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Fun at the ballpark

The Baylor Alumni Network will sponsor a community tailgate from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday at the Baylor Ballpark. A free hotdog lunch followed by Bluebell ice cream will be offered along with carnival games, inflatables and free admission to the baseball and softball games.



Chamber waits to reveal headliner

Students express frustration with lack of knowledge about performer

By DANNY HUIZINGA
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AND CAROLINE BREWTON
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Banners promoting the event are up around campus, but no announcement has yet been made as to who will headline Baylor's Diadeloso celebration.

With Diadeloso coming up in less than a week and no headliner announced, students are left wondering what their entertainment will be.

"I feel like Chamber's ambiguity concerning the headliner for Diadeloso is taking a huge gamble

on attendance. People might not go if they don't know that they'll like who is playing," said Travis Gidley, a Sugar Land junior.

Diadeloso, an annual holiday for students, will be held next Thursday. During Dia, students are entertained by a variety of shows, activities and sporting events, usually culminating in a performance by a headliner band.

Expectations are high. Chamber has been given an increased amount of funding by student government to find quality entertainment. According to student government Internal Vice Presi-

dent Brian Kim, Chamber was given \$90,000 for entertainment for this year's event. The figure is meant to cover total entertainment costs and not just the headliner. This is almost four times the amount budgeted for Diadeloso 2012, when Chamber was allocated only \$25,000 for entertainment expenses.

Furthermore, Kim said, the process was made easier for Chamber to secure the funds this year. Prior to this year, Chamber had to fill out a formal application for funds, just like any other student organization. At the begin-

ning of this year, however, student government voted to grant the increased funds to Chamber in a special allocation for Diadeloso without requiring the application process. This took place on Sept. 6 of last year.

"By giving them the money at the beginning of the year, this allowed for Chamber to have more time to book an artist," said one senator, who spoke on condition of anonymity. The intent was for Chamber to use the increased resources to secure a more popular artist than the one who performed last year, the senator said.

Last year, the headliner band, Parachute, was announced by March 27, a full 24 days before Diadeloso. In previous years, the event's details were also released sooner. In 2011, country artist Jack Ingram was chosen and announced by March 24. Well-known artist Colbie Callait played at Dia in 2010. Details of her concert were released as early as April 8 for the April 22 event.

Pauline Minnaar, the Diadeloso chair for the Baylor Chamber of Commerce, the organization in charge of the event, said the

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Hospital back to normal after lockdown

By CAROLINE BREWTON
AND ROB BRADFELD
LARIAT STAFF

Waco's Hillcrest Baptist Medical Center continues normal business today after a lockdown Wednesday morning that lasted a few hours.

Shortly after 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Hillcrest Baptist Medical Center in Waco went on lockdown in response to a threatening phone call.

The hospital, which is located at 100 Hillcrest Medical Blvd., was given the all-clear late Wednesday morning.

Hospital CEO Glenn Robinson said the lockdown was declared as a precautionary measure after the hospital received a threatening phone call. During

the lockdown, the hospital's operations continued, although security guards were posted at hospital entrances to screen potential threats.

"Safety is the first thing that comes to our mind," Robinson said.

Members of the Waco Police Department responded in addition to hospital security. Sgt. Patrick Swanton of the Waco Police Department said the investigation into the threat is ongoing, but "there is no immediate hostile action going on inside the hospital."

Since the all-clear was given for the hospital and the lockdown ended, the screening has stopped.

Robinson said this is the first time this facility has been threatened in the past year.



MATT HELLMAN | LARIAT PHOTO EDITOR

Hillcrest Baptist Medical Center has been given the all-clear and is back to normal business after a threatening phone call that put it on lockdown Wednesday morning.



MONICA LAKE | LARIAT PHOTOGRAPHER

Take it away, hoppers

Ryan Alyward and Ben Barnes of Kappa Sigma finish the last leg of the three-legged race at Kappa Alpha Theta's "Theta Olympics," on Wednesday, where each fraternity competes in different events, from an inflatable challenge course to a muddy tug-o-war.

Air Force general: Actions aim to deter NKorea

By AUDREY MCAVOY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM, Hawaii — The United States sent its most powerful airplanes to the Korean peninsula in recent weeks in part because it wants North Korea to know what the American military is capable of doing, the top U.S. Air Force commander in the Pacific said.

B-2 stealth bombers, F-22 stealth fighters and B-52 bombers have recently all flown to South Korea for exercises or short deployments in what amounted to a dramatic display of U.S. air power. The stealth planes are capable of sneaking past radar undetected. B-2 and B-52 bombers are capable of delivering nuclear weapons.

"Every morning that a potential adversary gets up and goes, 'You know what, I'm not going

to mess with America today' — that's a good morning," Gen. Herbert Carlisle said Tuesday in an interview at his headquarters in Hawaii. "We need all those mornings to keep coming."

The U.S. is hoping a missile defense system it's sending to Guam, a U.S. territory and strategically important military outpost 1,500 miles south of Tokyo, will have the same deterrent effect, he said.

If "they know we got something that can knock down their missiles — it may stop them from shooting them," Carlisle said.

The U.S. has also explained it's reassuring its allies by showing it's prepared to defend them.

The missile defense system — called Terminal High Altitude Area Defense — is designed to intercept missiles during their final stage of flight. It joins other technology the military has to intercept missiles during their initial



LEE JIN-MAN | ASSOCIATED PRESS

South Korean Army soldiers, along with U.S. Air Force's Airman First Class Lee Simpson, top, run a joint military drill between South Korea and the United States to protect a U.S. air base on Thursday near the Osan U.S. Air Base in Pyeongtaek, south of Seoul, South Korea.

and midflight phases.

Carlisle said the U.S. also is considering sending high-altitude surveillance planes from Guam to Japan during the tropical is-

land's summer storm season. Often, typhoons and thunderstorms around Guam ground the Global Hawk drones from April through November. The planes would be

less likely to face weather problems if they were flying out of a place like Misawa Air Base in northern Japan, Carlisle said.

The U.S. uses the drones to monitor North Korea and could do so from Japan as well, Carlisle said.

"They could do all the missions that they do now if they were flying out of Japanese bases," he said.

Tokyo is also considering buying some of the drones for its own use, Carlisle said.

"We're still working it with the Japanese government. I don't know whether we'll do it this year or not. It does cost money to do that, again that's another factor. We're still examining it and looking at how to make it happen. When we do it is another question," he said.

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LARIAT LETTERS

Lariat picture misleading

I'm writing in response to an April 3 article titled "Central Texas plagued by rabies." As a citizen of Waco and a person that works with the feral cat community in our area, I would like to offer a few words in response to the article about recent rabies cases in McLennan County.

People should always approach every animal they do not know with caution. Even if the animal is leashed and with their owner, it may not respond well to strangers.

In your article, you featured an image of an ear-tipped cat. If a feral cat has a left ear tip or notch, like the one featured in the image accompanying your article, it is part of the Trap-Neuter Return (TNR) program. These cats receive a rabies vaccination before being returned home after surgery and the caretakers monitor the health of the colony members. This makes these animals safer for all in our community.

It should be noted, the cat that was found to have rabies in the downtown Waco area was not part of the TNR program and was not ear tipped or vaccinated by a feral cat colony caretaker.

With the recent outbreak of rabies occurrences in our community, it is imperative that animal owners make sure their companions are vaccinated. Rabies vaccinations are available as low as \$10 at the Animal Birth Control Clinic located at 3238 Clay Ave, Waco, Texas 76711.

- Sarah Key, volunteer at Heart of Texas Feral Friends and Animal Birth Control Clinic.

Require stress course

A common problem I'm seeing on campus is overworked, overstressed, sleep-deprived students who are too busy with schoolwork to fully enjoy their college experience. I have had multiple friends say "I live for the weekends," but this isn't how it should be.

Every student should enjoy day-to-day life here at Baylor because once they have graduated, they'll miss the college days more than ever.

I believe if most students knew how to manage stress in a healthy manner, their college experience would be much better. I feel as though requiring the Stress Management/Mental Health class, given in the health education department, to be taken by all students is the first step in equipping them with tools to manage the stress of school, roommates, finances ... the list goes on.

I believe this class would help so many students with their individual stresses and would give them a variety of ways to deal with stress. Every student is different and with a variety of options for dealing with stress, each student can pick which stress management tools best works for them.

When students can manage their stress in a healthy way, their grades will improve, the will use what time they do have efficiently and their free time will be more enjoyable. It can improve their lives.

-Kristle Obi, Katy sophomore. Obi is a Biology/Pre-Med major.



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ASHER FREEMAN (MURPHY)

Hypocrisy of PETA gets our goat

Editorial

Hypocrisy is something that rubs people the wrong way. Currently standing atop the hypocritical power rankings is the People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, more commonly known as PETA.

According to the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer services, in 2012, PETA euthanized nearly 90 percent of the adoptable animals that it took in. Over the last 11 years, that total climbs to over 29,000 euthanized animals.

PETA is not a no-kill organization. According to PETA's website, "When 'no-kill' animal shelters and rescue groups are filled to capacity, which is almost always, they are left with two options: turn

away more animals than they take in or warehouse animals, often in substandard, filthy, and severely crowded conditions, for weeks,

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months, or even years on end. Most, if not all, of the animals who are turned away from such facilities still face untimely deaths —

just not at these facilities."

Stand where you will on the kill or no kill issue, but PETA simply cannot be a respected organization when it euthanizes nearly 15,000 of its animals since 2006 when only 131 get adopted in that span of time.

According to "Shocking Photos: PETA's Secret Slaughter of Kittens, Puppies," an article published in April by the Huffington Post, some animals that were euthanized were found in garbage bags inside of a supermarket Dumpster.

According to the Huffington Post, "PETA described these animals as 'adorable' and 'perfect.' A veterinarian who naively gave PETA some of the animals, thinking they would find them homes, and examined the dead bodies of others, testified that they were 'healthy' and 'adoptable.'"

It's awfully ironic that one of the

last places a stray dog wants to be is inside PETA's headquarters, even if it is relatively healthy.

This isn't the first time that PETA's actions have left people shaking their heads.

In October of last year, the organization released a game called "Pokémon Black and Blue."

According to PETA, "The amount of time that Pokémon spend stuffed in pokéballs is akin to how elephants are chained up in train carts, waiting to be let out to 'perform' in circuses."

In November of 2011, PETA created a game that criticized Super Mario's use of the Tanooki suit. The idea was to teach people that Mario was the bad guy because he wears fur.

Here's the problem: Pokémon and Super Mario aren't real. If PETA wants to be taken seriously, then it needs to stop criti-

cizing Nintendo games and focus on actually promoting the ethical treatment of animals. Nintendo is not under fire from animal rights groups. PETA is.

PETA has done some good work in the past. The organization shed some much-needed light on animal rights issues.

If it weren't for PETA, the general public may not have known about companies and researchers that commit acts of animal cruelty.

Because of PETA's pressure and presence, there is now a higher standard of care for animals.

Unfortunately, PETA is now way off-base.

It has gone from an animal rights activism organization to a euthanasia clinic that routinely puts on pathetic publicity stunts. PETA needs to get back to its original noble cause.

Just keep smiling, even when emotional vampires attack

This morning while I was getting Starbucks, the cashier annoyed me to no end.

Why, you may ask?

She was just too excited. She had the biggest grin on her face, like giving me my Passion Tea drink was just the best part of her day. I do believe it could have been me not having enough caffeine in my body at the time to deal with someone's exuberance, but it was also the fact that since I wasn't in a good mood, anyone else being in that good of a mood was just annoying.

Usually my friends tell me I am that person. I'm the kind of person that is just happy, often for no reason. I'm usually found smiling. I skip when I walk sometimes and I just genuinely look on the bright side 99 percent of the time. This tends to annoy people, and now I can understand why.

I think as human beings, we



Mashaal Hashmi | Copy editor

tend to inflict our emotions onto other people, and we don't mean to do it necessarily. It just kind of happens. I was just in a nasty mood earlier and that's why I lashed out and got annoyed at the girl at Starbucks. My friends tell me to hush sometimes when I'm being super exuberant about something.

I think the classic argument of pessimism vs optimism comes into play here. I'm a pretty optimistic person, and sometimes people just don't want to hear about how, "It'll all be better soon." Other times, people do need that.

I think the important thing to remember is the difference between sympathy vs. empathy and how to be able to navigate that in a conversation.

Sympathy is showing concern and trying to comfort them whereas empathy is saying you understand and you've been in that situation or know what that must feel like. I think we all need to learn how to be able to read the situation and be sympathetic or empathetic when need be.

The point of my column today is basically don't judge someone else by their outward appearance of happiness. If someone wants to be happy, don't question it, live and let

live, man. In fact, let those people spread happiness in the world — it's way better than spreading hate. We live in a world full of negativity and anguish, with poverty and hunger and increasingly bad taste

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in fashion and music. Each person brings a valuable outlook on life. Don't shun their happiness just because you can't give a name to why they may be happy.

If you think about it, we have a lot to be happy about, even if it takes reminders sometimes. Especially here at Baylor — we go to a prestigious university, we've got a

lot going for us, even if there are a lot of issues in our life. The best thing to do sometimes is just smile. Start smiling more and express positive ideas and statements and be OK with people who have different opinions. I honestly think if we were just genuinely tried to be more happy in our day to day lives and "stopped to smell the roses," we'd have a better future.

I feel like that girl in "Mean Girls" that doesn't even go to this school and just has a lot of feelings, but at the same time maybe feelings is what'll get us through this mad world.

Basically, you don't need a reason to be happy and if you come upon someone who is happy for what seems like no reason, try not to brush your negativity onto them.

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Poage lecture series hits snag in planning: Chet Edwards to visit Baylor today

By JOSH DAY
REPORTER

The battle strategy for the 2013 W.R. Poage Lecture “Leadership and Lessons Learned from a Decade of Conflict” might need to change.

The lecture, scheduled for today, was originally set to feature retired U.S. Army Lt. Gen. and former Fort Hood Commanding Gen. Pete Taylor and retired U.S. Army Lieutenant General and former Fort Hood Commanding General Paul Funk.

Both Taylor and Funk held the same posts at different times.

The discussion was to be moderated by Chet Edwards, the W.R. Poage Distinguished Chair for Public Service and a former member of the U.S. House of Representatives.

However, health problems caused Taylor to opt out this Tuesday, two days before the lecture.

Despite the setback, the event

will still continue at 4 p.m. today in Bennett Auditorium.

At the time of publication, Edwards was still attempting to find a suitable replacement for Taylor.

“[Edwards] asked a few other generals, but it’s a little short notice at this point,” said Ben Rogers, director of the Poage Legislative Library.

Rogers said Taylor’s decision to opt out and the problems he encountered were sudden. Taylor recently underwent a heart procedure.

“He felt OK on Monday, but didn’t on Tuesday,” Rogers said.

Carl Flynn, director of library communications, said Taylor is not in any serious danger.

“He’s doing fine,” Flynn said. “He’s just having some adverse effects.”

Even without Taylor, Rogers remains confident in the event, due partially to the fact that Funk once lectured at University of Texas at Austin.



Chet Edwards

“He has a history in teaching and education,” Rogers said. “He and Chet will still be able to carry on a very spirited conversation about leadership.”

Edwards will be asking questions related to the broad topic of leadership, which Funk will answer from his experiences as a U.S. Army officer and as the commanding general of Fort Hood.

“He’s going to ask him what he learned as a leader of Fort Hood, which was in heavy combat at the time,” Flynn said. “It’s not a historical lecture about that time; it’s more of a conversation about the key principles of leadership that grew out of his times of trial.”

The discussion is a part of the annual W.R. Poage Lecture series and came about due to Edwards’ mission to encourage Baylor students to a pursue leadership and public service.

Journalism career outlook troubling for current students

By TAYLOR REXRODE
STAFF WRITER

The 2013 State of the Media report shows that newsrooms have cut their staff by 30 percent since 2000.

With newsrooms at their lowest capacity since 1978, journalists are worried about job prospects and many avid news consumers doubt the quality of information.

Data from the Pew Research Center’s Project for Excellence in Journalism shows that online news has skyrocketed and print is holding steady, but fewer people are being hired in news organizations. Less than 40,000 full-time employees work in news today.

According to the report, 31 percent of Americans have stopped following news outlets because of changes in the news delivery and content.

Traffic, weather and sports have increased in coverage while human interest, crime and political stories have declined over the past seven years.

Kathleen McKinney, assistant editor of the Wacoan, said that though the changes in the news have cut down on staff, the quality of news has not changed.

has had three editorial internships since coming to Baylor — Bscene Magazine in 2010, D Magazine in 2012 and London’s Eye Magazine last fall — and she has been freelancing for the Wacoan since the start of this semester.

She also worked for the Round Up yearbook as the organization’s editor her sophomore year.

“It’s been a lot more stressful than I ever realized,” Giddens said. “I’ve applied for internships and scholarships, but the job search is so much more intense and cut-throat. I have to learn how to face rejection and not hearing back from people. I can’t take it personally. I have to know I will eventually find a job.”

Andover, Kan., junior Allyssa Schoonover said she does not feel fully prepared to look for jobs in what appears to be a shrinking job market for traditional news.

“I’m proud to be a journalist because it’s one of the most adaptive fields to be in.”

Caitlin Giddens | Tyler senior journalism major

“I wish I had been more aware,” Schoonover said. “I like writing and I like the field, but it makes me wish I had known the experience I needed to gain sooner. I wish between freshman and sophomore year I had interned.”

Schoonover plans to go into broadcast journalism or TV news and is a part of the Society of Professional Journalists.

While she thinks she has honed writing skills during her time at Baylor, she feels underprepared for the job search process.

“I think as far as writing, Baylor has definitely prepared me for the industry,” Schoonover said. “In how to prepare for job interviews and getting internships and getting your resume together, I feel like that isn’t as strong in the department. If they added that into the curriculum more, that would help out a lot because with fewer jobs available, we need to stand out

more,” she said.

Getting internships has been difficult for her because many organizations only accept interns with previous experience.

McKinney said that the Wacoan expects published work from its interns.

She said to be competitive in the market, students shouldn’t wait to start writing.

“To be a better writer, the only thing you can do is write more,” McKinney said.

Students at Baylor don’t have to get a summer internship to start working on their portfolio.

They can get published clips through work-study opportunities with student publications or through journalism classes that publish student content in the Lariat or Focus magazine.

Dr. Marlene Neill, a lecturer in the journalism, public relations and new media department, said the department’s shift in focus — from pure writing and editing to online and social media-based skills — is meant to help produce well-rounded students ready for the industry.

“The need for journalism skills are still there, but we’re focusing more on building skills related to online journalism,” Neill said. “The challenge for us as professors is to keep our skills current so that as new technology skills emerge, we’re preparing students so that they’re qualified for the jobs of the future,”

Giddens said the journalism department does prepare students with online and social media-focused classes and the new media degree, which debuted last fall as a new journalism track, but she still feels “very alone” in her job search.

Even with the decline in journalism jobs available, Giddens expressed optimism in her choice if major.

“I’m so proud to be a journalist because it’s one of the most adaptive fields to be in,” Giddens said. “I still want to go into journalism because I’ve been lucky to have internships to show this is where I belong and this is where I thrive. Though I haven’t decided where I’m going, I think if you are educated and willing to work, there is a job out there for you.”

Al-Qaida alliance in Syria causes trouble, raises fears

By RYAN LUCAS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BEIRUT — Tensions emerged Wednesday in a newly announced alliance between al-Qaida’s franchise in Iraq and the most powerful Syrian rebel faction, which said it was not consulted before the Iraqi group announced their merger and only heard about it through the media.

Al-Qaida in Iraq said Tuesday that it had joined forces with Jabhat al-Nusra or the Nusra Front — the most effective force among the mosaic of rebel brigades fighting to topple President Bashar Assad in Syria’s civil war. It said they had formed a new alliance called the Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant.

The Syrian government seized upon the purported merger to back its assertion that it is not facing a true popular movement for change but rather a foreign-backed terrorist plot.

The state news agency said Wednesday that the union “proves that this opposition was never anything other than a tool used by the West and by terrorists to destroy the Syrian people.”

Talk of an alliance between Jabhat al-Nusra and al-Qaida in Iraq has raised fears in Baghdad, where intelligence officials said increased cooperation was already evident in a number of deadly attacks.

And in Syria, a stronger Jabhat al-Nusra would only further complicate the battlefield where Western powers have been covertly trying to funnel weapons, training and aid toward more secular rebel



MOHAMMAD HANNON | ASSOCIATE PRESS

A newly-arrived Syrian refugee family waits under a shaded area upon their arrival to the new Jordanian-Emirati refugee camp, Mrajeb al-Fhood Wednesday in Zarqa, Jordan.

groups and army defectors.

Washington has designated Jabhat al-Nusra a terrorist organization over its links with al-Qaida, and the Syrian group’s now public ties with the terrorist network are unlikely to prompt a shift in international support for the broader Syrian opposition.

Earlier this year, the U.S. announced a \$60 million non-lethal assistance package for Syria that includes meals and medical supplies for the armed opposition. It was greeted unenthusiastically by some rebel leaders, who said it does far too little.

Washington’s next step is expected to be a broader package of non-lethal assistance, expanding from food and medical supplies to body armor and night-vision goggles.

However, President Barack Obama has not given final approval on any new package and an announcement is not imminent, a senior administration official said.

Secretary of State John Kerry, who met with Syrian opposition leaders in London on Wednesday, hinted at the new non-lethal aid package this week, saying the administration had been holding intense talks on how to boost assistance to the rebels.

The U.S. opposes directly arming Syrian opposition fighters, in part out of fear that the weapons could fall into the hands of Islamic extremists such as Jabhat al-Nusra.

The apparent tensions between Jabhat al-Nusra and al-Qaida in Iraq emerged on Wednesday, when Nusra leader Abu Mohammad al-Golani appeared to distance himself from claims the two groups had merged. Instead, he pledged allegiance to al-Qaida’s leader, Ayman al-Zawahiri.

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Coast Guardsman gets desertion charge

By AUDREY MCAVOY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

HONOLULU — A veteran rescue swimmer has been charged with desertion after he went missing for three months and triggered a massive search, the Coast Guard said Wednesday.

Petty Officer 1st Class Russell Matthews faces three other charges including being absent without leave, wrongful use and possession of a controlled substance, and causing the Coast Guard to conduct a search when there was no need, said Chief Warrant Officer Gene Maestas, a Coast Guard

spokesman. An Article 32 hearing — the military equivalent of a grand jury hearing — will be held to determine if there’s enough evidence for Matthews to be tried in a court-martial.

Matthews was in the process of being discharged from the Coast Guard for illegal use of marijuana when he disappeared in October. The 36-year-old showed up at his home in mid-January.

Police said Matthews was incoherent when he was found, and he taken to a hospital for observation. The Coast Guard later took him into custody and had him confined at a Navy brig while they investigated why he left without authorization.

Baylor takes trivia knowledge from classroom to TV



Plano senior Taylor Roth competed on the game show Jeopardy for its college championship. Roth competed against 15 other students from universities across the country.

By Taylor Rexrode
STAFF WRITER

Clue: A Baylor student flew to Los Angeles for a game show. Answer: What is “Jeopardy’s” College Championship?

Plano senior Taylor Roth appeared on the game show “Jeopardy” Monday and Tuesday, competing against 15 students from different universities across the country for the grand prize of \$100,000 and a spot on “Jeopardy’s” Tournament of Champions show.

The two-week event will air starting May 6. Jeopardy is available in Waco at 2:30 p.m. on KCEN-TV.

Roth, a University Scholars student, said getting on “Jeopardy”—one of the largest trivia game shows, with 25 million viewers each week—didn’t require a lot of studying.

“I didn’t study that much because I knew they could talk about just about anything, but I studied up a little on presidents, Shakespeare and world capitals,” Roth said.

Roth was chosen for the show after passing an online test and a personal audition that included a 50-question test and mock version of the game show. She had a personal interview with producers, narrowing her down to one of the 15 students to appear on the program.

Contestant producer Maggie Speak said Roth’s charisma played a big role in her acceptance on the show.

“She is a lovely girl,” Speak said. “Her personality is just terrific and she plays very well. That’s what made her stand out more than anything; she had the whole package.”

Roth said her enthusiasm for the show started when she was in

middle school. She began watching the show for its speed and variety.

“I really like the fast pace,” Roth said. “There’s never a dull moment.

You don’t have a lot of time to think and there is a wide range of categories. If there’s not something that appeals to you, then something else will.”

“Jeopardy” started back in 1984 as a quiz show to test people on their skills in history, language arts, literature, art, sciences, geography, popular culture and wordplay. The questions are sorted into categories from which contestants can choose the level of difficulty they want.

Speak said the college segment caters to students not only with references to popular culture but also

subjects they are studying. She said successful college contestants don’t just understand their major but have a “wide range of knowledge.”

“You want to have a combination going,” Speak said. “They need to be well read and they should understand a wide variety of subjects.”

As a University Scholar, Roth said she studies a combination of materials based on her academic interests. The University Scholars program allows its students to explore their interests as part of their degree plans, forgoing the traditional majors path to graduation.

Roth’s knowledge base and the support she received from friends and family helped get her behind a “Jeopardy” lectern in California. By the time the show was over, Roth was glad to have accomplished one of her life goals.

“I didn’t go in with any expectations because I knew I would have fun. Being able to cross this off my bucket list is a big thing. It’s not about how well I do on the show because it’s about the experience,” Roth said.

Book skims surface of revivalist culture with personal account

By Caroline Brewton
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Chekhov’s gun is canon law for the dramatic principle of foreshadowing. It goes a little like this: If a loaded gun is mentioned in the opening of a story, before the story is over, the gun must be used. Otherwise, it should be omitted.

In opening “Holy Ghost Girl,” Donna Johnson places a loaded gun in the mind of the reader, recounting a phone call from her sister in which she hears tent revivalist preacher David Terrell’s plans to raise his son Randall from the dead. The call recalls Johnson to her childhood, and the next time we see Terrell, it’s in Johnson’s memories.

“Holy Ghost Girl” is the story of Johnson’s childhood on the Sawdust Trail, a circuit of tent revivals she traveled with a group of revivalists, her mother and her younger brother Gary. Though Johnson is the narrator, the story is really Terrell’s. Absent from the stage, it is clear he is still the principal actor, as his every action affects Johnson and indeed, a whole community of “Terrellites” who believe Terrell’s word is holy law.

In an era where religion — and its place in society — are at the forefront of our national consciousness, Johnson’s memoir serves as a cautionary tale. The paradox evident throughout the narrative is a devotion to the Christian God, but an inability to lead a life of Christian standards on anything but a surface level. Saints under the lights of the revival tent, those who

put on the mantle of holiness, take it off to commit adultery behind closed doors and smokescreen tales.

Johnson’s own mother is guilty, as is Terrell, though both are publicly religious. Terrell, a “con man, a prophet and performer,” is also the closest thing Johnson has to a father.

Though he is the lover of her mother and eventual father of Johnson’s half-sisters, Terrell never quite achieves relation to Johnson herself. His marriage to her mother is hollow and imaginary, existing nowhere but the mind of her mother, who follows him throughout Johnson’s years as a child, sometimes leaving Johnson and her brother to suffer maltreatment at the hands of believers she barely knows.

Johnson suffers from physical abuse and neglect while staying with Sister Waters, a sinister believer who every night kicked Johnson’s brother “to the john, saying it was time for him to learn to pee in the pot” while Johnson and the other children cried and tried to stop her. She is forced to eat her own vomit at the hands of Sister Coleman. And during her time with the Smiths (no one quite knows how the children wound up there), she is forced to fake a conversion experience to be allowed to

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use the restroom.

This apparent paradox — this life of darkness and light, sin alongside outward holiness — is ultimately what leads Johnson herself to abandon the church at 17, becoming instead “a doubt-ridden Episcopalian with Buddhist tendencies.”

Despite her troubled childhood, Johnson forgives Terrell and her mother again and again. “Holy Ghost Girl” is a look at Terrell’s world through the eyes of a child, without apparent skepticism or anger. Her lack of vitriol is the most noticeable feature of the book. In some ways, this is an incredible feat. Johnson, who shows an impressive ability to divorce herself from emotion in her tale, manages to avoid the easy way out, shaping her mother and Terrell into real, fully human characters instead of using the book as a platform for ax-grinding (which could have been warranted, given her treatment).

I would characterize her approach as mature. To fill her pages with latent bitterness and paint her mother and Terrell as villains fails to recognize the human truth that even those who commit heinous

crimes are, in fact, people.

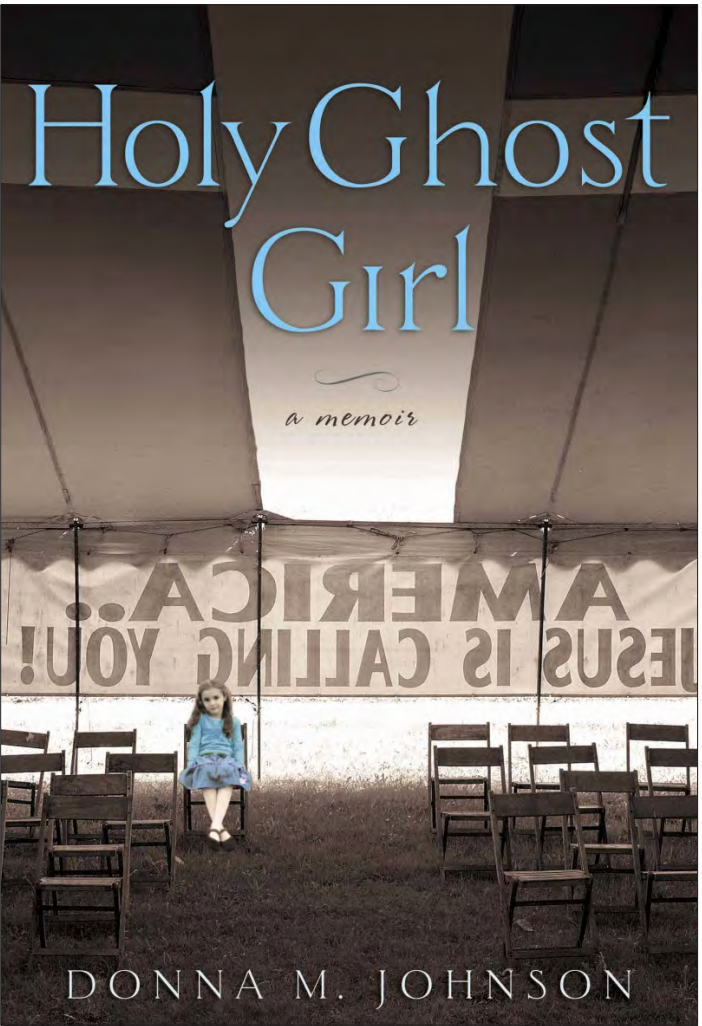
Terrell and her mother achieve a kind of redemption through Johnson’s characterization.

However, her lack of bitterness also left me wondering what thoughts and feelings Johnson herself experienced in evaluating her childhood. Neither her mother nor Terrell were held to scrutiny, and she also consistently fails to explain miracles the magical Terrell allegedly performs. For example, there is the story of The Woman Who Used to Be Big, whose mysteriously large and distended stomach disappears when Terrell touches her. Curiously, after her healing, her skirt falls to the ground, and she is left nearly naked in front of the congregation, a suggestion, perhaps, of Terrell’s real motivation.

Johnson’s loaded gun reappears in the closing of the book, during the funeral scene. Through her childhood, miracles are never examined, but until now, the question of real or not real hasn’t been quite so pressing. Those Terrell healed might not have had real problems in the first place. But Randall’s death — his very real death — was no stunt. He had been suffering for years with a hemorrhagic condition.

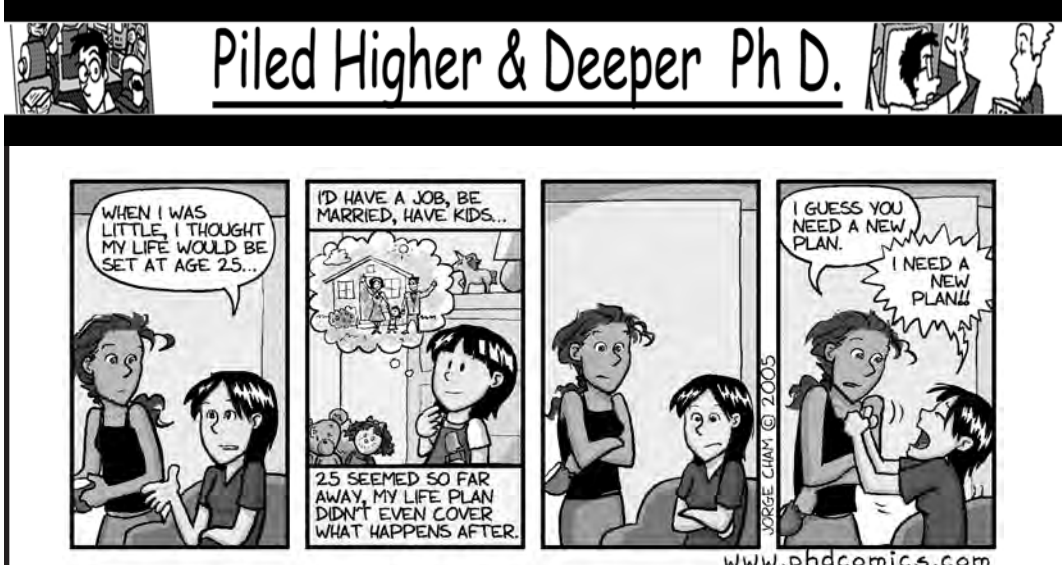
When a miracle is truly necessary, the gun misfires. Terrell himself doesn’t even attempt the resurrection. It is this that suggests to me of all the things Johnson labels Terrell as, “con man” is the foremost.

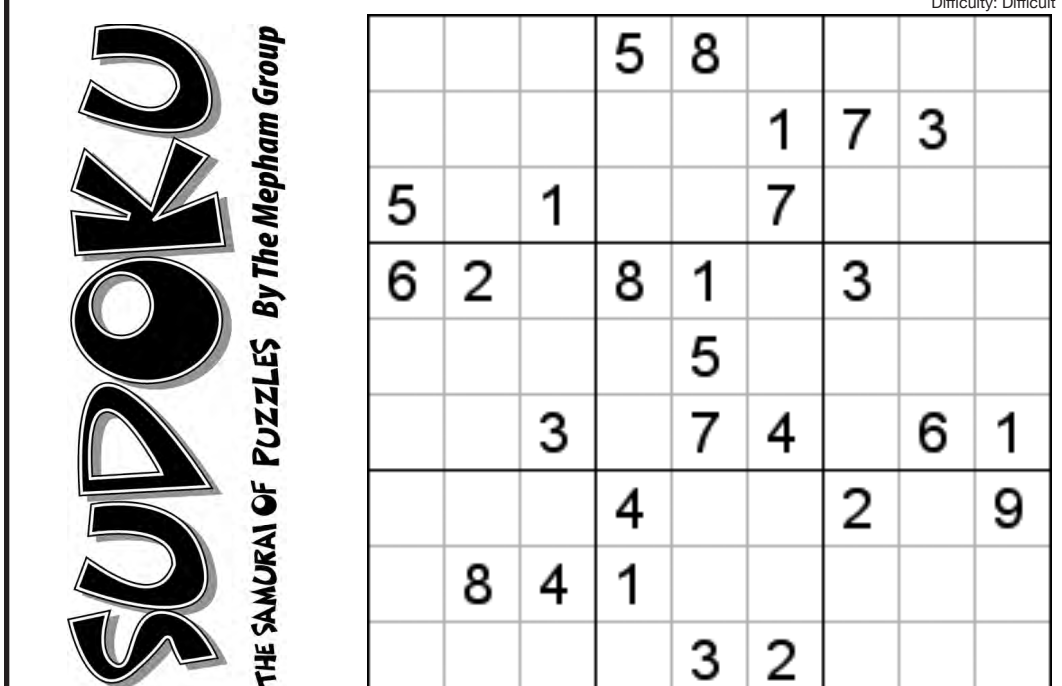
It’s a good book, but one that, like Terrell’s ministry, only scratch-



“Holy Ghost Girl” is Donna Johnson’s memoir about her experience with religion throughout her childhood.

es the surface of something much bigger and more profound, a book that fails to value absolute truth among what is holy. But some ideas aren’t worth sacrificing to the truth. The idea of the father, the idea of miracles — should these be laid on the altar and offered up? Based on Johnson’s treatment of these figures when she recounts her childhood, I’d say she thinks not.





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Softball looks to regain momentum to end season

By PARMIDA SCHAHHOSSEINI
SPORTS WRITER

Softball season is more than halfway over and the No. 16 Baylor Lady Bears have three more series left against Big 12 teams.

The Lady Bears (30-10, 3-5 Big 12) are currently fifth in the Big 12, so there is a lot of work to be done if they want to compete in the post-season.

However, those statistics may be misleading because Baylor has already squared off against the best two teams in the Big 12 in No. 1 Oklahoma and No. 7 Texas.

While Baylor was competitive in those games, it couldn't pull out a win.

Baylor's only wins against ranked opponents were against No. 2 Arizona State and No. 20 Hawaii.

After losing three in a row against No. 1 Oklahoma, the Lady Bears got a much-needed win against Texas State on Tuesday, in which junior first baseman Holly Holl went 3-4 and tied a career high with four RBIs.

"While you might hope for an easier win, if I were to draw up the game to get us prepared for

Oklahoma State, it would look like that," head coach Glenn Moore said. "Texas State challenged us in every facet of the game and made us work hard for everything."

Baylor will take any win it can get after being in a slump as of late. The Lady Bears began the season and struggled offensively, but they improved and went on a 14-game winning streak.

The Big 12 only has seven teams after the departure of Missouri and Texas A&M, but the conference is still strong with only one team under .500. Baylor should have some confidence as it tries to finish off conference play because of its competitiveness against the best two teams.

Oklahoma is first in the nation in pitching with a .95 ERA, but Baylor did generate 16 hits in its three game series.

Freshman infielder Sarah Smith showed promise by getting on base two times during her three at-bats on Sunday.

The offense needs to continue being aggressive because Baylor is the second-worst batting team in the Big 12. Facing Oklahoma and Texas may have dropped percent-

ages, but the Lady Bears need to take advantage of facing unranked opponents.

Baylor is hitting .299 and has a .418 slugging percentage. The team also has produced 181 runs and generated 306 base hits.

Baylor also needs to improve on its on-base percentage, which is currently at .370. The Lady Bears are last in the Big 12 in home runs. Head coach Glenn Moore wanted to transition into a power offense, but most of the power hits turn into fly outs.

Pitching has been vastly inconsistent despite the talent on the roster. The pitching staff is third in the Big 12 with a 1.76 ERA but has struggled in conference play.

Baylor is fourth when only factoring in Big 12 games with a 3.76 ERA while giving up 56 hits, 42 runs and 35 walks. Freshman right-handed pitcher Heather Stearns has had the opportunity to close games and gain experience.

Against Iowa State, Stearns came in for junior left-handed pitcher Whitney Canion who had struggled that day after giving up five runs.

Stearns didn't allow a hit, and

Baylor earned the come-from-behind win 7-5.

Senior right-handed pitcher Courtney Repka and junior right-handed pitcher Liz Paul, who led the team to an NCAA tournament berth last year, have struggled as relief pitchers, but all three Big 12 teams Baylor faced are hitting at .300 or better.

Canion has struggled in Big 12 play, giving up 27 hits while striking out 36. Canion has also allowed many walks, which is uncharacteristic of her.

However, Canion got a confidence boost against Texas State by striking out 10 batters to help the Lady Bears pull out a win.

Sometimes, teams may overlook certain parts of the game if they continue to win, but the Lady Bears need to stay focused and keep improving to get back to another College World Series.

"I think we need to build on the little victories and really get our confidence up," senior outfielder Kathy Shelton said.

Baylor will have a chance to improve their record at 6:30 p.m. Friday as it takes on Oklahoma State at Gettetter Stadium.



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Senior infielder Kelsi Ketter runs toward third base during Baylor's 7-5 win over Iowa State on March 30.

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Goat head sent to Chicago

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CHICAGO — Goats that previously appeared at Chicago's Wrigley Field were alive and kicking.

But not Wednesday, when a goat's head was left in a box outside the home of the Cubs addressed to team chairman Tom Ricketts.

Ricketts is in negotiations with city officials and neighborhood business people about Wrigley Field's \$300 million renovation.

Cubs spokesman Julian Green says staff at Wrigley Field discovered the package and immediately called police.

Chicago police spokesman Officer Veejay Zala says Chicago police responded to a call around 2:30 p.m. indicating an "intimidating package" had been received. Zala would not elaborate, saying police are investigating.

Chicago legend says a restaurant owner allegedly cursed the Cubs when they wouldn't let his pet goat into Wrigley Field.

Bears optimistic after rocky start to season

By DANIEL HILL
SPORTS WRITER

The Baylor Bears baseball team experienced unprecedented success last season by posting a 49-17 record. Even though it is still early in the season, this year's Baylor team has a 17-16 record on the diamond and is already one loss away from equaling last season's total.

This year's Baylor team prefers to play a style of small ball. When a runner gets on first, the offense will do whatever it takes to get one run across home plate. This means a healthy number of sacrifice bunts in an effort to advance runners to score.

"I feel like as a team we are always one big hit away," senior shortstop Jake Miller said. "I feel like last year, the baseball gods were on our side and things went our way. This year, it's not exactly like we're doing bad, but at times we're not doing great. We need to get timely hits. That's baseball. Runners in scoring position with two outs, you've got to scratch them across. We're not always going to get a sacrifice fly and they're not just going to give it to you. We've got to just keep pulling away and the hits will fall."

With a 5-3 conference record, the Bears are third in the Big 12 and are hoping to jump into more success this season when the Bears host No. 9 Oklahoma this weekend for a three-game series.



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Senior left fielder Nathan Orf hits the ball against UT Arlington at Baylor Ballpark on Tuesday. Baylor went on to win the game 14-4.

After scoring 11 and 14 runs in their last two games respectively, the Bears' bats are starting to come alive at just the right time of the season now that the Big 12 schedule is full speed ahead.

"Getting hits, scoring a lot more

runs, and pitching have been doing the job too," senior right fielder Nathan Orf said. "These have been better team wins."

After losing major contributors from last year's squad, it's understandable that the Bears got off to

a slow start and struggled to find their identity as a team. Catcher Josh Ludy, pitcher Josh Turley, first baseman Max Muncy, and center fielder Logan Vick were all big contributors to last year's team that have moved on.

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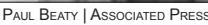
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As part of a rare foray into a policy debate, Obama highlighted the case of 15-year-old Hadiya Pendleton, shot in the back Jan. 29 while hanging out with friends at a park, about a mile from the Obamas' South Side home. Obama attended Pendleton's funeral and said she was struck by how famil-



The Senate was planning an initial vote Thursday to begin debating gun legislation, with some Republicans attempting to block consideration of the measure. Two pivotal senators announced a bipartisan deal Wednesday to expand background checks to more gun sales, which could build support for President Barack Obama's

Obama was addressing Chicago business and community leaders at a luncheon hosted by Mayor Rahm Emanuel, her husband's former chief of staff, who is trying to raise money to fund programs for at-risk youth.

BY JIM VERTUNO
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Not all applicants would be tested, but all would be required

The Senate is also considering a separate bill that would require similar screening and drug testing for those who apply for unemployment benefits. Gov. Rick Perry has expressed support for both drug testing bills.

"When we start planning for the event, we have to start planning for 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. The headliner is a big part of that, but it's not the entire day," Minnaar said. "So we spent a lot of time focusing on the other things that were going

Some information about Dia's entertainment has already been released and is shown on banners throughout campus, including one that promotes the performance of a magician and one that advertises that students will be able to take pictures with a live monkey. The decision to delay the announcement was made not to build sus-

The delay in the announcement

"Even if the performance blows everyone who attends away, it would attract more students if we knew what to expect," he said.

Carlisle said the Air Force's core activities — maintenance and operations — are disproportionately affected because the military lacks

On top of this, the Air Force is implementing a year's worth of budget cuts in six months. That's because the services were told Congress would come to an agreement to avoid the budget cuts and so the Air Force didn't plan for them when the current fiscal year started in October.

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