

# Crack down

## Enforcement day results in several DPS arrests

By PAULA ANN SOLIS  
STAFF WRITER

Texas Department of Public Safety troopers made several narcotics, weapons and traffic related arrests Wednesday during the department's high intensity traffic enforcement day, said trooper D. I. Wilson, a public information officer for DPS.

Troopers from DPS and 10 other law enforcement entities, including the Waco Police Department, parked along Interstate 35 from 6 a.m. to midnight Wednesday. Patrol officers covered the McLennan, Bell and Hill counties.

The highway, which runs adjacent to Baylor's campus, is occupied by many construction workers on a daily basis and is an area of high safety concern, Wilson said.

"We've had through the past year or so, an increase in car crashes due to construction zones that we have," Wilson said. "It's not the construction workers' fault. They follow strict guidelines set by the Texas DPS. It's the motoring public's fault."

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, from 2003 to 2012, the most deaths in highway work zones for the nation were in Texas with 131 reported incidents.

Sgt. Patrick Swanton, the public information officer for Waco police, said to help DPS in its efforts to decrease worker fatalities, Waco police officers were stationed at every work zone within the city limits. Although Waco police made several traffic stops during their patrols, this operation was coordinated by DPS. Waco police only assisted in whichever way they were needed, Swanton said.

This interdepartmental effort has allowed the process to be a great success so far, Wilson said. Although DPS has conducted several high-intensity traffic enforcement days in the past, he said this one was the most effective because more than 10 entities worked together.

"Usually it's DPS-led," Wilson said. "But I think getting everybody out here together is really going to help the community."

Because the enforcement is still underway, Wilson would not say how many

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### Carry it daily

Smiling, Baylor communications technician Eric Smith carries a cross Wednesday down Valley Mills Drive. "I'm just out here to tell people how much God loves them," he said. Smith can regularly be seen trudging down the streets of Waco with this visual representation of his faith.

# New sports facility kicks off in Waco

By ANJA ROSALES  
REPORTER

Dr. Pedro Reyes' dream of having an indoor sports facility in Waco has finally come to reality.

Waco Indoor Sports Center, located on 8043 Robinson Park Industrial Drive, is the first of its kind to come to Waco, featuring indoor soccer, flag football, basketball, baseball, softball, volleyball and futsal — a variation of indoor soccer on a hard, gym-like surface.

Reyes, a professor in the Hankamer School of Business, said he used to travel to Dallas regularly to play indoor soccer. "It's always been a dream of mine to build an indoor soccer facility," Reyes said.

After getting tenure, Reyes said he thought it was the right time to make his dream come true. Waco senior Rob Hartland and Wichita, Kan., junior Joshua Rogg were some of the first Baylor students and local residents to play soccer in the new indoor center.

"I have really enjoyed being able to play at the new indoor center," Rogg said. "It is a high-quality field and arena to play in."

Hartland said it is one of the best indoor facilities he has ever played in.

"The turf is excellent and the arena itself was closed quarters and fast-paced like an indoor facility should be," Hartland said.

Reyes said there has always been a demand for soccer in Waco, but the sport



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Members of an indoor coed soccer league scrimmage on Wednesday at the new Waco Indoor Sports Center.

faced competition from other sports. Reyes said most kids play soccer in youth leagues along with other sports but do not stick with it as they progress. He said the commitment to soccer after youth leagues is not strong because there aren't proper facilities or leagues that enable development.

"Our vision is to help the soccer community in town grow with this facility," Reyes said.

"I love that it is filling a need for indoor soccer and Waco had nothing like it before now," Rogg said. "It is a great ad-

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Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas, arrives Wednesday on Capitol Hill in Washington as senators prepare vote to extend the Treasury's borrowing authority.

# Senate clears debt limit measure for Obama

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WASHINGTON — Legislation to raise the federal debt limit and prevent a crippling government default cleared Congress on Wednesday with an awkward assist from top Senate Republican leaders who were forced into a politically treacherous vote engineered by tea party favorite Ted Cruz.

The Texas Republican's maneuver forced several GOP colleagues, including Minority Leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky, into a reluctant vote against a filibuster, helping the measure along. It's a vote likely to cause grief for McConnell, who is facing a primary election challenges.

On a day of legislative drama, the key vote clearing the way for final action was held open for more than an hour — as the stock market looked on nervously — and broke

open only after McConnell and top lieutenant John Cornyn, R-Texas, unexpectedly voted "aye." Several other Republicans then switched their votes to support the measure, ultimately breaking the filibuster by a 67-31 margin.

The bill then passed the Senate by a near party-line 55-43 vote, with all of the yes votes coming from President Barack Obama's allies.

"I'm pleased that Republicans

and Democrats in Congress have come together to pay for what they've already spent, and remove the threat of default from our economy once and for all," Obama said in a statement.

The president is now clear to sign the bill, which allows the government to borrow all the money it needs to pay bills such as Social Security benefits, federal salaries,

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## Gay friends deserve love

I think pretty much anything and everything there is to be said about the topic of marriage and the LGBT community has been said. My opinion probably carries much less credibility than many others' opinions do. I'll quote Forrest Gump: "I don't know much about anything."



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I'm a Christian, and that means the world to me. Politically, I consider myself a moderate conservative, which means almost nothing. There's a small smattering of political issues, such as that of abortion, I have a strong right-winged belief about. With pretty much everything political, though, I get frustrated with minute details and complexities that clash with politicians' overly-simplified platforms. This frustration is so great that I often don't know what to think at all.

I think that maybe I believe the Bible and it says homosexuality is wrong, but even if I could come to a sound conclusion on that, I don't have a clue as to how or even if the issue should be legislated.

"Love" is a frustratingly large and vague concept to wrap one's mind around. There are different people to whom we give different types of love. There are different reasons we find to love others, reasons we like people and reasons those people are important to us. Many Christians discuss how best to love the LGBT community. Are homosexuals and transgender folks doing things right? Wrong? Are they heroes? Deviants? Should we give "these people" praise or hate, or charity? Are they to be chastised or encouraged? Pitied?

This is the way I go about loving another person: I go to Starbucks with them. I get in line to order. I complain to them about how I'm drinking way too many sugary drinks, but I order one anyway. I sit down with that person and sip on my coffee. I make fun of them for not realizing you can order a "white" mocha. Then when they start to fuss over the cold they're coming down with, I get up and buy them a cookie, because I'm helpless at all things medical and know nothing better to do.

It just seems unnatural, unkind and unhelpful to treat a person as anything or anyone but themselves, no matter their sexual orientation or skin color or preference between "Family Guy" and "South Park." When getting to know someone, I focus on the things unique to them: the way their voice sounds, the aura their body movements put off, their sense of humor. Their uniqueness stamps itself into my memory as no one else's ever has. Maybe I talk with them about political and moral issues – if that's something they want to talk about, or if I just read a tweet from NBC about someone blocking traffic to further their own political agenda. But then again, maybe not.

I don't want to suggest that the issue of marriage and things LGBT is something I would roll over on my back about. Political apathy is not the gist of my spiel. Avoiding confrontation would leave a person with no friends and no real personality. However, I think there is a time and place for having a heart-to-heart with your transgender friend about the implications of sexual reassignment surgery. I think that time often comes long after the front-burner issue of tending to that friend's cold and stealing a pinch of the cookie you originally bought for them.

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## CVS stores revoke the smoke

### Editorial

CVS shoppers will have to get their smokes elsewhere because the U.S. pharmacy recently announced it would phase out the sale of cigarettes by Oct. 1. The company's move is bold and brave.

This is the first time a national chain pharmacy has taken tobacco products off its shelves. CVS Caremark CEO Larry J. Merlo said the goal of removing the products is to send a message of better health to its customers as well as remain consistent with the company's goal of promoting health.

This step to cease selling tobacco products is one other pharmacies and companies should follow.

Cigarettes are proven to be horrible for health. The National Cancer Institute states tobacco is the leading cause of preventable illness and death in the U.S.

The institute published statistics that show 443,000 people die from cigarette smoke each year, nearly twice the amount of people that live in McLennan County, and 49,000 of those are caused by secondhand smoke.

Cigarettes affect not just the person who smokes them, but also those who are close enough to breathe in secondhand smoke.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, lung cancer causes the most cancer-related deaths in the U.S. Ninety percent of lung cancer in men and 80 percent of lung cancer in women is caused by smoking.

The decision to pull tobacco products from shelves is a way to help this problem. By not selling the cigarettes, the company is expressing a desire to shift society to be healthier. Illnesses caused by smoking are preventable, so this is a way to prevent them.

Some people would argue that it is their right to purchase cigarettes, and it is. However, it is the right of CVS Caremark, as a private company, to cease selling them.

The decision would cut about \$2 billion in sales for CVS stores. However, in 2012 the company generated \$123 billion in sales, so the company isn't losing much in way of profits.

People who buy cigarettes could spend their money on other essentials.

In fact, the cost of smoking cigarettes outweighs the cost of not selling them. The CDC states tobacco use costs the US about \$289 billion a year, which in-



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cludes \$133 billion for medical care for tobacco-related illnesses and \$156 billion in lost productivity.

President Barack Obama commended the decision to stop selling cigarettes. Obama was once a smoker, but in 2011 first lady Michelle Obama said he kicked the habit.

For those who choose not to stop smoking, other stores continue to sell cigarettes. However, some stores such as Walgreens are currently evaluating whether to also pull tobacco products.

Some people have criticized the decision, saying that the store should stop selling foods high in sodium or sugar if health is the main concern.

These foods are not bad for health in moderation, and there is no such thing as secondhand cholesterol.

While tobacco industries continue to produce tobacco products, as is their right, it is good CVS set an example for other companies to help fight preventable illnesses caused by tobacco.

More stores should follow their lead.

## Stay classy, brides: Don't ruin wedding gowns

A wedding is one of the most memorable events in a person's entire life.

In order to preserve these memories, many people choose to have an engagement photo shoot or hire a professional photographer.

Trashing the dress, however, is a new trend that is taking the place of more tradition wedding photography.

Trashing the dress is essentially a photo shoot after the wedding in which the bride and groom go get all dirty in the mud or play paintball with one another in their ceremony clothing.

Afterward the wedding dress is absolutely covered with dirt or an arrangement of crazy colors, and the couple can take some really fun pictures.

This ruins the dress, however, because those stains will never come out.

This trend should end because it destroys the meaning of the wedding dress.

Wedding dresses are usually white in order to symbolize the purity of the



Jessica Abbey | Reporter

bride who wears it. However, covering it in dirt of paint is an absolute mockery of this idea.

A wedding dress should remain in its original white state as a reminder of the ideals that it represented on the wedding day. Putting mud or paint all

over the dress is quite frankly offensive to the idea of purity and almost seems to suggest that the marriage is designed in order to destroy this purity.

A wedding dress is also something which a mother sometimes passes down to her daughter.

Trashing the dress doesn't even allow the opportunity for a dress to be reused and destroys the opportunity for it to be a part of a family tradition.

Supporters of the "trash the dress" trend would argue the dress is only worn once, so it should be used to its fullest potential.

Also, even if one decides to keep the wedding dress, it would probably just sit in the back of the closet in a box that collects dust forever anyway. Supporters of the trend would argue that we might as well get some really awesome pictures taken with the dress covered in multi-colored paint.

Similar to a wedding dress, though, many brides choose to preserve their

wedding bouquets for years.

They don't burn them after the wedding, which is what they might as well do with a wedding dress that is covered in mud.

It is the extent to which the destruction of the dress occurs that is a problem and is really just offensive.

A wedding dress kept in its original condition after a wedding ceremony is not useful for practical purposes unless it is passed down to another generation. However, the dress serves an emotional purpose because it preserves the memories of what a bride wore on her wedding day.

A bride doesn't wear a dirty dress to walk down the aisle, so the trend of trashing the dress shouldn't put a smudge on the memory of the special moment in which two people said "I do."

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# Apparel program bursts at seams with new honor

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The apparel program at Baylor has been ranked among the top 32 most influential fashion schools in the world by fashionplaytes.com.

This is not, however, the first time that the program has received such recognition.

In 2011, fashionista.com ranked Baylor's fashion program on the top 20 fashion schools in the U.S.

As the program's newest ranking implies, Baylor's apparel pro-

gram lures students from around the world.

Athens, Greece, freshman Sofia Bitouli juggles being on the track team and a fashion design student. She said she knew Baylor's fashion program was one of the top programs in the U.S.

Other international students in the fashion program include students from countries such as England and Bolivia.

Dr. Lorynn Divita, an associate professor of apparel merchandising, has been at Baylor for 12 years. She said she has seen posi-

tive changes happen in the program, such as technology advancements, study abroad opportunities and increased alumni support.

"The main reason we have received so much positive press lately is the addition of new technology," Divita said.

The department now has a computer lab with design software and a fabric printer.

Divita said this software available to students is important in the professional world, and the students' knowledge in these programs have really set Baylor apart.

"I think we're very strong in the realistic approach we have with students," said Dr. Mary Simpson, the apparel design and product development program coordinator.

Simpson said the program takes the theories into real world practice and teaches students what average people wear and buy.

McKinney senior Taylor Allen, an apparel design major, said the program has given her real life experience through forecasting fashion trends, being the student coordinator for last year's fashion show and designing clothes for a target market.

"Here at Baylor, we not only learn about design, we learn about the business of fashion," Allen said.

She said she feels like she has learned not only how to make clothes but also how to market, brand and sell herself as a designer.

Lake Forest, Calif., sophomore



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Apparel merchandising student, Santa Ana, Calif., sophomore Jordan Stauffer designs a dress with tin foil for an in-class project.



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Mesquite junior Lindsey Pounds, Shreveport, La., sophomore Courtney Cook, Round Rock sophomore Jasmine Moguel and Flower Mound sophomore Destany Porter work on making a dress out of toilet paper, foil, and plastic. The project was to create a dress out of non-fabric materials.

Hailey Sands said another unique aspect of the program is the faculty's relationship with the students.

"It's a very tight knit program," Sands said. She said she feels she can call her professors anytime.

"I think that we're unique because we're small, and they care about us as students, not just as tuition," Sands said.

Allen said that she primarily picked the design program at Baylor because of the professors.

"I was very impressed by the rigorous and well-rounded program as well as the individual attention from our professors," Allen said.

Divita said another reason the department is strong because of the relationship it has with its alumni.

"We also benefit from a close relationship with our alumni, many of whom return to speak at our student organization Baylor Apparel Professionals," Divita said.

This student organization gives members the opportunity to speak with professionals in their field about careers.

The alumni in the apparel program have gone on to work with many big name companies, including Fossil, Dillards, J Crew, Tiffany's, Ralph Lauren and the Dallas Cowboys.

"I think our alums' success in the industry proves that it can be done with hard work and dedication," said Divita.

Divita also mentioned some of the learning experiences that Baylor students can have, including

trips to Montreal, New York and cities in Europe. One experience Divita mentioned was the opportunity to spend an hour and a half with Didier Grumbach, Chairman of the Chambre Syndicale de la Haute Couture.

"He is quite literally the top man in French fashion," said Divita. "I know of no other school that gets to do that."

Simpson said that upon graduation, students are ready to face the constantly evolving challenges of the design world.

"We've always been great, only it was a well-kept secret," Divita said. "Now, thanks to our investment in technology, superior learning experiences and high-achieving alums, we're not a secret anymore."

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By TAYLOR REXRODE  
A&E EDITOR

With Valentine's Day on Friday, many students may be looking for that last-minute gift for someone special.

They want something heartfelt yet inexpensive, something that acknowledges the amorous holiday, as commercialized as it is, but doesn't seem too desperate or cheesy.

Those who don't have a Valentine may want to enjoy something that doesn't require having a significant other, perhaps something sweet that can be shared among friends or alone while bingeing on a Netflix marathon.

Why not cupcakes?

With the rise of Pinterest, baking truly became an art, with many variations on traditional desserts. Among those decorated desserts is the Surprise Raspberry Heart Cupcakes from McCormick, a white cupcake with a raspberry heart center.

While the center of my cupcakes looked more like a pink blob than a perfectly crafted heart, I was surprised to find out that my cupcakes were tasty despite my cutting corners on the recipe.

Name

Surprise Raspberry Heart Cupcakes

Originally pinned from

<http://www.mccormick.com/recipes/dessert/surprise-raspberry-heart-cupcakes>

What you need

- 1 package (2-layer size) white cake mix
- 1 tablespoon plus 2 teaspoons McCormick Raspberry Extract, divided
- 24 drops McCormick Red Food Color
- 2 teaspoons McCormick Pure Vanilla Extract
- ½ cup (1 stick) butter, softened
- 4 cups confectioners' sugar
- 5 tablespoons heavy cream
- 1-inch heart-shaped cookie cutter

Yields 12 cupcakes

\*For my version of the recipe, replace confectioners' sugar and heavy cream with your favorite prepackaged frosting.

What to do

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Prepare cake mix as directed on package. Remove

1.5 cups of the batter to medium bowl. Stir in 1 tablespoon of raspberry extract and red food color. Pour into greased 8-inch square baking pan. Reserve remaining batter.

Bake 12 minutes or until toothpick inserted into center comes out clean. Cool on wire rack. Cut out 12 heart shapes with 1-inch heart-shaped cook cutter. Set aside.

Stir vanilla into reserved batter. Pour ½ of the batter evenly into 12 paper muffin cups. Press one cake heart vertically into center of each muffin cup. Bake 15-18 minutes or until top of cupcake is set. Cool cupcakes on wire rack.

Meanwhile, beat butter and remaining 2 teaspoons raspberry extract in large bowl until light and fluffy. Gradually add confectioners' sugar alternately with cream, beating well after each addition and scraping sides and bottom of bowl frequently. Frost cooled cupcakes with frosting.

What went wrong

Since I was on a tight budget, I did not pick up supplies to create the frosting (I used Duncan Hines fluffy white whipped frosting) nor did I track down a heart-shaped cookie cutter. This latter issue may have been what made my cupcakes less than romantic. Once my small raspberry cake had cooled, I cut out jagged hearts with a butter knife, many of which fell apart in my hands or were lopsided.

Another issue I had with the recipe was the fact that it didn't say whether or not to put more cake batter on top of the inserted cake hearts. For my own experiment, I put cake batter on half of the cupcakes (the prettier ones of the bunch) and left the other half of the cupcakes topless, exposing the tops of pink hearts. Those uncovered cupcakes came back crispy like little pink croutons sticking out of a muffin. The other looked like as cupcakes should – soft and smooth.

Final consensus

I think my cheapening of the recipe probably kept my cupcakes from looking like those in the picture from McCormicks. With practice and a heart-shaped cookie cutter, I think the recipe is plausible. Whether or not it is worth it to bake hearts into a cupcake is another question entirely. But if you're looking for something inexpensive and Valentine-themed, these cupcakes are a great way to celebrate.

A dim picture for date night

By GLENN WHIPP  
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VIA MCCLATCHY-TRIBUNE

Dinner and a movie.

Yes, I realize it represents a profound failure of imagination, but this was the date I had proposed to my wife for Valentine's Day this week. But sometimes life's obligations (not to mention two kids) limit your options for an evening out, so you flail around, punt and resort to an old standby. It still beats takeout and loading the dishwasher, right?

Maybe not. A cursory glance at the theater listings reveals a slate of movies not exactly geared toward anyone whose age or IQ exceeds 30. "That Awkward Moment"? The one about the infantile guys chanting "bros before hos"? Didn't that phrase go out with low-rise jeans? Pass. "The Lego Movie"? I believe that's currently playing on our living room floor. "Labor Day"? Did you read the reviews? No reason not to skip ahead, enjoy a slice of peach pie and call it a night.

And we've already seen "About Last Night" and "Endless Love" back when Lionel Richie and John Waite ruled the charts and Rob Lowe looked ... well, exactly as he does now. Maybe that Valentine's dinner should include kale and a brisk power walk back to the car ... that we parked five miles away.

My point is: Somewhere, somebody is at this very moment asking: Where have you gone, Garry Marshall? Our nation turns its lonely eyes to you, woo, woo, woo. (Or, eew, eew, eew, depending on how you feel about "Valentine's Day" and "New Year's Eve.") Just when did "date night movie" lose its place on studios' release schedules?

Typically this time of year, there's still some awards-season leftovers hanging around in theaters, movies aimed at grown-ups and among the biopics and historical epics and serious-minded whatnot, you might occasionally get a whiff of love in the air. Last year we watched those two kooky head cases in David O. Russell's "Silver Linings Playbook" fuss, feud and dance and give each other renewed purpose in life to the strains of Stevie Wonder and the White Stripes. It had us at "Hey!"

This year there's another movie from Russell, "American Hustle," but the emotional connection between its con artist lovers, played by Christian Bale and Amy Adams, feels like it's hidden somewhere beneath the elaborate comb-over that Bale's character sports.

Among the other best picture nominees, Sandra Bullock and George Clooney never have the chance to pair off in "Gravity," while, thankfully, nothing of that sort ever happens between 79-year-old Judi Dench and Steve Coogan during their trip to our nation's capital in "Philomena." Bruce Dern and June Squibb give us a glimpse of long-standing love in "Nebraska."

Then there's "Her," the Spike Jonze romance about Theodore (the great Joaquin Phoenix), a lovelorn man with a "tiny little hole" in his heart falling for his computer's sexy, sentient operating system and as a result, finding himself reengaged with his life and other flesh-and-blood people.

In the end, we decided we'll return on Valentine's night to a movie possessing all the elements of a great romance — friendship, fun and Nina Simone singing Duke Ellington.

That's right. I'll be watching "The Big Lebowski" with my Special Lady Friend. You're not dealing with morons here.

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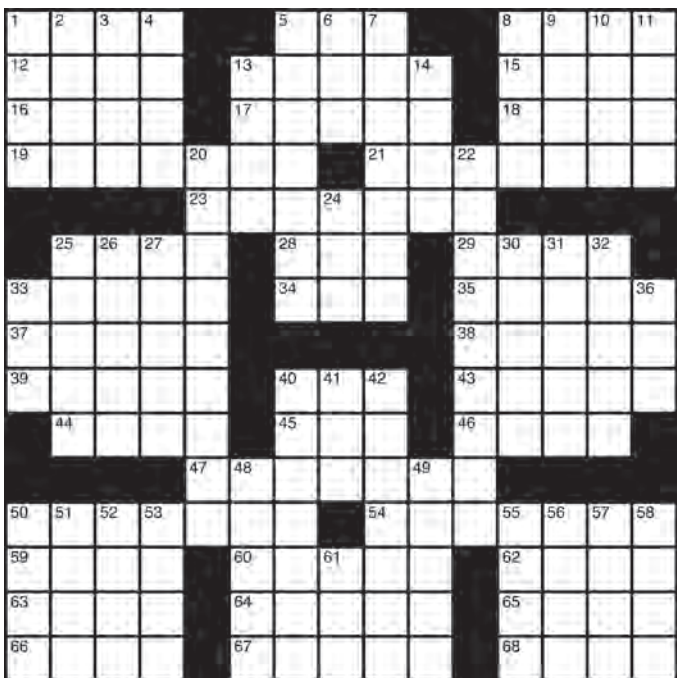
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  - 43 "Ulysses" actor Milo
  - 44 Quaint pronoun
  - 45 "Isn't \_\_ bit like you and me?": Beatles lyric
  - 46 Solvers' cries
  - 47 Tremulous glow
  - 50 Except
  - 54 Beeline
  - 59 "Hava Nagila" dance
  - 60 Different
  - 62 Worker welfare org.
  - 63 Progress slowly
  - 64 Organ with chambers
  - 65 Son of Odin
  - 66 Sinister chuckles
  - 67 "Revenge is \_\_ best served cold"
  - 68 Seven: Pref.
- Down
- 1 Soft stuff
  - 2 Will-wisp link
  - 3 Truck
  - 4 Poet Silverstein
  - 5 Words said with a double take

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- 6 Fez, e.g.
- 7 Corsage flowers
- 8 "Consarn it!"
- 9 Motrin target
- 10 Those folks
- 11 Suffragette Julia Ward \_\_
- 13 Former Labor secretary Elaine
- 14 Where she blows
- 20 Vehicle safety measure
- 22 Jug band percussion instrument
- 24 "Say what?"
- 25 Tackled
- 26 "Vega\$" actor
- 27 Mythical river of forgetfulness
- 30 Grating
- 31 "Hello, wahine!"
- 32 Can't stand
- 33 "You, there!"
- 36 Doo-wop syllable
- 40 Went from first to second, say
- 41 Jeans bottom
- 42 Pounds
- 48 Ado
- 49 Mars neighbor
- 50 \_\_ Tzu
- 51 Fine-tune
- 52 B'way seating area
- 53 Sounds from the stands
- 55 Shakespearean verb
- 56 1975 Wimbledon winner
- 57 Hit the mall
- 58 Antlered deer
- 61 Ginza agreement



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Baylor senior forward Cory Jefferson blocks TCU junior forward Amric Fields in Baylor's 91-58 win Wednesday at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum in Fort Worth. The Bears are now 15-9 overall and 3-8 in Big 12 Conference play.

## Bears blow out TCU 91-58; Heslip scores 24

By SHEHAN JEYARAJAH  
SPORTS WRITER

Baylor came into Wednesday night's matchup with TCU in desperate need of a win. The Bears had lost two in a row and eight of their last nine in conference play after their hot start to the season. Baylor (15-9, 3-8) finally was able to finish the job in a 91-58 win against TCU (9-14, 0-11) at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum in Fort Worth.

Baylor opened the game with eight straight points. TCU scored, but senior power forward Cory Jefferson answered with a thunderous alley-oop to give Baylor a 10-2 lead. Baylor extended its lead to 18-4 after a three-pointer from junior forward Royce O'Neale.

TCU played Baylor to a 5-5 stalemate for a few minutes, but sophomore forward Taurean Prince nailed a three to give Baylor a 28-13 lead. TCU tried to play zone against Baylor and the Bears were able to take advantage early. Baylor hit on six of its first eight three-point jumpers en route to a 15-point lead with 11:17 left in the half.

After starting so hot, Baylor missed five straight threes, and TCU used this as an opportunity to

get back into the basketball game. The Horned Frogs went on a 23-16 run to cut the Baylor lead to 44-36.

Baylor finished the first half on a run to push its lead to 49-38 on a layup at the buzzer by Prince.

TCU guard Kyan Anderson played a masterful first half, scoring or assisting on 20 of the last 25 points of the first half for the Horned Frogs. Anderson scored 18 points on 7-for-10 shooting in the first half. He added two three-pointers and three assists.

Sophomore center Isaiah Austin scored 14 quick points in the first half on 4-for-6 shooting from the field. The Bears shot 50 percent from the three-point line in the first half. Sophomore forward Rico Gathers grabbed five early boards.

Baylor started the second half on an 8-2 run behind an alley-oop from Jefferson and two straight three-pointers by senior guard Brady Heslip. Gathers scored six straight points for Baylor, capped off by a three-point play on an Austin assist.

With 14:08 left in the game, Prince was called for a technical foul for jawing at the referees as he walked back up the floor. Anderson hit two free throws to cut

the Baylor lead to 62-47. From that point on, Baylor went on a 29-10 run to defeat TCU by a score of 91-57.

Heslip led the Bears in scoring with 24 points off eight three-pointers.

Gathers added 14 points and a game-high 11 rebounds.

Austin put up 14 points, four rebounds, five assists and four blocks. Baylor finished with five players in double-figure scoring on the night.

TCU's basketball performance started and finished with Anderson. The junior finished with 29 points and four assists on 10-for-17 shooting and 3-for-6 from the three-point line. Anderson scored half of the Horned Frogs' points.

Baylor outshot TCU 53.4 percent to 40 percent on the night. If you take away Anderson's performance, other TCU players shot 30.3 percent from the floor and 12.5 percent from the three-point line.

Baylor hit a season-high 16 three-pointers. The Bears assisted on 24 of their 31 field goals.

Baylor will next play at 6 p.m. Saturday against Kansas State at the Ferrell Center. The game will be nationally broadcast on ESPN.

## A&T travels to Oregon to take on Ducks

By CAROLINE LINDSTROM  
REPORTER

Baylor acrobatics and tumbling kicks off its 2014 National Collegiate Acrobatics and Tumbling Association season against three-time reigning national champion Oregon at 9 p.m. today in Eugene, Ore.

"Oregon has tough competitors, clean skills, a polished team and won't disappoint their home crowd," head coach LaPrise Harris-Williams said. "However, I'm looking forward to our team staying confident and taking everything step-by-step like we have trained."

The Bears are hoping to compete against Oregon at their best, to see how they match up on the road.

The Bears are returning with 22 of 24 letter winners from the 2013 season. The returnees include 2013 Aerial Pass NCATA champion junior Keegan Johnson and two of the three reigning Trio Pass national champions with senior Hailey Cowan and sophomore Courtney Pate.

"I'm excited to see what we have to bring to the table for this season," Pate said. "We have worked so hard and I hope that shows."

An acrobatics and tumbling meet is head to head. The team order is predetermined by the head official.

The meet is made up of six events: compulsory, acro, pyramid, toss, tumbling and team routine. Each event has different requirements to hit and possible points to gain. The maximum number of points in a meet is 300.

Pate said the atmosphere in Oregon is "lively and intense" because the home crowd makes sure competitors know that is their home. However, the women feel confident the cheering will help fuel them for the meet as well.

"Oregon is going to be our most challenging meet, but I am ready to beat them and set the bar for the season," senior Kat Finta said.

The Bears will spend their first three meets on the road before they return home to the Ferrell Center to compete against Oregon once again on March 29.

## Lady Bears cruise past Texas Tech 75-58

By JEFFREY SWINDOLL  
SPORTS WRITER

It was a blowout in Waco last time the Lady Bears played Texas Tech, but being away from home changed the dynamic of the matchup in Lubbock.

Texas Tech looked much better than in their 92-43 loss against the same Lady Bears team a week ago, but it was still not enough against Baylor, who ended up winning 75-58 on Wednesday night at United Spirit Arena in Lubbock.

Baylor (21-3, 11-1) shot 4-for-6 from the free-throw line, giving the Lady Bears a much needed boost against an energetic Texas Tech (6-18, 0-13) team in the first half.

Texas Tech was perhaps a little too energetic in the first half, as it sent the Lady Bears to the line often, putting them into the bonus with plenty of time on the clock. Sending a consistent free-throw team can come with damaging consequences to a team's chances of winning.

Baylor did not give up easy fouls as Texas Tech was sent to line only three times by Baylor in the first half. Freshman forward Nina Davis was the only one to commit two fouls in the first half.

Another huge lift for Baylor in the first half was its shooting from downtown. Senior guard Odyssey

Sims and freshman guard Imani Wright made some big threes for Baylor in the first half.

One big difference from the first half in Waco compared to the first half in Lubbock was turnovers. Baylor turned the ball over eight times against Texas Tech at the Ferrell Center. In Lubbock, the Lady Bears already accumulated five turnovers before half.

Baylor head coach Kim Mulkey recognized her team's carelessness with the ball, called a timeout and regrouped her team for the last five minutes of the half. At this point of the game in Waco, Baylor was already up by more than 20 points.

That was not the case in Lubbock. Texas Tech gave The Lady Bears a run for their money and it showed in the scoreline. Baylor led 31-23 at the half.

Sims went into the locker room with 12 points and an assist to her name.

Junior post Sune Agbuke and Davis tied for Baylor's second top scorer in the first half with six points apiece.

Texas Tech evenly spread its points in the first half. Freshman guard Minta Spears led her team with six points. Her teammates followed close behind as freshman guard Jasmine Caston posted five points, and junior guard Amber Battle had four points before halftime.

The second half saw a much different performance from both teams. The Lady Bears were the ones fouling often like Texas Tech did in the first half.

Davis came into the half with two fouls and ended the game with the most fouls of any player. One foul away from fouling out, Davis watched the game from the sidelines longer than usual for her. Even with the limited minutes as a result of foul trouble, Davis still managed to earn another double-double for her 20th game this season with double figures.

Davis was not the only Lady Bear in foul trouble. Sophomore post Kristina Higgins and Wright each finished with three fouls, and sophomore guard Niya Johnson fouled two times.

Texas Tech had three players with double-digit scoring, more than Baylor.

Caston with 19, Spears with 14 and Battle with 13 points were not enough to topple the Lady Bears.

Sims leads the nation in points per game with 30.2 points. Sims posted 30 points against Texas Tech. Johnson is the primary distributor for the team. Johnson posted eight points with eight assists on Wednesday.

The Lady Bears continue their road trip to face their rivals, the Texas Longhorns, at 12 p.m. Sunday in Austin. The game will be televised on Fox Sports 1.



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Baylor freshman forward Nina Davis drives on a fast break as Texas Tech junior guard Amber Battle tries to defend. The Lady Bears won 75-58.

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# Ex-New Orleans mayor convicted of taking bribes

By KEVIN MCGILL  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW ORLEANS — Former New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin, best remembered for his impassioned pleas for help after the levees broke during Hurricane Katrina, was convicted Wednesday of accepting bribes in exchange for helping businessmen secure millions of dollars in city work, including after the devastating storm.

The federal jury found Nagin guilty of 20 of 21 counts against him, involving a string of crimes before and after the storm. He sat quietly at the defense table after the verdict was read and his wife, Seletha, was being consoled in the front row.

Before the verdict, the 57-year-old Ray Nagin said outside the New Orleans courtroom: "I've been at peace with this for a long time. I'm good."

Sentencing was set for June 11, Nagin's 58th birthday. Nagin left the courthouse more than an hour after the verdict was read, and after U.S. District Judge Helen Berrigan ordered that his bond be modified to provide for "additional conditions of electronic monitoring and home confinement."

The Democrat, who left office in 2010 after eight years, was indicted in January 2013 on charges he accepted hundreds of thousands of dollars in bribes — money, free vacation trips and truckloads of free granite for his family business — from businessmen who wanted work from the city or Nagin's support for various projects.

The charges carry a variety of maximum sentences ranging from three to 20 years, but how long he would serve was unclear and will depend on a pre-sentence investigation and various sentencing guidelines.

The granite and some of the money came from developer Frank Fradella. More came from another contractor, Rodney Williams, for Nagin's help in securing city contracts.

Convicted former city vendor Mark St. Pierre, who got a no-bid contract with the city in Nagin's first term, provided trips to Jamaica and Hawaii.

A movie theater owner seeking tax breaks provided a trip to New York, prosecutors said. In a conspiracy count, prosecutors also said Na-



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Former New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin leaves federal court with his wife Seletha, left, after his conviction Wednesday in New Orleans.

gin sought and got granite work for his business from a major retailer, identified in court as The Home Depot, while helping the retailer work out details related to the opening of a new store in post-Katrina new Orleans. The company was not accused of any wrongdoing.

Nagin vehemently denied it all during several hours of testimony that spanned two days of trial. But the jury didn't believe him. The only not-guilty verdict came on one count of bribery involving a portion of the money from Williams.

Nagin had testified that key witnesses lied and prosecutors misinterpreted evidence including emails, checks and pages from his appointment calendar linking him to businessmen who said they bribed him.

As Nagin and defense attorney Robert Jenkins left the courthouse Wednesday, walking with a throng of media, photographers and video cameras, Nagin could be heard saying: "I maintain my innocence."

The defense repeatedly said prosecutors overstated Nagin's authority to approve contracts. His lawyer said there is no proof money and material given to the granite business owned by Nagin and his sons, Stone Age LLC,

was tied to city business.

The charges against Nagin included one overarching conspiracy count along with six counts of bribery, nine counts of wire fraud, one count of money laundering conspiracy and four counts of filing false tax returns.

Jenkins said Nagin's testimony didn't hurt the case and that an appeal would be filed after sentencing.

The conviction wasn't a surprise to Rainelle Smith, 64, of New Orleans, who said she voted for Nagin.

"I don't believe he served the city as well as he should have," she said. "He was supposed to come in and prevent the corruption the city was known for. We, in my family, thought of him as the 'cleanup man.' Instead he gets in office and he soiled it more."

The charges resulted from a City Hall corruption investigation that had resulted in several convictions or guilty pleas by former Nagin associates by the time trial started on Jan. 27.

Fradella and Williams, both awaiting sentencing for their roles in separate bribery schemes alleged in the case, each testified that they bribed Nagin.

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dition to the Waco community."

Hartland is a student-volunteer assistant coach for the Baylor women's soccer team.

"Waco has always been in the middle of the soccer world, somewhere caught between Dallas and Austin," Hartland said. "If you didn't play in high school, you really had to go to one of those cities to play competitively."

Hartland said he hopes the new indoor center helps the growth and interest of youth in Waco by generating interest and providing a place for all ages to train and play competitively.

Rogg and Hartland both agree that the new indoor center is a beneficial because it allows soccer players to be able to train every day of the week no matter the weather conditions.

"The most exciting aspect of the new arena is how it extends the soccer season and gives it an alternative to canceling an outdoor pickup game because it is too cold or wet out," Rogg said.

The Waco Indoor Sports Cen-

ter will start co-ed league play Monday.

Reyes said the leagues will mainly target adults, with the potential for four indoor soccer leagues consisting of a women's league, a men's league, a co-ed league and an "over 40 and 50" league.

The indoor center also holds indoor soccer youth skills camps for kids who are still passionate about training and playing.

Reyes said having camps for youth is advantageous because it allows the youth to be excited about the indoor leagues and for the sport itself.

With the FIFA 2014 World Cup coming up, he also said the indoor league for soccer will be great this coming summer and the World Cup will bring lots of excitement to the sport.

"At the center, people can harness that energy and be excited for the sport as well as letting their passion for soccer grow," Reyes said.

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and payments to Medicare and Medicaid providers. Failure to pass it would have likely sent the stock market — which dipped modestly as the voting dragged on — into a tailspin.

After the tally, Cruz said he had no regrets about his political maneuvers in opposition to the bill, saying the "Senate has given President Obama a blank check."

As for forcing a difficult vote upon McConnell, Cruz said: "That is ultimately a decision ... for the voters of Kentucky."

McConnell faces a primary election challenge from tea party candidate Matt Bevin and has been under sharp criticism from outside groups who say he isn't conservative enough.

Sen. Bob Corker, R-Tenn., was among those who appeared frustrated by the political theatrics.

"A lot of people stepped up and did what they needed to do," Corker said of those who acted to let the must-pass legislation win final approval. Congress has never failed to act to prevent a default on U.S.

obligations, which most experts say would spook financial markets and cause a spike in interest rates.

Cruz countered: "In my view, every Republican should stand together against raising the debt ceiling without meaningful structural reforms to rein in our out-of-control spending."

The same bill had passed the House on Tuesday after Republican leaders gave up efforts to hold up the debt ceiling measure to win concessions from Obama on GOP agenda items like winning approval of construction of the Keystone XL pipeline.

Quick action on this latest debt limit bill stands in contrast to lengthy showdowns in 2012 and last fall, when Republicans sought to use the must-pass legislation as leverage to win concessions from Obama. They succeeded in 2011, winning about \$2 trillion in spending cuts. But Obama has been unwilling to negotiate over the debt limit since his re-election, and Wednesday's legislation is the third consecutive debt measure passed

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students will have narrowed the number of organizations down to the few they want to focus on and invest into with the grant money.

"The students have reported that having real money heightens the level of seriousness," Sellers-Wolter said.

Besides hands-on work with local nonprofit organizations, students in the Philanthropy and

the Public Good course will learn about the ways different sectors of government are involved in philanthropy and the positive effect their own financial giving has on the community.

"It's going to be a course with a lot of hard work but with a whole lot of reward as well," Hogue said. "It's a wonderful opportunity, and I'm excited as I can be about it."

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arrests were made. The numbers will be released Thursday and Wilson said he predicts the success of this day of "martial motor vehicle law" will lead to several more in the near future.

DPS and other law enforcement officers have seen high incidents of speeding, failure to follow traffic signs, drivers following too closely behind one another, driving while texting and driving while talking on the phone, Wilson said. Drivers who are distracted are often unaware

that they are in a work zone because workers are not always as visible as people assume they would be, he said.

"Be mindful because speeding laws are changing in construction zones," Wilson said. "They do go up and down often and remember that traffic fines are doubled in construction zones. Just because you don't see a construction worker doesn't mean he's not there. Be mindful of the people building our roadways."

# Texas' gay marriage ban heard by judge

By CHRIS TOMLINSON  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN ANTONIO — A lawyer representing Texas asked a federal judge Wednesday to reject pleas from two gay couples to suspend the state constitution's definition of marriage as between one man and one woman, calling the legalization of same-sex marriages "a more recent innovation than Facebook."

Mike Murphy, an assistant Texas solicitor general, told District Judge Orlando Garcia if he lifted the state's voter-approved ban on gay marriage he would be injecting himself into a social and political debate that should be left to lawmakers.

"These questions are political questions, not constitutional rights," he told the court. "Same-sex marriage is not included in the fundamental right of marriage ... it is a more recent innovation than Facebook."

Garcia scheduled Wednesday's hearing, which he noted was on President Abraham Lincoln's birthday, to consider a motion by two couples for a preliminary injunction immediately lifting the Texas gay marriage ban pending a trial later this year.

Garcia did not immediately rule or give an indication when he might release a written decision but predicted this case, or one of 22 similar ones in other states, "will make its way to the Supreme Court."

The case before Garcia is the first of its kind in Texas, and in the conservative 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. Mark Phariss and Victor Holmes filed a federal civil rights lawsuit complaining that Texas' ban unconstitutionally denies them the fundamental right to marry because of their sexual orientation.

The other lawsuit was filed by Cleopatra De Leon and Nicole Dimetman, who argue that Texas officials are violating their rights and those of their 2-year-old child by not recognizing their marriage license from Massachusetts.

Holmes and De Leon are both U.S. Air Force veterans who served in San Antonio, though both couples have since moved away.

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott, a Republican running for governor, opposes legalizing gay marriage and has vowed to defend the law.

But civil rights groups recently won injunctions against similar bans in Utah and Oklahoma relying on the same argument being cited in the Texas case — that banning gay marriage violates the equal protection clause of the 14th Amendment.

Neel Lane, an attorney for the two couples, dismissed the state's argument that their rights were not violated because they are free to marry members of the opposite sex.

He said that's like holding someone's head underwater and saying the person is free to breathe, just not air.

He also rejected Murphy's argument that lawmakers did not exclude homosexuals by passing the ban but were trying to promote responsible procreation.

"If marriage is good for children, then it is irrational to prohibit homosexual couples who could have children from being married," he said, pointing out that gays may adopt children in Texas.

While Garcia listened to arguments, another federal judge decided Wednesday that Kentucky must recognize gay marriages performed in other states.

In a 23-page ruling, U.S. District Judge John G. Heyburn II concluded that the government may define marriage and attach benefits to it, but cannot "impose a traditional or faith-based limitation" without a sufficient justification for it.

In his comments from the bench, Garcia mentioned key civil rights laws passed after the end of the Civil War and pointed out that racial segregation and bans on interracial marriage were part of American tradition until federal judges declared them unconstitutional.

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