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McLane Stadium (top) glows on the Brazos Rivers amid construction on April 15. Without seats in the stands or turf on the field, the inside of the new stadium (above) looks empty compared to the expected crowd and excitement coming in the fall for another Baylor football season.

McLane Stadium shows promise in anticipation of football season

By PAULA ANN SOLIS
 STAFF WRITER

There isn't any grass on the field at McLane Stadium, and few seats have been placed in the stands, yet project managers said they are sure in four months Baylor football will have its new home.

"We're on schedule," said Jim Healy, the senior project manager for Austin Flintco. "We will be open for the first game. No doubt about it."

Healy said the stadium is near 80 per-

cent completion and with 850 construction workers on site, the highest capacity to date, the Aug. 31 game against Southern Methodist University gives the team just enough time for the facility to be fan ready.

However, before the Baylor Line rushes the field for that first game, the entire Waco community will have an opportunity to see inside the stadium. Baylor's annual Traditions Rally to kick off the season is set for Aug. 28 and is open to the members of the public, students and faculty.

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Job fair presents stadium openings

By REBECCA FIEDLER
 STAFF WRITER

Hundreds of jobs are now available to the community for McLane Stadium, which opens in August.

Baylor has formed new relationships with companies in the management of the new stadium, and a number of those companies will be hiring hundreds of new workers.

The company SMG will be the stadium's facility manager and is hiring 500 part-time employees. Job options include ushers, guest service workers, ticket takers, greeters and parking coordinators.

"We're hiring for everything it takes to operate the stadium on an event day," said SMG general manager Scott Neal.

Club Corp, which was also present for applications at the job fair, will manage what will be called the Baylor Club,

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Toyota gives Perry win for possible 2016 run

By WILL WEISSERT
 ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUSTIN — With eight months left in office, Gov. Rick Perry is away from Texas almost as much as he's home — hitting the road hard to tout his state as America's best place to do business.



Perry

The Republican isn't shy about job poaching in other states, and scored a big win when Toyota announced this week it was moving its U.S. headquarters from California to suburban Dallas. That the world's largest automaker is leaving the nation's leading blue state for its No. 1 red one is a victory Perry can crow about as he gears up for an expected second White House run.

"It's a walk-off home run for Perry," said Republican political strategist Mark McKinnon, a top adviser in the presidential campaigns of John McCain and George W. Bush. "His jobs and economy narrative is now complete and real."

Rebounding from his gaffe-marred presidential run in 2012, Perry is doubling down on the argument that his low-tax, low-regulation approach as governor since 2000 has been the driving force behind Texas' tops-in-the-nation job growth. He was in New York last week, trying to lure top employers with the prospect of higher corporate profits.

But the pitch has its downside, as some rivals two years ago pointed out — in-

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Experiment grows new muscle in men's injured legs

By LAURAN NEERGAARD
 ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Scientists implanted thin sheets of scaffolding-like material from pigs into a few young men with disabling leg injuries — and say the experimental treatment coaxed the men's own stem cells to regrow new muscle.

The research, funded by the Defense Department, included just five patients, a small first step in the complex quest for regenerative medicine.

But the researchers described some of the men improving enough to no longer need canes, or to ride a bicycle again, after years of living with injuries that today have no good treatment.

"The real rush for someone like myself is to see this patient being able to do these things and not struggle and have a smile on his face," said Dr. Stephen Badylak of the University of Pittsburgh School

of Medicine. He led the study, which was reported Wednesday in the journal Science Translational Medicine.

Muscles have some natural ability to regenerate after small injuries. But if too much is lost — from a car accident, a sports injury or, for soldiers, a bomb blast — the body can't heal properly. Hard scar tissue fills the gap instead. Called volumetric muscle loss, a severe or leg injury can leave an arm or leg essentially useless.

The new experiment combines bioengineering with a heavy dose of physical therapy to spur stem cells that are roaming the body to settle on the injury and turn into the right kind of tissue to repair it.

First, surgeons remove the scar tissue.

Then they implant something called an "extracellular matrix" derived from pigs. It's the connective

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This undated handout photo provided by the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center shows Dr. Stephen Badylak, a surgery professor at the university and deputy director of the McGowan Institute for Regenerative Medicine, holding a sheet of "extracellular matrix," scaffolding-like material derived from pig bladder.

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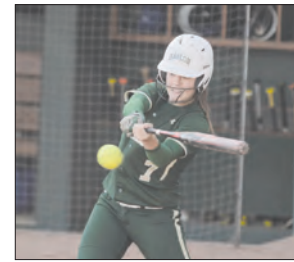
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One alumnus leads a new generation of singers as he conducts the Vienna boys choir.



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Baylor softball crushes McNeese State in an 8-0 victory at home Wednesday.



Netflix raises prices for good reason

Editorial

In the past few years, Netflix, the movie and television streaming and DVD service, has grown like a rabbit family, racking up subscribers all over the world. It has brought about the Netflix bingeing craze that has forced many college students into hibernation at one point or another to watch insane amounts "House of Cards" or "Mad Men" in one sitting.

It is no secret Netflix has become a part of our lives and has infused a breath of fresh air into modern television. On April 21, in an open letter to shareholders, Netflix caused a stir when it revealed it would increase prices. Many customers slammed this strategy, but it is the right move for the company.

In 2011 when Netflix planned a price raise for its combo of DVDs and online streaming from \$10 per month to \$16 a month, the company experienced a massive backlash. Its stock price collapsed by nearly 80 percent and lost approximately 800,000 subscribers. This time, though, it is a smart move. One that will benefit customers by allowing them to continue devel-

oping current and new proprietary content. Plus, existing members will be allowed to stay at the current pricing for what the company calls an "extended period of time."

Prices will only be raised by \$1 to \$2 per month, so college students can still afford its streaming services. The increase amounts to less than a cup of coffee from Starbucks each month and it will give us more of "House of Cards" and "Orange is the New Black."

It will also allow Netflix to continue creating more original content. After all content is king. Who needs a \$40 cable subscription when you have better all-you-can-watch content for a fraction of the price?

For those who are up in arms about the price increase, it is important to point out that other online providers, such as Hulu, charge the same \$7.99 as Netflix for premium streaming and customers are still bombarded with 30 seconds to three minutes of commercials intermittently throughout a single episode.

Netflix, on the other hand, allows to users to watch shows completely uninterrupted. Anyone who has experienced such a thing knows that television without ads is pretty much priceless. Netflix is by no means trying to milk its cus-

tomers for money with this move; it is looking to enhance the viewing experience by offering a wider variety of content.

Sure, some people could care less about original content and don't want to pay more. But even with the price increase, Netflix still provides the most bang for customers' buck because of its selection and its great original content.

There are only two ways subscribers can react to the price increase: cancel their Netflix subscription and lose access to a massive Disney catalog or roll with the change and forfeit a few dollars for the greater good of procrastination.

For those who don't cancel, the outcome is clear. More money for Netflix means more money for better quality and improvements. Improvements mean stiffer competition and stiffer competition among providers forces better quality across the board for viewers. The moment you decide to stay with Netflix, you give them a reason to continue to up their game.

While it is easy to complain about an insignificant price increase, it is beneficial for subscribers in the long run. But everyone will have to make the decision: How much is "House of Cards" worth to you?



ASHER FREEMAN

Are gender-specific toys damaging?

Yes: give children autonomy, choice

A Connecticut teen has become a gender equality sensation after her letter to McDonald's headquarters went viral online. In the letter, Antonia Ayres-Brown wrote about how displeased she was with McDonald's for how it passes out toys for its Happy Meals.

She said when her family would visit the fast food restaurant, they would ask if the family would prefer a "boy toy" or a "girl toy," which Ayers-Brown compared to asking an adult applying for a job if they preferred a man's job or a woman's job.

This letter shows the positive direction in which society is shifting, away from gender-constricting norms for children and toward more androgynous self-awareness.

Particularly for children, stepping away from gender identity norms is important in their psychosocial development.

A child who is met with negative punishment, even something as simple as discouragement for acting outside of their gender expectations, can often have low



Taylor Rexrode | A&E Editor

self-esteem. They will likely grow up with little understanding of themselves and the opposite gender.

When children are relieved of pressure to conform to gender-specific situations, they are able to flourish as individuals. They don't become boxed into liking pink or blue, Barbies or Hot Wheels, but can instead explore their own likes and dislikes, building their sense of self.

Though it is just a cheap toy from a fast food restaurant and

though I recognize that there will never be full androgyny in society, McDonald's hands out millions of Happy Meal toys every year to kids.

Choosing a gender-neutral toy could be one step toward keeping all those little boys and little girls from feeling pressured to choose what is considered correct for their gender.

Removing the question of whether or not a child wants a toy specifically for their gender would give them more autonomy in what they choose to play with. It's not ludicrous to think a girl would want to play with Hot Wheels and that a boy would want to play with Barbies.

If society is to move forward and create more equality between men and women, then it will have to start with the youth learning to consider themselves equal. It will have to start with big influencers like McDonald's providing as gender-neutral situations as possible.

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No: don't keep girls from being girls

I have countless fond memories of sitting cross-legged in the middle of my teddy bear tea party bedroom, wearing an outfit with the latest Disney princess of the moment on it and playing house with the multitude of Barbie dolls that populated my space.

When I wasn't hard at work keeping the personal lives of Barbie and Ken in check, I raised my baby dolls and fed them regularly with the tantalizing plastic food in my play kitchen. In my limited free time, dressing up in glittery costumes and rummaging in my mom's makeup and jewelry relieved a bit of the daily stress a 4-year-old faces.

As a child of this particular generation, I'm sure I described the upbringing of plenty other little girls. However, the traditional idea of reveling in the joys of being a girl has been under fire lately.

While there is undoubtedly a big difference in boy and girl appropriate toys, a new outrage of criticism for equality in children's toys has insinuated a gender role genocide and made all things girly out to be the one at fault.



Taylor Griffin | News Editor

When did it become taboo to be feminine? Why is pink no longer a color of confidence but rather of cowardice?

Not all children's toys and "make believe" props are targeted toward one or the other. Many a dress-up time, I sported my pink Power Ranger outfit from a television show that catered to boys and girls.

Granted, there are countless gender-neutral toys on the market that serves the interests of any little one, despite age or sex. Legos,

Tinker Toys, blocks and board games foster innovation and creativity that benefits both girls and boys.

A walk down the aisles of any toy store reveals obvious separations in merchandise; pastels and frills for the girls don one side while Hot Wheels and play power tools line the other. Many feel it has segregated girls rather than generate appropriate interests in one direction or the other.

To me, it's no different than 10 or 20 years ago when the parents making the fuss about male or female McDonald's toys played with either dolls or action figures themselves.

We have gender roles for a reason to fit the physiological differences between the sexes. This doesn't mean alienating girls to fulfill their duties learned while playing house or expecting boys to romp around and take a power role.

You think I play like a girl? You're darn right I do.

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Baylor alumnus Jimmy Chiang conducts Vienna Boys' choir

By RAE JEFFERSON
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For the next two months, the world famous Vienna Boys' Choir will tour Japan, stunning audiences as boys ages 10 to 14 perform pieces some adult vocalists could never dream of mastering.

Although the choir has functioned since the 14th century and has featured choristers who went on to become famous composers and musicians, such as Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and Ludwig van Beethoven, this year's group of choristers is of special importance to the green and gold community.

Baylor alumnus Jimmy Chiang graduated Baylor in 2000 with a bachelor's degree in music, and became conductor of the choir this past fall. He studied piano performance under Krassimira Jordan, artist in residence and professor of piano, during his time at Baylor.

"I knew immediately I was dealing with someone very talented," Jordan said.

She said Chiang's talent is a combination of application and natural ability.

"He is a hard worker, but he's just good," she said. "He was born that way."

Chiang said growing up in a musical family encouraged his love and gifting for music. His father was a flutist and the pastor of a Lutheran missionary church in Hong Kong. His mother was a singer and led a children's choir in which Chiang sang.

"Music is simply my life," Chiang wrote in an email to the Lariat. "If there is no music, there is simply no Jimmy Chiang."

Chiang began piano lessons at the age of four and was performing as a soloist and concert pianist with an orchestra by 13.

"I also studied compositions and violoncello on the side," he wrote. "After going to Baylor, I appeared a lot on stage as a collaborative pianist with many singers and instrumentalists from all different studios, besides playing solo recitals."

Although Chiang ended up studying piano performance at Baylor, he sought extracurricular lessons in conducting from Stephen Heyde, Mary Franks Thompson professor of orchestral studies and director of orchestral activities.

"Originally, I knew him as a pianist," Heyde said. "He was a fine pianist and very gifted fellow. He always had this passion to conduct."

Heyde said Chiang approached him for private conducting lessons.

"He showed early on the makings of a tremendous conductor," he said. "He's very, very musical, but he also had great passion for the music and a hunger to do things."

Heyde said he remembers Chiang used

to get groups of music students together and would conduct pieces with them during his free time at Baylor.

After graduation, Chiang traveled to Vienna, Austria with Jordan, where she acquainted him with the University of Music and Performing Arts Vienna.

"After graduation, I found my next stop and home - Vienna," Chiang wrote in the email. "Here, I not only continued my activities as a pianist, but devoted myself a lot in conducting."

This transition from pianist to conductor is not the most traditional path followed by most instrumentalists, Heyde said.

"Certainly some have to do it that way, but I don't think it's customary to do it that way," he said.

Chiang won the prestigious international conducting competition, "Lovro von Matacic," in Zagreb, Croatia in 2007. He went on to conduct several professional orchestras, work at opera theaters and teach music in

look for it," he wrote in the email. "They found me. 'I was more into orchestral, or say operatic productions, which are my passion in general, but I am grateful at the same time, as an institution of such name and fame accepts me in such a position, especially as a foreigner gaining an important musical position in Vienna.'"

Chiang said the position is accompanied by challenges unlike those found in other conducting positions.

"They are kids," he wrote. "Yet they are professionals. Not only do I have to be an artist to fulfill the work demand, but also a teacher and a father. I have to bring discipline in rehearsals, bring 25 individuals, who are all intelligent and strong-willed kids, into one choir."

The greatest reward of conducting the choir is the trust he has built with the boys, Chiang said. Trust is important when working with adults in an orchestra, but it's even more important when working with kids, he said.

"They are kids, and they are honest," Chiang wrote. "The quality of the concert relies solely on trust for each other. They need to know they can be on stage without me panicking, and I need to trust them to deliver what we have rehearsed."

Chiang said the position will give him a greater repertoire of musical styles. The position will also help him learn to work under stressful conditions with adult performers.

"The efficiency one requires to train these untamed boys to meet a high demanding engagement schedule is definitely essential for one to learn to operate some high professional orchestras or artistic institutions," he wrote.

The choir is split into four separate choirs, with 25 boys in each group. The Austrian education system is split up into trimesters, so the boys are in school for 2 semesters and tour for the third semester, or for about two months.

Chiang had his first performance in Japan with one of the choirs this past Saturday. The boys are expected to perform more than 30 concerts during that time.

"One grows, whether individual or as a group, during a tour, by living together, making music together and relying on each other, especially in a foreign country," he wrote in the email.

Chiang said the choir is a model of what society should look like, with the individual learning to be aware of the needs of the group.

"There is freedom to sing, but not to sing whenever you want or however you want," he wrote. "There is sheet music to follow, there is conductor to follow, there are other singers around to harmonize with. Each person has its function and position."

Working with music has allowed Chiang to learn and teach others about life by observing the functions and structure of music, he said.

"I have definitely become a more mature person," he wrote. "As I grow in the musical world and gain deeper understanding of musicality, there will be deeper understanding of life, and vice versa."



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both primary and secondary educational settings in Asia, Austria and Germany.

"I have now taken over the position to lead the Vienna Boys' Choir," he wrote. "It gives me the chance to also explore the choral world."

Heyde said the department is not surprised to see Chiang in his new role.

"We're very proud of his appointment with the Vienna Boys' Choir, but he's had a number of pretty impressive appointments before this," Heyde said.

Chiang became kapellmeister this past October, and he said the position was unexpected. He said being conductor has affirmed his "musicality and status" in the cultured city of Vienna.

"It was all a surprise to me because I didn't



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Smoke rises after several CSX tanker cars carrying crude oil derailed on Wednesday in Lynchburg, Va. Authorities evacuated numerous buildings Wednesday after the derailment.

Tankers carrying crude oil derail, burst into flame

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Authorities were evacuating numerous buildings Wednesday afternoon after several CSX tanker cars carrying crude oil derailed in downtown Lynchburg, Va., and caught fire along the James River, city officials said.

The city of Lynchburg on its website posted that the fire department was on the scene and urged motorists and pedestrians to avoid the area. It tweeted that the tanker cars were carrying crude oil and that three or four of them were breached. The city said 13 or 14 tanker cars were involved in the derailment.

No injuries were immediately reported, the city said.

Photos and video show several black tanker cars derailed and extensive flames and smoke.

The city said on its website that CSX officials were working to remove the portion of the train that is blocking workers from leaving Griffin Pipe Foundry located in the lower basin.

"We're used to kind of bangs and booms," said Gerald McComas, a security officer at foundry

up river from the derailment site. "My first thought was it sounded like one of the guys started a motorcycle and then a realized, wait a minute, no ... that was more of a boom. We walked outside and there was the smoke rolling in."

A portion of the train was blocking the road allowing workers at to leave their parking lot, McComas said. Instead workers were walking along the tracks to get to the other side of the train in order to leave their facility.

Gov. Terry McAuliffe said Deputy Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security Adam Thiel was dispatched to the site to provide officials with updates on the situation.

Lynchburg is a city of about 77,000 people in the foothills of Blue Ridge Mountains.

Oil train accidents were the topic of National Transportation Safety Board Chairman Deborah Hersman last week at a two-day safety forum in Washington.

Hersman said the Obama administration needed to take steps immediately to protect the public from potentially catastrophic oil train accidents even if it means using emergency authority.

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At this first event the 47-foot-wide and 107-foot-tall video board should be ready, although now it is merely a metal frame. Panels are set to go on in three weeks, Healy said.

With a drainage system and placement of turf underway, Healy said one of the bigger projects he looks forward to completing is the \$20 million canopy, which covers the top sections of the stadium creating shade for fans.

"It's exciting, it's like, the culmination of everything we do to have the first game happen and all the fans fill the stands and watch the whole thing come alive," Healy said. "When all the fans come in, when the team's out here on the field, I mean, that's exciting, that's awesome."

Brian Nicholson, associate vice president of operations and facilities at Baylor, said stadium costs have reached \$260 million to date and fundraising has surpassed the universities' expectations. A surplus in funds has led to financing for other projects on campus.

Nicholson also shared in Healy's assuredness that McLane Stadium is on schedule and will impress visitors.

"We're extremely confident that we will be ready Aug. 31," Nicholson said. "To the general public, when you come in it'll be done. You're going to see signage up, there's not going to be wet paint, you're seat will be in place. It will be a completed facility."

Nicholson said seats and benches should be finished by early summer.

Todd Patulski, deputy athletics director, said demand for season tickets has been high and roughly 28,000 of the 42,000 seats are sold out. Premium suites, loge seats and club seats have all sold out for the 2014 season as well. A waiting list is in place for sold out areas.

One area already reserved, the President's Box for Baylor President and Chancellor Ken Starr, has what might be the best view in the



McLane Stadium is quickly taking shape as football season approaches in the fall.

stadium. With a balcony that overlooks the Brazos River, Starr's box will also sit adjacent to the video board with a view of the entire field.

While most fans won't get to sit in the glass-enclosed suite reserved for Starr, they will have access to a new feature — free Wi-Fi.

Patulski said advances in communication technologies are popular features for NFL stadiums and have even made appearances at some colleges such as Texas Christian University.

"People sometimes choose not to go to a game because maybe their reception doesn't work or maybe their phone doesn't work," Patulski said. "If that's something that's a priority for you as a fan, we're going to have it at this stadium."

The stadiums east side will seat 7,000 students from one goal post down to the next. The first 13 rows are reserved for the Baylor Line and the next 15 for other students. The proximity to the field for students is on par if not better than most college stadiums, Patulski said.

"We really thought students

bring the environment, students bring all the excitement, they bring energy to a football stadium and so your goal is to make sure they come each and every game," Patulski said. "You're going to feel like there's something going on at Baylor Stadium every game."

Other changes at McLane Stadium affecting Baylor students include the new Baylor Line running path. Students will enter the field from a southwest tunnel and back into a tunnel on the northeast side. There will no longer be a rushing from the field to seat because students will only be seated after returning from the underground service area, Patulski said.

Heath Nielsen, Baylor's associate athletics director for communications, said with the new stadium and the opportunity to defend a Big 12 championship victory, the football team is more than just pumped.

"Pumped is an understatement," Nielsen said. "Coach Briles would say that we're wearing the belt and that the rest of the league wants to take that belt out of our hands and it's our job to defend that."

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cluding Texas' having a disproportionate number of low-wage jobs and leading the nation in the rate of residents without health insurance at about 1 in 4.

Also unmentioned was that some Democratic-led states have experienced hot economies even with more progressive policies on taxes and social programs. Minnesota's unemployment rate in March was 4.8 percent compared to Texas' 5.5 percent, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Maryland, another prime Perry target, had a 5.6 percent unemployment rate.

Nonetheless, Perry has intensified his employer recruitment

efforts in states with Democratic governors in the past 14 months, even appearing in radio and television ads poking fun at "big-government" states. In addition to New York, other such missions have taken Perry to Connecticut, Maryland, Missouri and Illinois.

He made two such trips to California — though Toyota didn't mention recruitment by Perry as prompting its move. Sweetening the deal was an incentive fund overseen by Perry's office offering Toyota a whopping \$40 million for the roughly 4,000 jobs Texas is gaining.

Perry has also recently been in

England and Israel, bragging about Texas' economic prowess, and TexasOne, the public-private partnership that funds such excursions, has visits planned soon to Chicago, Brazil, Chile and China.

Those close to the governor shrug off the notion that he's promoting himself more than his state. "You can accomplish important state and job-creation goals while also accruing political benefits as well," said Ray Sullivan, Perry's former chief of staff.

Added Perry spokeswoman Lucy Nashed: "He's the best cheerleader for Texas."

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as well as catering and food and beverage distribution for premium seating. The company is offering 150 jobs at the stadium.

The stadium will have a private club, the Baylor Club, which will serve breakfast, lunch and dinner six days a week.

"It's basically a place where the faculty of Baylor, the business community of Waco can all come together and conduct business and socialize with each other and things of that nature," said Brandon Millares, general manager of the Baylor Club.

On game days the Baylor Club will run premium service operations.

"That includes the founders' suites, all the sky boxes, the entire club section, etc.," Millares said.

There are 50 full-time positions of the 150 positions that will be full-time jobs, include private event directors, wedding planners, an executive chef, full-time service positions, full-time kitchen employees and an ac-

countant, Millares said.

He said this is an increase in employment from what was offered at Floyd Casey Stadium.

"There are more premium servers and premium offerings," he said. "There are more skyboxes, and more club level seating. The club level will offer 1,200 seats."

Millares said he wants strongly to hire at least 100 Baylor students for the Baylor Club positions at the stadium.

Aramark will handle the maintenance, heating, ventilation and landscaping of the stadium, though the company has not listed any openings for jobs at the stadium. The company Savor, which will oversee concession stands, was present at the job fair and is hiring employees for the stadium as well. The company Follett will manage the stadium's bookstore gift shop, and the company's website lists 86 positions soon to open, many of which will be at the stadium.

Wacoans young and old lined

up at booths in the Waco Convention Center Tuesday in hopes to be given a job at the new McLane stadium. For hours the lines of people wanting to turn in applications at the stadium's job fair were constant.

Nancy Duarte, a retired individual and Waco resident, stood in line with her application for a job with SMG. Duarte said she would enjoy working in a sky box.

"I saw the job fair advertised in the newspaper and posted it on my refrigerator," she said.

Neal said the response by Waco citizens to the amount of job openings is typical for when a new stadium begins hiring.

"We've had a steady stream of people since we opened up," Neal said after the job fair began. "We haven't had a down moment yet. It's a solid line of individuals."

SMG and Club Corp will begin job training in August for the coming of the football season.

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scaffolding that remains after cells are removed from a tissue. (Without cells, the immune system doesn't reject it.) Such material has been used for many years as a kind of mesh in treatments for skin ulcers and in hernia repair.

What's new here: The matrix temporarily fills in the injury, between edges of remaining muscle. As the scaffolding slowly degrades, it releases chemical signals that attract stem cells to the site, Badylak said.

Then physical therapy puts tension on the spot, in turn signaling the stem cells that they need to form strong, stretchy muscle tissue, he said. Without the exercise, Badylak cautioned, those cells won't get the message

to boost muscle mass, and scar tissue could return.

To start proving that's what happens, Badylak's team first removed chunks of leg muscle from mice and administered the treatment. In-depth tests showed which cells moved in, and showed that they created working muscle.

Then it was time for human testing, with three military veterans and two civilians. Each had lost between 60 percent and 90 percent of an affected leg muscle — two from the thigh, the rest from the lower leg — anywhere from about a year to seven years earlier.

The men, in their 20s and 30s, underwent a few months of customized physical therapy to

get their muscle function to its maximum capacity.

Then they received the implants, followed by more physical therapy that began within 48 hours after surgery.

Six months later, biopsies and medical scans showed some new muscle grew in all the men. Three patients were officially deemed a success because their legs were stronger by 20 percent or more after the surgery. They had dramatic improvements in tests showing they could hop or squat on the injured leg. Badylak said the two other men had some improvement in balance and quality of life, but not enough to meet the study's definition of success.

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Student author: Publishing isn't magical, easy

By TAYLOR REXRODE
A&E EDITOR

Woodway senior Elizabeth Henning published her debut philosophical novel "The Conspirators" after four years of writing and editing while attending Baylor.

With graduation just around the corner, Henning sat down with the Lariat to speak about her writing process and her hopes for the future.

writing style has changed so much since I wrote it that I'm not sure it would be fluid.

Q: Other than the prequel, are you working on any other writing projects?

A: Other than for class, no. I have a blog that's basically a journal, but it's mostly just fragments. I'm mostly trying to hone my technique rather than start a new project.

Q&A

Q: Do you have a certain daily process you go through for your writing?

A: I try to make myself write something in some capacity every day. The blog helps me more as an exercise to get my thoughts articulated, and I have an ideas journal that I'll write fragments of stories in, so I just try to get words on a page as often as I can so I don't get paralyzed by fear of starting.

Q: Did you ever expect to publish a book at such a young age?

A: I think I would say yes. I always wanted to be a writer and publish a book as soon as I could. But it was a lot less glamorous than I thought it would be.

Q: How was it not very glamorous?

A: It's a lot of hard work. I was

Q: How long have you been working on this book?

A: I started it my freshman year. It was inspired by a book I read in high school called "The Man Who Was Thursday" by G.K. Chesterton, which is like a philosophical detective novel. Since I was taking a lot of philosophy classes and I was interested in writing, I wanted to kind of pull that together.

I convinced the Honors College to let me use this book as my creative thesis and then after that, I submitted it to this publishing company. It took less than a year to get it published.

Q: The book is about 160 pages. Is there more of the story you want to write later?

A: It has potential for a prequel and a sequel. I kind of started working on a prequel in my last creative writing class; however, my



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Woodway senior Elizabeth Henning wrote and published her novel "The Conspirators" within her four years at Baylor. As graduation approaches, Henning said she hopes to continue honing her skills and one day publish again.

revising a lot with my editor and sending copies back and forth. I spent hours just staring at my own work.

I think I realized that it's not a magical thing. It doesn't turn you into a best-selling author. People could still not know who you are, so it's good to get that idea out of my head as quickly as possible, to realize that publishing isn't the end-all of life as a writer.

Q: Do you still want to tweak the novel even though it's already published?

A: I've had to stop looking at it because there are things that I really don't like about it now, but it's time to move on to the next project. It was a good first attempt.

It's definitely not the best thing I could ever do, so I've had to stop thinking about what I would change.

Q: Now that you've published one novel, do you want to continue to publish more?

A: I do want to continue to publish novels. Most of all, I want to continue to write whether or not I am able to publish.

There's the "To Kill A Mockingbird" syndrome where you just publish one thing and that's the only thing you ever write.

I don't want that to happen. I'm going to keep working on it.

Henning's novel is available for purchase on amazon.com.

Tunisia turns to Star Wars to boost tourism

By PAUL SCHEMM
ASSOCIATED PRESS

TUNIS, Tunisia — Two dozen white-clad Imperial Troopers and other Star Wars characters marched Wednesday down a stately, tree-lined avenue in Tunis — a site where activists once fought riot police during the 2011 Arab Spring revolutions.

The empire was not striking back against the poster child for Arab democracy — just an innovative campaign to encourage tourists to return to this sunny desert-and-beach nation in North Africa.

"We came here to Tunis to help save the Star Wars sites in Matmata and Tozeur and convince people to return to Tunisia," said Ingo Kaiser, head of a Star Wars fan club in Europe, referring to the movie sets that are slowly being covered up by sand in the Tunisian desert.

He wore the khaki overalls and large helmet of the two-legged AT-ST machines that battled rebels in the forest of Endor in the 1983 film "Return of the Jedi."

A huge screen broadcast scenes from the Star Wars films as the thronging crowds snapped photos of the costumed Star Wars characters.

"It's the first time such an event has happened in Tunisia, it's really impressive," said Asma Souissi, a 19-year-old student. "It opens up new horizons for Tunisia."

After long-time President Zine El Ben Ali was overthrown in 2011, Tunisia was rocked by labor unrest, terrorist attacks and political assassinations. That devastated Tunisia's key tourism sector, which contributes 7 percent to the country's GDP and employs 400,000 people.

So the Tunisian National Office for Tourism teamed up with the country's new Star Wars fan club to stage the country's its first Star Wars encounter. Fan clubs from Europe took part in Wednesday's parade and screenings of the Star Wars films will take place at the desert movie sets over the next few days.

"We did this campaign to take advantage of these sets, which are unique in the world — the only sites from the movies remaining," said Zied Chargui, director of the National Office of Tunisian Tourism.

The campaign began with Tunisia's own video of Pharrell Williams' popular "Happy" song featuring Star Wars characters dancing around Tunisian tourist sites and the movie sets. The video has been viewed 1.7 million times since it was posted in March — and was tweeted by Williams himself.

"It created a global buzz, which makes us very happy," said Chargui.

The original 1977 Star Wars was filmed in Tunisia, with protagonist Luke Skywalker's home planet borrowing its name of the nearby town of Tatouine.

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Softball crushes Pokes

By SHEHAN JEYARAJAH
SPORTS WRITER

When senior left-hander Whitney Canion is on her game, there are few hitters in all of college softball that can hope to hit off of her. McNeese State's lineup learned that the hard way, as Canion threw her fifth no-hitter and second seven-inning no-hitter of her career on Wednesday at Getterman Stadium.

Behind Canion's monster day, Baylor softball (38-12) coasted to a comfortable 6-0 win over McNeese State (35-15) on a warm Wednesday night at Getterman Stadium. The win was Canion's 115th of her career, which moves her into a tie with former Oklahoma pitcher Jennifer Stewart for third place on the Big 12 career wins list.

After hitting a batter with a pitch and walking a batter consecutively in the second inning, Canion could have let her control get away from her. However, Canion took charge and finished with 14 strikeouts and only one walk in her seven innings of work.

Baylor's offense started quickly after sophomore designated player Linsey Hays launched pitcher Jamie Allred's first pitch over the left field wall. In the next at-bat, junior shortstop Jordan Strickland blasted a solo home run to give the Bears a 2-0 lead with one out.

Senior utility player Liz Paul singled up the middle to put a runner on base, and junior right



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Senior pitcher Whitney Canion delivers a pitch during her complete game no-hitter in Baylor's 6-0 win over McNeese State on Wednesday.

fielder Kaitlyn Thumann singled to put runners on first and second, and freshman second baseman Ari Hawkins hit a two-RBI double to give the Bears a 4-0 lead.

Hawkins advanced to third on a wild pitch and senior first baseman Holly Holl walked to put runners on the corners with two outs. Holl was picked off trying to steal second, but not before Hawkins scored to put the Bears up 5-0 after two. After the second inning, Canion retired 17 straight batters, including striking out a ridiculous 12 over that stretch on the way to picking up the no-no.

"She's pretty good right now, and she's getting hot at the right time," Baylor coach Glenn Moore said. "I thought she didn't rush, she slowed herself down, was patient and made the hitters miss by a lot. Part of her effectiveness is the development of her change up over the years, and it was on tonight."

Sophomore second baseman Sarah Smith homered in the fifth to give the Bears an insurance run.

Baylor hit only 30 home runs in 59 games in 2013; the team has already hit 56 dingers through 50 games in 2014 after the three on Wednesday.

Hays and Strickland each hit their 10th homer of the season, which moved them into a tie for first on the team in home runs with senior catcher Clare Hosack. The last time three Baylor teammates hit double-digit home runs was 2007.

Baylor will get back into the thick of Big 12 play with a weekend series on Friday, Saturday and Sunday against Iowa State in Ames. First pitch is at 3 p.m. on Friday. The Bears will look to break their tie with Texas for second in the Big 12, and make up ground against Oklahoma. The Bears trail the Sooners by two games.

Strickland sets the tone

By SHEHAN JEYARAJAH
SPORTS WRITER

When it comes to fielding, the shortstop is often considered to be the most important position on a softball field. The shortstop is expected to cover more ground and make more split second plays than arguably any other position on the diamond.

On a team with four accomplished seniors, junior shortstop Jordan Strickland still steps up to be a leader among Baylor's softball team.

"I've always felt the shortstop is the position of leadership," Strickland said. "If you're not a leader in other aspects of the team, it's very important for me to be a leader out there and lead the infield and be a voice. I want to give all I have and show leadership by example."

Strickland arrived at Baylor for the 2012 season with big shoes to fill.

Former starting shortstop Dani Leal was named an All-American in 2011 and was part of a run to the 2011 Women's College World Series.

Strickland was asked to start in Leal's place, and has excelled. In her third season starting, she is hitting .260, but with a slugging percentage of .504 and nine home runs in 127 at-bats this season. She has also started in all but one of Baylor's 45 games this season at her signature position.

"This is my third year doing this and I've just built confidence and the team around me has made things a lot easier," Strickland said. "I think the difference for me is a personal mentality."

That mentality has added a power element to her game that



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Junior Jordan Strickland patrols the infield on Wednesday.

she did not have in seasons past. The fireworks were out in full force against Oklahoma State this past weekend.

Strickland hit multiple home runs in consecutive games and compiled 12 RBIs on those four hits alone.

"My teammates did a great job of being on base for me to be able

to perform," Strickland said. "It's really easy when you just have a team that helps you perform to your best level."

Coming into 2014, Strickland had hit four homers in her career to date.

"When she's hot, she's as hot as any kid we've ever had in this program when she's seeing the ball well," head coach Glenn Moore said. "She's had some great moments this year and has been really big at times."

For her efforts in the Oklahoma State series, Strickland was named Big 12 Player of the Week.

She also earned a Big 12 Player of the Week award for her performance in the SportCo Kickoff Classic in Las Vegas, Nev.

In five games, she scored five runs, hit three homers and compiled nine RBIs, including a grand slam against San Diego.

"Jordan's been a great player all three of her years," senior catcher Clare Hosack said. "I don't think any of this is unexpected. She's a great shortstop and great hitter and it's just great that people are recognizing it."

Strickland has been an essential part of a successful Baylor softball program this season.

The Bears sit ranked No. 13 in the country. The Bears are 38-12 overall and 9-4 in Big 12 Conference play.

Baylor has struggled at times during this winning season, but Strickland is confident in her team being able to accomplish something great this season.

"We will get out of it," Strickland said. "We've seen how good we can be and just want to keep fighting until we get back. The door will bust down sooner or later."

Baseball swamps Islanders 8-4

By JEFFREY SWINDOLL
SPORTS WRITER

Baylor baseball snapped its five-game losing streak against the Texas A&M-Corpus Christi Islanders with a 8-4 victory Wednesday at Baylor Ballpark.

"What's nice about this is being able to see that many young guys playing, and we I think we handled it pretty well," Baylor head coach Steve Smith said.

The Bears broke the Islanders' backs with a four-run eighth inning. Leading only by two runs for most of the game, the Bears found themselves with a five-run cushion with senior pitcher Josh Michalec on the mound to close it out, earning a school record 16th career save in a single season, ranking fifth on the all-time Big 12 list in single-season saves.

Smith called it remarkable that Michalec broke this record in his first year as a closer, not having a single save to his name before this season.

"A lot of pride goes into our



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Freshman Nick Lewis fires a pitch Wednesday at Baylor Ballpark.

team and throughout the years we've had a lot of successful guys come through this program," Michalec said. "I love the fact that I've been able to do that, not having a save in my career, and the fact that I can do it with my best friends, you know, the guys on the team."

The Bears loaded the bases and scored three runs in the fourth inning to take a 3-2 lead. Baylor kept the bats hot. Scoring a run in the sixth to make it a two-run game,

and four runs in the eighth to extend the lead to five runs, this lineup of mostly reserves was making a strong impression to coach Smith about his ball club's depth and determination.

"This was an interesting game," Smith said. "We scored four runs on one hit. We usually score one run on four hits. So, maybe we're starting to come around a little bit."

The Bears hit the road to face the Oklahoma Sooners in Norman, Okla. this weekend. If the Bears plan on fulfilling their team goal of a successful run to the Big 12 tournament, they will need to win a road series.

"[Qualifying for the Big 12 tournament] is our goal now," junior outfielder Adam Toth said. "It was a Big 12 championship, and as the season went on we just want to make the Big 12 tournament. We plan on doing it."

In order to climb above .500 and make the tournament, the Bears will need more than one night of pitching heroics from their freshman pitcher Daniel Castano.

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