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Miss Black and Gold crowned on Sunday

By Rayne Brown
Reporter

Baylor's Tau Alpha chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. crowned Phoenix senior Britahn Newbill as its 21st Miss Black and Gold on Sunday.

"I am so excited," Newbill said. "I am just really, really, really excited. I don't know. That's all I can say."

Six women competed in the annual pageant hoping to become 2013 Miss Black and Gold. The ladies competed in three segments: talent, poise and an interview round. In the poise portion, contestants showcased their evening wear.

Newbill wasn't the only one to take home prizes. The brothers of Alpha Phi Alpha gave all of the contestant wrapped gifts for participating. Dallas sophomore Danielle Miller was first runner-up and Houston sophomore Jackie Brown was second runner-up. Winners in other categories included Round Rock junior Brielle Banks as Miss Congeniality, while pageant winner Newbill also won crowd favorite.

After deliberating over intermission, during which dinner was served, Newbill was crowned by last year's Miss Black and Gold, Kingwood junior Kemah Bob. After the crowning, the brothers of Alpha Phi Alpha circled around their winner and sang one of their fraternity songs.

"This experience has definitely been a learning one for me," Newbill said. "Teaching me how to maintain poise and elegance in any situation, which is very, very key for women. Especially with being in the workforce and things. If we can maintain our composure we'll be able to move way further in life."

Since this was some of the contestants' first pageant, the contestants practiced three times a week for two hours each day. During practice, the contestants worked on each segment — talent, poise, and interview, with their pageant coach Lindsey Fortner hoping to transform regular Baylor students into poised pageant contestants.

"A lot of it has to do with learning how to walk on stage, how to turn on stage and practicing our question and answer," said Houston sophomore Jackie Brown. "I'm the only one who has pageant experience so it's definitely good to watch the other girls grow into pageant girls."

For some contestants, this pageant meant rekindling an old fire for pageants. For others, it meant trying something new.

Houston sophomore and contestant No. 1 Jackie Brown discussed her "second-place syndrome" during her intro speech, saying that after getting second place in everything she competed in, including her eighth grade pageant, she decided to quit. She continued to say how the Miss Black and Gold Pageant encouraged her to get back into pageants.

In his speech about the contestants, pageant host Jeremy Miller said the contestants were diligent and committed in practice. However, their diligence did not prevent them from having fun or making friends.

"They're a great group of girls," said Banks. "Everyone's personality is off the wall. Everyone's funny and happy and we definitely have all grown together as a unit and really care about each other. We're very protective of each other now."



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This handout image provided by RES Americas shows the 166 megawatt Hackberry Wind Farm near Albany. As part of an effort to become carbon neutral, Microsoft Corp. has entered a 20-year deal to buy power from a new RES Americas wind farm in Texas.

Microsoft buys Texas wind power

By Ramit Plushnick-Masti
Associated Press

HOUSTON — It takes a lot of energy to store all the data 1 billion people and 20 million businesses plug into their computers, phones, tablets and gadgets. So as part of an effort to become carbon neutral, Microsoft Corp. has entered a 20-year deal to buy power from a new wind farm in Texas, the first time the tech giant is directly purchasing electricity from a specific source.

The deal announced Monday between Microsoft and RES Americas is being funded in part by money collected from a "carbon fee," an internal tax of sorts that the company has been charging its departments for

every ton of carbon produced. Microsoft also hopes the deal will be a model for other parts of its global operations, said Brian Janous, Microsoft's director of energy strategy.

"We're definitely looking at this as a first of a kind, but it fits into our overall desire to have more control over our energy supply," Janous said.

Construction on RES Americas' \$200 million, 55-turbine wind power project, called Keechi, will begin in December and is expected to be operational by June 2015.

Microsoft is buying all 430,000 megawatt hours of energy it produces — or enough to power up to 45,000 homes. That's about 5 percent to 10 per-

cent of the company's total electricity consumption.

Microsoft declined to say how much it is paying for the 20-year contract. But Robert Bernard, the company's chief environmental strategist, said it is coming out of the carbon fee funds, which Microsoft previously estimated could amount to about \$10 million in the first year that ended on June 30. The fees will fund several projects.

"It's a sign of the times that the price point for these renewable projects is quite attractive to them," said Rob Morgan, chief development officer for wind and solar developer RES Americas.

While the wind energy goes directly onto the Texas grid and

it never can be known exactly where electricity is coming from at any given time, having renewable sources helps offset the use of coal, for example, which produces more carbon pollution.

The idea is for Microsoft's data center in San Antonio to pay for at least some wind energy, Janous said. Until now, the company has bought tax credits for renewable energy, but decided it was time to take the next step.

"How do we make sure there is power on the grid that we want to use?" Janous said.

Texas is the nation's largest producer of wind energy, but most of that power is created on the wide open, windy prairies of West Texas.

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BEAR BRIEFS

Salsa into this dance party
Baylor Latin Dance Society is hosting a dance party at 9 p.m. Monday in Russell Gym. Students can learn salsa, bachata, cha cha and more. No experience necessary and there will be free food. Students need to bring Baylor ID.

Celebrate Fall on campus
The Fall Festival is at 5 p.m. Wednesday at Burleson Quadrangle. Student Foundation is hosting pumpkin carving, a showing of "Remember the Titans," face painting and other fall activities. Canned foods will also be collected.

A Golden Opportunity

Deondria Murphy wins Baylor's crown, chance to compete with best in Texas

Q&A

By BRITTNEY HORNER
REPORTER

Mesquite junior Deondria Murphy won Baylor's first-ever Miss Green and Gold Pageant on Friday in Waco Hall, beating out 20 other Baylor beauties. Murphy will move on to compete in Miss Texas, and the winner of Miss Texas competes in Miss America.



The contestants competed in three events for the Miss Green and Gold crown, including a talent portion, evening wear and a question and answer session.

Q: How long have you been doing pageants?

A: Well, actually this was my very first pageant. I saw a flier and thought, "I could see what this is about it." I wanted to experience something new.

Q: What qualities do you think made you the pageant winner?

A: I was consistent with my platform, which is empowering women and young girls.

Q: How do you feel about competing in Miss Texas?

A: I am excited and nervous at the same time. I was shocked to even hear my name. I am still processing it.

Q: What influences in your life have contributed to your success?

A: I dedicated the pageant to my little sister. She got cancer when she was 6 and I was 8. She was always positive. All the doc-

tors loved her. She is the reason I also won Miss Socialite, which was based on Twitter votes. She tweeted all day long in support of me. She is cancer-free for 10 years.

Q: Do you think she looks up to you?

A: She says she looks up to me, but I look up to her.

Q: Do you think your sister will follow in your footsteps and compete in Miss Green and Gold one day?

A: My sister was in a pageant before me. She placed second in her school pageant at Hughes Spring High School. I am actually following in her footsteps.

Q: Some people have a negative view of pageants. How do you respond to criticism that pageants are demeaning to women?

A: Pageants are not negative at all. All the girls were positive.

There was no drama. We all uplifted each other. We all helped each other.

Q: There is a controversial show on TLC called "Toddlers and Tiaras." Do you think that young girls should be in pageants? At what age is pageant competition appropriate?

A: It good to let young girls experience it if they are enjoying it. A parent should not force kids to compete, but it can be good for little kids because it shows them they can make a difference.

Q: Is there drama between competitors of pageants, or are you friends with your competitors?

A: Even though it was a competition, it didn't feel like one. We were all there trying to better ourselves. I made 20 new friends.

Q: What is something pageant girls have to deal with in order to look good on stage?

A: We practiced quite a bit. Twice a week for a month.

Q: What did the pageant girls do to encourage each other and keep the environment positive?

A: Our motto was: All that glitter is green, is gold.

Q: The South has had a racist history, often discriminating against African-Americans. Do you think Baylor has made a statement by electing an African American as their first Green & Gold Pageant winner?

A: Baylor has made a statement. You wouldn't expect the winner to be an African American, but this pageant was so diverse. I am proud of Baylor. I couldn't imagine myself at any other school.

Q: How will this pageant, and future pageants, affect our reputation as a university?

A: Although Baylor is prestigious, all of our students have a voice. More women will want to do it. They will want to put their



TRAVIS TAYLOR | PHOTO EDITOR

Mesquite junior Deondria Murphy won the first-ever Miss Green and Gold Pageant on Friday in Waco Hall. Murphy now has a spot in the running for Miss Texas.

opinions and voices out there.

Q: What have you learned from this experience?

A: As long as I am myself, that's all that matters. I learned to be consistent.

Q: What message would you like to share?

A: You can do anything you can put your mind, too. You don't have to become a "pageant girl." Just be true to yourself.

>>WEB EXTRAS

Check out photos from the pageant and a Q&A with the winner of the Miss Black and Gold Pageant Britahn Newbill at BaylorLariat.com.

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Excitement for Bears at fever pitch

By SHEHAN JEYARAJAH
STAFF WRITER

On Nov. 19, 2011, Baylor University changed forever. The Baylor Bears football team were ranked No. 22 in the country by the BCS after making only its third appearance in the Associated Press poll in the past 16 seasons.

Baylor faced an all-too-familiar foe in Big 12 powerhouse Oklahoma. The No. 5 Sooners came to Waco undefeated all-time against the lowly Baylor Bears. With a plethora of upsets throughout the day, Oklahoma looked to push itself back into the national title picture with a convincing win against a ranked opponent.

Junior quarterback Robert Griffin III had other plans that chilly November night. Against a top-five team in the country, RG3 finished with 479 yards passing, 72 yards rushing and four total touchdowns in a game that has gone down in Baylor lore. With his performance, Griffin catapulted himself on to the national stage that eventually led to him winning Baylor's first Heisman Trophy.

"For me, personally, it was the moment that the program changed," junior quarterback Bryce Petty said. "I think that's when we knew that we could play with anybody. It didn't matter who it was and it wasn't one of those deals when you see Baylor on the schedule and you go ahead and put a win next to it. That was very exciting for us. It was one of our first games that was a hype environment and we came through. It's going to be a very exciting atmosphere kind of like 2011, so hopefully for the same result."

Nearly two years later, the No. 6 Baylor Bears sit in a similar situation heading into a historic nationally televised matchup against No. 10 Oklahoma. For the first time in the history of the matchup, Baylor is considered the favorite.

"Since I've been here, this is probably the biggest game we've played," senior defensive end Chris McAllister said. "They keep getting bigger and bigger. The people around the school are excited, the people around the city are excited. A win against a top 10 team would

do a lot for us, and hopefully get some of the respect we're trying to earn."

Excitement for Baylor football is at an all-time high. Baylor's released early student ticket sale information via its Facebook page on Monday.

Out of 12,575 people eligible for student tickets, more than 8,200 students have picked up tickets. That is more than 65 percent of the student population.

"I feel the fans' excitement a lot," senior left guard Cyril Richardson said. "When you go into the Student Union Building you see everyone in line trying to get those black shirts. It's crazy and fun."

Those "black shirts" that Richardson is referring to are part of a "BlackOUT" promotion put on by Baylor Student Activities.

The shirts went on sale Oct. 29, but sold out after only one day. Student Activities ordered more shirts, and those sold out within hours the second day of sales.

Lines on Monday stretched throughout the entire Bill Daniel Student Center.

On Oct. 30, Baylor Athletic Director Ian McCaw tweeted that the dreaded tarp would be removed for the final two games at Floyd Casey Stadium.

The tarp, which has covered unsold South Endzone seats since 2004, cut the maximum attendance at the Case from 50,000 to around 47,000. With it gone, Baylor has a chance to set a record for attendance in Floyd Casey Stadium's final two home games.

"I think one of the greatest quotes ever was when Coach Briles said, 'We're going tarpless,'" Petty said. "It's going to be a big deal for us. It's going to be huge that we finally get to take that tarp off."

This game may not just have implications in the Baylor community, but also in the national spotlight.

Baylor is one of only five teams in automatic-qualifying conferences who are undefeated, along with Alabama, Florida State, Oregon and Ohio State.

Out of those teams, Baylor is ranked lowest in the BCS thanks to having the lowest strength of



TRAVIS TAYLOR | LARIAT PHOTO EDITOR

Baylor freshmen in their Line jerseys prepare to storm the field before Baylor's Sept. 13 game against Buffalo. The Bears are 7-0 and are ranked No. 6, which is the highest the Bears have ever been in the BCS standings. Baylor's game against Oklahoma on Thursday will be a pivotal Big 12 showdown.

schedule. A win against a top 10 Oklahoma would change that.

"We're ready to roll Thursday and it'll be here pretty fast," head football coach Art Briles said. "It's an accelerated week without question. I'm really proud of the way

our university and our marketing department has jumped in and added to the atmosphere. I'm happy for that and happy for our players and recruits and that's a big deal for us so we need to get out and perform well."

Baylor is ranked top five in the Associated Press poll for the first time in 60 years and is ranked in the top six of the BCS rankings for the first time in the 16-year history of the Bowl Championship Series. No. 6 Baylor football will look

to make program-changing statement against No. 10 Oklahoma at 6:30 p.m. Thursday in the penultimate game at Floyd Casey Stadium.

The game will be nationally broadcast on Fox Sports 1.

Soccer tops TCU 1-0 in Big 12 season finale

By PARMIDA SCHAHHOSSEINI
SPORTS WRITER

The timing couldn't have been more perfect for the Baylor Bears to win their second consecutive Big 12 game, defeating TCU 1-0 on Friday to close out the regular season.

"We're a good team," Baylor co-head coach Marci Jobson said. "We've always been a good team. We've suffered some losses and can play with anybody."

After the Bears defense kept the Horned Frogs offense silent, sophomore forward Bri Campos scored off a free kick from 26 yards out to give Baylor the lead. Baylor was aggressive the whole night, outshooting TCU 16-8 and held an 8-0 in shots on goal. Campos was named to the All-Big 12 first team on Monday.

Junior goalkeeper Michelle Kloss had an easy night, finishing without a save. The stout backline contained the TCU offense, controlling the tempo of the game on its way to its 12th shutout of the season, tied for second-most in school history.

The game could have belonged to anyone in the first half as both teams exchanged shots. Senior midfielder Kat Ludlow started the offensive attack with back-to-back shots, but TCU retaliated with back-to-back shots of its own. After continued exchanges, Baylor finished the half with the last three shots.

Three minutes into the second

half, the Horned Frogs attacked early, but the shot went wide. Baylor responded with Ludlow and freshman midfielder Ashley York taking back-to-back shots, putting added pressure on Coffey. Increased chances gave the Bears a higher probability for a score, which is exactly what happened when Campos scored.

The Baylor offense came alive as it played aggressive soccer and continued to attack. The midfield play was sparked by the physical play on defense, leading to more shot creation. Baylor shot the ball four times in a row before TCU responded with a shot. The Horned Frogs tried to brew a comeback, but Baylor sealed the 1-0 win.

After going on a six-game winless streak beginning with a 4-3 loss against West Virginia on Sept. 29, Baylor won its last two games, giving it momentum going into the Big 12 Tournament.

"It's definitely been an emotional rollercoaster," Ludlow said. "It's been a win-loss rollercoaster, it's been every type of rollercoaster, but we came together and understood that God takes you really south to go north, so we believe it's part of a bigger purpose and that all this is just preparing us for hopefully something greater."

Baylor moves to 9-0-0 all time against TCU. The win also propelled Baylor to its fourth consecutive 10-win season under the Jobson era. Despite the ups and downs, Baylor has the pieces to make a deep run. Freshman defender Lindsay Burns has added a spark with her improved play. York is second on the team with five goals.

"Coming into the season, I didn't really know if I was going to play a lot," York said. "Scoring in a couple games early on, I started to feel a little bit of pressure because I was like OK I'm scoring goals, I have to keep going."

With the regular season behind it, Baylor is ready to look forward. It's a clean slate for the Bears because everyone starts on the same playing field in the postseason with the exception of seeding.

"I'm excited for the postseason because anything can happen on any day," Jobson said. "We have some things right with our team mentally and physically and we are seeing what it takes for us to come out, play and win games. They've had to learn some tough lessons this year, but I'm excited to go to the postseason with some wins in our last two games and see what happens in Kansas City."

Baylor will play No. 4 seed Iowa State at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday in Kansas City, Kan.



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VETS

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Andre Castro, Flores’ press secretary, said the subcommittee is able to have a field hearing in the district once each year. A field hearing is any hearing held outside of Washington.

“He picked Baylor because it’s central to Waco,” Castro said. “We have so many veterans in our district and we wanted a central location where a lot of vets are there and a lot of the information at the hearing pertains to a lot of the people in the area.”

The GI Bill is the primary bill that is listed on the subcommittee’s website. The bill was changed after Sept. 11, 2001. Flores said the main change was the increase in educational benefits.

“If a veteran wants to go to Baylor, which is typically more expensive than some other educational opportunities, there’s a good chance the GI Bill will cover a substantial amount of the cost, which is better than what the last GI Bill would do,” Flores said.

Flores said part of the purpose of the hearing is to potentially make changes to the GI Bill from an educational standpoint.

“There are some parts of the GI Bill that still need to be tweaked that make it more user-friendly not only for beneficiaries or veterans but for the institutions that are trying to educate our veterans,” Flores said. “We will take what we learn back and see if we need to make changes to the bill.”

Also speaking at the hearing is Dr. Janet Bagby, VETS Coordinator and senior lecturer in the department of educational psychology. VETS stands for Veteran Educational and Transition Services and is a center that aims to promote the academic success of veterans at Baylor.

“I’m pretty impressed with the program,” Flores said. “I’m looking forward to hearing her testify in person so we can take what I think is going to be the set of best practices back to Washington with me.”

Bagby said there are about 100 student veterans on campus and this hearing is important to them.

“What I will be sharing is what services we have we have in place now to serve our students vets,” Bagby said.

MOLLY

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Seastrunk heard Molly’s story in a class called “On Death and Dying,” for which Martinsen was a guest speaker. The story, he said, motivates him to keep trying the way Molly did.

“When she told me the story, I said, ‘I’m going to win it now,’” Seastrunk said.

Seastrunk is confident when it comes to winning the 2013 Heisman Trophy. He made his controversial statement regarding the Heisman in December 2012.

To Sporting News, he said, “I’m going to win the Heisman. I’m going to win it in 2013. If I don’t, I’m going to get very close. I’m shooting for that goal.”

Seastrunk has made it clear since then that he won’t back down from his claim. Now that he has “the power of Molly,” he said he is more dedicated than ever to achieve his goal.

“My conviction is stronger than anyone else’s to win,” Seastrunk said. “I know in my heart that nobody can stop me from what I want to do and what God has in store for me.”

Seastrunk said Molly’s spirit encourages him whenever he has self-doubt.

“I think of her in everything I do,” Seastrunk said. “If I tell myself ‘no,’ what would Molly think? What would Molly think if I said I couldn’t do it?”

I know she’ll lift me up because she is my angel, because I feel her all the time. She’s always with me.”

Martinsen said she thinks Seastrunk identifies strongly with Molly because, like her, he is a gifted athlete with the will to persist in the face of adversity.

“Last year, when he pulled his hamstring in that game and kept running, I sat in my living room and said, ‘That’s a Molly move,’” Martinsen said. “She would’ve done that. She would’ve kept running.”

Molly has become an important part of Seastrunk’s life, he said, and he would like to build a philanthropic foundation in Molly’s name in the future.

Martinsen said she is touched and amazed that Seastrunk can connect with Molly on such a deep level without ever meeting her. Seastrunk has accompanied Martinsen to the cemetery to visit Molly’s grave, she said.

“He takes her strength with him,” Martinsen said.

When Seastrunk steps out onto the field, he said he is playing for something greater than himself.

“Coach Kaz always tells us to play for a higher cause,” Seastrunk said. “I found my cause.”

BEARS

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about their cage. Pacing can be a sign of boredom or discomfort. During Dr. David Garland’s 2008-2010 interim presidency at Baylor, PETA expressed concern on its website that the Baylor bears were pacing and “self-mutilating,” though it did not describe what it thought to be self-mutilation.

Manda Butler, animal care manager of mammals at Cameron Park Zoo, said animals expressing stereotypes of discontent are not always actually upset, though they can be.

“A lot of time the action is brought on by a stressor, or maybe a boredom response, but the thing about a stereotype is, once it’s ingrained behavior, it’s something they sometimes do and don’t even realize it,” Butler said. “It’s the equivalent of chewing your nails or twisting your hair, or if you tap your pen on the table. It’s a repetitive behavior that has no function or purpose, but because an animal is exhibiting a stereotype doesn’t mean that it is bored or stressed. It could, but animals are routine-

oriented like we are.”

Eugene Baker, author of book on Baylor mascot history, “Here Come the Bears,” said in Baylor history there have been problems with the bears.

Some of the very first bears on campus in the early 20th century were tied to a tree instead of being kept in a pen or habitat. An unofficial bear mascot was even kept in a student’s backyard.

“The facility where we keep them is so much better than what it used to be in the past,” Baker said.

In the past, additional sugar was put into Dr Peppers that the bears were given to make the bear more interested in the drink, Baker said.

Baker’s book shows that bears were allowed around humans more, such as when they were taken to football games and allowed to be played with and be petted by students.

“There were some people who were disquieted by the fact that when we got rid of the bears, they were not well-treated by

the people we gave them to,” Baker said. “And so we had to make sure that we had some type of arrangement by which they would be taken care of.”

Today Lady and Joy live in a habitat and will not be seen drinking Dr Pepper or attending football games.

The bears’ veterinarian helps design their diet.

“We do our very best to keep their nutrition as natural as possible,” Hornbeak said. “The main portion of their diet is a specially formulated food mix for omnivores. It is highly nutritious with just the right amounts of things like protein, iron and fiber.”

Lady and Joy are given fruit in the mornings and vegetables in the evening, as well as meat.

The Cameron Park Zoo also is home to North American black bears. These bears’ diets also consist of a special food made for bears, as well as other meats, fruits and vegetables, Butler said.

The Cameron Park Zoo website states

enrichment, which is activities designed to stimulate an animal physically and mentally, is an important part of animal husbandry.

“Enrichment is a very important part of any captive animal management,” Butler said. “We really look at the species and look at what their wild time budget would be, and how much of their day they would spend foraging and doing other activities, and we try to mimic those as much as we can to keep the bears stimulated. The more natural of an environment, the closer you are to the wild time budget, the happier the animal is.”

Keepers at the zoo give their animals items and activities that would mimic natural behaviors, such as applying the scent of a different animal’s urine in order to cause the animal to re-mark its territory. Animals, the bear included, are given different objects to play with and food that has to be foraged.

Butler said she stresses the use of olfactory, or scent, stimulation.

“I think olfactory response is incredibly important to all animals,” she said.

Baylor bear keepers have their own methods of enrichment.

“The enrichment aspect of daily care is very important,” Hornbeak said. “This is one of the ways the bears get their exercise.”

For enrichment, Baylor bear keepers will scatter nuts and treats for the bears to seek out and find.

“The best form of enrichment for them is our training process,” Hornbeak said. “We have an off-campus secure training facility that is quite large and they have plenty of room to run around, wrestle with one another, or even climb hills and trees. Out there is where we work on new behaviors and really get them to work well with us.”

Hornbeak called Lady and Joy’s habitat “top-notch.”

“Care for the bears at Baylor has done nothing but improve over the years,” he said.



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Anti-abortion supporter Paige Cofield of Washington, DC., stands outside the Supreme Court in Washington Monday on the first day of the 2013-2014 term. The justices take the bench Monday for the start of their new term with important cases about campaign contributions, housing discrimination and government-sanctioned prayer already on tap.

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a procedure its opponents call partial-birth abortion.

It was the first time the court upheld a nationwide ban on a particular method of abortion and the majority opinion that Justice Anthony Kennedy wrote for his four conservative colleagues suggested that the court might be open to additional limits on abortion.

The ensuing years have given rise to a wealth of state laws that outlaw abortions after 20 weeks of pregnancy, set limits on the use of drug-induced abortions, mandate ultrasound exams and counseling and require that doctors who perform abortions in clinics practice at nearby hospitals.

“I think what we’re seeing is that Americans generally, according to opinion polls and the actions of their legislatures, are unhappy with federal control of abortion that we’ve had since Roe v. Wade,” said Casey Mattox, senior counsel at the anti-abortion Alliance Defending Freedom.

Looking at the same trend, Nancy Northup, president and chief executive officer of the Center for Reproductive Rights,

said abortion rights groups are pushing back hard against the state laws.

“The reality is, we are seeing an onslaught of restrictions like never before,” Northup said.

Her group led the challenge to the Oklahoma law on medication abortions.

In 2012, the Oklahoma Supreme Court struck down the law that requires doctors to administer the drugs in accordance with U.S. Food and Drug Administration protocol and prohibits widely prescribed off-label uses.

The justices said in June they would review the Oklahoma ruling, but first wanted the state court to clarify whether the law at issue limits drug-induced abortions or effectively bans them altogether.

The latter, the Oklahoma court said last week.

That response led the justices to change their mind and dismiss the case on Monday.

An Oklahoma lawmaker already has said he will introduce new legislation that takes the Oklahoma court ruling into account.

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