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### Pinkies up

Diane Gottsman will present a professional networking dinner at 6 p.m. March 25 in the Barfield Drawing Room of the Bill Daniel Student Center. Students will learn professional dining and etiquette skills and get the chance to network with recruiters. The registration fee is \$5. For more information and to register, visit [www.hireabear.com](http://www.hireabear.com).



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# BU unites to talk poverty in Africa

By BROOKE BAILEY  
REPORTER

Africa's growing economic opportunities will be the center of discussion this week at the Global Business Forum. The activities throughout the week will provide students the opportunity to get involved in the discussion about Africa with experts from various fields.

Baylor and the McBride Center for International Business hold the annual forum every spring. This year, the forum is titled: "Emerging Africa: Poverty Reduction and Wealth Creation."

Most people hear about trouble in Africa, said Dr. Steve Gardner, chairman of the economics department and director of the McBride Center for International Business.

Gardner said people need to know about the business opportunities and

economic development that Africa has to offer.

"The purpose of the forum is to make Baylor students aware of what is going on in Africa," he said.

It's not a traditional academic conference, where presentations are solely aimed at people in a certain field, Gardner said. The presentations and lectures are designed for any Baylor students interested in Africa.

"Even though it's organized by the business school, anyone who's interested in doing something with Africa should come," he said.

The forum started Monday with a film screening about 10 companies in Africa titled "Africa Open for Business." Panel discussions, guest speakers, a dinner and a luncheon are in the line-up for the rest

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INFO GRAPHIC BY MONICA LAKE



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## Flip and fly

Colorado Springs, Colo., freshman Josh Lewis does tricks on his skateboard Monday on Baylor Avenue. Skateboarding has become a preferred means of transportation and entertainment among students in the past few years, possibly due to the increase in gas prices.

# StuGov applications now available to BU students

By PHILLIP ERICKSEN  
REPORTER

Applications are now available to join student government elections. They can be found at [www.baylor.edu/sg](http://www.baylor.edu/sg) and are due by 5 p.m. March 28. Applications are also available in the student government office in the first floor of the Student Union Building. Applications can be turned in to the student government office.

"It's a great way to represent the students," San Antonio junior senator Stephen Bell said. "It's giv-

en me a great opportunity to represent my fellow classmates, as well as to work with administration to find common ground on issues pertaining to student needs."

Student government also provides an opportunity for students to come together while serving the greater student body. All students are eligible to apply.

As stated in the Student Body Constitution, officer duties include acting as a spokesperson to students and helping plan projects.

"It's given me a platform to

voice my views and to voice my constituents' views," San Antonio junior senator Grant Senter said. "Student government gives you the chance to voice other students' opinions to build a better Baylor and to build a better Waco."

All student body, senate and class officer positions are open for applications. For more information on any of the positions, refer to the Student Body Constitution.

"I really encourage everyone to give it a try," Bell said. "This is an exciting time for Baylor."

# Future student rentals aim to inspire growth

By TAYLOR REXRODE  
STAFF WRITER

A Baylor graduate is opening a new student housing apartment community just off the south side of campus. When it opens during the fall of 2014, this complex will be near campus, with 718 beds and 257 apartment units.

The project was developed by 1985 Baylor alumnus Brad Copeland, founder and owner of Copeland Commercial, who said the project at his alma mater should inspire growth within the neighborhood.

The View, which will be built on the corner of Tenth Street and Speight Avenue, is a collaborative project between University Student Living, Limited Liability Company and Copeland Commercial, LLC.

"I think this project is going to really improve the neighborhood and hopefully provide a catalyst to the gentrification of the entire area," Copeland said.

Vertical construction on The View will begin in April and leasing for fall 2014 occupancy will start in September 2013.

Students will have options for one-, two- and four-bedroom units. These units will be fully furnished with a bureau, desk and full-sized beds for each room, as well as a flat-screen television, a sofa, end tables and a coffee table in the living room. Each bedroom

will have its own bathroom, and kitchens will include a refrigerator, oven, microwave and dishwasher. Other amenities include a washer and dryer in the units, a parking garage for tenants and guests, an approximately 1,800 square foot swimming pool with cabana lounges, outdoor barbecue areas, an Internet café, a comprehensive fitness center and tanning facilities.

Copeland said he is glad to be back in Waco engaging with Baylor.

"It's been fun to re-engage with some of the faculty and administration at Baylor," Copeland said. "Baylor has been great to work with through this entire development process. We wanted to make sure we had their full support, so I've kept them informed every step of the way."

The rent price for the View was undetermined at the time of publication, but Copeland said rents will be "competitive with the market."

Dale McCullough, director of marketing for University Student Living, said producing high-end student living with an awareness of cost is part of the company's mission.

"Our mission is to provide exceptional student living at the best value we possibly can," McCullough said. "We are well aware

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MATT HELLMAN | LARIAT PHOTO EDITOR

In fall of 2014, a new 257-unit apartment complex called The View will be constructed at the corner of 10th Street and Speight Avenue where the Varsity Square apartments once stood.



# Students need syllabuses before registration

## Editorial

One of the most stressful parts of the semester is registering for classes.

Registering has several parts: first you meet with your adviser, or advisers if you're in certain programs, then you must stalk Bearweb carefully to see what times and professors are available for the classes you need. Maybe you check out the reputation of your potential professors online at sites like ratemyprofessors.com.

Once you hammer out your perfect schedule and register, it should be smooth sailing from there, right? Wrong.

Although brief descriptions are offered for classes prior to registration, students don't have access to anything like a syllabus before the semester starts. There is nothing more frustrating than taking all this time to sift through the thousands of classes and sections of classes that Baylor offers only to get into class the first day and find out the class description you saw before you started class was severely misleading.

Instructors should post syllabuses for the sections and classes they're teaching prior to the earliest registration date so that students know what they're getting into before they commit. That way, once the first day rolls around, there are no incompatible expectations or surprise expenses.

Because every teacher is different, this means that even intro courses are going to be different from one another. A brief, one-size-fits-all-class description can't possibly do any course justice.

Take a basic English class, for example. Some professors will focus more on writing and require lots of essays, while others will focus on reading and discussion. Depending on a student's learning style, he or she could excel with one of these teaching styles and crash and burn with another. It would be greatly beneficial to students if some basic syllabus was offered with each course.

Futhermore, many courses at Baylor require outside activities that take up time that many students have already devoted to other things. Because many students already dedicate their out-of-class time to work, sports, volunteering, etc., it can be hard to rearrange schedules for last-minute class requirements. The best way to prepare students is to let them know ahead of time — before the start of the semester. That way, students can alter work schedules or avoid classes that

require out-of-class commitments they can't make. A syllabus for each course posted before the start of the semester will warn students before they commit and should contain the basic requirements.

It should also warn students of any expenses not covered in the list of required texts, art supplies, for example, which can be expensive. These expenses should not be sprung on students at the beginning of the semester — not after they've already taken out financial aid and may need to live on a tight budget.

Letting students know what they get into beforehand can only benefit students, professors and administrators. Fewer students will need to drop courses, having a good idea of the course requirements and costs upfront. Think about it, students: You won't have to scramble to fill the necessary hours left by a dropped course.

So please, Baylor, reconsider your system of syllabuses.

Please offer students a detailed calendar and syllabus that tell us exactly what is required in the way of course materials, outside activities and class content before we commit to a class.

This will allow students to adequately prepare for the semester and not have to scramble at the last minute to figure out how to succeed in a course they weren't equipped for.



### Correction

In the article titled, “Blinded to spark discussion on diversity at BU,” which ran on March 8, the date of the Tunnel of Oppression should be Wednesday March 20.

Also, Baylor International Justice Mission and Student Government would like to clarify that they are not asking students to stand for 27 hours. The event is happening over a span of 27 hours and there will be speakers, musicians and games during this time-span.

Students can come and go as they please. Students can participate for as little or long as they like to donate to the cause.

The Lariat regrets the error.

The Baylor Lariat is committed to ensuring fair and accurate reporting and will correct errors of substance on Page 2.

Corrections can be submitted to the editor by sending an e-mail to [Lariat\\_letters@baylor.edu](mailto:Lariat_letters@baylor.edu) or by calling 254-710-1712.

## ESPN highlights unequally

Sports media is dominated by ESPN. Its round-the-clock coverage on Sportscenter, paired with its engaging talk shows, such as “First Take” and “Pardon the Interruption,” constantly serves multitudes of sports fans around the world.

Though ESPN has always been my go-to channel when turning on the TV, lately it's been disappointing.

If one were to predict before this NBA season that the largest sports conglomerate in the world would consistently cover, analyze and debate an underachieving, below-.500 team, that person would sound ridiculous.

However, that indeed is what's been happening for months now. The Los Angeles Lakers, usually a Western Conference contender, continue to struggle mightily due to injuries, lack of team chemistry and coaching issues.

ESPN continues to devote time on Sportscenter and its other shows to the Lakers. From press conferences to player tweets, every aspect of the team's season is discussed on a daily basis.

To the average sports fan craving a wide variety of sports coverage, constant Lakers news gets a little old, especially when other teams around the NBA see great success.

The Spurs, for example, are continuing their dominance. The Thunder are shortly behind in second place. Even the Milwaukee Bucks have better playoff chances

than the Lakers. In fact, more than half of the league has better playoff chances, yet none of these teams get the media attention they deserve.

This leads us to the obvious question: Why do the Lakers get so much attention?

Los Angeles is a big media market. It's a hotbed of Hollywood celebrities and constant drama. The team is similar.



Philip Ericksen | Reporter

Kobe Bryant, easily one of the best basketball players of all time, provides flashy highlights and intense competitiveness. Metta World Peace, formerly Ron Artest, is an off-the-rails character who seems to always have suspension looming.

Dwight Howard and Steve Nash are also newcomers with suc-

cessful pasts and high expectations that aren't panning out.

Their former coach, former Cavaliers coach Mike Brown, was fired after only a few games and replaced by Mike D'Antoni, an offensive guru.

Though the storylines seem countless, any other struggling, small-town team would not be getting the attention. We've actually seen this before from ESPN.

The New York Jets finished this season 6-10, but gained arguably the most coverage of any other team.

As with the Lakers, the combination of big market (East Rutherford) and big names (Tim Tebow, Mark Sanchez, Rex Ryan) kept the Jets constantly in the news.

There's no stopping this trend. Maybe Americans just like to see teams with high expectations fail.

Maybe it's an inherent trait to anticipate losses in situations like these, and we love to constantly hear about our correctness.

All in all, I'm sure the Spurs and Thunder prefer where they stand at the ESPN headquarters in Bristol, Conn.

They remain under the radar, quietly winning games and securing prime playoff positions.

And as of now, every Lakers fan would give up even a small amount of media attention for some wins.

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## Combs envisions goal for government transparency

Government transparency may often seem to be an elusive ideal. Texas Comptroller Susan Combs, however, is leading the way toward achieving this goal with common-sense solutions and a bold vision.

I had an opportunity to interview Combs before she spoke on a panel at the Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC) titled “Has Atlas Shrugged? Business in America.” “Atlas Shrugged,” a famous, influential book by philosopher Ayn Rand, describes the dangerous consequences in a society that demonizes business and financial success. John Galt, the hero, finally stands up to the oppression by starting a new society that values success and innovation.

According to Combs, while speaking on the panel, “John Galt lives in Texas.” The economic statistics certainly support her claim. Texas has cut spending, balanced the budget and still maintained a “rainy day fund” for use in critical situations.

“With what's going on in this administration, I thought that

it sounded an awful lot like the themes in ‘Atlas Shrugged,’” Combs told me. “This particular government seems to really have it in for business, seems to have it in for risk-takers, seems to have it in for people in the private sector.”

When government oppresses business and demands higher taxes, citizens have a very difficult time finding out where their money goes. Combs wants this to change.

She is fighting for a revolutionary program that will require local governments in Texas to post information online about how tax revenue is spent. Data regarding education spending, local debt obligations and public pensions will be available for all citizens to view and analyze. “My hope is that I'm going to try to raise the consciousness of every single Texan in the state to let them know that it's your money,” she said.

This isn't just talk. After only four days in office, Combs posted all of her own agency's expenditures online, “down to the pencil

level.” Within six months, she had done the same for all state agencies.

The first hearings on her new proposals, House Bill 14 and Senate Bill 14, took place yesterday. The leading opposition to the bills comes from local governments citing difficulties in posting the information. To dispel these criticisms, Combs is implementing innovative strategies. She incorporates the use of Facebook and offers free website design for any local government that needs help preparing the information. “It is inexcusable in 2013 that we cannot find out about every single tax dime,” she said.

With these transformative new programs, Combs hopes other states will soon follow Texas' example. “We are leading the way in terms of transparency,” she told me. “We had 30 states contact us about how we put this up.”

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## Lariat Letters: Internet piracy is unacceptable

If I correctly understood the intended message of the Lariat's editorial — “Waging War Against Piracy is Useless” on March 8 — I must vehemently disagree. Piracy may be a bad and regrettable “fact of life” but so are many social ills.

Decorum prevents my mentioning all such “facts of life” but the list would include violent crimes, robbery, racism, identity theft, bullying, and so on. Are we to stop fighting those social ills because they are “facts of life”?

For reasons that escape me, theft of intangible assets seems more “acceptable” to many, than theft of tangible property, though

the effort to create the two types need not differ at all.

Imagine spending hours, weeks or years (and your own money) to produce products for sale, only to have them all stolen from your home or place of business. Would you suggest to anyone that they should not call the police about the burglary - “burglary is just a fact of life”?

I would add that the excuse of “everyone does it” only works until one is caught. I believe it irresponsible for anyone to, in essence, advocate illegal and clearly immoral activity based to any extent on such a premise.

In private practice, I represent many whose livelihoods depend on the protection of their intellectual property. I provide many such services pro bono, because some cannot afford to pay my usual fees (in part, because of piracy). The victims of piracy are real human beings, and I wish all could see them as I do in real life, with real losses, real pain, and all-too-often real failure as otherwise successful artists, inventors and authors.

Think before you pirate.

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# Legislature looks to reform school-to-prison pipeline

By MICHAEL BRICK  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUSTIN — Arturo Alviter Balderrama lost his focus, his grade point average and eventually his freedom. But his troubles had deeper roots.

“At 13, I found myself using low-level drugs for fun,” Arturo, 17, told a legislative committee last month. “After about a year I had moved on to more serious drugs and found myself running with the wrong crowd.”

In Texas, lawmakers are at the center of a national movement to reform the discipline system known as the school-to-prison pipeline. The cause has drawn bipartisan support with tales of citations issued for truancy, gum-chewing and possession of scissors. The proposed reforms focus on removing criminal sanctions for youthful behavior.

For kids like Arturo, though, mental health plays a complex, important and largely overlooked role in the struggle to emerge from adolescence on a solid path. Following his brother’s example, Arturo said, he slipped into serious drug abuse. Before reaching 10th grade this year at Del Valle High School, he spent nearly a year in jail or on probation for burglary.

Among the 1,411 inmates in the custody of the Texas Juvenile Justice Department, rates of diag-

nosed mental illness now exceed rates of gang membership, according to records obtained by The Associated Press through the state’s open records law. Nearly 1,100 cases involve substance abuse or dependence. Aside from that broad category, the most prevalent single diagnosis is conduct disorder, with 770 cases.

The agency declined to specify how many diagnoses overlap. But experts say the numbers underscore a problem beyond the criminalization of horseplay.

“So many instances of misbehavior in the schools are examples of kids with diagnosed or undiagnosed forms of mental illness,” said Michele Deitch, a senior lecturer on criminal justice policy at the University of Texas. “The misbehavior is oftentimes a symptom of the mental illness.”

Nationally, the campaign to reform school discipline has united such disparate groups as the American Civil Liberties Union and the conservative Americans for Tax Reform.

It gained momentum from a landmark 2011 study by the Council of State Governments.

The study, “Breaking Schools’ Rules,” focused on a million public school students in Texas, finding that a majority had been suspended or expelled at some point. Black students and students with disabilities were more likely to be

removed from the classroom. And students who were expelled were more likely to end up in the criminal justice system, the study found.

While civil rights groups focused on the inequity, conservatives cast the issue as a matter of fiscal responsibility.

“Misbehavior that leads to disruption in the classroom does not warrant a \$500 Class C misdemeanor ticket and subsequent trip to municipal court,” the conservative power broker Grover Norquist wrote in a letter to the Texas Legislature last week. “An after-school detention or two, for example, should do the trick just fine, without great cost to taxpayers or overburdening our courts.”

The state education commissioner, Michael Williams, has expressed support for the cause, seeking more authority to intervene in districts with high rates of suspensions and expulsions.

Much of the proposed legislation has derived from recommendations by the Texas Judicial Council, which sets policy for the state’s courts. Criminal justice reformers are tracking 18 different proposals to decriminalize classroom offenses, plus others that would address fines, record-keeping, pretrial detention periods and deferral of prosecution.

Sen. John Whitmire, chairman of the Committee on Criminal Justice, has filed a bill that would



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Arturo Alviter Balderrama, a 17-year-old 10th grader, poses outside the Communities in Schools office on Monday at Del Valle High School in Del Valle. Alviter Balderrama says a substance abuse counseling program affiliated with Communities in Schools helped him get off drugs and get back on track in his studies.

replace criminal penalties for truancy with progressive sanctions including warning letters, behavior contracts and school-based community service. Whitmire’s proposal has drawn opposition from education administrators, whose job performance ratings are increasingly connected to dropout rates and test scores.

“We want the students to be successful,” said Archie McAfee, executive director of the Texas

Association of Secondary School Principals. “Sometimes students have to be put in situations where they know there’s a penalty if they miss school.”

But those who work closely with young offenders say the decriminalization movement fails to account for the full scope of the problem. In the confusion of adolescence, they say, signs of mental illness are easily overlooked or misinterpreted, even by well-inten-

tioned parents and teachers. “Substance abuse is a huge factor,” said Tricia Anglea, a UT researcher who works with teenage offenders at the Travis County Correctional Facility. “The problem is that in those beginning phases we are being punitive as opposed to being therapeutic. It’s really difficult when a child is sitting in front of you and swearing and cussing at you to remember that this is a child.”

# State lawmaker issues public apology for late-night DWI arrest

By WILL WEISSERT  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUSTIN — A Democratic state lawmaker arrested for drunken driving offered an emotional apology on the floor of the Texas House on Monday, drawing a standing ovation and flowers from her colleagues.

Naomi Gonzalez of El Paso crashed her BMW into another car, which then hit a bicyclist around 2 a.m. Thursday. Gonzalez, the other

driver and the cyclist all went to the hospital with minor injuries. The 34-year-old was charged with driving while intoxicated.

Gonzalez sought special permission to address her colleagues and said she did so “with a heavy heart.” She explained that the crash occurred as she drove alone to her Austin apartment and, “I want to be clear about this: I made a mistake and I am deeply, deeply sorry for it.”

“I am sorry for the shame I have

brought upon this House and my district,” Gonzalez said. She added that ongoing legal issues prevented her from saying much about the incident, but that she was glad no one was seriously injured.

“To them and to you, family, friends, colleagues and constituents, I ask for your understanding and I pledge that nothing like this will happen again,” Gonzalez said, her voice cracking. She also thanked constituents and lawmakers for their support and patience.

Lawmakers applauded loudly, eventually climbing to their feet. Some gave Gonzalez hugs and high-fives. Flowers were left on her desk in the chamber.

Gonzalez is not the first state lawmaker to face criminal charges while in office, though addressing the Legislature to apologize is less common.

Not everyone deemed the gesture appropriate. The Texas chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Driving lamented the appearance, saying

it made someone charged with drunk driving and injuring others into a victim.

Bill Lewis, public policy liaison for Texas MADD, said he understood House members supporting Gonzalez and wouldn’t expect them to sit silent as she apologized.

“But cut out the flowers,” he said. “That’s over the top.”

Gonzalez, an attorney who formerly worked in the domestic violence unit of the El Paso County attorney’s office, was first elected in

2010 and serves on a House Ethics Committee. She had been seen as a rising Democratic star in the Texas House and was named freshman of the year by the Mexican-American Legislative Caucus last session.

In a statement Friday night — more than 24 hours after word of Gonzalez’s arrest first broke — the Texas House Democratic Caucus released a statement calling the incident “unfortunate” and asking that Gonzalez’s privacy and that of the other victims be respected.

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University of Central Florida police block off a street near the Tower 1 dorm after explosive devices were found by authorities investigating the apparent suicide of a college student in the dorm, Monday in Orlando Fla.

# UCF: Dead student planned larger attack

## Off-campus shooting still under investigation

By KYLE HIGHTOWER  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ORLANDO, Fla. — A University of Central Florida drop-out planned an attack on campus but committed suicide in a dorm before carrying it out, authorities said Monday.

Materials found in his dorm room made it appear that 30-year-old James Oliver Seevakumaran planned a wider attack, authorities said in a news conference.

Seevakumaran pulled a gun on another student, who then called police, said University of Central Florida Police Chief Richard Beary. He then killed himself with a shot to the head moments later as police

*“His time line got off. We think the rapid response of law enforcement may have changed his ability to think quickly on his feet.”*

Richard Beary | UFC Police Chief

officers were responding to the call.

“His time line got off,” Beary said. “We think the rapid response of law enforcement may have changed his ability to think quickly on his feet.”

UCF spokesman Grant Heston said the university was in the process of removing Seevakumaran from the dorm before Monday. Four makeshift explosive devices were found in a back pack, and Beary said he believes that Seevakumaran pulled a fire alarm in the dorm to get other students out in the open for an attack.

Seevakumaran’s roommates told detectives that he had shown anti-social behavior but had never expressed any violent tendencies, Beary said.

According to Florida records, his only adult arrest in the state was in 2006 for driving with a suspended license.

He pleaded no contest. He was fined \$105 and assigned court costs of \$223.

University police were called to the Tower I building around 12:20 a.m. after a fire alarm went off. Around the same time, the 911 call came in about a man with a gun.

Investigators said they discovered two guns and the makeshift explosives in the room where Seevakumaran was found dead.

About 500 students were evacuated from the building and morning classes were canceled.

# New York plan: Keeping tobacco out of view

By JENNIFER PELTZ  
AND MEGHAN BARR  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Cigarettes would have to be kept out of sight in New York City stores under a first-in-the-nation plan unveiled by Mayor Michael Bloomberg on Monday, igniting complaints from tobacco companies and smokers who said they’ve had enough with the city’s crackdowns.

Shops from corner stores to supermarkets would have to keep tobacco products in cabinets, drawers, under the counter, behind a curtain or in other concealed spots.

Officials also want to stop shops from taking cigarette coupons and honoring discounts, and are proposing a minimum price for cigarettes, though it’s below what the going rate is in much of the city now.

Anti-smoking advocates and health experts hailed the proposals as a bold effort to take on a habit that remains the leading preventable cause of death in a city that already has helped impose the highest cigarette taxes in the country, barred smoking in restaurants, bars, parks and beaches and launched sometimes graphic advertising campaigns about the effects of smoking.

The ban on displaying cigarettes follows similar laws in Iceland, Canada, England and Ireland, but it would be the first such measure in the U.S.

It’s aimed at discouraging young people from smoking.

“Such displays suggest that smoking is a normal activity,” Bloomberg said. “And they invite young people to experiment with tobacco.”

But smokers and cigarette sellers said the measure was overreaching.

“I don’t disagree that smoking itself is risky, but it’s a legal product,” said Audrey Silk, who’s affiliated with a smokers-rights group that has sued the city over previous regulations. “Tobacco’s been normal for centuries. ... It’s what he’s doing that’s not normal.”

Slated to be introduced to the City Council on Wednesday, the anti-smoking proposal was also a sign that a mayor who has built a reputation as a public health crusader isn’t backing off after a high-profile setback last week, when a

judge struck down the city’s novel effort to ban supersized, sugary drinks. The city is appealing that decision.

“We’re doing these health things to save lives,” he said Monday.

Bloomberg, a billionaire who also has given \$600 million of his own money to anti-smoking efforts around the world, began taking on tobacco use shortly after he became mayor in 2002.

Adult smoking rates have since fallen by nearly a third — from 21.5 percent in 2002 to 14.8 percent in 2011, Health Commissioner Dr. Thomas Farley said.

But the youth rate has remained flat, at 8.5 percent, since 2007. Some 28,000 city public high school students tried smoking for the first time in 2011, city officials say.

Keeping cigarettes under wraps could help change that, anti-smoking advocates say, citing studies that link exposure to smoking with starting it.

While some of the research focuses on cigarette advertising, an English study of 11-to-15-year-olds published last month in the journal Tobacco Control found that simply noticing tobacco products on display every time a youth visited a shop raised the odds he or she would at least try smoking by threefold, compared to peers who never noticed the products.

“What’s exciting about this (New York City proposal) is that this is the most comprehensive set of tobacco-control regulations that affect stores or the retail outlets,” said Kurt Ribisi, a professor of public health and cancer prevention specialist at the University of North Carolina.

Moreover, cigarettes’ visibility can trigger impulse buys by smokers who are trying to quit, he and city officials say.

The American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network, the American Lung Association, other anti-smoking groups and several City Council members applauded Bloomberg’s announcement, made at a Queens hospital. City Council Speaker Christine Quinn, who largely controls what goes to a vote, said through her office that she “supports the goal of these bills” but noted they would get a full review.

Measures in other countries have been coupled with bars on



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A new anti-smoking proposal would make New York City the first city in the nation to keep tobacco products out of sight in retail stores. Mayor Michael Bloomberg says the goal is to reduce the youth smoking rate. The legislation would require stores to keep tobacco products in cabinets, drawers, under the counter, behind a curtain or in another concealed spot.

in-store advertising, but those nations have different legal standards around advertising and free speech.

The New York proposal would still allow shops to display cigarette advertising and signs saying tobacco products were sold, raising the question of how effective it will be just to put the products under wraps.

But convenience store owners fear it could affect their business, by potentially leaving customers uncertain whether the shop carries their favorite brand and making them wait while a proprietor digs out a pack, said Jeff Lenard, a spokesman for the National Association of Convenience stores.

“It slows down the transaction, and our name is convenience stores,” he said.

Jay Kim, who owns a Manhattan deli on 34th Street, saw the proposal as a bid to net fines.

“I know the city wants to collect money,” he said at his store, where packs of cigarettes can be seen behind the counter, along with numerous signs warning of the dangers of smoking and prohibiting sales to minors.

Bloomberg, for his part, emphasized that collecting money was “not the reason.”

The displays would be checked

as part of the shops’ normal city inspections; information on the potential penalties wasn’t immediately available Monday night. Repeated violations of some of the other provisions, including the minimum-price and coupon ban, could get a store shuttered.

Stores that make more than half their revenue from tobacco products would be exempt from the display ban.

Customers under 18, the legal age for buying cigarettes in New York, are barred from such stores without parents.

While the federal government regulates tobacco, states have some say in rules surrounding how it’s sold.

Several of New York City’s smoking regulations have survived court challenges. But a federal appeals court said last year that the city couldn’t force tobacco retailers to display gruesome images of diseased lungs and decaying teeth.

In that case, the court ruled that the federal government gets to decide how to warn people about the dangers of smoking.

The nation’s largest tobacco company said the latest proposal also was too much.

“To the extent that this proposed law would ban the display of products to adult tobacco con-

sumers, we believe it goes too far,” said David Sutton, a spokesman for Richmond, Va.-based Altria Group Inc., parent company of Philip Morris USA, which makes the top-selling Marlboro brand.

The company supported federal legislation that in 2009 gave the Food and Drug Administration the power to regulate tobacco products, which includes various retail restrictions, Sutton noted.

New York City smokers already face some of the highest cigarette prices in the country.

With city and state taxes totaling \$5.85 a pack, it’s not uncommon for a pack to cost \$13 or more in Manhattan.

The proposed minimum price is \$10.50, including taxes; city officials said it was aimed largely at clamping down on sales of smuggled and untaxed cigarettes.

Other public health measures Bloomberg has championed include pressuring restaurants to use less salt and add calorie counts to menus, and banning artificial trans fats from restaurant meals.

Jennifer Bailey, smoking as she waited for a bus on 34th Street, was no fan of the proposed tobacco restrictions or Bloomberg’s other public health initiatives.

“It’s like New York has become a ... dictatorship,” she said.



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# Lohan accepts plea deal that includes 90 days in rehab

“Don’t drive,” he said.

Instead she has faced judges who have sentenced her to rehab and counseling, which even her current attorney acknowledges have not completely helped the

Lohan, who's had a strained relationship with his daughter over the years, was restrained by his attorney and separated from Heller.



Lohan has been under some form of probation since her 2007 convictions and has been repeatedly sent to jail and rehab for

Lohan relocated to New York after work on the movie was complete, but her return to her childhood home has had its share of

Police also had to be called to Lohan's childhood home on Long Island after a report of a fight between her and her mother. An investigation revealed what authorities called "no criminality."

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17 2012 Baseball Hall of Fame inductee

19 Not too bright

20 Volume of maps

21 Versailles ruler

22 Plucky movie pig

23 Michelle, to Barack

24 Best Supporting Actor nominee for "Argo"

27 Patio furniture repairman

28 Expressive music subgenre

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37 Modern, in Munich

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40 Hee-hawing critter

41 Watchdogs from Japan

42 Get snippy with

43 Unrefined find

44 Superhero duds

45 Iowa senator since 1985

51 Elevator innovator

52 "Can I get a word in?"

53 D-backs, on scoreboards

54 Formal decrees

56 Party coffeemaker

57 Al Pacino's "Sea of Love" co-star

60 Statistical data: Abbr.

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George Strait performs for the crowd at the Intrust Bank Arena in Wichita, Kans. Feb. 18. Strait set a Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo record for concert attendance Sunday at Reliant Stadium.

# Rodeo impresses fans with music and cowboys

## Country legend George Strait breaks rodeo record with farewell performance Sunday night

By ALEXA BRACKIN  
NEWS EDITOR

The cowboy rode away all right. The “King” took with him the all-time paid attendance record for both the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo and Reliant Stadium.

A record-breaking 80,020 concertgoers came from far and wide Sunday to see George Strait, along with Martina McBride and The Randy Rogers Band, in what was proclaimed as his final RodeoHouston performance. This record-shattering milestone marked his 21st appearance at the rodeo.

“George Strait is a country music legend,” said Leroy Schafer, chief operating officer of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, in a press release. “To include our show on his ‘The Cowboy Rides Away’ tour was truly special for our fans.

Before Sunday’s show, RodeoHouston announced that it would award an annual four-year college scholarship in Strait’s honor. The award is said to honor the legacy of Strait and his 30-year partnership and friendship with the show.

“The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo is committed to benefiting the youth of Texas through scholarships and educational programming,” Schafer said. “What better way to help young Texans pursue their dreams and to honor a true legend.”

These are not the first milestones Strait has seen the rodeo through. He broke the record for all-time paid attendance at the final show performance in the Astrodome and performed on the opening night of the rodeo in Reliant Stadium.

“George has had a lot of special moments in the 30

years since he first appeared at the show,” Schafer said. “I remember the day we flew him in as a replacement act an hour before his performance. He took the stage and quickly stole the ears of our rodeo fans.”

Before Strait blew the top off of the paid-attendance record, Go Tejano Day broke the record on March 10, with 73,305 fans making the rainy trek to the rodeo. Go Tejano Day will still hold the show record for a rodeo and concert, because Strait’s performance was a concert-only day for the show.

Other performers that reeled in the crowds included country stars Toby Keith, Gary Allan, Alan Jackson, Zac Brown Band, Brantley Gilbert, Lady Antebellum, Dierks Bentley, Tim McGraw, Jason Aldean, Kenny Chesney, Jake Owen, Blake Shelton, Luke Bryan and The Band Perry; former Disney star Demi Lovato; R&B singer Mary J. Blige; YouTube star Austin Mahone; rock legend Styx; “Just the Way You Are” singer Bruno Mars; Hispanic sensations Julion Alvarez and Los Invasores de Nuevo Leon; and rapper Pitbull.

Bryan, Shelton, Pitbull and Mars all exceeded the 75,000 attendees mark.

All of these entertainers are a part of a bigger charitable endeavor on the part of RodeoHouston. The show was organized in 1932 for educational and scientific purposes to encourage and facilitate the relationship between students and the livestock industry.

All of the money that the show brings in, with the exception of funds used to meet necessary expenses of the show’s yearly upkeep, is devoted to scholarships and educational endowments.

Since its beginning, the show has contributed more than \$330 million to students.

“George has had a lot of special moments in the 30 years since he first appeared at the show.”

Leroy Schafer | Chief Operating Officer of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo



Lambs are some of the many animals on display at the Houston Rodeo and Livestock Show

## Cowboys not just in Texas, rodeo features best in nation

By ALEXA BRACKIN  
NEWS EDITOR

RodeoHouston contestants in seven categories roped up \$1.68 million in prize money in the BP Super Series of the 2013 show that took place from Feb. 25 to Saturday.

The infamous RodeoHouston BP Super Series is an invitation-only, international event that features the top 40 cowboys and cowgirls in seven events in five three-day series; tie-down roping, bareback riding, team roping, saddle bronc riding, steer wrestling, barrel racing and bull riding.

This rodeo is unlike most others because contestants do not pay entry fees; the purse is provided entirely by RodeoHouston. Along with a pretty paycheck of more than \$50,000, all the winners walked away with a trophy saddle and a champion belt buckle. The rodeo also offered the RodeoHouston Super Shootout, on March 9, which is a one-day event that features only the champion athletes from 10 of the best rodeos in the United States and Canada. The event is the richest one-day rodeo in the world. With a total purse of \$200,000, it sent each winner home with \$25,000 and a champion buckle.

The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, which handed out more than \$2 million in total winnings this year, is the final leg of the Texas rodeo trio that includes the San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo and the Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo.

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# SEC gets only three bids to NCAA Tournament

By STEVE MEGARGEE  
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Frustrated Southeastern Conference coaches say their league is treated more like a mid-major rather than a BCS conference. The coaches said Monday the perception all year has been that the SEC was having a down year. The NCAA tournament selection committee apparently felt it was more than perception. Florida, Missouri and Mississippi earned the SEC's only three NCAA berths, the fewest of any of the six major conferences. The SEC also ranked below the Atlantic 10 and Mountain West, which earned five bids each. The SEC also sent only three teams to the tournament in 2009. Before then, the SEC hadn't received as few as three bids since 1990. One of the "things that hurt us was the impression the league's down," Kentucky head coach John Calipari said. "Everyone seems to say it. That's why I tell the coaches we've got to brag about each other. We've got to set that straight." The three berths continue the

SEC's downward trend. Kentucky, the defending national champion, tied for second place in the SEC with Alabama and Mississippi. Kentucky and Alabama still ended up in the NIT. Mississippi only got a No. 12 seed in the NCAA field after winning the SEC tournament. Tennessee head coach Cuonzo Martin predicted two weeks ago that the SEC would earn six bids to the Tournament. Martin said the SEC's three bids were an "embarrassment" after the brackets were revealed, and he didn't back down from those comments Monday. He said Tennessee, Kentucky and Alabama are "NCAA tournament teams" that landed in the NIT. "It's almost like a mid-major mentality in this league, when you've got your second-place team that doesn't get in the NCAA tournament," Martin said. "This is a BCS league. It's one of the best leagues in America. That shouldn't happen." The SEC's non-conference performance indicates it actually wasn't one of the best leagues in the nation this season.



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Kentucky head basketball coach John Calipari reacts to a call during the first half of a game against Vanderbilt in the SEC Tournament on Friday. SEC schools went a combined 15-33 against the other five major conferences and had losing records against each of them: 3-6 against the Atlantic Coast Conference, 2-5 against the Big 12, 4-13 against the Big East, 2-4 against the Big Ten, 4-5 against the Pac-12. More players were taken in the NBA draft from SEC schools than any other conference last year.

new coaches. "When you have coaching changes, when you have player turnover, when you have departures of really good players, it's going to take some time," Florida coach Billy Donovan said. "The unfortunate part with all those transitions going on is you really pay the price in November. ... What happens is your league gets labeled in November and December." Donovan believes the league got better as the season wore on, but it couldn't prove that because its members were facing one another. But it's tough for SEC teams to schedule non-conference foes later in the year, particularly now that it has adopted an 18-game league schedule. If SEC teams don't schedule quality non-conference foes later in the season, they must deliver better results against better teams early in the year. Five of the SEC's 14 teams ranked lower than 230th in non-conference strength of schedule. Not only did the SEC schedule weak teams, it occasionally lost to them.

Mississippi State fell to Alabama A&M, a Southwestern Athletic Conference team that finished 11-20. Vanderbilt lost to Marist, a Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference program that went 10-21. The importance of non-conference performance was apparent from the fact that Missouri earned a bid despite getting the No. 6 seed in the SEC tournament. Missouri beat NCAA tournament participants Illinois and VCU at neutral sites early in the season. "What happens with mid-major teams is they schedule aggressively because they know the best-case scenario to get into the NCAA tournament is you've got to go play teams," Martin said. "So maybe we need to schedule like mid-major teams." SEC coaches realize they must do something to stop the conference's declining total of NCAA bids. Their futures could depend on it. "At the rate we're going, if we don't get it corrected, in some way, shape or form, you're looking at three different new (coaches) every year" in the conference, Martin said. "Something has to give."

# Lone Star State unable to send team to tournament

By STEPHEN HAWKIN  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Texas has no teams in the NCAA tournament for the first time since 1977. When the 68-team field was announced Sunday, the Lone Star State was completely shut out. There were no Longhorns, Baylor Bears, Texas A&M Aggies, Red Raiders or Owls. And not even any Lumberjacks. Southland Conference regular-season champion Stephen F. Austin (27-4) lost its league tournament championship game and didn't get an at-large NCAA berth, and instead had to settle for a first-round

NIT game at Stanford tonight. Baylor (18-14), the NIT runner-up four years ago before two NCAA regional finals the previous three seasons, also made the 32-team NIT field. The Bears host a first-round game against Long Beach State (19-13) on Wednesday night. Prairie View (Southwestern Athletic Conference) and Texas-Arlington (WAC) also made it to their conference tournament championship games, but both also lost Saturday with automatic NCAA berths on the line. Only three years ago, Texas matched an NCAA record by sending seven teams to the tournament,

and had sent at least three teams each of the last six years. Texas also holds the record for most schools that have appeared in the tournament (23). This March, the only NCAA men's tournament action in Texas will be games played in the state. Second- and third-round games will be played this week on the University of Texas campus in Austin. The South Regional final will be played at Cowboys Stadium in Texas. Texas (16-17) had been one of only six schools to play in the NCAA tournament each of the previous 14 years, and needed the Big 12's automatic berth to keep

their streak alive. But the Longhorns lost 66-49 to 11th-ranked Kansas State in their first conference tourney game. The Longhorns went to the Final Four in 2003, and made it to regional finals in 2006 and 2008. Baylor had boosted its status for a potential at-large berth with an 81-58 victory over Big 12 champion Kansas in the regular-season finale and went to the Big 12 tourney as the No. 3 seed. But the Bears fell behind by 20 in their opener against Oklahoma State before tying the game in the final minute. The Cowboys then made two go-ahead free throws before Pierre Jackson's attempted

3-pointer at the buzzer hit off the back of the rim. Stephen F. Austin lost 68-66 to Northwestern State in the Southland Conference tournament final Saturday, the second time this season the team from Louisiana beat the Lumberjacks, who led the nation allowing only 50 points a game. Prairie View (15-19) scored the last six points in the SWAC tournament final, but lost 45-44 to Southern University. Texas-Arlington (19-13) lost 64-55 to New Mexico State in the WAC championship game. Texas A&M (18-15) completed its first SEC season by shooting a

season-low 24 percent in a 62-50 SEC tourney loss to former Big 12 rival Missouri. SMU (15-17) finished its first season with Hall of Fame coach Larry Brown and last in Conference USA by losing 16 of its last 23 games. TCU (11-21) made its Big 12 debut with new coach Trent Johnson, and its only conference wins were against Kansas and Oklahoma. Texas Tech (11-20) played this season under interim coach Chris Walker, who got that role in October, shortly before the start of the season, when Billy Gillispie abruptly resigned.

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# NYC stop-and-frisk trial gets under way

By COLLEEN LONG  
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NEW YORK — Many of the tens of thousands of New Yorkers stopped, questioned and sometimes frisked by police in the past decade were wrongly targeted because of their race, lawyers for four men who claim they were illegally stopped said Monday.

But New York Police Department lawyers countered that officers must go where the crime is — and the crime is overwhelmingly in minority neighborhoods.

A civil trial that began Monday in federal court in Manhattan will examine the police tactic that has become a city flashpoint, with mass demonstrations, City Council hearings and mayoral candidates calling for change. The lawsuit, now a class-action, seeks a court-appointed monitor to oversee changes to how the police make stops.

The courtroom and overflow rooms were packed Monday, and stop-and-frisk opponents held an afternoon rally outside the courthouse. The Rev. Jesse Jackson watched the opening statements, telling reporters outside court afterward: “I heard rationalization and justification rather than explanation from the city. They were not denying. They were justifying.”

The trial is expected to last more than a month.

The mayor and police commissioner say stop-and-frisk is a life-saving, crime-stopping tool that has helped drive crime down to record lows.

But Darius Charney, the lawyer for the four men who filed the suit in 2008, said the department is doing stops illegally and must make adjustments. He called many of the stops a “frightening and degrading experience” for “thousands if not millions” of New Yorkers.

Charney, of the Center for Constitutional Rights, called the stops “arbitrary, unnecessary and unconstitutional,” and promised that plaintiffs will show the judge “powerful testimonial and statistical evidence” that New Yorkers are routinely stopped without suspicion.

Police have made about five million stops in the past decade, of mostly black and Hispanic men. Two witnesses testified Monday, out of a dozen who say they were targeted because of their race.

One, Devin Almonor, the 16-year-old son of a police officer, said he was thrown against an unmarked car and handcuffed when

he was 13 on his way home. The other, David Floyd, testified that he was wrongly stopped twice. Both said they were testifying because they didn’t want the same injustice to happen to other people. Floyd, 33, is now a medical school student.

City lawyers sought to discredit the witnesses by suggesting their stories had evolved over the years to become more dramatic.

Officers and criminologists who have studied the statistics on street stops are also slated to testify, and lawyers plan to play hours of audio tapes made by Adrian Schoolcraft, an officer who was hauled off to a psych ward against his will after he said he refused to fill illegal quotas.

U.S. District Court Judge Shira



Protesters participate Monday in a rally near the federal courthouse in New York. The stop-and frisk method that has been widely used by the NYPD in past decades is under fire.

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# Minn. woman who lost copyright case says she can’t pay \$220,000

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MINNEAPOLIS — A Minnesota woman at the center of a long-running court fight over the unauthorized downloading of copyrighted music said there’s still no way she can pay record companies the \$222,000 judgment she owes after the U.S. Supreme Court declined to hear her appeal Monday.

The justices did not comment on their decision. Attorneys for Jammie Thomas-Rasset, of Brainerd, argued the amount was excessive.

The music industry filed thousands of lawsuits in the early to mid-2000s against people it accused of downloading music without permission and without paying for it. Almost all the cases settled for about \$3,500 apiece. Thomas-Rasset is one of only two defendants who refused to pay and went to trial. The other was former Boston University student Joel Tenenbaum, who also lost and was ordered to pay \$675,000.

The industry initially sued Thomas-Rasset in 2006. Since then, her case has gone through

three trials and several appeals. The industry presented evidence that Thomas-Rasset made available over 1,700 songs to other computer users via the file-sharing service Kazaa, though the lawsuit targeted only 24 songs.

“I’m assuming that since they declined to hear the case it’s probably done at this point,” she said. But she also said she needed to consult with her attorneys to determine what happens next.

Thomas-Rasset, 35, who works for the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe tribal government, maintained — as she has all along — that she can’t afford to pay.

“There’s no way that they can collect,” she said. “Right now, I get energy assistance because I have four kids. It’s just the one income. My husband isn’t working. It’s not possible for them to collect even if they wanted to. I have no assets.”

Thomas-Rasset added that she became a grandmother in June.

The Recording Industry Association of America offered to settle for \$5,000 when it first sued, and offered to settle for a \$25,000 donation to a charity for music industry people in need after her second trial. She refused both times.

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of the week.

The first panel discussion, titled “Business With a Mission in Africa,” will be held from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. today on the fifth floor of Cashion Academic Center. Associate professor of management and entrepreneurship Dr. Blaine McCormick, associate professor of marketing Dr. Jeff Tanner and associate dean for research and faculty development Dr. Cindy Riemenschneider will lead the conversation.

Stephen Hayes, of the Corporate Council on Africa, will speak at the opening dinner Wednesday night on the fifth floor of Cashion.

A series of lectures will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Thursday on the fifth floor of Cashion. Eleven guest speakers are participating in the lectures.

A free luncheon will also take place from 12:30 to 1:45 p.m. on Thursday. Vijay Mahajan, professor in the department of marketing administration at the University of Texas at Austin, will speak at the luncheon. Students planning to attend the luncheon must also register online.

Gardner said Thursday’s events line up with class blocks, so students can hopefully have the opportunity to attend when they don’t have class.

“If a student comes to the fifth floor of Cashion, something will be going on,” Gardener said of Thursday’s events.

The forum will end with a panel discussion titled “Baylor Students in Africa.” A group of Baylor alumni and current students will share stories about their experiences there.

The event is open to the public, although students in particular are encouraged to attend the discussion, which will take place from 2:30 to 4 p.m. Friday on the fifth floor of Cashion.

Students can register online at <http://www.baylor.edu/business/globalbusinessforum/>.

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of concerns of the cost of education. We are sensitive to what the market is like and how much students are spending.”

University Student Living recently built two new apartment complexes similar to the one breaking ground near campus: The Vue in Fayetteville, Ark., and The Edge in Mobile, Ala.

The website for both apartment complexes showed rents for two-bedroom units between \$550 and \$650 per person. Utilities were accounted for in the rent prices.

McCullough sees the project as a way to enhance Baylor’s campus and surrounding areas.

“It’s going to be very unique from what is

around campus right now,” McCullough said. “It will really enhance the campus. It’s a whole comprehensive lifestyle and will really add a lot more activity to the area.”

Joseph M. Coyle, president of University Student Living, said in a press release that the housing project should reflect well on the university.

“Our approach to the development of well-designed, purpose-built student living is that it should benefit the entire community,” Coyle said in the release. “Students have improved housing options, which reflects well on the university, and our commitment to quality ensures an attractive, sustainable asset that enhances the neighborhood.”

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Pick up your ticket at the Bill Daniel Student Center Ticket Office 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday - Friday beginning March 18. Available tickets will be distributed through the ticket office on a first-come, first-served basis through April 15. Any remaining tickets will be available at the Waco Hall Ticket Office the day of the event beginning at 2 p.m.

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