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BILL DELAY Student senator Chase Hardy challenged SR-63 on the basis that it failed to uphold the constitutional procedure of passing a bill.

Bill on Pause

Campus carry bill temporarily invalidated by Student Court after failure to quorum

SAWYER SMITH
Reporter

The campus carry bill passed earlier this semester by Baylor Student Senate has been temporarily invalidated by Baylor Student Court.

The bill was created to advise Baylor President and Chancellor Ken Starr and the Baylor Board of Regents to opt out of Texas Senate Bill 11, which legalizes concealed carry on college campuses. The Student Senate's recommendation was backed by a campus poll, eight focus groups, a public deliberation initiative and a This Matters forum.

Student Senate voted on SR-63, as the bill is formally known, on January 28. The bill passed by a vote of 30 to 6.

Due to the Student Court's failure to meet quorum for a trial on the bill, an emergency motion was filed

Tuesday by student senator Chase Hardy to suspend its validation. Hardy challenged the bill on the basis that it failed to uphold the constitutional procedure of passing a bill. This motion, upheld by Student Court Tuesday night, means the bill remains invalid until a full hearing takes place.

"The student government leadership faces meetings with regents and President Starr [today] and Friday. Now their position to opt out cannot be supported by the stayed Senate bill," Hardy said.

Student Body President Pearson Brown must now resort to using the raw numbers and data gathered from the online student poll, focus group meetings, and public deliberation. Though the senate bill was passed decisively, the collected information indicates that student opinion is somewhat split about the issue.

The short-term implications of

this halt are huge, possibly larger than the bill's invalidation in the long term, according to an email sent from Hardy. This much could impact the regents' decision a great deal.

Should the bill be permanently invalidated, the Student Senate would be forced to draft and pass an entirely new bill. For the time being, student government has no legitimate legislation to enforce an opt out position from Texas Senate Bill 11 on behalf of the Baylor student body.

Despite all this, some student government officials remains optimistic regarding the bill's future.

"We look forward to sharing the overwhelming response from our student body with the Baylor Board of Regents," said Brown, student body internal vice president Lindsey Bacque and student body external vice president Steven Newcomb in an email to the Lariat.

Waco, campus takes part in Ash Wednesday

ASHLYN THOMPSON
Reporter

On Wednesday, Christians around the world celebrated Ash Wednesday, a day that marks the beginning of the Lenten season. The Baylor and Waco communities joined, holding services at Elliston Chapel and at various Catholic Churches around town. Lent is an important season not only for traditional Catholics, but for Christians of all denominations.

Students of all disciplines give up things during this season. McGregor sophomore Sarah O'Connor said she plans to give up sweets, because she eats candy almost every night and it will be difficult for her to abstain. O'Connor and many Protestants like her participate in Lent to mimic Christ's ultimate sacrifice on the Cross.

"My parents are both Catholic but I made the choice growing up to be Baptist," O'Connor said. "I think it's important to still participate in

Lent to symbolize the sacrifice that Christ sacrificed for us."

At St. Peter's Student Center, masses were held hourly, with an opportunity to receive ashes at the end of the service. The imposition of ashes symbolizes the dust and ashes of the deceased, and reminds believers of Jesus' death on the cross for our sins.

Grapevine sophomore Kevin Dooley said that even though one may stand out with ashes on their forehead, it's a great reminder of the commitment a person is about to make.

"Lent is about removing aspects of your life that deter and pull you away from God. It's through my struggles that I can find God and strengthen my relationship with him," Dooley said.

The season helps Christians refresh and renew their commitments to God by letting go of earthly possessions or deterrents that may be taking precedence over Christ in their lives. Christians

work individually on their own personal vices, striving to lean on God in times of need. Instead of reaching for their earthly vice, Christians seek constant prayer to help them remain untempted.

"Sometimes people think that they can just give up anything, but in this time you are suppose to give up something that truly hinders your relationship with God," Dooley said. "You want to be challenged in your faith."

Alongside turning away from earthly possessions, Christians seek God more than ever during this 40-day season. Many find themselves yearning more for times of prayer, seeking Bible studies or making commitments to attend church more than they typically would.

Houston junior Paige Thumann said she is giving up fast food and soda, which can be big vices for college students. She is also going to read her devotional, "Jesus Calling", daily and she wants



ASH WEDNESDAY University Chaplain and dean of student life Burt Bureson speaks at an Ash Wednesday service.

to run 80 miles throughout the Lenten season.

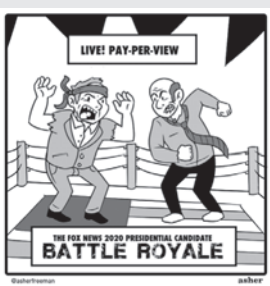
"Setting this goal of running is needed for me, because it gives me time to

reflect and be more focused," Thumann said. "It helps me get out of my head and my daily routine and focus on my faith more."

"No matter what sect of Christianity you fall under, we can all make sacrifices for the better," Dooley said.

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Film depicts unrest in Ukraine

ERIC VINING
Reporter

More than 40 students gathered Wednesday evening at the Draper Academic Building for a screening of 'Rejection: The Fight For Ukraine.'

The screening, sponsored by Baylor's department of political science, delves into the complex crisis in Eastern Ukraine in the aftermath of the Euromaiden Revolution in Kiev, Ukraine and the annexation of Crimea by Russia.

The film itself used testimonies of journalists, activists and eyewitness footage in order to bring some clarity to the complex story of the rise of pro-Russian unrest in Ukraine's eastern oblasts



Richard Hirst | Photo Editor

UKRAINE Documentary author Maria Tomak answers from Baylor students about the film "Rejection: The Fight for Ukraine."

in early 2014.

The film focused primarily on the events surrounding the methods pro-Russian activists, patriotic locals, protesters and

the Russian government used to establish two independent states seeking control by Russia.

At the screening's conclusion, Dr. Sergiy Kudelia, assistant

professor of political science at Baylor, answered student questions alongside Maria Tomak, a Ukrainian journalist, pro-Ukrainian activist and the film's author.

Students attending the Q&A session posed questions on a wide variety of topics, including the role of money in the crisis, the Ukrainian militia's severe lack of support from Kiev and the film's focus on the pro-Ukrainian side of the movement.

Though the events portrayed in her film occurred in early 2014, Tomak pointed out that Eastern Ukraine is by no means a safe place for pro-Ukrainian activists to be even today.

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EDITORIAL

Back to the Basics

Presidential debate format makes for great entertainment, fails to educate viewers on candidates

After eight Republican presidential debates and six Democratic presidential debates, a common theme emerged.

Over and over, the mainstream media, by means of its pundits and debate moderators, have taken control of the narrative of the presidential primary process.

Out of the 14 debates hosted by the Republican National Convention (RNC) and Democratic National Convention (DNC), 10 were broadcast on cable news – CNBC, CNN, Fox News, Fox Business and MSNBC.

It must be understood that these networks are, first and foremost, selling entertainment. For example, Fox News' biased agenda was made crystal clear during the first presidential primetime debate.

First, moderator Bret Baier asked which of the candidates would not guarantee his or her endorsement of the eventual Republican nominee. This question was used as a ploy to purposefully single out Donald Trump. Moments later, Megyn Kelly asked Trump if he was part of the apparent "war on women."

The list of unprecedented questions and malicious attacks in the debates we've seen this election cycle could go on and on.

To be clear, the Lariat is not demanding a free pass from criticism for the candidates. But it is demanding the debates be predicated on policy and substance, and not the sophomoric drama that was manufactured for each debate.

Enough is enough. These debates have turned into pointless feuds and are generated from phony issues that are then used for the so-called hard-hitting questions.

Recall the Lincoln-Douglas debates that occurred in 1858. At that time, newcomer Abraham Lincoln and incumbent Stephen A. Douglas were running to represent Illinois in the U.S. Senate. They participated in a series of seven one-on-one debates.

The debate format was as follows: Douglas or Lincoln would open with an hour-long address. The other would then open his platform with an hour-and-a-half address. Then, the first would have a 30-minute rebuttal period. The debate was then over.

Aside from actually attending the debate, the only hope the public had of knowing anything

from the debate and/or the candidates was in printed transcripts of the debate, newspapers or word of mouth. Obviously, there was no broadcast media in that day.

That is a striking difference from what the RNC and DNC deal with today in their presidential debates. Granted, expectations of these primary debates mirroring the Lincoln-Douglas debate format are not realistic.

Just from the sheer number of candidates, it would take all day to complete a Lincoln-Douglas debate format in this day and age and would be nothing short of exhausting for the participants.

Also, the Lincoln-Douglas debates were solely one-on-one debates as opposed to this season's debates (with the exception of the last Democratic debate, which downsized to just two candidates).

But this editorial is not necessarily about format, but principle. Take the format of the Lincoln-Douglas debates into consideration simply as a matter of principle and an ideal.

The non-negotiable principles of these debates that should be expected and demanded by the American republic are: (1) accountability and transparency from the candidates; (2) a fair system for the exchanging ideas; (3) substantive, useful and constructive argumentation.

News media hosting the debates strive for an end result that is not only useless, but toxic to the American republic. Today, the American people are served a distorted, fragmented view of each of the candidates from these debates. It is unfair to the candidates and unfair to the American people.

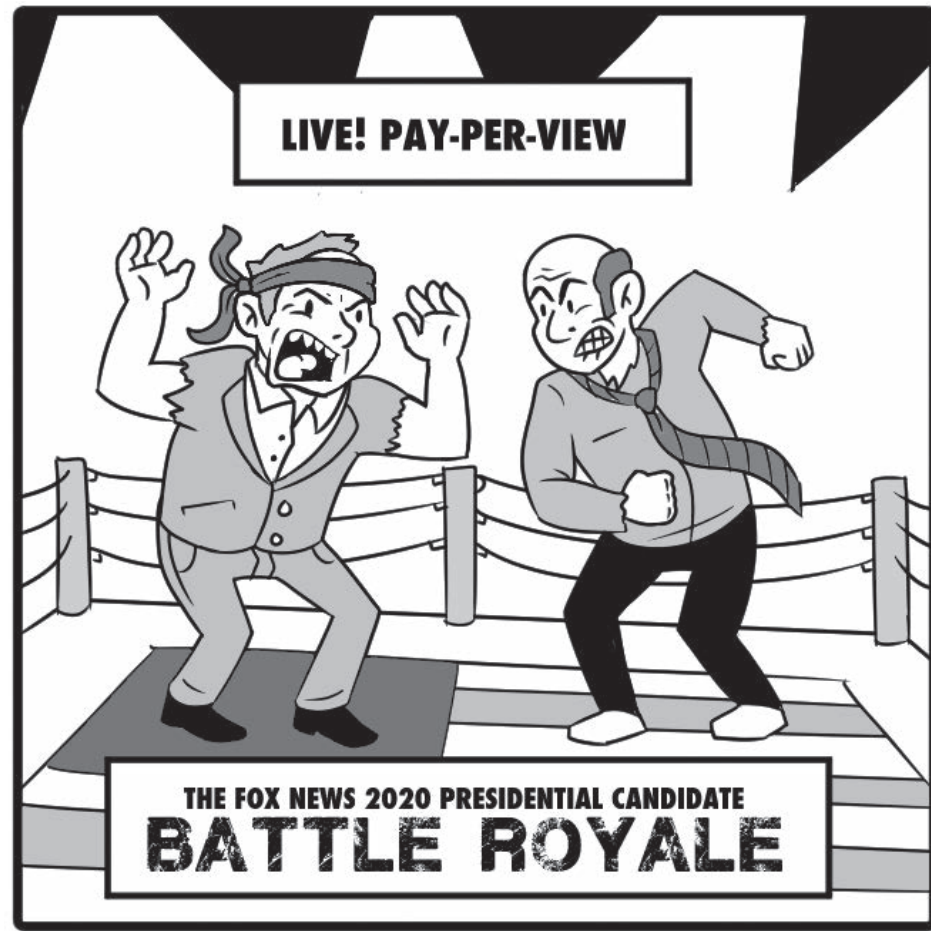
The media didn't control anything during the Lincoln-Douglas debates. The people were able to think and analyze the candidates for themselves and the candidates were able to represent themselves in their fullest capacity. Why should we strive for any different today?

Forcing these debates to fit a primetime TV slot has compromised the value and purpose of having them in the first place.

In contrast to the extensive, perhaps exhaustive, style in the Lincoln-Douglas format, candidates are given 60 seconds to answer a question picked by the moderator(s) these days.

Let's not beat around the bush. Anyone with a

Nobody watches the Super Bowl and hopes the referees start running routes and catching passes to decide the championship.



shred of public speaking talent can speak jargon for 60 seconds and get applause. By the time the question is asked, answered and concluded, no one has learned anything.

Imagine if today's candidates were put in a Lincoln-Douglas debate and were required to speak at length about their policies and substance, knowing full well they would face a thorough rebuttal from their opponent(s). The shallowness or depth of each candidate would be much more clear.

From the news media's perspective, boxing the candidates into 60 seconds each provides good news clips. These then transfer into television and radio programming and could also be used as topics for editorial pages, or even more questions for the campaign trail. It's a monster that feeds off itself over and over again.

The fundamental problem is that the current debate format is operating on the news media's terms and not the American people's terms.

A moderator is supposed to facilitate the debate for meaningful discourse, not be part an active member in it. Nobody watches the Super Bowl and hopes the referees start running routes and catching passes to decide the championship.

At this point, the news media is in way too deep. It is for this reason that the stations should be stripped of their exclusive debate hosting privileges, which should be given back in their entirety to the respective political party national convention.

At the very least, the parties and their

organizational convention should host the debates on their own dime, determine which issues will be addressed during the debate and provide their own moderator.

The constituents of ABC, CBS, Fox, NBC, etc., should assume their role as national broadcast news outlets to televise the debates for the greater good of the American people.

The role of the mainstream media in solely broadcasting the debates should be done as a service and demanded by the American people, ensuring a public broadcast of the debate is provided.

The process of choosing the president should not be about the news organizations.

Sadly and frustratingly, that is exactly what it has become. It should be about the American people hearing the arguments they need to hear on the policies that actually matter, which should be spoken from the candidates themselves; not misinterpreted and improperly projected by surrogates in mainstream media.

It is our duty as the American people to demand better. The news media and political party conventions should be there to serve us; not control us, exploit us and throw us the dogs.

All of this should be done in the hope that the individual will find a more complete, fair and truthful understanding of a candidate's platform, and, therefore, adequate competency in electing the next president.

COLUMN

Don't make social media your only friend

MEGHAN MITCHELL
Sports Writer

Look up! That's all I can say. I did a little experiment the other day at noon, at the prime hour that students changed classes and went to get lunch.

Out of 50 students passing by Moody, 36 of them were looking down at their phones, not knowing what was going on around them.

As I sat in a chair outside near Starbucks, I noticed a guy on his hover board doing something on his phone. How much more electronic can one really get?

I then looked at the door leading into Starbucks, where I saw an elderly woman slowly making her way to the door as a student bolted past her. Thinking he was going to hold the door open for her, she looked down at her purse for



a second, but was forced to look up when she felt the door closing on her. The student was so engaged on his phone that he was oblivious to the situation.

I get it, sometimes there are important things that require our attention to look down for a second, but if you engulf your life in those things you will be missing out on so much more. Life is a beautiful thing, and it is up to us to appreciate each and every moment of it.

Many of us feel lonely and sad because we have allowed social media to become our life, our companion. We constantly go about wanting to be liked on Facebook or Instagram. It is as if we believe it is the key to true happiness. But at the end of day, does it really make us happy? For myself, I know it does not. I used to think, 'Oh, just if I could look like her I would be happy. If I could just have that, people would think I'm cool!' I fell into the trap of believing that happiness came from a click of a button, but I quickly realized that it was those right in front of me, those that I could physically see and talk to, that brought me true happiness and joy.

Next time you are in a crowd and feel afraid, try what I did. Instead of looking down at your phone to make you feel accepted, look up and find someone to talk to or just look at beauty of what is around you. What you may think will be an awkward situation could turn out to be something so much more and change your life forever.

The best way to feel accepted and loved is to make those real connections, not just have an abundance of Facebook friends or social media followers. Many spend their lives behind a screen sharing and posting events in their lives and taking selfies in an attempt to become accepted.

Life goes by quicker than we realize. There are opportunities and choices that are presented to us each and every day, but it is up to us if we want to take a chance at life or just hide behind a screen.

I chose to look up and, because of it, I will never be the same.

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**LARIAT LETTER:
Life prep class
offered at BU**

On the Feb. 4 opinion page, an editorial argued that Baylor should implement a class to ready students for the real world, emphasizing the need for education on individual and family financial management in particular. I agree that this is an important life skill that all students should acquire. In fact, my department offers just such a class in this topic: CFS 3350 Individual and Family Financial Management. This course offers individual and family financial decisions, planning and management. It is my hope that students would take advantage of the opportunity already available to them in this area in my department.

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Richard Hirst | Photo Editor

SECURITY A new safety campaign beginning at Collins Residence Hall encourages students to close doors fully instead of propping them open, as well as warns them of the dangers of letting strangers into the hall. Community leaders will now have the authority to take the names of students caught securing doors open. Mandatory meetings held next Tuesday and Wednesday will inform students of the reasoning behind the new rules.

Collins initiates new dorm safety campaign

JESSICA CHAPA
Reporter

Community leaders in Collins Residence Hall will hold mandatory all-hall meetings on Tuesday and Wednesday with Officer Kandy Knowles of the Baylor Police Department, as part of a new safety campaign. The meetings will address major safety issues such as propping open doors and letting strangers into the building.

Collins community leaders created signage listing the dangers of propping open the dormitory doors. The signs emphasized how hard it is to control the damage offenders can do once they are in the building. The signs warn students that leaving their doors open gives people access to their personal belongings.

The signs read, "Although Baylor is a safe campus, there are still dangerous people who are seeking to take advantage of any situation."

Columbus, N.J., senior Jessie Trespes, a community leader at Collins, said the staff is taking the problem seriously. She said there were instances when people used small items like rocks, plastic bags, clothes and the rugs by each entrance to prop open doors. The Collins staff implemented repercussions to reduce how often these situations occur. Students that are caught will be written up and will have their Baylor ID numbers taken down.

"We want our residents to, 'Stop, Don't prop'" said Trespes.

Trespes said tailgating, also known as piggybacking, is a cause for concern. Tailgating occurs when a resident allows a stranger to enter the building as they walk in. In order to emphasize this problem, Collins community leaders created a video of people letting two men they did not know into the building. Trespes said the video is meant to raise awareness and will be shown at the all-hall meetings.

"It's a problem because anyone could walk onto campus with any motive at any time," said San Antonio sophomore Nicole Young, another Collins community leader.

Every Baylor University residence hall encourages students to be cautious and do what they can to keep the building secure. Students were told to keep track of their student ID cards and report any suspicious behavior.

Young believes door propping has become a problem at Collins because of the number of people and doors in Collins. She said residents leave doors propped open out of convenience because they do not want to walk around to the front of the building, they are getting stuff out of their car or they want to make it easier for their friends to enter the building. Young said she hopes the residents will realize that this is an effort to help them and keep them safe, not just an excuse to implement more rules for them to follow.

Decades later, SS guard faces trial for crimes

DAVID RISING
Associated Press

DETMOLD, Germany — A 94-year-old former SS guard at the Auschwitz death camp is going on trial this week on 170,000 counts of accessory to murder, the first of up to four cases being brought to court this year in an 11th-hour push by German prosecutors to punish Nazi war crimes.

Reinhold Hanning is accused of serving as an SS Unterscharfuhrer — similar to a sergeant — in Auschwitz from January 1943 to June 1944, a time when hundreds of thousands of Hungarian Jews were brought to the camp in cattle cars and gassed to death.

The trial for the retiree from a town near the western city of Detmold starts today and is one of the latest that follows a precedent set in 2011, when former Ohio autoworker John Demjanjuk became the first person to be convicted in Germany solely for serving as a camp guard, with no evidence of involvement in a specific killing.

The verdict vastly widened the number of possible prosecutions, establishing that simply helping the camp to function was sufficient to make one an accessory to the murders committed there.

Before that, prosecutors needed to present evidence of a specific crime — a difficult task with few surviving witnesses and perpetrators whose names were rarely known and whose faces were often only seen briefly.

Hanning's attorney, Johannes Salmen, says that his client acknowledges serving at the Auschwitz I, part of the camp complex in Nazi-occupied Poland, but denies serving at the Auschwitz II-Birkenau section, where most of the 1.1 million victims were killed.

Prosecutor Andreas Brendel told The Associated Press, however, that guards in the main camp were also used as on-call guards to augment those in Birkenau when trainloads of Jews were brought in.

"We believe that these auxiliaries were used in particular during the so-called Hungarian action in support of Birkenau," he said.

Leon Schwarzbaum, a 94-year-old Auschwitz survivor from Berlin who is the first witness scheduled for the trial, said he can't forget the vivid images he witnessed there.

"The chimneys were spewing fire ... and the smell of burning human flesh was so unbelievable that one could hardly bear it," he told reporters Wednesday.

Though he said he felt deeply unsettled about staring Hanning in the eyes in the courtroom Thursday, he said he thought it was important to be there and that, more than punishment, he hoped the trial would give the former SS man an opportunity to give a full accounting of what he saw and did.

"It's perhaps the last time for him to tell the truth. He has to speak the truth," Schwarzbaum said.

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Texas attorney general faces ethics investigation

JIM VERTUNO
Associated Press

AUSTIN— Already indicted on felony securities fraud charges, Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton will face an ethics investigation for advising local officials they could refuse to issue same-sex marriage licenses on religious grounds.

The U.S. Supreme Court ruled gay marriage legal in June. A month later, a complaint filed and co-signed by more than 200 attorneys said Paxton's stance encouraged officials to violate the U.S. Constitution and break their oaths of office.

The complaint was initially dismissed by the Office of Chief Disciplinary Counsel of the State Bar of Texas, but an appeals board appointed by the state Supreme Court reinstated it Feb. 2, saying the complaint alleges a "possible violation" of professional conduct rules.

"The complaint has always lacked merit, and we are confident the legal process for resolving these complaints will bear that out," Paxton spokeswoman Cynthia Meyer said.

A State Bar official declined comment, but Houston attorney Eddie Rodriguez, whose firm helped initiate the complaint, released a copy of the order from the appeals board reinstating the case.

"Texas ethics rules prohibit any lawyer, including the Attorney General, from counseling a client to engage in conduct that the lawyer knows is criminal or fraudulent," Rodriguez said.

Potential penalties could range from a reprimand to disbarment, Rodriguez said.

The appeals board's decision to reinstate the case does not mean Paxton violated professional ethics, but requires him to respond to the complaint as part of the investigation.

The day before the high court's ruling,



Associated Press

UNDER INVESTIGATION In this Dec. 1, 2015 file photo, Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton, right, looks at one of the special prosecutors during a pretrial motion hearing at the Collin County courthouse in McKinney.

Paxton released a statement that urged county clerks and judges to hold off on same-sex marriages until his office could give guidance. Two days after the ruling, he issued an opinion that clerks did not have to issue licenses and justices of the peace could refuse to perform same-sex wedding ceremonies on religious grounds.

The complaint against Paxton alleges he encouraged officials to break the law.

"Public officials are entitled to express disagreement with U.S. Supreme Court decisions. They are not free to disregard them or encourage others to do so," the complaint argues.

Texas Democrats renewed their calls for Paxton to step down.

"Another day, another investigation for Paxton," Texas Democratic Party Deputy Executive Director Manny Garcia said. "Enough is enough. Ken Paxton must resign."

In the securities fraud case, Paxton is accused of failing to disclose he was being paid by a technology startup while trying to lure investors and not disclosing that he already had 100,000 shares. Those charges carry punishments of five to 99 years in prison.

Paxton is also charged with rendering services as an investment adviser without being registered with the state, a charge that carries a penalty of two to 10 years in prison.

UKRAINE from Page 1

"I don't want to take a risk and go to the occupied areas...I prefer to visit now the [Ukrainian] government-controlled areas, which are not great either," Tomak said. "There are human rights violations from the Ukrainian side as well."

Kudelia also pointed out that it is likely that, unlike in Crimea, the majority of citizens in Eastern Ukraine did not support secession from Ukraine in favor of Russian control.

"In Eastern Ukraine, the majority of people were not pro-separatists," Kudelia said.

The most important takeaway from the film, however, was the fact that the battle in Ukraine is veiled in various shades of gray, where there are not simply 'good' and 'bad' fighting one another.

"Unfortunately, we have

the problem now of impunity in Eastern Ukraine, even in the government-controlled areas," Tomak said. "[Ukrainian officials] don't want to punish the Ukrainian battalion members because they are powerful, and they don't want to punish those who committed crimes as separatists because Putin could have control of the area tomorrow. Law enforcement...did not want to take the risk of arresting someone who may gain power tomorrow."

Despite the difficulties the people of Eastern Ukraine currently face, Tomak points out that it will come down to how the people of Eastern Ukraine observe and understand the unfolding situation to decide whether or not Ukraine will recover in the future.

"The key to the problem comes down to psychology," Tomak said.

Clean power plan stalls

MICHAEL BIESECKER AND
SETH BORENSTEIN

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Obama administration asserted Wednesday that a Supreme Court order delaying enforcement of its new clean-power rules will ultimately have little impact on meeting the nation's obligations under the recent Paris climate agreement.

But environmentalists and academic experts are more nervous.

They are concerned that any significant pause in implementing mandated reductions in carbon dioxide emissions from coal-fired power plants will imperil the credibility of the United States to lead on climate change, while increasing worries both at home and abroad that the whole international agreement might unravel if a Republican wins the White House in November.

Nearly 200 countries agreed in December to cut or limit heat-trapping greenhouse gases in the first global treaty to try to limit the worst predicted impacts of climate change. The goal

is to limit warming to no more than an additional 1.8 degrees Fahrenheit.

The Clean Power Plan is seen as essential to meeting that goal, requiring a one-third reduction in carbon dioxide emissions from existing power plants over the next 15 years.

Though the case is still pending before an appeals court in Washington, a 5-4 majority on the Supreme Court issued a surprising order on Tuesday barring any enforcement of the plan until the legal challenge is resolved. Whichever side loses at the appeals level is almost certain to petition for review by the high court, almost certainly freezing any significant action on the plan's goals until after Obama's term expires in January 2017.

White House spokesman Eric Schultz said Wednesday that leaders in the countries participating in the agreement understand that the rulemaking process in the U.S. is often complicated and litigious.

Professor's cancer-detecting app helps save lives in Germany

JESSICA BABB
Broadcast Managing Editor

Last year, Baylor University assistant professor Dr. Bryan Shaw and his team developed an app called Cradle that is able to detect eye cancer in young children. Since then, the app has helped save lives.

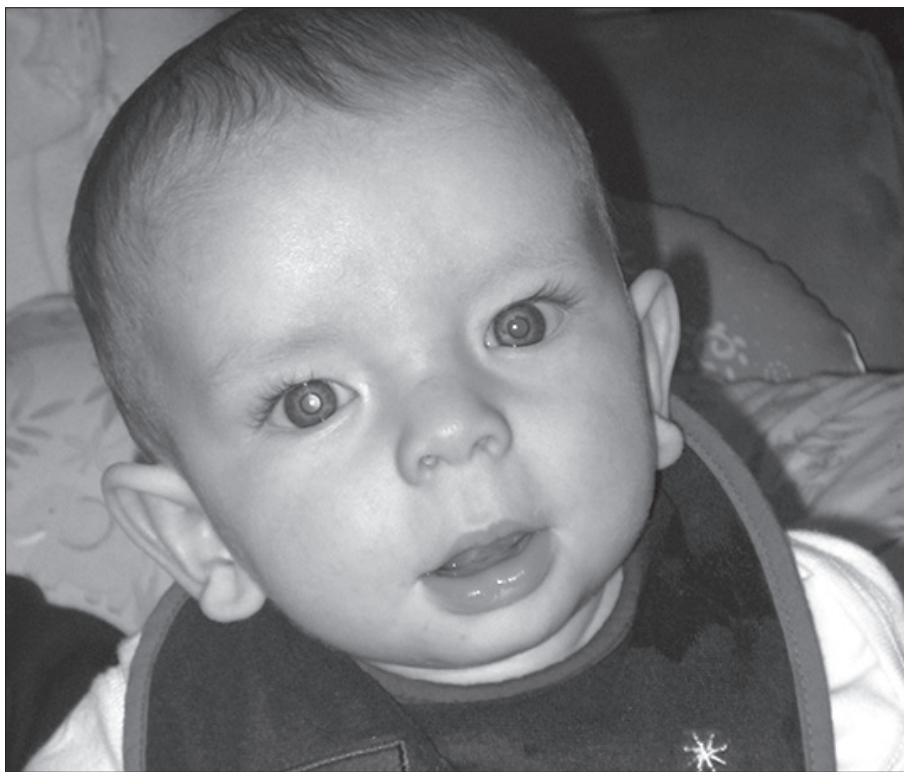
The app can detect rare eye cancers like leukocoria and retinoblastoma simply by scanning pictures on one's phone to detect white-eye. It was developed after Shaw's son was diagnosed with retinoblastoma when he was just 3 months old.

"When we went back and looked at the pictures, we realized it had been showing up since he was 12 days old," Shaw said. "A parent who is really on the ball may be able to pick this up on their own, but this app can speed up or help parents detect white eye."

Released for the iPhone in 2014 and for Android in 2015 the app has become popular in different countries, particularly Germany. In the first nine months of being released, more than 10,000 people in Germany downloaded the app.

"The CRADLE app is an absolute success in Germany. I think we are the country with the most downloads on this planet, as far as I know," said Monika Koenig, head of the board of trustees of the German Children's Eye Cancer Foundation.

When German media outlets heard about the new app, several reported on the new break through in early detection of eye cancer. Soon after, 10 children who claimed white eye were sent to the University Hospital in Essen, Germany. Two of the



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SAVING LIVES Dr. Bryan Shaw's app called Cradle has been credited with saving countless lives by helping detect eye cancer young children.

children were diagnosed with retinoblastoma.

Koenig said the families are grateful for the discoveries. "The parents of those two children are absolutely grateful because the children could be treated very easily without chemotherapy and radiation."

Many doctors and pediatricians have found the new app useful and effective in helping to detect retinoblastoma, Koenig said. The red reflex test, which is currently used in examinations, can be ineffective, Shaw said. In the red reflex test, the doctor shines a light in the eye and looks for a white reflection instead of a red one, but for an unknown reason, that test doesn't always work.

"Many of (the children)

are probably not going to have routine pediatric examinations, but they are going to have their picture taken," Shaw said. "I really hope this speeds up diagnosis and allows kids to have more vision."

Shaw said the goal of the app is to detect these cancerous diseases as early as possible in young children. The tumors can start appearing in a child's eye when they are just a few days old, and, if treated early, vision can be saved. If left untreated, the tumors can travel into the brain and lead to death.

"Whenever you have to go through having a kid with cancer, it sucks, but if you're going to have to go through it, the best thing that can happen is the kid survives,"

Shaw said. "The second best thing that can happen is after he survives, you use that awful ordeal to help other kids out," Shaw said.

The app has also gained popularity in the U.S. as well as several other countries in Europe, Latin America and Asia. Shaw and Koenig said they are also hoping this app can help save lives of children living in poorer countries with limited resources to detect the cancer where the survival rate of children is much lower.

"We always say that if we save just one life of a child, then that's worth all the work for many years, even," Koenig said. "It is so rewarding to be part of being able to do something good and change the situation for children."

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1 p.m., 6:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. — Throwback Thursday at the Waco Hippodrome, featuring "42." Free.

7:30 p.m. — "Mary Stuart" at the Mabee Theatre. \$20.

>> Friday

10:30 a.m. — Love Day Carnival at the Baylor Sciences Building Atrium. Free.

6 p.m. — Rising Sons at the Waco Hippodrome. Free.

6:45 p.m. — Baylor Ballroom Dance Society two-step dance at Russell Gymnasium. Free.

7:30 p.m. — "A Song for Coretta" at the Waco Civic Theatre. \$16 for students, \$18 for the public.

7:30 p.m. — "Mary Stuart" at the Mabee Theatre. \$20.

7:30 p.m. — "Love Writes a Deadly Verse" dinner theater at Bosque Square Shopping Center. \$33.50.

8 p.m. — Dueling Pianos at the Waco Hippodrome. Free.



Singing her song

Richard Hirst | Photo Editor

THE END OF THE LINE Castmembers of "A Song for Coretta" rehearse before the play's premiere at 7:30 p.m. Friday. The play commemorates Coretta Scott King through the memories and reflections of the women that have gathered to mourn her.

Waco Civic Theatre's 'A Song for Coretta' opens tomorrow

REBECCA FEDORKO
Reporter

The Waco Civic Theatre's new production of "A Song For Coretta" premieres at 7:30 p.m. tomorrow at the Jubilee Theatre.

The play was written by Pearl Cleage in 2008, two years after the death of Coretta Scott King, the widow of Martin Luther King Jr. It tells the stories of five women as they stand at the end of a long line of mourners waiting to view Coretta Scott King's body.

The set for the play is relatively simple. The cast members stand on a sidewalk that runs alongside a brick wall. A television on the stage shows pictures and film to add depth to the stories being told by the characters.

One of the women standing in that line met King as a child and is returning to catch a last glimpse of her body before she is buried. A second woman is a survivor of Hurricane Katrina, and another has just returned from the Iraq War. The stories and reflections of all five form the centerpiece of the play.

"The play is about five dissimilar women who are thrust into this situation, and they tell their stories," said Eric Shephard, executive director of the Waco Civic Theatre. "All the women have stories to tell [and] hardships that they've endured."

Richard Leslie, the play's director, said the cast itself is small and exclusively female, with members of various ages and socioeconomic backgrounds.

"I've got five really strong actresses in the roles, and I really think they are going to bring the script to life," Leslie said. "I'm excited for the

audience to see what they're doing."

Leslie said he was excited to direct this particular play because of the message it carries.

"The civil rights era is over, but we haven't finished where we need to be yet, and I think it's really important to recognize that," Leslie said. "This play talks about some issues that are still out there."

whole genre of music, called freedom songs, was even created to help the civil rights cause.

"They talk about music quite a bit in the show," Shephard said. "What is an appropriate song for Coretta? Is it something contemporary, or is it something from the '50s and '60s about fighting for freedom?"

King is renowned not only for her marriage to Martin Luther King Jr., but also for her own efforts in the civil rights movement. She also figured prominently in the LGBT rights movement and the women's rights movement, earning the Gandhi Peace Prize in 2004.

The Waco Civic Theatre chose to show the play at the Jubilee Theatre rather than its own building to pay tribute to the Jubilee's history.

"We frequently do a play for Black History Month, and that is intricately intertwined with the history of that theater. It was a way to combine our missions on this occasion," Shephard said.

The Jubilee Theatre is located in a strip of buildings at North 15th Street and Colcord Avenue that was purchased and renovated by Mission Waco in 1994. In 1995, Mission Waco turned what was a condemned movie theater into the Jubilee, which now hosts concerts, community events and productions like "A Song for Coretta." Mission Waco is dedicated to rejuvenating the community in North Waco through projects like the Jubilee.

Leslie said the stories told in the play center around hope, community and the Civil Rights idea that strength is found through coming together.

"I don't know how you could not be inspired and amused and lifted up a little bit," Shephard said. "It's powerful."

THE DETAILS

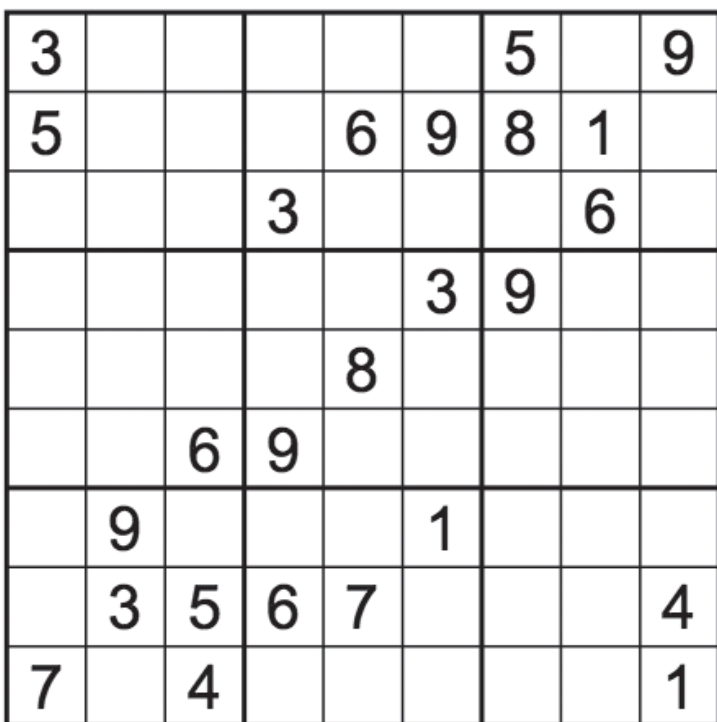
When: 7:30 p.m. Feb. 12-13, 16-20
2:30 p.m. Feb. 14 and 21

Where: Jubilee Theatre, 1319 N. 15th St.

Cost: \$16 for students and children, \$18 for adults

Tickets available at wacocivictheatre.com

King's love of music, combined with the influence of music in the civil rights movement, were what shaped the title of the play. "A Song for Coretta" is meant to invoke King's power to touch lives. King was an accomplished singer with a degree in music, and music was an integral part of the civil rights movement. A



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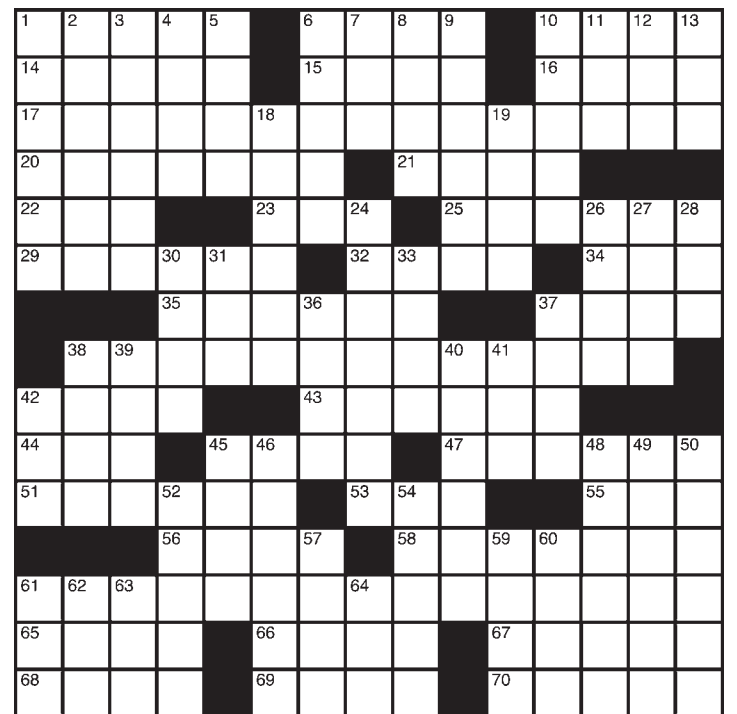
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- 15 NATO alphabet ender
- 16 Ancient Andean
- 17 Lift
- 20 Bar sing-along
- 21 Quasi-convertible option
- 22 Rock gp. with winds and strings
- 23 Mil. training site
- 25 Pizzeria attractions
- 29 Nervous giggle
- 32 "Cure Ignorance" online reader
- 34 Glamorous Gardner
- 35 Windy-day window noise
- 37 Strummed strings
- 38 Lift
- 42 Linen fiber source
- 43 Newspaper space measurement
- 44 So last week
- 45 Take in the wrong way?
- 47 Split with the band
- 51 Pet shelter mission
- 53 Apt name for a cook?
- 55 Put the cuffs on
- 56 Does one's part?
- 58 Elves, at times
- 61 Lift
- 65 Curved entrance adornment
- 66 Drop
- 67 Nautical table listing
- 68 "Okay, granted"
- 69 "Bossypants" memoirist Fey
- 70 Mail-order-only company until 1925

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- 2 Acid neutralizer
- 3 "Little grey cells" detective
- 4 Draft category



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- 7 Play about automatons
- 8 Like much desert
- 9 Acquisition on a blanket, perhaps
- 10 Brand with a flame over the "i" in its logo
- 11 Artist Yoko
- 12 Big name in bar code scanners
- 13 Dennings of "2 Broke Girls"
- 18 Hybrid tennis attire
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- 24 Besmirches
- 26 Powerful shark
- 27 Say with certainty
- 28 Carrier to Oslo
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Road warriors

Lady Bears hang onto winning streak, Big 12 lead at TCU

MEGHAN MITCHELL
Sports Writer

The No. 4 Baylor Lady Bears basketball team survived on the road against TCU on Wednesday in Fort Worth, 81-75. It was the first of two-game away stretch for Baylor.

The win keeps the Lady Bears in a dead heat for first place in the Big 12 standings with Texas and extends Baylor's winning streak to 11 games.

Although leading by 25 at one point, the Horned Frogs gave their fans a thriller by cutting it down to seven with 18 seconds remaining in regulation.

The Lady Bears (23-1, 10-1) came out of the gates attacking, but were hindered by missed lay-ups and open looks at the goal, which allowed the Horned Frogs to remain close, 18-12.

The Horned Frogs (12-11, 4-8) have lost six of their last seven games, but were determined to not go down again without a fight.

With the Lady Bears leading the league with a shooting percentage of .491, head coach Kim Mulkey knew the value of making the perimeter shots.

"The challenge is to shoot the perimeter shot, and we can make the perimeter shot," Mulkey said. "I don't have a three player that can't shoot the perimeter shots. You just have to step up and make them on the road."

The Lady Bears were able to get the momentum going in the second quarter to outscore the Horned Frogs 21-13.

Coming back from the half, the Lady Bears continued to



Associated Press

ON THE PROWL Junior forward Nina Davis, left, and TCU forward Caitlin Diaz battle for a loose ball during the first half of an NCAA college basketball game Wednesday in Fort Worth. Davis scored 19 points and six rebounds on Wednesday.

extend their lead.

Good looks in the paint and made outside shots allowed the Lady Bears to be up 63-38 going into the last 10 minutes of regulation.

However, everything shifted in the fourth quarter.

With the crowd behind them, the Horned Frogs took the momentum from the Lady

Bears.

The Lady Bears were unable to stop senior guard Zahna Medley, who has averaged 15.5 points a game, and sophomore guard AJ Alix, who is averaging 11.1 points per game.

While Medley recorded 24 points, Alix also came up big for the Horned Frogs, scoring

18 points. But it was not enough to put them on top.

The Horned Frogs were resilient throughout the game, and, although they trailed early on they fought back.

The dominant and more experienced Lady Bears held off the Horned Frogs' late push.

Junior forward Nina Davis

was key for the Lady Bears' success as she scored 19 points and grabbed six rebounds.

Although the points may not show for it, senior guard Niya Johnson produced 14 assists and eight rebounds, proving why she is one of the ten finalists for the Lieberman Award this year.

"She's like a coach out their

on the floor," Mulkey said. "In the first conference game when we got beat by Oklahoma State and she didn't play, we lost by seven, and she only averages seven points a game."

The Lady Bears continue on the road at Texas Tech 2 p.m. Saturday in Lubbock.

Bears win big at KSU

HUNTER HEWELL
Reporter

The Baylor University No. 21 men's basketball team snapped their two-game losing streak with an 82-72 road victory over Kansas State on Wednesday night.

The Bears had an uphill battle from the start, as senior forward and leading rebounder Rico Gathers did not play due to sickness.

This was the first time Gathers missed a game during his Baylor career.

Despite the missing Gathers, Baylor jumped out to an early lead and established their offensive tempo.

Baylor maintained their lead throughout the first half and even extended it to 14 points at the nine-minute mark.

Despite being in control in the first half, the Bears allowed the Wildcats to go on a 7-0 run to make the score 25-18.

Along with allowing this run, several Bears found themselves in foul trouble.

With over three minutes left to play in the half, sophomore forward Terry Maston had already amassed three fouls while four other Baylor players had two.

The Bears then picked the pace back up on offense and committed no fouls for the

final two minutes of the half to make the lead 43-32 at halftime.

Senior forward Taurean Prince led the Bears in scoring at the half with 11 points, six of which came in the last two minutes of the first half.

Coming out of the break, the Bears kept their pace on offense and continued to stay in the lead for the remainder of the game.

Throughout the second half, the Bears never allowed the Wildcats to shorten the lead to less than five points.

Although the Bears seemed in control during the second half, they found themselves in a tricky spot when Maston fouled out with just over four minutes left to play.

With the loss of Maston and Gathers, Prince and sophomore forward Johnathan Motley were left to carry the duties down low for the rest of the game.

With 48 seconds left in the game, Kansas State senior guard Justin Edwards knocked down a three-point shot in a two-possession game at 74-68.

However, the Bears remained focused and

continued to make their free throws to keep their lead and close out the game.

The Bears finished the game shooting just under 47 percent from the field. However, the loss of Gathers was noticed, as the Bears were out-rebounded 40-28 and allowed the Wildcats to grab 22 offensive rebounds.

Baylor was extremely successful from the free throw line scoring 29 points and shooting a considerable 96 percent from the foul line.

Baylor was also effective from the three-point line, shooting 50 percent with seven three pointers total.

Sophomore guard Al Freeman led the Bears in scoring with 21 points, followed by Prince with 18. Senior guard Lester Medford also scored in double digits with 13 points.

Medford also led the team in assists with nine.

The Bears will hope to see the return of Rico Gathers on Saturday as they take on the Iowa State Cyclones at the Ferrell Center.

The game will be broadcast live on ESPN2 at 8 p.m.



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