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Driver shot dead after Capitol Hill lockdown, chase

By Bradley Klapper And Laurie Kellman Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A woman with a 1-year-old girl led Secret Service and police on a harrowing car chase from the White House past the Capitol Thursday, attempting to penetrate the security barriers at both national landmarks before she was shot to death, police said. The child was unhurt.

"I'm pretty confident this was not an accident," said Metropolitan Police Chief Cathy Lanier. Still, Capitol Police said there appeared to be no terrorist link. The woman apparently was unarmed.

Tourists, congressional staff and even some senators watched as a caravan of law enforcement vehicles chase a black Infiniti with Connecticut license plates down Constitution Avenue outside the Capitol. House and Senate lawmakers, inside debating how to end a government shutdown, briefly shuttered their chambers as Capitol Police shut down the building.

The woman's car at one point had been surrounded by police cars and she managed to escape, careening around a traffic circle and past the north side of the Capitol. Video shot by a TV cameraman showed police pointing firearms at her car before she rammed a Secret Service vehicle and continued driving. Lanier said police shot and killed her a block northeast of the historic building.

One Secret Service member and a 23year veteran of the Capitol Police were injured. Officials said they are in good



A damaged Capitol Hill police car is surrounded by crime scene tape Thursday on Constitution Avenue in Washington near the U.S. Capitol after a car chase and shooting occurred. A woman with a young child inside tried to ram through a White House barricade, then led police on a chase toward the Capitol, where police shot and killed her, witnesses and officials said.

condition and expected to recover.

"This appears to be an isolated, singular matter, with, at this point, no nexus to terrorism," said Capitol Police Chief Kim Dine. Law-enforcement authorities identi-

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Abortion providers battle proposed limits

Planned Parenthood could be forced to close clinics

> By Rebecca Fiedler Staff Writer

Texas Planned Parenthood abortion providers and affiliates have filed a joint lawsuit in federal court to block two provisions of a recently passed bill, Texas House Bill 2, which would place certain restrictions on abortion clinics, effective Oct. 29. The case will be heard on Oct. 21.

"We are challenging the provisions of the bill that will have the most immediate and far-reaching impact on women in our community and in our state," said Natalie Kelinske, media representative for Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas and Waco.

One provision in the bill requires physicians to administer medicinal abortions before seven weeks of pregnancy.

The other provision states physicians who provide abortions must obtain admitting privileges, which are the right of a doctor to admit patients to a hospital or medical center, within 30 miles of where the abortion is being performed in order to provide specific diagnostic or therapeutic services.

Kelinske said the family planning center of Planned Parenthood, which provides preventative health care including cancer screenings, sexually transmitted disease testing and birth control, wouldn't be impacted by the new bill, but women's options to receive abortions would be limited.

"This law could cause at least onethird of the state's licensed health centers, which provide safe and legal abortion, to stop providing that service next month," a Planned Parenthood press release said. Kelinske said she does not think the bill protects women's safety. "The law threatens the health of Texas women who have made the complex and deeply personal and constitutionally-pro-

Collins, home of 'flying saucer,' to close

By Claire Cameron Reporter

Collins Dining Hall is calling it quits.

It was announced Thursday at the student senate meeting that the dining hall will officially close in the fall



ing hall will officially close in the fall of 2014.

"After careful consideration and research, we have decided that Collins was the best candidate for closure," said Brian Nicholson, associate vice president for facility, planning and construction.

Baylor currently has five dining halls on campus: East Village, Penland, Memorial, Brooks and Collins.

Dr. Jeff Doyle, dean for student learning and engagement, said closing Collins is for the best because it will lower the cost of meal plans and give more money for improvements to the other dining halls.

"It's sad to lose it, but it's more beneficial to students," Doyle said.

Nicholson said Baylor has been looking to improve its dining facilities. After research by student groups and advice from facilities management companies such as Aramark and Compass during the summer, it was suggested that one dining hall on campus be closed.

"Collins doesn't offer social spaces like the other dining halls do," Nicholson said. "Brooks is newer and has better facilities, as does East Village. Penland is the largest, and we would be unable to compensate its loss while Memorial is more centrally located on campus."

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JILL SWARTZENTRUBER | LARIAT PHOTOGRAPHER

A pretty palette

Waco senior Marie Crommett gets her face painted at the Fish Fry Festival Thursday on Fountain Mall. The event was put on by Kappa Sigma, the Association of Black Students, the Baylor Activities Council, Kappa Alpha Theta and the African Student Association to benefit the Veterans Affairs Hospital in Waco.

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Wendy Davis announces run for Texas governor



CHARLIE PEARCE | ASSOCIATED PRESS

State Sen. Wendy Davis formally declared her candidacy for governor of Texas Thursday at a rally in Haltom City.

By Reubin Turner Assistant City Editor

In a widely anticipated move by politicians at both the state and national levels, Texas state Sen. Wendy Davis stood before a crowd of more than 1,000 cheering supporters Thursday and formally announced her bid for the 2014 Texas gubernatorial election.

The Fort Worth attorney got a bachelor's degree in English from Texas Christian University and a law degree from Harvard Law School, came to national prominence in June after filibustering an abortion bill with a 13-hour speech in opposition of the bill.

During her speech, Davis assured supporters education will be a top pri-

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ority on her platform.

"Texas deserves a leader that understands that keeping education a priority is important for the future," Davis said. "We want every child, no matter where they start in Texas, to receive a world class education, an education that can take them anywhere they want to go."

Davis went on to urge listeners to help make "Texas a little less lone, and a little more star," by voting for a leader that would put Texas and Texans first.

During her speech, she told the highs and lows of being a single moth-

er and living in a trailer park, struggling to make ends meet.

"Coming in and finding that the electricity had been turned off, or the phone disconnected, was not uncommon," Davis said.

She said it was the educationfriendly Texas that she remembers allowed her to advance in life.

The race, the first gubernatorial election in which no incumbent is running for re-election since the election of Ann Richards in 1990, is expected to be competitive as Davis and Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott have quickly risen as the front runners.

Although Davis' move energized moderates and liberals across the

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Baylor should conserve water during drought

Editorial

Central Texas is in a drought, but when walking on Baylor's campus, no one would know.

Campus is slowly turning into a swampland, lacking only the gators and Cajun food.

The squish of nearly every grassy patch on campus indicates the healthy dose of water that was administered overnight by way of sprinklers.

While Baylor's campus has lush green grass, it's coming at a price.

The main problem is it seems Baylor overwaters the grass to the point of producing muddy ground.

We can probably all agree that walking in the grass shouldn't feel like walking through quicksand. This, however, is just a minor annoyance compared to the waste of water in a time of drought.

It's best to conserve water during a drought, but that's not happening at Baylor.

The sprinkler system is on a timer. The sopping wet grass indicates that the sprinklers run for much longer than they should.

They also tend to spray side-

walks. The sidewalks certainly don't need watering, especially when students are making latenight visits to the library or walking home for the night.

What only compounds the issue is the sprinklers run even when it's raining.

During the flash flooding in Waco on Sept. 20, it rained most of the night and well into the day. Waco received 3.11 inches of rain that day.

Students posted images on social media sites that show water running through campus, clearly portraying a Baylor campus that was not in need of water at that moment.

However, the sprinklers on campus continued to run that night and contributed to the swampy growth of Baylor.

In a storm like that, the sprinklers should be turned off.

Why use a man-made sprinkler when natural resources are available?

Watering the grass during the night is convenient because students aren't constantly walking across campus and do not have to fear getting wet.

In addition, the water keeps Baylor's campus green because water evaporates quicker when the sprinklers run in the sunlight.

Both of these could be accomplished without causing the grass to turn to mud.

These minor pluses are not enough to overcome the fact that Central Texas is in a drought. Baylor should do its part and help conserve water by decreasing the amount of water used to feed the grass.

When campus has received rain, the sprinklers should not run. In addition, the time the sprinklers do run on a dry day should be cut down. Adjusting all the sprinklers' run times may prove difficult and time consuming, but the water this will conserve is worth it.

Because some sprinklers on campus tend to aim at roads and sidewalks, these should be readjusted to aim at the grass or flowers on campus.

This will cost money, but what Baylor will be saving in water bills may make up for this cost.

As Voltaire once said, "Use, do not abuse; neither abstinence nor excess ever renders man happy."

While watering is necessary to keep Baylor beautiful, the excess watering might cause alligators to start looking for real estate on campus.

Let's help the gators look elsewhere and conserve water by fixing the sprinklers.



ASHER FREEMAN

Today we celebrate National Taco Day



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Taco fun facts

- The average taco has 6 grams of protein.
- Bernal Díaz del Castillo, a Spanish conquistador, recorded the

Taco Tweets



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first taco-sharing between Europeans and native Mexicans.

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- In 2012, Americans ate 4.5 billion tacos. That's enough tacos to stretch to the moon and back.

Sources: USDA, "History of Mexican Cuisine," http://whatscookingamerica.net, www.nationaltacoday.com Taco Courtesy of Taqueria Zacateca. Photo by Matt Hellman | Lariat Multimedia Producer

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Professor launches study on food desert conditions

By Jordan Corona Reporter

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Neighborhoods without a source of healthy food deserve a second look.

That's the thinking behind a research project Dr. Andy Hogue, director of civic education and community service program, is heading up with his African-American politics class and the Texas Hunger Initiative.

In August, the city of Waco bid adieu to two HEB grocery stores tucked in neighborhoods on either side of Interstate 35.

The HEB locations on Speight Avenue and on Dutton Avenue served a series of low-income neighborhoods in Waco. The Speight Avenue location also served college students.

Although a larger grocery store has opened its doors at the intersection of Interstate 35 and South Valley Mills Drive, the HEB closures have many wondering about the neighborhood potentially experiencing food desert conditions.

Hogue said a food desert is a place where people's access to fresh,

whole produce — fruits and vegetables — is extremely limited.

"We're working with the Texas Hunger Initiative to figure out what we can do," Hogue said. "How can we minimize the impact of losing a primary source of fresh or healthy food?"

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, any area where 33 percent of the population or 500 individuals must travel more than one mile to the nearest grocery store or super market is a "low-access community." That means individuals have significantly less access to healthy, whole foods.

"One of the things research shows us about food deserts is that these are disproportionately located in neighborhoods and parts of town that are populated primarily by minorities," Hogue said. "And there's a very close connection between things like access to food and issues of hunger."

Before offering solutions to address food problems, he said the research will provide a fuller understanding of the community's current access to food.

The study looks at factors inhibit-



TRAVIS TAYLOR | LARIAT PHOTO EDITOR

The closure of HEB locations on Speight Avenue and Dutton Avenue has Dr. Andy Hogue, director of civic education and community service program, concerned about food desert conditions.

> plied to a topographical map. The study, which his students are

carrying out in small teams, examines the region by blocks. Lubbock senior Shelley Gregory,

a member in one of Hogue's groups,

said part of the study includes students keeping logs of "food sources," — neighborhood restaurants, gas stations, grocery and convenience stores — recording specific GPS coordinates for mapping.

Last week, she and two others started their portion of the research project. They talked to shopkeepers at the sources they identified.

Their questions concerned whether or not fruits and vegetables were stocked on their shelves, and if food stamps were accepted.

For every source of food they note, the group wants to know what's available and to whom.

They logged a visit to Cruz's Drive Inn, a small, family-owned convenience store at 11th Street and Cleveland Avenue.

Anita Cruz and her daughter Diana Hernandez run the store across the street from the Kate Ross government housing leasing office.

She said mostly folks using food stamps come to the store shopping for fruits and vegetables. But, since Cruz's Drive Inn doesn't accept food stamps, it's not cost effective to stock produce. "We're considered a convenience store," Hernandez said.

The study group made a note of the store's lack of vegetables. It means the store, as far as the group's research is concerned, is not a reliable source of fresh produce.

While looking for other food sources on 11th Street, the group stopped to make note of sidewalks in poor condition.

Gregory said sidewalks to and from food sources are important to pay attention to. Cracked, overgrown sidewalks are useless to someone pushing a stroller or someone in a wheel chair. She said sidewalks represent how accessible food is to the community that uses them.

On Aug. 19, Waco Transit changed its route No. 9 to provide access to the new HEB store location at 1821 South Valley Mills Dr.

Hogue said this research project between the university and the Texas Hunger Initiative is scheduled to be completed by the end of October.

The data will be used to determine what problems, if any, affect people living in the neighborhoods nearest the former grocery stores.

West committees begin funding resident recovery efforts

By Paula Ann Solis Staff Writer

Five months after the West fertilizer plant explosion, the Long-Term Recovery Board has begun the distribution of funds for residents affected by the blast.

At a press conference Thursday in West, Ronnie Sykora, a Long-Term Recovery Center Board member, said the roughly \$3.5 million collected from donations will be dispersed after petitioners are assigned caseworkers and necessary paperwork is filed, such as copies of medical bills, insurance claims and contractor estimates.

Sykora said West residents have an estimated \$30 million in needs. "We recently organized an Unmet Needs Committee, 15 people

of our community that work and

live here in the West area," Sykora said. "Starting next week this committee of our friends and neighbors will hear presentations from the case workers. These cases will be brought to the committee anonymously, so we won't know who is actually receiving the funds and they won't know whose cases they're reviewing."

The Unmet Needs Committee will hear cases on a first-come, first-served basis.

Once a case file is fully written, it will be reviewed by the committee.

The committee will recommend the type of financial assistance the Long-Term Recovery Board should give to the petitioner.

The board will ultimately decide who will receive funds and how much is given.

Those selected to receive funds will not receive a check directly, Sykora said.

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in the region spanning from Clay

Street to Gurley Avenue, and 18th

Street to Eighth Street, will be ap-

Finances will be sent to contractors or other businesses to be sure they are used properly.

Currently, 20 cases are ready to be considered by the committee and the funders' table. Another 537 cases are in various stages of the case-filing process.

Sykora said case workers have acted as advocates for residents by helping some people find alternative funds or supplies while they wait to hear from the board.

One West resident, Crystal Ledane, 30, said the waiting has been the hardest part.

"I just don't know where I'm at in the process," Ledane said. "At a time like this I just need someone to tell me what's happening." Ledane said she, her two children, husband and dog have been living in a borrowed motor home while they wait for an alternative to their unleveled home.

Ledane said caseworkers have been doing their best, but she said she feels West residents should not lead the Unmet Needs Committee because it may be slowing down the process.

"When you have people from the community who work at the front gate, sometimes they don't feel your needs are more than others," Ledane said. "Anonymous or not, everybody knows everybody's story. Nothing is anonymous here."

Sykora, along with Karen Bernsen, the executive director of West Long-Term Recovery, met with Ledane and other concerned residents after the press conference to discuss the frustration with delays in paperwork felt throughout the community.

Steve Vanek, West mayor pro tempore, and Dr. Marty Crawford, superintendent for West Independent School District, were also in attendance and spoke well of the relationship with the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

"We're very thankful and very appreciative of them that they're here to support the school children of West because they are so influential to the long-term recovery of this community," Crawford said.

Demolition of West High School is scheduled for mid-November and construction of the new campus is set for spring 2014. Crawford said enrollment has not been affected by the use of temporary sites. Vanek said at this moment the government shutdown has not affected FEMA funds but he said he is scared of what the impact could be in the long run if the shutdown does not end soon.

West mayor Tommy Muska was not at the press conference, but, when contacted later, said he has been speaking with FEMA employees and said the only impediment will be on time.

"Delays are the only things to worry about," Muska said. "I hope the government will come to some agreement some time this week."

For information about the Long-Term Recovery Board or the Unmet Needs Committee, contact the board's Executive Director Karen Bernsen at 254-432-2487.

Lariat reporter Rae Jefferson contributed to this story.



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Cadets soak in diverse world

By TREY GREGORY Reporter

Every year, the U.S. Army provides hundreds of ROTC cadets with the opportunity to visit 40 different countries for three weeks. The cadets can immerse themselves in a foreign culture and learn a new language through the Cultural Understanding and Language Proficiency program, or CULP.

According to the U.S. Army's Cadet Command website, CULP participants are exposed to everyday life in different cultures, which intensifies language studies. The Cadet Command states that the CULP program helps produce commissioned officers that possess the language and cultural skills required of an Army officer in the 21st century. Any Army

ROTC cadets who wish to participate in CULP should contact their command for more information on the application process.

The Cadet Command website states that overseas immersions help educate future leaders in ways the classroom cannot.

Houston junior Anthony Rifaat and New Braunfels junior Tara Hutchison, both ROTC cadets, participated in the Army's CULP program.

Hutchison spent most of her time in Miercurea Ciuc, Romania with the Romanian Army's 24th Mountain Battalion. She said her favorite part of her trip was spending time with the Romanian officers.

"I really like the relationships we built with the Romanian officers," Hutchison said. "We spent a lot of our free time exploring the city outside the base with the them."

Rifaat traveled to Lithuania and said his favorite part of the CULP experience was learning about the local culture.

"I had a lot of free time to explore the local culture -a lot of time to get perspective," Rifaat

said Hutchison said she also gained a lot of perspective.

"A major life lesson I learned from CULP was that although the world is culturally diverse, we are all people with the same desires and necessities in life," Hutchison

the cadets. Rifaat would start a conversation with his students in English and quickly learned about the economic hardships in Lithuania from their responses.

"Anybody could read a Wikipedia page on Lithuania's economic situation, but it's a completely different experience when you are directly listening to them," Rifaat said.

On the weekends, Rifaat volunteered for community service, mainly in orphanages.

Rifaat and other U.S. cadets spent a lot of their free time with the Lithuanian orphans even though they didn't have a translator.

"The kids didn't speak English so we played sports to connect," Rifaat said.

When Rifaat wasn't volunteering with orphans, he was visiting Lithuanian castles, monuments and museums.

Rifaat and Hutchison both Romania are part of NATO.

"I realized how much these other countries can help us," Hutchison said. "Romania has troops in Afghanistan. I could run into them again."

Hutchison and Rifaat said their hosts showed them great hospitality. Hutchison stayed in a hotel close to the base and Rifaat stayed in a room at the military academy in Vilnius.

"I feel so grateful for the chance to experience a different side of the world," Rifaat said. "This trip pushed me out of my comfort zone and gave me the once in a lifetime opportunity to give and receive knowledge that I will never forget and will surely use later on in my career as an Army officer."



TRAVIS TAYLOR | LARIAT PHOTO EDITO

Sugar Land senior Xavier Edokpa does a pushup on Thursday in the McLane Student Life Center. The 30 on Thursdays program, which will be hosted at the McLane Student Life Center, encourages students to exercise for 30 minutes a day.

New fitness program saves time, promotes healthy living

By Rebecca Jung Reporter

Thirty minutes a day could save your life.

"To stay healthy and fit you don't need to run a marathon or even visit the gym," said Van Davis, assistant director for fitness. "The key is to stay active."

Starting Oct. 17, Baylor students will have a chance to do just that.

The Baylor Department of Fitness and the Baylor Department of Wellness have partnered to bring students a new program. The program called "30 on Thursdays" consists of an exercise activity and providing students with information on fitness, nutrition and overall wellness.

"This is really catered to people that aren't already exercising - we're going to show them and give them a workout card so they can take the activity with them," Davis said.

This new program is only 30 minutes and provides students with ways to be active in their

own space. The class is different from the Bear X program classes which has regular attendees and is geared toward everyone.

What makes this program unique, Davis said, is that it not only provides students with an opportunity for physical activity, but it also empowers them to create a healthy lifestyle for themselves.

The first activity of the program will be a walk and tone, and later activities include yoga, Pilates and calisthenics.

The program is not just exercising in a class environment. At times, it will consist of independent or partner work.

The program is free and will run every Thursday from Oct. 17 until the end of the semester. The program is held at 4 p.m. on the third floor of the Student Life Center.

"The goal is empowering and equipping," said Megan Patterson, director of wellness. "It is recommended that getting 30 minutes of activity five days a week is your best shot at maintaining health. We want to help students take care of one of those days."

The 30 on Thursdays program is part of the Commit To Be Fit campaign programming for the semester.

Commit To Be Fit is the fitness theme the department adopted this semester, Davis said. It's a commitment to be fit wherever a person is, and it's for students and faculty.

Student groups who have 25 percent of their members sign up for the Bear X programs will get the recognition of being an "OsoFit" group. This applies to departments as well.

Students will receive a neon green and white bracelet featuring the slogan "commit to be fit," and every class will receive a card with an exercise and wellness tips.

Students, who come regularly by the end of the semester will have a ring full of these cards with exercises and fitness guidelines they can implement into their lives, Davis said.

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CULP are responsible for teaching English and U.S. culture to the host nation's CULP participants. Hutchison said she taught Eng-

lish to the Romanians in the morn-

ing then trained with them in the

afternoon. Hutchison's training

with the Romanians included

horseback riding, a live-fire range,

an armored personnel carrier mis-

sion and training with Romanian

tanks. Hutchison said her favorite

part of training was shooting Ka-

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Eli Young Band kicks off Heart O' Texas Fair & Rodeo



BY ALEXA BRACKIN NEWS EDITOR

Texas country crooners Eli Young Band will be performing on the main stage Saturday at the annual Heart O' Texas Fair & Rodeo. The Lariat had the chance to chat with drummer of the band, and discuss their future and passion for music.

Q: How has your career changed with the success of the "Life at Best" album?

A: Things have taken off in a good way. We've seen some of the biggest crowds we've seen, especially being on the Kenny Chesney Tour this year.

It's been pretty incredible.

Q: In your opinion, what made "Crazy Girl" and "Even if it Breaks Your Heart" as successful as they have been? A: I think at the end of the

day, it's about people seeing something about your music that reflects something in their own life - "Crazy Girl" & "Even If It Breaks Your Heart" are two

of those kinds of songs. Both of those songs say something that most everyone

has felt at some point. With "Crazy Girl," it's the point in a relationship no matter which side you're on where either someone says they need to step away, but they still love you — or that someone needs



to hear that — that they're loved unconditionally.

With "Even If It Breaks Your Heart" - everyone has a dream - something that they'll go to the mat for. It obviously spoke to us because we've been chasing this dream of playing music for so long. But it's a universal thing.

And both of these songs said things that everyone can relate to - but in a way that we've never heard anyone else or any other song say them before.

Q: So, in 11 years, most bands have seen some turnover in their lineup. How have you guys stuck together for that long?

A: At the end of the day, we're still four best friends who went to college together. We've

learned how to solve problems

together, play music together, run a business together. We been there with each other through some of the biggest moments of our lives - as the 4 of us and now with our families.

Q: How do you think your music has evolved from your first album in 2002?

A: I think our music has evolved as our lives have evolved and changed - as we've

gotten older, gotten married and started having families, your music progresses with that too.

Q: Congrats on the success of "Drunk Last Night" thus far! Why do you think this song, more than others, resonates with fans?

Thanks. I think this song, much like "Crazy Girl" or "Even If It Breaks Your Heart" - is about something that alot of us have experienced.

Guys especially know what it's like to be in the position where you know you probably shouldn't have made that call at that time - but you've done it.

And the guy in the song isn't a jerk - so you can't help but like him a little bit.

Q: What's up next for the Eli Young Band?

A: We're finishing up the new album and looking forward to it coming out early next year, looking forward to the CMA's next month and are pretty pumped about being nominated for Group of the Year and looking forward to the "Drunk Last Night Tour" that we're kicking off right now through the end of the year. Life's been busy but really, really good.



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>>Thursday Andy Grammar & The Chris Low Band, 8 p.m.

>>Friday Chris Young & Granger Smith, 8:30 p.m.

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Cyrus makes ghetto not so fabulous

By Ada Zhang STAFF WRITER

Unless you've been hibernating in the arctic tundra for the past few months, you have probably heard of Miley Cyrus' controversial shenanigans or seen a .gif of her twerking at the VMAs.

After taking a hiatus from music, Miley has certainly made a strong come-back. Her new wardrobe, which apparently consists only of crop tops and disco shorts, screams "I'm no longer Hannah Montana!" and with every new single, Miley acts more and more provocative.

Mike Will's new song, "23," features Miley, Juicy J and Wiz Kalifa. Miley raps a few verses in this song, and it is horrendous.

The song is supposed to be a tribute to Michael Jordan, but I don't really understand how. Indeed, the song's title is "23," which was Jordan's jersey number in the NBA. However, nowhere in the song is Jordan's athletic skill ever mentioned. The song just keeps repeating "J's on my feet," referring to the Nike Jordan shoe brand.

The "23" music video is set in an inner-city high school. It starts out ominously. We see grungy teenagers lounging around wearing beanies and studded leather jackets. Miley's character is smoking in the bathroom in slow motion. Then the bell rings, the beat drops and the song begins.

The lyrics make explicit drug references. Miley is "high off purp' (purp is slang for promethesine)



Ada Zhang | Staff Writer

and Wiz talks about getting high. In the video, Miley suggestively pantomimes smoking marijuana.

Miley sends the message that if you do drugs, you are with the "in" crowd. You are cool. You roll with an entourage and have sassy hair. I guess it just slipped Miley's mind to mention how substance abuse can affect cognition, a person's overall physical health and worst of all, it can destroy relationships.

In addition to promoting drugs, the song glamorizes the inner-city lifestyle and urban youth culture in which drugs are typically involved.

While the song completely fails to honor the most influential basketball player of all time, it succeeds at inadvertently pointing out that people from every socioeconomic class want I's on their feet. It's just a matter of how to get them.

In 1992, Michael Jordan became a spokesperson for Nike. This marketing tactic was remarkably successful because it reached out to both the white and African-American population, two different socioeconomic stratas. Jordans became a must-have, a symbol of chic and swag.

Sociologist Mary Patillo-McCoy conducted a study on African-American neighborhoods and found out that young drug dealers spend a substantial amount of their earnings on shoes- specifically, on Jordans. Owning different colors and styles of Jordans became a part of, as Patillo-McCoy quaintly put it, the "gansta lifestyle."

Poor or rich, everyone finds a way to get their feet into a pair of expensive, shiny, clean Jordans.

McCoy would say that Miley has been sucked into the "ghetto trance." Miley is romanticizing what it's like to live in the ghetto, go to a school where kids smoke in the bathroom, and be immersed in drug culture.

All of this is make-believe for

Miley. At the end of the day, she rides in limos, travels in a private jet and enjoys the luxuries of being rich and famous. For youth who really live in

lower class inner-city neighborhoods, getting sucked into the ghetto trance has serious repercussions. By adopting the thug persona, they are likely to become actual thugs due to the gang violence and drug activity surrounding them. They can't get high one night and perform on Good Morning America the next morning. Compartmentalizing their life like that is not an option.

Many may argue that "23" is just a song, and therefore, not to be taken seriously. And this is true to some extent. Time and time again, however, media has proven itself capable of affecting society in powerful ways.

While Miley and her entourage make money rapping about drugs and Jordans, less fortunate youth are dealing with the very real pressure and allure of entering the drug dealing business to make quick cash.

Not everyone can legally get a pair of J's on their feet. Maybe Miley and her entourage should think about that the next time they make a song condoning drugs and romanticizing the ghetto. Or maybe Miley should just never rap again.

FCC restrictions? By Scott Collins LOS ANGELES TIMES

Does government

shutdown mean no

VIA McClatchy-Tribune

LOS ANGELES-The government shutdown that started early Tuesday has already hit the Federal Communications Commission, the government agency that among other things regulates obscenity on what used to be known as the public airwaves.

Which has led some viewers to ask: Does this mean that broadcast TV will turn into a rat's nest of foul language and naked bodies? Teacher is away, so there might be orgies on "Castle." No oversight, so that means f-bombs on "The X-Factor." CBS might turn into HBO.

Not so fast. Yes, it is true that the FCC has closed up shop, telling roughly 1,700 workers not to bother coming in. Bureaucrats being bureaucrats, the good folks there even published a memo _ an inaction plan, if you will _ detailing how they would shut down in "orderly" fashion.

But thinking that an FCC closure means everyone on "Big Bang Theory" strips down is like thinking that the government shutdown means no more taxes (yes, exactly, say some conservatives _ but that's another story).

Odds are good that the FCC is going to come back again someday. And when it does, it will begin fielding complaints again _ including those from viewers who took notes during the shutdown. A funding-related door-shuttering doesn't overturn federal law or cancel the FCC's mandate. It also doesn't mean that the FCC can't revoke the license of any broadcaster who flouts its rules, shutdown or no.

In fact, there's evidence that during a shutdown, the FCC commissioners work anyway. That's the contention of former commissioner Susan Ness, who wrote that when Westinghouse was merging with CBS in 1995, the agency chiefs kept working on merger issues straight through that shutdown, when House Republicans were battling President Bill Clinton.

So for anyone on network TV, the message might be: Swear today, pay tomorrow.

'Royals' Face-off: Why Lorde is the new anti-Miley Cyrus

By Glenn Gamboa Newsday via MCCLATCHY TRIBUNE

NEW YORK-Oh, Lorde! In an age where every twerk seems calculated and every hit single seems to be the product of a meticulous marketing campaign, young Lorde (the "e" is silent) and her smash hit "Royals" (Lava/Republic) is a true surprise. The moody pop anthem _ which champions regular folks instead of the ultra-rich and powerful, while maintaining a cool, detached vibe-jumped from her native New Zealand to the United Kingdom and finally to the United States this summer, where it is currently challenging Miley Cyrus and Katy Perry for the top of the pop charts.

("Royals" already rules the alternative charts, where it has been No. 1 for seven weeks, the longest reign ever for a woman on

that chart, passing Alanis Morissette's 1995 run with "You Oughta Know.")

Lorde, aka 16-year-old Ella Yelich-O'Connor, is in many ways, the anti-Miley. She shies away from the spotlight and the bling-filled trappings of the music industry. She says she wants her music to represent herself and her friends in New Zealand, regular people she feels aren't generally seen much in pop culture, due to their location and their economic status. It's a sentiment she captures in "Royals"-which includes the lines "That kind of luxe just ain't for us, we crave a different kind of buzz"and in other songs on her debut album "Pure Heroine," which arrives in stores Tuesday filled with new potential hits like "Tennis Court" and "Team" that she wrote herself, not with a bunch of songwriters and producers for hire.

She's clearly not interested in building a big pop persona, focusing instead on life as a suburban teen and keeping a lot of the details of her life to herself.

Lorde says the success of "Royals," which she wrote in half an has hour,

taken her by surprise. "It's weird,

viously, when I wrote it I had no idea it would be a big deal or anything,' she told Billboard. "I just wrote some-

thing that I liked and that I thought was cool....It's strange, particularly with my lyrics....People are sitting in their bedrooms, covering it on YouTube. It's been awesome, though."

Don't look for Lorde to be ounting a months-long tour or

a massive publicity blitz any time soon. She declined to be interviewed for this article and has said she isn't a fan of this age of tell-all

> "In a perfect world, I would never do any interviews, and probably there would be one photo out there of me, and that would be it," she told Billboard. "I just feel like mystery is more interesting. People respond to

something which intrigues them instead of something that gives them all the information-particularly in pop, which is like the genre for knowing way too much about everyone and everything."

Given her deep, Fiona Appleque voice and mature writing

style, Lorde surprises a lot of people with how much she has accomplished by age 16. Of course, she's not the only music prodigy to exert so much control at a young age. Here's a look at some other teenage dreams:

DEBBIE GIBSON

BIO: Gibson wrote nearly all her own songs (and still does). She remains the youngest female artist ever to write, produce and perform a No. 1 single, a feat she achieved in 1987 with "Foolish Beat" when she was 17.

FIRST HIT: "Only in My Dreams," released at age 16 BIGGEST HIT: "Lost in Your

Eyes," No. 1 for 3 weeks in 1989 **STEVIE WONDER**

BIO: "Little" Stevie Wonder was only 13 when his hit "Fingertips (Part Two)" hit No. 1, making him the youngest solo artist ever to top the charts. In his early days, he was mainly a singer for the songwriters of Motown, but as he grew older,

he began taking on more songwriting duties until he was in full control of his groundbreaking "Talking Book" and "Songs in the Key of Life" albums.

FIRST HIT (THAT HE CO-WROTE): "Uptight (Everything's Alright)," released at age 15

BIGGEST HIT: "Ebony and Ivory," with Paul McCartney, No. 1 for seven weeks in 1982

TAYLOR SWIFT

BIO: When her second album, "Fearless," won the prestigious album of the year Grammy in 2010, the then-20-year-old became the youngest artist ever to capture that award. However, she had already spent many of her teenage years as a singer-songwriter with hits on the country and, later, the pop charts.

FIRST HIT: "Tim McGraw," released at age 16

BIGGEST HIT: "We Are Never Ever Getting Back Together," No. 1 for three weeks in 2012

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Bears amped for Big 12 opener against WVU

By Shehan Jeyarajah Sports Writer

No. 17 Baylor football opens up Big 12 Conference play against West Virginia in a Saturday night showdown at Floyd Casey Stadium. When these two teams last met, the Mountaineers pulled off a 70-63 shootout win in Morgantown in the first-ever matchup between these two teams. Last year's game will be in the mind of Baylor as the team prepares for its Big 12 opener.

"You never want to think of football as a revenge type of game," junior quarterback Bryce Petty said. "We are ready to go out there. Even though we did score 63 points last year, there were still points left out there. As a team, a couple things just didn't go our way, but I thought we played really well being in that atmosphere. Opening up Big 12 at home against them, it needs to be a win for us for sure."

Baylor football has been one of the most dominant teams in America this season on both sides of the ball. With the caveat that Baylor has not played stiff competition yet, Baylor has outscored opponents 209-23. The defense has not allowed a single touchdown in the second half of games, and is actually outscoring opposing offenses 28-23.

The Bears lead college football in scoring at 69.7 points per game, total offense with 751.3 yards a game and passing yards with 444.3 yards per game. Baylor also is fifth in rushing offense with 307.0 yards per game, despite the fact that senior running back Glasco Martin has missed time with an ankle injury and junior running back Lache Seastrunk has rarely rushed the ball in the second half of games

this season.

Petty leads the nation in passing efficiency and yards per completion with 20.02 yards. He also ranks second in the nation with a 74.6 percent completion percentage and is fifth with 333.7 passing yards a game, despite having never played more than a few drives into the second half.

Seastrunk leads the Big 12 with 139.0 yards per game, and leads the nation with 11.0 yards per carry. He has rushed for 100 or more yards in seven straight games, which is a school record. Again, Seastrunk has rarely played in the second half this season.

"We're going to play them like we do everybody else," Seastrunk said. "Everybody's a threat. We're going to treat them like a threat, and we're going to win games."

Senior receiver Tevin Reese and junior Antwan Goodley have been one of the more dynamic receiving duos in football. Both receivers rank in the top 10 in yards per game. The two receivers combine to average 240.0 yards per game, which makes up 71.9 percent of Petty's total yardage. They have also caught seven of Petty's eight touchdowns.

With all the focus on the Baylor offense, the defensive performance has been overlooked this season. Baylor leads all of college football in tackles for loss with 11.3 per game, led by sophomore defensive end Shawn Oakman's 2.7 per game. Baylor has forced two or more turnovers in nine of its last 10 games. Baylor leads all of college football in forcing three-and-outs, doing so 54.3 percent of the time.

Baylor is on a six-game home winning streak. The Bears have not lost at home since Oct. 13, 2012, against TCU, including beat-

ing No. 1 Kansas State last November. Since 2011, Baylor has posted a record of 15-1 at home.

On the other side, West Virginia is coming off of a Big 12 upset against then No. 11 Oklahoma State.

The Mountaineers are an enigmatic team with no clear identity at this point in the season because their level of play has varied on a week-to-week basis so far this season.

"It's all about matchups in football, just as it is in any sport," head coach Art Briles said. "How do you match up with the other team? If you look at the two losses they have against Oklahoma and Maryland, those are two undefeated football teams and both games were on the road. Oklahoma State came into their place, hadn't been there since 1928 and West Virginia does a great job of putting on a home crowd and a home environment and did a great job of protecting their house. They really played well Saturday on both sides of the ball."

The defense has been solid for West Virginia. Through five games, West Virginia is top 40 in total defense and total points against with 345.4 yards per game and 19.6 points per game allowed.

The Mountaineers defense has accomplished all of this despite playing what USA Today's Jeff Sagarin rated as the 13th most difficult schedule in America.

The West Virginia offense has been much more inconsistent. The Mountaineers rank 78th in total offense with 392.6 yards per game and rank 101st in points for with only 20.4 points a game. Head coach Dana Holgorsen has been forced to play three different quarterbacks at different points this season.



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Junior guarterback Bryce Petty celebrates a touchdown in Baylor's 70-7 win over ULM on Sept. 21 at Floyd Casey Stadium. The No. 17 Bears open Big 12 Conference play on Saturday against the West Virginia Mountaineers.

This will undoubtedly be the hardest test of the season for Baylor's offense. West Virginia's offense is not as prolific as Baylor, and the Mountaineers might find it difficult to match the scoring of Baylor's offense.

The key for WVU last week was the Mountaineer defense holding Oklahoma State to 2.8 yards per rush. Baylor averages 6.58 yards per rush, compared to 4.26 for Oklahoma State. Baylor averages almost twice as many rushing yards per game as Oklahoma State.

After watching West Virginia pull off a shocking upset of Oklahoma State, any trap-game potential for Baylor is likely gone. WVU has Baylor's full attention.

Playing at home makes this Baylor's game to lose and Baylor is anxious to start play in the Big 12 Conference.

No. 17 Baylor takes on West Virginia at 7 p.m. Saturday night at Floyd Casey Stadium.

The game will be broadcast nationally on Fox Sports 1. Baylor will be debuting their all-black uniforms with gold chrome helmets. Fans are encouraged to wear gold and "Bring the Bling."





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No. 22 Baylor soccer hosts No. 20 BYU

By Parmida Schahhosseini SPORTS WRITER

No. 22 Baylor will take a break from conference play with a match against the No. 20 BYU Cougars for the last nonconference game of the regular season at 7 p.m. tonight at Betty Lou Mays Soccer Field.

"BYU is a great team," Baylor co-head coach Marci Jobson said. "They have a lot of great players. The remind me of West Virginia some, so we are going to have to really lock down."

This is the first meeting between the two teams. Baylor (8-1-2) and BYU (5-3-1) are looking to rebound as both are coming off a loss. BYU has dropped its last two games as its offense has struggled to capitalize on its opportunities. Despite outshooting Long Beach State 9-7 on Sept. 21, the ball wasn't able to find its way into the net.

The Bears have scored 25 goals, 11 more goals than BYU, and are outscoring opponents 20-4 at home. Baylor also has outshot opponents 149-58, but the Cougars have been able to generate shots. Baylor's defense hopes to limit its shots as it uncharacteristically gave up 19 shots to West Virginia on Sunday.

"After coming off the loss we're all just really excited to get back out there and to get back to work,"

senior defender Taylor Heatherly said. "It's a great team and I think we are just so excited to play another opponent. There are some things we have to work on at practice this week in preparation, but we're anxious and excited."

The Cougars also score by committee with freshman forward Ashley Hatch and senior midfielder Rachel Manning leading the way with three goals apiece. The defense also will have to contain senior midfielder Cloee Colohan, who is second on the team in shots taken at 23. BYU's style of play is similar to Baylor and has the potential to attack at any moment.

"I've heard that they play a lot like us, so it's going to be a battle the whole game," senior midfielder Kat Ludlow said. "They play like a family, they play rough and we play just the same, so it's just going to be two good teams just going at it."

The Bears defense leads the NCAA in shutout percentage at .818 and ranks 11th in goals against average at .437. The team defense is hoping to have its way with a struggling BYU offense, but the opponent isn't shy about taking its shots. The Cougars have taken 134 shots and have been able to generate shots in its losses. Against No. 19 Denver on Sept. 26, BYU took 10 shots, but couldn't capitalize on scoring chances.

passing yards with 408.5 a game.

to keep up with the high-powered

offense of Texas Tech, and the Red

Raiders should move to 5-0 on the

season.

Baylor has been able to generate offense this season with different players stepping up. Sophomore forward Bri Campos and freshman midfielder Ashley York lead Baylor with four goals apiece. Ludlow and junior forward Natalie Huggins have scored three goals each, and eight other players have scored one or more goals. Freshman defender Lindsay Burns has improved and making her mark on the offense with two goals against Oklahoma and West Virginia, as well as the defense. Burns' goal against the Mountaineers sparked a potential comeback, but Baylor was in too deep a hole to dig itself out.

'You saw a team fight back from a three-goal deficit," Jobson said. "A lot of teams would quit and they're not going to quit and they're never going to quit and that's who they are."

Baylor's physical play will be a good matchup against BYU's defense because the Cougars are capable of locking down players and stealing away possessions.

BYU has limited its opponents to 76 shots and have only given up eight goals. Baylor will have to press frequently and capitalize on its opportunities to pull away with a win.

The Bears host BYU at 7 p.m. tonight at Betty Lou Mays Soccer Field.



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Senior defender Taylor Heatherly blasts the ball down the field during Baylor's 2-0 win against Boise State on Sept. 22. The Bears have a nonconference matchup tonight against BYU at Betty Lou Mays Soccer Field.

BIG 12 FOOTBALL WEEKEND PREVI

By Shehan Jeyarajah SPORTS WRITER

Kansas (2-1) vs. No. 20 Texas Tech (4-0)

Kansas head coach Charlie Weis has hardly anything to work with in Lawrence. Kansas may be 2-1, but two wins are against Louisiana Tech and FCS opponent South Dakota, both at home.

Texas Tech has been one of the

more surprising teams so far this No. 21 Oklahoma State (3-1) season. A rebuilding process was vs. Kansas State (2-2) expected after former Tech quar-Oklahoma State is coming off terback Kliff Kingsbury took over of a tough loss against conference as head coach in Lubbock. The Red

rival West Virginia, where the Raiders rank third in the nation in Cowboys elite offense generated 21 points. Kansas doesn't have the talent

Kansas State is coming off of a tough loss against Texas in Austin. Going to Stillwater is one of the more difficult places to play, especially for a team that has struggled

to find an answer this season. Oklahoma State should look to

make up for their loss against West Virginia with a big win against Kansas State. No. 11 Oklahoma (4-0)

vs. TCU (2-2)

The Sooners seemed to finally put everything together last week in a big win against then No. 22 Notre Dame. Junior quarterback Blake Bell threw for 232 yards and

two touchdowns. The committeebased running game rushed for 212 yards, 5.0 yards per carry and a touchdown. The defense looked dominant as well with three interceptions, including one brought back for a touchdown. Oklahoma is second in the Big 12 in total defense.

While OU is flourishing, TCU is slipping. To be fair, TCU has played the most difficult schedule in the Big 12, but they have struggled so far.

TCU flopped in a big game against Texas Tech by scoring 10 points. The defense ranks in the top 40, but TCU has not shown the ability to contend against highpowered offenses.

Norman is one of the toughest places in America to come out with a win, and this weekend should be no different.





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fied the woman as Miriam Carey, 34, of Stamford, Conn. The authorities spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to divulge the information publicly.

Stamford Mayor Michael Pavia said the FBI was executing a search warrant at a Stamford address in connection with the investigation. Police officers had cordoned off a condominium building and the surrounding neighborhood in the shoreline city.

The pursuit began when the car sped onto a driveway leading to the White House, over a set of lowered barricades. When the driver couldn't get through a second barrier, she spun the car in the opposite direction, flipping a Secret Service officer over the hood of the car as she sped away, said B.J. Campbell, a tourist from Portland, Ore.

Then the chase began.

"The car was trying to get away. But it was going over the median and over the curb," said Matthew Coursen, who was watching from a cab window when the Infiniti sped by him. "The car got boxed in and that's when I saw an officer of some kind draw his weapon and fire shots into the car."

Police shot and killed the driver just outside the Hart Senate Office Building, where many senators work. Dine said an officer took the child from the car to a hospital. She was not injured and was placed in protective custody, Capitol Police said.

Rep. Michael McCaul, R-Texas, who said he was briefed by the Homeland Security Department, said he did not think the woman was armed. "There was no return fire," he said.

A few senators between the Capitol and

COLLINS from Page 1

Nicholson also said closing Collins will bring lower prices on meal plans and higher quality food to the other dining halls.

"We will be able to spend money on renovating the older dining halls and possibly even making improvements to the SUB," he said.

No specific date had been set for the day Collins Dining Hall will close.

"Since Collins is one the more popular dorms for incoming freshman girls, we have made it known on the website that the dining hall will no longer be there and we have sent an email to all Collins resident letting them know of the impending closure," Doyle said.

Concerns were raised that Collins Dining Hall is the only dining hall open during the middle of the day.

"I feel like students need it," said Sugar Land junior Amira Legally. "I have a crazy schedule, so the only time I can get lunch is between 2 to 4 p.m. and Collins is usually the only one open at that time, so I rely on it."

Legally said she thinks it is a terrible idea to close Collins.

"I don't go to East Village," she said. "I

their office buildings said they heard the shots

"We heard three, four, five pops," said Sen. Bob Casey, D-Pa. Police ordered Casey and nearby tourists to crouch behind a car for protection, then hustled everyone into the Capitol. Others witnessed the incident, too.

"There were multiple shots fired and the air was filled with gunpowder," said Berin Szoka, whose office at a technology think tank overlooks the shooting scene.

Before the disruption, lawmakers had been trying to find common ground to end a government shutdown. The House had just finished approving legislation to partly lift the government shutdown by paying National Guard and Reserve members.

Capitol Police on the plaza around the Capitol said they were working without pay as the result of the shutdown.

eat at Collins. It's so convenient."

Nicholson said all services Collins offers won't be lost.

"Collins offers many things to students, however none of that will disappear," Nicholson said. "It will move to another dinning hall."

Houston senior Kyle Hinn said he thought closing Collins is for the best.

"I think it's a bit of a shock, but I think in the long run it will be good," Hinn said. "For the four years I've been here, I rarely eat at Collins and for other dining programs to sustain and grow, it's necessary."

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country, Richmond, Va., graduate student Anne-Katherine Vath said she believes this could hurt Davis in the long run.

"While she's probably qualified, and would be an effective governor, I think she would have a hard time winning because of the current political climate in Texas," Vath said. "Texas is a deep-seeded red state rooted in conservative values which will be difficult for a pro-choice candidate to overcome."

Sean Sullivan of the Washington Post, however, wrote in a blog post that he feels as though Davis' chances are not as grim as they may seem, despite the fact that Davis is in a overwhelmingly red state.

Davis defeated Republican Mark Shelton in 2012, an election that Gov. Rick Perry invested much time and energy in, to unseat her.

According to a poll by Texas Lyceum, a nonpartisan, non for-profit group, Abbott leads Davis 29 to 21 percent which, according to Sullivan, signals "room for movement."

Regardless, the upcoming months will not be easy for Davis.

Dr. Joseph Brown, associate professor of political science, said he believes that unless Davis can find issues that resonate with voters, she'll have a hard time winning the election in November of next year.

"Given the fact that Texas is a strong republican state, it's going to be an uphill battle for her," Brown said. "The fact that all statewide positions in Texas are held by Republicans is an indicator of the difficulty she faces."

According to the Atlantic Wire, prolife groups nationwide, including Texas Right to Life, already have attack ads set to launch, one which calls Davis an "abortion zealot," despite the fact the Davis herself is a single mother of two.

Asking for prayers and support as she walked off of the stage where she received her high school diploma 32 years ago, Davis faded into the audience as a new stage in her political career commenced.

As Tarrant County Commissioner Roy Brooks stated in the invocation before her announcement, it's time to for Davis take off her pink running shoes and put on combat boots.

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tected decision to end a pregnancy, and we are going to do everything we can to make sure women have access to safe, legal abortions," Kelinske said.

John Pisciotta, director of antiabortion activist group Pro-Life Waco, said he agrees that Planned Parenthood is supporting a constitutional right, but said there is nothing stating the government can't place regulations on abortion.

"Some things that were constitutional rights, we look back at them and regret that there ever was such an interpretation," Pisciotta said. "We had a constitutional right to own a slave."

Dr. Nicole McAninch, a lecturer in the child and family studies department at Baylor, said she understands Planned Parenthood's position in challenging the bill. While the majority of Planned Parenthood's services are services like checkups that promote women's health, McAninch said, most of their funding comes from abortion services.

"Essentially, they will lose significant funding needed to be able to stay open if they're unable to perform abortions," she said.

Kelinske said the admitting privileges portion of the bill will prevent many women from making certain decisions about reproductive health care, because some physicians might not be able to receive admitting privileges for reasons that have nothing to do with their quality and or credentials, but rather with their location.

"Medical experts have agreed and testified all along that admitting privileges are not necessary for physicians to provide abortion or any other procedure that can be safely performed in a health care setting," she said.

Kelinske said Planned Parenthood believes the bill's restrictions placed on medicated abortion are inferior and outdated methods, and they deprive women of the what she calls a "safe, private and less invasive method of ending a pregnancy."

Pisciotta said the Food and Drug Administration has allowed medicated abortion with tight protocol on its administration.

"It requires that they follow that protocol and that abortion facilities follow the FDA protocol," Pisciotta said. Kelinske said Planned Parenthood believes this provision goes against medical research that has proven that current protocol for administering medication is more safe and effective than those the law proposes.

"None of them do anything to protect women's health and safety," Kelinske said of the provisions. "They're all medically unnecessary, all restricting a woman's access to safe, legal abortion."

The medicated pill option of abortion is something women can do at home, McAninch said. It's designed to induce labor, and the process the body takes to expel the growing fetus could be serious. She said most women don't anticipate the level of pain and bleeding that comes with the process.

Pisciotta said he agrees with McAninch about women being underinformed about what happens during medicated abortion. He said one of the things abortion clinics will say to a woman is there will be some bleeding when the abortion happens, and that it will be like having a heavy menstrual period.

"Many women will say, 'My gosh, I've never experienced anything like this in my life," he said. "And they're there to experience it on their own."

Pisciotta said he acknowledges that women wanting abortions might have to travel to receive one. He said he believes the provisions of the bill are beneficial.

"All the provisions except the one about no abortions after 20 weeks are elevating the standard of medical care, in order not to make it really secondrate," he said. "There have been cases this year of women who have died from abortions."

McAninch said if women do not have an abortion clinic nearby, they might seek abortion services at places that may not meet medical standards.

Planned Parenthood and affiliates plan on discussing two other provisions included in the bill concerning the period of gestation at which it is legal to abort a fetus, and the licensing of abortion centers as ambulatory surgical centers, Kelinske said. These provisions will not be put into action until a later time, however, so the focus for Planned Parenthood is on more pressing provisions based on time and extent of impact, Kelinske said.



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