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Soothing Sounds at Common Grounds

Nashville-based musician Jameson Elder performs at Common Ground's open-mic night. He was the last of four acts to perform. Each performer at open mic night has 15 minutes to play. Elder was picked by Common Grounds to play the full last hour.

Professor says being deaf is not a handicap

By HANNAH NEUMANN
STAFF WRITER

While people who speak multiple languages are often thought of as diverse, people who use American Sign Language are sometimes thought of as disabled, a perception the deaf community would like to change.

Part 3 of a 4-part Deaf Awareness Week Series

"Being disabled or handicapped would mean that you were stuck," said Dr. Larry Umberger, American Sign Language lab assistant, through interpreters Shirley Gerhardt and Kris Pullin. "When people say to me 'you can't talk' and look at me as though I have a disability, I say 'well you can't sign so I guess you're signing-impaired.'"

Umberger said one of the greatest factors that drew him to Baylor originally was the equality he felt on campus and in the department.

"I really appreciate feeling like an equal professional here," Umberger said. "The other three teachers in the department sign and other places don't always have that luxury. If I'm needing interpreter services or access to something, I'm able to get it and those considerations came to mind when I was considering whether to work for Baylor or not."

Umberger said another factor that contributed to his interest in Baylor was the abundant opportunity surrounding campus for student involvement in the deaf community.

"Students really get excited about the language and the deaf community that we offer here," he said. "They can teach deaf children, they can offer support in the community even as a volunteer and there are activities and events in the deaf community here in Waco that they can attend. These experiences they can have at Baylor can affect their view of the deaf community and the people they are serving later on in their field."

Umberger and his wife Paula Umberger,

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HANNAH NEUMANN | LARIAT STAFF WRITER

Larry Umberger's daughter signs their family name.

Drug that may save brain cells undergoes tests

By VIOLA ZHOU
REPORTER

A toxicology scientist at Baylor is testing a new drug that may cure traumatic brain injuries for soldiers fighting on the battlefield.

Dr. Erica Bruce, assistant professor in the environmental science department, said the drug has the potential to treat the oxygen deficient condition of brain cells, which is commonly seen among military personnel living in an extreme environment.

A total of 27,324 people in the United States armed forces were diagnosed with traumatic brain injuries in 2013, according to U.S. Department of Defense.

Bruce said the drug being tested, the composition of which is confidential, may increase the oxygen content in brain cells.

"When you have a traumatic brain injury, oxygen is deprived in that part of the brain," Bruce said. "The brain does not regenerate cells. When you deprive the brain of oxygen, you kill those cells and you never get them back."

She said the drug may also help in the wound healing process, which needs significant amounts of oxygen.

"Soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan have all kinds of environmental exposures like pesticides, particulate matters, dust, stress, heat and dehydration," she said. "Our hypothesis is all of these things together change the way your body heals."

Bruce said she decided to do the test after she was approached by Hemotech, the company that invented the drug.

"There is a large group of mil-



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Dalian, China, doctoral candidate Fan Zhang works in the lab. She is part of the team researching the new drug.

itary personal in Central Texas that we have opportunities to work with and do some investigations with," she said.

Bruce said the research team is trying to induce injuries in

brain cell samples with special instruments and give them the drug to see if it can recover the cells.

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Simulation allows participants to experience lifestyle of poverty

By REBECCA FLANNERY
STAFF WRITER

Waco will get the opportunity to experience what life is like for a child in a Third World country starting Oct. 10.

Harris Creek Baptist Church and First Baptist Church of Waco are partnering with the nonprofit organization Compassion International to give congregants, students and citizens an interactive tour of what life is like in a developing country.

The simulation will be available Oct. 10-13 in the parking lot of First Baptist Church of Waco, located at 500 Webster

Ave. Walk-ins as well as those who schedule a time to tour are welcome to the free event.

Landon Collins, interim missions pastor for Harris Creek, said the simulation is meant to raise awareness of what life looks like outside the U.S.

"More than raising awareness, though, I hope those who attend are moved to action by sponsoring children from Compassion," Collins said.

The Compassion Experience simulation is set up within two semi-trailers to create an area of 3,000 square feet for visitors to

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Participants experience what a life of poverty is like through a simulation by Compassion International

Despite media trend, studies show decrease in domestic violence

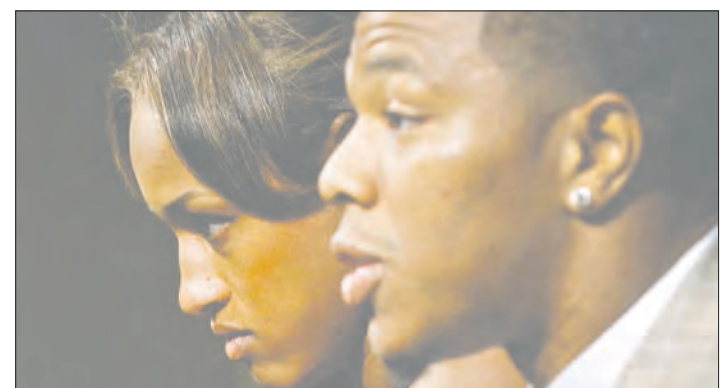
By DAVID CRARY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

For weeks, amid allegations involving several NFL players, domestic violence has been the focus of intense national attention. Does the turmoil reflect a worsening epidemic of domestic violence, or has the U.S. in fact made great strides to curtail it? The answer is complicated.

On one hand, domestic violence committed by intimate partners - current or former spouses, boyfriends or girlfriends - has declined by more than 60 percent since the mid-1990s, according to Justice Department figures.

Yet the dramatic decrease from 1995 through 2004 has largely stalled, with the numbers stabilizing at a level that appalls people in

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Janay Rice looks on as Ray Rice speaks in May to the media during a news conference about hitting his wife.

Like: Facebook rule secures identities

Editorial

Facebook has revolutionized the way that not only social media works, but even how the entire Internet has developed. While previous social media sites were not tied to actual identity, Facebook has a rule in place that requires users to register with their real name.

Recently, the company has decided to make efforts to enforce this policy, to the annoyance of some people.

The emphasis on weeding out profiles with made-up names will be beneficial for the site.

The rule states: "Facebook is a community where people use their real identities. We require everyone to provide their real names, so you always know who you're connecting with. This helps keep our community safe." The policy goes on to state the name used on Facebook should reflect the name found on a credit card, driver's license or student ID.

Facebook strives to be a trusted site for all its users – including advertisers. One way the site makes money is through advertisements. However, if advertisers do not believe Facebook to be a legitimate site, then it's possible they will spend their money elsewhere. When Facebook users post fake interests, fake name or fake ages,

advertisers cannot accurately target their audiences. If the trend of fakeness continues, advertisers may consider Facebook useless.

Why does this matter for the normal person? Facebook makes money off ads. It's not too far from the realm of possibility to think Facebook might have to start charging users if it loses its ads.

Then there is the issue of safety. Facebook representatives said requiring a real first and last name allows users to know who they are connecting with.

Some people claim they use fake names in order to make their account more secure. However, Facebook allows for several different levels of security settings that make creating a fake name unnecessary.

In the past few years, Facebook has become much more than just a social media service. Facebook is useful in several ways beyond just connecting with other people.

If we go to most websites, we can log in via Facebook. That includes news websites like ESPN or the Huffington Post, message boards and even apps to connect people, such as Tinder. Before Facebook, the Internet was almost always anonymous. Even sites like MySpace or AOL Instant Messenger were loosely associated with a person at best. When Facebook

came around, it allowed real people to know they were connecting with other real people – which makes the Internet more efficient because we aren't dealing with some vague unnamed someone.

The main opposition to the enforcement of the rule has come from people who use nicknames or who have created a new identity for themselves, such as drag queens.

Facebook offers users the chance to list an alternate name to the account for anyone who wants to list a nickname.

For those who want to create a new identity, they can create fan pages. This way, they are not breaking Facebook's rule but can still connect with other people. Fan pages are not quite as personal as profiles, but can connect with an audience. If there are people who do not want to be found or want to be kept anonymous, a site that promotes connections between users is not the place for them.

Other social media outlets are also an option. Twitter allows for interaction and followers within a community. Instagram gives people a platform to share pictures and experiences.

Having a Facebook account is not a right or a necessity, but a decision. No one is required to have an account. Facebook as a platform to create new identities is not



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the intent of the site.

However, Facebook was created as a way to encourage transparency on the In-

ternet. Ignoring that would take away from what makes Facebook so successful.

Support your family with loyalty

One day in my Christian Scriptures class we were talking about arranged marriage within biblical cultures.

Back then there were, and even all over the world today there are cultures in which parents arrange marriage for their children.

In these cultures, if a poor and small clan who stands very little chance against an enemy or strenuous circumstance has a daughter, they will likely look to arrange marriage with a man from a wealthy, populous, powerful clan, so as to unite forces and gain protection through the arrangement.

See, in these cultures, marriage is less about the love between two people, and more about the unification of two tribes. You see, even if this daughter has absolutely no intimate feelings for this man, or perhaps even has somewhat negative feelings about her intended suitor, she will accept the arrangement so as to protect and honor her family.

Now, I am not disregarding the corruption present in many of these culture's values and ways of life, however I do find these arrangements very admirable on behalf of the couple to marry. These children put aside their own independence, thoughts, longings and desires in order to not only satisfy, but to ensure security,

protection and longevity for their family through this alliance.

While I do not wish for my parents to choose my life partner, (though to be honest they'd probably do a much better job than myself) there is a selfishness in America, not in terms of marriage necessarily, but brought to my attention by thinking about the differences between cultures in terms of it.

In America, young adults are taught to do what pleases them.

People say, "do what makes you happy" or "follow your dreams" or "think about your future."

These are all very agreeable and encouraging words of advice, however I think sometimes people exploit these ideals and focus so much on their own path that they forget to turn around and appreciate the very people who worked hard to help them get started on it.

I'm not suggesting that Americans should begin to search for their partners with their parents' desires in mind, but there are other ways to return to them the things they have given us.

If your parents work hard to ensure success in your future, do you not owe it to them to succeed?



There are parents who spend their lives working hard and saving their money so that one day they can send their child to college. I once knew a guy whose single mother worked dawn to dusk, day after day for years in the hopes that she could make just enough to send him to college and give him a shot at the luminous future that she never had herself.

His mother spent every last dime to send her son to his first year at the best university she could find within her budget in conjunction with financial aid.

After the first few months of school, her son began to crumble under pressure, succumbing to his heavy workload and decided to drop out and live at home.

While I understand what it feels like to lose hope and want to give up, I don't understand how he believed

he deserved the opportunity to do so.

His mother put everything that she had into this venture, therefore, regardless of his personal trial, he should have felt obligated to make her proud, and to eventually, return to her everything she had given him.

Did he not owe it to his mom to make something of himself and represent his clan in the most admirable way possible?

Did he not owe it to his mom to believe in himself as she had believed in him?

Do we as children not owe it to our parents to give back to them everything they have given to us?

I'm not suggesting that these arranged marriage values are a better way of life than ours. I just believe that Americans need to gain a stronger sense of importance and dedication to family, of loyalty to the clan, of unity and reciprocity, and that in this, we shall discover protection, strength, honor and success for one, and for all.

Hannah Neumann is a freshman journalism major from Dripping Springs. She is a staff writer for the Lariat.

Call your parents, make their day

I'm not ashamed to admit I sometimes talk with my mom over the phone for more than an hour, even though I'm nearly 20 years old.

I know some of you never call your parents. And some only reply with "fine," "yes" and "hmm" every time they call you. You may not know how much parents want to get closer to their children's lives. I can feel that from the enthusiastic voice of my own parents, and from the excited faces I saw during Family Weekend.

Our parents used to give all their attention to us, because if they didn't, we would have died of hunger, diseases or stress. To learn more about us has become their instinct. It will be a hard time for them not hearing from us for a whole week. A little bit about our life can make their day, even if it's just complaints about an awful lunch.

I once heard a mother complaining that she can only speak with her son for five minutes every time before he gets annoyed and asks to hang up. What a shame to upset your mom and dad like that.

It's not only for your parents that you spend a little less time on social media and talk to them for a few more minutes. The communication benefits you as well.

As university students we think we are independent adults. We live far from home and



we seem to be dealing with everything by ourselves. But we still need support and comforts, more than most of us would think. We can get them from our parents, no matter how different our and their lives are.

My parents, who live in Hangzhou, a manufacturing hub in eastern China, have no idea how to be a student reporter in a university in the United States. They cannot even understand my stories written in English. But every time I feel confused or stressful they can help me out. They know the right words to say, because they know everything about me.

Your parents know everything about you, too. They know time management is your weakness; they know you are used to staying up late; they know you hate writing papers; they know

vanilla ice cream is your favorite and it can cheer you up.

There were times when I felt my parents didn't understand me, but later I realized that was because I didn't explain to them enough. They are far away so it's not easy to let them understand my troubles. But once they do, they offer me the best advice.

Technologies, fashions and knowledge change every day and our parents may not catch up with them. But the secrets in managing the emotion, dealing with people and pursuing dreams never change, and our parents know much more than us.

You have hundreds of friends on Facebook and you spend hours and hours writing posts and taking pictures for them. But most of them don't care. Isn't it wiser to spend one hour every week to have a nice chat with someone who will focus on all the details of your life?

People often say "when you have your own children you will understand." But I don't want to keep my mom and dad waiting. I don't want to miss the chance to enjoy the time with people who love me the most. Let me call them now.

Viola Zhou is an exchange student and journalism major from Hangzhou, China. She is a reporter for the Lariat.

Lariat Letters

Gun bill has campus safety in its sights

Campus safety. That is precisely what the campus concealed carry bill I authored is about. Currently, Concealed Handgun License (CHL) holders cannot carry their weapons out of their cars on campus. From an emotional perspective, this policy makes a lot of sense because the thought of guns in the hands of students can be alarming. From a statistical perspective, though, the idea of concealed carry on campus is proven and supported. The Federal Bureau of Investigation, Texas State Department of Public Health and numerous independent researchers have concluded that the presence of a gun in a potential victim's hand can not only stop crime while it is occurring, it can prevent criminals from even considering committing the crime in the first place.

Ask yourself why a trained, screened and licensed adult is permitted to carry their concealed handgun to dinner on Friday and to church on Sunday, but is forbidden from doing so at school on Monday.

If passed by the administration, this bill would not put weapons in the hands of anyone who does not already have the right to have those weapons virtually everywhere but our classrooms. We are talking about taking weapons that are in cars 100 feet away from classrooms and bringing them to the location where school shootings typically occur.

Some people argue that allowing concealed carry on our campus might lead to an increased number of student suicides. Those people are ignoring the fact that if Baylor were to allow concealed carry on campus, absolutely nothing would change about the state laws that dictate who can purchase, own or carry a handgun. The universities that do allow concealed carry have seen no increase in the number of suicides on or around their campuses.

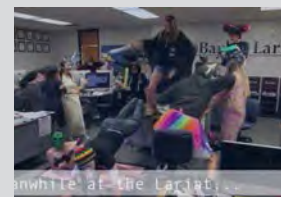
Going further, the notion that in the case of a campus shooting, crossfire between a CHL holder and the campus shooter could cause an increased death toll is naive. Yes, accidents can happen. But are more people going to die during a multi-second shooting between two people or during a several minute, one-sided massacre? You tell me.

I do not want any Baylor student to be in a situation where they are watching their classmates die and hoping the police come in and save the day. Our police force is incredible. But in the case of an active shooter in a classroom, if the police officers cannot get there within seconds, it could be too late. Unfortunately, we live in a world where classrooms are no longer academic sanctuaries. The 144 school shootings since 2000 are proof of that. As long as Baylor is a place where someone can just as easily walk into a classroom carrying an illegal gun as carrying a book, it makes no sense to continue policies that give an advantage to any lunatic or criminal willing to disregard Baylor policy and Texas state law.

– Woodinville, Wash., senior Gannon McCahill
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From the Lariat blog



"I've officially survived a whole month in New York, and I believe I've earned the right to finally express my deepest infuriation: I really hate tourists."

– Tyler senior Taylor Griffin
Lariat blogger

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Professors receive awards for diversity

By JON PLATT
REPORTER

Professors from Baylor's journalism, public relations and new media department received awards for their efforts to increase diversity at a meeting Wednesday.

Dr. Mia Moody-Ramirez, associate professor of journalism, was appointed chair of Baylor's journalism diversity committee last year and distributed the awards. She said she has a grand vision for the committee and looks forward to developing equality and diversity with her coworkers.

"We've always had the diversity committee," Moody-Ramirez said. "But, unfortunately, it's been dormant for years and now we're ramping things up. I'm excited about it."

The journalism, public relations and new media department's focus on diversity is reflected in its new vision statement. Moody-Ramirez said the department is the first at Baylor to adopt such a diverse statement, which reads as follows:

"The Baylor Department of Journalism, PR and New Media

is committed to a policy of inclusiveness, understanding and acceptance regardless of race, ethnicity, religion, disability, sexual orientation, gender and age."

Moody-Ramirez said ensuring acceptance and diversity can't just be about looking at skin color.

"It's comprehensive," she said. "It's the curriculum. It's the speakers. It's even the textbooks."

She highlighted faculty and staff who have contributed to advancing acceptance in the department and said achieving equality is only possible if everyone works together.

Dr. Sara Stone, journalism, public relations and new media department chair, and Dr. Mia Moody-Ramirez, associate professor of journalism, present Dr. Cassy Burleson with an award for having outstanding course speakers.

Dr. Cassy Burleson, senior lecturer of journalism, received an award for regularly bringing in a number of diverse speakers to her classes.

"Dr. B asked me to take photos of a speaker in her class one time," Moody-Ramirez said. "And then she asked me again and again. I



Dr. Sara Stone, journalism, public relations and new media department chair, and Dr. Mia Moody-Ramirez, associate professor of journalism, present Dr. Cassy Burleson with an award for having outstanding course speakers.

was amazed. I think that's amazing, the speakers she has. And what's great is she does that naturally."

Burleson and Moody-Ramirez have an educational partnership that reaches back to their years as graduate students. When Moody-

Ramirez presented the award to Burleson while speaking of her work ethic and championing of diversity, tears formed in the corners of their eyes.

"We've walked a lot of miles together," Burleson said.

Also receiving an award was Robert Darden, associate professor of journalism, whose work with the Black Gospel Music Restoration Project has garnered national attention. In October, Darden will release a book that was inspired by the project titled, "Nothing but Love in God's Water: Black Sacred Music from the Civil War to the Civil Rights Movement, Volume 1."

Jan Loosier and Margaret Kramer, administrative assistants to the journalism, public relations and new media department, received awards for their work as well. Loosier's award was for her efforts in morale boosting. Kramer's award was for consistently sharing relevant and cutting-edge information about diversity.

"Our focus is not only on professors, but on staff and students, too," Moody-Ramirez said.

Moody-Ramirez said all this progress is possible because of Dr. Sara Stone, department chair of Baylor journalism, public relations and new media. Moody-Ramirez said Stone's time as chair has developed the department in substantial ways.

Stone said her goal is to have a diverse group of people working in the department who complement each other because of the different experiences they've had.

She also said she is excited about the involvement students are getting within the community through their courses. Stone calculated the number of community service hours students provide for the community to be in the thousands per semester. She said these hours provide students a unique experience to interact with people who might be like them but also to have diverse experiences.

"I'm most proud of a concerted effort between faculty and students to learn how to do things," Stone said. "They're involved in the community."

For a complete list of award recipients, go to baylorlariat.com.

FBI releases report examining mass shootings

By ERIK TUCKER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The number of shootings in which a gunman wounds or kills multiple people has increased dramatically in recent years, with the majority of attacks occurring at a business or a school, according to an FBI report released Wednesday.

The study focused on 160 "active shooter incidents" between 2000 and 2013. Those are typically defined as cases in which a gunman in an attack shoots or attempts to shoot people in a populated area.

The goal of the report, which excluded shootings that are gang and drug related, was to compile accurate data about the attacks and to help local police prepare for or

respond to similar killings in the future, federal officials said.

"These incidents, the large majority of them, are over in minutes. So it's going to have to be a teaching and training of the best tactics, techniques and procedures to our state and local partners," said James F. Yacone, an FBI assistant director who oversees crisis response and was involved in the report.

According to the report, an average of six shooting incidents occurred in the first seven years that were studied. That average rose to more than 16 per year in the last seven years of the study.

The majority of the shootings occurred either at a business or a school, university or other education facility, according to the study, conducted in conjunction

with Texas State University. Other shootings have occurred in open spaces, on military properties, and in houses of worship and health care facilities.

A total of more than 1,000 people were either killed or wounded in the shootings. In about one-quarter of the cases, the shooter committed suicide before the police arrived. The gunman acted

alone in all but two of the cases.

Law enforcement officials who specialize in behavioral analysis say the motives of gunmen vary but many have a real, or perceived, personally held grievance that they feel mandates an act of violence.

Beyond studying the shootings, the FBI has promoted better training for local law enforcement, invariably the first responders.

Newest iPhone bends

By JULIA LOVE
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

After two weeks of breathless coverage, we thought we'd scrutinized the iPhone 6 Plus from every angle. But we didn't think to ask whether it would be compatible with skinny jeans.

Over the past few days, some users have come forward on social media claiming that their coveted 6 Plus has started to bend. Most of the incidents arose after users sat for an extended period of time with the phones in their pockets. People who wear tight pants appear to be most at risk.

At first, the phenomenon was documented largely through Twitter posts topped off with the hashtag "#bendgate." But Tuesday, Lewis Hilsenteger of Unbox Therapy, an online technology show, put the rumors to the test. In the video, Hilsenteger demonstrates how his new 6 Plus warps under pressure from his fingers.

"This was painful to do," he said. "Maybe this is enough information to push you in the direction of buying the (iPhone 6) over the 6 Plus."

The iPhone 6 Plus, Apple's first "phablet," vanished almost immediately after it debuted in stores on Friday, forcing some who had spent hours in line waiting to leave empty-handed. The phone, which measures 5.5 inches diagonally, has been hailed for its light and thin feel, due in part to its aluminum shell. The material is also famous for its malleability, so perhaps Apple should have braced itself for a more flexible phone.

Still, some were puzzled that such a defect could slip past the valley's consummate perfectionist.

"I'm really surprised that this didn't show up at Apple before when they did testing," said Eric Virey of Yole Developpement, a French research firm.

But as Tech Crunch pointed out, finding flaw in Apple's latest gadget has become a favorite fall pastime in the valley. The tech news site added that reports of bending surfaced with the iPhone 5s and 5c.

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She said they have gotten promising preliminary results. The drug proved to help two kinds of brain cells regain viability when the cells are kept separately. The next step is to see how the cells respond to the drug when they are put together.

Tianjin, China, master's student Peijin Yang, who has been working with Bruce on this test, said the first step was very successful and the future is bright.

"We have many steps to complete," Yang said. "We need to experiment on different kinds of cells and then on animals, before the drug enters clinical trials. But the process will be smooth."

But Dalian, China, doctoral candidate Fan Zhang, another team member, said the rest of the test will not be an easy task.

"It is very hard to work out the testing approaches from scratch," Zhang said. "We are sometimes overwhelmed by the amount of work ahead."

Zhang said the average time for a drug to get from laboratory to

the market is 15 years and the team needs more funding and people to speed up the process.

Bruce said it takes one to three years to complete the laboratory test and the cost is between \$3 to \$5 million.

She said the group just got a grant of \$97,500 from the Edward N. and Margaret G. Marsh Foundation, which is interested in military medical projects.

The team is also applying for sponsorship from the U.S. Department of Defense, and the proposal is now under review.

Bruce said if the drug proves effective, it will be used to help military people who are affected immediately, but later it may be used to treat people who get traumatic brain injuries in car wrecks and sports.

"We hope we can make a difference in treating traumatic brain injuries, especially for military personnel who have served our country and protect our freedom," Bruce said.

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who is also deaf, have two daughters, Sophia and Alissa, ages 18 and 15 respectively. Both of their children can hear, but for them, sign language has been a part of life since birth and the use of it is normal. They said there is one major challenge they face as Children of Deaf Adults, or CODAs.

"People just ask stupid questions and that's the most frustrating thing we deal with," Sophia said. "People ask if they can read or drive. Someone asked my sister why my parents have mouths, and I don't understand what makes someone ask a question like that."

Alissa said a common question people ask her and Sophia is what it's like to have deaf parents.

"To us it's just normal," said Alissa. "It's how we live. The only other problem is like if I'm home alone with my parents and I'm in the bathroom with no toilet paper. That's when you know the real struggle there. But I mean we just learned to take our phones to the bathroom and we just text until someone brings toilet paper."

Umberger said there are specific things associated with deaf culture that make it their culture such as language, norms, the values and traditions passed from one generation to the next. While people often approach Deaf Awareness Week from a medical perspective, the true purpose lies in education of the culture.

"As a deaf community, we feel there is a great division between the two because one is a scientific approach while the other is our life," Umberger said. "We want to expose people not just to sign language but to the deaf culture itself."

Umberger said if he had to option to hear, he wouldn't have the desire to act on it because in a sense he would feel as though he were betraying his deaf culture and community.

"My language is part of who I am. I feel a strong bond with the deaf community, and I don't want to change my identity. I am perfectly happy with who I am," he said.

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walk through. Set up in the trailers will be a mock-up of homes of previously sponsored children from Uganda, Bolivia and India, according to a press release from the organization.

"Through the use of an iPod, a headset and interactive space, visitors will see the children's homes, walk through schools and markets and hear life-changing stories of hope — all from the perspective of a child whose life began in poverty," according to the press release.

Steve Spriggs, media correspondent for Compassion International, said the organization aims to release children from these states of poverty.

"Release and relief are two very separate things," Spriggs said. "We want to look at the child holistically, be with them through every step of our pro-

gram and release them from the poverty they're set in."

The simulation features tangible scenes from the homes of children who have graduated from Compassion programs. Some materials used in the simulation include items from sites of the child's upbringing, as well as materials from the U.S. to create a lifelike feature of their journey, Spriggs said.

"The entire re-creation process is communicated closely between Compassion and the sponsor child," Spriggs said. "At the end of the tour, visitors will actually have the ability to see a quick video of the child whose story they just witnessed."

Collins said the simulation will coincide with Harris Creek's Sunday service called Compassion Sunday. At the service, a Compassion representative will

talk about the organization and what it aims to do for impoverished children.

"We want to take our strategic partnerships with organizations like Compassion and go deeper with them," Collins said.

Mark Hanlon, Compassion International senior vice president of global marketing and engagement, said in a press release the purpose of the event is to create hope for children living in poverty.

"When people think of poverty, they often think of the lack of things, the lack of stuff, the lack of money," Hanlon said. "Those are all symptoms of poverty. The real issue of poverty is the lack of hope."

According to their website, Compassion serves more than 1.4 million children in 26 developing countries in Latin Amer-

ica, Central America, Asia and Africa. Sponsorship is offered to those who attend the simulation event, as well as those who sign up to do so online, Spriggs said.

The Compassion curriculum offers students in the donor supported programs an education from local schools and evangelical churches. Starting from birth to 22 years of age, they are taught hygienic practices, scriptural practices and are able to go on field trips to do volunteer work.

"We are thrilled God is bringing people closer to his heart for children," Spriggs said. "Overall, it has been a very positive experience."

Collins said students and organizations are welcome to volunteer to work the event. Contact and sign up information can be found on Harris Creek's website, www.harris creek.org.

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the prevention field. The latest federal figures for "serious" intimate partner violence - sexual assault or aggravated physical assault - showed 360,820 such incidents in 2013, or roughly 1,000 per day.

Meanwhile, many organizations that serve the victims are struggling to meet rising demand, particularly in the past few weeks since a graphic video surfaced of suspended Baltimore Ravens running back Ray Rice knocking his future wife unconscious in a casino elevator. Shelters are turning away victims for lack of beds and staff; the National Domestic Violence Hotline could handle barely half of the 8,500 calls that came during the eight days after the Rice video appeared.

"Statistically, are we improving?" asked the hotline's president, Katie Ray-Jones. "From a service standpoint, it doesn't feel like it."

The sharp decline in domestic violence began soon after the 1994 enactment of the federal Violence Against Women Act, which toughened penalties for offenders, expanded training for law enforcement and improved

services for victims.

However, that drop in domestic violence coincided with a comparable drop in virtually all types of violent crime. Janet Lauritsen, a criminology professor at the University of Missouri-St. Louis, said there's been no authoritative research to gauge the role of the federal act in curtailing domestic violence.

Kim Gandy, a former prosecutor who now heads the National Network to End Domestic Violence, said most law enforcement agencies have vastly improved their handling of domestic violence over the past 20 years, while public attitudes and understanding have lagged behind. She hopes awareness will increase as the NFL cases spark a national conversation on domestic violence that she described as unprecedented.

"People who never talked about it before are talking about it now, saying it happened in my family," Gandy said. "It's an opportunity to begin removing the stigma from domestic violence, so victims will feel more free to tell their stories."

Clearly, there's been a rip-

ple effect. As debate arose over whether Rice's fiancée, Janay Palmer, should have married him after being slugged, thousands of women took to Twitter, under the hashtags WhyIStayed and WhyILeft, to share their own stories reflecting the sometimes difficult choice of whether or not to leave an abusive partner.

Even as awareness increases, there's concern as to whether prevention and support programs have adequate resources to meet demand. In many cases, advocates say they don't, due to a tightening of funding from various levels of government and from charitable donors.

In Indiana, for example, domestic-violence prevention advocates have mobilized in recent days to protest moves by the state government to cut or withhold hundreds of thousands of dollars in funding for their programs.

At the two shelters in Indianapolis, about 10 people a day are being turned away due to lack of beds and staff, she said.

Two federal agencies have sought to gauge the national scope of domestic violence.

A key document is the Na-

tional Crime Victimization Survey, conducted annually by the Justice Department's Bureau of Justice Statistics, which collects information on crimes whether they've been reported to police or not. That's important because, according to the bureau, only about 55 percent of domestic violence incidents are reported to the police.

The latest survey tallied 748,000 instances of intimate partner violence in 2013, including about 360,000 classified as serious violence. By comparison, there were more than 1.7 million incidents of intimate partner violence in 1994.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention also has conducted large-scale surveys on intimate partner violence. Its 2011 survey, based on more than 12,700 interviews, estimated that 22 percent of women and 14 percent of men experienced severe physical violence by an intimate partner - including acts such as being hit with something hard, being kicked or beaten, or being burned on purpose - at some point in their lives.

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Oh, say can you sing

Sophomore wins National Anthem competition, \$10,000 scholarship

By JULIA ECKARDT
REPORTER

After surviving three rounds of eliminations and out-singing 230 other contestants, Colfax, Wash., sophomore Lindsay Webber won a \$10,000 scholarship from the FMC: Stand & Be Heard Anthem Singing Contest.

Webber said she found out Friday morning that she was chosen as the winner.

"I was freaking out," Webber said. "I was so honored and humbled. I said, 'Thank you, thank you, thank you,' and I called my mom and dad and said that I'd won and word spread like wildfire."

All aged 13 to 21, contestants were required to be members of a national agriculture student organization, such as Future Farmers of America, to compete.

Contestants recorded themselves singing renditions of the National Anthem. The video submissions were then funneled through three rounds of voting.

The first round was decided by popular vote. The top five videos from each of the four voting regions dividing up the United States, advanced to the second round where a panel of five judges narrowed the top 20 contestants to four.

In July the final four contestants

and their parents were flown on an all-expense-paid trip to Nashville, Tenn. During the trip they each spent time in the House of Blues recording studio with professional music producer Tom Davis.

In a news release, Davis said supporting Webber, the competition's only soprano, musically required a little more work than the other musicians. The musicians had to determine how to best support her voice, but Davis said he is "really happy" with the final result.

In the final round, the winner was determined by popular vote.

The contest was presented by FMC Agricultural Solutions, a diversified chemical company serving agricultural, industrial and consumer markets. Jill Heggen, a public relations representative for the company, said the company began the contest as a way to invest in the future of farming. Webber was a member of the Future Farmers of America in high school.

"She's very charismatic and down to earth," Heggen said. "Even in the video she is very charismatic."

Webber said she was thankful to Baylor Nation for its support of her throughout the contest.

"It showed me how great of a community we come from," Webber said. "Baylor Nation really is awesome."



Colfax, Wash., sophomore Lindsay Webber is the winner of the FMC: Stand & Be Heard Anthem Singing Contest. Webber was awarded a \$10,000 scholarship for her win.

COURTESY PHOTO

Sarah Hyland files restraining order against ex-boyfriend

By ANTHONY MCCARTNEY
ASSOCIATED PRESS



TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

'Modern Family' star Sarah Hyland filed a temporary restraining order against her ex-boyfriend Matt Prokop on Friday.

LOS ANGELES — The ex-boyfriend of actress Sarah Hyland was ordered to stay away from the "Modern Family" star after she said he choked and threatened her. An Oct. 10 hearing was set.

Hyland, 23, obtained the temporary restraining order on Friday after stating in court papers that actor Matt Prokop had been verbally and physically abusive.

Prokop was ordered to stay 100 yards away from the actress, her home, workplace and dog, and not attempt to contact her.

Hyland wrote that Prokop pinned her to her car in May. "He placed both of his hands around my throat and began to choke me," Hyland wrote. "His grip was so tight that I could not breathe or speak. I was scared and in fear for my life."

Hyland said she did not report the incident to police because Prokop was apologetic and said he would never do it again.

A receptionist for Prokop's agent Tyler Grasham said they had no comment on the allegations. Prokop is not facing any criminal charges.

Prokop, 24, co-starred with Hyland in the TV movie "Geek Charming" and appeared in one episode of "Modern Family." He also appeared in "High School Musical 3."

The actress wrote that she tried to end the relationship for several weeks but ultimately had to enlist the help of "Modern Family" actress Julie Bowen and others.

Bowen, who plays Hyland's on-screen mom, was present on Aug. 16 to help Hyland peacefully end the relationship before Prokop went into rehab the next day, the court filings state.

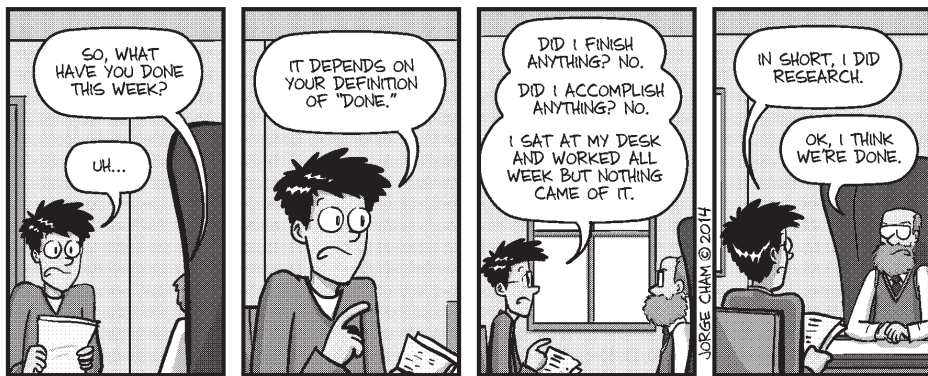
Prokop, however, made comments that his ex-girlfriend should be made to suffer so much she would kill herself, the court filings state.

Later that day, Prokop went to a house Hyland is building and threatened to drive through the garage door, set it on fire, and harm the actress' Maltipoo dog, named Barkley Bixby, the records state.

Prokop entered rehab the next day and was scheduled to be discharged over the weekend.

Hyland's declaration states the rehab director advised her to get a restraining order due to Prokop's mental state and attitude toward her.

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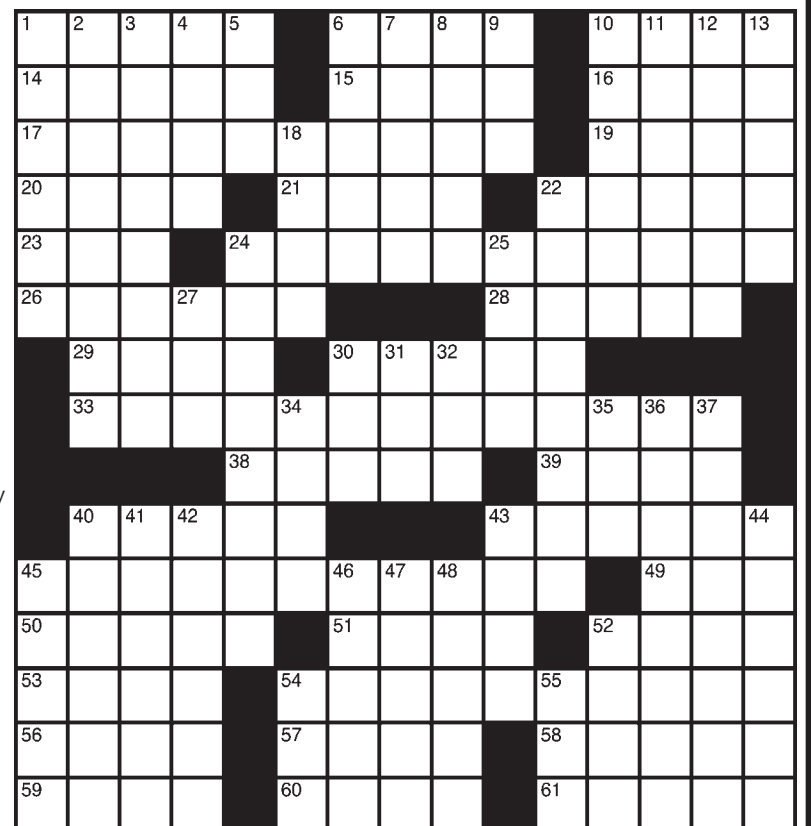
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 - "Moonstruck" Oscar winner
 - Valerie Harper role
 - Statement of agreement
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 - Cry of surrender
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 - French wine region
 - "Hands off!"
 - Deck crew boss
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Volleyball regrouping before Big 12 play

By CODY SOTO
SPORTS WRITER

Baylor volleyball will look to snap its three-game losing streak as it travels to Manhattan, Kan. on Saturday to face Kansas State and open Big 12 conference play.

The Bears (9-5) are coming off of three straight losses in San Antonio to Louisiana State University and host University of Texas at San Antonio in the UTSA Roadrunner Classic to wrap up non-conference play.

"We weren't closing out the games well," sophomore middle hitter Tola Itiola said. "Sometimes we would have a lead and we would let the other team back in. Other times, we would start slow and have to come from behind, so we've learned to play every point with a sense of urgency."

The Bears started out with a 2-1 record after posting wins over Abilene Christian and Texas A&M-Corpus Christi before falling to Portland in the Hampton Inn Waco North Baylor Invitational. Baylor then went on a 7-1 winning record that included a Colonial's Challenge tournament championship for the team and a 5-1-road record.

Throughout the tournaments Baylor has played in this season, five players were named to three different all-tournament teams. The team recognition is a testament to the skill of the team, junior setter Amy Rosenbaum said.

"All of us are great women and players, and there's not one girl leading the team," Rosenbaum said. "The skills are divided amongst the team, and it's cool to see the glory and the fame being given around. A lot of the girls deserve it."

The Bears have had the chance to rest with a one-week gap in between their final non-conference game and first Big 12 match in Manhattan.

"We should [be] better than 9-5, but we've had half of our starters out," head coach Jim Barnes said. "We've had a good week because we've had the chance to recover, and at some point we feel we can get everyone 100 percent healthy. When that happens, I think we'll be a real deadly team."

Baylor looks to improve across the boards in conference play, including blocking, Barnes said.

"We thought that was going to be a strength of our team, but since we've had to change our lineup, that's the area that's been our weakest," Barnes said. "We are trying to shore up our blocking and consistency. That will make us more balanced."

With the team's efforts to improve on blocking, Barnes said the team will return to a two-setter system they have neglected since several team members undertook injuries.

"We are going back into a 6-2 system so that we can have a big-

ger block depending on people staying healthy," Barnes said. "The team is tough, and I think we've had a lot of adversity and changes this non-conference season."

The Big 12 volleyball conference is a highly competitive conference this season. All nine teams in the Big 12 combined for a 89-22 mark at the end of the fourth week of competition, and each team posted a .600 match winning percentage or higher.

The Big 12 has five teams ranked or receiving votes in the AVCA national poll, including No. 2 Texas and No. 23 Kansas. Kansas State, Oklahoma and Iowa State are receiving votes.

Baylor will look to make its first NCAA tournament appearance since 2011 after missing the tournament for two straight years in 2012 and 2013.

"This year, I feel most invested in the team being that I am an upperclassman in a leadership role on the floor. This year is going to hit me a little bit harder than the past couple of years if we don't make the tournament," Rosenbaum said. "I would be very surprised because we've fought through a lot of adversity and we're ready."

As of Tuesday, Baylor leads the Big 12 in kills per set (14.28) and ranks second in assists per set (7.03) and digs per set (16.02). The Bears currently rank ninth in hitting percentage (.228) and ser-



Junior outside hitter Andie Malloy goes for a dig against Northwestern State in Baylor's 3-1 victory on Sept. 16. Baylor sits at 9-5 heading into Big 12 conference play this weekend.

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vice aces per set (1.04).

Junior outside hitter Andie Malloy leads the Big 12 in kills (211) and ranks second with 3.98 kills per set. Sophomore middle hitter Tola Itiola is second with a .385 hitting percentage.

As the Bears travel to Manhattan on Saturday, they look to bring a spark to the floor and live out their new adopted motto "lights on."

"The motto 'lights on' means starting the game fast, and we are looking to take what we learned from non-conference and this past tournament to start fast, stay

consistent, and finish strong," Itiola said.

Although the pressure is on, Rosenbaum isn't stressed about how the rest of the season will play out.

"We stressed last year about perfecting each play and worrying about the crowd and pleasing our coaches, so this year we've really focused on glorifying God in our playing," Rosenbaum said. "Playing volleyball is such a small part of our lives, so we want to make it enjoyable, fun, and remember the relationships that we've had."

Griner, Sims both make Team USA

By SHEHAN JEYARAJAH
SPORTS EDITOR

USA Basketball announced Tuesday night that former Baylor women's basketball stars Brittney Griner and Odyssey Sims made the final cut for the USA World Championship team roster.

Baylor is one of only two collegiate teams to have multiple representatives on the national team, along with Connecticut.

Before Griner and Sims were drafted by the Phoenix Mercury and Tulsa Shock respectively, they were teammates for three years under head coach Kim Mulkey. The duo had their best season in 2012, when the Lady Bears won the 2012 national championship with a 40-0 record, one of the greatest seasons in women's basketball history.

"Brittney Griner is going to get here, and this will be her first time through," Team USA head coach Geno Auriemma said. "Odyssey Sims' first time too. [There's] a lot of new faces. I know our coaching staff has our work cut out for us, and we are excited to finally get the team together and get started."

The 2014 women's FIBA World Championship take place between Saturday and Oct. 5 in Ankara and Istanbul, Turkey. Team USA opens the World Championships at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday against China at Abdi Ipekci Arena in Istanbul.

Soccer Roundup: Parity drives competitive Big 12 schedule

By JEFFREY SWINDOLL
SPORTS WRITER

The pre-conference season has come to a close for Big 12 soccer teams. The league has been known for its parity over the years, and is once again strong this season.

Eight of the nine teams boast a winning record after approximately nine games played by each team. It's a long road to a Big 12 Conference Championship - a prize the Bears claimed just three seasons ago.

The Big 12's soccer format is like that of the football format; teams play each other once in the regular season, alternating home and away position each season. The regular season serves as a means for seeding for November's Big 12 Tournament.

This week, we recap each of the teams' matches earlier in the season and current standing heading into conference competition.

Texas Tech (9-0)

Ranked at No. 6 in the nation, the Red Raiders are a shutdown defensive team. Sophomore goalkeeper Lauren Watson leads a Red Raider defense that has posted five shutouts in just nine matches.

The Red Raiders have also pulled off a few impressive wins

along the way, including a 2-1 win over Notre Dame in South Bend, Ind. and Cal-Berkeley in California. Both of those teams were ranked in the top 20 in the country at the time, highlighting an impressive start. The Red Raiders are heavily favored in this weekend's match against Texas in Austin.

Kansas (9-1)

Technically behind Texas Tech in the standings right now because Tech cancelled a game early in the season, Kansas has just one loss to its name and a perfect 7-0 record at home. Marquette dealt Kansas its only loss of the season, and the Golden Eagles also upset SEC power Louisiana State earlier this season.

In contrast to their perfect home record, the Jayhawks have only one win on the road this season. Their consistency on the road will be tested this weekend with two games in three days in Texas against Baylor and TCU. The Bears are undefeated at home and the Horned Frogs are 3-2 at home.

West Virginia (7-2-1)

The two-time defending Big 12 conference champions, entering their third season a part of the Big 12, the Mountaineers were heavily favored in the preseason coaches

vote as No. 1 in the conference this season. West Virginia is expected to be a powerhouse in the Big 12 for the third straight year. The Mountaineers are ranked No. 13 in the country, scoring on average 2.78 goals per game.



TCU (7-3)

The Horned Frogs are currently on wild six-game winning streak, outscoring their opponents 11-2 in that span. The Horned Frogs are capable of scoring multiple goals and keeping off the board in matches, but their stiffest competition in the Big 12 has come sooner than any of the team's on the schedule this season. The Horned Frogs play No. 13 West Virginia and No. 16 Kansas come to Fort Worth this weekend

for the first week of Big 12 play.

Baylor (6-3-1)

The Bears have had a season of ups and downs so far. Baylor coach Marci Jobson said the team saw just how good and bad they can be on any given day after

the team's first 10 matches. They have gone toe-to-toe with some of the best, beating BYU in Utah and holding tight in a 1-0 loss to Notre Dame.

The Bears have defended their home turf this season with a 4-0-1 record, only tying their most recent match to a scrappy Oral Roberts team. The fitness of the Bears was challenged with two overtime games in their last three matches. The Bears have two matches lined

up this weekend against one of conference's best - Kansas - and one of the conference's dark horse teams: Iowa State.

Iowa State (6-4)

Iowa State has faced some decent competition in 2014, including a match against USC that ended 1-3. Since then, the Cyclones have won four straight. Two of those games were at home, including a rivalry match against the University of Iowa, and two of those wins were away.

The Cyclones travel a lot this weekend, playing in two states (Oklahoma and Texas). So far, they hold a 3-2 record on the road this season.

Oklahoma (5-3-2)

The Sooners started their season with a huge win over University of Florida, a national contender ranked No. 6 in the country at the time, and a contested loss to Florida State, another big time program that ranked No. 2 in the nation. Their record is just above .500 but the Sooners demonstrated their ability to grind out upsets against top-tier teams.

Oklahoma will be on a Big 12 bye week while the rest of the conference begins this weekend and look to overcome their two-game

losing streak against in-state rival Oral Roberts.

Texas (5-3-2)

Their record may not show it, but the Longhorns crushed many opponents this season with four shutouts and four matches scoring two or more goals. The Longhorns just snapped their three-game losing streak with a win over Texas State in San Marcos.

UT boasts a 2-1-1 record at home. Against another Texas team like Texas Tech this weekend, that home field advantage could wither away. Two of the conference's harder teams travel to Austin to put the Longhorns to the test.

Oklahoma State (4-6)

Oklahoma State started the season on a six-game losing streak. The Cowgirls were able to dig themselves out of the hole though, responding with a four-game win streak ahead of conference play beginning this weekend.

OSU can focus on just one conference match this weekend. Dayton is also slated to play OSU on Sunday, but OSU will have the luxury of not having to play a conference opponent while most of the other Big 12 teams have significant matches on Friday and Saturday.

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