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Celebrate history

Dr. Linda Reed, associate professor of history at the University of Houston, will present the lecture “Women Movers and Shakers in the Civil Rights Movement” at 3:30 p.m. today in Bennett Auditorium to celebrate Black History Month. The event, which is sponsored by the History Dept., is free and open to the public.



Baylor Law honored with top rankings

BY DAN HENSON
REPORTER

Baylor Law School ranked 24th in the Top 25 Law Schools in the nation, according to GraduatePrograms.com.

The rankings, released Tuesday, came as a result of student ratings and reviews from more than 4,000 graduate students and recent graduates from over 150 accredited law schools across the United States. The rankings use a 10-star system, with one star being the lowest and 10 stars being the best.

The results of this survey gave Baylor Law School a rating of 7.62 stars out of a possible 10. Also on the list were Stanford Law School with 8.8 stars, Northwestern University School of Law with 8.7 stars and University of California, Berkeley School of Law with 8.417 stars. These schools were ranked the top three.

Lori Fogleman, director of media communications at Bay-

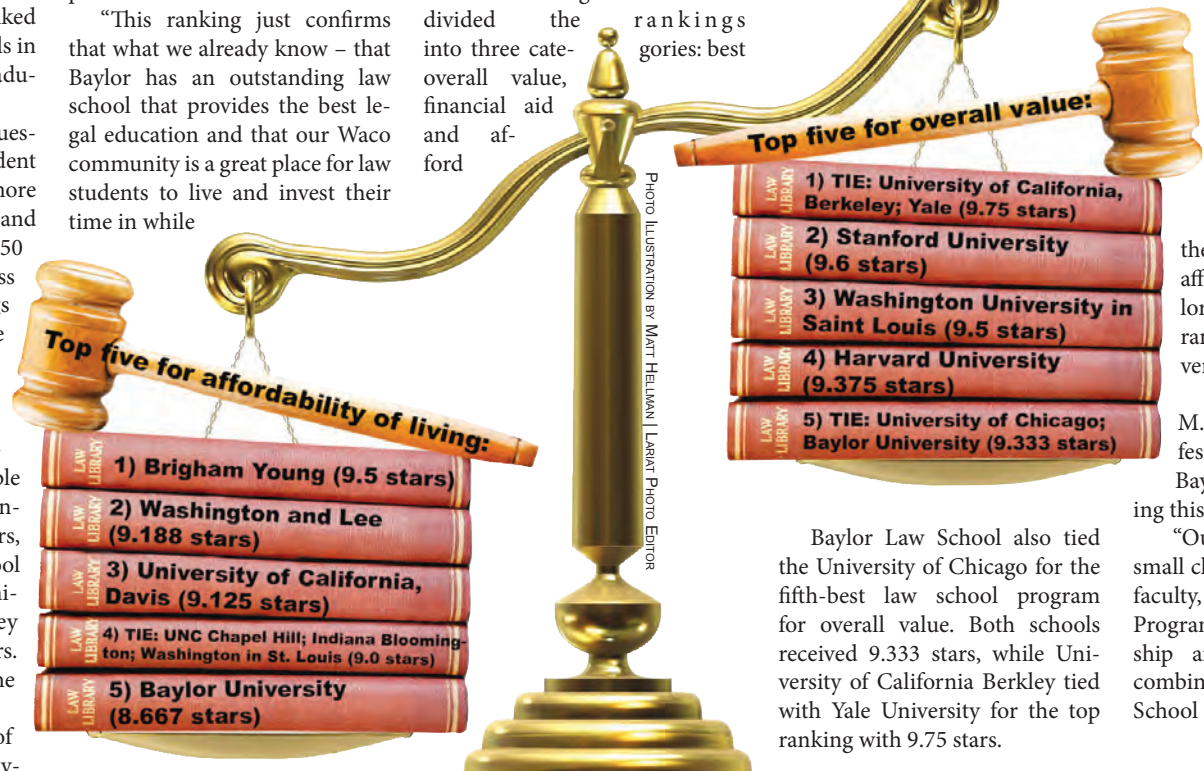
lor, said the ranking shows that the Baylor Law School is a good place for students to come.

“This ranking just confirms that what we already know – that Baylor has an outstanding law school that provides the best legal education and that our Waco community is a great place for law students to live and invest their time in while

earning their degree at Baylor,” Fogleman said.

GraduatePrograms.com also divided the rankings into three categories: best overall value, financial aid and affordability.

Baylor made the top five for two of these lists.



Baylor Law School also tied the University of Chicago for the fifth-best law school program for overall value. Both schools received 9.333 stars, while University of California Berkley tied with Yale University for the top ranking with 9.75 stars.

“It’s a good thing any time the university receives positive recognition, and Baylor certainly has its share of outstanding academic programs, including the law school, and its share of rankings that name Baylor an outstanding educational value,” Fogleman said.

Baylor Law School was the fifth best law school for affordability of living. Baylor received 8.667 stars; top ranked Brigham Young University received 9.5 stars.

Brad Toben, Dean and M.C. & Mattie Caston Professor of Law, commended Baylor Law School for earning this ranking.

“Our flexible quarter system, small class sizes, highly respected faculty, renowned Practice Court Program and generous scholarship and fellowship programs combine to make Baylor Law School one of the best values

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Baylor’s new water refill stations rack eco points

BY PAULA ANN SOLIS
GUEST CONTRIBUTOR

Baylor’s school colors are gold and green, and it takes the green part very seriously.

As part of one of Baylor’s efforts to become more ecologically friendly, two water bottle refill stations, called EZH20 are now on campus. One can be found in the Bill Daniel Student Center and the other is on



MONICA LAKE | LARIAT PHOTOGRAPHER

New water bottle refill stations aim to reduce waste at Baylor. The stations have been used more than 22,000 times, saving plastic bottles that would have been thrown away.

the garden level of the Moody Memorial Library. The potential for additional installations in the future depends on the student demand on campus.

The EZH20 stations, manufactured by the Elkay plumbing company, have an added filtering system, which, according to the manufacturer’s webpage, removes particulate, chlorine, odor and lead.

Smith Getterman, the sustainability coordinator said that Elkay aspires to manufacture “environmentally-sustainable products designed to conserve the earth’s resources,” which coincides with the goals of Baylor.

After learning about the EZH20 stations at a conference two years ago, Getterman began working to bring them to Baylor.

“I wanted to see if there would be any student interest,” said Getterman, who took his proposal to the Sustainability Student Advisory Board. “They thought it was a great idea.”

The Sustainability Student Advisory Board consists of students ranging from freshmen to doctoral candidates who share an interest in environmentally conscious behavior.

Getterman said he is pleased with the positive reception by Baylor students and faculty.

“These fountains are just another way to service the students and staff and God’s green earth,” Getterman said.

The EZH20 stations, Getterman said, can cost \$1,100 to \$1,200, not including the cost of installation.

Meredith Walkup, the coordinator of Student Organizations and Leader Development, works in close proximity to the second EZH20 station in the SUB. She said she believes they are well worth the price.

“I wish we had more of them on campus. I defi-

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MARK BOSTER | MCT

Downey Regional Medical Center RN Connie Meinke administers the flu vaccine to fellow employee Brian Virk on January 17.

Flu outbreak in full swing on Baylor campus

BY LINDA WILKINS
CITY EDITOR

Of the 88 flu cases the Baylor Health Center has seen since August, 83 of them have been this semester.

As of Wednesday, the Baylor Health Center has seen 10,174 patients since the beginning of the fall semester.

According to clinic records, the influenza virus is the most likely virus to crop up on campus and can have negative effects on coursework.

Dr. Sharon Stern, the medical director at the health center located on the second floor of the McLane Student Life Center, said the clinic is normally well equipped to handle the virus without seeking help from outside sources.

“Every year we have an influenza outbreak,” Stern wrote in an email to the Lariat. “This year we had a rather large outbreak at the beginning of the spring semester. It has since tapered off quite a bit which is a good thing.”

Stern said the flu is most prevalent sickness because it is easy to transfer and easy to catch. Simply touching someone or something contaminated with the virus and then touching your eyes, nose or mouth areas can transfer the virus.

“Even breathing the air where someone has coughed can transfer the virus,” Stern said.

Stern said getting the proper amount of sleep, eating healthily and exercising regularly help build a healthy body and a healthy immune system, which can help students avoid the flu.

Dr. Hugh Riley, a senior lecturer in psychology and neuroscience, said acute illnesses, such as the flu, are influential, not just because of the illness’s effect on the student, but also because of other factors in the student’s life.

He said if students are sick during the test, then their ability to concentrate can be hindered.

“If there’s a significant contagion then there would be excessive absenteeism,” Riley said.

Nancy Keating, the nursing director at the clinic, said Baylor orders a specific number of flu vaccines that expire each year.

To estimate how many vaccines to order the next year, the clinic totals how many doses of the vaccine were administered the year before and then makes an estimate, Keating said.

While Baylor buys the vaccines from different pharmaceutical companies, it does not make money from selling the vaccines to students because they sell them at cost, which is \$20 Keating said.

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Jasmine Guy: TV actress, author to speak at banquet

BY SANMAI GBANDI
REPORTER

In celebration of Black History Month, the multicultural affairs dept. is hosting the Black Heritage Banquet.

Jasmine Guy will speak at the banquet, which is organized by the Association of Black Students in conjunction with the multicultural affairs dept.

The banquet will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday on the fifth floor of Cashion Academic Center. Tickets can be purchased at the Bill Daniel Student Center until 5 p.m. today. It is \$10 for students and \$20 general admission. Baylor groups can also reserve a table for the event for \$90.

Guy played the southern belle Whitney in The Cosby Show spi-

noff “A Different World.”

Since then, she has starred in many other series’ and has written a critically acclaimed book “Evolution of a Revolutionary,” a story about Tupac Shakur’s mother.

Kelly Kimple, assistant director of multicultural affairs, helped organize the banquet.

“I think it’s important to have events like this on every campus,” Kimple said. “Black history is not always discussed in an educational setting.”

There will be a dinner, a live jazz band and a short program organized by Baylor students. The banquet will be centered on the Bible verse Romans 8:28, which says “And we know that in all things God works for the good those who love him, who have been called according to this pur-

pose.”

Kimple said she wants students and those from the community who attend to be inspired by reflecting on past events that paved the way for African-Americans.



Jasmine Guy

be celebrating the 50th anniversary of the March on Washington and the 150th anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation, so it should be a nice and classy affair,” Kimple said.

Five-day language classes hurt, not help

Editorial

We understand the idea behind five-day language classes: more time in class offers more time to learn and should help students. However, that is not the reality. Ranging from Arabic to Spanish, some low-level language classes, which are required in some cases, are offered from Monday through Friday.

These classes are prerequisites to fulfill students' language requirements if they cannot test out, and are therefore inescapable. Language requirements themselves are helpful; they broaden students' minds and allow students insight into other cultures. In our increasingly global society, the ability to speak multiple languages can only be a good thing.

However, the way in which language requirements are handled at Baylor is not conducive to learning these skills.

The class-every-other-day schedule allows students time in

which to prepare assignments and memorize facts, both of which are necessary to acquiring the ability to speak another language.

Having class every day does not offer students that same time in which to study and improve and virtually guarantees that if they fall behind, they will not be able to catch up.

There is simply not enough time between each class for students, even good students, to prepare.

Language classes, especially low-level ones, require hours of practice and study time so that students can master the skills they need to learn the language. However, having a class every day sets a faster pace, which is not always conducive to good learning.

Because time is so tight — don't forget, in addition to the time students must spend practicing language, they must also complete requirements for their other classes and work if they hold jobs — students don't have the time they need to learn things right the first time, but must rush through homework and practice to try and

be prepared for the next day.

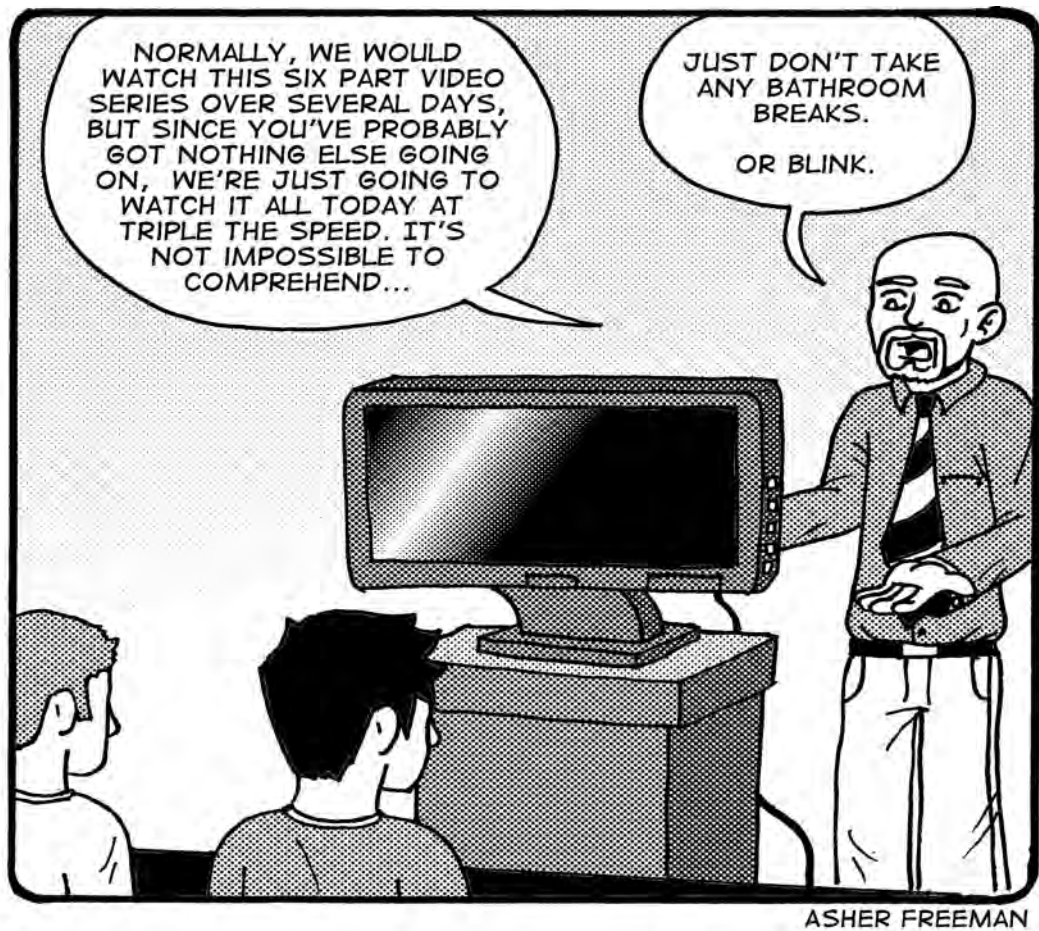
This quick, unrelenting pace is more stressful than it is helpful to students struggling to stay on top.

It seems that spending more time with the language would help the student learn the language better. Instead of just trying to get through, students could focus on skills and review, instead of quick mastery.

Far from helping students, these classes can hurt them. Even with an excellent professor, students may struggle to keep up due to the workload and pace.

Why waste an invaluable opportunity — the ability to learn another language — by rushing students through? If Baylor really wants students to learn, instead of just wanting to prove their ability to memorize quickly, they should give students a day in between each class.

Baylor should re-evaluate the way it approaches language prerequisite classes in order to assure that students really are building the foundation necessary to learn a new language and not just rushing through their classes to keep up.



Rich, white and Baptist doesn't describe all

Last week, my rhetoric professor asked our class to define the typical Baylor student. Most students responded with answers that included words like "rich," "white" and "Baptist."

While I believe most could agree to these definitions of the typical Baylor student, I kept thinking that I, a regular freshman girl, didn't even fit that stereotype made out of three simple words.

The class started to disagree on these terms while I stayed surprisingly content in not answering the question.

Instead, I pondered why these words were used to define us. I mean, my classmates didn't even fit the description, and this was a group of about 15 Baylor Interdisciplinary Core freshmen.

Around me, there were rich students I knew because most of us are friends, students whose parents had great jobs and could easily supply the full tuition of their child for the next four years.

But then I also knew the other students who held jobs throughout

their high school years, whose parent or parents had multiple jobs, and who received more than just a few scholarships.

There were many racial differences between us as well.



Hispanic, African-American, Caucasian and Asian friends were all around me in that tiny classroom.

And Baptist? In that class, I

have friends who are Lutheran, Catholic, Non-denominational, Presbyterian ... The list goes on and on.

I myself do not fit in the rich category by any means, as my single mother works multiple jobs in support of my higher education. I am white in the sense that I am from European descent, but my Irish heritage can be seen in my fiery temper and bold attitude.

Lastly, I am not Baptist, but a Lutheran from a Methodist church home who is attending a Baptist church currently.

I can understand the Baylor stereotype due to traditional Baylor students fitting these descriptions. If you fit the description, then good, because that means you have been part of making the name for Baylor. However, I believe Baylor students should be defined as something more than what others see on the outside.

I am not advocating for the stereotype to be demolished. But I would like to call for students to rethink the stereotype. If all Bay-

lor students are known for is being rich, white and Baptist, then should that not strike a desire in students to redefine what people see us for on the outside?

I do not want others to look at me as rich. Instead, I want them

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me and see a white girl. I want to reflect the racial differences found in all students. We are a variety of hues found in Baylor's green and gold.

I do not want others to look at me and assume I'm Christian, specifically Baptist. I want to reflect a respect for all religions, an acceptance of differences, a love for Christ and a purpose to spread his message.

These qualities are found in most students, but are not pursued.

It's time the Baylor student definition be redefined. The only way this can happen is if we all associate qualities of Baylor pride with our actions.

Here, we can be defined by the 'content of our character,' just like in Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech, instead of the skin we boldly wear today.

So, Baylor students, what will you be defined by?

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Corrections

In the story "Angels invest to boost student entrepreneurs," which ran on Feb. 6, a fact error occurred in which it was stated that Boomerang's Hand-Held Pies was sold to Nestle.

Instead, it was Hot Pockets which was sold to Nestle.

The Lariat regrets the error.

The Baylor Lariat is committed to ensuring fair and accurate reporting and will correct errors of substance on Page 2.

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Editorial misses point of being CL: ministry

As a current Community Leader on campus, the editorial "It's time to rethink CL requirements," which ran in the Lariat on Jan. 31, immediately caught my eye.

While I do agree that a non-Christian CL could potentially be able to perform on-call duties and administrative functions as well as a Christian CL would, it seems as if the author of the editorial completely missed the true mission behind why one becomes a CL.

CLs are ultimately meant to help build community through mission-centered conversations and to nurture the lives of students. While on-call duties and policy enforcement are aspects of a CL's life, they are not the most important parts. CLs are on the front lines of Baylor Campus Living & Learning's mission, which includes creating living and learning environ-

ments that foster the pursuit of a relationship with God.

As representatives of Baylor, CLs have the opportunity to connect residential life with Baylor University's mission "to educate men and women for worldwide leadership and service by integrating academic excellence and Christian commitment within a caring community."

We must not forget that Baylor continues to seek an integration of both academic achievement and Christian commitment.

And while the resident chaplain does play a role in students' spiritual lives, resident chaplains are not the only individuals responsible.

This view places individuals in pastoral leadership as the sole guardians of the Christian faith and church. Instead, God has called all Christians to be a carrier

of the Gospel. The concept of the

Jaja Chen | Guest columnist

"priesthood of the believer" calls every follower of Jesus to set a god-

ly example for those around them. As God transforms individuals' lives, He calls them to live from his kingdom perspective, thus separating the line between the sacred and secular.

CLs, therefore, play a vital role in connecting students with churches, Christian organizations and God himself.

In fact, CLs often have opportunities to share their Christian faith with students that do not come from a Christian tradition or background.

The editorial stated that "religion is not a factor that affects any aspect of the job." While religion may not affect some individuals' jobs, a personal relationship with God does.

Rather than being just a job, CLs often view their positions as on-campus ministry. Students that

desire to become CLs merely for the economic benefits are in for burnout, because being a CL requires more than a desire for monetary gains.

Instead, CLs are often on the front lines of care to the spiritual, physical and emotional needs of students on campus.

And so, it is for that very reason that Baylor continues to seek CLs with a "demonstrated Christian faith."

In a culture that increasingly tends to deny the existence of spiritual needs, I commend Baylor for continuing to live out its mission and its goals in developing not only the minds of students, but also the faith of students.

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Hot Seat series offers students opportunity to grill lawmakers

By TAYLOR REXRODE
STAFF WRITER

Wacoans will have a chance to speak with Texas legislators about hot-button topics before the end of the 83rd legislative session in May.

The Texas Tribune's Hot Seat series will take place from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Feb. 22 in the Stone Room at the Ferrell Center. The series will focus on topics from the legislative session—including public education and health-care—and it will feature Texas Rep. Charles "Doc" Anderson, Texas Rep. Kyle Kacal and Texas Sen. Brian Birdwell.

Participants must RSVP by 9 a.m., Feb. 22 at texastribune.org/events. A light lunch will be provided at the start of the event.

Hot Seat discussions are held on university campuses across Texas. Evan Smith, Editor in Chief and CEO of the Texas Tribune, said it was time to bring the conversation back to Baylor.

"We are honored to be there," Smith said. "We're picking Baylor because the community of Waco can come together and discuss the things that matter. It makes sense to be back at Baylor and we're thrilled to be there."

The event will open with 40 minutes of detailed discussion and will be followed by 20 minutes of audience questions. Judge

Ken Starr will introduce the event. Smith will moderate the conversation.

Since the legislative session began Jan. 8 and will end May 27, the Hot Seat allows students the opportunity to speak out as Texas residents. Smith says the event is meant to leave "no subject off the table" so that citizens will be informed and will be able to voice their opinions.

"We all have a right to know what they're up to and what they support and oppose," Smith said. "They don't have to answer tough questions unless an opportunity like this comes up. It's important for the people of our state and the people of Waco to be better educated."

Dr. W. David Clinton, chair of the political science department, said students and community members should take advantage of the opportunity and recognize the importance of local and state politics.

"I think a lot of Americans believe that all of politics happen in Washington D.C.," Clinton said. "Any student who lives in Texas will be affected by the legislature's decisions. This event is helpful in showing that very important things happen on the state and local level, things that have as much influence on their day-to-day lives."

Ex-LAPD officer suspected in killing of coach, her fiance

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IRVINE, Calif. — Police said Wednesday night they are looking for a former Los Angeles police officer suspected in the shootings of a Cal State Fullerton basketball coach and her fiancé, and they say the man is armed and dangerous.

Former LAPD officer and U.S. Navy reservist Christopher Jordan Dornier is a suspect in the killings of Monica Quan, 28, and Keith Lawrence, 27, who were found shot to death in their car at a parking structure Sunday night, Irvine police Chief David L. Maggard said at a news conference.

Maggard says Dornier, who was an LAPD officer until his dismissal in 2009, implicated himself in the killings with a multi-page manifesto he wrote that was obtained by police. Maggard gave no further details on the manifesto or its contents.

Police do not know Dornier's whereabouts, but his last address was in La Palma, Calif.

Maggard said authorities were

seeking the public's help in finding the suspect, and encouraged anyone who sees him to immediately call 911. "We have strong cause to believe Dornier is armed and dangerous," Maggard said.

The chief said the LAPD and FBI are assisting in the search.

Quan, an assistant women's basketball coach at Cal State Fullerton, is the daughter of a former LAPD captain, Randal Quan, who retired in 2002 and later worked as chief of police at Cal Poly, Pomona.

Lawrence, her fiancé, was a public safety officer at the University of Southern California.

Autopsies showed both were killed by multiple gunshot wounds in the parking structure at their condominium in Irvine, Orange County sheriff's spokesman Jim Amormino said earlier Wednesday.

The killings brought mourning and disbelief at three college campuses, Fullerton, USC, and Concordia University, where the two met when they were student athletes.

More legal woes for Armstrong

By JIM VERTUNO
ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUSTIN, Texas — Lance Armstrong on Wednesday was given more time to think about whether he wants to cooperate with the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency. Separately, he learned that he's about to be sued.

USADA, the agency that investigated the cyclist's performance-enhancing drug use and banned him for life from sports, has given him an extra two weeks to decide if he'll speak with investigators under oath. The agency has said cooperating in its cleanup effort is the only path to Armstrong getting his ban reduced. The agency extended its original Wednesday deadline to Feb. 20.

Earlier in the day, SCA Promotions in Dallas said it will sue Armstrong on Thursday to recover more than \$12 million it paid him in bonuses for winning the Tour de France seven times.

SCA Promotions tried to withhold the bonuses in 2005 amid

doping allegations against the cyclist. The company wants its money back, plus fees and interest, now that Armstrong has admitted he used performance-enhancing drugs and has been stripped of those victories.

Armstrong testified under oath in 2005 that he didn't use steroids, other drugs or blood doping methods to win. A spokesman for SCA said the lawsuit will be filed in Dallas.

"Mr. Armstrong's legal team and representatives claimed repeatedly that SCA would only be entitled to repayment if Mr. Armstrong was stripped of his titles, and since that has now come to pass, we intend to hold them to those statements," the company said.

Armstrong attorney Tim Herman did not immediately respond to messages seeking comment.

Also on Wednesday, the federal Food and Drug Administration said it is not investigating Armstrong. FDA spokeswoman Sarah Clark-Lynn made the statement

following stories by ABC News and USA Today Sports.

Quoting an unidentified person that it called a "high-level source," ABC said that federal agents are actively investigating Armstrong for obstruction, witness tampering and intimidation. On Wednesday, USA Today Sports reported that the FDA "is investigating the Lance Armstrong case."

The news reports came after a statement by U.S. Attorney Andre Birotte, whose office conducted a criminal investigation of Armstrong, closing the probe a year ago without bringing any charges. Armstrong subsequently admitted to the drug use he long denied after USADA went ahead with its own investigation.

Birotte said that "we've been well-aware of the statements that have been made by Mr. Armstrong and other media reports. That has not changed my view at this time. Obviously, we'll consider, we'll continue to look at the situation, but that hasn't changed our view as I stand here today."



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Hang Ten, Puppy Dude

Duma, a 7 year-old Jack Russell terrier, rides a wakeboard pulled by a remote-controlled boat operated by her owner Cliff Bode, of Chicago, while practicing on Wednesday for the Vancouver International Boat Show, in Vancouver, British Columbia. Duma is performing three times a day at the show which runs from today through Monday.

Boy Scouts: ‘Need more time’ for decision on policy excluding gays from joining

By DAVID CRARY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

IRVING, Texas — Caught in an ideological crossfire, the Boy Scouts of America is putting off until May a decision on whether to ease its policy of excluding gays. Whatever the organization eventually does, it's likely to anger major constituencies and worsen schisms within Scouting.

The delay, which the Scouts attributed to "the complexity of this issue," was announced Wednesday after closed-door deliberations by the BSA's national executive board. Under consideration was a proposal to ease the long-standing ban on gays by allowing sponsors of local troops to decide for themselves on the membership of gay Scouts and adult leaders.

As the board met over three days at a hotel near Dallas, it became clear that the proposal would be unacceptable to large numbers of impassioned Scouting families and advocacy groups on both the left and right.

The iconic youth organization is now deeply entangled in the broader cultural and political conflicts over such issues as same-sex marriage and religious freedom. Tilting toward either side will probably alienate the other, and a midway balancing act will be difficult.

Gay-rights supporters contend that no Scout units anywhere should exclude gays, and vowed to maintain pressure on the

BSA's corporate donors to achieve that goal. Some conservatives, including religious leaders whose churches sponsor troops, warned of mass defections if the ban were even partially eased. They urged supporters to flood headquarters with phone calls.

"In the past two weeks,

olution to be voted on by the 1,400 voting members of the BSA national council at a meeting during the week of May 20 in Grapevine, Texas.

The organization had announced last week that it was considering allowing Scout troops to decide whether to allow gay mem-

cans, gay and straight, are hurt by the inaction associated with today's news."

"A Scout is supposed to be brave, and the Boy Scouts failed to be brave today," said Jennifer Tyrrell, an Ohio mother ousted as a den leader of her son's Cub Scout pack because she's a lesbian.

"about the grave consequences that would result if they were to compromise their moral standards in the face of threats from corporate elites and homosexual activists."

About 70 percent of all Scout units are sponsored by religious denominations, including many by conservative faiths that have supported the ban, including the Roman Catholic Church, the Southern Baptist Convention and the Mormon church.

Members of the Scouts' executive board remained silent about their deliberations during and after their meeting. Police and security guards blocked journalists from entering the meeting area, and board members approached as they walked to their cars outside the hotel declined to comment. However, it's likely the board will face continued pressure.

By delaying the vote, the Scouts "have guaranteed continuing controversy and increased pressures on corporate sponsors to withdraw funding," said professor Kenneth Sherrill, a gay rights advocate who teaches political science at Hunter College in New York.

"Now that the armed forces ban on openly gay service members has been lifted, and polls show increasing acceptance of same-sex marriage, most American voters think it's time to open up the Boy Scouts, too," said Peter Brown, assistant director of Quinnipiac's Polling Institute.



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Boy Scouts and a cub scout hold signs at the "Save Our Scouts" Prayer Vigil and Rally in front of the Boy Scouts of America National Headquarters on Wednesday in Irving.

Scouting has received an outpouring of feedback from the American public," said the BSA's national spokesman, Deron Smith. "It reinforces how deeply people care about Scouting and how passionate they are about the organization."

The BSA "needs time for a more deliberate review of its membership policy," Smith added. He said the board would prepare a res-

bership, ensuring that the executive board meeting would be in the national spotlight.

Learning that a decision would be deferred, gay-rights leaders assailed the BSA.

"Every day that the Boy Scouts of America delay action is another day that discrimination prevails," said Chad Griffin, president of the Human Rights Campaign. "Young Ameri-

Tyrrell was among several current and former Scouts and supporters who rallied outside BSA national headquarters Monday and delivered petitions opposing the policy.

Conservative leaders made clear they would keep pressure on the BSA ahead of the May meeting.

Tony Perkins of the Family Research Council said his group would continue warning the BSA

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Tattoo and art festival to showcase more than 100 artists

By REBECCA FIEDLER
REPORTER

This weekend art will be created, and the canvas of choice for many Wacoans will be their own bodies.

The Immersed In Ink Tattoo & Arts Festival will take place Friday through Sunday at the Waco Convention Center.

The festival will host tattoo artists from across the United States and provide live entertainment.

Patrons of the festival will have the chance to meet and be tattooed by a selection of more than 100 artists, as well as the chance to participate in tattoo contests to show off their ink.

Contest categories range from tattoos of movie images to Oriental style tattoos to black and grey photo realism tattoos, and more.

“Typically you’re into tattoos when you’re going to come to the show, whether you have them or if you’ve been thinking about getting them forever,” said Shane Gutierrez, co-owner of G-Force Productions, which hosts Immersed In Ink.

Cassie Bordner, a Wacoan and tattoo bearer, said she plans on attending the festival.

Bordner attended the festival the last time it was in Waco, before she even had any tattoos, and said she has always been interested in tattoos.

“Everybody who has a tattoo, it’s something that relates to them,” Bordner said. “They don’t just pick a random thing.”

Bordner said she loves traditional tattoos from past eras of tattoo design, such as anchors, pin-up girls and swallows, in styles like that of late tattoo artist Norman “Sailor Jerry” Collins. Bordner, herself, bears a large traditional-style tattoo that she is considering entering in a contest at the festival.

“This is my third tattoo,” Bordner said. “I have five tattoos right now. It’s basically the traditional sleeve of Mother Nature, done by Steve Byrne from Rock of Ages in Austin, Texas. I got it because I’m a vegetarian, and I’m close to nature, although I feel like I’m very in-tuned with nature. I love being around nature and respect Mother Earth.”

Tattoos will be judged by how well the tattoo was applied, Gutierrez said, as well as the flow of the placement on the body, how the tattoo healed, and many other criteria.

Gutierrez said the most important criteria is the quality of the tattoo.

Tattoos entered in a contest can be tattoos already inked or those created at the festival by one of the artists. Patrons of the festival will have the chance to view the portfolios of different artists’ works and select an artist to create a tattoo for them.

“We don’t pay TV celebrity artists to come work our show,” Gutierrez said. “We do have quite a slew of great artists that are well known throughout the United States.”

Gutierrez said the artists strive to win awards at these shows. He said there’s fame to be gained within the festival.

“Typically if you’re going to get a tattoo you have to drive all over your city going to 15 shops, trying to figure out who the best one is, and you only have local shops to choose from – you only have the

local artists to choose from,” Gutierrez said.

Gutierrez said festival patrons will have a much bigger variety than they would get locally.

“If you come to the tattoo convention, you have over 100 artists from all over the country, top-of-the-line, best of the business, and you can look at their portfolios right there in front of you, so you literally just walk a couple hundred yards at a time and you’ll have looked at over 100 portfolios and talked to 100 artists, and now it’s really easy for you to just decide who you want to do that permanent work of art that’s going to be on your body forever,” Gutierrez said.

Artists at the festival will include local Waco artists Gutierrez said.

“It’s also a great way for local artists to compare their tattooing to the national scene to see where they stand,” Gutierrez said, “So a lot of the local artists will get all their clients to come in and enter into the tattoo contest.”

Many of the festival’s artists are booked up on Saturday and Sun-



DALE BORDNER | COURTESY PHOTO

Local Wacoan Cassie Bordner shows off her tattoo by artist Steve Byrne. It depicts mother nature.

day, Gutierrez said, so it’s best to come early on Friday and figure out which artist you want, set up an appointment, and come back the appointed day.

Tickets for the entire weekend cost \$35 and single day tickets cost \$20. The price includes the cost of entertainment.

Childhood game to get a new twist: Monopoly replaces iron with cat

By RODRIQUE NGOWI
ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Scottie dog has a new nemesis in Monopoly after fans voted in an online contest to add a cat token to the property trading game, replacing the iron, toy maker Hasbro Inc. announced Wednesday.

The results were announced after the shoe, wheelbarrow and iron were neck and neck for elimination in the final hours of voting that sparked passionate efforts by fans to save their favorite tokens, and by businesses eager to capitalize on publicity surrounding pieces that represent their products.

The vote on Facebook closed just before midnight Tuesday, marking the first time that fans have had a say on which of the eight tokens to add and which one to toss. The pieces identify the players and have changed quite a lot since Parker Brothers bought the game from its original designer in 1935.

Rhode Island-based Hasbro announced the new piece Wednesday morning. Other pieces that

contested for a spot on Monopoly included a robot, diamond ring, helicopter and guitar.

“I think there were a lot of cat lovers in the world that reached out and voted,” said Jonathan Berkowitz, vice president for Hasbro gaming marketing.

The Scottie Dog was the most popular of the classic tokens, and received 29 percent of the vote, the company said. The iron got the fewest votes and was kicked to the curb.

The cat received 31 percent of votes for new tokens.

The results were not entirely surprising to animal lovers. The Humane Society of the United States says on its website that there were more than 86 million cats living in U.S. homes, with 33 percent of households owning at least one feline in August 2011. Worldwide, there were an estimated 272 million cats in 194 countries in June 2008, according to London-based World Society for the Protection of Animals.

The online contest to change the tokens was sparked by chat-



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The newest Monopoly token, a cat, rests on a Boardwalk deed next to other tokens still in use, including the wheelbarrow and the shoe.

ter on Facebook, where Monopoly has more than 10 million fans. The initiative was intended to ensure that a game created nearly eight decades ago remains relevant and engaging to fans today.

“Tokens are always a key part of the Monopoly game ... and our

fans are very passionate about their tokens,” Berkowitz said.

Monopoly’s iconic tokens originated when the niece of game creator Charles Darrow suggested using charms from her charm bracelet for tokens. The game is based on the streets of Atlantic

City, N.J., and has sold more than 275 million units worldwide.

The other tokens currently in use are a racecar, a shoe, thimble, top hat, wheelbarrow and battleship. Most of the pieces were introduced with the first Parker Brothers iteration of the game in 1935,

and the Scottie dog and wheelbarrow were added in the early 1950s.

The original version also included a lantern, purse, cannon and a rocking horse. A horse and rider token was used in the 1950s. During World War II, metal tokens were replaced by wooden ones, because metal was needed for the war effort.

“I’m sad to see the iron go,” Berkowitz said. “Personally, I’m a big fan of the racecar so I’m very relieved it was saved, but it is sad to see the iron go.”

The social-media buzz created by the Save Your Token Campaign attracted numerous companies that pushed to protect specific tokens that reflect their products.

That includes garden tool maker Ames True Temper Inc. of Camp Hill, Penn., that spoke out in favor of the wheelbarrow and created a series of online videos that support the tool, and online shoe retailer Zappos, which pushed to save the shoe, Berkowitz said.

Versions of Monopoly with the new token will come out later this year.

Annual extravaganza event to feature romantic duets, stories

By ASHLEY DAVIS
COPY EDITOR

Love will certainly be in the air for Armstrong Browning Library’s Fifth Annual Valentine’s Day Extravaganza.

From 2 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, the library will host its yearly Val-

entine’s Day Extravaganza in the McLean Foyer of Meditation of Armstrong Browning Library. The event will feature romantic duets performed by professional artists Dave Tanner and Linda Wilcox along with a dessert reception, coffee bar and door prizes.

Jessica Mejia, a Baylor alumna

and the public relations and facilities supervisor for Armstrong Browning Library said the event is a great way to spend Valentine’s Day with a loved one.

“It continues to be a great event for our patrons. It ties so well with Elizabeth Barrett and Robert Browning’s love story,” Mejia said.

Elizabeth Barrett and Robert Browning are the two Victorian Era English poets for which Armstrong Browning Library was named.

The library stands as a monument to their numerous works.

Though the event has only been happening for five years, Mejia said


the extravaganza always has a good turnout.

“We have a lot of the same patrons every year, a lot of people that support the library. We would like for the community to get more involved,” she said.


The winners of the love story contest are Courtney Carameros

and Mitchell Frank, Bobby and Jeannie Hill and Jamie and Thomas Horton. They will be recognized during the event and present their stories to the crowd.

Tickets can be purchased online or by phone at 254-710-4968. Tickets are \$50 per couple and \$30 for individuals.



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5 Request before a snap

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13 Something to assume

15 Foofaraws

16 You can dig it

17 European auto club device?

19 Floor application

20 Pronouncement of Pontius Pilate

21 Device commonly used in “The Twilight Zone”

23 “Citizen Kane” studio

24 One-time ring king

25 Raise objections

27 Balkan primate?

31 Vegetation

34 Butts

35 Julio’s “that”

36 Yokel

37 Mythological do-gooder

39 Word-of-mouth

40 “Star Trek” rank: Abbr.

41 Greenhouse square

42 Matter to debate

43 Mideast orchestral group?

47 Who’s who

48 One of the Bobbsey twins

49 __ double take

52 “Come here __?”

54 Losers

56 Expected result

57 South Pacific 18-wheelers?

60 Counterterrorist weapon

61 “__ Heartbeat”: Amy Grant hit

62 One handling a roast

63 Jiff

64 Indian tunes

65 Makes, as a visit

Down

1 “Real Time” host

2 Coop sound

3 Dos y tres

4 Batting practice safety feature

5 Buffalo

6 Magic charm

7 Craters of the Moon st.

8 __ cit.: footnote abbr.

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10 Water cooler gatherers

11 Muffin mix stir-in

12 Hot

14 1943 war film set in a desert

18 Play thing?

22 Bolt

25 Letter opener?

26 Acting award

27 Coll. senior’s test

28 Old-time news source

29 Biblical twin

30 School with the motto “Lux et veritas”

31 It’s measured in Hz

32 Roman moon goddess

33 Relating to childbirth

37 Like some clocks

38 First few chips, usually

39 Org. in old spy stories

41 HP product

42 Overlook

44 Tankard filler

45 Puts down, as parquetry

46 Harper’s Weekly cartoonist

49 Bangladesh capital, old-style

50 Pitched perfectly

51 Toting team

52 Musical number

53 Throw for a loop

54 Uttar Pradesh tourist city

55 __ roast

58 Eggs, in old Rome

59 Not pos.

Lady Bears win big over Kansas, now 11-0 in Big 12

By PARMIDA SCHAHHOSSEINI
SPORTS WRITER

The No. 1 Baylor Lady Bears (21-1, 11-0 Big 12) put on a show as they routed the Kansas Jayhawks 86-45 on Wednesday night.

Senior center Brittney Griner finished with another double-double, recording 26 points, 13 rebounds, three blocks and two steals. Junior guard Odyssey Sims had 13 points and nine assists.

“Yes, I tried to get Odyssey a double-double, but after two minutes, that’s enough. They told me she had nine assists.” head coach Kim Mulkey said. “We tried.”

Baylor started off strong from the opening tipoff.

Griner quickly got the ball to Sims, who passed it to senior guard Jordan Madden for the game’s first score. Kansas’ Angel Goodrich responded with a 2-point jumper.

Griner responded with a layup and Kansas’s Chelsea Gardner answered with a bucket from beyond the arc.

For the next five and a half minutes, Baylor left Kansas scoreless and went on a 14-0 run.

A two-point jumper by Gardner ended the run, but senior forward Brooklyn Pope quickly responded and Baylor’s offense was still in rhythm. Kansas slowly tried to start a run of its own, but it was only a 5-0 run before Griner made a layup and got fouled.

Senior guard Kimetria Hayden drove into the paint for a 2-point

jumper shortly after as Baylor went on an 8-0 run.

Kansas responded with a 3-point shot, but Baylor wouldn’t allow them to go on another run. Griner closed with half with a 2-point jumper to give the Lady Bears 45-24 lead.

Kansas started the second half with a turnover as they were called for a travel.

This was mainly due to the defensive pressure put on by Baylor. Baylor started the second half with power and pressure.

Pope was the first to score with a jumper.

Madden later scored as she ran up the middle for a layup after getting the ball from Sims.

Pope played with physical toughness, making her way into the paint as she scored and got fouled. Madden swooped in and made an acrobatic move to get in her second shot of the second half.

It was a team effort as the Lady Bears found their rhythm and kept their turnovers to a minimum.

Kansas struggled to respond as it backed away from the paint despite its size.

“They’d drive in and kick it, but when they saw me come in they backed out,” Griner said.

Baylor went on a 31-11 run to extend the lead even more. Baylor’s defense was stout in the second half as they only allowed Kansas to score nine points in the first 12 minutes of the second half. Baylor put even extra pressure as they were making their fast breaks and quick transitions.

The Lady Bears also forced a few shot clock violations with their defensive pressure.

Baylor’s guards had a big night



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Senior center Brittney Griner shoots a jump shot from the baseline on Wednesday against the Kansas Jayhawks. Griner finished with 26 points, 13 rebounds and three blocks. The Lady Bears won the game 86-45.

as they left Goodrich to 1-9 shooting for two points and six turnovers.

They also only allowed six points from Jayhawk Carolyn Davis.

“Odyssey is one of the best perimeter ball defender in the country,” Kansas head coach Bonnie Henrickson said.

The Lady Bears will next travel south to take on the Texas Longhorns at 7 p.m. Saturday in Austin. This will be the first meeting between these two teams this year.

The Longhorns are 2-8 in Big 12 conference play and 9-12 overall. Texas currently sits in ninth place in conference play.

The Longhorns have lost 10 of its last 12 games.

Big three highlight football recruiting class

The Baylor football team had 21 high school athletes and two junior college transfers sign letters of intent to play football in green and gold uniforms.

By GREG DEVRIES
SPORTS WRITER

Baylor’s recruiting class has drawn some national attention. ESPN ranked Baylor’s recruiting class at No. 28 in the country, just behind Oklahoma State and Oregon. There are only three Big 12 schools ahead of Baylor on the list: No. 15 Texas, No. 16 Oklahoma, and No. 27 Oklahoma State.

Robbie Rhodes Wide Receiver

The Bears’ most highly touted recruit this year is wide receiver Robbie Rhodes. As a senior at Southwest High School in Fort Worth, Rhodes racked up 20 touchdowns, including 15 through the air. During his three years on varsity, Rhodes tallied 2,500 receiving yards and 751 rushing yards.

In high school, he was sometimes used on end-around plays because of his incredible speed. Rhodes even won the 4A state title in the 200m with a time of 21.06. He was also on the 4A state champion 4x100 team. This speed also earned him the kickoff return job for Southwest High School.

SPORTS TAKE

“He’s the No. 1-rated receiver in America,” head coach Art Briles said. “A guy that’s been loyal and faithful to us all the way through, whose going to have an outstanding future at Baylor University to help us continue our long line of success at the wide receiver position.”

Speed is only one aspect of Rhodes’ game that makes him a special receiver. He also has good, strong hands. He is able to go up into a crowd of defenders and come down with the football. Rhodes is also a smart receiver. He is able to adjust his route and come back to the football when needed. Rhodes will likely join a growing list of elite-level wide receivers that played for the Baylor Bears.

Chris Johnson Quarterback

Baylor recruited Chris Johnson as a quarterback, but he also played defensive end while in high school. Defensive ends are athletes that have to have good footwork and hands. While high school quarterbacks can rely on raw athleticism,

Johnson’s experience at defensive end will give him a solid framework of basic skills to continue to build upon during his tenure on the Baylor football team.

In Johnson’s junior year, he accounted for 900 yards of total offense and 13 touchdowns in just five games. He threw for seven touchdowns and four interceptions, and his completion percentage was just below 55 percent.

On designed quarterback runs and scrambles, Johnson averaged five yards per carry.

He finished his junior year with 431 rushing yards and 473 passing yards.

This dual-threat quarterback is elusive, but doesn’t have breakaway speed. His release is compact. He doesn’t have the long windup that some young quarterbacks have. This allows him to get the ball to receivers quickly. What he lacks in accuracy, he makes up for in raw arm strength.

Andrew Billings Defensive Line

Defense was not Baylor’s strong suit last season. While the defense did improve as the season progressed, the Bears finished the season ranked No. 96 in the nation in sacks with 19 on the season. When you consider that six of these sacks came in the Holiday Bowl against UCLA, it really sheds light on the fact that Baylor needs to get pressure on opposing quarterbacks. That’s where Andrew Billings comes in.

Billings is a local kid from Waco High School. Though he played some offensive line, Baylor wants and needs him to fill its defensive tackle position.

“You talk Robert Griffin III, you talk Ahmad Dixon, you talk Andrew Billings,” Briles said. “These are big-name, big-time, stud players from Central Texas, who are staying in Central Texas, and making Baylor University a university that other high school students wish to be at.”

The first thing that stands out is Billings’ size and strength. This 300-pound lineman can squat 700 pounds and bench 470 pounds. If you throw Billings into the mix with sophomore defensive end and Penn State transfer Shawn Oakwood and junior defensive end and Holiday Bowl defensive Most Valuable Player Chris McAlister, the Baylor looks to be much improved next year on the defensive line.

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Travon Blanchard	LB	6-1	185	Orange, Texas (West Orange-Stark HS)
Byron Bonds	DL	6-1	280	Allen, Texas (Allen HS)
Terrell Brooks	DL	6-4	305	Duncanville, Texas (Navarro College)
Raaquan Davis	LB	6-1	205	Rockwall, Texas (Heath HS)
Kyle Fulks	DB	5-8	160	Katy, Texas (Katy HS)
Kiante’ Griffin	WR	6-0	200	Carrollton, Texas (Hebron HS)
Wesley Harris	DB	6-0	175	Fort Worth, Texas (Southwest HS)
Johnny Jefferson	RB	5-9	195	Killeen, Texas (Shoemaker HS)
Chris Johnson	QB	6-4	195	Bryan, Texas (Bryan HS)
Quan Jones	WR	6-3	200	Wylie, Texas (East HS)
Austin Jupe	DB	6-0	180	San Antonio, Texas (East Central HS)
Darius Moore	OL	6-2	275	Missouri City, Texas (Marshall HS)
Brian Nance	LB	6-2	210	Euless, Texas (Hargrave Military Academy)
Gus Penning	TE	6-5	245	Jenison, Mich. (Riverside CC)
Xavier Phillips	LB/DE	6-1	220	Fort Worth, Texas (All Saints Episcopal)
Maurice Porter	OL	6-4	280	Missouri City, Texas (Marshall HS)
Alfred Pollum	DB	6-0	185	Cypress, Texas (Cypress Woods HS)
Robbie Rhodes	WR	6-0	185	Fort Worth, Texas (Southwest HS)
Taion Sells	DB	5-9	180	Irving, Texas (Macarthur HS)
Kevin “K.J.” Smith	DL	6-1	240	Frisco, Texas (Centennial HS)
Tanner Thrift	DL	6-4	240	Hutto, Texas (Hutto HS)
Taylor Young	LB	5-9	215	DeSoto, Texas (DeSoto HS)

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Goodbye Saturday mail? U.S. Postal Service plans cuts

By PAULINE JELINEK
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Saturday mail may soon go the way of the Pony Express and penny postcards. The Postal Service said Wednesday that it plans to cut back to five-day-a-week deliveries for everything except packages to stem its financial losses in a world radically re-ordered by the Internet.

“Our financial condition is urgent,” declared Postmaster General Patrick R. Donahoe. But Congress has voted in the past to bar the idea of eliminating Saturday delivery, and his announcement immediately drew protests from some lawmakers. The plan, which is to take effect in August, also brought vigorous objections from farmers, the letter carriers’ union and others.

The Postal Service, which suffered a \$15.9 billion loss in the past budget year, said it expected to save \$2 billion annually with the Saturday cutback. Mail such as letters and magazines would be affected. Delivery of packages of all sizes would continue six days a week.

The plan accentuates one of the agency’s strong points: Package delivery has increased by 14 percent since 2010, officials say, while the delivery of letters and

other mail has plummeted. Email has decreased the mailing of paper letters, but online purchases have increased package shipping, forcing the Postal Service to adjust to customers’ new habits.

“Things change,” Donahoe said. James Valentine, an antiques shop owner in Toledo, wasn’t too concerned about the news.

“The mail isn’t that important to me anymore. I don’t sit around waiting for it to come. It’s a sign of the times,” he said, adding, “It’s not like anyone writes letters anymore.”

In fact, the Postal Service has had to adapt to changing times ever since Benjamin Franklin was appointed the first postmaster general by the Continental Congress in 1775. The Pony Express began in 1860, six-day delivery started in 1863, and airmail became the mode in 1918. Twice-a-day delivery was cut to one in 1950 to save money.

But change is not the biggest factor in the agency’s predicament — Congress is. The majority of the service’s red ink comes from a 2006 law forcing it to pay about \$5.5 billion a year into future retiree health benefits, something no other agency does. Without that payment — \$11.1 billion in a two-year



ANDREW LINK | ASSOCIATED PRESS

Mail carrier Bruce Nicklay walks Wednesday along East Third Street in Winona, Minn., delivering letters to homes. The U.S. Postal Service will stop delivering mail on Saturdays but continue to deliver packages six days a week under a plan aimed at saving about \$2 billion annually, the financially struggling agency says.

installment last year — and related labor expenses, the mail agency sustained an operating loss of \$2.4 billion for the past fiscal year, lower than the previous year.

Congress also has stymied the service’s efforts to close some post offices in small towns.

Under the new plan, mail would be delivered to homes and businesses only from Monday through Friday but would still be delivered to post office boxes on Saturdays. Post offices now open on Saturdays

Congress has long included a ban on five-day-only delivery in its spending bills, but because the federal government is now operating under a temporary spending measure rather than an appropriations bill, Donahoe says it’s the agency’s interpretation that it can make the change itself.

“This is not like a ‘gotcha’ or anything like that,” he said. The agency essentially wants Congress to keep the ban out of any new spending bill after the temporary measure expires March 27.

Might Congress try to block the idea?

“Let’s see what happens,” he said. “I can’t speak for Congress.”

Two Republican lawmakers said they had sent a letter to leaders of the House and Senate in support of the elimination of Saturday mail. It’s “common-sense reform,” wrote Darrell Issa of California, chairman of the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee, and Tom Coburn of Oklahoma, top Republican on the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee.

But Alaska Democratic Sen. Mark Begich called it “bad news for Alaskans and small business owners” who he said need timely delivery to rural areas.

Sen. Susan Collins, R-Maine, said she was disappointed, questioned the savings estimate and worried the loss of Saturday service might drive customers away.

“The Postal Service is the linchpin of a \$1 trillion mailing and mail-related industry that employs more than 8 million Americans in fields as diverse as direct mail, printing, catalog companies, magazine and newspaper publishing and paper manufacturing,” she said. “A healthy Postal Service is not just important to postal customers but also to our national economy.”

She noted that the Senate last year passed a bill that would have stopped the postal service from eliminating Saturday service for at least two years and required it to try two years of aggressive cost cutting instead.

The House didn’t pass a bill.

Republican House Speaker John Boehner said Wednesday, “I understand where the postal commission is coming from. They’re in charge with running the post office, but yet the Congress, in its wisdom, has tied their hands every which way in order for them to actually run the post office in a revenue neutral way.”

FLU

Since August, 1,600 flu vaccines have been administered so far, Stern said.

The clinic keeps a record of every influenza-like case that comes to the clinic and reports these numbers to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Waco-McLennan Health Department. Samples of the type of flu are sent to these organizations as well, so the strain of the flu can be determined. These results help predict what strain might be prevalent next year so that vaccines can be made accurately.

Although the flu is the most prevalent contagious disease seen on Baylor’s campus, illnesses such as bacterial meningitis, other respiratory infections, stomach viruses and Mononucleosis, or mono, have

been on campus in the past.

Stern said the clinic is well prepared to handle illnesses that may occur on campus and there are different plans depending on the outbreak.

The clinic follows several Baylor policies and protocols. These policies and protocols are followed because the clinic is accredited by the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care, signifying Baylor meets the association’s standard of care.

Stern said in instances where infectious illnesses are spreading or could spread, the clinic works with the Waco-McLennan County Public Health District, which houses the health department.

“We run it by the health department when enough is enough,”

Stern said.

Stern said it is a collaborative effort with the health department to stop illnesses from spreading once they have started.

The Baylor clinic handles the initial planning to control the illness, but then the health department steps in and offers suggestions for the best plan of action Keating said.

Kelly Craine, the public information officer with the health department, said the health department does not tell the clinic what to do in the case of a contagious illness, but instead offers advice and help.

“It’s a joint effort,” Craine said. “We don’t say, ‘Do this, this and this.’ We work together.”

LAW

in education,” Toben wrote in an email to the Lariat.

GraduatePrograms.com collects this survey information through scholarship entries as well as social media platforms. The law school rankings are from Sept. 1, 2012 to Jan. 28. The rankings also cover different topics such as career support, academic competitiveness, financial aid and quality of network, according to the GraduatePrograms.com website.

Students can also submit a review of their graduate school program at www.graduateprograms.com and can qualify to win \$1,000 scholarship, which is awarded once a semester. These reviews will be used in upcoming rankings, according to the website.

WATER

nately think that we need to lessen our carbon footprint, and I think Baylor is doing great things to do its part to help the environment,” Walkup said.

Walkup said she estimates that she drinks a gallon a day using the EZH20 station, eliminating the waste of up to eight plastic bottles.

Every station comes with an LED screen, which counts how many plastic water bottles are voided by the use of the EZH20 station. The counter in the Moody Memorial Library reads 7,864 while the counter in the Student Union Building is 10 shy of 12,000. Those numbers increase with every passing hour.

Getterman hopes the evident benefits of EZH20 stations will mean more in the future for Baylor

without the Office of Sustainability picking up the tab. Though the first two EZH20 stations on campus were paid for by the sustainability department’s budget, a new one has already been purchased by the Hawkins Indoor Tennis Center.

Acton, Calif., freshman Amy Hudson has been using the bottle refill station since the beginning of the school year in August.

Hudson said the rapid refill speed is very convenient. According to ELKAY’s website, the EZH20 bottle filling station is three times faster than a traditional drinking fountain. It fills at a rate of 1.1 to 1.5 gallons per minute.

After using the station, Hudson said, “Did you see how fast that was?”

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