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# Texas Sen. Cornyn to speak at CERAWeek

**MEGAN RULE**  
Staff Writer

CERAWeek by IHS Markit is proving why it is ranked among the top five corporate leader conferences in the world with big name speakers that will provide new insights and dialogue to the future of energy. “Overall, this is a really unique

event in terms of its scope and reverence,” Jeff Marn, senior manager for corporate communications at IHS Markit, said. “It’s a unique gathering where we’re going to have probably nearly 3,000 delegates from more than 60 countries attending.” Marn said CERAWeek has been called the “DAVOS of energy for its international scope and the

preeminence of the stage,” DAVOS being an economic forum held every year that hosts prominent CEOs. The conference will be held Monday through March 10 at the Hilton Americas in Houston. Texas Sen. John Cornyn, the Senate Majority Whip, will join Alaska Sen. Lisa Murkowski, chair of the Senate Energy and Natural

Resources Committee, in a discussion led by Dr. Daniel Yergin, IHS Markit vice chairman and conference chair, on the future of U.S. energy policy. The dialogue is on the agenda for 9:35 a.m. on March 10 and is titled “What’s Ahead in Washington?” “We are honored to be joined by Senators Cornyn and Murkowski at CERAWeek 2017,” Yergin said in

a press release. “Their experience and leadership across important cross sections of public policy will be an important source of insight at a time of important transition, both in terms of a new U.S. presidential administration as well as the broader energy world.”

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Liesje Powers | Photo Editor

**MOMENT OF SILENCE** Baylor students, staff and faculty had the opportunity to attend Ash Wednesday services from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday in Elliston Chapel. Those who attended received marks made of ashes on their foreheads in the shape of a cross to commemorate the first day of Lent.

# Ash Wednesday

## Baylor community recognizes first day of Lent

**JOY MOTON**  
Staff Writer

Many students, faculty and visitors on Baylor’s campus walked around with ashes in the shape of a cross on their foreheads Wednesday. These people attended Baylor’s universitywide Ash Wednesday services held in Elliston Chapel at 8:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. The services were led by Dr. Burt Burleson, university chaplain, and Carlos Colón, coordinator for worship initiatives. North Village resident chaplain Tierney Boss, who assisted with the services said the

ceremonies were designed to usher in the first day of Lent. Lent serves as a period of time for Christians to repent of their sins and reflect on the suffering of Christ leading up to the Holy Week. It’s specifically designed to commemorate the 40-day period where Jesus fasted and was tempted in the desert before he began his ministry. Boss said Christians use this period of time to reflect on the suffering of Christ during his time in the wilderness by giving up something significant to them. Through giving something up, Christians are simultaneously suffering at the same time that Christ suffered leading up

to his death. “If the purpose of giving something up is to remember the suffering of Jesus, then it’s important to give up something that costs you something,” Boss said. Boss said people who had conflicts with the service times had the option to participate in a silent, self-led liturgy where individuals could read a pamphlet with the Scripture passages and directions for a personal service. Once they were finished, ministers were available to give them ashes.

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# Blanchard suspended following protective order

**BEN EVERETT**  
Sports Writer

Baylor football senior defensive back Travon Blanchard has been suspended indefinitely following a protective order that was issued Tuesday accusing Blanchard of multiple acts of violence against his ex-girlfriend. The order was applied for on behalf of the woman by the McLennan County District Attorney’s Office earlier this month and was signed off by a judge on Tuesday, according to KWTX. Baylor Director of Athletic Communications David Kaye released a brief statement regarding the situation. “The Baylor Athletics Department is aware of a complaint made against Travon Blanchard through the McLennan County District Attorney’s Office,” Kaye wrote in an email to the Lariat. “Immediately upon notification on Feb. 7, the appropriate campus student-conduct process was initiated and Blanchard was suspended indefinitely from all team related activities, pending the outcome of the investigation.” Following the issuance of the order, Blanchard hired Waco attorney Michelle Tuegel who released a brief statement Wednesday regarding the case. “We are investigating the allegations made against Travon Blanchard by his ex-girlfriend,” Tuegel wrote in an email to the Lariat. “It is important that people not rush to judgment in this situation. Travon is hopeful that this matter will be resolved and that he will have the opportunity to move forward as a student and as an athlete.” The order restricts Blanchard from having

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# Baylor alum named Blue Bell president

**KALYN STORY**  
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Ricky Dickson, Baylor alumnus has been named president of Blue Bell Creameries by the Blue Bell Creameries Board of Directors last week. Previously, Dickson served as vice president of sales and marketing where he oversaw planning, implementing sales and marketing programs for Blue Bell, as well as designed future growth strategies, according to a press release. Dickson replaced Paul Kruse as president, making Dickson the first non-Kruse family member to lead the company since the family took over Blue Bell in 1919. “I am honored by the Board’s confidence in me and humbled by the opportunity to lead this great company after a man who I admire and respect,



Dickson

Paul Kruse,” Dickson said in a press release. “Blue Bell is indeed the best ice cream in the country, and we have the best employees in the country, too. I look forward to working with them to continue bringing our great ice cream to consumers.” A media spokesperson for the company said Dickson has worked at Blue Bell for 36 years. The spokesperson said Blue Bell is excited for the future of the company with his leadership. Dickson has also served as general sales manager, general manager of the Blue Bell production facility in Oklahoma, midwest division manager and branch manager. Dickson studied marketing and journalism at Baylor and graduated in 1980. Tommye Lou Davis, vice president for constituent engagement,



Liesje Powers | Photo Editor

**SWEET SUCCESS** Baylor alumnus Ricky Dickson was recently named president of Blue Bell Creameries.

said Baylor is proud to call Dickson one of its own. “I never cease to be amazed at the number and scope of great accomplishments of our alumni,” Davis said. “Baylor’s mission clearly

states that we are about worldwide leadership and service. Our alumni, like Ricky [Dickson], at some point took this to heart and are making a difference at home and around the globe. We are truly Baylor proud.”

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COLUMN

## I, like, really don't like using slang like 'like'

JUNPENG ZHANG  
Reporter

People have their own preferences on topics such as foods, clothes, games and words. Just as they have these preferences, people also have words they always use when they talk, such as a “catchphrase” or “signature phrase.”



Today, young Americans use the word “like” many times when they are trying to describe something or express their feelings. I guess you could say “like” is their catchphrase.

Maybe it's a phenomenon, and picking up phrases or changing slang happens randomly. From my perspective, I don't think it is completely random. In other words, there must be something specific that makes people change the way they talk so significantly.

I have been studying in the U.S. for almost five years now, and I have experienced the rise in popularity of a catchphrase twice. The first word that I noticed catching on is the word “literally.” When I was a student at Ohio University, I was very naive at that time. I didn't have much social interaction, and I was oblivious to what was happening around me.

One day, while I was walking through campus, students were talking to each other and emphasizing the word “literally.” For instance, they were saying that they literally didn't understand what another person talked about. I guessed this word came from a movie, but I was not sure.

The other word is “like.” Typically, “like” is a good word to show examples, or to share your feelings on things you like or dislike. However, for the past two years, classmates around me answer questions and express their feelings with numerous “likes” in one statement.

For example, someone may say “I was, like, so upset when she said that.” Recently, I started counting how many times people use the word “like” in a sentence or when answering a question. I did it for fun, but I did realize that this has become a serious problem in the American language.

I think that using “like” many times in a sentence just shows a lot of hesitation and uncertainty. Because when you say “like,” it makes it seem like you are afraid of telling people what you really think, which shows your lack of confidence.

Growing up is a difficult process, and teenagers often don't have much confidence when they are young. However, in the business world, people are required to have confidence and accuracy in their work.

When you talk to your employers with uncertainty, they will get confused and frustrated. To show our confidence and knowledge in topics we understand, we should pay more attention to the details of our lives. Then after gaining more knowledge about different subjects, we will be able to control the accuracy of our lives.

Catchphrases are all well and good, but for people like me, who come from another country and speak another language, learning English is that much more difficult when you say “like” every five seconds.

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EDITORIAL

## Reform prisons, save people

Imprisonment as it is understood today has been used to control criminal activity for thousands of years. This system has gone through changes, including the addition of the court systems and the gradual updating of security and facilities. However, there is still room for much reform. The prison system in the U.S. is outdated and, in some aspects, inhumane. Among the multitude of issues in the prison system is the lack of effective rehabilitation strategies for those who are placed behind bars.

Once released from jail, offenders must find means for supporting themselves. Some are incarcerated for a short amount of time, others are released a decade after they commit a crime. Without rehabilitation resources being made available to those in jail, it is hard for former criminals to find a way of life different than the one that led to their jail time. While this is not an excuse to return to a life of crime, the attitude towards criminals needs a shift. The main goal of the prison system can currently be interpreted as justice driven; punishment first, possible change later. Instead, it should be future focused: take them off the streets and work to better their knowledge and work qualifications.

This in no way criticizes the way that the criminal law system is run. Those who act in a criminal manner have no place among the citizens who choose otherwise. Those who choose to break the law choose to be punished to the full extent of the law. Those who hurt others should be punished in a way



Joshua Kim | Cartoonist

that makes it clear that violence will not be tolerated. However, those who break the law are not to be given up on. They are to be encouraged; they are to be taught; they are to be treated as humans.

The prison population has increased by 500 percent since the 1970s, according to Trends in U.S. Corrections. An estimated 2.3 million people were placed in prison and jail, with 3.8 million out on parole or serving probation. This influx of returning citizens requires a set of real-world skills, especially in an already competitive job market.

An estimated 70 percent of inmates are illiterate, according to Architects/Designers/Planners for Social Responsibility, and access to reading materials is becoming

more restricted. Jails and prisons used to have access to the GED and other educational resources, with four-fifths of jails offering the GED in 1996, according to an article titled “Correctional Programs in the United States.” Budget cuts have greatly impacted opportunities for education since then.

The Texas Department of Criminal Justice is currently planning to cut \$250 million from the operating budget in 2018. This cut is what was set as a “starting point” by former House Speaker Joe Straus, Gov. Greg Abbott and Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick in June 2016, as stated by the Texas Tribune. Other states are making similar cuts, including California, where \$250 million was cut from rehabilitation services, which is

40 percent of the state's current rehabilitation budget.

To continue working toward rehabilitation despite these changes, California state officials claim that they will use their resources more effectively by having inmates take programs for shorter amounts of time, as reported by the Los Angeles Times. However, shortening the length of programs will most likely shorten the effects of the programs and might leave prisoners without a full understanding of the education they receive, wasting both the prisoner's and the money spent on an expedited course.

This does not mean that the programs should be cut entirely, but instead that more of a focus should go to the extension of course length and a continuation of

education in prison systems. How this continuation is implemented, whether through a shift in the overall budget or in the operations of the educators of the prison, is up to the governance of the prison.

In order to attract the attention of those in the position to change policy and budget the citizens must show that they desire a change in the prison system. The millions of people in prison have the right to be given education and a chance to make the right decisions. Encouraging education and rehabilitation in prisons offers not only a wave encouragement for those behind bars, but also the possibility of lessened crime in the country.

COLUMN

## Discover more about yourself every day

RACHEL SMITH  
Reporter

If you have ever spoken with me for longer than five minutes, I have probably asked you what your Myers-Briggs type is.

If it wasn't your Myers-Briggs type, it was likely your Enneagram number or love language — I'm a little obsessed with personality tests.

Before I took one, I thought these tests' results would be minimally helpful at best. However, my perspective changed when I began to notice traces of those results across almost every aspect of my life.

Knowing yourself, your tendencies, your motivations and the things that drain you or make you tick is vital to personal and relational maturity. Before I took these tests, I assumed everyone's thought processes resembled mine.

I assumed other people should understand why certain actions would offend or gratify me. After learning from these quizzes, I communicate better, knowing my reasoning might be foreign to other people.

These tests might not be as accurate or relevant to everyone as they have proven for me, but they have potential to make us drastically more self-aware, which can affect relationships with family, friends and even ourselves.

The root of much conflict is

miscommunication. Self-awareness reminds us to ask other parties important questions and see beyond the surface of others' actions or words to identify motivations or hurts that might spur argument or retaliation from other people.

When I first read my Enneagram number's description, I was surprised not simply at how accurate it was, but at the fact that the majority of other people do not think the way I do. Recognizing unique tendencies in my thoughts and behavior help me navigate disagreements, especially when the root of them is simply a difference in personality.

*"Recognizing our strengths is crucial to developing skills and even relationships."*

Tests like the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator (or 16 Personalities, basically the same test) address not only elements of our personalities, but also the way those factors integrate to create idiosyncrasies, needs and preferences many people of the same type share in common.

Understanding my type has bettered me in work and social contexts and has been incredibly relevant to friendship and family dynamics.

Understanding that my type's tendencies are rare but not wrong has removed much self-doubt from my life.

Knowing yourself leads to a higher capacity for leadership, whether of other people or of self. Recognizing our strengths is crucial to developing skills and even relationships.

Acknowledging our individuality develops our appreciation for ourselves and the way we function, creating space for creativity in how we carry out daily tasks as well as more significant projects. This creativity is innovative and produces better leadership ability.

The Clifton Strengthsfinder, with which most Baylor students are already familiar, is a great resource for identifying individuality.

Other tests, like the Five Love Languages, illuminate tendencies in behavior and perception of other people's actions.

Knowing my love language and the languages of friends and family has prevented more misunderstandings than I can count, and I can't recommend highly that test highly enough.

Personality tests and their results might seem useless or simple, but they deserve a chance. They might change the way you communicate, lead and love.

Do a little self-research, if not for yourself, for the people around you. The difference it makes could be huge or small, but either way, it's worth it to try.

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# Texas Legislature honors Baylor students

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Staff Writer

Baylor students were honored on the House and Senate floor of the Texas Legislature on Feb. 22.

The students were honored for being Bob Bullock Scholars and interns for the Texas Legislature. Rep. Charles Anderson was present and made remarks, as well as staff from the offices of Speaker Joe Straus, Sen. Kirk Watson , Rep. Kevin Roberts and various Baylor alumni, said Rochonda Farmer-Neal, Baylor director of government relations.

The Bob Bullock Scholars program was created in 2000 in coordination with the Bullock family, members of the Texas senate, and Baylor, according to its website. Bullock was a public servant for many years, serving as a Texas representative, assistant attorney general and lieutenant governor and president of the

Texas Senate.

The program allows students to intern full-time with members of the Texas Legislature during the legislative session, Farmer-Neal said. Some students serve as receptionists, but some are given opportunities to attend hearings and report back to members of the legislature, assist in drafting bills, deal with scheduling and write letters to constituents, Farmer-Neal said. The students also do research and complete a report about their experiences working in the Texas legislature, Farmer-Neal said.

“Educationally, this has been very illuminating,” Buda sophomore and Bob Bullock scholar Clay Parham wrote in an email to the Lariat. “I want to work in government when I graduate, and it’s good to learn how the legislative branch functions. It’s both different and exactly as I thought it would be. I’m not learning theoretical information like at Baylor,

and the real-world experience I’m getting is invaluable. I am also learning a lot about Texas politics, much more than I knew before, and it has gotten me much more connected with the state where I was born.”

The program is open to all majors, although many who participate are political science or international studies majors, said Dr. James Curry, Bob Bullock professor of public policy and administration, director of the Washington Internship Program and undergraduate program director.

“It really has, I think, great benefits for many majors,” Curry said. “We’ve had majors from other schools and other disciplines, as well, because there’s always something going on in the legislature that pertains to all aspects of life.”

While students are working in Austin, they have the opportunity to take a full course load consisting of independent study and reading

courses, Curry said. Curry also said that a majority of the courses offered are political science courses, but students are able to take other courses, if they can find them. Bullock scholars also receive a stipend to assist with the costs of living in Austin, Curry said.

“The benefits are pretty clear,” Curry said. “There are a large number of former Bullock Scholars currently working in the Legislature.... They don’t have any trouble getting hired after they spent a session [in Austin] as Bullock Scholars.”

Curry said he is looking for students who are independent, mature and academically successful. The next group of Bullock scholars will be sent to Austin in spring 2019, Curry said, and will be selected by the end of the 2018 spring semester. Information sessions will be held on campus during the fall 2017 semester, Curry said.

## Abuse victim quits Pope’s panel

**FRANCIS D’EMILIO**  
Associated Press

VATICAN CITY — Frustrated by what she described as Vatican stonewalling, an Irish woman who was sexually abused by clergy quit her post Wednesday on a panel advising Pope Francis about how to protect minors from such abuse.

The Pontifical Commission for the Protection of Minors said Marie Collins quit out of “frustration” at an alleged lack of cooperation from other Vatican offices, known as the Curia. Her departure delivered another blow to the Vatican’s insistence that it is working to ensure that no more children are abused by predator priests.

Collins, in a statement carried by the National Catholic Reporter, was damning in her criticism. She decried the “cultural resistance” at the Vatican that she said included some officials refusing the pope’s instructions to reply to all correspondence from abuse survivors.

“I find it impossible to listen to public statements about the deep concern in the church for the care of those who lives have been blighted by abuse, yet to watch privately as a congregation (office) in the Vatican refuses to even acknowledge these letters!” Collins said in her statement.

She called “the reluctance of some in the Vatican Curia to implement recommendations or cooperate” with the panel aiming to better protect against abuse by priests “unacceptable.”

Pope Francis set up the commission three years ago, saying its job was to “propose to me the most opportune initiatives for protecting minors and vulnerable adults, in order that we may do everything possible to ensure that crimes such as those which have occurred are no longer repeated in the church.”

A systematic cover-up by bishops and other hierarchy in many dioceses around the world over decades compounded the crimes of pedophile priests who raped children and committed other sexual abuses.

Collins wondered if the continuing reluctance to address the problem is “driven by internal politics, fear of change, clericalism which instills a belief that ‘they know best’ or a closed mindset which sees abuse as an inconvenience?”

Collins said she didn’t know the answer “but it is devastating in 2017 to see that these men still can put other concerns before the safety of children and vulnerable adults.”

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# END7 aims to raise tropical disease awareness

RACHEL SMITH  
Reporter

Members of Baylor’s END7 sought to raise awareness about neglected tropical diseases by setting up a table on Wednesday in the Baylor Sciences Building Atrium.

Neglected tropical diseases are a group of parasitic, viral and bacterial infectious diseases that cause more than 500,000 deaths per year, according to END7’s website. Seattle junior Megin Parayil, a member of Baylor’s chapter of END7, said the organization aims to end seven neglected tropical diseases by 2020.

“It’s really upsetting that people aren’t able to get [treatment],” Parayil said. “I just thought somebody should speak up for them.”

These diseases include elephantiasis, river blindness, snail fever, trachoma, roundworm, whipworm or hookworm. Medicine to treat these diseases costs 50 cents per person for a year, but there are many afflicted people that cannot afford treatment.

“Currently, the funds that we’re donating go overseas, but it’s a national organization, so they get to decide where the money goes,” Parayil said.

Houston sophomore Christian Yarbrough said the government is trying to reduce funding



Jessica Hubble | Lariat Photographer

**SPREAD THE WORD** New Caney senior Christian Yarbrough and Cerritos, Calif., junior Anita Kumaran explain neglected tropical diseases on Wednesday in the Baylor Sciences Building.

for neglected tropical diseases. According to END7’s website, neglected tropical diseases currently receive 1 percent of U.S. global health funding.

“Our number one goal is to hopefully get more people aware of what NTDs even are,” Yarbrough said. “Another goal is to get people

calling their senators. One of the biggest ways people can help is to get the government helping.”

Yarbrough said a large part of END7 is education, and the organization wants people in the U.S. to know about these diseases.

“These are diseases that mostly affect

low-income countries, but they also exist in the United States, particularly the most impoverished areas of the United States in the south,” Yarbrough said. “All these are treatable. A lot of it has to do with people just not knowing about it.”

Hallettsville senior Ariane Kubena visited the table on her way to class.

“Honestly, this is a thing I didn’t know about, and probably the majority of the population didn’t know about,” Kubena said.

Kubena said the most surprising things she learned at the table came from the trivia cards Yarbrough showed her. Along with trivia questions, END7 members provided flyers, a donation jar and candy.

“A lot of people have misconceptions about these diseases,” Yarbrough said. “I think the trivia cards were a good way to challenge the misconceptions people have and to get them to think more deeply about this.”

Students who are interested in participating in Baylor END7 can like its Facebook page or email Parayil at Megin\_Parayil@baylor.edu.

“They can also go onto OrgSync and request to join our group, and we will invite them to things,” Parayil said.

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any communication with the woman and orders him to stay away from her residence, according to KWTX.

KWTX also obtained a copy of the affidavit filed in support of the order.

On Feb. 4, according to the affidavit, Blanchard became upset when a waiter approached the woman at a restaurant and asked whether they knew each other.

Blanchard verbally abused the applicant and followed her as she attempted to leave, according to the affidavit.

He grabbed her hand in an attempt to take her car keys and broke her finger, cutting the finger “to the point where she was unable to have it stitched,” the affidavit says.

In another event described in the affidavit, on July 4, 2016, Blanchard became upset after the woman was having fun with some of her friends.

Blanchard “rushed the applicant, grabbed her by her wrists, began swearing and insulting her, and attempted to force himself and the applicant into her apartment,” the affidavit says.

Her friends attempted to help, but Blanchard became violent, and police were called, according to the affidavit.

He continued to force her inside of her apartment in front of police, and let go only when “the police threatened him with an arrest for insubordination,” the affidavit says.

The affidavit also claims Blanchard “controls many aspects of the applicant’s life”, including what she can wear, who she talks to and what she posts on social media.

Blanchard was returning to the Bears for his senior season as a two-year starter while earning All-Big 12 honors in his junior season.



Liesje Powers | Photo Editor

**SUSPENSION** Senior defensive back Travon Blanchard tackles an opponent in the 2016 Motel 6 Cactus Bowl in Phoenix, Ariz. Blanchard was suspended indefinitely following the issuance of a protective order on Tuesday.

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Marn said the conference holds a strong global presence featuring attendees from over 60 countries, energy administrators from over a dozen countries, government officials, CEOs and senior executives from major oil and gas companies, power companies, renewable energy companies and leading technology and financial firms. Marn described CERAWeek as a unique and rare opportunity to get high-level insight from a broad spectrum of policy and industries.

“I want to stress the global nature of the conference,” Marn said. “It’s reflected in just about everything from the speaking program to the agenda to the various officials and ministers from a variety of countries.”

Marn said last year’s CERAWeek hosted both the senators, and their session was so well-received that IHS Markit approached them to do something similar this year.

This is the 36th CERAWeek to take place and continue to discuss energy future, according to the CERAWeek website. Marn said he is proud that the conference is recognized as a preeminent energy conference and is looking forward to the insights they offer this year.

“The real purpose of [the senators’] dialogue is what’s ahead in Washington and really what the purpose is there,” Marn said. “This is a rare opportunity for us to have insights of two extremely respected senators on where they see U.S. energy policy going, where the agenda goes with the new administration, priorities and, overall, the outlook for the energy as U.S. policy sees it.”

Marn said these two speakers were selected in particular because they are both highly respected in their areas. The speakers’ unique position to discuss the future of energy while the United

States is in a point of transition will be able to contribute to this year’s theme of transition. The speakers will be able to contribute to the energy policy moving forward by discussing what the future energy world will look like with a new presidential administration, Marn said.

“Also, it goes without saying that Senator Cornyn is a member of the senate leadership as well as being from Texas,” Marn said. “One of the reasons we host the event in Houston is because it really is a global center for the energy industry. As a representative of the state in addition to his senate leadership, we are thrilled to have him. Murkowski is a long-standing member and now current chair of the senate energy committee. Her deep involvement in energy issues is something we’re pleased to have on our program.”

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*“Who among us does not need to repent or express sorrow for our sins?”*

Carlos Colón | Coordinator for Worship Initiatives

People who attended the scheduled services sang hymns, read passages from the Old and New Testaments of the Bible, reflected in silence and received ashes. Boss said the practice is symbolic of Christians humbling themselves. As people walk up and the minister places ashes on their foreheads, the minister says, “Remember that you are dust and to dust you will return.”

A common misconception among Protestants is that Ash Wednesday is a tradition that can only be celebrated by people who are Catholic. Colón said that although Ash Wednesday is popular in Catholic tradition, its symbolic roots go all the way back to biblical times. In the books of Job and Jonah from the Old

Testament of the Bible, people would throw ashes over their heads and wear sackcloth during a season of mourning Colón said. Christians have kept this tradition alive through Ash Wednesday by wearing ashes on their foreheads in the shape of a cross to symbolize their mourning, for their sins and repentant hearts for the crucifixion of Christ. Colón said that since every man has sinned, celebrating Lent should not be confined to one group of people.

“Who among us does not need to repent or express sorrow for our sins?” Colón said.

Colón said he has seen a number of churches throughout the Waco community embrace this tradition, and he hopes it continues to expand.

Edmond, Okla., junior Claire Wideman participated in Ash Wednesday and said as she grew up in the Presbyterian Church, she thought the practice was just a Catholic event, marking the beginning of Lent. She also saw the Lenten season as an excuse to purposefully better herself and get rid of some bad habits. After leaving the Presbyterian Church, she struggled through questions about her identity in Christ. She learned more about the Easter season from the Bible after starting to attend Harris Creek Baptist Church and began to realize the significance of worship through fasting.

“For me, Ash Wednesday is a day that serves as a more tangible reminder of the breadth of my sins and my need of a savior,” Wideman said. “It provides me with the time and the intention to take a step back from this hectic life and meditate on the great sacrifice of Jesus’s death for me. In recognizing this, I can then begin to attempt to bring increasingly more glory to God by fasting in this Lenten season.”

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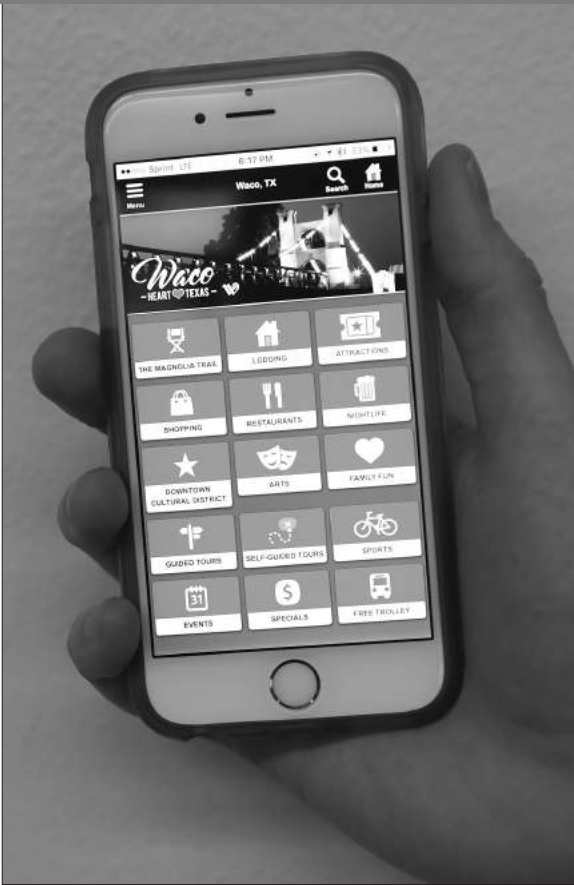
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# What in the Wack?



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**DOWNTOWN** The new “Waco,TX” app by MobileTown aids tourists on their adventures around Waco. It features self-guided walking tours and gives users suggestions for places to shop and eat.

## Waco app makes tourism easy

**MEGAN RULE**  
Staff Writer

Visitors to the city of Waco can now find their way around through the newly released city of Waco app, “Waco, TX,” available for download for both iPhones and Androids.

“It’s been out for about a month,” said Susan Morton, tourism manager for the City of Waco Convention and Visitors Bureau. “We’ve been really impressed with the success of it. We weren’t sure if anyone would use it because we have a mobile website but figured we would give it a try because people asked for it, and it’s taken off like wildfire.”

The app focuses on things such as what visitors can do in Waco, places to shop and places to eat. It can be used by residents, too, but information such as what day trash will be picked up cannot be found on the app, Morton said. The app allows users to learn about local attractions, contact and locate businesses, connect via social media,

read recent news and get information about upcoming events, according to the City of Waco Convention and Visitors Bureau website.

“Residents can use it, too. Obviously, we want residents to have fun in their hometown,” Morton said. “But because we’re the visitors bureau, our goal is to bring people to Waco to visit and make sure they have the best possible time.”

Morton said the app has been downloaded 1,500 times since its creation. The app offers the same information as the mobile website, but in a different format. The mobile-friendly website has more information than the app, but the app has the information that people primarily look at through the website.

Morton said that the bureau analyzed the top 10 things people looked up to put on the app. Because it was created with the company MobileTown, Morton said they have the ability to update the app whenever necessary. Since things change so quickly in Waco, this is a capability that works to the city’s

advantage.

“What we do is monitor stuff that people search for, and we can update it as we need to in order to keep the app current,” Morton said. “During football season, the app may look different because we will have tailgating information on there. We can also showcase current festivals and events, like the homepage of our website. We can change it to give you a quick glance of what’s going on now.”

The app features self-guided walking tours of different features about Waco. These include tours of downtown art and spots associated with “Fixer Upper.” Morton said they’re looking at adding a walking tour of the Baylor campus. A QR code is being added to different resources around town so people can scan quickly and go to the app store to download the app. This makes it easy for people to find and easy to get the word out.

“I think the new Waco app represents how Waco is an up-and-coming city,” said Peoria, Ill.,

freshman Lindsay Walton. “It also shows how the city is leveraging the success of ‘Fixer Upper’ to benefit different businesses and events of the city. I’m really excited to watch the further growth of Waco over the next four years.”

Morton said they would like to keep the momentum of the app’s growth going. Any reprinted materials in the future will have the information of the app printed on it, and district guides and downtown maps will also feature the QR code and app information. This keeps everything cohesive and linked together. Morton said she hopes that if people like the app, they’ll review it online, and she asks if there are any issues, to report them so they can be immediately updated.

“It’s always fun to put a lot of work into something and see that people value what you did,” Morton said. “It’s been awesome to see so many downloads so quickly. The responses and feedback we’ve had have been really good.”

### This week in Waco:

#### >> Today

**7-9 p.m.**— “Jackie and Me.” \$8-\$10. Waco Civic Theatre.

**7-9 p.m.**— The Del Rios perform. Dichotomy Coffee & Spirits.

**7-9 p.m.**— Stars Over Texas Jamboree. \$12-\$14. Lee Lockwood Library and Museum.

**7:30-8:30 p.m.**— Bella Voce. Roxy Grove Hall.

**8-10 p.m.**— Ellie Holcomb performs. \$12. Common Grounds.

#### >> Friday

**5-9 p.m.**— First Friday. Downtown Waco.

**6:30-11 p.m.**— Nashville Night on the Brazos by St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital. Waco Hippodrome.

**7-9 p.m.**— “Jackie and Me.” \$8-\$10. Waco Civic Theatre.

**7-10 p.m.**— Greg Bashara and Evan Klaras perform jazz. Free admission. Hilton Waco.

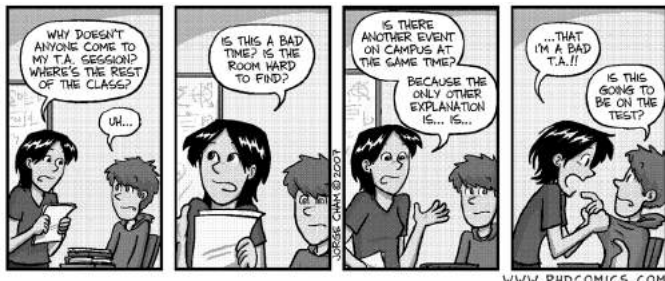
**8:30-9:30 p.m.**— Improv Comedy Show. \$10-\$12. Brazos Theatre Group, 7524 Bosque Blvd. Suite Q.

#### >> Saturday

**9 a.m.-1 p.m.**— Waco Downtown Farmers Market. 400 S. University Parks Drive.

**7-9 p.m.**— “Jackie and Me.” \$8-\$10. Waco Civic Theatre.

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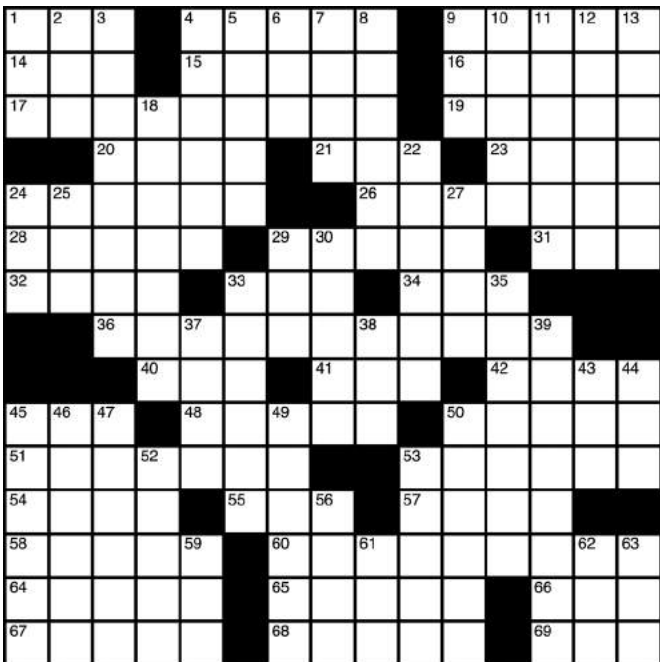
### Today’s Puzzles

#### Across

- 1 Article
- 5 Die down
- 8 Military action toys
- 14 Something frowned upon
- 15 Graphic introduction?
- 16 Harm
- 17 \*U.S. Steel co-founder
- 19 Roofer’s supply
- 20 “August: \_\_\_ County”: Meryl Streep film
- 21 Spinal column part
- 23 Words on a candy heart
- 25 “CHiPs” co-star Erik
- 27 Newspaper VIPs
- 28 Crêche figure
- 31 Like Parmesan cheese
- 32 “Didn’t I tell you?”
- 33 Peas, for shooters
- 34 Racetrack equipment
- 36 \*”Whiplash” Best Supporting Actor
- 38 Wealthy campaign donor
- 41 Picture framing materials
- 42 Orch. section
- 45 “It’s not too early to call”
- 46 Sprain support
- 47 Dove’s call
- 48 New York brewery known for its cream ale
- 51 College choices
- 54 Turncoat
- 57 “Pardon me,” in Palermo
- 58 Singer Warwick
- 59 \*Peter Pan creator
- 61 “Imagine so”
- 62 Bird on Australia’s coat of arms
- 63 Some celebs have delicate ones
- 64 “Almost ready”
- 65 Dollop
- 66 Took off

#### Down

- 1 Humor for a select few
- 2 On the open deck
- 3 All together
- 4 Classic music synthesizers
- 5 \_\_\_ McMuffin



- 6 Cleaver nickname
- 7 Talus or radius
- 8 Central points
- 9 Small bay
- 10 \*”Lost” co-creator
- 11 Serious injustice
- 12 What may be charged for books?
- 13 French possessive
- 18 Sleep acronym
- 22 Pickett’s Charge soldier
- 24 Nightmare loc. of film
- 26 Website pop-ups, e.g.
- 29 Bordeaux buddy
- 30 Matriarchal nickname
- 33 Wanted poster initials
- 34 \_\_\_ pole
- 35 MetLife’s business: Abbr.
- 36 \*Retail chain founder
- 37 AAA handout
- 38 Newton fruit
- 39 Explorer Vespucci for whom the

- New World was named
- 40 Turn a deaf ear to
- 42 Cause of calamity
- 43 Twisting force
- 44 Most cheerful
- 46 Twinings product
- 49 Sixth \_\_\_
- 50 Cast out
- 52 Simile words
- 53 Clothing chain ... or what the answers to starred clues comprise?
- 55 Played mixes at mixers, briefly
- 56 Jane Austen novel
- 58 Racket
- 60 Mac

For today’s puzzle results, please go to  
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# Prince wins final Big 12 weekly award



Penelope Shirey | Lariat Photographer  
**THE FINAL GAME** Baylor Lady Bears senior guard Alexis Prince stands next to Lady Bears head coach Kim Mulkey during a halftime ceremony on Senior Night on Feb. 18 in Waco. The Lady Bears defeated the Lady Raiders by a final score of 86-48.

**NATHAN KEIL**  
Sports Writer

In her final regular-season game in a Baylor uniform, senior guard Alexis Prince had herself a night to remember.

The Orlando, Fla., native scored 24 points, connected on five of her nine 3-point attempts, grabbed seven rebounds, dished out two assists and added a steal for good measure.

Her performance helped No. 2 Baylor rout No. 19 Oklahoma 103-64 in Norman, Okla., on Monday night.

This virtuoso performance from Prince also got her recognition from the conference, as the Big 12 office announced on Wednesday that Prince was the Big 12 Player of the Week.

The conference's top honor was not all Prince accomplished with her performance against the Sooners. With 47 seconds left in the third quarter, Prince connected on a short jump shot to give the Lady Bears a 70-45 lead.

Although Baylor had been in control of the game since the opening tip, this jumper that put the Lady Bears up 25 would seem insignificant to the naked eye. However, this two-point basket got Prince

to the 1,000-point milestone for her career. She became the 32nd Lady Bear to accomplish such a feat.

Prince admitted that she wasn't sure if she was ever going to reach the milestone.

"It means a lot to me," Prince said. "I never thought I would be able to get to 1,000 points."

Prince has put together a solid senior season for head coach Kim Mulkey. Prince is averaging 11.1 points a game while shooting 45 percent from the floor and 40 percent from beyond the 3-point line.

After sustaining several injuries throughout her Baylor career, including the 2013-2014 season where she only played in four games and last season when she missed 14 games, Prince has been healthy and consistent all year long. She has started in all 29 games for the Lady Bears and has played extra minutes due to an injury to redshirt senior guard Alexis Jones.

Mulkey said she has been impressed with Prince's leadership all year long and hopes she will continue to be a leader as the Lady Bears prepare for post-season play.

"She's happy; she's healthy. She is at that point as a senior where she doesn't want to stop playing," Mulkey said after

Baylor's 87-57 win over Kansas State on Dec. 29. "You have to push her out of the gym. I love the way she is playing defense. It's just the way she is carrying herself. Her entire game offensively and defensively is as good as it has been since she has been here."

Prince and the Lady Bears are currently gearing up for the start of the Phillips 66 Big 12 conference tournament. The Lady Bears wrapped up the No. 1 seed in the tournament following its 86-48 win over Texas Tech on Saturday and Texas' loss at home to Iowa State on Friday night.

The Lady Bears are also currently in line for a spot as a No. 1 seed in the Oklahoma City region of the NCAA Tournament. If they are able to remain in this position, they would get to play their first two rounds at home at the Ferrell Center.

Post-season play for the Lady Bears begins at 1:30 p.m. Saturday when they will play the winner of No. 8 Texas Tech and No. 9 TCU, a game that will be played at 6 p.m. Friday.

All Big 12 quarterfinal matchups, including Baylor's, will air on Fox Sports, with the semifinals and championship moving over to FS1.

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## NFL committee discusses revised replay system

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INDIANAPOLIS — The NFL's competition committee is discussing a revised replay system in which decisions about reviewable calls will be made directly from the league's headquarters in New York.

Currently, the referee at each game is responsible for the final ruling on replay reviews,

although he consults with the league's officiating department in New York. Under the format being discussed by the competition committee, the referee would be involved in looking at the play in question, but it would be the officials in New York who would make the final determination about whether or not a call should be overturned.

By potentially tweaking

the system, the NFL ostensibly would provide more consistency in determining replay reviews from a more centralized location, instead of allowing individual referees to make the calls. Referees currently view replays on the field under a covered television monitor, but under the new system, they would look at plays in question on a computer tablet screen.

And the committee also is looking at giving the NFL more discretion to suspend players for gratuitous hits during games. John Elway, the Broncos' general manager and a competition committee member, said there are some hits that might be subject to suspension, thus further penalizing those players and providing a deterrent against others.

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