed to earth will rise again. And he was right, too, when, in the same speech, he quoted the abolitionist Theodore Parker: “The arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends toward justice.” Because there are not bullets enough in all the world to gun down the human will to be free.

So eventually and inevitably, there will always be someone who can neither bend, nor pretend, someone compelled by conscience — and yes, sometimes, faith — to stand and resist. There will always be a Mohammed Bouazizi, immolating himself in Tunisia, a Rosa Parks refusing to give up her seat in Alabama, a Paul Rusesabagina sheltering

people from massacre in Rwanda, an Oskar Schindler hiding Jews from the Nazis in Poland, a nameless man standing before a tank in Tiananmen Square. And a Malala Yousafzai, age 14, defying the Taliban in Pakistan.

In taking their lonely stands, these people birth myths and memories that make us — and generations that come after us — braver than we actually are, or would otherwise be. In a word, they inspire. So the irony here is almost poetic. The Taliban was so threatened by the words of a little girl that they tried to kill her.

And in so doing, they ensured that she will never die.

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Neuroscience plays bigger role in our lives than you think

Viewpoint

What is real may not be real, so how do we know what’s real?

Some people think of neuroscientists as scientists who sit in a laboratory and just poke and prod brains all the time, but I feel like sometimes people forget the more humanities driven aspect of the major.

Baylor’s neuroscience program is part of the neuroscience and psychology department. The classes we take as neuroscience majors are cross-listed as psychology classes and psychology majors are required to take at least one of those classes as part of their major.

This is very different from oth-

er schools that offer neuroscience as part of their biology program and focus primarily on the neurobiological aspects of neuroscience.

My point being, neuroscience is as much a study of humanities as science. Actually, it’s a really amazing marriage of humanities and science.

Studying for my Sensation and Perception test, I can’t help but be amazed at how much of what we see is an illusion of the mind. But there is as much behavioral evidence as there is physiological evidence of many perceptual processes.

I think the thing about neuroscience that’s really cool is that your mind plays tricks on you. Actually your mind doesn’t try to play a trick on you, but the way



Linda Nguyen | Staff Writer

your mind works involves processes that aren’t completely fool-proof.

For example, there’s a fairly well-known optical illusion that

involves an American flag that, instead of being red, white and blue is green, black and yellow. The way the illusion works is that you stare at the strangely colored flag for about 30 seconds and then look at a white sheet of paper. What you should see for a few seconds is a red, white and blue American flag. We learned in class that this is the result of the opponent-processing theory of color vision. The opponent-processing theory of color vision states that our color vision is generated by opposing color responses by blue and yellow, red and green and black and white.

Another really cool thing about neuroscience is that you can actually see it working in your daily life.

Quick neuroscience lesson. In

learning and behavior, we learn about reinforcement. In reinforcement, a consequence that occurs after the behavior that’s being reinforced is called a reinforcer. In order for reinforcement to occur, the consequence has to cause the behavior to increase.

In that way, you can essentially influence and even shape a person’s behavior using reinforcement.

We actually do that in our learning and behavior lab with rats but I digress.

Knowing that a person can reinforce my behavior and knowing about reinforcement doesn’t make me immune to reinforcement. But it’s really interesting whenever I’m going about my day and observe reinforcement taking place within my own life.

For example, whenever I get my stories in early to my editor, everything goes smoother and I get to leave on time.

As a result, I try to get all my stories in as early as possible.

My editor may not realize it, but she just reinforced my behavior to get my stories in early. I know she’s doing it, but that still doesn’t change the fact that I want to get off work on time.

At the risk of sounding like a total neuroscience nerd, I really can’t help but smile whenever I can catch myself being influenced by neuroscientific techniques like reinforcement.

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BU freshman helps secure solar panel at local school

By LINDA NGUYEN
STAFF WRITER

A student helped flip the switch for sustainable energy at a local high school.

Live Oak Classical School located at 500 Clay Ave. in Waco had a dedication for their new solar panels on Tuesday.

The solar panels, which were installed before the school year started, were paid for by a grant Woodway freshman D.J. Achterhof applied for last year.

The grant was for his former high school Live Oak Classical School. Achterhof was the first student to apply for the grant.

The grant was awarded in January by the Green Mountain Energy Sun Club.

"I remembered we were driving back from Colorado for our senior trip and Mrs. Moffatt called me and she was almost screaming. She was excited and said, 'We got it! We got the solar panels grant,'" Achterhof said. "And I was just so excited."

Achterhof said he applied for the grant during his senior year after his environmental science teacher, Mark Montgomery, led the class in a discussion about giving back to the school.

"One day I was looking through a newspaper, and I saw an ad from Green Mountain Energy talking about a grant that they gave out for solar panels," Achterhof said.

Achterhof said he thought the grant would be a good opportunity to give back

to his school.

"I thought of how neat it would be if I could apply for this grant and receive these solar panels and give back to a school that had given me so much," Achterhof said.

Achterhof said it was challenging to begin writing the proposal for the solar panels.

"I sat down and looked at it and at first it was like, 'What could I say that would really impress these people?' But then I just thought about everything that our school stands for: a good education, morals and values. And I thought I could incorporate that and also being more environmentally friendly. And so when I realized that, it wasn't hard at all," Achterhof said. "The words flowed, and it was actually pretty simple."

Tony Napolillo, Green Mountain Sun Club program manager, said the funds for the solar panel grants come from Green Mountain energy customers.

"They choose to pay \$5 more a month on their electricity bill, and we take those funds and donate them directly to nonprofits like the Live Oak School specifically to build solar energy systems and solar energy components," Napolillo said.

"We were extremely impressed that a student applied for the solar grant," Napolillo said. "It's the first time a student applied for any of the 37 solar donations we've made. We thought it really showed how unique this school was: how they were

raising this next generation of thinkers who are actively involved in their community and trying to make their communities better."

Alison Moffatt, Head of School for Live Oak Classical School said the transition to solar panels was simple.

"We had a facilities committee that handled everything, and they knew what to do," Moffatt said. "We had lots of people who deal with energy stuff, and so they kind of knew how to talk to all the right people, and they took it and ran with it. It was seamless. We had to shut down the electricity several times to get it all hooked up in the middle of faculty training. They weren't too fond of that, but it was worth it in the end."

Montgomery, Achterhof's former environmental science teacher at the academy, said they have worked to integrate the solar panels and environmental sustainability into different areas of the curriculum.

"We're doing a big unit on solar energy in our environmental science classes, collecting data from the solar panels, economically, how much we're saving, but then also having kind of a holistic approach to our environmental science class," Montgomery said.

Montgomery said the math classes are also using data from the solar panels for graphing, statistics and percentages.

"It is just so cool the way Live Oak empowers their students," said Katie Ryan,



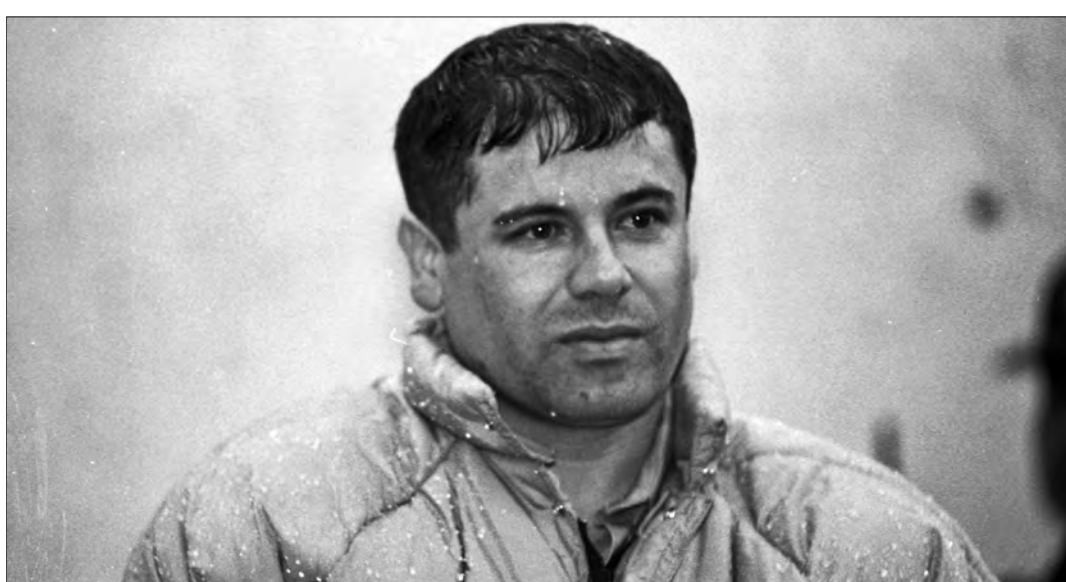
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Head of School Alison Moffatt (left) of Live Oak Classical School, Woodway freshman, D.J. Achterhof, Tony Napolillo, Green Mountain Sun Club program manager and Mark Montgomery, Achterhof's former environmental science teacher, gather on Tuesday at the school for the dedication ceremony of the solar panel granted by the Green Mountain Energy Sun Club.

public relations manager for Green Mountain Energy Company.

Napolillo said organizations trying to make a difference in the community are targets for the grant. Napolillo said this is the third donation Green Mountain Sun Club has made in Waco. The other two

went to the Waco Chamber of Commerce and Cameron Park Zoo. Napolillo said another dedication will occur in November at the Waco Habitat for Humanity ReStore. Nonprofit organizations interested in applying for a solar panel grant can go to www.greenmountainenergysunclub.com.



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In this June 10, 1993, file photo, Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman, leader of Mexico's Sinaloa cartel, appears for reporters after his arrest at the high security prison of Almoloya de Juarez on the outskirts of Mexico City, from which he later escaped.

Daughter of Mexican drug lord held

By ELLIOT SPAGAT
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN DIEGO — The daughter of one of the world's most sought-after drug lords has been charged with trying to enter the United States on someone else's passport, U.S. officials said, becoming the latest family member to become ensnared in U.S. courts.

Alejandrina Gisselle Guzman Salazar, 31, was arrested Friday at San Diego's San Ysidro port of entry.

Two U.S. officials said Monday that she told authorities her father was Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman, the elusive leader of Mexico's Sinaloa cartel. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the arrest publicly.

The significance of the arrest will depend on what Guzman Salazar can tell authorities about her father, like whether she can provide phone numbers, said David Shirk, director of the University of San Diego's Trans-Border Institute. "We don't know exactly what

she knows," Shirk said. "It may just be an interesting factoid in the war on drugs, or it could be a vital clue for law enforcement."

Shirk noted that Benjamin Arellano Felix, who led what was then Mexico's most powerful drug cartel, was captured in Mexico in 2002 after authorities tracked his daughter to find him.

Guzman Salazar was charged with fraud and misuse of visas, permits and other documents. The complaint said she attempted to enter the country on foot, presenting a non-immigrant visa contained in a Mexican passport. She told authorities she was pregnant and intended to go to Los Angeles to give birth to her child.

The Los Angeles Times reported last year that Guzman's wife — former beauty queen Emma Coronel — traveled to Southern California and gave birth to twin girls at Antelope Valley Hospital in Lancaster, north of Los Angeles. The newspaper said Coronel, then 22, holds U.S. citizenship, which entitles her to travel freely to the U.S. and to use its hospitals.

"You kind of surmise that there's some family connection back to Southern California," Eric Olson, associate director of the Wilson Center's Mexico Institute said of the daughter's arrest.

The Sinaloa cartel, named after the Pacific coast state of the same name, controls trafficking along much of the U.S. border with Mexico, particularly in Western states.

Authorities in the U.S. and Mexico have said they believe Guzman has children with several partners, though it's not clear how many.

The U.S. Treasury Department has put sanctions on sons Ivan Archivaldo "El Chapito" Guzman Salazar, 31, and Ovidio Guzman Lopez, 22.

Jesus Alfredo Guzman Salazar, 26, was indicted with his father on multiple drug trafficking charges in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois in August 2009.

Last month, the U.S. Treasury Department said it was placing financial sanctions on Guzman's wife, Griselda Lopez Perez.

Hunger summit to explore solutions for world hunger

By LAUREAN LOVE
STAFF WRITER

Texas Hunger Initiative, a program of Baylor's School of Social Work, is partnering with the United States Department of Agriculture to host the Together at the Table: Southwest Regional Hunger Summit, which will stretch from today to Thursday.

The summit, which beginning at noon, will last until 1:30 p.m. Thursday. The event will be held in on the second floor of the Bill Daniel Student Center.

The summit will give leaders and practitioners from across the Southwest United States and beyond a chance to share their knowledge about food insecurity.

"The keys to alleviating hunger are organizing communities,

creating models that are replicable and scalable, identifying the most efficient ways to distribute food and connecting those who suffer from food insecurity with the resources available to help them — all of which will be addressed during this summit," Jeremy Everett, director of the Texas Hunger Initiative, said in an October press release. "Presenters, panelists and attendees will learn from each other and then go home and implement these strategies in their local communities."

One in six households in Texas experience hunger, according to statistics provided by the Texas Hunger Initiative.

The summit will focus on proven methods to fight hunger.

More than 65 speakers and panelists will lead sessions.

Keynote speakers include Pulitzer Prize-winning author of "The Working Poor," David Shipler; Craig Gundersen, professor of agricultural consumer and environmental sciences at the University of Illinois; and Harriet Phillips, who works in the office of Arkansas Gov. Mike Beebe.

Topics such as food policy, urban agriculture, congregational outreach, community health and senior hunger will be discussed.

Registration is open online. The cost is \$75 for the public, although attendance is free for students.

The registration fee includes dinner tonight, light breakfast on Thursday and lunch on Thursday.

Those interested in learning more about the Texas Hunger Initiative can visit www.baylor.edu/texashunger.



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Agency could be the source of outbreak

A Food and Drug Administration agent stands at the doorway of New England Compounding Center on Tuesday in Framingham, Mass., as investigators work inside. The company's steroid medication has been linked to a deadly meningitis outbreak. FDA spokesman Steven Immergut says the visit is part of the investigation into the outbreak, which has killed at least 15 people and sickened more than 200 others in 15 states.

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We've not yet seen the last of 'Taken'

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Everybody knows the three certainties of life — death, taxes and speed traps.

But it has become apparent that a fourth certainty must be added to that list.

I am speaking, of course, of the certainty of more "Taken" movies in our future.

The first "Taken," starring Liam Neeson as a former CIA operative who wipes out a gang of Albanian thugs after they kidnap his daughter in Paris for their sex-slave ring, took in an unexpected \$227 million at the box office in 2009. While the revenue was unexpected, a sequel was not unexpected.

In fact, "Taken 2," in which Neeson has to rescue his ex-wife from the revenge-bent relatives of those Albanian thugs, opened last weekend, and again astonished industry observers when it raked in a cool \$50 million in just three days.

And now we can say with certainty that there will be a "Taken 3." And probably a "Taken 4." And a "Taken 5."

Success breeds contempt and sequels in Hollywood.

For Neeson, who has been transformed by the franchise into an action hero in his 60s, the sequels will make him even richer than he already is.

For movie audiences, a franchise offers an opportunity to revisit characters they really like on a periodic

basis.

The public is taken with Bryan Mills (Neeson), just as they were taken with Charles Bronson's avenging architect in the "Death Wish" movies.

These characters do take the law into their own hands, which is supposed to be a bad thing, but audiences identify with their success in finding justice in a world that often has trouble with the concept.

Years from now, another cinematic vigilante will enthrall movie audiences, but until then, we're stuck with the "Taken" franchise.

Here is a glimpse at what we might expect:

"Taken 3" (2014) — The Turkish Ministry of Tourism, which has spent more than three decades trying to get vacationers to forget the film "Midnight Express," is upset that Neeson made its beloved Istanbul seem like a haven for corrupt cops and Albanian vigilantes in "Taken 2." So the government authorizes a mission in which Turkish thugs kidnap Neeson's favorite second cousin on his mother's side during an extended vacation to London.

"Taken 4" (2016) — European pacifists have noticed that Neeson's character has singlehandedly raised the crime rate in world capitals such as Paris, Istanbul and London, and have decided that he must be stopped. They kidnap the owner of a popular Italian restaurant, and threaten to add black olives and pineapple to every pizza delivered to Neeson's home until he stops shoot-

ing people.

"Taken 5" (2018) — Neeson buys a puppy for his daughter and, you guessed it, the puppy is kidnapped.

"Taken 6" (2020) — Neeson's daughter (still played by Maggie Grace) has finally recovered emotionally from her ordeal in the first movie, and she stupidly agrees to take another European vacation with her husband and infant daughter. Neeson's granddaughter is kidnapped, and grandpa is called in to take appropriate measures because that's what he does best.

"Taken 7" (2022) — Lenore (Famke Janssen) remarries Neeson and the loving couple take a cruise to Alaska for their honeymoon. A ruthless gang of cruise ship employees, including Doc, Gopher, Isaac and Capt. Stubing, threaten to kidnap the ship's head chef after the buffet runs out of food.

"Taken 8" (2024) — Matt Damon, whose career has taken a turn for the worse after he appears in "Ocean's 20," has returned to the Bourne franchise in a thriller that finds Neeson's character in an unusual situation. That's right, Bryan Mills has been kidnapped on his way to an AARP meeting, and Lenore asks Jason Bourne to rescue him.

Reluctant at first because he thinks Mills is too violent, Bourne finally agrees to save Mills, although he needs directions to Albania, where Mills has been taken by the only thug left in that country.

"Taken 9" (2026) — Now retired, Mills buys a farm in Iowa. One night,



Liam Neeson stars in "Taken 2," released by 20th Century Fox. In the sequel to the popular 2009 film, Neeson's ex-wife is kidnapped from the revenge-seeking relatives of the thugs who took his daughter in the first movie.

he's standing in his cornfield when he hears a voice: "If you build it, we won't kidnap your cow." He misunderstands the voice and builds a soccer field, and he has to rescue his cow from a group of angry but still dead baseball players, including "Shoeless" Joe" Jackson.

"Taken 10" (2029) — It's now been 20 years since his daughter was kidnapped in the first "Taken" movie. The actor is 80 years old, and he is having trouble with some of the stunts, particularly the karate kicks. He really doesn't want to do another "Taken," but his adoring public de-

mands one more film in the franchise. After much debate, the desperate writers come up with a familiar plot that involves the kidnapping of Neeson's middle-aged daughter by Albanians, who are upset that they haven't been featured in a big Hollywood movie since "Taken 2."

Online opportunities growing for voice actors



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Alexander Gould of Cypress, Calif., is the voice behind the lead animated character in the movie "Finding Nemo." He booked his first role, a Saturday sitcom, at age 2.

By **JAMES HERD**
REPORTER

VIEWPOINT

While voice acting may be a niche form of acting in the real world, it thrives on the internet with such websites as the Voice Acting Alliance and the Voice Acting Club.

On the Voice Acting Alliance website, users can become a member of an interactive community where not everyone has to be talented with their voice. There are writers, actors, producers and musicians with a common goal to have fun while doing what they love. When you become a member, you can choose to audition for original audio or visual productions, or projects that are associated with a pre-existing medium of art, often called fan productions.

On the Voice Acting Club website, which is quite similar to the Voice Acting Alliance in many ways, a different Web server hosts it. Both websites offer its users the chance to delve into voice acting and to simulate the experience of being a professional. There are countless projects to try out for, but like in the real world, sending

in a recording does not guarantee you a spot in the project. Such projects include Palasiel Quest, an independent role-playing game created by Jeremiah "McTricky" George, or "Kaigan," an anime-inspired animation series created by Derek "Derekotsu" Crawley.

Unlike acting offline, the experience of online voice acting is limited only to your computer screen. All you need is a microphone and a free audio mixing program off the internet, and you are set to begin trying out for projects created by people all over the world.

More recently, projects with notoriety have been utilizing people who began their career on the Voice Acting Alliance and the Voice Acting Club, such as a downloadable 2-D fighting game entitled "Skullgirls," and the Xbox Live Arcade download, "Dust: an Elysian Tail" (which was reviewed on Cartoon Network's Toonami block recently.)

If acting isn't really your fancy, or if you prefer a mixture of competitive singing and/or acting,

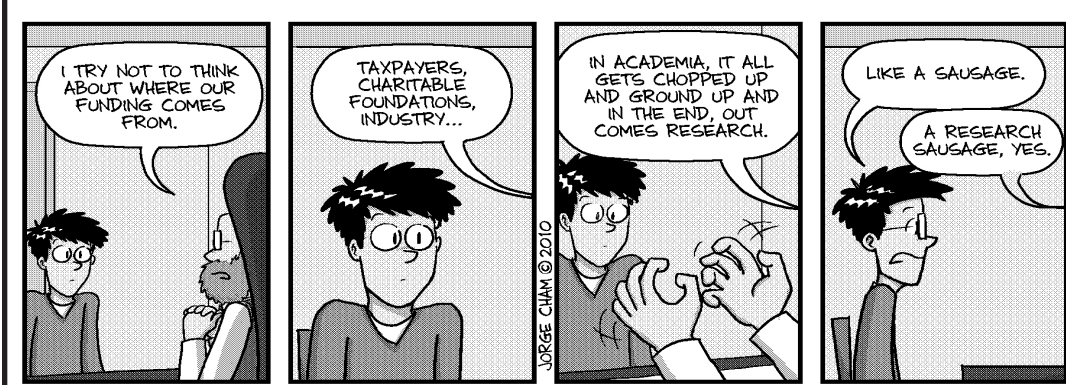
you can try out Voice Hollywood or as it is commonly abbreviated by its members, VH.

VH is another interactive community that is more attuned to the competition aspect, and includes interested parties submitting recordings of singing and acting to the judges of the competition. Generally, each round will have a particular theme that competitors must meet or else risk elimination, which comes into play for at least one person each episode. Think of the televised singing competitions. That is generally how things are run, just online instead of in real life.

In the general scheme of things, the work done on these websites may open the path for one to do professional work in the voice-acting field. Such work may include work on English-dubbed anime, video games, Disney films or American animated series.

Now that the Internet has become a leading form of entertainment, it only makes sense that certain parts of the entertainment industry are moving to the digital waves. Good things will come to those who work hard and stay inspired.

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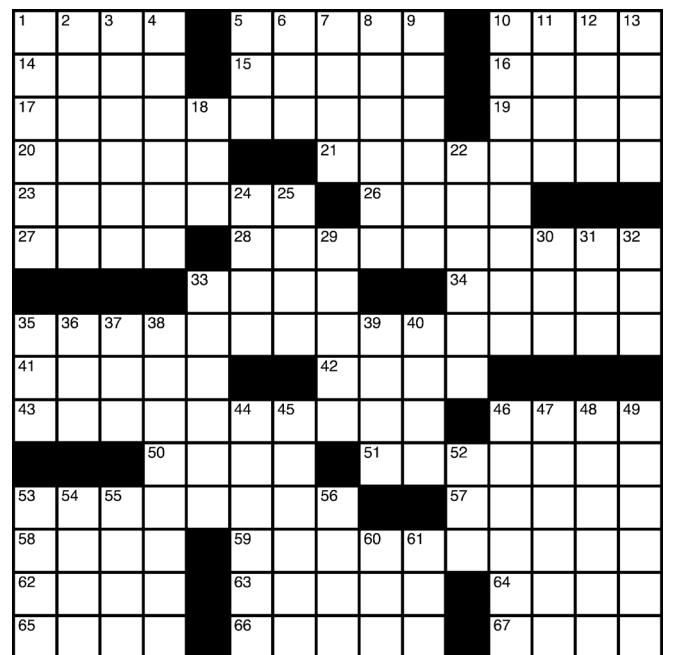
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- 31 Old Japanese capital
- 32 Remote button
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- 35 Silence
- 36 Robot play
- 37 "Now We ___ Six": Milne
- 38 Thoughtless way to stare
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- 44 Lousy liquor
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National Pro Fastpitch team defeats softball 8 - 0

By ALEXA BRACKIN
NEWS EDITOR

A five-run first inning gave the National Professional Fastpitch All Star team a winning start over the Baylor softball team Tuesday at Gettman Stadium. Despite the Lady Bears' efforts, the game ultimately resulted in a score of 8-0.

"A team like this is usually close to double-digit strikeouts against a college team, so for us to keep the strikeouts minimum and we hit the ball hard a couple of times, I was pretty pleased with our whole fall offensively, and we finished, in my opinion, on a strong note," head coach Glenn Moore said. "You look at the outcome and it doesn't look good, but you take away that first inning and it's a very competitive ballgame."

After being swept in the first inning, the Bears managed to hold off the NPF women until the fifth inning when they gave up three more runs, ultimately resulting in their loss.

"They are kind of the best there is," No. 1 pitcher Courtney Repka said. "They're going to be good at what they do, and obviously they were. I just had to settle in. I mean they're going to hit the ball. I just had to calm down and make sure I



MATT HELLMAN | LARIAT PHOTO EDITOR

No. 6 first baseman Holly Holl attempts to slide safely past NPF No. 7 second baseman Jenn Salling into second base during the Lady Bears' match against the National Professional Fastpitch (NPF) All Star team Tuesday at Gettman Stadium.

kept my pitches down at the knees and didn't give them any chance to actually hit one out again."

According to Moore, the bats that the NPF team uses are more effective than those that BU uses.

They hit off with an exit speed of 104 mph while those used by the Lady Bears have a 98 mph speed.

"They are ISF regulation and we are ASA regulations so the ball jumps off of that (the bats). That's

why our corners were playing a couple steps back, farther than normal," Moore said.

He said that there is a possibility that if they were able to use the same bats that the NPF used, the

hits by catcher Clare Hosack or infielder Linsey Hays could have been home runs.

"We had some runners in scoring position, and we just couldn't get it around," No. 15 catcher Clare

Hosack said. "We had some good at bats at the same time. That's just how the game goes."

The Lady Bears' came into their last game of the fall season with a 7-0 fall mark, while the All Stars entered the game with a 12-1 fall tour record.

"I wanted this team to be process, oriented not outcome oriented, in this game, and I thought that they never let anything keep them from trying to get better with the next at bat or the next play," Moore said.

The NPF team is traveling through on their fall tour, which consists of 21 stops against 21 schools across 16 states in a 40-day span.

"Having that competition and the fact that we got to play the NPF team is a huge thing for us, I think," Hosack said. "Just to see where we're at the end of the fall and where we can go from there."

Moore said the Lady Bears have work to do defensively. He says that will be the area they concentrate the most on during the off-season.

"We are going to get better defensively. We're going to put a lot of time into our work," Moore said. "But against the competition that we'll be seeing in the spring, we swung the bats really well."

Baylor defense gives up yards on TCU third downs



SARAH GEORGE | LARIAT PHOTOGRAPHER

No. 11 defensive end Terrance Lloyd gets set with the rest of the Baylor defense on Saturday at Floyd Casey Stadium during its game against TCU. The Bears suffered a 49-21 loss to the Horned Frogs.

By DANIEL HILL
SPORTS WRITER

West Virginia: 12 of 15, 80 percent

TCU: 14 of 19, 73.68 percent

Big 12 Conference: 26 of 34,

76 percent

So far in Big 12 Conference games the Baylor defense has allowed its opponents to convert on third downs more than 76 percent of the time (26 of 34).

Granted, one of those conference games was against one of the best offenses in the nation, West Virginia.

The prolific West Virginia offense gained a first down on 12 of 15 first down attempts.

Against a notably less explosive TCU offense, Baylor allowed the Horned Frogs to convert on 14 of 19 third down attempts.

"We have to get off the field on third downs," senior defensive tackle Gary Mason Jr said. "That was our big problem. We could have easily taken away three touchdowns if we could have just gotten off the field on third down. It hurt us a lot. That kind of made the outcome of the game not go our way"

Forcing an opponent into a third down situation is a normal goal for any defense.

However, the Baylor defense

has to sustain their first and second down defensive efforts by making the required stops on third downs.

"All week, that was our game plan, to get those guys into third down and long situations," junior nickelback Ahmad Dixon said. "We knew that they were a powerhouse team on first and second down, that's when they normally make their big plays. If you get them into third down and make them predictable, they tend to fold."

Only, TCU didn't fold on third downs and neither will any Big 12 opponent.

"We had those guys in third down situations, and we just didn't make the plays we needed to make," Dixon said.

On third down plays, Baylor has allowed opponents to convert 63.64 percent of the time, which ranks 120th.

Obviously, Baylor has to make changes on third down.

In regards to improving the third down defense, the Baylor defense believes they can and will improve.

"Yes, it's very fixable," Mason Jr. said.

"It was all alignments, sometimes guys lined up a little too far from the sticks (first-down marker), and allowed those hitches

(route pattern) to convert. But all of that is easily fixable. I'm anxious to go to practice and work on the fixes and what we need to get better on. I hope it all comes together certainly. I'm very positive for this."

Not only, can alignments be improved upon by the defense, but the fundamentals of tackling also have to be a focus for the Bears.

"That is one of the main things that we have to focus on this week is wrapping up and breaking down and tackling better because we had way too many missed tackles this last game, and that's just something that we can improve on," junior safety Sam Holl said.

Tackling and defensive alignments are two things the Bears can do to improve their defense as a whole and improve their stinginess on third downs.

Even though the Bears have struggled on third downs so far in the Big 12, there are still reasons to be optimistic about the defense for the remainder of the season.

"Right now, I feel like we are hungry," Holl said.

"We are looking forward to the rest of the season. We are looking forward to this week. We can make a statement for the rest of the season. I have no doubt that we will be ready for this weekend," he said.

McCaw announces new strategic plan

By DANIEL HILL
SPORTS WRITER



Ian McCaw | Athletic Director

On Tuesday, Baylor Athletics and Baylor University Director of Athletics Ian McCaw debuted a new strategic five-year plan that details goals for the entire department.

Primarily, the new strategic plan has five central focuses: student-athlete experience; athletic excellence; culture of integrity; resource development and stewardship; and branding and engagement.

"Baylor Athletics will continue to support, promote and reflect the university's Christian educational mission as outlined in Pro Futuris through its staff, student-athletes and nationally competitive intercollegiate athletics programs," McCaw said. "We strive to be the nation's premier Christian intercollegiate athletic program, one that is recognized nationally and within the Big 12 Conference as a program of excellence through its integrity, academic and athletic achievements."

The central goal of Baylor Athletics is to afford each student-athlete with the highest-quality academic, athletic, spiritual and social experience.

Not only should the student-athletes have a quality experience off of the field, but also they should be in an environment that produces competitive athletic success.

Baylor's values as an institution should also be reflected in its athletics experience.

Baylor student-athletes also

should be able to thrive in an environment where promotion of trust, good sporting conduct, compliance, service, equity and diversity will be established and maintained.

Aside from doing things the right way, the Baylor Athletics department would also like to increase their revenue streams, which will help ensure financial competitiveness within the Big 12 Conference.

In Waco and across the nation, Baylor would like to strengthen the Baylor brand and engage constituents in the University's life.

After Baylor experienced profound success in every sport across the board in 2011 in "Year of the Bear", Baylor would like to increase their national brand.

Part of the new plan also calls for every sport to achieve competitive success and for Baylor to be recognized as one of the nation's premier athletic programs.

In the updated athletic plan, Baylor also wants to ensure that all sports programs are provided with athletic facilities that are among the best in the Big 12 Conference and the nation.

Along with facilities, Baylor also wants to hire and retain coaches and administrators that are among the most talented in their fields.

Baylor doesn't want to just hire the best coaches, but they also want the values of the coach to reflect those of the university.

The Baylor Athletics program also wants to establish a positive, dynamic and supportive work environment for all department staff.

This means that Baylor wants to conduct professional development opportunities for administrative staff in support of building current and future athletic administration leaders.

One of the central goals of the new athletics vision is to create and maintain a culture of integrity in all aspects.

This means that Baylor will promote a Christian environment where promotion of trust, good sporting conduct, compliance, service, equity and diversity will be established and maintained.

Another responsibility of Baylor Athletics is to generate revenue to support all of the Baylor athletic teams.

Part of this responsibility for revenue includes increasing Baylor's presence in Waco.

One initiative of this five-year plan is to get Baylor signage, flags,

schedule cards and posters to be displayed in more than 1,000 Waco businesses.

Baylor also would like to increase its national presence through increased media exposure, as women's basketball senior post Brittney Griner doing at an ESPN "Car Wash" in Bristol, Conn.

Her trip includes stops at Mike and Mike (8:40 a.m. CDT), espnW, ESPN The Magazine and SportsCenter (10:40 a.m. CDT).

Afternoon activities include additional interviews and rotating through various stations which include still photography and video shoots.

You can follow her activities and get a behind-the-scenes look by following the official Twitter feed of Baylor Women's Basketball, @BaylorWBB.

This includes the completion of a 13-year grant of television rights to the Big 12 Conference schools.

Another main goal of the new five-year plan is to increase Baylor spirit and enhance the fan experience.

This includes involving more students in athletics events by strengthening the relationship between Athletics Marketing and Student Life.

"We will regularly review this plan and update it as change and new ideas occur," McCaw said. "This plan remains consistent with Baylor's mission and our vision for the future. These goals and action items are designed to provide the very best experience for Baylor's student-athletes."

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Defense attorneys asked jurors to spare Nelson's life, saying his mother neglected him, his father abused him and he was prescribed medication for attention deficit disorder.

But Nelson never got the help he needed, even after he set his mother's bed on fire when he was 3,

Tainted candy not as big a threat as traffic

By **BETH J. HARPAZ**
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NEW YORK — Hey, mom and dad: Halloween's not really all that scary — except when it comes to traffic safety.

Despite warnings about tainted candy, candle fires and even child abductions, real Halloween headlines are rarely about any of those things. Instead, tragedies related to the holiday typically involve trick-or-treaters hit by cars. Fortunately even those accidents are relatively few in number.

And here's something that might surprise you. A study published in 2010 in the *Journal of the American Academy of Pediatrics* found that the most emergency room visits involving children around Halloween are related to sports.

The report stated nearly 18 percent of injuries on Halloween were to the finger and hand, and a third of those were lacerations, with some likely resulting from pumpkin-carving. But the report added that "a much higher proportion of injuries that occurred on Halloween were associated with sports, including football and basketball, than with knives."

Which is not to say parents should spend Oct. 31 relaxing. (Are parents ever allowed to relax?) Obviously, you need to know where kids are, monitor candy hauls, and make sure they can see out of their masks and won't trip on their costumes. But here are some statistics to provide a reality check on what's

and never learned how to get along with others and not hurt people.

Referring to Nelson's childhood, defense attorney Bill Ray said the initial decisions "that put him on a track for permanent derailment were beyond his control, and if that's not a mitigating factor, I don't know what is."

really scary about Halloween.

TAINTED CANDY: URBAN LEGEND VS. REALITY

Of course you should enjoy goodie bags and make sure kids avoid treats that aren't sealed.

But know this: "There isn't any case of a child killed or injured from a contaminated treat picked up in the course of trick or treating," according to Joel Best, a professor at the University of Delaware who has extensively researched the subject.

Best says there have been more than 100 reports of tainted treats going back to 1958, but they include a father who poisoned his child to collect insurance money, incidents where someone gave out booby-trapped goodies but nobody was injured, and cases where kids had food allergies.

CAR ACCIDENTS

According to statistics from the U.S. Department of Transportation, in four out of six years between 2006 and 2010, more pedestrians under the age of 21 were killed by cars on Oct. 31 than on Oct. 30 or Nov. 1.

The numbers are small: A total of 16 deaths took place on Oct. 31 during those five years, compared to 11 on Oct. 30 and 10 on Nov. 1.

But a quick survey of news stories from 2011 suggests that traffic safety on Halloween is one area where parental vigilance is warranted. One way to increase pedestrian visibility on Halloween: Have kids carry a flashlight or glowstick, or add glow-in-the-dark necklaces or reflective tape to costumes.

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had been a terrorist attack, but Obama said he had said so the day after in an appearance in the Rose Garden outside the White House.

When moderator Candy Crowley of CNN said the president had in fact done so, Obama, prompted, "Say that a little louder, Candy."

Secretary of State Hillary Clinton has taken responsibility for the death of Ambassador L. Christopher Stevens and three other Americans, but Obama said bluntly, "I'm the president, and I'm always responsible."

Romney said it was "troubling" that Obama continued with a campaign event in Las Vegas on the day after the attack in Libya, an event he said had "symbolic signifi-

cance and perhaps even material significance."

Obama seemed to bristle.

He said it was offensive for anyone to allege that he or anyone in his administration had used the incident for political purposes. "That's not what I do."

Brandon Waltens, a sophomore from Keller who is the chairman for the Baylor chapter of the Young Conservatives of Texas, said that Romney's strongest part of the debate came while discussing the situation in Libya.

"It was a question that a lot of people wanted to hear about," Waltens said. "I think he did a good job of pointing out the president's failure to respond to

the event."

Plano senior Adaobi Ekweani, president of the Baylor Democrats, said that Obama's strongest argument came during the discussion regarding pay equality for women.

"Obama has made legislation that will pave the way for such things," Ekweani said. "He's actively fighting it. Thus far, Mitt Romney hasn't shown the American people that he legitimately cares for this issue besides lip service."

Ekweani said that Obama accomplished one of his main goals for the debate: going on the offensive against Romney.

"The same information was said in both debates," Ekweani said. "The difference was that he was

much more on the offensive and much less on the defensive."

"He knew that he had something to gain," Ekweani said.

Waltens said while Obama was more aggressive in the debate, it will do little to help his arguments.

"He can change the way he debates, he can be more aggressive," Waltens said. "What he can't change is the fact that he doesn't have the facts on his side."

"I think the more people see Mitt Romney debating like this, the more they like him," Waltens added.

Lariat reporters Travis Taylor and Jessica Chia contributed to this story.

Police probe child protection agency in case where Texas infant girl died

By **BETSY BLANEY**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LUBBOCK — Police have launched a rare investigation of the Texas child protection agency after a 22-month-old girl died and her mother claimed her military husband's deployment overseas left her too stressed to care for their three children.

Abilene police Chief Stan Standridge said in an emailed statement Tuesday that the department began investigating the local Child Protective Services office after "certain CPS supervisors" refused to cooperate with officers investigating the Aug. 28 death of Tamryn Klapheke.

The girl died at an Abilene hospital after being found unresponsive at her home at Dyess Air Force Base.

She weighed only 17.5 pounds and her body had chemical burns, indicating she had been exposed to human waste, according to a preliminary autopsy report from the Tarrant County Medical Examiner's Office in Fort Worth. It said

Tamryn suffered dehydration and malnutrition from a lack of basic care over a period of time.

Her mother, Tiffany Nicole Klapheke, faces three felony charges of injury to child.

After her arrest, she claimed she was too stressed by her husband's deployment to care for their three young children.

Agency spokesman Patrick Crimmins said a Child Protective Services caseworker assigned to investigate allegations of medical neglect against Klapheke closed the case soon after being promoted to supervisor and just six days before Tamryn died.

In doing so, the employee violated agency guidelines that require a final face-to-face visit and someone else to sign off on the closure, he said.

"You want to see the family again because you don't know what might have changed since you saw them," Crimmins said.

The employee hadn't seen the family in about 10 months when she closed the case, he said. She resigned a couple of weeks after

Tamryn died.

Her former supervisor, who oversaw the investigation of the allegations, has been disciplined, he added.

"It was a bad case, admittedly," Crimmins said, referring to how it was handled. "There's no question about that."

He said a criminal investigation of the agency was "rare" and that "we are cooperating fully with Abilene police."

Phone numbers listed in the former caseworker's name were either disconnected or had a continuous busy signal Tuesday.

Standridge and Taylor County District Attorney John Eidson declined to say what charges police are considering.

However, Standridge said officers executed a search warrant on the local CPS office and a supervisor's home and car Tuesday morning after finding probable cause to suggest documents and other evidence existed to support allegations of evidence tampering.

Eidson said earlier in the day that "there is more than one per-

son" being investigated at the office.

Klapheke remained jailed Tuesday in lieu of \$500,000 bond. Jail records did not list an attorney for her.

Her two other daughters, ages 6 months and 3 years when Tamryn died, were treated for severe neglect at a children's hospital in Fort Worth, about 150 miles east of Abilene. They are now in foster care, Crimmins said.

There was a backlog of cases in the Abilene office at the time of the toddler's death due to a shortage of caseworkers, he said. Instead of 16 caseworkers, there were six.

There's a shortage of caseworkers statewide, he said, and chronic turnover is an issue. As of Oct. 12, the state had 1,495 case workers — more than 400 less than it should have, he said.

"We're, frankly, caught in a pretty vicious cycle," Crimmins said.

Klapheke's husband, Thomas, filed for divorce last week. His attorney's office said there would be no comment on the case.

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