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# Court restores most of new abortion rules

By Chris Tomlinson ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUSTIN — A federal appeals court on Thursday ruled that most of Texas' tough new abortion restrictions can take effect immediately — a decision that means as least 12 clinics won't be able to perform the procedure starting as soon as today.

A panel of judges at the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans said the law requiring doctors to have admitting privileges at a nearby hospital can take effect while a lawsuit challenging the restrictions moves forward. The panel issued the ruling three days after District Judge Lee Yeakel said the provision serves no medical purpose.

In its 20-page ruling, the appeals court panel acknowledged that the provision "may increase the cost of accessing an abortion provider and decrease the number of physicians available to perform abortions." However, the panel said that the U.S. Supreme Court has held that having "the incidental effect of making it more difficult or more expensive to procure an abortion cannot be enough to invalidate" a law that serves a valid purpose, "one not designed to strike at the right itself."

The panel left in place a portion of Yeakel's order that prevents the state from enforcing the U.S. Food and Drug Administration protocol for abortion-inducing drugs in cases where the woman is between 50 and 63 days into her pregnancy. Doctors testifying before the court had said such women would be harmed if the protocol were enforced.

After Yeakel halted the restrictions, Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott had made an emergency appeal to the conservative 5th Circuit, arguing that the law requiring doctors to have admitting privileges is a constitutional use of the Legislature's authority.

"This unanimous decision is a vindication of the careful deliberation by the Texas Legislature to craft a law to protect the health and safety of Texas women," Abbott, a Republican who is running for governor, said in a written statement.

Lawyers for Planned Parenthood and other abortion providers had argued that the regulations do not protect women and would shut down a third of the 32 abortion clinics in

In a statement Thursday, Planned Parenthood said the appeals court decision means "abortion will no longer be available in vast stretches of Texas."

"This fight is far from over," Planned Parenthood President Cecile Richards said in the statement. "This restriction clearly violates Texas women's constitutional rights by drastically reducing access to safe

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#### Saaaaaaaaaanta!!!!!!

New Paltz, N.Y., sophomore David Ackert shows his Halloween spirit by dressing up as Buddy The Elf during Baylor lacrosse practice Thursday on the Baylor Sciences Building practice field. Paltz has been playing lacrosse for six years.

# Veto shoots down change in wording

#### Vote of 22-25 leaves 'homosexual acts' in Baylor Sexual Misconduct Code

By Shelby Leonard REPORTER

The phrase "homosexual acts" will remain in the Sexual Misconduct Code after a Student Senate vote in executive session Thursday night.

Student Body President Wesley Hodges vetoed the Sexual Misconduct Code Non-Discrimination Act on Wednesday.

The act, which was originally passed during the Student Senate meeting last week, had proposed to remove the phrase "homosexual acts" and replace it with the phrase "nonmarital consensual deviate sexual in-

In order to override the veto, a two-thirds vote by the Student Senate was necessary. According to two members present for the vote, the final count was 22-25.

Hodges has the authority to sign or veto any piece of legislation.

Hodges said he decided to veto the bill based on two arguments. First, Baylor has a right to determine what it does and does not value.

The second was the concern that due to the lack of preparation and extensive student studies, if this bill were to pass on to the Board of Regents Hodges did not expect it to be implemented.

"My veto was an action of love and care for the university and our students," Hodges said. "I understand that human sexuality is a topic that is very important to our student body and I do not want to limit our conversations on this topic. I deeply respect our students and their respective views. I just want to make sure that whatever is represented in the student government is an accurate representation of the majority of students and seeks to further the mission to protect

The veto by the student body president was returned to Student Senate to be voted upon, in accordance with the Student Body Constitution.

The Student Senate vote followed an open forum debate with alternating pro and con speakers.

A major concern expressed by those in favor of the veto was that the proposal was unclear and unnecessary. An additional concern was that the media publicity would potentially continue to affect the reputation of the university in a negative way.

However, other students expressed disagreement with the motion to veto the proposal. Major points expressed by those opposed were that the proposal would create a more caring, lov-

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## LLC made for students with love of outdoors

STAFF WRITER

For some students at Baylor, being stuck indoors and buried in books is not enough. They crave fresh air and don't mind getting

The Baylor Outdoor Adventure Living and Learning Center unites students through a common interest in the outdoors

Incoming freshmen can apply for the 2014-2015 school year

There are 32 spots in the program, said Jeremy Yarbrough, Outdoor Adventure Living and Learning Center program director, half of which are reserved for incoming freshmen.

Yarbrough said most of the upper division spots have been filled. However, a current student may still apply to be put on the waiting "A lot can change between now and August," Yarbrough said.

The Center's mission statement is: "To provide like-minded students an opportunity for personal growth, intellectual stimulation and leadership skills through outdoor adventure experiences." Typically, there is a balance within the Outdoor Adventure Living

and Learning Center of students who are experienced and inexperienced, Yarbrough said. Houston senior and third-year Outdoor Adventure Living and

Learning Center member Jimmy Britven said he had camping experience before joining the program from Boy Scouts.

"Coming from Boy Scouts, I had a pretty good base of outdoor

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Oprah Winfrey presents sisters Britney and Bethany Wekesser with a \$300,000 check for college.

# BU twins pursue dreams, college thanks to Oprah

By Maria Brockman, Crystal Dyer AND ERYN MATTOX Contributors

When Lincoln, Neb., twins Britney and Bethany Wekesser arrived on "The Oprah Winfrey Show" on May 10, 2005, they received the biggest surprise of their lives — a \$300,000 check to pay

They never expected it. They didn't ask for it. "We were just two normal Nebraskan girls," Britney said.

They were told Oprah was recognizing students who had overcome challenges. Both Britney and Bethany had a learning dissability that they struggled with from first grade to middle school.

"We had trouble comprehending colors, knowing our ABCs, reading. We just didn't make sense of education like our peers," Bethany said. "It required a lot of hard work and extra school-

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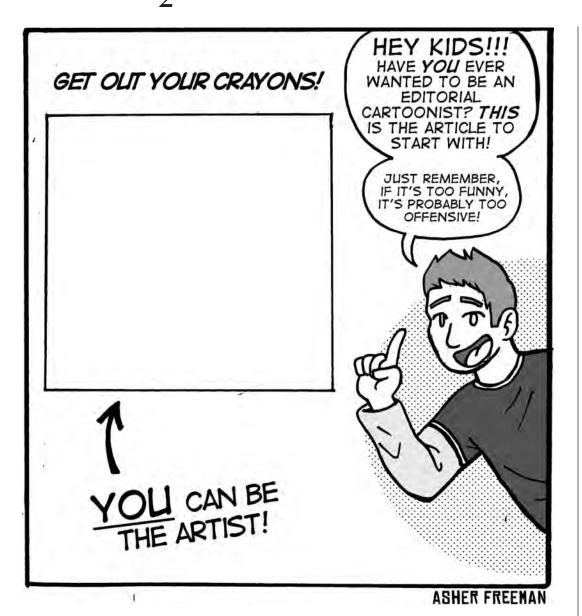
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Cross country gears up for the Big 12 championship meet this weekend in Waco.





# The Lariat endorses fart-filtering undies

#### **Editorial**

Life is filled with inconveniences, but technology exists to help ease these troubles.

People needed ways to get around, so Henry Ford invented the automobile. People wanted to talk with friends and family across the country, so Alexander Graham Bell invented the telephone. People were grossed out by the smell of farts, so Paul O'Leary invented Shreddies.

Maybe Shreddies, which are underwear made of a special material that filters out any unpleasant smells, don't get the recognition that electricity, the Internet and sliced bread get, but that doesn't mean they are any less necessary in our world.

Every person should own a pair of fart-squelching underwear for the sake of those we spend time around. Generations from now, kids will wonder how we ever got by without this invention in the same way we wonder how people lived without television.

Shreddies use a material called Zorflex, which is made of activated carbon. According to Chemviron Carbon, the company that produces Zorflex, the material absorbs large volumes of organic and inorganic molecules from gasses and liquids.

The carbon is riddled with pores that squelch odors, but Zorflex is traditionally used in air conditioning, water filtration, personal protective equipment and more. The material is also very

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dense. In fact, just one gram of the material can stretch to more than half of a soccer field.

Is moisture your enemy? This isn't a problem for Zorflex as it can function in high-humidity environments and isn't adversely affected by moist environments.

Like any good inventor, O'Leary saw a way to make people's lives easier and more comfortable. Now his fart-filtering material can help both you and the people in your blast radius.

Think of the implications. Nervous on a first dinner date? Shreddies should put your mind at ease even if that steak is turning in your stomach.

Is your job interview coming up after lunch? Fire away because your future employer won't smell a thing. While this invention helps anyone that could possibly be embarrassed by flatulence, the people that will benefit the most are those that suffer from Chrohn's disease, lactose intolerance or irritable bowel syndrome. Shreddies will help these people ease their most overlooked symptom: embarrass-

Before you begin to think that Shreddies are some kind of gimmick that plays on childish humor as a way to market its product, you may want to know that teams of professionals have designed these award-winning undies. Shreddies hired Katie Crease, a designer from De Montfort University's lingerie design program, to help breathe life into the idea.

What followed was the "Look Good Feel Good" award from the Association of Continence Advice. The judges commented, "Fab idea, good quality product, great styling, could save many a marriage. Well-needed product, fantastic innovation." We couldn't agree more.

According to MyShreddies. com, the average person passes gas 14 times each day. Multiply that by the number of people that you come in contact with, and odds are that you will encounter the smell of a fart every now and then.

In a world with odor-absorbing underwear, there is no embarrassment or discomfort from passing gas or being near someone who does. It must be heavenly.

Shreddies are a bit pricey, but so is every other revolutionary technology when it first comes out. Shreddies' menswear starts at \$40, and women's underwear starts at \$32.

Odor-absorbing underwear will come in handy. All silentbut-deadly farts will just become silent, and people would be able to do just as Shreddies' motto states, "fart with confidence."

## Survey Results

U.S. District Judge Lee Yeakel struck down one provision of Texas House Bill 2 on Oct. 28 that would have placed restrictions on abortions and abortion clinics. Do you agree?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	61.8%	34
No	38.2%	21

#### Your responses:

"There are hospitals all over the state in all sizes of communities. Abortion providers and clinics can meet the need of women seeking abortions by meeting the basic health and safety standards. Those that have closed have chosen not to adhere to these standards and have created the undue burden they now claim exists."

"It would close most of the facilities in Texas. That seems a little undue, at the least."

Do you think that doctors should be required to have admittance access to hospitals in order to perform an abortion?

> Yes: 52.8% No: 47.2%

#### Your responses:

"Abortion is an invasive medical procedure that can cause unexpected complications or bleeding requiring advanced medical care. To provide safe health care to women, doctors must be able to quickly access hospital care."

"It seems to be an unnecessary and tedious requirement."

Do you think women should be able to undergo a medication abortion at home?

Yes: 37% No: 63%

#### Your responses:

"There are no evident dangers associated with medical abortions that demand immediate doctor's supervision. Requiring women to take the medicine under doctor's supervision simply requires further hospital time, with all the associated costs that low income mothers will struggle to manage, for no apparent health benefits."

"I do not believe a drug intended to end life can be accurately called a 'medication."

Do you think the provision banning abortions after 20 weeks of pregnancy should have been challenged in this lawsuit?

Yes: 47.3%

No: 52.7%

#### Your responses:

"If you can't decide before 20 weeks, then there's adoption."

Do you think this matter should be taken to the U.S. Supreme Court?

Yes: 52.7% No: 47.3%

Lariat Letters

### Some modern artists make good music

posed an important question. What musicians of our generation will be remembered for pushing the creativity, integrity and beauty of their art, inspiring our generation along the way?

today's top 100 music — while at times catchy — is, however, basically soulless. Of course the editors avoid reference to popular groups that may challenge their theory, like Macklemore or Mumford & Sons, but the point is still well taken. What should we do about it?

I'm regularly shocked that in the age of the Internet, with access to thousands and thousands of bands at our fingertips, many Baylor students still let popular radio, MTV and other consumer driven media

The editorial on contemporary music on Oct. 31 sources largely dictate the type music they listen to. I know this because, as a graduate assistant in the sociology department, I look at various compilations from intro classes on the types of music students are into.

I often play music in class and usually students I agree with the editors' sentiment that much of have no idea about who I'm playing, even artists as brilliant and iconic as Sufjan Stevens. It's all about the source: whose voice will you listen to in order to find music for your iPod? My most trusted source? To find the music that will inspire our generation, don't look to the top 100. Look for artists who haven't sold out to the big labels, and support media sources that bring them to our attention.

> Blake Victor Kent Bellingham, Wash., doctoral student

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# Journey to the past

#### Students, community explore Waco history

By Rebecca Fiedler STAFF WRITER

Students will have the chance to look back in time next week during "Discover Waco's Past."

Emily Carrington, director of programming for the Historic Waco Foundation, and Mary Duty, Waco History Project board chairwoman, will speak about Waco's history.

The event is from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Monday in the Bill Daniel student center den and is hosted by Student Government.

It is free to the public and refreshments will be provided.

Carrington said she will give a brief history of Waco, including what artifacts and places from history are still in existence around

The speech will have a slide presentation with pictures.

"We're really excited to have the opportunity to talk to Baylor students about the history of Waco, and this is our first chance to participate in something like this," Carrington said.

She will talk about different significant points in Waco's past, including the earliest part of its history and the first settlers in the Waco area.

She will also discuss the Waco Suspension Bridge and the importance of

the Brazos River.

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Lawren Kinghorn | Katy sophomore

A lot of Baylor students are not from Waco, and a lot of Baylor students are not from Texas, she said.

"We think it's a great opportunity to engage them with their community so they can enjoy their four years here," Carrington said.

> Discover Waco's Past is a portion of a larger program for the 2013-2014 year Discover called

Discover Waco includes three sections - Waco past, present and future. Discover Wa-

happen from 3 to 4 p.m. Nov. 19 at Dr Pepper Hour and will focus on businesses around Waco and events and opportunities going on now in the city.

Discover Waco's Future will occur next semester at an undetermined date and will look at the expansion of the city with the riverfront and new stadium.

"The purpose of Discover



Discover Waco's Past will give students a chance to learn more about Waco's history. The first event of the project will take place at 3 p.m. Monday in the Bill Daniel Student Center Den.

Waco is to get students interested in Waco," said Katy sophomore Lawren Kinghorn, public relations committee chair for student government. "There's a huge history that we don't know about. Being students at Baylor, we're really

involved on campus and we don't get outside the Baylor Bubble. And there's so much more to learn about Waco that we just don't realize."

Student government wishes to get Baylor students involved in Waco history, Kinghorn said.

"Being students, we're really isolated," she said. "There's an opportunity for outreach that we really haven't taken advantage of. There's this whole community that we don't know anything about."

# Revamped Texas cancer agenda ready for new start

BY PAUL I. WEBER ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUSTIN — Freed from a nearly yearlong moratorium, Texas' revamped \$3 billion cancer agency will take another look at research grants frozen by state lawmakers before finally releasing millions in taxpayer dollars, the agency's top executive said Thursday.

The Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas is set to hold its first public meeting todaysince lawmakers this spring overhauled the troubled agency, which was wracked by a criminal investigation and questionable spending.

The meeting is a milestone following a turbulent year that led some lawmakers to openly question whether the agency, known as CPRIT, was too broken and plagued by scandal to even bother

Agency leaders are now looking at today's meeting as a fresh start. Even the relocation of CPRIT meetings to inside the Texas Capitol is symbolic of a new commitment to transparency, said Wayne Roberts, the institute's interim executive director.

"I'm optimistic we're going to be a regular little agency that passes out \$300 million a year," Roberts

CPRIT controls the nation's second-biggest pot of cancer research dollars in the country, behind only the federal National Institutes of Health.

Gov. Rick Perry and other state leaders this week lifted a moratorium that had been in place since December.

The unusual financial lockdown followed a wave of resignations by top scientists and the disclosure that CPRIT awarded \$11 million to a private startup without ever scrutinizing the merits of the project. More than \$100 million in approved grants were frozen under the moratorium. Roberts said the agency will first huddle with award recipients and make sure that scope or stage of a researcher's proposal had not changed.

Roberts said the Dallas-based company that improperly received \$11 million may also still be worthy of that money.

Peloton Therapeutics was allowed to keep roughly \$3 million of the grant already awarded before funding was halted.

CPRIT halted further funding after revealing Peloton's proposal was never peer-reviewed or scruti-

nized before approval. Public corruption prosecutors

in Austin opened a criminal investigation into CPRIT following that

Roberts said the agency would be hesitant to give Peloton funding while the criminal investigation is ongoing.

But if that cloud is lifted and the proposal clears the agency's new peer-review safeguards, Roberts said he would not have a problem awarding Peloton a grant.

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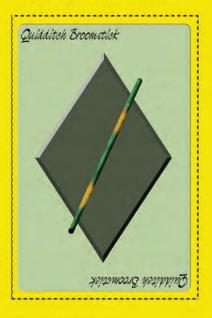




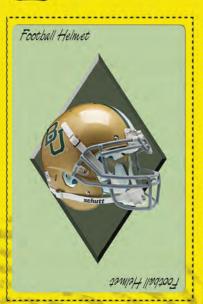




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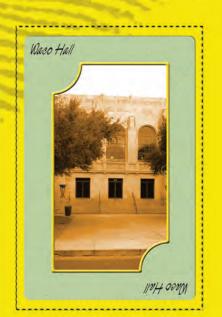






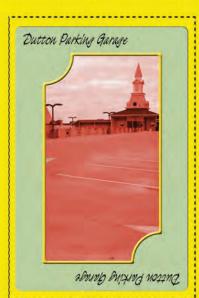


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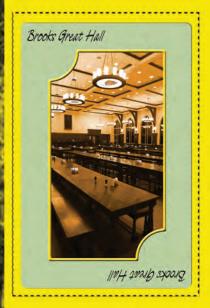


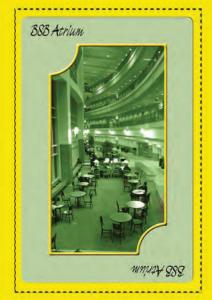


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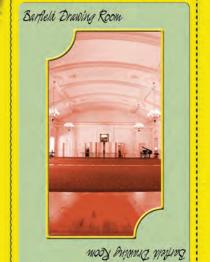


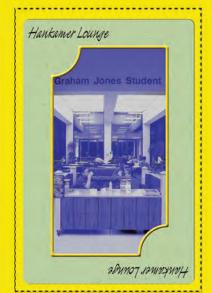






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# foresight

## Students catch glimpse of future with Oculus Rift



Joplin, Mo. grad student Jonmichael Seibert works with the Oculus Rift in the Castellaw Communications Center Tuesday.

By Jeffrey Swindoll REPORTER

After years of research and imagining the innumerable possibilities, virtual reality is just now becoming a real possibility for vid-

Jonmichael Seibert, secondyear graduate student, is researching a prototype model of Oculus Rift, a 3-D virtual reality headset.

'Virtual reality has been around for 20 years, and it's been awful for 20 years," Seibert said. "Last summer, with the Kickstarter for Oculus, I realized that virtual reality is back, and it actually works."

Seibert said his experiences with virtual reality as a kid had so

much anticipation and expectation for it to be great, but it ended up being very disappointing.

"I remember the first time I tried virtual reality was in 1996," Seibert said. "I was so excited to try it out, but I got to play it and it was terrible. Bad game. Bad tech. Bad design. Now with the Oculus, developers can really see that virtual reality is real, and it actually does the job right."

Seibert's research is specifically focused on the psychological effects a person experiences when playing video games on the Oculus

Oculus improved past models of virtual reality with full 1080p high-definition display, stereoscopic 3-D, better frame rate and a nearly 360-degree view. Oculus is also more compact than the familiar bulky set-up with slow, choppy graphics and inaccessible to people outside of a rare theme-park attraction for virtual reality.

Many factors go into how a person psychologically, physically and emotionally reacts to a video game, Seibert said. Changing the screen size, control scheme or sound output each contribute to how a person reacts to video games.

Since the Oculus Rift changes so many of those variables, it can potentially change everything about how people experience games. Video games have the potential to revolutionize technology,

education, cinema and culture altogether, Seibert said.

"During my research for this project, I read a figure that says the player base of World of Warcraft has collectively spent about 6 million years of gameplay," Seibert said. "That is 6 million years of man hours gone into a virtual

Seibert believes video games have a certain ability to motivate players. He said this ability can be turned into something useful other than World of Warcraft or escapism. Seibert said that people are more and more "ditching reality" and immersing themselves in

"There is obviously something

in these games that gets people motivated," Seibert said. "If we can take that motivation out of the virtual space and bring it into the real world and use it to motivate people, then that's years of gaming well spent."

Comparing and contrasting the current education system to video games, Seibert pointed out various differences of motivation between

College, for example, essentially has students start with a 100% score, and the whole semester is basically "damage control" from there on out, Seibert said.

Video games, on the other hand, start players from the bottom and are only able to succeed

if they complete the objectives the game has laid out for the player.

"With the Oculus, we'll be doing a lot of student testing to look at immersion and enjoyment in video games," Dr. Corey Carbonara, professor of film and digital media said.

Seibert graduated in Spring 2012 with a degree in film and digital media. He is currently working towards a master's degree in communication studies.

Testing for Seibert's project will begin in November.

Seibert said he will let students know when they can sign up and participate in the testing.

# Students launch new app with passion for fashion

By Ada Zhang STAFF WRITER

The students who started Luxurylites. com are doing business again, and this time, their focus is fashion.

The beta version of Zafaré, the social media platform for fashion, will be available for purchase in the app store today. Plano senior Rayyan Islam and Hewitt

senior Yaseen Waqar, co-founders of Zafaré, said the beta version is not the final version of the app.

Launching the beta allows them to see how consumers respond to the app and what needs to be tweaked, they said.

"Nothing is final, but we're still launching it so we get feedback from users," said Waqar, chief design officer.

A final version of the app will be launched after the app has been perfected, Waqar said. Islam, Zafaré chief executive officer, said the idea for a fashion app came to him last December when he was shopping at H&M. He was browsing Facebook on his phone and noticed someone had tagged a picture of a Coke can.

That got him to start thinking about the implications and effects of tagging a

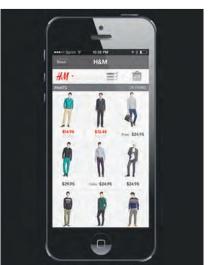
"If I tag a picture, what could I lead it to?" Islam said. "What if I could tag clothing by brand and category and allow people to make purchases on an e-commerce

Islam said as soon as he got the idea, he called Waqar to begin discussing business designs and marketing strategies.

At its foundation, Zafaré is a social media app, similar to Instagram. Users can follow one another, compose hashtags, tag photos and scroll down a newsfeed. Unlike Instagram, where users can post pictures of anything, the pictures and social interactions between Zafaré users revolve around fashion. Users can post pictures of themselves and tag the brands of clothing they're wearing.

They can also see what other people are

"You have a news feed called 'the runway," Islam said. "When you open your app, you'll be on the runway and you'll see all the brands and people you're following."



Plano senior Rayyan Islam and Hewitt senior Yaseen Waqar created Zafaré, a fashion social media app.

Islam said every picture is something that can be bought. If the user is interested in a particular item of clothing, he can click on the tag. This will take him directly

to the e-commerce site to make a purchase.

"The mall as we know it is dead," Islam said. "With the rise of e-commerce, we're seeing a tremendous volume of online shoppers than ever before, and we want to cater to that."

Zafaré currently has 1,500 brands available for users to tag. These brands include, but are not limited to, Victoria's Secret, H&M, Zara, Gap and Ralph Lauren.

Another unique feature of Zafaré is called the "Vanity Bar." Upward mobility on this progress bar depends on the number of points the user has.

When a user gains a follower, one point is added to his or her Vanity Bar. Every uploaded picture adds three points. Points accumulate over time as users post more content. Zafaré will offer shopping discounts when users reach the next level on the bar, Islam said.

"You rise up in the social hierarchy of fashion," Islam said. "You don't have to be George Clooney or Rihanna. You just have to have style."

Islam and Waqar said Zafaré gives every fashion-driven and expressive individual the chance to become a fashion icon.

"When you see these pictures, you see actual users, not just celebrities," Waqar Being a pre-med student, Waqar said it

hasn't been easy trying to start a business while maintaining a high grade point average. He does, however, enjoy business and think the effort he has put into Zafaré will "Seeing it come together now and be

an app and about to be launched makes it worth it," Waqar said. "We see potential for it, and we want world to see it too." Islam said traveling for Zafaré and

meeting new people has taught him lessons in business he could not have learned in the classroom.

To make Zafaré a success, everything else in his life has become secondary, he

"The best way to put it is our start-ups are our babies," Islam said. "We want them to grow. I stay up for my company. Whenever you're passionate about something, you'll go out of your way to make it happen. It's a grind every day."

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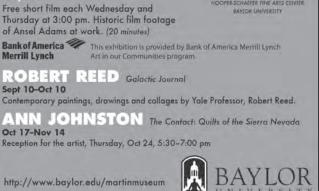
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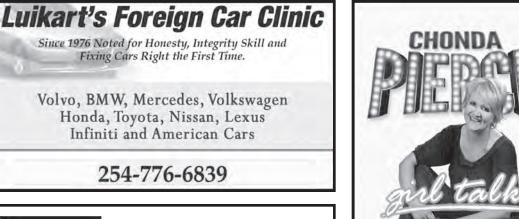
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## Trannie Stevens rolls out with new inspirations

STAFF WRITER

She has shared the stage with music greats like Toby Keith, Jack Ingram and Ronnie Dunn. She won Collegiate Songwriter of the Year while just a freshman. But for McGregor junior Trannie Stevens, her headlining performance Saturday has the potential to make the greatest change in her pursuit of a serious mu-

Stevens sat at her piano and talked about the importance of her upcoming show, her upcoming EP, why her music no longer falls under just the Christian genre and what the future of Waco's music scene looks like.

She even reveals how one of her friendships was the result of a Facebook message and pain medication. She's Nashville bound, but while we still have her here, she's telling it all.

Q: Can you tell me how and when you got your start in music?

A: When I was about five, I started writing songs. They were not the best songs at that time, they were mostly about candy and gymnastics, but that definitely sparked that passion in me and I just made friends with people in town that were doing that for a living and they invested in me. So I just kind of grew up making that a big part of who I was and it's grown with

Q: And what is a five-year-old's writing method? From where did you find your inspiration?

**A:** My first songwriting journal is probably the funniest thing in the world because in all the songs I spelled every single word wrong. A lot of time, the lady that was giving me piano lessons at the time would write it out for me and I would just tell her what I wanted to say. But the ones I wrote by myself were mostly about candy and about

gymnastics. That was pretty much inspiration. But I started writing a lot about the Lord even at that age. One of my first songs is called "Sweet Jesus," and

it's a metaphor for how Jesus is like candy. I just talked about the Lord like he was candy all through.

**Q:** So writing came more naturally to you then singing?

A: Yeah, I mean that's really what I would like to do someday is be a songwriter specifically. That's kind of the progression of how that happened. I started writing, I started singing, and I started performing.

Q: And who was your audience at the time?

A: I went to a Christian school, Waco Baptist Academy. They have chapel and so that was kind of really the first place I started performing. And that was really fun for me and that kind of gave me some confidence in that area and then I started playing at churches around town.

Q: Right, you are a native Wacoan. Another Wacoan, or someone from the area, is Holly Tucker. Did you watch her during her time on The Voice and did that make you consider doing something similar to launch your career?

A: Yeah, for sure. Holly's more of a voice then I am. Holly would tell you this too, she's told me this a million times because we're friends all the way through. We didn't hang out all the time or anything but we knew of each other and we would always talk when we were singing at the same places.

She would definitely say she is more of a performer and I'm definitely more focused on the songwriting side. I haven't auditioned for something like that but I would, if I felt like it was right, I would definitely go. I know I probably wouldn't get in because the chances are just so minimal, but I would definitely try.

Q: As a native Wacoan, why did you choose to stay in Waco for college when there are so many other schools and cities known for their music scene? Why not go where the music industry is big?

A: I don't think at the time I knew exactly what I was doing. But I would not change anything for the world because I've realized that I can take a different road to where I want to go and it can give me a much better experience for myself personally.

And what I mean by that is if I had gone to Belmont or something where it was completely music focused, I would not have enjoyed myself, I don't think.

I wouldn't be the same person that I am because I think there are two things that can happen to you when you go to schools like that. You get really into yourself and what you want to do and how to get there and very competitive. Or you get discouraged because everybody's way better than you.

I think it's given me a very wellrounded life that I wouldn't have gotten at a school like that. I'm also somebody that likes to enjoy a lot of things and I like to have friends

McGregor junior Trannie Stevens sits down with the Lariat to discuss songwriting, performing and her decision to stay near home and come to Baylor.

that are just random. You know? I don't like having one type of friend and I would only be friends with musicians at schools like that. So it's been fun for me to really get the whole college experience and then to grow in my songwriting as well.

I've made that a priority. I have to make myself practice. Just make sure I'm doing what I need to be doing. I spend summers in Nashville, when I get breaks I go to Nashville. I'm going to Nashville in December to record an EP, so that's

 $\mathbf{Q}\!\!:$  Has living in Waco allowed you to find a mentor for your music career?

A: Chris Wommack is one of my mentors, I would say. He was the music minister at First Baptist Woodway. Now he's just completely a songwriter full-time and that's awesome because that's exactly the path I want to look into for sure. He goes to Nashville once every couple weeks and is signed and has a publishing deal. I get a lot from him and he's definitely one of my close friends, which is funny because he's like 60. And then I have a couple people in Nashville that I've worked for and have gotten to know really well that I would consider mentors of mine for sure.

Q: You say you "were" primarily a Christian artist. So what are you now and how does that fit in with the Baylor Christian vibe?

A: I think what I'm trying to make myself out to be is an artist that is a really strong Christian and that will sing about life experiences but always be there to speak my mind about big issues like that. I mean I always will be a really strong Christian and very vocal about that.

Just because I don't specifically write Christian songs only, I still write Christian songs, but the majority I perform now are about love or life or you know that kind

But I'll always speak my mind if I'm asked and even if I'm not asked. I'll mention that I'm a really strong Christian and that's important to me.

Check out our full Q&A with Trannie Stevens online at www.

## 'Ender's Game' expected to top 'Free Birds,' 'Last Vegas' at box office

By Amy Kaufman Los Angeles Times via McClatchy

LOS ANGELES — "Ender's Game" will have a happy beginning this weekend, but maybe not a happy ending.

The pricey adaptation of Scott Orson Card's popular 1985 sci-fi novel is poised to debut at No. 1 with a so-so \$23 million, according to those who have seen pre-release audience surveys.

But the animated 3-D film "Free Birds" \_ which cost only half as much to make as "Ender's Game" \_ won't be far behind, with a decent \$20 million.

The only other film debuting nationwide this weekend, the AARP-aimed comedy "Last Vegas," is poised to launch with a solid \$15 million.

"Ender's Game" has had more than a decadelong journey to the big screen. OddLot Entertainment producer Gigi Pritzker struggled for years to persuade Warner Bros. to sell her the rights to the project. After she got them, many studios were hesitant to take on a project with subject matter that some viewed as dated. Ultimately, the project got the green light at Lionsgate's Summit Entertainment, which co-financed the \$110 million production with visual effects company Digital Domain and OddLot.

Starring up-and-comers Asa Butterfield and Hailee Steinfeld, the futuristic "Ender's Game" follows a young boy who is recruited by the military to defend the human race from an alien invasion. But in an era where teenage moviegoers flock to more grown-up films such as "The Avengers" and "The Dark Knight," younger ticket buyers might not hurry to see a movie about a pubescent boy.

What's more, "Ender's Game" has just one week of clear sailing at the box office because "Thor: The Dark World," the highly anticipated sequel to the box-office hit Sin City for a bachelor's party. The movie, Thor," opens next weekend.

"Free Birds" is the first feature film release for Reel FX Animation Studios and Relativity Media, which partnered to finance the \$55 million movie. The two companies are hoping to develop a partnership akin to the successful one between Universal Pictures and Illumination Entertainment, developing a slate of lowerbudgeted animated films.

The film follows two turkeys (voiced by Owen Wilson and Woody Harrelson) who team up to try to stop the annual Thanksgiving slaughter of their kind. While there aren't too many family films in the marketplace right now, "Free Birds" will have to overcome bad buzz if it is to become a hit: On Thursday the film had notched a mere 13 percent on Rotten Tomatoes.

"Last Vegas" stars Morgan Freeman, Robert De Niro, Kevin Kline and Michael Douglas as a group of friends who head to which has been critically panned, was cofinanced by distributor CBS Films and Good Universe for \$28 million.

Not surprisingly, the film is appealing most to those between the age of 45 and 65 \_ a demographic that doesn't typically rush out to see a new movie on its opening weekend. CBS is hopeful that the movie will play like "Hope Springs," the 2012 comedy aimed at older adults that launched with \$14.7 million and ultimately collected \$63.5 million in the U.S. and

In limited release, Universal Pictures is launching its romantic drama "About Time" in 175 theaters. The film, written and directed by Richard Curtis ("Love Actually"), stars newcomer Domhnall Gleeson as a young man who learns he has the has been stirring awards buzz for McCoability to travel back in time.

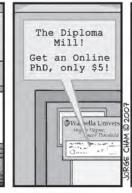
Universal, which co-financed the \$12 million production with Elliott Management, will open the movie in a handful of theaters, hoping to build buzz before the picture launches nationwide next weekend. While the movie, which co-stars Rachel McAdams, has earned decent reviews, only a small number of older females so far appear interested in seeing it.

Meanwhile, Focus Features will launch its "Dallas Buyers Club," a period AIDS drama starring Matthew McConaughey, in nine theaters. McConaughey plays the real-life Ron Woodroof, a homophobic Texas electrician who, after being diagnosed with AIDS in the mid-1980s, began importing unapproved treatments that significantly prolonged his life and the lives of thousands of other patients.

The movie, which reaches theaters after tortuous 20-year development period naughey and co-star Jared Leto since premiering at the Toronto International Film Festival in September.

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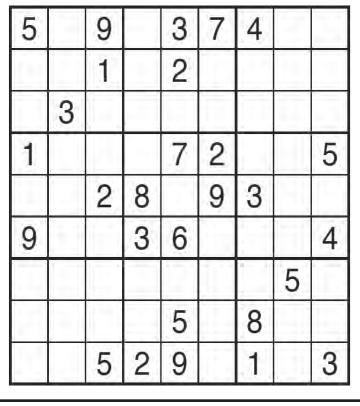






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# Basketball fired up to start 2013 season

By Shehan Jayarajah SPORTS WRITER

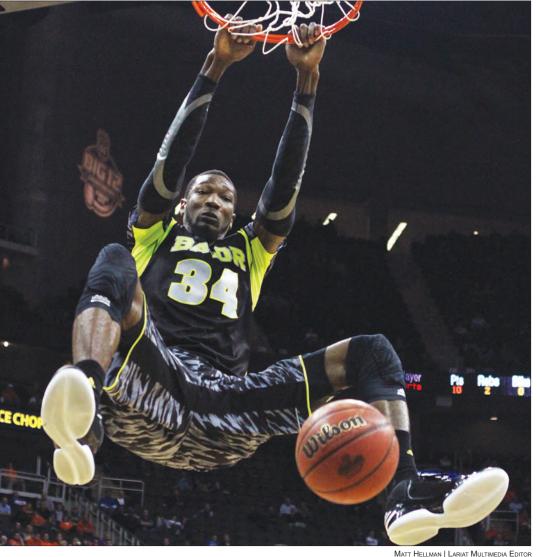
Fresh off a championship run in the National Invitational Tournament last season, Baylor men's basketball looks to return to the NCAA Tournament for the third time in five years under head basketball coach Scott Drew. Baylor comes into this season ranked No. 25 in the Associated Press poll, the seventh year in a row that Baylor has been ranked.

Baylor added six new players this season after a summer that saw three players graduate and two transfer. Leading scorer and assist man Pierre Jackson graduated after a stellar two-year career at Baylor. Former guard/forward Deuce Bello transferred to Missouri and former point guard L.J Rose transferred to the University of Houston.

To minimize the losses on the roster, Baylor has a talented incoming class led by three freshmen, two transfers and a walk-on sophomore.

Freshman forward Ish Wainright is poised to be one of the biggest newcomers in college basketball. Coming in, he was rated as a consensus top 75 prospect and four-star recruit, but was also ranked as high as 28 by ESPN.

Wainright has one of the truly unique skill-set. Some players are considered to be a jack-of-alltrades, and Wainright clearly fits this mold. He is a 6-foot-5-inch wing player, but his 245-pound physique and freakish athleticism allows him to be a factor on the wing or interior. He is one of the best passers on the team this season, and is expected to play pointforward for stretches. He has been quoted before as saying that he loves to play defense, and can be the best perimeter defender for



Senior power forward Cory Jefferson throws down a slam dunk on March 14, 2013 during the Big 12 basketball tournament at the Sprint Center in Kansas City, Mo. Jefferson was named to the preseason All-Big 12 team.

Baylor right from day one.

"For those who haven't seen him, Baylor Nation is going to be really excited with this kid," Drew said. "It looks like Rico Gathers has a 6-foot-5 twin out there. Ish is someone who is physically very imposing. Not many people with his size and strength have his skill

Baylor has a hole at the point guard position with Pierre Jackson gone to the NBA. Baylor feels like it has the answer with another junior college transfer.

Junior point guard Kenny Chery transferred to Baylor this season after playing two years at State Fair Community College. Chery was the top player for State

Fair, and a top 15 junior college recruit after averaging 16.4 points per game, 4.7 rebounds per game and 3.7 assists per game as a sophomore. He also shot 44.6 percent from the three-point line.

"The most important thing I feel I can add is leadership," Chery said. "Dedication, commitment, I'm going to bring it every day. For those who haven't seen me, I play fast. I really play defense for all 94 feet. I love to pass. I can score as well, but this summer was about getting comfortable playing with the guys."

Chery and Wainright are expected to start for Baylor at the point guard and small forward respectively. Despite the changes on the roster, Baylor has an expe-

Senior guard Brady Heslip has the most experience on the wing. In the last two seasons, Heslip has shot 42.1 percent from the threepoint line on almost six threepoint attempts per game.

"This year's frontcourt draws a lot of attention," Heslip said. "And that's great for me as a three-point shooter. It'll open things up a little bit more, like my sophomore year."

Off the bench, sophomore forward Taurean Prince is expected to play a much bigger role this season. Prince was solid for Baylor in the limited minutes he received as a

Junior guard Royce O'Neale is also poised to be a major contributor this season. O'Neale is a 6-foot-6 wing who started every game for the University of Denver last season. He is a solid shooter, adept ballhandler, excellent passer and solid perimeter defender with length.

The frontcourt is where the Bears will have the biggest advantage. Sophomore center Isaiah Austin was a top five recruit in the class of 2012 and the third McDonald's All-American in Baylor history. Austin was named to the Big 12 All-Rookie Team and the All-Big 12 Second Team by the media. For the year, he averaged 13.0 points per game, 8.3 rebounds per game and 1.7 blocks per game.

After never averaging more than four points in his first two seasons, senior power forward Cory Jefferson exploded onto the scene with 13.3 points per game, 8.0 rebounds per game, 1.9 blocks per game and a ridiculously efficient 61.0 percent from the field.

In the NIT tournament, Jefferson was dominant. He finished with 21.6 points per game on 71.9 percent shooting in five games. Jefferson was named All-Big 12 Honorable Mention.

Off the bench, the frontcourt also boasts sophomore power forward Ricardo Gathers. In only 16.7 minutes per game, Gathers averaged 5.7 points and 5.7 rebounds per game. The only freshman to compile more rebounds in the Big 12 was Austin, but Austin did it in 29.9 minutes per game compared to Gathers' 16.7 per game.

The three-man rotation of Austin, Jefferson and Gathers has the potential to be the best in all of college basketball. Between the three players, Baylor has the ability to counter with size, strength, quickness and skill

The Bears have an advantage inside that cannot be matched by any team in the Big 12. Both Austin and Jefferson have a chance to play in the NBA. For the first time in years, Baylor has true length on the wing with O'Neale and Wainright. If Chery works out, he could be an even better complementary player than Pierre Jackson was last

Baylor started the season in the top 25 last season as well, but eventually flopped. This team is different. With this lineup, Baylor looks to make it back to the NCAA tournament for the first time since

Baylor will open the 2013-14 season against Colorado on Nov. 8 in Dallas. The Bears play their home opener on Nov. 12 against South Carolina.

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## Soccer faces TCU in Big 12 finale

By Parmida Schahhosseini SPORTS WRITER

Baylor will finish out its regular season against TCU at 7 p.m. today at Garvey-Rosenthal Soccer Stadium in Fort Worth. After breaking its six-game winless streak, Baylor hopes to carry that momentum to snatch another win.

With an 8-0-0 record against TCU all-time, the Bears have never lost to TCU, but the Horned Frogs are ready to improve their seeding for the upcoming Big 12 Tournament, as they stand in a three-way tie for fifth place along with Baylor and Iowa State.

"We have a lot of respect for Baylor and the challenges that they present," TCU head coach Eric Bell said. "They play a unique style of soccer and we look forward to playing them."

Baylor's offense has been struggling of late, scoring a lone goal in the last four games. Freshman midfielder Ashley York's game winner

against Oklahoma State propelled the Bears to their first win since Sept. 27 against Oklahoma.

"I was glad to get back on the board because it's been a while since I've scored," York said. "It's good to feel like I was helping the team out and help us get a win."

The Horned Frogs had an upand-down season, but are confident after a 1-0 win against Iowa

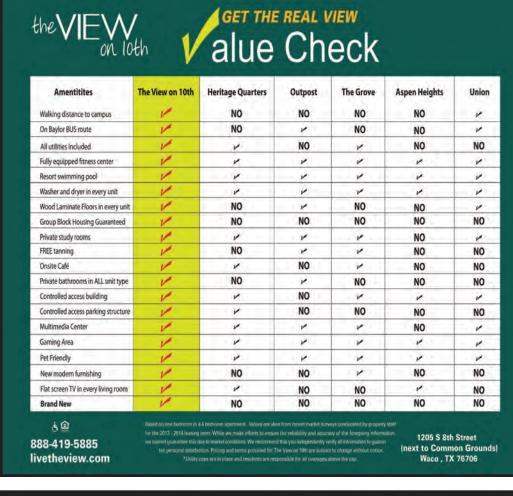
"TCU has some really good pieces and they connect passes well," Baylor co-head coach Marci Jobson said. "They're feisty on set pieces, like we are, and if we don't show up, we're going to lose the game. If we show up, we can compete and have a great chance to win."

Baylor's defense has been good during the winless streak. The defense has allowed 12 goals on 166 shots. Not counting Kansas, Baylor lost each game by a goal as the defense kept Baylor in the game despite its struggles offensively.

Junior goalkeeper Michelle Kloss was credited with the win against Oklahoma State to take sole possession of second place on the all-time wins list with 28.

"It wasn't just the win that mattered, it was that we put a goal away at the beginning and we were able to play our game and play well and be tight," Ludlow said.

TCU's defense has been suspect, ranking sixth in the Big 12, conceding 22 goals. Baylor ranks third in the Big 12 with 283 shots, but is fourth in goals with 28. York and sophomore forward Bri Campos lead the Big 12 with five goals apiece, but Campos has also tacked on three assists. Junior forward Natalie Huggins' four goals also has contributed to a couple of wins for Baylor as two of them were game-winners. Huggins, York and senior midfielder Kat Ludlow each have two game-winners this season. When Baylor clicks on all cylinders, like earlier in the season, it has a good shot at beating anyone.









Senior Brad Miles competes in the 2012 Big 12 Championship at the Jimmy Clay Golf Course in Austin on Oct. 27, 2012. Baylor was first in the Big 12 with 21 student-athletes earning a spot on the Academic All-Big 12 team.

# Cross country ready for Big 12 title meet

By Rayne Brown REPORTER

Baylor's cross country will host the Big 12 cross country championship on Saturday. The meet will take place at the Cottonwood Creek Golf Course in Waco. Men and women's cross country teams will compete in the race. In their last meet of the regular season, women's cross country placed 31st as a team while the men came in 49th. Junior Rachel Johnson and senior Brad Miles led their teams, placing 59 and 198 respectively.

Both teams have had a solid season, but hope to do better in the championship meet.

"I need a bigger push up front," assistant head coach Jon Capron said. "My middle in the pack has been running amazing, sort of over-performing a little bit. My guys that are in the front, I have one senior Brad, he needs the bigger push. He needs to get in the top 20 if he can. That'll really help our

While trying to improve before Saturday's meet, cross country is using the fact that they are at home to its advantage. The teams practice on the Cottonwood Creek Golf Course throughout the regular season, so runners are familiar with the terrain. With the championship meet being on this course, the teams are specifying their practices to race simulation.

"The nice part about having it at home is we're doing it on exactly the same course," Capron said. "It's the exact same route so they should feel pretty at home doing what we've asked them to do come race time."

Running a familiar course is going to benefit the team and it might also push them to run harder.

Capron said knowing the course, knowing where to expect pain, and knowing how close the finish line is can sometimes give the team that push to run harder and faster, making them hurt more than they thought they could.

Philadelphia seniors Brad Miles believes the team will pull through the pain with a little mental tough-

"We know the course better

than anybody else," Miles said. "Knowing where the hills are, where we're going to feel some pain, where we're really going to feel some pain and just being able to push through them is going to definitely be in our favor."

Both cross country teams are acknowledging and improving their weaknesses in preparation for Saturday's meet. That, along with race simulations, mental preparation and the advantage of a familiar course, have the teams going into the championship with high hopes.

"Big 12 championships are always a big deal for me," junior Mariah Kelly said. "So the way I prepare is, I just kind of treat it like every other day because every day I go out there and I prepare to have a hard day of work. A meet is no different. It's going to be hard, but really all the training is done so all I have to do is get ready mentally. I just try to remember that my teammates are out there fighting. I'm a leader on the team so I have to be fighting 10 times harder and pull them along."

# BIG 12 FOOTBALL WEEKEND PREVIEW

By Shehan Jeyarajah SPORTS WRITER

> Kansas (2-5, 0-4) at Texas (5-2, 4-0)

Kansas comes into this game fresh off a crushing loss to the Baylor Bears last Saturday. The Bears destroyed Kansas in every aspect of the game, winning 59-14 in Lawrence, Kan. The Jayhawks rank 101 in total defense with 450.7 yards of total offense allowed. Kansas is also 99 in rushing defense, allowing 203 yards rushing per game. The offense has been even worse. There is a big question mark at the quarterback position, as Jake Heaps has compiled less than 1,000 total yards through seven games. Kansas ranks 117 in the country with 290.6 yards of total offense per game. The Jayhawks are also 116 with only 17.7 points per game.

Texas comes into this game on a five-game Big 12 winning streak, including a win over No. 12 Oklahoma. The Longhorns have launched themselves back to prominence behind a strong rushing game. Sophomore running back Johnathan Gray has exploded in conference play for 111.8 yards of rushing per game. The defense has still been mediocre, ranking 74 in the country for 405.1 yards per game allowed of total offense. Case McCoy has been forced to start in place of the injured David Ash for the past three games.

Texas has a lot of issues, but Kansas has no ability to take advantage of them this year.

#### Iowa State (1-6, 0-4) at Kansas State (3-4, 1-3)

Iowa State only has one win, but plays significantly better than its record. The Cyclones have lost games by more than eight points only twice, but have allowed 58 or more points in their last two games against Baylor and Oklahoma State. The Cyclones rank 119 in points against after a tough threegame stretch against top 20 ranked opponents.

Kansas State has only one Big 12 win, but play every game close. Each of the Wildcats four losses have been by 10 or fewer points. Kansas State is known for playing a fundamentally sound brand of football, and that has stayed true this season. Kansas State has long been one of the toughest places to play in college football, and that has stayed true this season.

Both of these teams are better than their records, but Iowa State is not in the same class as Kansas State right now. Especially with the game being played in Manhattan, Kansas State should have little trouble against Iowa State.

#### West Virginia (3-5, 1-4) at TCU (3-5, 1-4)

West Virginia is coming off a tough loss in Manhattan to Kansas State, 35-12. At different points this season, West Virginia has played three different quarterbacks. Clint Trickett has been the leader of the bunch with 951 total yards, but he has not been good enough to be relied on.

TCU has continued its strong defensive play this season. The Horned Frogs are 36 in points allowed with only 22.8 points per game, and 22 in the country in total defense, allowing 349.8 yards per game. Quarterback Trevone Boykin has been awful this season for the Horned Frogs, leading an offense that ranks 94 in points scored with only 23.0 a game. TCU ranks 99 in passing yards with only 192.4 and 102 in rushing yards with only 127.4 per game. Their offense is second worst in the Big 12 this season, only behind Kansas.

TCU has a deadly defense, but its offense has not been able to produce enough for it to win. West Virginia has shown up for some games and struggled in others. This game will be a close one Saturday in Fort Worth.

#### No. 18 OSU (6-1, 3-1) at No. 15 Texas Tech (7-1, 4-1)

After looking like world beaters in their first three games, Oklahoma State's Big 12 title hopes took a big hit in a loss against West Virginia in Morgantown. The Cowboys are coming off of a 58-27 dismantling of the Iowa State Cyclones in Ames, Iowa. The Oklahoma State rushing game has not been effective this season, ranking 66 in the nation. Quarterbacks Clint Chelf and J.W Walsh have both underdelivered. Chelf managed only 78 yards passing his last performance.

Texas Tech is coming off their first loss of the season, a tough 38-30 loss in Norman against No. 15 Oklahoma. The Red Raiders have had one of the best passing attacks in the nation, ranking third in the country in passing yards with 412.9 yards per game. The defense has been surprisingly effective for Kliff Kingsbury in his first year at coach. They have held opponents to only 21.1 points per game, including fewer than 20 in four of their eight games.

Both of these teams have been severely underrated by the national media, and both have potent offenses and defenses. Depending on which players show up, either team could come away with a victory.



Oklahoma senior fullback Trey Millard jumps over Texas Tech senior defensive back Bruce Jones on Saturday in Norman, Okla. Baylor, Oklahoma, Texas Tech and Oklahoma State are the Big 12's four ranked teams.



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ing Christian environment, and a veto would display inconsistency in the student govern-

Student Senator Chase Hardy Jr., San Antonio sophomore, who was in favor of the veto, said, that the bill was unclear and unnecessary. In the past week Hardy noticed a majority of students found the rewording "non-marital consensual deviate sexual intercourse" to be confusing.

"Why would we attempt to change something that does not need to be fixed?" Hardy asked. "This is a private university that has every right to implement the prevention of something they think is wrong. Going against Baylor policy is an enormous act within itself. It should be used very sparingly." Student Senator Connor Mighell, Dallas junior, said there have been signs that publicity from the media could negatively affect the university.

"Based on the flood of media perspectives in articles in the past week, that say this new language, amongst the current language of the policy, perpetuates the idea that Baylor University hates and ostracizes homosexuals," Mighell said. "That is straightforwardly false. Our policy in fact directly calls for constructive forgiveness and compassion."

Student Senator Kimani Mitchell, Schertz senior, said, in opposition to the veto, that the rewording of this policy matters to some students. "You may say it doesn't matter, that the problems being addressed in the policy now aren't real," Mitchell said. "I believe that they are real to a great number of students, those students friends, those students teachers who support them in every way. I think that is something we need to take into account and we are advocates for those students as well."

Student Senator Jailyn Parnell, Moreno

Valley, Calif. junior, said by vetoing the bill the university would show inconsistency and may develop a negative image in the broader media both locally and nationally.

"It would look really bad on Baylor's part to say 'we are more accepting' then come back and say 'oh no we're not," Parnell said. "We don't want to be put out there like that, as if we are actually biased towards homosexual students."

A necessary two-thirds was needed to override the veto. The final votes were cast during executive session. According to a members present for the vote, the final vote count was 22 in favor of upholding the veto issued by the Student Body President, and 25 in favor of overriding the veto. As a result of the vote, the question of modification will not be referred to university administrators or other board of regents for further investigation at this time.

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skills," Britven said.

Britven said, however, that he still learned a lot from the program.

"I've learned a lot about the different styles of camping," Britven said. "I've definitely learned a lot more about outdoor technical skills like with rock climbing and stuff I wasn't exposed to through Scouting."

Unlike Britven, Austin freshman Courtney Penland said she didn't have formal outdoor training before joining the program, but she had camped often with her dad and brothers.

"The outdoors are always fun for me," Penland said. "I think I had a moderate amount of experience."

As a part of the program, students are required to take one cohort class per semester. All students who are new to the program have to take HP1112 Backpacking and Camping in the fall.

The Outdoor Adventure Living and Learning Center offers three outdoor weekend trips per semester, only one of which is mandatory.

According to the website, students will be introduced to a variety of outdoor adventure pursuits including caving, climbing, camping, backpacking, and paddling."

"During a normal semester, we

do one trip per month," Yarbrough said. "They can last anywhere from one day to a full weekend."

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Yarbrough said the trip locations are usually within a four-hour ra-

dius around campus.

Britven said it was hard for him as a freshman to manage his time in

order to participate in every trip.

"My first year, school and college was all new I didn't know what I was doing," he said. "That year, I felt the camp-outs were inconvenient at times because I needed to study and I had so much to do."

Since that year, Britven said he has made an effort to attend each trip. The reason for this, he said, is because each trip is a chance to bond with other program members.

For Penland, juggling academics and weekend trips has not been much of an issue.

"I try to go on as many trips as possible," Penland said. "I haven't been too busy this semester. Usually, if it conflicts then I won't join but it hasn't so far."

In the Outdoor Adventure Living and Learning Center, students learn skills that will be useful to them beyond the realm of outdoor activities, skills that will help them grow as people, Yarbrough said.

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and legal abortion statewide

The court's order is temporary until it can hold a complete hearing, likely in January.

The restrictions are among the toughest in the nation and gained notoriety when Democratic state Sen. Wendy Davis launched a nearly 13-hour filibuster against them in June. Davis has since launched her own gubernatorial campaign and could face Abbott in the November 2014 election. Re-

publican Gov. Rick Perry has said he will not seek another term.

The law that the Legislature passed this summer also bans abortions at 20 weeks of pregnancy and beginning in October 2014 requires doctors to perform all abortions in surgical facilities.

Officials for one chain of abortion clinics testified in the trial that Yeakel oversaw that they've tried to obtain admitting privileges for their doctors at 32 hospitals, but so far only 15 accepted applications. Many hospitals with religious affiliations will not allow abortion doctors to work there, while others fear protests if they provide privileges. Many have requirements that doctors live within a certain radius of the facility, or perform a minimum number of surgeries a year that must be performed in a hospital.

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But by high school, the twins had overcome their disability and graduated at the top of their class. Their appearance on Oprah was

for a different educational battle – paying for college.
"It was my dad's dream to send

us to college," Bethany said.

Unfortunately, Bob Wekesser was unemployed. He had been laid off, so there wasn't enough money to pay for the twins' education. Despite the circumstances, Bethany said the family was "willing to work together through the issues, which may have meant selling the house."

What the twins didn't realize was that eight months prior, Oprah had received a letter from older siblings Dustin and Jinohn Wekesser. The letter was submitted with the hope that it would be one of Oprah's "Wildest Dreams" selections. The family had no idea.

Britney and Bethany's college dreams became a reality that day when Oprah revealed she would pay for the twins' college.

"We were just numb," mother Karen Wekesser said, after learning the news. "It was overwhelming as a parent to be so proud of your children. It was the most amazing day of our lives."

Bethany and Britney received a \$300,000 check to pay for any fouryear university. The twins chose Baylor. The check covered tuition, fees, room and board, books everything needed for a complete college experience.

"We fell in love with Baylor," Bethany said. "It was our first choice."

Through the experience, Britney and Bethany's lives were enriched. They were able to receive an education, join groups and organizations, study abroad – opportunities they would have had to forgo.

"I was humbled and never took it for granted," Bethany said. "My family was a recipient of dozens of people's hard work. All we did was receive a gift of grace." But the story doesn't end there.

After graduating from Baylor in May 2009, although both remained in Texas, their lives diverged.

Bethany lives in Carrollton with her parents. Two years ago, she made a serious career change.

At Baylor, Bethany majored in communications with an emphasis in television. During her four

years, Bethany said she made intensive efforts to work hard and develop an impressive resume.

"I always wanted to be a talk show producer," Bethany said. "Being on Oprah deepened those desires. I worked on the "Tyra Banks Show," the "Rachael Ray Show" and applied to work on "The Oprah Show." I loved the hype and the fast-paced culture."

After a few years in the industry, her perception changed.

"I had other priorities," Bethany said. "I wanted to see my family, have my weekends free, get into ministry. To do that, I took a massive pay cut."

Bethany now works as a Starbucks barista in Carrollton. This is a first step into what she hopes to be a successful career in the coffee industry

"It was a hard transition, but I connected the dots," Bethany said. She said she is hopeful about the future and knows that with persistence, loyalty and a good work ethic, she will help her accomplish her goals.

After receiving her B.B.A. in professional selling, her sister Britney began working as a sales representative with Hershey Co.

Even though 2009 was a period of minimal job growth, Britney had little difficulty starting her career. "I would have been financially strapped for life," Britney said. "More stressed with the pressures of trying to succeed."

Four years later, Britney switched jobs. She transferred to Walmart to become a part of the

management program. She currently manages a multimillion-dollar division with more than 300 employees.

Although Britney and Bethany have led different lives since "The Oprah Show," both want their story to be a testament for those struggling to pay for college.

"No matter what happened, we never used our weaknesses as an excuse," Bethany said. "Even without the money, the Lord would have taken care of us. Financial need is everywhere, but convincing those decision makers you are worth the investment takes diligence, creativity, timing, work, persistence and passion."

