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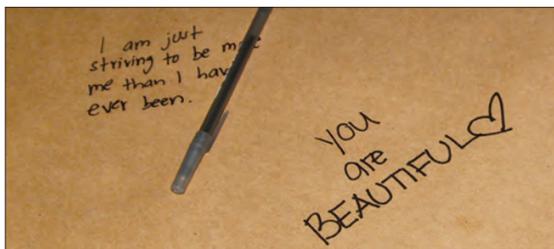
The northbound lane of I-35 at University Parks Drive experienced a three-hour closure shortly after 7 a.m. Tuesday because of an accident involving two large trucks early Tuesday morning.

Captain Patrick Veselka of the Waco Fire Department said the incident occurred between two 18-wheelers. One of the trucks involved was a FedEx truck.

No one experienced severe injuries, said Sgt. W. Patrick Swanton of the Waco Police Department.

Veselka said the accident was caused by a tire blowout from one of the 18-wheelers. Although the accident was sizable, no one was transported to the hospital for significant injuries.

The traffic was cleared by late morning, Swanton said.



Jessica Hubble | Lariat Photographer

Students wrote notes of encouragement for domestic violence survivors on a banner at the "Break the Silence" event.



Jessica Hubble | Lariat Photographer

Littleton, Colo., junior Allison Matz gets her hands painted purple, the color for domestic violence awareness, by Frisco sophomore Katie Lange. Matz then put her handprints on a banner.



Jessica Hubble | Lariat Photographer

Tomball junior Belle Bressler gets pied in the face by a friend at Alpha Chi Omega's "Break the Silence" event at 7 p.m. Tuesday on Fountain Mall.

Break the silence

Sorority event brings attention to domestic violence

TALIYAH CLARK
Reporter

Alpha Chi Omega encouraged students to "Break the Silence" with an awareness campaign and activities on Fountain Mall Tuesday night.

According to a 2015 USNews statistical report, domestic violence is defined as a pattern of abusive behavior in which someone uses physical, mental, sexual or other types of violence against a partner, spouse or relative.

The report also states that someone experiences physical abuse every 60 seconds, and women between the age of 18 to 24 are most likely to suffer abuse at the hands of their current or former partner.

To combat this issue of violence, Alpha Chi Omega became the first sorority to bring awareness to the issue of domestic violence, according to the Baylor Alpha Chi Omega website. Its outreach includes assisting victims and educating the surrounding community about domestic violence. The Baylor chapter

of Alpha Chi Omega works closely with the Waco Family Abuse Center by helping the organization serve the residents there and fundraising to purchase essential items for the center.

The activities for the night included stomping out domestic violence with bubble wrap, Steel City Pops donating 20 percent of their proceeds to the Waco Family Abuse Center, pie-an-alpha chi, and paint darts.

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Waco airport plans infrastructure projects



Liesje Powers | Photo Editor

LIFT-OFF Waco Regional Airport is in the process of creating a master plan to improve the infrastructure of the airport over the next 20 years.

MEGAN RULE
Staff Writer

The Waco Regional Airport is creating a master plan to implement changes over the next 20 years.

"The impacts it has on the community is it gives the plan of anticipated growth and a good sense of what we anticipate to develop in terms of infrastructure," said Joel Martinez, director of aviation at the Waco Regional Airport.

A public information workshop was held on Thursday where members of the Waco community were able to share opinions about what potential airport renovations they want, said Jacob Bell, client manager for Walker Partners. Among the discussion were talks of relocating the airport, generating

income from expanding the parking area and lengthening the main runway, but nothing had been decided officially.

The master plan is essentially a 20-year road map that considers numerous alternatives and brainstorming, Bell said. Walker Partners is the engineering company that is working with the airport on this project. Bell has been with the company for three and a half years. Also working on this project is Coffman Associates, Martinez Geospatial and DKMG Consulting.

"Walker Partners provides a partnership for the airport," Martinez said. "They are airport engineers and play a critical role is not only our future but our current construction. They're an extension

of our staff."

Bell said the Federal Aviation Administration provides funding in order to keep airports up to standard. In the case of the Waco Regional Airport, the FAA supplies about 90 percent of the funds and the city of Waco supplies the other 10 percent for the master plan and related renovations.

"The FAA has all these standards and rules, and they say, 'This is how you have to do it,' but as is the case in most of life, there are situations that come up that don't quite fit the mold," Bell said. "Then you have to talk about having what they call a modification standard, so there will be a few situations where we're going to have to work with the FAA

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Student government to host debate watch party

BROOKE BENTLEY
Reporter

After a record-breaking 84 million viewers tuned into the first presidential debate and 63 million to the second debate, Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump will have their final head-to-head meeting before the presidential election in November at 8 p.m. tonight.

Providing free popcorn and drinks, Baylor student government will hold an open watch party at 7:30 p.m. at the Waco Hippodrome Theatre. Students are



Liesje Powers | Photo Editor

SHOWTIME Dr. Brad Owens, senior lecturer of journalism, held a watch party for the first presidential debate on Sept. 26.

encouraged to watch the debate and stay afterwards for a post-debate lecture and

group discussion led by Dr. Patrick Flavin, an associate professor of political science.

"We're hoping that there will be a very large turnout from multiple different organizations and students who are looking to become more informed about the election and the electoral process," said Old River-Winfree junior Joel Polvado, internal vice president.

Polvado said student government members hope this non-partisan watch party will allow students to voice their opinions freely among their peers, regardless of their political affiliation.

"This will be a good opportunity for people to

express their thoughts and what they really care about," said Longview senior Marivious Allen, Baylor College Republicans co-chairman. "Hopefully, we can have open discussion during that time between different ideologies in a coherent manner."

The event's post-debate lecture and open discussion is meant to allow students to engage with others on topics such as the importance of the debates and the election, what students thought and

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COLUMN

It's OK to step away from work

Taking time to de-stress can help both your health and your grades

KAYLA FARR
Reporter



Meetings, work, class, homework and studying. These are a few of my daily activities, and I know many other students are dealing with similar stressful schedules. These appointments and planned studying times are usually scheduled back-to-back, all leading up to 8 or 9 p.m.

Then I go home and do more homework, write a paper or study for that midterm before crashing at midnight.

Day after day of this routine can cause stress and sleepless nights. It's my senior year, and it seems like time is going by faster than ever: All I had planned for this semester was hanging out with friends, fixing up my resume for potential employers and occasionally studying.

However, that's not what my schedule looks like. Currently, my planner for this week contains at least three sticky notes of to-do lists, lines filled with things I need to study or remember and a note reminding me to call my mom.

Senior year is exhausting. After watching a video about vacation and leisure in other countries, I realized how little down-time Americans get. In France, employees get five weeks of vacation time, as opposed to the standard two weeks in America.

This past weekend, I didn't touch my homework until Sunday afternoon because my family came to town for homecoming. Sure, it was a little more stressful since I had less time to focus on homework with my family diverting my attention, but the distraction of their company made me take a step back and realize that I don't have many more fun, work-free days left in college.

I think taking the time for myself really helped refresh me for this next week. I enjoyed not focusing on appointments, homework or term papers. Taking time to relax is crucial for stress levels, even if it means nothing more than lying down and staring at the ceiling or taking a walk around campus.

I also think teachers should be more understanding of students with anxiety and other stressors such as work and projects in other classes. It seems like professors schedule tests at the same time as homecoming and fall break. Not only does this add stress, it also causes students to not enjoy the traditions and fellowship with other students.

Letting your mind rest can help you relax, reduce anxiety levels and even reduce levels of fatigue, according to The Mayo Clinic. One of the best ways to do this is by taking frequent study breaks.

When I have a big paper or test to study for, I turn off my phone and study for 25 minutes, distraction free; then I take five minutes to relax and rest my mind. Another way to study is by studying for one subject and then taking an hour to chill out. There are other ways to relax as well — taking a day off from studying to enjoy your hobbies such as running or reading, for example.

Now I am making sure to manage my time better in order to enjoy my last year at Baylor. I am trying to commit to fewer activities and fit in time to study during the day instead of at night.

I think everyone should enjoy his or her time in college, not look back and remember stress and anxiety.

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EDITORIAL

The benefits of coffee

It goes by many names: morning joe, cuppa and the fix. It also comes in many forms: straight, latte and espresso. Whatever you call it, coffee is the fuel that keeps many students going throughout each semester. Yet while some swear by it, others refuse to drink it — naming several bad side effects of frequent consumption. Contrary to these naysayers, normal amounts of coffee can actually provide several benefits to the body.

One misconception of coffee is that it causes dehydration. While it may seem like coffee sends some of us to the bathroom more frequently, a recent study by the University of Birmingham says otherwise. In fact, the study showed that coffee provides similar hydrating qualities to water — probably because it is composed of mostly water. So, not only does it hydrate the drinker, but it also provides a nice caffeine boost, which is essential come finals week.

Speaking of finals week, coffee is a much better alternative to the energy drinks students stock up on for long nights of cramming. For example, a single can of Red Bull contains 27 grams of sugar, as opposed to zero grams in a cup of coffee. Even if you don't drink your coffee black, you would need to add six teaspoons of sugar to equal the amount in a Red Bull. Coffee is also cheaper than energy drinks: a 12 pack of Red Bull costs about \$20, whereas a 12 ounce bag of



Joshua Kim|Cartoonist

coffee from Common Grounds, which makes about 14 cups, costs \$16.

Coffee also contains beneficial antioxidants. Harvard Medical School reported that "coffee contains antioxidants that may offer some cardiovascular protection, and research is showing that it reduces the likelihood of developing diabetes, which is itself a major heart disease risk factor." The same report also noted that coffee drinkers were 50 percent less likely to contract liver cancer compared to their non-coffee drinking counterparts.

Some may be wary of drinking coffee because of its addictive qualities. While it is true that normal coffee drinkers experience drowsiness and headaches when they miss a cup, this is also true for all people who regularly consume caffeine. A Johns Hopkins Medicine study showed that as little as 30 milligrams of caffeine, about one 12 ounce can of Coke, can affect one's mood. For those who think they are playing it smart by knocking back 5-Hour Energies or soda, think again — you'd be better off sipping a fresh cuppa, as it lacks added artificial ingredients.

Not all types of coffee are healthy. For example, Starbucks' Frappuccino is nothing short of a coffee-flavored milkshake, containing 66 grams of sugar in their medium size. This is hardly characterized as coffee. But even a normal cup of coffee can be made unhealthy with the syrups and creamers available at almost every shop. In order to maintain the healthy benefits of coffee over energy drinks, try to avoid these tempting additives. As automated coffee machines like the Keurig gain popularity, one may find that changing the flavor of their coffee isn't necessary if the coffee is of higher quality. Delicious, fruity flavor notes commonly found in African coffees are more noticeable if the coffee is hand brewed. Consider purchasing a Hario V60 or a Chemex, which are manual coffee brewers, as there is also something to be said about the ritual of setting aside five minutes every morning to brew a cup.

Coffee is a must-have for more than just Baylor students. A Gallup study showed that 64 percent of U.S. adults drink at least one cup of coffee on an average day. While it may be easier to grab an energy drink than brew a cup, the health benefits are too great to forgo. Whether you hand brew it or grab it from your local shop, know your fix is healthy. For those concerned about their coffee habits, we say drink on. And, if you are feeling brave enough, drink it black — you might be surprised by what you'll taste.

COLUMN

The real world is different than college

KENDRA PELL
Reporter



The purpose of college is not only to just graduate with a degree, but also to gain real-life experience, right? Living on your own and learning how to manage your time and money all while maintaining a social life may seem to be

enough to set you up for life after Baylor. What many students, including myself, forget is that there's much more that comes with life after school. While Baylor provides opportunities for us to practice these real world experiences, there are still many things we will not understand until we are actually out on our own.

Many majors require internship experience in order to graduate, which in the grand scheme of things is valuable for Baylor students' futures. By interning full-time in Houston this past summer, I was able to get a feel for what life is like as a young professional without being completely independent. I was still living with my parents and still had the majority of my meals paid for. Did I gain true, tangible

experience in a working environment? Yes. Am I completely prepared for the real world post graduation? No.

Hearing about other recent graduates' experiences post college helps to give me a better understanding for what is to come in the next chapter. By finding out how different life is while in college compared to how it is afterwards, I begin to realize how real the Baylor Bubble is.

Don't get me wrong, I appreciate Baylor and I think that I attend the best university in the nation. But as a student, I can't deny the fact that it is easy to forget what is actually going on outside of campus and in the real world. It is so easy to get so wrapped up in schoolwork, our social lives and other activities that we tend to get sucked into our own false reality.

The prestigious education Baylor provides its students is more than beneficial in the long run. However, the all-around college culture could not be any more different than life in the working world. When not in class or cramming for a test or project, college students have the freedom to do almost anything they want whenever they want. Living just down the street from friends, having much more free time and possibly not being completely financially independent comes with much fewer responsibilities as compared to life after

graduation. Baylor's small class sizes, helpful advisors and individualized instruction is without a doubt a luxury of attending a smaller university. In the real world, your boss may not be as helpful when it comes to learning new things.

A nine-to-five job, all while having to pay for rent, food and clothing all on your own dime is just a small part of being a true adult. While in college, some students do not have to worry about these finances. Sure, we're typically limited when it comes to what we can pay for, but our parents are just a phone call away when we are desperate for a little extra cash. In the real world, there is much less sympathy when it comes to financial matters, and it is a lot less socially acceptable to look to our parents for this kind of assistance.

With all of this being said, yes college is drastically different than having a full-time job and living in a big city on your own. As college students, are we fully prepared to take on the real world? Maybe not, but making the most out of this phase in our lives while we can is important. There will never again be a time where we have this much freedom, fewer responsibilities and this many people around us the same age to share the whole college experience with.

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Nigeria negotiates release of 83 more abducted girls

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AND OYEKANMI OLALEKAN**
Associated Press

ABUJA, Nigeria — Nigeria's government is negotiating the release of another 83 of the Chibok schoolgirls taken in a mass abduction two and half years ago, but more than 100 others appear unwilling to leave their Boko Haram Islamic extremist captors, a community leader said Tuesday.

The unwilling girls may have been radicalized by Boko Haram or are ashamed to return home because they were forced to marry extremists and have babies, chairman Pogu Bitrus of the Chibok Development Association told The Associated Press in a telephone interview.

Bitrus said the 21 Chibok girls freed last week in the first negotiated

release between Nigeria's government and Boko Haram should be educated abroad, because they will probably face stigma in Nigeria.

The girls and their parents were reunited Sunday and are expected to meet with Nigeria's President Muhammadu Buhari on Tuesday or Wednesday, Bitrus said.

Buhari said Monday that his government is prepared to talk with Boko Haram as long as the extremists agree to involve organizations like the International Committee of the Red Cross, which was an intermediary in last week's release.

Some 276 schoolgirls were kidnapped from a school in Chibok in April 2014. Dozens escaped early on and at least half a dozen have died in captivity, according to the newly freed girls, Bitrus said.

All those who escaped on their own

have left Chibok because, even though they were held only a few hours, they were labeled "Boko Haram wives" and taunted, he said. At least 20 of the girls are being educated in the United States.

"We would prefer that they are taken away from the community and this country because the stigmatization is going to affect them for the rest of their lives," Bitrus said. "Even someone believed to have been abused by Boko Haram would be seen in a bad light."

Chibok is a small and conservative Christian enclave in mainly Muslim northern Nigeria, where many parents are involved in translating the Bible into local languages and belong to the Nigerian branch of the Elgin, Illinois-based Church of the Brethren.

Nigeria's government has denied reports that the girls were swapped for four Boko Haram commanders, or that a large ransom was paid.



Associated Press

COMING HOME In this photo released by the Nigeria State House, Nigerian government officials welcome some of the freed Chibok schoolgirls Oct. 13 at the state House in Abuja, Nigeria.

States reassure voters, increase security measures

ADAM BEAM
Associated Press

Facing unprecedented warnings of a "rigged" election from Donald Trump, state officials around the country are rushing to reassure the public, and some are taking subtle steps to boost security at polling places because of the passions whipped up by the race.

"This election the environment is unlike any before," South Carolina Election Commission spokesman Chris Whitmire said.

Some states are trying to coordinate with local law enforcement to tighten security without making a heavy-handed — and potentially illegal — show of force. And some schools that double as polling places have canceled classes on Election Day for fear of agitated voters and demonstrators in school hallways.

Over the weekend, a firebombing heavily damaged a local Republican Party office in North Carolina. No

injuries were reported. And after a bomb threat at the Arizona GOP headquarters on Monday, the state party said it will probably hire security guards.

As Trump's poll numbers have dropped amid accusations from multiple women that he groped them without consent, the Republican nominee has warned that the election is about to be stolen from him on Nov. 8 by backers of Democrat Hillary Clinton.

Trump has called on people to act as "election observers" in certain areas of the country to help prevent fraud — a move that has stirred fears of voter intimidation and confrontations at the polls.

In North Carolina, state election officials are coordinating with sheriffs to make sure law enforcement agencies know the location of each polling place on Election Day, in case they need to be called.

And in South Carolina, election officials have asked local law enforcement to increase patrols near

voting locations while being careful not to oversaturate the area and intimidate voters.

Given the nation's long history of intimidating black voters, especially in the South, local officials must tread carefully in stepping up security. In South Carolina, for example, authorities said that under state law, police are not allowed to enter polling places unless they are summoned by election officials.

"If it is not done correctly, not only can it intimidate voters, it can also be against the law," said Adam Gitlin, counsel for the Brennan Center for Justice's Democracy Program at the New York University School of Law. "Many states have laws that specifically provide that election officials are the ones who are in charge of keeping order."

In Falmouth, Maine, local officials decided to call off classes at public schools that will be used as polling places on Election Day.

"Mr. Trump has a way to get people excited, I would say. It's on both sides.

I think everybody has seen it on TV enough to be concerned," Falmouth Police Chief Ed Tolan said. "We don't need those kinds of demonstrations with students on school grounds."

In Washington, city election officials will meet with the federal Homeland Security Department to discuss security at polling places and will take extra measures if necessary, Board of Elections spokeswoman Tamara Robinson said.

Officials in a number of states said they are following standard security procedures for elections and not taking any special precautions beyond that.

"There is a reasonable level of paranoia," said Ken Menzel, general counsel for the Illinois Board of Elections. "But I'm not hearing that the level of paranoia is much different from in previous years."

In metropolitan Atlanta, the Cobb County Sheriff's Office said that the Georgia Constitution requires the county sheriff to provide security at each polling place and that the

department does that for every election.

Officials also sought to reassure the public that the election is secure against rigging.

Kentucky Secretary of State Alison Lundergan Grimes, a Democrat, said Trump's comments were "dangerous and divisive." In Tennessee, GOP Secretary of State Tre Hargett said the election will be "fair and honest."

"Anything that causes people to have less confidence to vote, I frown upon. Regardless of what party that comes from," he said.

In heavily Democratic Philadelphia, a city Trump singled out as a place to watch for fraud, elected leaders bristled at such allegations as an attempt to disrupt voting and discourage minorities from going to the polls.

"We will not tolerate any sort of foolishness on Election Day, and it's even insulting to suggest that Philadelphians would," said Democratic City Councilwoman Cindy Bass.

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to come up with something that will be agreeable to them and the airport.”

There will be multiple public information workshops during the master planning process, according to the Waco Airport Study website. These will be conducted open-house style where questions will be answered by the master plan team and are held in the early evening at the Waco Regional Airport Terminal Building. The next meeting will be in January.

“Expanding the terminal, adding additional parking, things like that, I think, make the traveler’s experience better,” Bell said. “Also, around Waco Regional Airport there’s a lot of available room for private companies to come in and have businesses. It’s probably about 10 minutes off of I-35, so on one hand it’s very convenient and would be good for the local economy if more businesses came in.”

The final chapters of the master plan will be crafted in early spring 2017. In addition, plans from the FAA about the steps to take moving forward should be received in the summer of 2017. Bell said everything will be done in five-year increments. The next five years are already planned, and then the project will move forward, focusing first on safety, then expanding the existing facility. Maintaining safe and efficient travel as well as upkeep of the facility is most important, Bell said.

“It’s a fun process to be a part of. I think all told, it’s going to be a year or year and a half process,” Bell said. “It’s just fun to be in the middle of it, to be at the meetings, to hear what the public is thinking, to meet with the FAA and get what they’re thinking, to work with the city to understand their needs. It’s fun to be a part of that and be part of something that I hope is going to craft the future in a positive way.”

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how each side has been strategizing over the course of the election.

“Students should be civilly engaged and have their voice heard, so I think it’s really important for students to become informed, regardless of whether they are voting for one of the major party candidates,” Polvado said.

Student government has invited the Baylor College Republicans as well as the Baylor Democrats but also welcomes all other organizations and individuals that wish to attend.

“I’m glad that we can sit down together and watch this debate without pulling each other’s hair, hopefully,” Allen said.

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Attendees also wrote letters to domestic violence survivors.

Many members of Alpha Chi Omega came out to support the cause, including Atlanta junior Lilla Dorvee, vice president of philanthropy for Alpha Chi Omega.

“I chose to lead this committee because Alpha Chi is important to me, and I really wanted to be involved in a leadership opportunity,” Dorvee said. “Our philanthropy is such a big part of our sorority, and having a part in making it so impactful and making it something that is not so scary to talk about was important to me.”

San Francisco, Calif., senior Gabriella Scalise, a member of Alpha Chi Omega, also spoke about her sorority’s role in promoting domestic violence awareness.

“Domestic violence is so important because it is so prevalent, but most people don’t know what it is and you never really know who it affects,” Scalise said. “I love Alpha Chi because we are real, strong women; that’s who we are and that is our motto, and we want to encourage great friendships and relationships.”

Spartanburg, S.C., junior Clara Ruth West, an Alpha Chi Omega member, spoke candidly about the reality of domestic violence and why it is important to talk about.

“Obviously with the current happenings at Baylor, domestic violence is a reality, and what a better way to address it by talking about it,” West said. “Since it is a reality, I think people should be aware of it, for victims who have experienced [domestic violence], it’s important for them to know they are not alone and to know that there are lot of people and organizations are working to eliminate it.”

Ponce, Puerto Rico, senior Daniel Goyco, an attendee of the event, also highlighted the need for domestic violence awareness in light the recent sexual assault lawsuits against Baylor.

“This is my second year coming to this event, and I think it is something that is really important especially with the Baylor headlines recently,” Goyco said. “Last year, I was a Title IX peer leader, and I got to talk to freshman about different scenarios and things they may encounter and how to react when things happen.”

Working with Weaving



Dayday Wynn | Lariat Photographer

LOOMING TASK Walnut Creek, Calif., senior Lizzy Rago works on her loom project Tuesday during a weaving course taught by Dr. Mary Ruth Smith, professor of art.

Michelle Obama provides boost to Clinton campaign

CATHERINE LUCEY AND DARLENE SUPERVILLE
Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa — Hillary Clinton was always expected to get a late-campaign enthusiasm boost from the White House. The surprise is that it’s not coming from the president.

On a star-studded team of campaign surrogates — including President Barack Obama — the most valuable player of 2016 is undoubtedly first lady Michelle Obama.

During a divisive political year, the hugely popular first lady has wowed voters with her powerful rhetoric. And she can be the emotional center to a campaign whose candidate is not known for projecting warmth.

Last week, in a searing indictment of Republican nominee Donald Trump that was broadcast live by cable news networks, Michelle Obama said his recorded boasts about making unwanted sexual advances toward women had “shaken me to my core in a way that I couldn’t have predicted.”

With that, the first lady spoke in terms that Hillary Clinton rarely does, given accusations against her own husband that he’s long denied — but Trump has raised.

“If Hillary Clinton were out there making these same arguments, we know how Donald Trump would respond, by attacking former President Clinton and bringing up old stories from the ‘90s,” said Democratic strategist Lis Smith.

Michelle Obama also had one of the most memorable lines of the Democratic National Convention, saying her family motto is: “When they go low, we go high.”

Clinton has repeated that line in public several times since.

“Michelle Obama is seen as a truly authentic voice that whatever topic she speaks on, people feel that it’s really coming from her bones,” said Democratic strategist Mary Anne Marsh.

To the Clinton campaign, Michelle Obama is a crucial asset who can connect with the Democratic base — particularly young people — but also reach independent and undecided voters. That was clear on Monday, when the campaign



Associated Press

SHE’S WITH HER First lady Michelle Obama speaks on Sept. 28 at LaSalle University in Philadelphia as she campaigns for presidential candidate Hillary Clinton.

signaled a push into traditionally Republican Arizona by announcing that the first lady would host an early-vote rally in Phoenix on Thursday.

“There is no more powerful advocate for our campaign,” said Clinton communications director Jennifer Palmieri. “Because the first lady isn’t seen as a political figure, when she does speak out, it has a real impact.”

Even among Clinton’s so-called “uber-surrogates” — the president, Vice President Joe Biden, former President Bill Clinton, Sen. Bernie Sanders and Sen. Elizabeth Warren — Michelle Obama has stood out. Once a reluctant campaigner, she has grown more comfortable after more than eight years on the national stage, promoting her childhood obesity and education initiatives, hosting her own events and showing a playful side on talk shows and in interviews.

“Either she’s Meryl Streep, or she’s really genuine about this,” said Robert Watson, an American studies professor at Lynn University. “In this year of plastic candidates, Michelle just seems the most genuine one out there.”

Still, political analysts said the intensity of her advocacy for Clinton is notable.

“It’s unusual for a sitting first lady,

or a sitting president for that matter, to campaign so enthusiastically for a presidential candidate. They usually take a lower profile approach. This is indicative of how important both Obamas think this election is,” said Katherine Jellison, chair of the history department at Ohio University, who studies the first ladies

Anita McBride, a veteran of three Republican administrations, said Mrs. Obama’s schedule is more flexible at this stage of the administration because she has held the final events for some of her biggest initiatives.

“It’s sort of wrapping up time where’s it’s never wrapping up time for the president,” said McBride, who was chief of staff to first lady Laura Bush. “He still has everything coming to his desk every day. Now it’s all about preserving the legacy and giving everything she can to the person she thinks can best reflect their values.”

So far this fall, Michelle Obama has campaigned in Virginia, Pennsylvania, North Carolina and New Hampshire. She has done radio and television ads, including a television spot targeting early voters in Iowa, Ohio and Nevada. Arizona is up next, with more appearances expected after that.

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It's fall, y'all



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BRING ON THE FALL At 7 p.m. Saturday, the Central Christian Church Waco is showing "Hotel Transylvania." Fall is a time to pick out your favorite pumpkins and paint them. Baylor's fall break, which occurs this weekend, offers an extended study break. A fun event students can partake in during their break is picking out pumpkins and painting them.

Pumpkin patch brings blessings to families

LINDSEY MCLEMORE
Reporters

For 11 years, Waco families have flocked to the pumpkin patch at Central Christian Church, Waco.

Every October, the church's grassy hill is covered in pumpkins of all shapes and sizes. Families are invited to pick pumpkins, share stories, play with their pets and even watch a movie.

"I look forward to working in the patch every year," said Lynda Skeen, a church deacon. "I enjoy being able to work in the patch and watch children explore and find their pumpkins."

Local schools often bring students to the pumpkin patch for field trips where Skeen, a retired first-grade teacher, reads to students.

"One of my favorite things about working in the pumpkin patch every year is having story time with some of the younger children," Skeen said.

The church also hosts a movie night in the pumpkin patch every year.

Fans of their Facebook page were asked to vote for their favorite Halloween movie. "Hotel Transylvania" won by a landslide and will be shown at 7 p.m. Saturday in the pumpkin patch on a 28-foot screen rented from the Waco Hippodrome Theatre.

The event is free, but local food trucks will be on-site with food available for purchase. Blankets and chairs are welcome at the pumpkin patch for movie night, but pets are not.

Kristin Jack, minister for families at Central Christian Church, works to give back as much of the funds raised by the pumpkin patch to the Waco community as possible.

"We get our pumpkins from an organization called Pumpkins USA that helps resource more than 1,300 non profit organizations like ours around the country," Jack said.

Proceeds are divided among the children and youth ministries to help them give back to the community.

"We always give at least 10 percent of our profits to the Mission Waco Toy Store," Jack said. "In November, we take our youth groups shopping to pick out their favorite toys to donate to Mission Waco, and last year we chose to donate to Caritas as well."

The remaining funds are used in community engagement and charitable efforts throughout the rest of the year.

The pumpkin patch at Central Christian Church is located at 4901 Lake Shore Dr. and is open every day 10 a.m. to 7:15 p.m. until Oct. 31.

How to make the most out of your fall break

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Arts & Life Editor

Fall break is a time for students to kick back, take some deep breaths and have a few days to themselves in the midst of the hectic midterm weeks.

While many students with Texas origins travel home for the extended weekend, what is there to do for those who stay in Waco? Below is a list of local fall festivities to prepare for the chilly months that lie ahead.

The Robinson Family Farm

Located on 3780 White Owl Lane in Temple, The Robinson Family Farm is about 40 minutes away, but it is well worth the drive. Get away from Waco for a couple of hours and pick out a pumpkin, navigate through the corn maze or hay maze, grab a bite to eat and hang out with some farm animals. The Robinson Family Farm is open to the public from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Parking and entrance to the park is free and the pumpkins range from \$1 to \$8.

Midway Park

Grab some sleeping bags and stay under the Waco stars at Midway Park. Located on the east shore of the South Bosque River, this campground's park gates are open from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. year

round and charges \$12 a night for tent sights. Friday and Saturday, the high is expected to be a sunny 77 degrees, so have a splash in the Lake Waco and make some late-night s'mores.

Some great flicks

Whether it's Netflix under some cozy sheets or a trip to the theater in some comfy seats, watching fall flicks is a perfect distraction, from studies. Throughout October, the Waco Hippodrome Theatre is showing various scary classics in the spirit of Halloween such as "Little Shop of Horrors," "Silence of the Lambs," "Corpse Bride," "Carrie" and "The Rocky Horror Picture Show."

Deadzone and Chainsaw Nightmare Haunted Houses

This name says it all. For those looking for a good scare, Deadzone and Chainsaw Nightmare Haunted Houses are worth checking out. Located at 14656 Elm I-35 N Elm Mott, about 15 minutes away from Waco, the \$20 admission fee gets you into the two haunted houses. From 8 p.m. to 11:55 p.m. Friday and Saturday, there will also be zombie karaoke and a costume contest. The Deadzone and Chainsaw Nightmare Haunted Houses open dates are listed on hauntworld.com

This week in Waco:

>> Today

11 a.m.-2 p.m.—National Day on Writing. Haiku writers receive free baked goods. Winners of the haiku writing contest will receive a prize. Write the poems outside of Bill Daniel Student Center

7 p.m.—Blessing of the Animals at The Pumpkin Patch of Central Christian Church. Worship followed by pet photo booth and pet costume contest

7:30 p.m.—Annual Fall Concert by the Men's choir and Women's choir. Jones Concert Hall

>> Thursday

3:30 p.m.—Lecture by Kenneth Hafertepe: "The Material Culture of German Texas." Bennett Auditorium

8 p.m.—Beautiful Eulogy performs. Common Grounds

>> Friday

7 p.m.—Baylor soccer vs. Iowa State. Betty Lou Mays Soccer Field

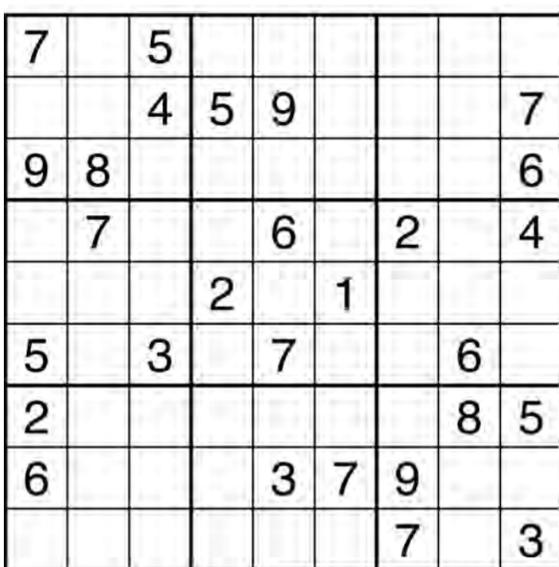
7:30 p.m.—"Sweeney Todd" shows. Waco Civic Theatre

8 p.m.—Bobby James and the James Gang performs. Bob & Lary's BBQ & Lounge

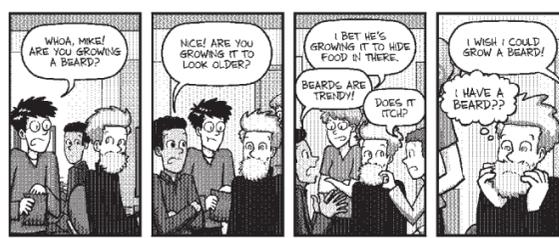
>> Friday

1 p.m.—Heart of Texas Poets Society: "Ekphrastic Poetry Writing." Fort House Museum

5 p.m.—Fuzzy Friends Rescue Zombie Run. Indian Spring Park



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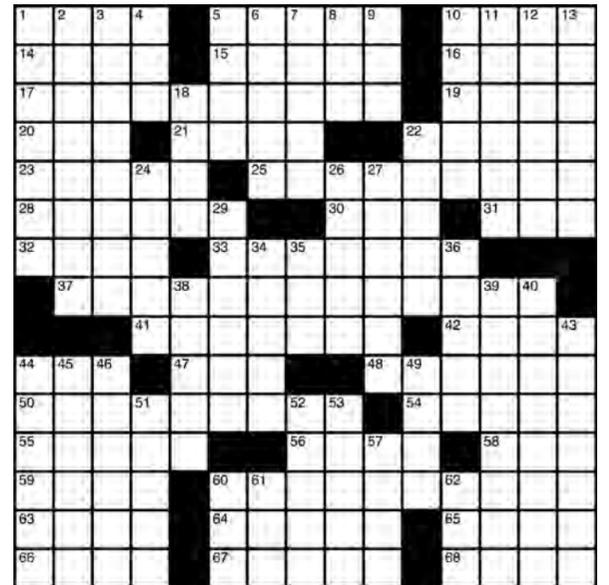
Today's Puzzles

Across

- 1 Unlike this clue, obviously
- 5 Driving force?
- 10 Bar regulars, and then some
- 14 Bible book before Romans
- 15 One-named singer with 10 Grammys
- 16 William of "Broadcast News"
- 17 Does well at the casino?
- 19 On
- 20 URL ending
- 21 Bridge call
- 22 Hang loosely
- 23 Star's statuette
- 25 Cereal box factoid
- 28 Mushroom cloud makers
- 30 Pale
- 31 __ shadow
- 32 Tip to one side
- 33 Etiquette expert Baldrige who was Jackie Kennedy's social secretary
- 37 Concert finale ... and what 17-, 25-, 50- and 60-Across have in common
- 41 Comes back with
- 42 Hardly scads
- 44 Beer choice, briefly
- 47 Part of un mes
- 48 Ready for the piano recital
- 50 Opera house level
- 54 "Ugh!"
- 55 Climbed aboard
- 56 Some Neruda poems
- 58 Hawaiian tuna
- 59 Snack since 1912
- 60 Bullied
- 63 Musée Marc Chagall city
- 64 Ancient Greek region
- 65 Conversation piece?
- 66 __ chair
- 67 Minute
- 68 Archer of myth

Down

- 1 Researcher's garb
- 2 Puzzle with a quote



- 3 Recent medical research subject
- 4 Org. operating full-body scanners
- 5 Prepare, as avocados for guacamole
- 6 Ancient theater
- 7 "Tradition" singer
- 8 "Bravo!"
- 9 "You eediot!" speaker of cartoons
- 10 Ventriloquist Lewis
- 11 Delighted state?
- 12 Prize in a case
- 13 Fla. city
- 18 Go-__
- 22 Overalls material
- 24 Financier aboard the Titanic
- 26 Strong string
- 27 1960s dance
- 29 Add sneakily
- 34 China's Zhou __
- 35 "In Here, It's Always Friday" letters
- 36 Diminish
- 38 Enterprise choice
- 39 Academic figure
- 40 Southwestern farm owner
- 43 Rear ends
- 44 "See ya!"
- 45 Everycity, USA
- 46 Tenochtitlán natives
- 49 Where to see IBM and JNJ
- 51 Deschanel of the musical duo She & Him
- 52 Whom to trust, in "The X-Files"
- 53 Astronomer Hubble
- 57 PayPal's former parent
- 60 Morsel
- 61 Salmon eggs
- 62 More than impress

For today's puzzle results, please go to BaylorLariat.com

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Sports take: Leaders of Bears basketball

JORDAN SMITH
Sports Writer

With former men's basketball players Taurean Prince going to the Atlanta Hawks and Rico Gathers pursuing an NFL career with the Dallas Cowboys, the Bears are left with a gap to fill as both played vital roles in the team's success.

Prince and Gathers were both key players in helping the Bears make an appearance in the NCAA tournament last season. However, the Bears were upset by Yale in the first round of the tournament on a last-second miracle, losing by a final score of 79-75.

In the game against the Bulldogs, Prince grabbed 28 points in just 34 minutes of play as he led in minutes and points. He also led in three-point percentage as he went 4-7 from behind the three-point range in the game, and posted a three-point percentage of 57.1 percent, which was one of his best games of the season. Unfortunately for Baylor, not only was it not enough to get the win, it also marked the end of Prince's collegiate career.

The Bears won 22 games in 2015-16 season, as they recorded the program's eighth 20-win season in the last nine



years. The Bears have averaged 23.8 wins per season since 2007-08.

As head coach Scott Drew enters his 14th season at Baylor, he hopes to guide the Bears to their third consecutive N C A A Tournament bid for the first time in program history.

Leading this hungry and motivated squad of players will be senior guard Ishmail Wainwright and junior guard Al Freeman.

Both Wainwright and Freeman played and started all 34 games during the 2015-16 campaign. Although Freeman saw more minutes on the court than Wainwright, both made their presence known in most games.

Freeman averaged 30 minutes a game and 11.3 points per game on the season. Wainwright ended the season with a 40.6 percent three-point percentage and an overall shot percentage of 42.7 percent, while averaging 4.29 rebounds per game and 1.0 steals.

Together, these two have proven from last season that they can definitely handle the pressure that comes with being leaders on this team. These will be the two to keep your

eyes on to take Baylor back to the March Madness bracket this season with a possible automatic bid from winning the Big 12 conference. The Bears should definitely be able to get past the haunting first round of the NCAA tournament, where they have fallen in the past two seasons.

Although Wainwright and Freeman may be the ones the Bears look up to as the season progresses, they will be joined by four returning letterwinners from last season, including 2017 Preseason All-Big 12 honoree junior forward Johnathan Motley, junior forward Terry Maston, sophomore guard Jake Lindsey and sophomore guard King McClure.

Freshman guard Wendell Mitchell and freshman forward Jo Lual-Acuil Jr. are also expected to make their debuts after sitting out last season to retain a year of eligibility. In addition, junior college transfer forward Nuni Omot, freshman forward Mark Vital, freshman guard Tyson Jolly and sophomore walk-on Jonathan Davis will be a part of the Bears' roster.

With newcomers and returners in the mix, the Bears look to start off on a good note at 6 p.m. Nov. 11 as they take on Oral Roberts at the Ferrell Center in their first game of the season.



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CHARGING THROUGH Junior guard Al Freeman fights his way through the Texas Christian University defenders on Jan. 13 at the Ferrell Center. The Bears won 82-54.



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RISING ABOVE Senior guard Ishmail Wainwright prepares himself to take a shot against Texas Christian University on Jan. 13 at the Ferrell Center. The Bears won 82-54. The Bears' season kicks off on Nov. 11 against Oral Roberts at the Ferrell Center.

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