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## Recreation repair

### Dewey Community Center to get \$3 million renovation next fall

By REBECCA FLANNERY  
STAFF WRITER

Located at 925 North Ninth Street sits Waco's Dewey Community Center. Taking place inside its walls is a long-overdue \$3 million renovation.

Jeff Goodman, program administrator for Waco's parks and recreation department, said the city has had its eye on the center for a long time.

"We're right at the beginning stages of the process, designing mainly," Goodman said. "We've always known it was a facility in need of renovation."

Dewey Community Center houses a gym and administrative facilities, according to the parks and recreation website.

The surrounding community is able to use the building for education and recreational purposes, as it contains a computer lab and sits on park grounds. Several com-

munity-sponsored and city league games take place at the center throughout the year.

"The construction timeline isn't set in stone, but we hope to start in the fall and complete it by next spring or summer," Goodman said.

*"The center is really important to the community it serves."*

Earl Stinnett | Parks and Recreation program coordinator

City funding will provide the \$3 million to complete the project, Goodman said.

Earl Stinnett, program coordinator for the parks and recreation department said that order to complete the renovations, both the administrative and gym facilities will be torn down and completely

rebuilt.

"Both buildings will be significantly larger to be able to cater to those who use it," Stinnett said. "The center is really important to the community it serves."

Stinnett said as the project develops, those who rely on the center for city meetings and fitness classes will be able to use any of the surrounding community centers in the time being.

"The afterschool and summer programs will be moved to other facilities during construction," Stinnett said.

Stinnett said the center has been in disrepair for some time because of the large number of people it has served over the years.

"There's nothing that will be taken away from the facilities that was there in the first place," Stinnett said. "If anything, we'll be adding more features and newer equipment for the community to take advantage of."



KEVIN FREEMAN | LARIAT PHOTOGRAPHER

### Hit-and-run

A Baylor student on a moped was hit by a sedan at approximately 10 p.m. Wednesday night on University Parks Drive in front of the Baylor Marina. See full story on page 4.

## Student Court debates bill over press relations



JESS SCHURZ | LARIAT PHOTOGRAPHER

Members of Student Senate mull over their laptops Wednesday. Student Court held a hearing to discuss whether or not a bill passed by student government is constitutional. The bill deals members' with access to the press.

By KALLI DAMSCHEN  
STAFF WRITER

The Student Court held a hearing Wednesday night to determine the constitutionality of a bill passed by student government limiting its members' freedom to contact the press. The verdict will be released in a few days.

The bill in question, titled SE 62-65, was unanimously passed by the Student Senate. The bill requires members of the student government to go through a public relations chair before contacting the media to express their opinions.

"The bill regulated the students' ability to contact the media in any way, shape, size or form without first obtaining permission from the PR chair," said Sunrise, Fla., sophomore Elliott Riches, who represented the plaintiff in the case.

Riches said the bill violated article 10 of the Student Body Constitution, which provides for a student's freedom of inquiry and freedom of expression.

Spring senior Hassan Dagha, attorney general for Student Government, served as the defendant. Since he pled no contest, he was not at the hearing to provide a defense.

The bill allows the PR chair to "unilaterally suppress the right of a student to express their opinions," Riches said.

Riches questioned two witnesses from the Student Senate: Port Barre, La., sophomore Lindsey Bacque and Frisco sophomore James Porter. Bacque is the public relations chair for the internal vice president, and Porter is a senator whose request to contact the press several months ago was denied.

The bill was originally intend-

ed to prevent senators from discussing impending legislation or disclosing information obtained through the senators' involvement with student government.

"The intent behind the bill, after speaking with the authors, was to ensure that things discussed in executive sessions were not leaked," Bacque said. "Senators who had knowledge of bills that were coming before Senate in the future would not prematurely express the Senate's or the student body's support of a bill."

Several months ago, Porter requested permission from Bacque to publish a letter with the Lariat about how Student Government has become more divided in recent years. His request was denied. Through a loophole in the bill allowing senators to speak with the

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## Changes may be on horizon for veteran tuition, red light cameras

ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUSTIN — Texas veterans and their children would see their higher education benefits sliced significantly under a plan heading to the Senate floor.

Tuition exemption costs under the so-called Hazlewood Exemption have skyrocketed from \$24.7 million in fiscal year 2010 to \$169 million in fiscal year 2014. Texas' higher education institutions shoulder the bulk of those costs.

A plan by Republican Sen. Brian Birdwell, the Senate's most senior military veteran, to address the financial shortfalls passed out of committee Wednesday, but not without criticism.

The bill would require beneficiaries to live in Texas for eight years and would cut free tuition down from 150 hours to 120 hours. It also limits the number of hours a veteran may pass on to a child to 60. The benefits would all expire 15 years after the veteran left military service.

"I'm concerned honestly that our veterans and their families may end up feeling betrayed by our actions if we

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JESS SCHURZ | LARIAT PHOTOGRAPHER

### Hopes of victory shattered

San Antonio freshman Daniel Berry gets splattered in egg yolk during a game of egg tossing at the Minglewood Bowl. Tri Delta and Phi Chi presented a Field Day to benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and I Love Orphans, which featured games like egg tossing and three-legged races.

## SCOTUS case may impact ACA

By AMANDA YARGER  
REPORTER

Dr. James Henderson, academic director for MBA Healthcare, has served at Baylor for 34 years. His experience in health economics includes numerous publications and committees. His areas of interest also involve Labor Market Analysis and Financial Analysis. As a scholar in health care economics, Henderson weighs in on the Supreme Court's decision deciding if subsidies are legal for federal and state exchanges.

### What is the background of the King v. Burwell case?

The case is about whether or not the subsidies that are identified in the law [The Affordable Care Act] are payable in only the state exchanges, or whether they can also

be paid in the federal exchange. This is very tricky because there are three issues involved: What does the law say? What was the legislative history? And, what was legislative intent?



### What does the Affordable Care Act say?

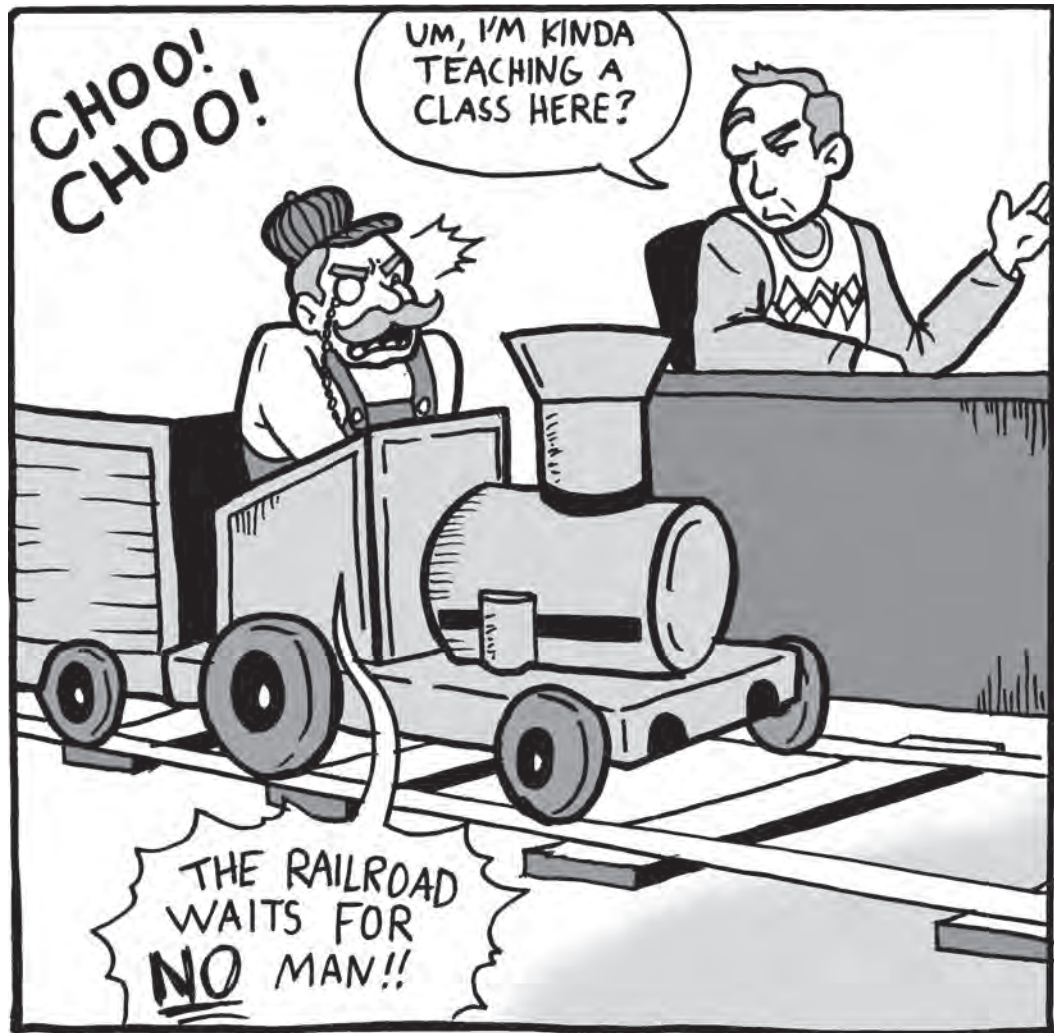
If you read it literally, the law says that subsidies are payable in exchanges created by the state- that's verbatim what it says and it says it in a couple places. It never says the subsidies are available in exchanges set up by the state.

The way the law is organized, there's a section on the state established exchanges and immediately following that section is a section on the subsidies that are payable by those exchanges set-up by the state- those are juxtaposed.

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# Baylor, tear down that wall

## Fifth Street construction comes at inopportune time for students



### Editorial

There is a divide on campus. Literally. Fences spanning from Speight Circle to MP Daniel Esplanade have split campus right down the middle.

The rendering of the new fountain on Fountain Mall is beautiful. Once the fountain is built and revealed, it will be a great centerpiece for campus. Beyond that, the fountain won't disrupt traffic. Vehicles will still be able to travel down Fifth Street. People will still be able to walk.

Until then, however, the street is almost completely blocked. This is one of the busiest areas of campus. Some students have had to change their daily routines in order to make it to class on time, especially as they attempt to skirt the fences.

Overall, it's exciting that a fountain is finally returning to Fountain Mall. A new drainage system, water line and sewer line are also going to be much-needed additions. But the construction comes at an inconvenient time for students.

If construction had waited two weeks, classes would be over, finals would have begun and students would be headed off to their summer destinations.

Fifth Street is very crowded during the day, so that area has seen a lot of backup as students attempt to traverse it.

Students who normally ride bicycles, motorcycles or mopeds to class also have to find a new route. This wouldn't have been as much of an inconvenience if the construction had been started later.

One of the biggest disadvantages of starting construction on campus at such an inconvenient time is the disruption the construction has caused to the Bear Trail.

The Bear Trail has not been directly affected by the Fifth Street construction. However, other construction projects on campus have disrupted the Bear Trail. The detours from these projects do go through campus — toward Fifth Street.

The trail is one of the most frequent places students run or walk and talk with friends while strolling.

Several markers along the trail have had to be rerouted as a result of the construction, causing frustration among students who frequent the trail. In addition, the altered route is somewhat confusing as it does not have visible signs pointing to the detour.

It seems that the university, at a time where stress and tension

are most high during finals, would have done everything in its power not to hinder this route for students.

For many, exercising along Baylor's scenic routes is a way to release stress and stay healthy. Preventing students from doing so was surely an unintended consequence, but a consequence nonetheless.

Some students took to Twitter and Yik Yak to describe their frustration. One Tweet read, "Really irritated that Baylor didn't just wait a few weeks to start construction and went ahead and blocked the entire center of campus."

This is one of many complaints on social media outlets.

Some students have been able to make light of the inconvenience, which is really the only thing to do at this point.

This construction has caused quite a stir on campus, and, unfortunately, there is not anything students can do besides plan ahead for a congested Fifth Street and rerouted Bear Trail.

Baylor should consider the timing of such projects in the future, as it has done in the past with construction in residence and dining halls.

This time Baylor missed the mark.

## Challenge yourself for new experiences

Art is everywhere and is constantly expanding, yet I often see people closing off their minds from experiencing new things. I hear people listening to the same music they've always listened to, or talking about the same movies they've always talked about. As good as these things may be, there comes a point when the experience just doesn't work the same way it did before.

Personally, I like writing songs. There's nothing more exciting than when you've got something new. An idea, a spark. I've noticed this moment of revelation hardly ever comes from doing the same as I've ever done, going through the motions. Those types of moments come when I'm venturing into uncharted territory. That's just in my passion as a songwriter, but there's a universal lesson in this.

Our own ability to refresh and reopen our mind is in direct correlation with our ability to challenge ourselves to do better than just mediocre things — things we've always done. Do you ever want to lose that fire inside, your edge?

Look at the Lady Bears basketball team from this season. Head coach Kim Mulkey had a situation different than perhaps any other season she has coached at Baylor. She was forced to rethink how



Jeffrey Swindoll  
Sports writer

to go about winning.

Instead of pretending like she still had the All-American talents like Odyssey Sims or Brittney Griner, she did some things she admitted she had never done before. Mulkey found new life, transforming herself to make her end product still a fantastic success.

I often find those moments — my favorite musicians or athletes where they have overcome things they've never had to before — as the most special.

Take the South Carolina rock band NeedToBreathe as another example. In the band's latest album, "Rivers in the Wasteland," the band faced hardships they had never faced before, dealing with issues of family, band members leaving and a drought in the songwriting process.

Lead singer Bear Rinehart has said on multiple occasions that the band was on the brink of breaking up before "Rivers in the Wasteland" was completed. Instead of seeing the obstacles as signs of the end, the band used them as another way to grow, to do what they've never done before.

Take Baylor's own sophomore sprinter Trayvon Bromell for example. After winning the national championship in 100-meter dash as a freshman, Bromell continued changing it up in 2015. Bromell chose to compete in the 200-meter this season in addition to the 100-meter winning first place in both events on a consistent basis.

Bromell said he wasn't sure how it would pan out, but he still wanted to challenge himself and make himself an even stronger sprinter.

With all that said, the next step in finding new life in what we do is quite practical: try something new, something fresh. Don't wait for trouble to wake you up.

You'll find out a lot about yourself and life if you search for new things.

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# To be or not to be ...

## It's talk like Shakespeare Day

Sendeth us thy best impression of Shakespeare by Tweet or Facebook message in celebration of "It's talk like Shakespeare Day." You'll beest entered to winneth a Lariat shirt, Tumbler or cuppeth. Doth thou has't the cunning to winneth this competition? Alloweth the bravest and cleverest of us all to conquer.

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## From the Lariat blog



News is no longer determined by a group of editors in a closed room. Thanks to blogs, thanks to Twitter, thanks to the Drudge Report, thanks to Huffington Post, the masses control the news. They're no longer the end user. The public is now the producer.

— Jonathon S. Platt  
Web and social media editor

Check out the Lariat's blog "From the Wire." Kilgore junior Jonathon S. Platt, Web and social media editor and author of the column "How I see It," will provide commentary on current news, critique current politics and shed light on stories you may have missed.

## Business machines: The future of labor markets

By REUBIN TURNER  
CITY EDITOR

### THE BOTTOM LINE

#### A STUDENT ECONOMIST'S VIEW

It was something that as a college-educated individual, I thought I would never have to worry about. I told myself time and time again that in my preferred career of consulting, there's no way a machine could do what I do. Machines cannot brief clients, make lasting first impressions and win over hearts with stellar dance moves. Well, turns out I'm only partially right. Students, brace yourselves — the machines are coming.

Over the past few years, a number of pundits and high school teachers have warned us: "Get a degree, and don't allow a machine

to take your job!" This left us believing the unskilled-labor sky was falling. And in a sense it still is. With the advent of the ATM and automated voice messaging systems, we've known for some time now that various secretarial and unskilled jobs were in serious jeopardy. But those with skilled jobs (namely those that required a college or technical degree), however, were not so worried. There was no way a machine could pick up certain skills that required a deep, thorough analysis. Right? Tell that

cal diagnostics.

New and advanced software is now making it possible for machines and robots to perform a number of jobs that were once only able to be performed by humans.

Advances in software through the use of extremely efficient algorithms and a vast amount of data now allow machines to ana-

lyze personalities and even help companies choose who to hire. And as an ad in 1967 put it, these machines "can't quit, forget or get pregnant."



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These machines coupled with increased competition from international competitors is making it more and more essential for students to differentiate themselves from others, or even machines — as awkward as that sounds.

There are a number of companies and businesses looking to downsize and ultimate-

ly, maximize the bottom dollar by putting these machines to good use. In the end, it'll primarily boil down to one question — what can you do that the machine can't? This is important to think about when making degree and career decisions.

Students would be better served to think about human interaction with machines, rather than looking at how they can replace them. Machines in general, can serve to help humanity rather than hurt them. The data revolution is helping a number of experts in different disciplines to make informed decisions and conclusions that benefit society. Take statistical programming software like SAS and

STATA, for example. The programs can help statisticians compute complex statistics that could otherwise take hours, in seconds. It's up to the statistician, however, to interpret the data and make sense of it. This is where the human element comes in.

It's indisputable that machines are the future of the labor market. In fact, machines are in the present-day markets. But it's becoming increasingly important to make sure humans can interact with them and control them in a way that allows humans to benefit from their use and keep their job. This trade-off is ultimately what economists mean when they describe an efficient labor market.

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juxtaposed. Following that is a section on if states choose not to set-up their own exchanges, the federal government will set-up the exchanges. It never talks about subsidies in the federal exchange.

The simple literal interpretation is subsidies in a state exchange, no subsidies in a federal exchange. There's not a lot of dispute over what the law says literally. Here's where they start getting into the question that I think they'll base their decision off of: What's the legislative history?

#### What is the legislative history for the case?

#### Normal Method of Passing a Bill

When a bill is debated in both houses of congress, the House will

come up with a version and the Senate will come up with their own version. They're never the same.

The House version gets voted on by the House and the Senate version gets voted on by the Senate- if they pass in both Houses, then the bill goes to the Conference Committee, who hammer out differences between the bills and come up with one piece of legislation that then goes back to each separate branch of Congress and these are voted on without amendments.

#### In this Instance

In this case, the House passed their bill first and then the Senate passed their bill on Christmas Eve 2008, but then they immediately went on recess until January. They come back in 2009 and the new

Congress goes into session.

Approximately a week later, Massachusetts had a special election to replace Ted Kennedy who had died in the fall of 2008. Kennedy was replaced by an interim senator, but Massachusetts law requires a special election... Prior to their special election, when the Bill passed the House, the vote was 219 [in favor], and 215 [against].

If three people had changed their vote from in favor to against, the bill wouldn't have passed. There were zero Republicans that voted in favor of it. In the Senate, the vote was 60 [in favor], and 40 [against].

What's special in the Senate is if the 60 was 59, the bill wouldn't have passed from a filibuster. One vote means it doesn't pass. When Massachusetts elects Scott Brown in their special election, he's a Re-

publican.

Suddenly the democrats only have 59 votes, so if these two bills go to Conference, which they haven't because they just came out of recess, if they send them to Conference for a single bill and everybody [keeps their same vote], the bill will pass in the House, but it doesn't pass in the Senate.

There's the dilemma, what has to happen? The House re-votes on the Senate Bill and it passes, but it's the Senate Bill. It doesn't matter what was in the House Bill because the Senate Bill passed.

#### How does this impact the Affordable Care Act?

When you look at legislative history, you look at the Senate Bill because that's what passed. What's interesting is that, as with most

bills, there are versions of the bill as it [gets evaluated]. The last two versions, prior to the bill that passed, both of those had subsidies payable in the federal exchange in them. The final bill, it wasn't in there. What happened?

The House bill didn't have federal exchanges in it. They had to have all 60 votes in the Senate to get it to pass and there was one senator who said, "This isn't right; we have to have a federal exchange or I won't vote for it," so they put a federal exchange in it which is why it ends up in the two bills prior to the final bill.

I'm not sure where the evidence is, but some people say it was a conscience decision on the part of the people who wrote the bill to take the federal exchange out.

There was one senator who

wanted an incentive for states to set up their own exchange. The incentive would be, if you set up your own exchange, subsidies are available to your own people, if you don't set up, subsidies aren't available... It's going to depend on how the justices interpret the legislative history.

#### What is the legislative intent?

The Democratic legislators who all voted for it would say 'we intended the subsidies to be available in the federal exchanges.' I guess the question is: that may have been the intention, but was that what was written? Is that the bill that got voted on?

For the full interview, go to [Baylorlariat.com](http://Baylorlariat.com)

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# Anti-human trafficking bill passes Senate

By ERICA WERNER ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The Senate unanimously passed legislation Wednesday to help the victims of human trafficking, ending a tortuous partisan standoff over abortion that also delayed confirmation of President Barack Obama's attorney general nominee.

The vote was 99-0 to approve the Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act, which expands law enforcement tools to target sex traffickers and creates a new fund to help victims. The House has passed similar legislation and the White House has voiced support.

"We have not fallen deaf to the cries of those who actually need our help, the victims of human trafficking," said Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, the lead GOP sponsor. "This legislation will be instrumental in helping victims of sexual abuse and trafficking recover from a life in bondage."

The unanimous outcome put a bipartisan punctuation mark on legislation that started out with wide support from both parties, but veered into a partisan cul-de-sac last month when Democrats said they'd noticed language that could expand federal prohibitions on abortion funding. How or why Democrats had failed to see the provision in the first place

became a topic of frosty dispute on Capitol Hill, with Republicans pointing out that the bill had unanimously passed committee, and one Democratic senator's office acknowledging that an aide had in fact known of the abortion language.

At the same time, Attorney General-designate Loretta Lynch languished despite commanding enough votes to be confirmed, because Republican leaders made the decision, never fully explained, to delay her confirmation vote until the trafficking bill was completed. Now that it is, Lynch will get a vote Thursday to replace Eric Holder and become the nation's first black female attorney general.

The partisan gridlock on the trafficking bill and Lynch made no one look good, and with all sides eager for a resolution Cornyn worked with Sens. Patty Murray, D-Wash., and Democratic Leader Harry Reid of Nevada to arrive at a compromise, which they announced Tuesday. It addresses Democratic concerns about expanding prohibitions on spending federal funds for abortions, by splitting the new victims' fund into two pieces.

One part of the fund would be made up of fines paid by sex traffickers, and it could not go for health services, rendering the abortion restrictions moot.



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Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., walks with Sen. John Barrasso, R-Wyo., and Senate Majority Whip John Cornyn of Texas, to a news conference Tuesday on Capitol Hill in Washington. Republican and Democratic lawmakers passed a human trafficking bill, and plan to turn their attention to Attorney General nominee Loretta Lynch.

The other part of the fund, which could go for medical services, builds on \$5 million already appropriated by Congress for Community Health Centers, which are already subject to abortion spending prohibitions. The compromise allowed both sides to claim a win since Republicans ensured any money for health services could not go for abortions, while Democrats could say that they had prevented prohibitions on spending federal money for abortions from being expanded to a new source of money.

"An effort to fight back against human trafficking in our country is, without question, no place for gridlock and dysfunction," Murray said. "It certainly shouldn't

have taken this long but I'm pleased that we were able to work together, find common ground and reach an agreement."

With the bill finally greased for passage following announcement of the abortion compromise, Republican leaders staved off one final partisan controversy by persuading conservatives in the caucus to hold back on a handful of immigration-related amendments they wanted to offer. Sen. Jeff Sessions, R-Ala., said he was urged to pull back an amendment that would have allowed for punishing people for immigrating illegally with their kids or other family members.

"I yielded to higher authorities against my better judgment.

"... We ended up with no immigration amendments," Sessions said. "They wanted another bipartisan accomplishment and it wouldn't have achieved it."

The amendments that did get attached to the bill passed with little controversy, though one, by Sen. Mark Kirk, R-Ill., drew concerns from at least one advocacy group. The measure would make it illegal for websites or social media sites to "knowingly" sell advertisements for sex services involving minors. A pro-privacy group, the Center for Democracy and Technology, said the measure was so vaguely written that it potentially makes every U.S. company that hosts web content subject to criminal prosecution.

# BU student victim of hit-and-run while on moped

By REUBIN TURNER CITY EDITOR

A Baylor student was injured in a hit-and-run accident at approximately 10 p.m. on University Parks Drive in front of the Baylor Sciences Building, Waco Police Department authorities said.

The incident caused a portion of two lanes on the street to close for about half an hour, as debris from the accident littered the street.

Several responders from the Waco and Baylor police departments, including the Waco Fire Department, arrived at the scene to help treat the victim.

The student, who was driving east on University Parks Drive on a red moped, was responsive at the scene. A Waco Police Department officer said the victim identified the suspect as driving a sedan, but did not specify the color.

The victim was transported to Baylor Scott & White Hillcrest Medical Center, where the current condition of the victim is unknown.

The officer said although the victim was responsive, there was a bad puncture on the victim's back caused by scarring after the victim slid across University Parks Drive.

"There are a lot of scrapes and bruises on the victim as a result of the accident," a Waco police officer said.

At the time of publication, the officer said there were no witnesses or suspects.

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media if they are first contacted, Porter was eventually able to publish his letter after the Lariat reached out to him.

"The overall issue of the editorial was non confrontational. It did not use any specific language or any specific direction towards anything," Porter said.

Porter said this bill would never have been passed in a real legislative setting.

"I see no reason why, just because we're students, we need to be silenced," he said.



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pass this," said San Antonio Democratic Sen. Jose Menendez, who cast the sole "nay" in the 5-1 vote Wednesday.

Birdwell, who served more than 20 years in the U.S. Army, told Menendez he was "bristled" by the thought of betraying veterans.

"No one ever wants to bring something like this forward," Birdwell said. "This was my idea of what I thought was the right thing to do."

Texas has the second-highest veteran population in the country, at 1.7 million.

The bulk of the Hazlewood Exemption's costs are caused by a change to state law in 2011 that allowed veterans to pass on unused tuition hours to their children. State officials have said veterans' children now account for more than half of Hazlewood recipients.

Jim Brennan, legislative direc-

tor for the Texas Coalition of Veterans Organizations, said he and the 6,000 veterans his organizations represent oppose Birdwell's bill. So do the 78,000 members of the American Legion of Texas, said vice commander John McKinney.

"Veterans issues do not exist in a vacuum," Brennan said, adding that it's often families who bear more of a burden when a soldier is deployed.

### NEW PROSECUTORS PICKED IN PAXTON PROBE

If any criminal charges are brought against Republican Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton, who is under investigation over an admitted securities violation, the case won't be in the hands of his longtime friend.

A state district judge has picked two Houston attorneys to take over the case against Paxton,

whose first months as chief lawyer in Texas has been shadowed by allegations that he broke the law. His spokesman has denounced the accusations as outrageous.

The replacement prosecutors were appointed after Collin County District Attorney Greg Willis, a friend and former business partner of Paxton, recused himself earlier this week amid pressure that he had a conflict of interest.

Paxton, a former state senator, was fined \$1,000 by state regulators last year for investment advising without registering.

"Both of us have been special prosecutors on high-profile matters, and are keenly aware of our oaths 'not to convict, but to see that justice is done,'" said Brian Wice, one of the appointed prosecutors, in a statement Wednesday. He said their investigation would be full and fair and "without regard to partisan politics."

Willis asked the Texas Rangers to investigate the Paxton case before stepping down, and has shot back at criticism that he had slow-played the matter.

### RED LIGHT CAMERA BAN MAY BE COMING

Texas could put red light cameras in the rearview mirror under a bill that has cleared the Texas Senate.

Republican Sen. Bob Hall said Wednesday that red light cameras "have failed miserably" before his bill was sent over to the House. Dozens of Texas cities have contracted companies to install red light cameras, which generate millions in revenue for municipalities.

The companies photograph vehicles that run red lights, and then send the vehicle owner a \$75 ticket.

Texas lawmakers now want

to prohibit a camera system on anything other than toll roads. Hall said studies show the devices don't improve overall traffic safety as advertised. Also, since ticketed drivers can't confront their accusers, Hall said the cameras violate citizens' due process rights.

### LIBEL PROTECTIONS FOR JOURNALISTS ADVANCE

The Texas Senate has unanimously approved a measure to further shield journalists from libel lawsuits if they accurately report a whistleblower's allegations that turn out to be false.

The Wednesday vote came after weeks of negotiations between organizations that represent trial lawyers and reporters.

The bill's author, Houston Republican Sen. Joan Huffman, said all parties are now in agreement that "accuracy in reporting is a defense to libel."

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A "perfect" 100-carat diamond in a classic emerald cut fetched \$22 million Tuesday at the Sotheby auction in New York.

## 100-carat diamond sells for \$22 million

NEW YORK (AP) — A "perfect" 100-carat diamond in a classic emerald cut sold for just over \$22 million at auction on Tuesday.

The internally flawless D color stone is the only classic emerald-cut white diamond of the highest color and clarity, and over 100 carats to come to the Sotheby auction.

The final price on Tuesday night was \$22,090,000, including the buyer's premium.

"This 100.20-carat diamond is the definition of perfection. The color is whiter than white. It is free of any internal imperfections," Sotheby's New York jewelry department head Gary Schuler said in a statement prior to the sale, likening its transparency "to a pool of icy water."

The presale estimate was between \$19 million and \$25 million.

The diamond was mined in southern Africa within the last 10 years and weighed over 200 carats before it was cut and polished, the auction house said.

The seller wished to remain anonymous. The buyer was also anonymous, and the winning bid came in over the phone.

Only five "perfect" diamonds over 100 carats have sold at auction in the last 25 years, with a 118-carat oval-cut stone fetching \$30.6 million at Sotheby's in 2013. It set a record for a white diamond.

The record for any jewel is \$46 million for a 24.78-carat emerald-cut pink diamond, set at Sotheby's in 2010.

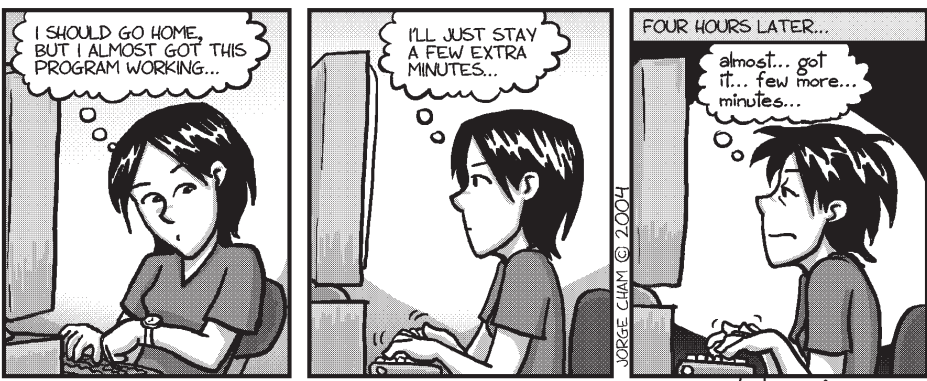


SKYE DUNCAN | LARIAT PHOTO EDITOR

## Strut for sustainability

Katy freshman Audrey Mesler, right, models Comanche freshman Ling Ni's design, which consisted of a newspaper overcoat with a trash bag dress beneath. Ni's design won the competition. Fairfield, Iowa, freshman Laura Jackson, left, models an eco-friendly design at Project Greenway on Wednesday evening at Common Grounds. The design made by New Braunfels freshman Emmy Lou Musgrave includes a skirt made out of newspapers. Project Greenway is an annual eco-friendly fashion competition hosted by Uproar Records, and is held on Earth Day every year.

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## DAILY PUZZLES

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### Across

- 1 Source of fine wool
- 7 Flotation device
- 11 24-hr. banking service
- 14 Thingamabob
- 15 "\_\_\_ the Woods"
- 16 La Mancha Mrs.
- 17 Chinese course in a bowl
- 19 Elton John's title
- 20 "Vive \_\_\_!"
- 21 Milk source
- 22 Assuage
- 25 Reason to skip the Skippy
- 29 Plastered
- 30 Believer's suffix
- 31 One working in a studio
- 32 Like a ballerina
- 34 38th-parallel land
- 35 Classic cop show catchphrase
- 39 Enjoys a bistro, with "out"
- 40 Set of moral precepts
- 43 Hanukkah toy
- 46 Expected
- 48 "Don't think so"
- 49 Browse on Madison Avenue, say
- 51 Excellent
- 52 Tequila sunrise direction
- 53 Siouan speakers
- 55 Director Ang
- 56 Begin working, and a hint to the starts of 17-, 25-, 35- and 49-Across
- 62 P.O. delivery
- 63 Without restraint
- 64 Serengeti heavyweights
- 65 Help-wanted sign?
- 66 Word on some family business signs
- 67 "Gracias" reply

### Down

- 1 Fruity drink
- 2 Fuel for the fire
- 3 Faddish '90s disc
- 4 Confuse
- 5 Part of TLC
- 6 Festoons
- 7 Call on
- 8 "Small Craft on a Milk Sea" musi-

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- 9 "The Simpsons" disco guy
- 10 Tank or tee
- 11 Claim with conviction
- 12 Emergency priority system
- 13 Saint Agnes, e.g.
- 18 Sulk
- 21 One living in a studio
- 22 Keebler spokesman
- 23 Feel poorly
- 24 Bump, as a toe
- 26 Like two peas in \_\_\_
- 27 Croft of video games
- 28 Holder of a collateral loan
- 30 Enthusiastic yes
- 33 Table salt additive
- 34 Irish rd. sign abbreviations
- 36 "... Yorick! I \_\_\_ him, Horatio"
- 37 Slippery ones
- 38 "That's terrible!"
- 41 "Atonement" novelist McEwan
- 42 Ally of Fidel
- 43 Lives
- 44 Meet, as a challenge
- 45 Signs up for
- 46 Bouncer's post
- 47 \_\_\_ mobility
- 50 Sticks figures
- 51 Invite for a nightcap, say
- 54 Throb
- 56 Fun time
- 57 Punk rock subgenre
- 58 Exaggerated homework amount
- 59 "Barefoot Contessa" host Garten
- 60 Agree quietly
- 61 Govt. procurement agency

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## Baylor A&T prepares for national round

By JEFFREY SWINDOLL  
SPORTS WRITER

Baylor acrobatics and tumbling has been building all season for this moment. The Bears boast a perfect 9-0 record which includes a huge upset over then-ranked No. 1 Oregon on the road. It's finally here – the National Collegiate Acrobatics & Tumbling Association national championship at Fairmont State University in Fairmont, W.Va. Baylor travels to square off against the best acrobatics & tumbling teams in the country beginning at 1 p.m. today with the individual finals. The team bracket commences at 11 a.m. Friday in the quarterfinal round.

Qualifying a program-record for individual entrants (28) and individual events (13), the Bears bring a star-studded roster to the finals. Freshman Toni Bronisevsky qualified for a team-high six events, followed by her freshman colleague Shayla Moore, sophomore Kiara Nowlin, Kaelyn Cowan and seniors Ally Cheatham and Bresha Pierce each qualifying for five events each. The Bears are flying high ahead of both individual and team events this week with more physical and mental strength than ever before, Cheatham said.

"The individual championships are a lot of fun for the girls, but we don't put a lot of emphasis on that because we prepare so much for the

team championships," head coach Fee Mulkey said. "I think that our tumbling is going to be a standout in the individual finals. We have the potential to stand out in all the other events except for toss, but it'll just depend on how we show."

Mulkey, previously head coach at Oregon, has four national titles under her belt. Since 2011, no one has matched her success in acrobatics and tumbling. The stakes are high for Mulkey as for Baylor.

"I think our confidence is right where it needs to be," Mulkey said. "This team is just so unique in that it's not cocky, it's confident. They know themselves. They know their teammates. They trust each. They're going to go out and execute no matter who we're going to be against."

The Bears could win their first national championship in the sport. The team's success this season is unmatched by any past team in program history. There was another first this year: receiving the one-seed in the national championship.

"This team feels amazing going into the national championships," Mulkey said. "I met with some of the girls [Monday] and the overall feeling is that we've had such an amazing season, so a national championship would be the ultimate icing on the cake."

Baylor feels confident against any team, Mulkey said, but there



HANNAH HASELOFF | LARIAT PHOTOGRAPHER

The Baylor acrobatics and tumbling competes in the toss event during its win over Oregon on April 13 at the Ferrell Center.

are four teams that have a good chance of winning the national crown on Saturday. First off, the Bears face eight-seed King University at 1:45 p.m. Friday.

Should the Bears advance to the semifinal, they face the winner between Quinnipiac University and Azusa Pacific, both of which the Bears defeated comfortably in the regular season.

"We definitely have to keep focus [in the early matchups]," senior Danielle Hardman said. "If we have a couple falls, it could be the meet, but I think the first few meets we'll be alright."

Mulkey said competing in the

national championships will be just icing on the cake for her team that has continued to put in the work necessary to climb the ranks and excel this season.

"If you back and just look at the numbers and the stats, our scores gone up consistently pretty much every meet," Mulkey said. "Our start values have gone up consistently, which means those girls are in there just working their tails off getting new skills every week to get something new in. I am absolutely amazed with them. We could peak at the national championship with the highest score that we've gotten all year."

## Baylor softball tops Sam Houston State

By CODY SOTO  
SPORTS WRITER

No. 16 Baylor softball had an interesting two-game double-header against Sam Houston State on Wednesday afternoon, and while the Bears picked up a close 1-0 win in game one, rain cancelled the second game in the midst of an ugly turn for Baylor.

The Bears (32-11, 6-3 Big 12) took the 1-0 shutout behind a single run by senior outfielder Kaitlyn Thumann in the bottom of the fifth inning. Thumann hit a single to left center field and stole third base before advancing home on a Bearkats throwing error. With the scoring single, Thumann moved up to 10th place in the all-time hitting list in program history.

The rest of the game was rather stagnant on both sides of the ball. Freshman pitcher Kendall Potts picked up a win on the pitching mound and moves up to 6-2 on the season. Potts only allowed three hits in seven innings pitch, and Sam Houston State was unable to convert them into runs in the loss. Potts struck out four hitters and only walked one player in her second shutout of the season.

Sophomore second baseman Ari Hawkins had another impressive multi-hit game where she was 2-for-2 behind the plate and was walked once on Wednesday afternoon. She hit two singles in the bottom of

the first and fifth innings respectively. With the two hits during the game, Hawkins is Baylor's hitting leader heading into the team's weekend series.

Less than 30 minutes later, the Bears and Bearkats were back at it again, and the beginning of the matchup took a turn in favor of Sam Houston State. Redshirt freshman pitcher Sarah Beth Toben, who is 8-0 on the

ground, struggled to

fool the Bearkat hitters and allowed five consecutive hits in the top of the first inning.

The Bearkats used a few doubles to bring in four players to take the big 4-0 lead. Freshman outfielder Jessica Scroggins helped end the Bearkat rally with a crucial catch in center field. The Bears re-

sponded with two runs of their own in the bottom of the inning.

Junior third baseman Sarah Smith popped a hit over Sam Houston State pitcher Taylor Atkinson for the two-run single. The Bears did not score for the remainder of the game. Sam Houston State racked up two runs in the top of the third inning, but the spring showers didn't allow the Bears to respond before the game was called.

Baylor hosts Big 12 opponent Iowa State in a weekend series starting at 6:30 p.m. on Friday. Games two and three will be played at noon on Saturday and Sunday. The final two matchups will be televised live Monday on Fox Sports Southwest.



Scroggins

## Greg Hardy suspended 10 games

By BARRY WILNER  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — The NFL suspended defensive end Greg Hardy for 10 games without pay Wednesday for conduct detrimental to the league after concluding there was "credible evidence" he roughed up his former girlfriend nearly a year ago when he was a member of the Carolina Panthers.

Hardy, who joined the Dallas Cowboys as a free agent on a one-year, incentive-laden deal, was notified Wednesday of the decision in a letter from Commissioner Roger Goodell. Hardy plans to appeal.

Goodell cited "sufficient credible evidence that Hardy engaged in conduct that violated NFL policies in multiple respects and with aggravating circumstances." His assault case had been dismissed in a North Carolina court because his accuser refused to cooperate with prosecutors, but an NFL investigation concluded that Hardy used physical force against Nicole Holder in at least four instances.

"The net effect of these acts was that Ms. Holder was severely traumatized and sustained a range of injuries, including bruises and scratches on her neck, shoulders, upper chest, back, arms and feet," Goodell wrote. "The use of physical force under the circumstances present here, against a woman substantially smaller than you and in the presence of powerful, military-style assault weapons, constitutes a significant act of violence in violation of the personal conduct policy."

Among the evidence Friel's investigation uncovered was that on May 13, 2014, Hardy:

—used physical force against (Holder) which caused her to land in a bathtub;

—used physical force against her which caused her to land on a futon that was covered with at least four semi-automatic rifles;

—used physical force against her by placing his hands around her neck, applying enough pressure to leave visible marks.

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