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Pinch a bite to eat on St. Paddy's Day

The unique Baylor tradition of Dr Pepper Hour received a makeover in honor of St. Patrick's Day on Tuesday. Green Dr Pepper floats were served at Robinson Tower, at Dr Pepper Hour in the Bill Daniels Student Union Center and at the softball game pictured here against the University of Houston at Getterman Stadium

Many paths lead walk-ons to BU

"I'm addicted. My whole life is

The son of Los Angeles real

Mills loves basketball.

based around it," Mills said.

By Shehan Jeyarajah SPORTS EDITOR

On Jan. 23, Baylor men's basketball head coach Scott Drew pulled walk-ons John Heard and Austin Mills to the front of the room during a film session.

"I thought it was to go over are to the program. some plays," Mills said. "I had no idea what was going on."

Baylor was in a unique position to offer both players scholarits expected 2014 signing class. Florida guard Kobe Eubanks did not qualify academically after alleged grade manipulation occurred at the high school where he spent his senior year. Former Baylor guard Damiyne Durham

also transferred out before ever playing a game.

With two scholarships in hand, Drew decided to reward the two walk-ons. In front of the estate moguls Jade and Adam team, Drew gave a short speech about how hard both players had worked and how essential both

give them thanks for what they've done and offer them a scholarship for this semester," Drew said to ships, as it lost two players from the cheers of their teammates.

While both were rewarded, Mills and Heard each took divergent paths on their way to walking onto the basketball team at

> THE IMPORT Junior point guard Austin

Mills, Austin grew up in Beverly Hills, Calif., and went to Beverly Hills High School. On the basketball court, Aus-"What we'd like to do is to tin found peace. Mills found a place where he would not be defined by what he came from, but rather strictly by performance. He could be an underdog.

"To earn that spot, it's always been my motivation and goal," Mills said. "I've always had those haters who think I can't do it, that's always been motivation."

After graduating from high school in 2012 as four-year let-



Junior point guard Austin Mills surveys the court in a game against the Texas Southern Tigers in December at the Ferrell Center. sophomore season, Austin started

terman and co-MVP of the Ocean League his senior year, yearning for something different. Mills started his college career at "I was looking for more of a Pepperdine. However, after his SEE WALK-ON, page 6

America, Cuba wrap up meetings

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By Michael Weissenstein ASSOCIATED PRESS

HAVANA — A third round of negotiations over the restoration of full diplomatic relations ended after a day of talks, Cuban and U.S. officials said Tuesday. Hours later, Cuban President Raul Castro delivered a toughly worded attack on the United States for levying a new round of sanctions on his country's closest ally, Venezu-

Neither Cuba nor the U.S. provided details on whether progress was made toward a deal on reopening embassies in Washington and

The two countries have been trying to strike an agreement on embassies before presidents Barack Obama and Raul Castro attend the Summit of the Americas in Panama on April

Cuba's Ministry of Foreign Relations said the talks took place "in a professional atmosphere" and "the two delegations agreed to maintain communication in the future as part of this process." Jeff Rathke, a U.S. State Department spokesman, said that "the discussion was positive and constructive and was held in an atmosphere of mutual respect."

But Castro later delivered a searing defense of Venezuela at an emergency meeting of leftist Latin American governments called in response to U.S. sanctions levied on seven Venezuelan officials last week. In announcing the move, the U.S. declared Venezuela a threat to U.S. nationa security.

Washington has asserted that the Venezuelan sanctions wouldn't af-

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Class selection rising

By Jenna Press Assistant City Editor

According to the latest statistics compiled by the university, the incoming fall freshman class is the most selective in Baylor history, as current numbers put the current acceptance rate at approximately 44 percent

The increased interest in Baylor comes at the same time as recordsetting fundraising and some of the school's most successful years of athletics ever, according to an article on the university's website. This year's freshman class, the

class of 2018, was the largest Baylor had ever seen.

Jessica King Gereghty, direc-

tor of admissions counseling and recruitment, said because the academic caliber of applicants has risen this year, the average test scores of the incoming freshman class is also on track to increase.

"The selectivity has incrementally improved by 1 to 2 percentage points over the last few years," Jessica King Gereghty, director of admissions counseling and recruitment, wrote in an email.

"Such a dramatic increase is a testament to the quality of the applicants we have to choose from as well as their commitment to coming to Baylor."

Baylor has grown more selective in the past five years as the number of applications has steadily increased. According to Baylor Institutional Research and Testing, in 2014, the acceptance rate was approximately 54 percent.

Baylor is the second-highest ranked school in the Big 12 and the fifth-highest ranked university in Texas. Baylor has also steadily moved up in U.S. News' college rankings for the last five years.

Sam Brodsky, an incoming freshman from Austin, said the fact that Baylor is becoming more and more selective, speaks volumes about the quality of the university, and makes him even more proud of the fact he was accepted into the

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They're after me cake-y charms!

Campus celebrated St. Patrick's Day with colorful food Tuesday at Baylor dining halls. This rainbow cake, called the Pot 'o Gold Cake, was served in RFOC @ Memorial for lunch.

Minority roommates help to promote perception, professor says

By Shannon Barbour STAFF WRITER

Students who have had a minority roommate are more likely to have positive perceptions of minority groups, according to data gathered from the U.S. Air Force Academy and analyzed by Dr. Jim

West, professor of economics. "It's a topic that you would see more out of sociologists or psychologists, but we had this very unique and powerful data set. And we were able to use the economist's tools of analyzing choice to infer these attitudes," said West, who is also the holder of The W.H. Smith Professorship in economics.

The 2015 study, "The Impact of Intergroup Contact on Racial Attitudes and Revealed Preferences," was completed using data collected from the Air Force Academy in Colorado, where West was a professor for 14 years.

"The starting point for this idea came from this famous sociology paper in the 1950s written by a guy named Gordon Allport; it's called 'Contact Hypothesis," West said.

Allport lists equal status, common goals, intergroup cooperaperceptions of minorities. Although the study was con-

tion, support of authorities or customs and personal interactions in the paper as factors that contribute to positive interactions and future

found if a study were conducted at Baylor because of the presence of factors given by Allport. "I think these factors would be present at Baylor," West said.

ducted at the Air Force Academy,

West said similar results could be

"That's why we would have every reason to believe that increased contact at Baylor would be very beneficial."

The perception of African-Americans, Hispanics and Asians by their white roommates were studied in addition to football players and recruited athletes in general.

"We did most of the job analyzing white roommates with black roommates," West said. "That's obviously the match everyone thinks about more. But to be more broad and academic, we actually looked at a bunch of different groups."

According to Baylor Institute of Research and Testing, the minority

rate at Baylor has increased in the past six years. In the fall of 2014, 5,730 out of 16,263 students were minorities, increasing the minority rate among undergraduate students to 34.3 percent.

The three most represented ethnicities at Baylor in fall 2014 were white, Hispanic and Asian.

Brownwood junior Sarah Underwood has never lived with a

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Opinion

Stop using Lynch to play political games

Editorial

"If men were angels, government would not be necessary." He penned this in Federalist #51 in an effort to promote his beliefs that the government was a necessary institution in promoting the ideals of a perfect society, and the goodwill of all men.

With the Loretta Lynch controversy, however, Madison's quote today would sound something more like "Because men are not angels, let's abolish all forms of govern-

In November, President Barack Obama nominated Lynch to succeed Attorney General Eric Holder as the first female African-American U.S. Attorney General. With a Harvard law degree and prior experience as the Eastern District Attorney of New York, Lynch's work has been praised by several politicians both Republican and Democratic.

Even more, supporters have lauded Lynch's grace under pressure. Several civil rights cases have been handled under Lynch's watch

in which she worked hard on the case, but opted not to be in the spotlight to avoid courtroom tac-James Madison once wrote, tics. In a time where flash persists among politicians and lawmakers, it's refreshing to see someone who is concerned with one thing — getting the job done in the most effective way possible.

> Now, on the brink of what should have been a fairly easy nomination process — considering Lynch had support from Republican and Democratic senators — Republican lawmakers are playing another political game and abusing their power in Congress. The Senate said last week that the confirmation vote for Lynch to be the next attorney general would be held this week.

Sunday, however, U.S. Senator and majority leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky said the Senate would not vote to confirm Lynch until the Senate moved forward on a bipartisan anti-trafficking bill. Democrats stalled the bill once they found a provision concerning abortion funding. According to the bill, none of the funding that would go to victims of human trafficking could be used for abortion. Several Democrats criticized the provision, claiming it was neither in the original Senate or House bills.

The fact that a party holds up the passage of a bill in Congress because they don't agree with the contents of it is neither unprecedented nor uncommon. What is unfortunate, however, is that the Republican Party in Congress is attempting to obstruct the democratic process and impede the judicial business of the nation.

By holding up the confirmation because the party is trying to get a bill passed, it is forcing Holder to remain in a position he wished to retire from in November.

Lynch has expressed plainly that she has ideas that would revamp the justice department and that she is ready to get to work. Lynch's delayed confirmation by the Republican Party is not only bad for the country, but its image

It is clear that abortion is an issue that Republicans hold dear to their hearts, as it is something they consider immoral. And that completely understandable. However, being vague and misleading about the contents and



true intentions of a bill, calling it "bipartisan," is immoral as well. Furthermore, using Lynch's confirmation as a bargaining chip to try and achieve their goals that go against the democratic process is

President George Washington, in his farewell address, gave Americans a stern warning with regard to political factions and parties stay away from them. With many of the political tactics used by both Democrats and Republicans,

it's clear that party loyalties have distracted politicians from doing what they were elected to, and that is protecting the interest of the

Something must change.

Lariat Letters

Comparing OU SAE to other SAE chapters causes problems

The Lariat has impressed me since I started law school here in the fall. The articles are generally thoughtful, pertinent and fair. However, I find the recent article about Baylor declining to investigate the local SAE chapter outright offensive. If it were not so offensive, it would be

The gist of the article seems to be that it is somehow newsworthy that the school has declined to investigate Baylor SAE just because of what happened with OU SAE. I cannot see why this is news at all. Why would an incident at another campus solely related to that campus chapter warrant an investigation of the chapter at Baylor?

There is no reason to print such an article, particularly on the front page, except to inflame those who are scapegoating fraternities on this campus and throughout the country.

The most flagrant piece of journalistic irresponsibility came at the end, though, when the Lariat mentioned completely unsubstantiated "rumors" that people had heard such chants at other campuses. It would be nice if the newspaper at a respected institution like Baylor could rise above such nonsense.

The worst part is that in confronting racism in the manner the Lariat has chosen to, the paper has promulgated exactly the evil that those

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who fight racism in a constructive manner seek to eliminate. It is asinine to impute racist tendencies to all SAE chapters because of an incident at one chapter.

As a member of Kappa Alpha Order at Southwestern University, I constantly faced this same sort of ignorance. My fraternity was founded at the school where Robert. E. Lee was president, Washington and Lee, and the fraternity maintains pride in our southern virtues.

Unfortunately, some of our chapters have confused those virtues with the destructive attitudes that necessitated the Civil War and the Reconstruction, the effects of which are still felt in the South today.

My chapter did, and continues to, completely reject racism. I am not saying that the SAE chapter here at Baylor does the same, as I know basically nothing about them.

However, I can say with certainty that imputing the SAE chapter here at Baylor with the same attitudes displayed by the chapter at OU for no reason other than they come from the same national organization is precisely the same type of thinking that spawned the racism problem in the world in the first place.

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Fight injustices with resilience

First, they sang "God Will Take Care of You."

Then they walked out of Brown Chapel to a playground where they organized themselves into 24 groups of 25 each and set out marching. Their route out of Selma took them onto Highway 80, which is carried over the Alabama River by a bridge named in honor of Confederate general and Alabama Ku Klux Klan leader Ed-

mund W. Pettus. It was about 2:30 on the after-

noon of Sunday, March 7, 1965. At the foot of the bridge, the marchers were met by Alabama state troopers. Some were on horseback. Major John Cloud spoke to the marchers through a bullhorn. "It would be detrimental to your safety to continue this march," he said. "And I'm saying that this is an unlawful assembly. You are to disperse. You are ordered to disperse. Go home or go to your church. This march will not continue. Is that clear to you?"

He gave them two minutes to comply. Just over one minute later, he ordered troopers to advance.

They moved toward the marchers, truncheons held waist high, parallel to the ground. But something seemed to overtake them as they pushed into the demonstrators. The troopers began to stampede, sweeping over unarmed women, children and men as a wave does a shore.

Teargas filled the air. Lawmen on horseback swept down on fleeing marchers, wielding batons, cattle prods, rubber hoses studded with spikes. Skin was split. Bones



were broken. The marchers were beaten all the way back into town. A teenager was hurled through a church window. On the bridge, the cheers and rebel yells of onlookers mingled with the shrieks of the sufferers and became indistinguish-

Thus was the pavement of the freest country on Earth stained with the blood of citizens seeking their right to vote.

By rights, the 50th anniversary

of those events should have been an unalloyed celebration. After all, the marchers, fortified by men and women of good will from all over the country, eventually crossed that bridge under federal protection, marched for four days up Highway 80 and made it to, as the song says, glory. They stood at the state capital in Montgomery and heard Martin Luther King exhort them to hold on and be strong. "Truth crushed to earth," he thundered, "will rise again!"

The Voting Rights Act was signed into law. And African Americans, who had been excluded from the ballot box for generations, went on to help elevate scores of citizens who looked like them to the mayor's office, the governor's mansion, the White House.

So yes, this should be a time of celebration. But the celebration is shadowed by a sobering reality.

In 2013, the Voting Rights Act was castrated by the Supreme Court under the dubious reasoning that its success proved it was no longer needed. And states, responding to a nonexistent surge of election fraud, have rushed to impose oner-

ous new photo ID laws for voters. When it is observed that the laws will have their heaviest impact on young people, poor people and African Americans — those least likely to have photo ID - defenders of the laws point to that imaginary surge of fraud and assure us voter suppression is the furthest thing from their minds. How can it be about race, they cluck piously, when the laws apply to everyone?

Of course, so did grandfather clauses, poll taxes, literacy tests and other means by which African-American voting rights were systematically stolen for decades and a Whites Only sign slapped onto the ballot box. It is disheartening that we find ourselves forced to fight again a battle already won. But the events of half a century past whisper to us a demand for our toughness and faith in the face of that hard truth. They remind us that, yes, injustice is resilient.

But truth crushed to earth is, too. Leonard Pitts Jr., winner of the 2004 Pulitzer Prize for commentary, is a columnist for the Miami Herald, 3511 N.W. 91 Avenue, Doral, Fla. 33172. Readers may write to him via email at lpitts@miamiherald.

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The Baylor Lariat

GOP presents \$3.8 trillion budget plan

By David Espo and Andrew TAYLOR ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — House Republicans launched a boldly conservative 10-year budget plan on Tuesday that would favor the Pentagon, partially privatize Medicare and rely on deep cuts in other social programs to help wipe out deficits at the end of a decade.

A little more than four months after winning their largest majority in 70 years, Republicans promised an overhaul of the federal tax code and called for repeal of two of the top legislative achievements of President Barack Obama's tenure in office. Those are the health care law known by his name and a measure enacted to crack down on Wall Street after the economy's near-collapse in 2008.

Republicans said their balanced-budget promise came with no tax increases, though the fine print assumes the expiration of about \$900 billion in breaks for business research and development and other items.

"The new normal of slow economic growth and low expectations is unacceptable. We know we can do better," the House Budget Committee, chaired by Rep. Tom Price of Georgia, said in a report accompanying the proposal.

It promised "greater prosperity, opportunity, security and freedom" if enacted.

Projected spending for the budget year that begins on Oct. 1 was \$3.8 trillion, rising to \$5 trillion in 2025.

Obama countered Republican claims instantly. He said the GOP prescription "is a failure to invest in education, infrastructure and national defense — all the things we need to grow, to create jobs, to stay at the forefront of innovation and to keep our country safe."

The president's own budget calls for about \$2 trillion over 10 years in higher taxes on corporations, wealthy individuals and smokers of all income levels as part of a plan to increase spending and give tax breaks to the middle

Senate Republicans intend to outline their own plan on Wednesday, and each house is expected to ratify its own version next week.

After that comes the harder challenge of forging a compromise between the two versions, a task that Republicans acknowledge will mark a test of their ability to govern now that they control both houses of Congress.

An even more difficult challenge follows, the translation of policy objectives into legislation that would be sent to Obama to sign or — more likely — veto. The budget also is certain to become an issue in the still-early race for the White House in 2016.

The House budget relies heaving Medicare into a voucher-like ily in some areas on previous plans program for seniors who join the

> In all, Republicans said they would cut spending by nearly \$5.5

> By far the largest portion of that, \$2 trillion, would come from repeal of the health care law that the administration said last week has meant coverage for 16.4 million previously uninsured people. Republicans pledge a replacement, but so far have offered no specifics.

An additional \$900 billion would come from other health care programs including Medicaid, which provides health care for the low-income. As in prior years, Republicans proposed transforming Medicaid and food stamps into state-run programs that receive lump sum funding from the U.S. Treasury.

An estimated \$1 trillion in savings would come from other benefit programs, but the committee detailed none of them.



A STUDENT ECONOMIST'S VIEW Student debt: Good or bad?

> By Reubin Turner CITY EDITOR

It's a question that almost every student will ask themselves when they graduate — how I am going to pay for student loans? During the course of one's undergraduate and graduate education, students can rack up hefty bills when it comes to repaying loans. At private institutions especially, loans from the government and private entities can be up to \$100,000 or more. The question remains — is it worth it? Well, it depends.

For the most part, students should not be afraid to take out loans to pay for an undergraduate education. After all, obtaining a degree is considered be an investment. This is one of the reasons the governments helps to subsidize the cost of college for students through grants, and even provides loans to students who come

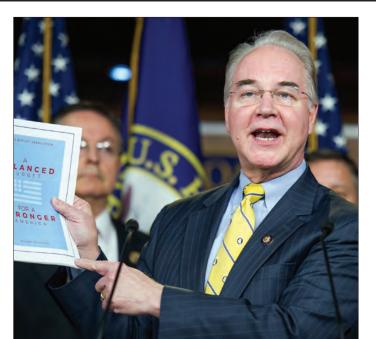
from low-income backgrounds. Julie Margetta Morgan, a policy analyst with the Postsecondary Education Program at the Center for American Progress, stated in an opinion piece for U.S. News that there is enough evidence to suggest that obtaining a college degree it still worth it. While the recession a few year ago did cause the unemployment rate to spike, parents and students should not stress out too much about the cost of college. For the most part, the economy does put a premium on postsecondary skills.

However, there is such a thing as a bad investment. Because college is considered an investment, students should make sure that they are attending college to obtain a skill set they can use upon graduation. One type of unemployment economist study is a type called "structured unemployment." This type of unemployment deals with the harsh reality that there are vacant jobs in the economy because people don't have the skill set to fill them. Jobs that require skills

in the science, technology, engineering and mathematics fields are often vacant because students do not take classes in these fields. For some, making a good investment simply includes taking a few classes that would diversify one's skills and resume greatly.

Another key com-Reubin Turner ponent of making sure you get the best out of

> your college education is ensuring that you are motivated, and attempting to get the most out of your education. Many students come to college not fully engaged. But in whatever degree you are obtaining, I encourage you to try and go the extra mile and add to your human capital. Seeking internships and developing relationships with professors can all help to ensure that the return on your college investment is high



House Budget Committee Chairman Rep. Tom Price, R-Ga. holds up a synopsis of the GOP budget on Tuesday on Capitol Hill in Washington.

put together by Price's predecessor health care program beginning in as committee chairman, Rep. Paul Ryan of Wisconsin. The proposal would allow spending in the coming budtrillion over the next decade. get year of \$36 billion more than Obama recommended for over-

Less than half of the \$36 billion would be guaranteed, and the rest would depend on offsetting spending cuts elsewhere in the budget.

seas military and diplomatic ef-

Some Republicans and outside groups bristled at the prospect of so large an increase, tucked into the budget in an account for overseas operations that is not subject to spending caps designed to hold down deficits.

"I'm tired of seeing gimmicks in the budget process," said Rep. Justin Amash of Michigan, a conservative and frequent critic of his party's leadership.

As in prior budgets, the House GOP budget calls for transform-

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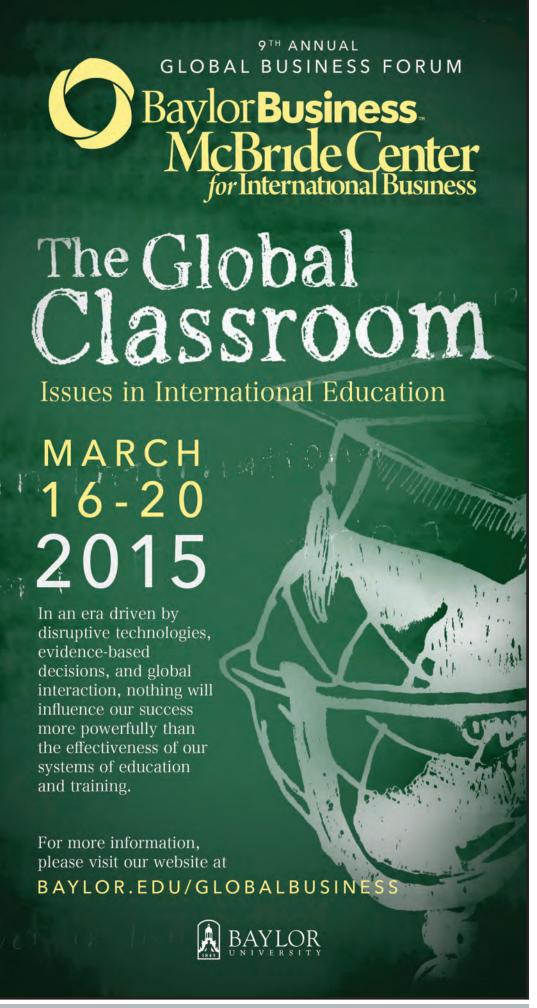
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Shanté Wolfe and Tori Sisson wait for their marriage license to be processed before becoming the first couple to file their marriage license in February in Montgomery, Ala. The Alabama Supreme Court on March 3, 2015 ordered the state's probate judges to stop issuing marriage licenses to gay couples. On Tuesday, the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) voted to redefine

Presbyterians approve gay marriage

same-sex marriages churchwide,

will read, "Marriage involves a

unique commitment between two

people, traditionally a man and a

woman, to love and support each

ments Tuesday urging "mutual

forbearance" amid disagreements

over the amendment. "We hope

that such 'up/down' voting does

not mark the end, but the continu-

ation of our desire to live in com-

munity," the two top General As-

byterian church authorized gay or-

dination, and 2013, the latest year

for which figures are available, 428

Between 2011, when the Pres-

sembly officials said.

Church leaders released state-

other for the rest of their lives."

By RACHELL ZOLL ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK - The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) approved redefining marriage in the church constitution Tuesday to include a "commitment between two people," becoming the largest Protestant group to formally recognize gay marriage as Christian and allow same-sex weddings in every congregation.

The new definition was endorsed last year by the church General Assembly, or top legislative body, but required approval from a majority of the denomination's 171 regional districts, or presbyteries.

The critical 86th "yes" vote came Tuesday night from the Presbytery of the Palisades in New Jer-

After all regional bodies vote and top Presbyterian leaders officially accept the results, the change will take effect June 21. The denomination has nearly 1.8 million members and about 10,000 con-

"So many families headed by LGBTQ couples have been waiting for decades to enter this space created for their families within their church communities," said the Rev. Robin White, a leader of More Light Presbyterians, which advocates for gay acceptance within the

So far, 41 presbyteries have rejected the redefinition, which includes a provision that no clergy would be compelled to preside at a gay marriage or host such a ceremony on church property.

The vote in one presbytery was tied, according to a tally by the Covenant Network of Presbyterians, a pro-gay group that works to keep Presbyterians united despite theological differences.

Last year, the church had alof the denomination's churches left lowed ministers to preside at gay for more conservative denomina weddings if local church leadtions or dissolved, though some theological conservatives have ers approved in states where the unions were legally recognized. remained as they decide how to The new wording for the church move forward. Book of Order, which authorizes

Carmen Fowler LaBerge, president of the conservative Presbyterian Lay Committee, said the new definition was "an express repudiation of the Bible" and approved "what God does not bless." Her group has urged Presbyterians to protest by redirecting donations away from the national church until the original marriage definition is restored.

Paul Detterman, national director of The Fellowship Community, a network of theologically conservative Presbyterian churches that have stayed with the denomination, said his organization will "remain faithfully engaged in conversation" with those of different views in the church.

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minority before, but would be open to it because of the learning experience.

"You learn more about more than you could learn from someone in class," Underwood said. "You can learn maybe how they were raised or get cool facts about how their family does something different than yours."

About 60 percent of Baylor students have expressed satisfaction toward their roommate placement according to data gathered by the Division of Stu-

According to West, the Air Force Academy distributes all profiles that students create.

minorities evenly in the roommate placement process to ensure integration and interactions between the majority and minor-

"I don't think it would be a bad thing because I think it wouldn't encourage more separation," Underwood said of bringing this method to Baylor.

Baylor is currently looking into using a new software to assist in roommate placements. The new software will function similar to a dating site or Facebook and will allow students to select their roommate based on

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"I chose Baylor because their mission statement exemplifies the life I try to live out. Also, their academic credentials are amazing and it's an overall great school," Brodsky said.

Gereghty said that the university has more qualified applicants this year, not more applications in general.

"We have been intentionally growing our applicant pool for the last decade by increasing our recruitment efforts." Gereghty stated this includes traveling to more high schools across Texas, around the country and globally,

hiring more admissions counsel-

Gereghty said while they do look for students who can be academically successful at Baylor first and foremost, they also want to accept students who will make a their mark on the university.

"In addition to academic preparedness, we are also looking for students who appreciate Baylor's history and mission. We want incoming students who will leave their own mark on Baylor's history," Gereghty said.

CUBA from Page 1

fect its negotiations with Cuba but Castro made clear in Caracas that he sees the two issues as linked

He described Obama's declaration of detente with Cuba as a recognition that a U.S. policy of hostility to Latin American socialism had failed.

"Nonetheless, the spokesmen of his government have made clear that the objective remains, only the methods have changed," Castro said. "The U.S. must understand once and for all that it's impossible to seduce Cuba or intimidate Venezuela."

Neither Cuba nor the U.S. said Tuesday whether they had resolved any of the obstacles to reopening embassies, which include Cuba's continuing presence on the U.S. list of state sponsors of terrorism and Cuba's objections to U.S. diplomatic contact

with dissidents on the island. The secretive atmosphere was striking contrast to previous discussions about U.S.-Cuban detente. After two earlier meetings, U.S. and Cuban diplomats engaged in wide-ranging ex-

Slight edge for PM in Israeli elections

By Josef Federman ASSOCIATED PRESS

JERUSALEM — Israeli Prime position leader in parliamentary elections Tuesday, emerging from an acrimonious campaign in a slightly better position to form Israel's next government.

But with the sides nearly evenly divided, a victory by Netanyahu's Likud Party still was not guaranteed. His chief rival, Isaac Herzog of the Zionist Union, said he would make "every effort" to form a government, and an upstart centrist party led by a former Netanyahu ally-turned-rival was set to be the kingmaker. The country now heads into what could be weeks of negotiations over the makeup of

Both Netanyahu and Herzog will now compete for a chance to form a coalition that commands appeared to fend off a strong ment, a daunting task in Israel's challenge from the country's op- fractured political landscape. Netanyahu appeared to have a better chance of cobbling together a government with right-wing and religious parties that he calls his "natural allies." Herzog would have to appeal to more ideologically diverse parties.

> Either will likely need the support of Moshe Kahlon, whose new Kulanu party captured nine or 10 seats, according to polls.

> Kahlon, whose campaign focused almost entirely on breadand-butter economic issues, refused to take sides.

"I am loyal to my way," he told his supporters, saying he would

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Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu greets supporters Tuesday at the party's election headquarters in Tel Aviv. Exit polls from Israel's national elections showed Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's Likud party nearly deadlocked with Isaac Herzog's center-left Zionist Union.

work to form a government committed to social justice.

The election was widely seen as a referendum on Netanyahu and recent opinion polls had given

Isaac Wimberley

Herzog a slight lead.

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It's a (wo)man's world

Editors unveil anthology for Texas women

By Rae Jefferson A&E EDITOR

The female legacy in Texas is as strong as the women of all walks of life who have given themselves to art, writing and music.

A new anthology titled "Her Texas: Story, Image, Poem & Song," which celebrates this feminine heritage, was the subject of an event featuring poetry reading from anthology contributors Tuesday evening at Baylor's Armstrong Browning Library.

The event was hosted by the anthology's co-editors Donna Walker-Nixon; Dr. Cassy Burleson, senior lecturer of journalism, public relations and new media; and Rachel Crawford, as well as its publisher, Bryce Milligan.

Texas Poet Laureate Rosemary Catacalos and international poet Naomi Shihab Nye read original works aloud to an audience.

"I have to say – I haven't done a reading in quite a while and also lost my mother, but I cannot think of a better feeling that I've had in a long time. Thank you very much," Catacalos said to the audience before beginning her presentation. "This is a wonderful, wonderful treasure."

"Her Texas" is a collection of literary works from 60 women of various cultures, disciplines and generations that has been in the works for the past three years, Burleson said. This diversity extended to the public esteem of the anthology contributors.

"Many people are well recognized in the book — they're Poet Laureates, or they've won Pushcart Prizes or some kind of awards," Burleson said. "We also, very deliberately, tried to find new and emerging women artists of all

Milligan, who published the first all-Latina anthology, said "Her Texas" is a book that will benefit more people than just those who read it.

of ovarian and breast cancer," he lease.

At the event, Burleson said the book is important because it



The Horton Duo provides international music entertainment Tuesday night prior to a poetry reading event for new anthology "Her Texas." The books features literary works from 60 Texas women and celebrates their lives.

and interests together in one place, and is even an example of how many of these women are able to be successful in more than

"I believe that the arts are converging, and I think that it's important to represent that in the book with the kinds of genres that we have," Burleson said. "You'll find women in there who are photographers and poets and short story writers, or painters, or sculptors. They have more than one talent and I think that is the way things are moving.

Burleson said "Her Texas" aims to create unity among readers, female and male.

"Our hope is that women who read 'Her Texas' can find other women with whom they can identify — and that men who read it will find it helps them better "All editors are donating all of understand the women in their their royalties toward the research lives," said Burleson in a press re-

One of the stories in the book centers on the experience of Elizabeth Bates, an assistant professor brings women of different trades of journalism, public relations son to fight for."



Texas Poet Laureate Rosemary Catacalos reads poems from "Her Tex-

as" on Tuesday evening in Armstrong Browning Library.

and new media. In the anthology, Bates describes the effects of her cancer diagnosis.

"My husband cried when he read what I wrote," she said in the library. a press release. "I expressed the "I hope this book will live in devastation I felt after being diagnosed, but also the hope I have now because I have him and my

During her recitation, Nye said she wished to see the book influence readers in the very place she found herself so often as a child —

every Texas library, and all the small town libraries," she said. "Let's do a tiny town tour of Texas and make sure it's everywhere."



Britain's Prince Harry wears his monocle gun sight as he sits in the front seat of his cockpit at the British controlled flight-line on Dec. 12, 2012, in Camp Bastion, southern Afghanistan.

Prince Harry seeks new job ventures

By Gregory Katz ASSOCIATED PRESS

LONDON — Prince Harry is looking for work — but don't expect him to be sending out invitations to connect on LinkedIn.

No one is likely to keep the fourth in line for the British throne waiting for a job interview, or to grill him about his background - even though he's been caught smoking pot and photographed playing "strip billiards" in Las Ve-

And if it takes him a while to find the right position, the family fortune should tide him over until his first payday.

Royal officials said Tuesday that the 30-year-old prince will leave the armed forces in June. Kensington Palace said he will volunteer with a program that helps wounded service members "while actively considering other longer-term employment opportunities."

In the meantime, Harry's final army duties will include a fourweek assignment in April and May with the Australian Defence Force. The prince will spend time in Darwin, Perth and Sydney and attend centenary commemorations of the World War I Gallipoli campaign in

Harry said leaving the army after a decade of service, which included two tours of duty in Afghanistan, has been "a really tough decision" but that he is excited about the future.

"The experiences I have had over the last 10 years will stay with me for the rest of my life," Harry said in a statement. "For that I will always be hugely grateful."

Harry graduated from Sand hurst officers' academy in 2006 and joined the Household Cavalry as an armored reconnaissance troop leader. He served in Afghanistan as a battlefield air controller for 10 weeks in 2007-08 until a media leak cut his tour short.

Keen to return to the front lines despite fears he would be a top Taliban target, Harry retrained as a helicopter pilot and served in Afghanistan in 2012-13 as an Apache co-pilot gunner.

Most recently he has served as a staff officer in the army's London headquarters, playing a lead role in bringing the Invictus Games — an international sports competition for wounded troops — to Britain.

Harry and his brother, Prince William, have carried forward the tradition of senior royals taking on military roles.

William left the Royal Navy in 2013 after extensive training as a helicopter pilot, and became an air-ambulance pilot.

Harry was the first British royal to see combat since his uncle, Prince Andrew, who flew Roval Navy helicopters during the 1982 Falklands War.

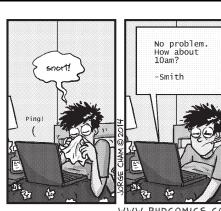
Harry has often seemed more comfortable as a soldier than in his royal duties, and he has been visibly energized by his work with charities for wounded veterans.

"It's very easy to forget about who I am when I am in the army," Harry said in an interview after turning from Afghanistan in 2013. "Everyone's wearing the same uniform and doing the same kind of

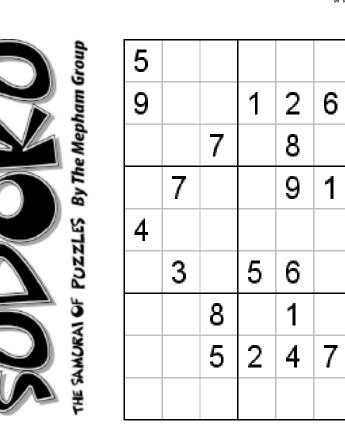
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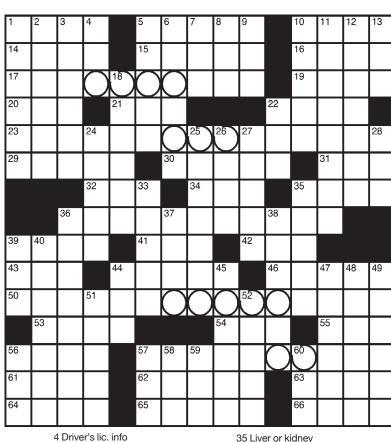
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THE LEGACY

Contrary to Mills coming to

school in Texas for the first time this

year, Heard is very familiar with Bay-

lor basketball. John is the son of Bay-

lor Regent Larry Heard and Baylor

up to all of the football and basket-

ball games," Heard said. "I've always

dreamed about being part of one of

School in Houston, Heard naturally

decided to attend Baylor like his par-

ents. After watching Baylor reach the

Elite Eight in 2012, he set the goal to

try to walk on to the men's basketball

Drew and tried to figure out the pro-

"I came up and met with Coach

Coming out of Episcopal High

"When I was growing up, I came

graduate Caroline Heard.

the sports programs here."

called at any time."

Junior forward John Heard (13) drives up the court during Baylor's 75-49 win over Texas Southern on Dec. 1, 2014 at the Ferrell Center

college experience and a higherlevel program," he said.

Mills found a connection to Baylor in an unusual way: playing pickup games with former Baylor star and current Oklahoma City Thunder forward Perry Jones III.

"I was playing in the summer with Perry and he was just raving about the program," Mills said. "He made me want to get involved with them."

Mills made a few phone calls and decided that he would move from the beaches of Malibu, Calif., to Waco.

Despite being a walk-on, Mills has found ways to contribute on the court. He has appeared in 15 games, including quality minutes in Baylor's last five games. In Baylor's first-ever road win over Iowa State, Mills hit a 3-pointer that ignited a game-clinching run.

"It's a great feeling to know that my hard work is paying off," Mills said. "I want to earn that. I'm always

However, Drew told Heard that with two walk-ons already on the roster, Jacob Neubert and Logan Lowery, there was not space on the roster for him.

"Each program does walk-ons a little bit different, but I tend to not like having guys just sit around for two-, three-, four-hour practices and only getting in for 10 seconds," Drew said. "For that reason, we don't have many walk-ons."

Still, Heard was adamant, so Drew let him work as a student manager to see how the program works and whether he felt comfortable trying out again in 2013-14. While trying to transition to being a college student, he spent his free time wiping up sweat and working on his game.

"I came to the Ferrell Center and got up shots every single day before and after practices and just dreamed of the day I could be part of the program," Heard said.

That day eventually came. On Baylor men's basketball media day before the 2013-14 season, Heard walked into the locker room and saw a jersey with his name embroidered on it hanging in a locker.

"I can't even explain that feeling," Heard said.

BEING A WALK-ON

The work does not stop for a player once he earns a spot on the roster.

"There's definitely a huge time commitment, which I feel even more since being on the team," Heard said. "It's a big-time commitment that people don't necessarily understand."

Being a walk-on means going through what it takes to be a Baylor basketball player, but without any guarantee of playing time or financial compensation.

Basketball players go through several workouts a week. In addition to practice, scouting and conditioning add another dimension.

floor during Baylor's 75-49 win over "Practices can be three to four TSU on Dec. 1, 2014.

hours and film and gym can add two to three hours," Mills said.

"What really keeps me motivated every day is just the number of hours that I put into this program when I wasn't on the team," Heard said. "Even when I'm here every day, I don't have the opportunity to com-

Mills also said he brings a servant mentality, while trying to create for his teammates and fill his role on the

"John and Austin are tremendous because they're great teammates and will do anything to help the team," Drew said. "They're exactly what we want from walk-ons and that's why it's special to be able to reward them



Junior guard Austin Mills surveys the

Even during practice, both players are not necessarily the focus. Heard sees his role as bringing a positive mindset

ending elbow surgery Tuesday, when the torn ligament from the Texas Rangers ace's right arm was replaced with a tendon from his forearm. The Rangers said Dr. James Andrews reported elbow ligament-replacement

Texas' Yu Darvish throws during spring drills in Surprise, Ariz.

Rangers' Yu Darvish

has elbow surgery

surgery went as expected, with no complications. Andrews did the surgery in Gulf Breeze, Florida, where Darvish was to have a follow-up exam Wednesday. He will rejoin the Rangers in Arizona within a few days, and is expected to remain in

Yu Darvish had his season-

regular season. Darvish tweeted in Japanese on Tuesday, a message roughly translated that surgery ended safely and he thanked everyone who was thinking about him.

Texas for rehab during the

The pitcher likely will be sidelined until early 2016. His right arm will be in a sling for about 7-10 days and then he will have a brace on his elbow.

Andrews was the last of three doctors to review imag-

SURPRISE, Ariz. (AP) — elbow. Darvish announced Friday he was having Tommy John surgery, but said he had made up his mind about that after the first doctor recommended the procedure.

Darvish was first examined by Rangers team physician Dr. Keith Meister and then New York Mets medical director Dr. David Altchek before Andrews reviewed the

Darvish left his only Cactus League start March 5 after one inning because of tightness in his right triceps. An MRI the next day revealed a partially torn ligament and inflammation.

Altcheck concurred with Meister's recommendation for surgery after the pitcher went to New York for an exam March 10.

An All-Star in each of his three seasons since arriving from Japan, Darvish started last season on the disabled list after experiencing neck stiffness in spring training. He missed only one start then, and was 10-7 with a 3.06 ERA in 22 starts before his last start Aug. 9 because es of the 28-year-old pitcher's of elbow inflammation.

Track shows off at national meet

By Jeffrey Swindoll SPORTS WRITER

Baylor track and field followed up its successful Big 12 indoor championships with another strong showing at the NCAA indoor championships Fayetteville, Ark., last week, bringing home an individual national champion and a record-breaking finish from the women's team.

"Overall, it was just incredible. It was an amazing week," head coach Todd Harbour said. "Everybody contributed, everybody we brought up here. We had five school records at the meet. That's unheard of. You don't see that at national meets."

Sophomore sprinter Trayvon Bromell claimed the 200-meter national title, marking his second year in-a-row winning a national championship (2014, 100-meter). Bromell ran an all-time school-record and 2015 world-leading time (20.29 seconds) in the 200-meter semifinals on Friday.

He then surpassed his semifinal time to finish the 200-meter in a historic 20.19 seconds in the fi- four All-American honors and set ranks at No. 5 on the all-time list of the 200-meter and best time in the world in 2015. Bromell's time ties Wallace Spearmon for the second fastest American and collegiate performances of all time.

"We had five school records at the meet... vou don't see that at national meets."

Todd Harbour | Track coach

"Honestly, this indoor 200 title is way bigger than that 100 title, because everybody knows I love the 100," Bromell said. "I knew I could run [the 200-meter event], and I'm not going to say I doubted myself, but I just felt like my short sprints would be better than my 200."

The 2015 200-meter indoor title was Baylor's fourth time claiming

Baylor's women's team earned

nals on Saturday. His performance a program record for total points (27), finishing seventh overall at the 2015 indoor championships. Sophomore long-distance runner Maggie Montoya, pole-vaulter Annie Rhodes, junior triple-jumper Brianna Richardson, junior longdistance runner Olicia Williams, chel Johnson and Mariah Kelly were each named All-Americans in their respective events.

Baylor's distance medley relay team, consisting of Kelly, Williams, Montoya and senior runner Raena Rhone, finished fourth. Rhodes finished eighth in the pole vault event. Richardson posted a seasonbest triple jump to finish fifth overall. Williams also finished third in the 800-meter run. Johnson finished sixth in the 3,000-meter run and second in the 5,000-meter.

"She did a great job coming back in the 3K. And I want to say that's probably the fastest 9:02 for sixth place. A lot of years, 9:02 will win it," Harbour said. It was just an absolutely loaded 3K field, and they just rolled."



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U.S. foreign policy by creating the International Religious Freedom Office at the State Department. Wolf also founded and served as co-chairman of the Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission, a bipartisan organization made up of nearly 200 members of Congress who work together to raise awareness about international human rights issues.

Admission is free but requires a ticket.

General admission tickets are available through the Bill Daniel Student Center Ticket Office on a first-come, first-served basis. Seating is limited. Any remaining tickets will be available at the Baylor Club the day of the event, beginning at 6 p.m.



