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Students launch studying site

By JEFFREY SWINDOLL
REPORTER

Three Baylor entrepreneurs have decided to change the way college students study. Adanote.com, created by three Baylor students, is an online collaborative platform that allows students to upload, share and study notes together online in a unique, social interface.

Baylor students can log on, create an account for free. They can find other students taking the same classes as them and view notes created by them online.

The website is using Baylor for its beta testing, but the goal of the website is to be available for all universities.

Longview senior Graham



Fort Worth junior Josh Stralko, Longview senior Graham VanDusen and Round Rock senior Michael Heath, all co-creators of Adanote.com, stand outside the think space offices on Eight Street and Washington Ave.

VanDusen, Round Rock senior Michael Heath and Fort Worth junior Josh Stralko met each other last spring and have

worked to develop the website ever since.

Heath, company chief operating officer, VanDusen, com-

pany chief financial officer and Stralko, company chief marketing officer, are each part of Baylor's Accelerated Ventures Program, an innovative two-semester program that funds students to start real companies and create products.

"At first I thought we should make a textbook conglomerate," VanDusen said. "We wanted to stay in the college education market, and slowly but surely we pivoted towards note-sharing and online collaboration."

Heath said the vision of the site goes beyond Baylor's campus. He said the company has intentions of gradually growing to be the best source for collaborative studying everywhere.

"Right now we're working on gaining a foothold at Baylor,"

Heath said. "Once we have that, then we're going to start stepping to the other schools like UT, TCU and so on."

VanDusen said the website's premise is based on its ability to successfully deliver a large network effect.

"It's cool, but it's not that cool until everyone is using it," VanDusen said. "The only value for the notes is if everybody is posting notes, so our major issue is giving people incentive to upload their notes."

Heath and VanDusen feel Adanote's edge over its competitors is the social connectivity of the site.

"Other online study sites don't have a social tool or direc-

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U.S. officials said Wednesday the Obama administration is poised to slash millions of dollars in military and economic assistance to Egypt.

US cuts millions in aid to Egypt

By DEB RIECHMANN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The United States on Wednesday cut hundreds of millions of dollars in aid to its Mideast ally Egypt, responding to the military ouster last summer of the nation's first democratically elected president and the crackdown on protesters that has sunk the country into violent turmoil.

While the State Department did not provide a dollar amount of what was being withheld, most of it is linked to military aid. In all, the U.S. provides \$1.5 billion in aid each year to Egypt.

Officials said the aid being withheld included ten Apache helicopters at a cost of more than \$500 million, M1A1 tank kits and Harpoon anti-ship missiles. The U.S. also is withholding \$260 million in cash assistance to the government until "credible progress" is made toward an inclusive government set up through free and fair elections. The U.S. had already suspended the delivery of four F-16 fighter jets and canceled biennial U.S.-Egyptian military exercises.

In Cairo, military spokesman Col. Ahmed Mohammed Ali declined immediate comment. Before the announcement, Gen. Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi, the Egyptian military leader, described his country's relations with the United States as "strategic" and founded

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OCD: More than just being a perfectionist

By REBECCA FIEDLER
STAFF WRITER

Obsessive compulsive disorder individuals can't just stop being OCD.

Obsessive compulsive disorder-suffering individuals have told Dr. Thomas Fergus, assistant professor of psychology and neuroscience at Baylor, that people tell them to simply stop performing their compulsions. Fergus said it's not that easy.

"People without OCD have a certain sense that they know when to stop tasks," he said. "An individual with OCD may not have that same perceptual experience as everyone else."

International OCD Awareness Week was launched in 2009 and is celebrated by a number of organizations across the U.S. and around the world, with events such as OCD Screening Days, lectures, confer-

ences, fundraisers, online Q&As, and more.

One in 100 people develop OCD, Fergus said, and the disorder is most likely to come about during a person's late teenage years or their early 20s.

Obsessions are recurring thoughts which are assessed to be contrary to one's sense of self, Fergus said.

Sufferers may be afraid of harming others or themselves, not having control of their environment or not achieving a level of perfection they believe is attainable, among other fears, Fergus said.

"Individuals who have obsessions typically have thoughts that they appraise or view as somehow violating who they are as an individual," he said.

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TRAVIS TAYLOR | LARIAT PHOTO EDITOR

Save lids to save lives

Kingwood senior David Stevenson participates in a yogurt eating contest during the Big Man on Campus event on Wednesday at the Bill Daniel Student Center. The event raised money for the Zeta Tau Alpha Foundation, which benefits breast cancer awareness and education.

Professors aid in discovery of Nobel Prize winning particle

By HENRY ECKELS
REPORTER

The winners of the 2013 Nobel Prize in physics owe thanks to faculty and students from Baylor's department of physics for helping confirm the existence of the elusive Higgs boson particle.

The prize was awarded to Dr. Peter Higgs and Dr. Francois Englert, the two scientists who theorized the existence of the particle back in the 1960s and spearheaded the push for its discovery in July of last year, according to the Nobel Prize's website.

Associate physics professor Dr. Jay Dittman and assistant physics professor Dr. Kenichi Hatakeyama helped discover the Higgs boson by researching and analyzing data produced by the European Organization for Nuclear Research (CERN). Both professors analyzed vast amounts of data resulting from CERN's Large Hadron Collider and conducted experiments with a particle physics detector known as Compact Muon Solenoid, Dittman said.

"Baylor has been involved in high-energy research with CERN

since 2010," Dittman said. "We have contributed to the CMS experiment, which has really been the frontier of high-energy research concerning the search of the Higgs boson."

Higgs first theorized the existence of the Higgs boson particle in 1964 as a way to explain how all basic matter in the universe could have formed, and its recent discovery has confirmed nearly 50 years of scientific experimentation, Dittman said.

"The discovery of the Higgs boson is arguably one of the most

significant scientific discoveries in decades," Dittman said. "It's the missing piece of the universe because it explains how the matter in our universe is able to exist."

Dittman also said many of Baylor's graduate and undergraduate students had contributed to the discovery by analyzing data produced by the LHC.

"We in the department of physics were notified by Baylor when the announcement of the Nobel Prize was made," Dittman said. "We were all very excited."

The Large Hadron Collider is

the world's largest and most powerful particle collider, a 27-kilometer long ring-shaped structure that accelerates particles and gathers data from particle collisions, according to CERN's website.

Hatakeyama said he has flown to Europe to take part in CERN meetings and conduct research many times over the past few years.

"I have been going to CERN four to five times a year for the past couple of years," Hatakeyama said. "Thousands of physicists have been collecting and discussing data from the LHC for years now."

Houston physics graduate student Brandon Mattingly said the news that Baylor's professors contributed to Nobel Prize-winning research helps to expand the prestige and prevalence of Baylor's department of physics.

"You can already see more first years coming to Baylor to major in physics, and I believe part of that is due not only to the work on the Higgs Boson done by Dittman and Hatakeyama, but also by graduate and undergraduate students involved in the research," Mattingly said.

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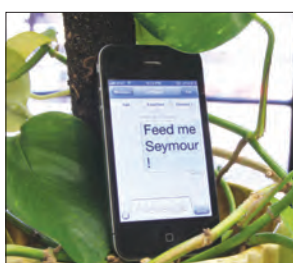
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Affordable Care Act should be amended

In its present form, the Affordable Care Act provides every American with health care, which will benefit the country in the long run. Unfortunately, the cost associated with this might drive away both current and future doctors.

With the government currently shut down and the debt ceiling looming, the immediate future of the Affordable Care Act, also known as Obamacare, is in question. The act has been passed and is the law of the land, but this law needs to be amended. The United States needs affordable universal coverage, but it has to figure out a way to do this without making doctors suffer.

According to Physicians for a National Health Program, the number of medical bankruptcies increased approximately 2,200 percent between 1981 and 2001, and of those people, nearly 76 percent had insurance at the onset of the bankrupting illness. Physicians for a National Health Program estimates that this accounted for about half of all bankruptcies in the United States in that time.

This isn't a small problem, either. Between 1.85 million and 2.22 million Americans had to file for bankruptcy because of medical expenses in that same time period.

The Declaration of Independence states that every person has the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. The right to life shouldn't come at the price of bankruptcy or serious financial burden. It is endowed to us by our creator, not sold to us by health care providers.

There are a lot of valid objections in its present form, including financial issues will work care needs to happen in without harming doctors.

Sixty percent of doctors reform will negatively affect only 22 percent think there impact, according to market The Doctors Co. While the is bad for doctors, there is the patient.

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the Association of American Medical the year 2020, the United States will have doctors, predominantly because of the effects Care Act.

addition of more preventative care coverage, the patients will cause more doctors to defer the work- and nurse practitioners. While this is necessary for practices, it decreases the quality of care, as a patient's the doctor will be more limited than it already is. The and-out routine of your family practitioner will only be ated. This is an unfortunate scenario since, ideally, doctors their profession so that they can help people and give them care.

ginning Jan. 1, the new regulations will provide uncertainty it comes to having a stable practice, which require all health providers to convert every handwritten record to be logged ically. While this is obviously ideal in the vast technological we live in, getting to the end goal is not so simple. Each tioner has hundreds, sometimes thousands, of patients. practices, with limited manpower and large practices with of files, the cost of the manpower, training and software foreseen.

government originally offered incentives for making timely fashion, a multitude of doctors chose to and simply walk away from their practices goodwill gestures have been thrown to

for those who are noncompliant. The govern- ment will hit healthcare providers with a 1 percent decrease in all Medicare payouts if the electronic system is not fully implemented and demonstrated to be put to mean- ingful use by 2015.

The electronic- only system will improve care coordination in the long run, but the question begs to be asked: What about those people that the Afford- able Care Act is geared toward, the elderly and those living under the pov- erty line? Many of these people either don't have the means or the skill set to access a computer and the Internet.

Practitioners are not the only health care providers taking a hit by the Af- fordable Care Act. Hospitals are being affected as well. The new health care law allows the government to with- hold Medicare payments if a patient returns to the hospital too many times after the initial treatment or procedure. So, instead of just calling in to check on their post-operative patients, doctors may have to assign nurses to make sure that patients actually fill their prescrip- tions and make follow-up appointments with their primary care physician. While it is important that patients are offered the best care possible and that the government is trying to promote and reward better, more efficient medical care, this handholding is a little extreme. The costs associ- ated with such monitoring could potentially outweigh the actual Medicare payout, which is only 56 percent of what private insur- ance pays, according to Dr. Robert Moffit, director of the Center for Health Policy Studies at The Heritage Foundation.

The pressure to reduce cost, increase volume and improve quality is forcing many health care providers to re-evaluate their game plan. A number of doctors have chosen to go into larger, consolidated practices to stay afloat, while others, 42.9 percent to be exact, have chosen to retire in the next five years, accord- ing to research done by The Doctors Co. Nine out of 10 health care practitioners, even though some are third and fourth generation doctors, say they are unwilling to recommend health care as a profession, even to their own kids.

For those doctors who have chosen to hold onto their practices, the costs they have incurred in order to being effective in providing quality medical care are practices in jeopardy. As individual small business to rise, the amount of money to be paid through Care Act for the exact same services they have is dropping dramatically. Unfortunately, this have to be compromises in quality to be provide some services. For instance, tax on all medical devices, which was the Affordable Care Act in 2013, on the industry. To try and costs being passed on to the to consider layoffs and practices to make up

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care reform should take us back to the doctor-patient relationship while still provid- ing care to everyone. The Affordable Care Act needs to be amended to make sure this happens.

Lariat Letters

New abortion law tries to limit access

The editorial on Oct. 8, titled "Abortion bill good for Texas women," is vastly misinformed and highlights only one side of a complex argument.

I would like to see the research that sup- ports any one of these claims.

The reality of this bill is that it is some of the most restrictive legislation to be passed, and puts women in more danger than before.

The main objectives of this bill are that abortion clinics must upgrade to become am- bulatory surgical centers, guidelines for the drug RU-486 must be tightened, and doctors who perform abortions must have admitting

privileges at a hospital within 30 miles of the clinic in which the abortion is being per- formed

Women that live in rural and poor areas are not likely to be able to have abortions any- more, because the number of abortion clinics will fall dramatically, making it a long drive to the nearest one.

That is not just an inconvenience. These women do not have the time to take off work, nor the funds.

The guidelines concerning RU-486 will decrease the availability of the drug under the false pretense that it is for health concerns.

The stipulation requiring doctors have ad- mitting privileges at a hospital within 30 miles of the clinic in which the abortion is being performed does not, in fact, aim to raise the standard of care for women, but to restrict their access.

Lastly, the political cartoon featured in the editorial is barbaric.

The comparison of this bill to seatbelts in a car is a gross oversimplification and exem- plifies the abundant miscomprehension sur- rounding abortion and women's health.

Annabel Simpson
Houston freshman

Correction

In the story "BU grad creates potential Mavs jersey design," which ran on Oct. 9, a fact error occurred in which it was stated that Mark Cuban was the head coach of the Dallas Mavericks.

Cuban is the owner. Rick Carlisle is the head coach.

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.

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Plant Link, a device that sends you texts to remind you when to water your plants, will be sent out to pre-order customers in December. This product started on Kickstarter and has raised \$96,960. The device will also come with an app eventually.



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Don't let your plants die

Baylor alum creation to arrive in December

By JEFFREY SWINDOLL
REPORTER

Plant Link, a device that sends texts when plants need watering, is slated to ship out to pre-order customers by the end of December. Plant Link is a product from Oso Technologies, a company co-founded by Eduardo Torrealba, a 2011 Baylor alum.

"Right now we are manufacturing the product," said Torrealba, CEO of Oso Technologies. "We're working with manufacturing materials like plastic and all the electronic components needed for the product."

After various designs, Oso Technologies reached a final model for the product. Currently, Oso Technologies is working on making the product a device that can be mass produced for the Kickstarter pre-orders.

"It's a pretty simple idea, but they've got to make the sensors on the device small enough and cheap enough and make it all work with the app," said Dr. Michael Korpi, professor of film and digital media.

Korpi is one of 877 people who backed Plant Link when the project was on Kickstarter, a crowdfunding website. The project successfully exceeded the initial \$75,000 goal

for the project, generating \$96,960.

Alongside the manufacturing process for the product, Torrealba said the company is also working on making the product available to customers at local and large franchise stores that sell gardening products.

"Regional gardening stores would probably be our first start. Then we'd be moving into big box retailers in the future," Torrealba said.

Oso Technologies has not had any major advertising campaign for the product. Torrealba said this may not change in the near future.

"Right now we're doing some Google ads to gauge interests, but we do not have any specific large-scale campaigns running for the product right now," Torrealba said.

The first Plant Link model is set for release this year, but Torrealba said the company has more plans for developing and manufacturing gardening products.

Torrealba said the main target group of the project is home gardeners in the United States, but Oso Technologies is also working on technology for commercial, large-scale use such as agriculture and research.

"We're also working on devel-

oping a product for commercial landscaping companies," Torrealba said. "There could definitely be advanced applications in the commercial space like agriculture and a lot of different areas that we could be moving into in the future."

Making an app that is connected with the device is something else that Oso Technologies is developing. The company announced via Kickstarter that will be making the app available through SmartThings, an iPhone and Android app that connects smartphones with physical things. SmartThings is currently used for securing household doors, sending weather notifications, remotely turning lights on and off and performing various other functions for common household applications.

Oso Technologies announced in a Kickstarter update that no additional subscription fee will be required for the Kickstarter backers. The company also announced that the product will ship internationally but has not posted the international shipping fees yet.

"We want to keep the shipping costs as low as possible, and will let you know what the precise rates will be as soon as we can," Torrealba said.

Waco schools collect data to help students in need

By JORDAN CORONA
REPORTER

Waco Independent School District counts homelessness like no other.

Last spring, the district became the first in the state to use a federally endorsed confidential information system to collect and pool information about students who are referred to social services.

The Homeless Management Information System, also known as Bowman System's Service Point Software, was mandated by the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to correlate HUD funding to a more precise, statistical idea of who it actually helps, said Katie Fager, Waco HMIS program analyst.

Though Waco ISD does not receive HUD funding, she said it volunteered its participation last April. It went into effect this academic term.

Cheryl Pooler, WISD supervisor for social work, said the districts' participation in the information system means a current identification network is available to students who don't have a home.

"We want to make sure that if they start school, they finish school and we want to get them caught up and supported," Pooler said.

Also, she said it's helping document a real problem affecting area minors.

"We're documenting there is a shortage of housing," Pooler said.

"There's a desperate need in this community for transitional housing or something more stable and long term, for kids who are too young to live in a homeless shelter," Pooler said.

It's not just homeless students who need assistance. That's why

in context of the school system, Pooler said, it is called the Community Management Information System.

Students volunteer their information to be in the system when being referred to social services. Pooler said the students are told what the system is before they volunteer the information.

"It's helping us look at if there are gaps in services that are provided to families on our community," she said.

"We're documenting there is a shortage of housing."

Cheryl Pooler | WISD supervisor for social work

The information system numbers students who qualify for social services and voluntarily contribute their personal information to the system. The web-based software notes what services school officials directed them to.

"Poverty didn't get here overnight, and it won't go away overnight," Pooler said. "But funding can."

The information system is a tool that records personal information. It's designed to report who uses social services and how often.

The aggregate data it offers is useful for grant applications and many service organizations see its potential to inform a less isolated, more communal approach to addressing poverty issues.

Part of its function, as a data pool, is to inform organizations. They do this using the data sourced from the participating organizations themselves. Every participant gets access to the information everyone else opts to

make available via their specific privacy settings.

Fager said the Community Management Information System administration decides those privacy settings specific to an organization's confidentiality needs, goals and whether or not the organization receives HUD funding.

Currently, there are 14 services that have adopted the system from the city. Waco CMIS administrator Jennifer Caballero said most of the participating organizations receive HUD funding.

She said WISD is mostly using the database to understand its homeless student population better. Even then, their privacy settings are such that students' information is not visible to other system users.

Caballero is one of two system administrators at the city level.

They are the only city employees with access to community management information, and have the authority to revoke authorized personnel from their license-access to system information if it is misused.

"Any time someone shares information with anyone outside their work responsibility, that's a breach of confidence," Caballero said.

She said besides a number of internal accountability measures, there are two legal agreements between the city and WISD to prohibit inappropriate use of the student information.

A memorandum of understanding and a confidentiality agreement outline privacy rules, and protections for the district's information investment.

"Some of the things we gather is personal to the client," she said. "We want to make sure that information is protected."

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Only in Waco Local businesses help out theater with sweet show

BY MICHAEL DAVIDSON
REPORTER

Waco Civic Theatre's upcoming production of "Superior Donuts" employs a central theme that locals may find particularly appetizing. In essence, it is a show about a small community, it is playing at a community theater, performed by members of a close-knit community, all with the help of businesses and sponsors who are part of that same community: Waco.

The play tells the story of a former radical hippie, who lives in a small section of Chicago and runs a local donut shop. In a twist of fate, he meets and employs a young, aspiring African-American writer and the two form an unlikely friendship. The two quickly bond through each other's struggles, as well as the struggles of the neighborhood, facing problems such as Starbucks threateningly opening across the street from the independently owned eatery.

"Everywhere you look nowadays, chain stores are taking over and driving out mom-and-pop businesses, which is good in some cases, but it can also put a cramp in a small-businessman and a community," said Eric Shephard, executive director of Waco Civic Theatre and director of the show. "One of the things that attracted me to the play was that it's not a comedy and it's not a drama; it's both, and it's got a lot of heart in it."

Since first seeing the show in 2009 on Broadway, Shephard said he had been waiting for the right opportunity to direct it. After proposing the production, which he sometimes refers to as "the best play you've never heard of," the theater's artistic advising committee went through its usual procedure of discussing and voting on the ideas, eventually agreeing with Shephard to include it in the theater's season this year.

The predominately male cast, something Shephard said gives the play a different energy, includes a well-rounded mix-

ture of volunteers from Waco, some new to the Civic Theatre and some who have been involved for quite some time.

"I've been volunteering at the theater for over 20 years now, ever since I moved here," said Win Emmons, cast member and longtime volunteer. "Around here I do everything from building sets to sweeping floors. I put the marquis up, and I've also performed in many of the shows."

Emmons, a local schoolteacher, said he began his work at the theater reluctantly, after his son dragged him to audition for a play. He decided to be in one show, became smitten with the entire process and has been there ever since.

In the essence of a true local theater, several Waco businesses have even made donations to help support the "Superior Donuts" cause. Two in particular are Starbucks, which will be supplying drinks at the play's reception, and Shipley Donuts, which donated many of the props and stage materials.

"It really puts the 'community' in community theater when local businesses offer

to lend a hand," Emmons said. "It's always nice to see locals working as a team. Starbucks is donating coffee even though there are a lot of jokes about them in the play."

Comedy combined with serious drama is another aspect that makes the show so alluring, Shephard said.

"The most fun thing about the play, which is also a challenge, is the fact that the dialogue is so funny," Shephard said. "The actors even have trouble rehearsing sometimes because they can't help but laugh. But the play also deals with some heavy issues. I think it's about a person who finds bravery in life to stand up for something and for someone, finding in himself courage he never knew he had."

Emmons said the play includes commentary on the omnipresent concept of the American dream. Every character has a different idea of what the American dream actually is, he explained. It serves as an undertone to the entire show and comes through in each of the actors' dialogue, whether it's witty banter or heartfelt commentary.

"It will make you laugh, and it will make you gasp, and there's something wrong with you if it doesn't make you cry as well," Emmons said. "But overall it's a very well-rounded play and we're hopeful that the audience will be taken in by the story."

>> "Superior Donuts"

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>> Switchfoot in concert

7 p.m. Oct. 28
Waco Hall

The alternative Christian rock band comes to Baylor with new music and the premiere of the new film "Fading West." Tickets can be purchased for \$15 at the Bill Daniel Student Center box office or online at baylor.edu/studentactivities.

Uproar Records' newest band breaks out with original sound

BY HALEY DAVIS
REPORTER

Other popular boy bands are no match for Uproar Records' newest band. This semester, Manifest Music Company steps out with a unique edge on pop music.

The band, which formed in spring 2012, includes Montgomery, N. J., junior Mike Stanley on bass, Abilene senior Hugh Knight on piano, and Baylor alumnus Zac Flowers from Houston on guitar and Erik Williams from Colorado Springs, Colo., on drums.

The name comes from two ideas. Manifest came from a book Flowers read in high school. The second, Flowers and a friend were at a concert and were joking about the "Co." in the band's name.

"It stared as a joke, but then we actually liked it and changed it to Company," Flowers said.

Each member has had different musical training and different musical influences. Stanley is versed trained in jazz music, which is where he gets most of his influence. He started playing music about

10 years ago.

Knight is classically trained with jazz influence from his mother and has studied piano since he was five years old.

Flowers taught himself to play guitar, mainly to impress the ladies, but ended up enjoying it. He said his main influence is pop and indie music.

Williams has a medal, screamo music influence and started playing the drums nine years ago. He said he really enjoys making music with a good rhythm.

Flowers started writing songs a couple of years ago, but he said he wanted to start playing with people and decided to start a band.

"It is really hard to play several instruments at once," Flowers said.

Stanley, Flowers and Williams all ran on the Baylor cross-country team. Stanley and Flowers decided to form a band. They played a couple of small concerts at friends houses.

The group realized they needed more members to get the sound they wanted, and they soon recruited Williams to join.

While playing their favorite original

song, "Dance," the band came to the conclusion that it needed someone who could play the piano.

"I ran into a friend who used to be in our band and was discussing how we needed to find a piano player, and he introduced us to Hugh," Flowers said.

The boys play around with their different backgrounds to create a unique sound. They said their sound is pop, jazz and rock.

"We call our sound 'Prog Pop,' as in progressive pop," Stanley said. "We try to make music that applies to a lot of people because of our different musical backgrounds."

The creative progress in writing their songs is a group effort. Flowers comes with an idea and words then all the members add their own style to the songs.

The band has a single coming out this semester and plan to have an EP out this spring. The single will be the song "Dance," which is their favorite to perform because of its upbeat rhythm.

"I have a theory on music," Flowers said. "I want to make people dance and think at the same time."

Around the time Flowers wrote the song, he had several friends dealing with depression, and wanted to find a way to help them. While looking around on the Internet, he came across a blog that said the best way to give someone with de-



PHOTO BY MARGARET ALBA

Hugh Knight, Erik Williams, Zac Flowers and Mike Stanley, collectively Manifest Music Company, rock out to their unique progressive pop sound.

pression immediate help is to dance. He then wrote the song, to get people of their couches and dancing.

Manifest Music Company will be playing at the homecoming parade and potentially at a tailgating event. They also have shows coming up at World Hunger Relief Farm Day and Oktoberfest.

"We want to do this with our lives,"

Flowers said. "We are busy people so we are doing this for a purpose."

However, the group hopes to one day enjoy some of the perks that come with being in a band.

"I really just want us to have a tour bus in the future, and if we can make enough money to put gas in it and get food, I would be happy," Knight said.

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How to shut out TV show spoilers when you're online

By OMAR L. GALLAGA
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(Spoiler alert: This story contains no actual TV spoilers.)

I would really like to talk to you about TV spoilers today, but first I need to know: Did you see the series finale of "Breaking Bad?" Are you caught up on "Game of Thrones?" You know who died on that one amazing episode of "The Wire" toward the end of Season Three, right?

Maybe we shouldn't have that discussion. I don't want to ruin anything for you.

As television has entered into what some call a golden age of deeper dramas and more sophisticated comedies ("2 Broke Girls" notwithstanding), we seem to be taking TV much more seriously. Online, where conversations can escalate over a misplaced comma, spoiling a plot twist such as the death of a major character or what happened in the final episode of a TV series can get you yelled at.

Or typed at. Loudly. With lots of exclamation points. By people who hate spoilers.

It became clear last week that we've entered a new era of spoilerphobia with the final episode of AMC's "Breaking Bad." Viewers who weren't caught up on the show or who had to watch the Sept. 29 finale on a DVR delay had to shield their eyes at news headlines, shush coworkers and unfollow play-by-play TV commentators on Twitter.

"Breaking Bad," an unpredictable epic where almost anything

could happen from week to week, turned those who were in the process of binge-watching the series on Netflix into nervous wrecks. It got to be such a problem that Netflix introduced a tool called "Spoiler Foiler," allowing fans to filter out information about the show from their Twitter feeds.

Some believe that discussion of TV online is fair game once a show has aired on the West Coast (accounting for the standard three-hour TV delay from Eastern time). Others believe you should wait at least a day to allow DVR viewers to catch up on shows before giving anything away.

The most spoiler-averse believe you shouldn't reveal any major plot points of beloved series, even old ones, since some people are still catching up on "The Sopranos" or "Lost" via DVDs or video-on-demand. And then there are those who live-Tweet TV events as they happen, enraging others.

Watching TV digitally on your own terms is great, but it's also created pressure to keep up with TV plotlines in unrealistic ways. When Netflix released 15 episodes of "Arrested Development" or 13 of its new original series "Orange Is the New Black" all in one bunch instead of parceling them out, who's to say when it's appropriate to reveal plot twists online? It's kind of a mess out there.

Emily Gipson and Caitlin McFarland, TV junkies and founders of the annual ATX Television Festival, say that we've gone through two big shifts in TV viewing that may be contributing to the current



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Rick Grimes (Andrew Lincoln) stars in AMC's "The Walking Dead," a drama following the aftermath of a zombie apocalypse.

battleground over spoilers. When DVRs started going mainstream, many viewers stopped watching all but the most important event TV (the Super Bowl, the Oscars) live. But the rise of social media has made many embrace the communal feeling of watching TV with

others. "It's why television viewing in the last year or two has skyrocketed," McFarland said. "The TV community online, it's family, it's your people. You want to watch it live with them."

TV series are complicit in this,

she said, pointing to shows like "Scandal," in which cast members Tweet as their show airs. "It's an experience," McFarland said. "It causes you to think about what shows you want to marathon, what you watch in bulk and what you want to watch live. All the control is in the hands of the viewer."

Gipson said she believes many TV geeks are increasingly aware that posting spoilers can ruin a TV show for those still catching up on a series. "I think people are being super respectful of spoilers," she said. She's only into the third season of "Breaking Bad" and has yet to have the ending ruined. "The only thing I've seen is people saying, 'Wow, that was an amazing finale.'"

If the idea of having a shocking TV death or the score from a football game you recorded exposed fills you with fear, there are ways you can stamp out spoilers from your life.

Methods of avoidance:

Method 1: Stay offline until you're caught up on a TV episode. That may seem obvious, but for those whose jobs rely on being online and up to date on what's happening (say, reporters or researchers), that's easier said than done. But for big TV events that you're missing, you can at least stay off Twitter and Facebook while the show is airing and for a few hours afterward.

Stay off entertainment or sports websites that may reveal what happened in headlines. Even mainstream news sites often can't resist posting TV info such as results

from competitive reality shows, especially if there's a local connection, as when Austinite Paul Qui won "Top Chef" last year.

Method 2: Use technology to fight spoilers, especially on Twitter. The aforementioned "Spoiler Foiler" is still a good tool if you're a "Breaking Bad" binge-watcher, but there are other apps and filters available to scrub information about TV shows of your choosing. "Spoiler Shield," a recently launched free app for iPhone and iPad, promises to clear Facebook and Twitter of spoiling information. Twivo, a browser plug-in, can also eliminate spoilers from Twitter feeds.

Tools including TweetDeck and Twitter apps such as Echofon and TweetCaster allow you to mute hashtags or users.

Method 3: This is the least convenient for those used to watching TV on their own DVR terms: Watch the shows you're most worried about when they air, especially shows with a high body count ("Homeland," "Walking Dead").

Even making a virtual fort for yourself online won't guarantee that spoilers won't intrude on your viewing.

Gipson said that an hour before our interview, the "Breaking Bad" finale was almost spoiled for her when coffee shop customers began discussing it nearby. She said, "I turned and told them, 'Could you not do that here?'"

"They took their conversation outside and said, 'Not everyone will be this kind; you should hurry up.'"

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No. 15 Baylor fueled by naysayers

By SHEHAN JEYARAJAH
SPORTS WRITER

Baylor was dominant in its Big 12 opener, setting a conference record for total offense with 864 yards. The number was the most by an FBS team in the last decade. The Bears scored the most points against West Virginia since 1904. Baylor became the first team since 1930 to score 70 or more points in three straight games. This was all against a team that beat No. 11 Oklahoma State convincingly the week before.

Despite the convincing win, Baylor moved up only two spots in the AP rankings, from No. 17 to No. 15.

Out of the gate, Baylor's offense has been record-setting. Taking into account the weak schedule, the Bears lead college football in points per game by 10 points, total offense by almost 160 yards per game and passing yards by 10 yards a game. The Bears are second in rushing yards and rushing touchdowns with 347.3 yards per game and 22 rushing touchdowns.

"I always feel that Baylor is a 'but' team," junior quarterback Bryce Petty said. "I say that because people say, 'they're good but,' 'they score points but,' 'they beat this team but.' That's good because it puts a chip on our shoulder. It would be nice to get out of that. It would be nice to prove that, but at the end of the day it's not enough. But that's where we want to be. Again, it puts a chip on our shoulder and it gets us out to practice every week. We know that we're the best. It doesn't matter what somebody on ESPN says, or whatever, we know that we are the best. We come out to work. We have to come in and keep working, stay hungry."

Opposing teams and coaches have been impressed by Baylor's dominance. University of Buffalo coach Jeff Quinn felt good about a strong 40-20 showing against No. 2

Ohio State, but wasn't prepared for Baylor's dominance.

"This week we weren't even close to the way I felt we would hold up against Baylor," Quinn said after a 70-13 loss. "They are deserving to be in the top five right now in my opinion."

University of Louisiana at Monroe coach Todd Berry played against Baylor last season, coaching the Warhawks to a close 47-42 shootout. This year was completely different as Baylor destroyed ULM 70-7.

"When you take a lot of chances, sometimes you get burned... well, we got scalded," Berry said. "When did I feel like things were going downhill? I think when it hit 42-0 in the first quarter. I think that was the moment."

"I always feel that Baylor is a 'but' team. I say that because people say, 'they're good but,' 'they score points but,' 'they beat this team but.' That's good because it puts a chip on our shoulder."

Bryce Petty | Junior quarterback

West Virginia head coach Dana Holgerson said Baylor won the game at the line of scrimmage by physically setting the tone both offensively and defensively.

"I would recommend giving Baylor some credit," Holgerson said. "I've never seen a team establish the line of scrimmage like they did. We've been pretty proud of how we have been playing defense for the last five games, but you can't play defense when the line of scrimmage is five yards backwards every single time they play. They ran the ball the same way most

of the time. They never changed anything. They just established the line of scrimmage. The other side of the ball is the same way. We ran the same thing and they were five yards back in our backfield. That's the one thing that shows up to the eye, but that was happening all over the place."

Slowly and surely, the national media is also beginning to take notice of Baylor's dominance. USA Today's Jeff Sagarin releases computer ratings, which are based on a variety of factors including strength of schedule and statistical metrics. Sagarin's ratings have Baylor fourth in the country behind Alabama, Oregon and Florida State.

SB Nation's Dan Connelly recently wrote an article about how Baylor could make it into the national title game. National championships have never been associated as a possibility with Baylor until now. The Sporting News' Bill Bender projected that Baylor would play in the Fiesta Bowl this January.

Despite all of the positives, Baylor is not quite in the spotlight yet.

"I think we're starting to get some national attention," Petty restated on Monday. "But I don't think it's where it needs to be or where it deserves to be."

Baylor head coach Art Briles knows that there are tests ahead in the Big 12 conference. He thinks Baylor has to do more to establish themselves.

"It's too early," Briles said. "We've played four games since August 31, and it's October 5. You're not going to date somebody three times and ask them to marry you. You're going to hang around a while and get to know them and see if it's a match."

The team knows that if it take care of business, then more focus and the spotlight of attention will come to Waco.

"I think national attention will come as we get deeper into conference," Petty said.



MATT HELLMAN | LARIAT MULTIMEDIA EDITOR

Baylor junior quarterback Bryce Petty rushes the ball against West Virginia on Oct. 5 at Floyd Casey Stadium. Petty leads the nation's No. 1 scoring offense and leads the nation in passing efficiency with a 229.6 rating.

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Baylor aiming to take care of business on road against KSU

By SHEHAN JEYARAJAH
SPORTS WRITER

After thrashing West Virginia in the first Big 12 conference game, No. 15 Baylor football looks to continue its incredible offensive start in the first road game of the season at Kansas State. The Bears have never won in Manhattan, but Baylor looks to turn that streak around.

Baylor is coming off a dominant win against West Virginia, where the Bears set an all-time Big 12 record with 864 total yards, and dropped 70 points or more for the third straight game, the first time an offense has scored 70 or more points three straight times since 1930.

"I just think it's funny how people still say we still have something to prove when we've had four weeks," junior quarterback Bryce Petty said after the win. "Seventy points, I guess, isn't enough."

Baylor's offense has quickly become the stuff of legend. The Bears lead the country by far in total offense with 779.5 yards per game. Excluding Baylor's first game against Wofford, Baylor is averaging 808.7 yards a game against FBS teams.

Petty was recent added to the Maxwell Award watch list and bolsters an offense that leads the nation in passing yards with 432.3 yards per game. Petty himself leads Baylor with 1,348 yards, and leads the nation in yards per attempt with 14.7 yards per pass. The second place passer is more than three yards behind him. Petty also ranks sixth in the country with a 72.8 completion percentage.

Junior running back Lache Sea-

strunk was named Big 12 Offensive Player of the Week after running for 172 yards and two touchdowns on 15 carries. Seastrunk leads college football with 11.1 yards per run. Seastrunk is part of a rotation that is second in college football with 347.3 yards per game.

"Anywhere you go on the road, you're in a different environment. You have to change a few things."

Art Briles | head coach

Junior wide receiver Antwan Goodley and senior wide receiver Tevin Reese have been arguably the best duo in all of football. Goodley leads the nation in yards per catch with 25.7, and is fourth in college football with 135.0 yards per game. Reese is fourth in the nation with 23.6 yards per reception, and is top 20 in the nation with 106.3 yards per game.

Baylor's defense has been solid throughout the season. Baylor is 17th in total defense by allowing 321.3 yards per game, and is No. 14 in scoring defense with 16.3 points per game allowed.

Baylor is outscoring teams 282-65 on the season. That's a margin of 54.3 points per victory.

Kansas State comes into this game after losing its first two Big 12 conference games by slim margins: against Texas in Austin 31-21 and against No. 21 Oklahoma State in Stillwater 33-29. They have managed to maintain a top 50 defense.

Kansas State plays two guys at quarterback: junior Jake Waters and sophomore Daniel Sams. Waters has been the better passer of the two with 959 yards and four passing touchdowns through five games, but Sams has been the team's best rusher with 323 yards and four touchdowns on the ground. Waters has started more games, but Sams played more in the last game, so it's not clear what to expect against Baylor this week.

The Wildcats pass the ball at an average rate, rush the ball at an average rate, and defend at an average rate. Simply put, Kansas State will have a difficult task against Baylor.

Kansas State turns the ball over almost three times per game, and that is a perfect scenario for an opportunistic Baylor defense that has forced 10 turnovers.

When Kansas State head coach Bill Snyder was asked for his game plan, he laughed it off.

"We're going to take the first snap, run into the locker room and stay there until halftime," Snyder said. "What's the biggest challenge facing Baylor? Keeping them for scoring 100 points, I guess."

Baylor head coach Art Briles knows that going on the road is new experience for the team.

"Anywhere you go on the road, you're in a different environment," Briles said. "You have to change a few things. We had a tough game up there two years ago where they came back and won, but fortunately we're back with another opportunity."

The Bears have never won in Manhattan, Kan. This is a much improved Baylor football team, and the Bears are ready to break the streak.



MATT HELLMAN | LARIAT MULTIMEDIA EDITOR

Junior running back Lache Seastrunk blasts through the line of scrimmage thanks to the blocking of the offensive line in Baylor's 73-42 victory over West Virginia on Saturday at Floyd Casey Stadium.

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on mutual interests. But he told the Cairo daily, Al-Masry al-Youm, in an interview published on Wednesday that Egypt would not tolerate pressure, “whether through actions or hints.”

Neighboring Israel also has indicated concern. The Israelis consider the U.S. aid to Egypt to be important support for the peace agreement between Egypt and Israel.

The State Department stressed that the long-standing U.S. partnership with Egypt would continue and U.S. officials made it clear that the decisions are not permanent, adding that there is no intent by the Obama administration to end any specific programs.

Still, the decision puts ties between the U.S. and Egypt at their rockiest point in more than three decades.

“The United States continues to support a democratic transition and oppose violence as a means of resolving differences within Egypt,” State Department spokeswoman Jen Psaki said. “We will continue to review the decisions regarding our assistance periodically and will continue to work with the interim government to help it move toward our shared goals in an atmosphere free of violence and intimidation.”

The U.S. will continue to provide support for health and education and counterterrorism, spare military parts, military training and education, border security and security assistance in the Sinai Peninsula where near-daily attacks against security forces and soldiers have increasingly resembled a full-fledged insurgency.



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Egyptian army soldiers take their positions on top and next to their armored vehicles to guard an entrance of Tahrir Square, in Cairo.

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Compulsions are neutralizing behaviors performed to negate a perceived threat, Fergus said. Common compulsions include checking, washing, praying, aligning things symmetrically or ordering and counting, Fergus said.

With compulsions an individual is attempting to make their environment safer and reduce a perceived threat, Fergus said.

However, compulsions only provide a sense of relief temporarily, and actually will reinforce obsessions on a long-term basis, Fergus said.

Attempts at suppressing obsessions can often have the opposite effect, Fergus said.

“If you don’t want to have a thought, the only way to know if you do not have the thought is for your brain to actually monitor whether you’re having the thought,” he said.

Attempts to not think about an obsession will actually lead to an individual think about it even more; thus making it difficult to ‘just stop’ obsessing, Fergus said.

All people may exhibit some compulsive behavior, such as checking or cleansing more than is needed. What’s different about OCD is the severity of the compulsions. Compulsions as performed with OCD causes impairment, distress, and consume a significant amount of time for the sufferer, Fergus said.

“It’s a very impairing disorder,” Fergus said.

The term ‘OCD’ is used colloquially on a daily basis by society. People use it to describe someone who is highly perfectionistic, or who is fixated on or preoccupied with something, Fergus said.

“I don’t think people probably have a good sense as to what OCD actually is and what it consists of,” he said.

There is a stigma associated with OCD, Fergus said, like with most mental conditions. OCD sufferers may feel misunderstood and frustrated in the face of society, he said.

“You are a completely unique individual completely unrelated to your OCD.”

Zach Warman | Porter junior

“People who are not familiar with it may view them as somehow weak-willed; they’re just ‘giving in to their desires,’” Fergus said.

Porter junior Zach Warman is co-president of the Baylor chapter of the organization Active Minds; an organization founded on the intent to educate the public on mental disorders and mental health, and to abolish stigmas about mental disorders.

Warman said the media to-

day will skew and dramatize the idea of OCD, latching on to components of the disorder that are eye-catching and portraying it in a comedic sense.

Warman said people suffering from OCD are often hesitant to tell others that they have the disorder.

“A lot of times they don’t want to open up about that because they feel that they’re going to be already judged by the time they meet anyone, and that they might not be able to garner such a high position in society,” he said.

The best treatment for OCD is exposure and cognitive behavioral therapy, Fergus said.

“Essentially what exposure consists of is exposing an individual to something they’re afraid of or anxious about without them engaging in any safety behavior or compulsive behavior at all,” he said.

Methods such as talk therapy and Freudian psychology won’t help sufferers of OCD, Fergus said. Cognitive behavioral therapy has produced very successful outcomes, he said.

There is no ‘cure’ for OCD, Fergus said, though anti-depressants are prescribed to assist in reducing symptoms of OCD.

Obsessions can return throughout a person’s life, and the disorder waxes and wanes. A person can, through treatment, be taught how to confront intrusive thoughts when they arise, Fergus

said.

Fergus said he encourages those suffering from OCD, or those who are concerned they may have OCD, to seek out treatment, but to do so in a cautious manner.

“Make sure that the professional you’re going to see has a certain type of theoretical orientation: cognitive behavior therapy,” he said.

Treatment can sound scary, but a therapist won’t force any action upon their patient and the patient will be able to work at their own speed, Fergus said.

Fergus said anyone who knows an individual battling OCD should not make that person feel alienated.

“The best thing you can do is to show love, care and empathy toward them, and encourage them to seek out treatment if they are distressed,” he said.

Warman said he advises the public not to define a person by their disorder.

“That person isn’t their disorder,” Warman said. “So if you suffer from a lot of anxiety because of your OCD, that’s not you. You are a completely unique individual completely unrelated to your OCD.”

Fergus said students can receive cognitive behavior therapy at the Baylor Psychology Clinic.

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tion to the site, so we hope that the social aspect will be the niche that catches on,” VanDusen said.

The site will also soon have the feature to rate materials and users. Based on those ratings, the site will reward users with cash prizes or additional site features.

“We want to reward those users because they’re essentially the ones giving value to the site,” VanDusen said.

Much like Spotify and other sites that have free and premium-

access user options, Adanote will soon have a subscription format.

“Basically, the model that we’re going with is a subscription-based model,” VanDussen said. “That means, we’re going to offer everything that our competition offers for free, but for an additional subscription fee, we’re going to offer those users special features.”

VanDusen said Adanote.com will be developed for smartphone compatibility, and one of the premium features for paying users will

be optical character recognition.

Students will be able to write notes on their phone or tablet with their finger or a stylus and their notes will be saved on their Adanote profile immediately.

“We want to build it out almost from a social platform,” VanDusen said. “The site is not to find out what people are doing, but it’s to encourage collaboration. It’s going to be social but it’s not going to be like Facebook.”

They started working on the site

in May and worked throughout the summer, eventually launching the website on Sept. 10.

“We’ve got about 300 people for the three weeks or so that it’s been open,” Heath said. “There’s a feedback tag on the footer where lots of students have told us things they like about the site and also some things that need improvement.”

The company is interested in maintaining a site that does not encourage irresponsibility and procrastination.

“We want to stray away from that type of culture as much as we can,” VanDusen said. “You don’t go on our website to cheat. You go on there to study, and we really want to create that culture — collaborate and conquer.”

Heath said Koofers.com, another online study website competitor, was recently sued for posting test banks.

He said Adanote has intentions of keeping a website that does not allow test answers or other forms

of cheating to be available through the site.

“The policy is that the materials must be user-generated and user-created,” VanDussen said. “For the test banks and similar materials, we’ll have a flagging system where students can flag if something like that shows. We’ll be able to track the items that are flagged, and as soon as something is flagged we’re going to have it removed.”

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