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## Regents take action against sexual assault

Due to recent allegations of mishandling of sexual assault cases Baylor University board of Regents received and approved an action plan to improve treatment and services for victims of sexual assault.

The plan has six points of action and the goal of the plan is to "ensure that incidents of interpersonal violence are reported and investigated promptly" and that "the educational, physical, emotional and spiritual needs of victims are given prompt and priority attention."

"We know we can and must do a better job to confront interpersonal violence in our campus community," Baylor President and Chancellor Ken Starr said in an email to students. "We will learn many things from the external review that has been commissioned by Baylor Regents, and that information will guide

our future plans. In the meantime, these are important action steps we can take right now to improve our services to students impacted by sexual violence, and we intend to implement these steps immediately."

The university will give immediate funding to hire more counselors and to increase quality and quantity of space for university counselors.

"This is definitely a strong step in a good direction," said Corpus Christi freshman Tori Pena. "I feel that Baylor has heard the cries and demands of the students when the subject of increasing need is discussed, such as more available counselors. I believe Baylor wants the best for its students and wants for this campus to be one that we can walk on comfortable knowing our school strives to make our

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## Purrfect Valentine



Trey Honeycutt | Lariat Photographer

The Big Tex Cat Club charter of the International Cat Association hosted its 35th annual cat show at the Waco Extraco Event Center. The club hosts the show at different locations all over Texas each year on Valentine's Day. More than 200 cats entered from all over the United States.

## Sen. Cornyn addresses sex trafficking issue

**GAVIN PUGH**  
Reporter

While many were reminded of how much they are loved this Valentine's Day weekend, Antioch Community Church was filled Friday night with people gathering to learn what they can do to help girls forced into sex trafficking.

Senate Majority Whip John Cornyn (R-Texas) opened up the event by sharing his sadness with the audience, and discussing the recent legislation he authored, called the Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act.

"This will help law enforcement also crack down on trafficking rings, and go after the so called 'Johns' who exploit these victims," Cornyn said. "To make sure that, instead of a slap on the wrist and a fine, the perpetrators are treated like the common criminals that they are."

UnBound, a Waco based international organization dedicated to advocating and fighting for victims of sex trafficking, organized the event. Attendees spanned from community leaders such as congressional candidate Ralph Patterson to members of the motorcycle group Bikers Against Child Abuse, or BACA.

Tables were set up selling merchandise sported shirts and books spreading awareness



Courtesy Art

**UNBOUND** From the left : Detective Scaramucci, Sheriff McNamara, Judge Coley, Rhonda, UnBound National Director Susan Peters, and Channel 25 Anchor Ann Harder served on a panel Friday night at Antioch Community Church to discuss sex trafficking in Waco.

on sex trafficking at the event. Another table allowed attendees to buy bags reminiscent of Valentine's Day gifts filled with toiletries and essentials for trafficked girls.

Elizabeth Tews, executive director of She

is Freedom, a new Waco-based safe house for girls, also had a table at the event.

Tews recalled a 17-year-old girl who told her, "When I'm with a date, I know I'm worth something, because at home I'm not worth

anything. But at least with him I'm worth fifty dollars."

Supplying a sense of value and belonging are only a few of the many goals of She is Freedom, and UnBound.

And the sentiment expressed by the 17-year-old is not uncommon among trafficked girls. One of the keynote speakers, a woman named Rhonda, shared the story of her daughter's enticement and eventual trafficking into the sex industry.

Rhonda, whose last name was not shared for the sake of her daughter's anonymity, found a note on her daughter's dresser addressed to her 19-year-old boyfriend.

"The note said, 'Josh, I'm so sorry, but this is all the money I made tonight.' And there was \$40 on top of that note," Rhonda said.

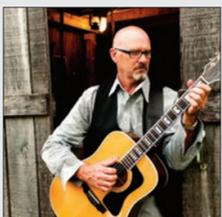
Later, Rhonda learned that a man had "forced pills down her, and violently raped her at gunpoint." Despite this, Rhonda's daughter still insisted she get in contact with her boyfriend.

These cases are not isolated. A panel discussion led by Channel 25 Anchor Ann Harder revealed what McLennan County law enforcement has been doing to combat sex trafficking in Waco.

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## Love bug bites BU

Students share Valentine's Day stories

**HEATHER TROTTER**  
Reporter

Love was in the air Sunday as couples celebrated Valentine's Day.

Each year, nearly 150 million Valentine's Day cards are exchanged, and more than half of the U.S. population celebrates this occasion by exchanging these cards, according to the History Channel's website.

Although exchanging cards is popular, couples celebrate Valentine's Day in many different ways.

"My boyfriend brought me Taco Bell in bed, so if that's not cute then I don't know what is," said recent Baylor graduate Kayleigh Love. She and her boyfriend have been together for nine months.

Many couples tend to celebrate the day with a meal and some kind of activity.

"My boyfriend took me to Dallas

and we ate at food trucks and got to see "The Great Gatsby" playing in the middle of the city. It was really cute," said junior Lauren Mosley. "It was our first together."

Other couples get a little more creative.

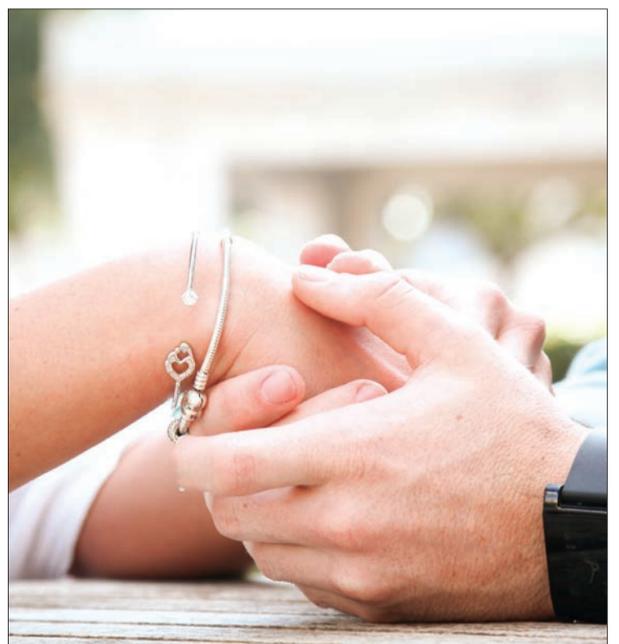
"My boyfriend adopted a penguin from the Fort Worth Zoo in my honor and we get to go to the zoo whenever we want to see them," said Baylor senior Alexandra Tolar.

Valentine's Day is special to many couples because it's one day that is set aside to shower the one you love with flowers, candy, teddy bears and pure affection.

"I think Valentine's Day is cute. Blake and I treat it as a fun day, not the most serious day in our relationship. We get really creative in our dates and keep it fun," Tolar said.

"It's a good excuse to remind my

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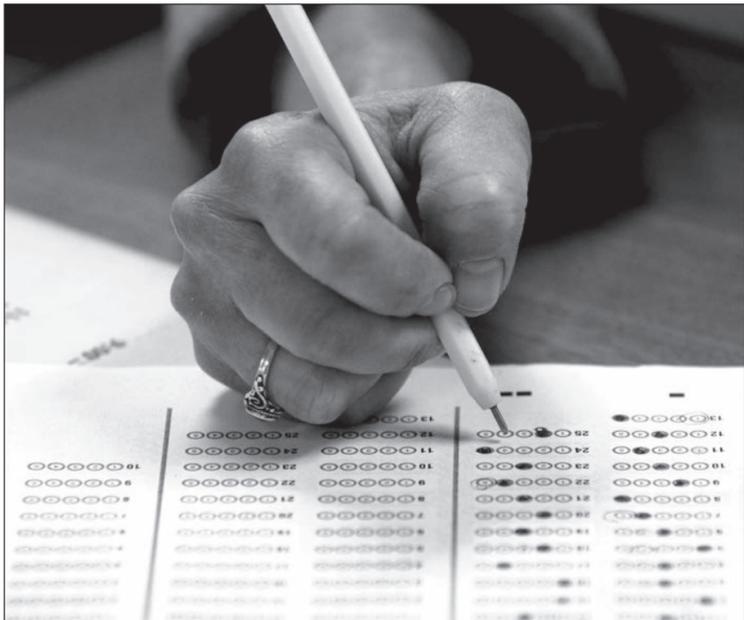
Sarah Pyo | Web & Social Media Editor

**YOUNG LOVE** Baylor students celebrated Valentine's Day with their significant others on Sunday.

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EDITORIAL



# Consistency

## Standardization in grading could make minus system more bearable

Here is an obvious statement: College is hard.

This is something everyone knows and everyone can relate to at some point, whether that realization came after failing a test, being confused in class or getting an disappointing grade.

The dreaded minus system was implemented in 2014 as part of the official grading scale. According to the Office of the Registrar online, this change was supposed to “lead to consistent grades and grade point values between undergraduate, graduate, and seminary courses.” However, the exact opposite happens by the way the minus system is implemented.

Now, the minus system has many merits, and definitely makes Baylor stand out as more rigorous compared to other universities who don't have the minus system. Even though the new grading scale causes some inconveniences and hurt feelings, the problem isn't the minus system, but rather the lack of standardization of this policy across campus.

Based on the grading scale, an A constitutes a 4.0 and an A- is a 3.67 on the GPA scale. Based on the way the policy was implemented, instructors are not required to grade on the minus scale if they decide not to.

However, the real problem is that everyone has a different idea of what an A- is.

In some classes a 93 is considered an A- and in other classes a 90 could be considered an A-. Other classes across campus might not even use the A- system at all.

This is problematic because this system lacks standardization and does not affect all

students in the same way. Some professors on campus believe the minus system makes their class more rigorous, and while that is true, it is not fair to students if not all professors use it. For example, if you have two students taking the same course in different sections, they both could make 93 as their final grades, but one student could end up with an A and the other could end up with an A-, even though they both did the same amount of work, they just had different professors. One student would end up with a 4.0 added to their GPA while the other had a 3.67 factored in, which is a significant difference.

Instead of making the university as a whole more rigorous, the minus system only hurts the students. The differences in GPAs because of the minus system could easily affect the ability of some students to get into law school, medical school, or some sort of graduate program if they have a slightly lower GPA because they took classes with the minus system whereas other students they are competing against might not have.

The minus system as a whole is fine, but in order for it to actually mean something, it should apply to all classes and all students on campus. At the very least, individual departments and colleges could set the standard for what constitutes a minus grade so it could at least effect everyone's major GPA in the same way.

At the end of the day college is already difficult, but the lack of standardization of the minus system across campus, only complicates it more.

### LARIAT LETTER: Shoutout to Baylor dining services

If it's a Thursday afternoon at Baylor University, you can know where to find me. I will be located at 1845 Memorial dining hall, chomping on some good 'ol southwest chicken salad. On behalf of all Baylor students and alumni, I would like to personally thank Baylor University dining services for the phenomenon that is THE southwest chicken salad.

If you have not yet experienced this national treasure, just know that the line will be wrapped around the dining hall in such a way that you will need an all-access VIP fast pass to get in the door. From the dining hall employee swiping in the masses, to the one tossing the salad, to the one who dispenses the chipotle dressing, each one does their job well and joyfully amidst the chaos of multiple students.

Whereas you may find many other college students complaining about their dining hall meals or a lack of good food, at Baylor it

seems there are no criticisms but only praise for this unbelievable bed of lettuce with a kick. Grace Tabuena, longtime S.W.C. salad fan and senior at Baylor said, “Me and a group of my friends have made it a tradition to meet up every week to eat this salad since freshman year. I sure am going to miss it when I graduate.”

From the crunchy romaine leaves, to the perfectly crisp nuggets of delight, you can find Baylor students of any age (not just freshmen) swarming the 1845 Memorial dining hall on a Thursday afternoon. So once again, to the employees of Baylor dining services and Baylor University as a whole, THANK YOU for the legend that is the incredible southwest chicken salad. May it always be celebrated and never forgotten.

Maggie Geiler  
Houston  
Junior

COLUMN

## Don't demean bachelor of arts degrees; these majors matter

ASHLYN THOMPSON  
Reporter

Quick poll: How many of you have felt personally victimized by business majors who didn't think your degree in the arts was worthy?

I am a journalism and international studies double major. I have homework every night, have held an internship every summer of college and have a career secured when I graduate in May. Why is it, then, when I talk to my pre-med or business major friends, that I feel inadequate?

I know the education and fashion majors out there will agree with me when I say: It's time we stop putting others down because their major doesn't “sound very hard.” Every major is difficult. College is difficult. That's the point.

The beauty of humanity is that we are all made differently; we all succeed and fail in different ways. We all find joy in different things. Your validity should not be found in being good at, or enjoying one particular thing.

For example, I love graphic design. I could, and often do, spend hours in Illustrator sketching characters or scenes, or in InDesign finding the perfect font. Maybe you love Excel, or when you finally solve a math equation that has taken days. My point is that neither of these is necessarily better than the other, just different.

There are other reasons that majors in the arts (or ones that aren't specifically business) still have validity. While more popular majors

may have large alumni bases, smaller majors often have a more close-knit community of alumni willing to help anyone graduating from their alma mater. A smaller group working side-by-side equals closer connections and deeper bonds. You may find a common connection with a future employer that you wouldn't have coming from a major of 200+ students.

A smaller class within your major also means that you will be taking courses with the same group of students year to year. Because you're spending longer than one semester with them, you will be able to collaborate, form relationships, and hopefully learn from them along the way. Perhaps they have held an internship in the past and have connections you could benefit from. Maybe they know an easy technique for something you've been struggling with.

Studies have also shown that working creatively can help you to succeed in the long run. Creative people tend to find more innovative solutions to problems and focus less on competing with each other and more on bettering themselves. Huffington Post says that companies who are more creative “are able to leverage their creativity and their innovative capabilities to attain long-term success.”

What matters is not what your major is, but how you use it. Are you striving daily to put yourself above the rest? Are you utilizing every opportunity? Have you made connections? And, ultimately, are you doing something you love? If the answer to these questions is yes, you are successful in your right. Don't let those with seemingly “harder” majors put you down for succeeding in something you enjoy.

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COLUMN

## Serve your server: Helpful tips for the non-tippers

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Staff Writer

The service industry is a hard one to be in. No matter your skill set, your income is in the hands of those who sit at your tables.

Living in a small town like Waco and working in a restaurant with medium range prices, it becomes apparent that those who come to eat are not always willing to pay for the service that comes with their food.

Being a server is like a heightened game of judging a book by its cover. The initial greeting of your table often reveals who is going to demand more attention from you and if they are likely to leave a tip.

The only issue with feeling tables out is that you don't get to choose who you serve. You may clearly see that the table that requires three alternate dressings for their salad is also doing their best to pay as little as possible for their meal, but it is still your job to supply what they need to enjoy their meal.

There are special occasions like Valentine's that set service industries up for a huge increase in guests. Likewise, servers tend to expect an increase in sales and tips.

At my place of employment, the amounts made off of Valentine's ranged \$60 to \$200 in tips per shift.

The sad reality of being a server is that you should never expect the expected. Date nights mean nice tips, nice tips mean paying for college, college means one day not having to depend on tips. However, the majority of

people who eat out don't fully understand the way servers are paid.

Federal government requires those who receive tips to be paid \$2.13 an hour. Depending on the place of employment, it is also the responsibility of the server to pay the bartender for making drinks and the busser for cleaning tables. In addition to this, there is a tax on the federal wages of those who sell alcohol, leaving most paychecks at a \$0 to \$0.19 amount. With all this taken into account, a 20 percent tip is actually received as closer to a 10 to 15 percent tip.

Those who serve are well aware of the challenges they face and continue to stay in the scary world of dependency. Personally, I have held close to six jobs and have found that I thoroughly enjoy serving in comparison to any other means of employment. When the getting is good, it is definitely better than any minimum wage job. With that comes the nights of upsettingly low pay, but those are typically fewer in number.

Severs are constantly exercising the hyper-multitasking skills needed to juggle the every need of about 10 to 15 people at a time, and this creates a cycle of chaos that ends only when the final check is dropped. As a person who is terrible at being bored, there is a strange sense of joy in the never-ending job of a server.

This joy would be more tangible if people were to better understand the necessity of tipping. Remember that those who serve you also need to be paid in order to fully pay for a meal, regardless of the fact that you're trying to impress your Valentine's date or just fill up after a long day of work. Those who serve may enjoy doing it, but being paid for springing around a kitchen makes it much more enjoyable.

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# Judge discloses details about Scalia's death

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Texas county judge who decided no autopsy was needed following the death of Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia has disclosed new details about Scalia's health in the days before he died.

Presidio County Judge Cinderella Guevara told The Associated Press on Monday she spoke with Scalia's doctor on the day he was found dead in his room at a remote Texas ranch. She said the doctor told her that Scalia had a history of heart trouble, high blood pressure and was considered too weak to undergo surgery for a recent shoulder injury.

Those details are seemingly at odds with recollections of friends who described Scalia as his usual, happy self during the days leading up to his death. News that the 79-year-old justice was in declining health may come as a surprise to the public, but unlike presidents, the high court's members don't provide regular health disclosures.

Guevara told the AP that she consulted with Scalia's personal physician and local and federal investigators, who said there were no signs of foul play, before concluding that he had died of natural causes. She said she spoke with a "Dr. Monahan" at some point after 8 p.m. on Saturday to discuss Scalia's health history.

Rear Adm. Brian P. Monahan is the attending physician for members of Congress and the Supreme Court. A Supreme Court spokeswoman could not immediately confirm that Monahan had examined Scalia, and Monahan did not return a phone message left for him at his Capitol office Monday.

Scalia's death was a shock to those at the Cibolo Creek Ranch where he died, as well as to the rest of the nation. The owner of the ranch near Marfa, about 190 miles southeast of El Paso, said Scalia seemed normal at dinner the night before he was found "in complete repose" in his room.

John Poindexter told reporters Scalia had arrived Friday and was part of a group of about 35 weekend guests. Scalia retired around 9 p.m., saying he wanted a long night's sleep, according to Poindexter.

Chris Lujan, a manager for Sunset Funeral Homes in El Paso, Texas, said Scalia's body was taken from the facility late Sunday afternoon and was to be flown to Virginia.

An El Paso International Airport official, Terry Sharpe, the airport's assistant director for operations, said a private plane carrying Scalia's body left the West Texas airport about 8 p.m. Eastern time Sunday.

Guevara said Monahan told her Scalia had gone to the doctor's office on both Wednesday and Thursday before traveling to Texas, and had an MRI on his shoulder. She said Monahan told her surgery was needed, but that Scalia wasn't strong enough to endure surgery so rehabilitation was recommended instead.

Scalia apparently had mentioned to some people at the ranch he was not feeling well, according to Guevara. She said that information came from her conversations with Presidio County Sheriff Danny Dominguez and a U.S. marshal she identified as Ken Roberts, both of whom had seen Scalia's body and determined there was no foul play.



Associated Press

**DETAILS** Supreme Court Associate Justice Antonin Scalia speaks at the ACLU Membership Conference in Washington in this Oct. 15, 2006, photo. The 79-year-old justice was found dead at Cibolo Creek Ranch near Marfa on Saturday. Recently released details reveal that Scalia had a history of heart trouble and high blood pressure, but friends of the justice say that he was as healthy as ever in the months and weeks prior to his death.

State law allows an inquest to be performed by phone. Guevara said she followed the procedure because both justices of the peace serving the region were out of town and she was also about 65 miles away from the resort.

Guevara certified Scalia's death by telephone about 1:52 p.m. Saturday. She had previously conducted two other death inquests by phone.

Bryan Garner, one of Scalia's close friends and the co-author of two books with the justice, said in an interview that Scalia seemed happy and jovial during recent trips to Hong Kong and Singapore in late January and early February. Garner said Scalia never mentioned anything about heart problems or other ailments during the trip.

"He did seem strong as ever," Garner said. "He was a very strong man physically."

During the trip, Scalia and Garner spent long days traveling, speaking to university audiences about their most recent book on interpreting the law, and meeting with public officials.

Garner said his most recent conversation with Scalia was on Wednesday morning, when the justice told him, "The world of tennis has lost a great competitor." Scalia, long an avid tennis player, said he had torn his rotator cuff for a second time and that his playing days likely were over, Garner said.

But Garner said Scalia never mentioned any other ailments other than that he was dealing with a "head cold."

In the nation's capital, where flags flew at half-staff at the White House and Supreme Court, the political sniping soared over replacing Scalia on the bench, raising the prospect of a court short-handed for some time.

President Barack Obama has pledged a nomination "in due time." But the Senate's top Republican, Majority Leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky, thinks it should wait for the next president.

McConnell and other Republicans argued that, as a lame duck, Obama should not fill the vacancy created by Scalia's death during an election year.

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GLOBAL BRIEFS

### Supreme court vacancy adds weight to election

WASHINGTON — The unexpected death of Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia — and the immediate declaration from Republicans that the next president should nominate his replacement — adds even more weight to the decision voters will make in November's general election.

For months, the candidates have espoused theoretical, sometimes vague, policy proposals. Now, the prospect of President Barack Obama's successor nominating a Supreme Court justice immediately after taking office offers a more tangible way for voters to evaluate the contenders.

Obama pledged to nominate a replacement in "due time," even after Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., said that responsibility should fall to the winner of the 2016 election.

Obama could try to ram a nominee through the Senate this year, taking a high court vacancy off the next president's immediate to-do list. Even if that were to happen, a confirmation vote probably would be months away, leaving the Supreme Court in the center of the campaign during the nomination process.

### S. Korean leader warns of N. Korea's collapse

SEOUL, South Korea — South Korea's president warned on Feb. 9 that North Korea faces a collapse if it does not abandon its nuclear program, in unusually strong language that will likely infuriate Pyongyang.

President Park Geun-hye made the remarks during a speech at parliament while defending her decision to shut down a jointly run factory park in North Korea amid a heightened standoff over North Korea's recent nuclear test and rocket launch.

Park said South Korea needs to take unspecified "stronger and more effective" measures to make North Korea realize its nuclear ambitions will only result in speeding up of its "regime collapse."

### Winter weather again threatens East Coast

CENTURY, Fla. — Officials in Florida and Mississippi were investigating reports of at least three possible tornadoes Monday. One of the apparent twisters swept through the rural town of Century, in the northwest corner of Florida's Panhandle, late Monday afternoon, destroying or significantly damaging about 10 homes, said Escambia County spokeswoman Joy Tsubooka.

The tornadoes were part of a large winter storm system that was clobbering the eastern U.S. with snow, sleet, strong winds and rain, and which came on the heels of record-breaking low temperatures.

In the eastern U.S. on Monday, a day after record low temperatures plunged several states into a deep freeze, snow, freezing rain and sleet were pummeling the region.

National Weather Service meteorologist Bruce Sullivan said there could be significant snowfall — 4 to 8 inches — in eastern Ohio, western Pennsylvania and western New York. Some mountainous areas could get even more snow.

Compiled from Associated Press reports.

# 'Affluenza' teen walks free; another imprisoned

NOMAAN MERCHANT  
Associated Press

HUNTSVILLE — One 16-year-old drove drunk, ran a red light and crashed into a pregnant woman's car, killing her and her unborn child. Another drunken teenager rammed a pickup truck into a crowd of people assisting a stranded driver, killing four.

Jaime Arellano went to prison. Ethan Couch went free.

The stories of the two Texas teens illustrate how prosecutors' decisions in similar cases can lead to wildly different outcomes. The poor immigrant from Mexico has been behind bars for almost a decade. The white kid with rich parents got 10 years of probation.

Couch lost control as he drove his family's pickup truck after he and his friends had played beer pong and consumed beer that some of them had stolen from Wal-Mart. The vehicle veered into a crowd of people helping the driver on the side of the road. Authorities later estimated that he was going 70 mph in a 40 mph zone.

The crash fatally injured the stranded motorist, a youth minister who stopped to help her and a mother and daughter who came out of their nearby home.

But prosecutors in Fort Worth said they didn't ask to have his case moved to the adult system because they thought the judge would refuse. Instead, he stayed in juvenile court and became infamous for his psychologist's assertion that his wealthy parents coddled him into a sense of irresponsibility the psychologist called "affluenza."

Arellano was charged with intoxication manslaughter and intoxication assault, the same counts against Couch. But prosecutors in Arellano's case moved quickly after his June 2007 crash to send him to adult court. Arellano took a plea deal and got 20 years in prison, where he remains today.

Sending Arellano's case to the adult system opened the door to the kind of punishment many say Couch should have received from the beginning.

Matt Bingham, the Smith County district attorney and head of the office that prosecuted Arellano, declined to comment on Couch's case but said he considered adult prison to be a fair option for any teenager who has killed someone.

Juveniles don't always commit "what people think of as juvenile



Associated Press  
**SENTENCED** Jaime Arellano is interviewed at the Wynne Unit of the Texas prison system in Huntsville in this Jan. 27, 2016, photo. As a 16-year-old, Arellano drove drunk, killing a pregnant woman and her unborn child, and was sentenced to 20 years in prison.

crimes," Bingham said. "There is an appropriate punishment for what they have done. And the fact that they're 16 years of age doesn't negate that."

Arellano could never have argued he had "affluenza."

Arellano and his family crossed the U.S.-Mexico border illegally two years before the crash and settled in East Texas. He spoke little English and had little knowledge of the court system. Five months before the crash, he dropped out of high school.

Now 24, he spoke to The Associated Press about his case from behind a narrow glass partition at a Texas prison. Wearing a white inmate uniform, he spoke in soft, accented English that he said he learned while in prison.

Arellano had his first beer at 15 and had driven drunk a few times before. His parents tried to stop him from driving under the influence, but he said he wouldn't listen.

"They talked to me way too many times," he said. "But I just didn't want to hear it."

On the night of June 23, 2007, Arellano was driving an SUV through Tyler, about 100 miles east of Dallas, on his way to a party. He had an open beer and several more in a cooler.

Witnesses saw him swerve through the intersection and slam into a Ford Mustang making a left turn ahead, according to police reports.

Driving the Mustang was Martha Mondragon, a 31-year-old woman who was nine months' pregnant. Mondragon and the child she was carrying were killed. Her 6-year-old

daughter flew out of her booster seat and through a car window. She was hospitalized and survived.

Prosecutors quickly sought to have Arellano's case moved to adult court, and a judge agreed.

At that point, Arellano faced two choices: a plea deal with the promise of 20 years in prison and possible parole after a decade, or a jury trial in one of the most conservative regions of the United States and the risk of 50 years in prison. He took the plea.

While he once thought he might have gotten probation if he were white, Arellano said he doesn't feel that way today.

"I know it was serious," he said. "It had to happen this way so I could better myself, so I could think better."

Arellano becomes eligible for parole next year. Once released, he expects to be deported to Mexico, where he hopes to work on a ranch.

Couch faces possible detention for violating his probation when he returns to court on Feb. 19. Depending on the judge's ruling, he could get three months in jail and adult probation, which if violated could land him in prison for up to 40 years.

In the juvenile system, intoxication manslaughter cases in Texas over the last decade were just as likely to result in probation as they are detention, according to figures from the Texas Juvenile Justice Department.

Juvenile justice experts say the state's juvenile system places more weight on rehabilitation than the adult system, where punishments are tougher.

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boyfriend how much I love him," Mosley said. Even though some are in love with Valentine's Day, others do not share that same love for the holiday.

"I think it's stupid that society has designated a specific day to showing the person you love how much you love them. If you love someone, you should tell and show them all the time," said Coventy, Conn., sophomore Kristina Bilyeu.

There are several popular theories as to how Valentine's Day came about. Some ideas come from the Catholic Church. One legend says that Valentine was a priest who defeated Emperor Claudius after the emperor banned young men from getting married because single men made better soldiers. After

defeating the emperor, Valentine continued to perform marriage ceremonies for young couples.

Another legend says that Valentine helped prisoners escape from torturous Roman prisons. It is thought that while imprisoned, Valentine sent a letter to his lover, signed "From your Valentine," leading to the popular gesture of sending or exchanging cards on Valentine's Day.

There is also the theory that Valentine's Day stems from the pagan holiday of Lupercalia. The Christian Church banned the holiday, a fertility festival, in the fifth century after the pope named Feb. 14 St. Valentine's Day.

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Detective Joseph Scaramucci for McLennan County Sheriff's Office has performed four stings, a type of strategic operation involving deception, which has amounted to 93 arrests.

One of the offenders was caught trying to purchase sex with a 2 and 4-year-old from a preschool teacher. The offender was unaware that the posing solicitor was actually Detective Scaramucci and his team.

"You know, every time we did [a sting], we got more. And our goal is to have a sting where nobody shows up," McLennan County Sheriff Parnell McNamara said.

Unfortunately, getting information from the girls is not as effective as through the buyers and sellers. 74th District Court Judge Gary Coley, an activist for the elimination of sex trafficking, said girls are not likely to share the most horrifying moments of their lives to one person.

"The reality is, you've got to have multiple layers of people trying to speak to these girls to try to gather this information," Judge Coley said.

After the panel discussion, a Q & A was opened to the audience. The questions ranged from how the community can get more involved, to what can be done to prevent buyers from ever feeling the need to purchase sex.

"Honestly, I think we have the best community around," said UnBound National Director Susan Peters.

Peters' efforts, along with the other activists present at the event, has revealed how large of an issue trafficking is in Waco. But like a detective's sting, the process of ending the trade comes in waves. Like a mother's love for her trafficked child, the cause must remain relentless, undaunted, and steadfast.

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happiness and safety a priority."

Mandatory Title IX training will now be held annually for all upperclassmen and graduate students and be mandatory. Previously, Title IX training was only mandatory for incoming freshmen, transfer students, faculty and staff. Faculty and staff will also be required to attend Title IX training annually now.

The university will also provide funding for continuing education for all faculty or staff who provide Title IX response, support and counseling.

"Incidents of interpersonal violence on our campus break our hearts and contradict

everything we believe as those who follow Christ," Richard S. Willis, chairman of the board of regents said in an email to the students. "The administration provided us with a plan that responds immediately, directly and effectively to the needs of our students. We approved this program right away to ensure that sexual assault survivors, and those in our community with other critical counseling needs, have access to the best range of counseling services available. We know we have more work to do, and we will be eager to take further action once our independent external review is complete."



Associated Press

MISSION MEXICO Pope Francis arrives in the popemobile to Viktor Manuel Reyna stadium, in Tuxtla Gutierrez, Mexico, Monday.

Pope back in Mexico after visit in Chiapas

NICOLE WINFIELD & SONIA PEREZ D.

Associated Press

SAN CRISTOBAL DE LAS CASAS, Mexico — Pope Francis denounced the centuries-old exploitation and exclusion of Mexico's indigenous people Monday and prayed before the tomb of their controversial priestly protector during a visit heavy in symbolism to the rolling hills of southern Chiapas state.

Francis celebrated a Mass for Mexican Indians that featured readings in the native languages of Chiapas, a traditional dance of prayer and the participation of married indigenous deacons, whose ministry had been suspended by the Vatican but was revived under Francis.

The visit, at the halfway mark of Francis' five-day trip to Mexico, was of great personal importance for the pope. He insisted on visiting San Cristobal de las Casas, where the late Bishop Samuel Ruiz ministered to Mexico's poorest and supported blending their indigenous culture into Catholic rituals, much to the dismay of Mexico's church hierarchy and occasionally the Vatican.

In his homily, Francis denounced how, "in a systematic and organized way,"

indigenous people have been misunderstood and excluded from society over the course of history.

"Some have considered your values, culture and traditions to be inferior," he said. "Others, intoxicated by power, money and market trends, have stolen your lands or contaminated them."

He called for a collective "Forgive me."

"Today's world, ravaged as it is by a throwaway culture, needs you!" he told the crowd that included many indigenous people, some in traditional dress, who gathered under clear skies at a sports complex in the mountain city of San Cristobal de las Casas.

The soft sounds of marimbas accompanied the Mass, which was celebrated in front of a replica of the brilliant yellow and red facade of the San Cristobal cathedral, where Francis visited later in the day.

At one point, Francis slipped behind the altar where Ruiz's tomb is located and emerged a few minutes later after a brief prayer, said the Vatican spokesman, the Rev. Federico Lombardi.

Crowds chanted "Long live the pope of the poor!" and "Welcome, pope of the struggle!" as he arrived for the Mass.

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## Week in Waco:

### >> Tuesday

**6 p.m.** — Mission Waco Mission World Banquet at Waco Convention Center. \$60.

**6 p.m.** — Music City Hit-Makers at the Waco Hippodrome. Accepting donations, with a minimum of \$100.

**7:30 p.m.** — Saxophonist Michael Jacobson at Roxy Grove Hall. Free.

### >> Wednesday

**6 p.m.** — Hornist Jeffrey Powers at Roxy Grove Hall. Free.

**8 p.m.** — Open Mic Night at Common Grounds.

### >> Thursday

**6:30 p.m.** — Sing at Waco Hall. Sold out.

**7 p.m.** — Third Thursday Open Mic at Tea2Go. Free.

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

# Hitting It Big



**MUSIC CITY** The Waco Hippodrome will play host to Grammy-winning country music singer-songwriters at the Music City Hit-Makers event at 6 p.m. today.

Courtesy of Bonnie Holman  
**STRAIGHT OUTTA NASHVILLE** Billy Montana will perform country hits like "More Than a Memory," which he originally wrote for Garth Brooks.

## St. Jude's Music City Hit-Makers makes first stop in Waco

**REBECCA FEDORKO**  
Reporter

St. Jude's Music City Hit-Makers: Where Song Meets Symphony will have its inaugural night in Waco at 6 p.m. today at the Waco Hippodrome. The soon-to-be annual charity event will feature Nashville songwriters Brett James and Billy Montana backed by symphony musicians from Waco. Academy of Country Music award winner Charles Judge will be the musical director for the evening.

The event tonight will be the first stop of a three-city tour through Waco, Tulsa, Okla.; and Louisville, Ky. Coordinator Bonnie Holman said Waco was chosen as the first stage of the tour in part because of local country radio station Waco 100's partnership with St. Jude Children's Hospital.

James, who attended Baylor in the early 1990s, wrote and won a Grammy Award for "Jesus, Take the Wheel," which was recorded by Carrie Underwood. He has also written music for Kenny Chesney, Kelly Clarkson and the Backstreet Boys. Event coordinator Bonnie Holman said guests can expect him to perform these and other songs at tonight's event.

Montana has also had an illustrious career in country music, penning Garth Brooks's hit "More Than a Memory," as well as songs by Sara Evans and the television show "Nashville."

"We are partnering with singer-songwriters from Nashville, Tennessee. It's a unique music experience," Holman said. "We're just looking to expand into a new market for support for St. Jude."

While about 150 tickets have been sold already, Holman said guests will still be welcome to buy tickets at the door tonight.

All the proceeds from tickets and auction items will go to St. Jude Children's Hospital. Holman said two local patients of the hospital will also be present at the event to share their stories and experiences with St. Jude's.

St. Jude Children's Hospital was started in 1962 by an entertainer named Danny Thomas. Over a decade earlier, in a time of great distress, Thomas prayed to St. Jude Thadeus, the patron saint of lost causes, to give him direction.



Courtesy of Bonnie Holman

"Help me find my way in life, and I will build you a shrine," Thomas said.

After achieving incredible success in his career as an entertainer, Thomas held true to his word and created St. Jude Children's Hospital.

St. Jude is focused primarily on helping children battling cancer or other deadly diseases. The hospital functions mainly from public donations. Over 75 percent of their funding comes from public contributions from benefits like the one being hosted at the Hippodrome. Because of the generous public donations, St. Jude is able to help children battling cancer without imposing a charge on their families.

Delta Delta Delta has partnered with the

St. Jude Children's Hospital since 1999, when the sorority adopted it as its philanthropy. The Beta Tau chapter at Baylor has raised over \$31 million for the hospital and continues to raise money for them through their annual fundraisers.

"The main thing that's incredible is that families don't pay anything for treatment," said Fort Collins, Colo., senior Payton Gray, president of Delta Delta Delta. "And that doesn't just include medical treatment. It's their food, housing and travel, and that makes them unique from other facilities."

Gray said St. Jude is also unique because it shares all of its research information freely with other hospitals.

"They are super cooperative with anyone with their information and services, and I think that's what really makes them special," Gray said.

Although Delta Delta Delta is not affiliated with the Music City Hit-Makers event, the sorority is still getting involved. Thirty of their members will volunteer at the Hippodrome tonight.

"I think it's really beneficial just getting the word out about St. Jude and the incredible work they do," Gray said. "It's good to appeal to the entire Waco community. We try to do that a lot with our stuff on campus."

Gray said the benefit concert is a great way to reach new circles of people, like music lovers, and get them involved in St. Jude's cause.

"An event like this appeals to more demographics and helps with getting the word out," Gray said.

Individual tickets for the event are priced at \$100, and a VIP table for 10 costs \$1500. All of the proceeds from the event, including the silent auction, will go to benefit St. Jude Children's Hospital.

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For today's puzzle results, please go to [BaylorLariat.com](http://BaylorLariat.com).

### Today's Puzzles

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- Former Ford division, briefly
- "Kindly let us know," on invites
- Like a noisy stadium
- Length times width
- Israeli airline
- \*The president's annual salary, e.g.
- Lily that's Utah's state flower
- Mary \_\_ cosmetics
- Agree silently
- Avoid shipping out?
- Electrically connected
- Weds in secret
- Kind of football kick
- Prairie dog or squirrel
- Brown photo tone
- Long skirt
- Carpe \_\_: seize the day
- Hawaii's Mauna \_\_
- Pool diving area ... and, literally, what the start of each answer to a starred clue can be
- Dean's list fig.
- How some audiobooks are recorded
- Prayer ending
- Autumn shade
- Pencil mark remover
- PC memos
- Say yes (to)
- Arabian Peninsula country
- Thick fog metaphor
- Prefix with east or west
- Comedian Margaret
- X-ray units
- \*Prince film featuring "When Doves Cry"
- "Understood"
- Flanged fastener
- It's measured in degrees
- "Why don't we?"
- "\_\_-dokey!"
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- Operatic solo
- Squarish, as some cars
- Lummox
- \_\_ and Tobago: West Indies nation
- "All in the Family" spin-off
- Make a typo, say
- "Cheers" actor Roger
- Redeemed, as casino chips
- English translation of the start of
- Across
- \*"Sweet dreams"
- Unclear
- Lands heavily
- 2000 Bush opponent
- Pub potable
- Nintendo game system
- Window treatment
- Capital of Norway
- Gas used in signs
- \*Scatterbrain
- Team on the farm
- Viral video, e.g.
- Fencing sword
- Fourth planet
- Approach cautiously
- Fait accompli
- Puts on clothes
- "Vaya \_\_ Dios"
- Commotion
- Actor Jannings
- Tax deadline month
- Put an end to
- "E" on a gas gauge
- Rock genre
- Clever
- Sledding slope
- Most fit for military duty
- Regret
- Genetic stuff

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# Bears back on track

Men's tennis snaps losing streak with tight win over Columbia

**HUNTER HEWELL**  
Reporter

The Baylor men's tennis team kicked off the ITA National Team Indoor Championships this weekend with a 5-0 loss to Ohio State on Friday.

Although Baylor won one of its doubles matches with senior Julian Lenz and redshirt freshman Will Little, the other two Baylor matches could not secure a victory.

Entering singles play, the Buckeyes clinched the match after senior Felipe Rios, freshman Tommy Podvinski, freshman Jimmy Bendeck and Little each lost their matches.

The final two matches were left undone after Ohio State secured the victory.

On Saturday, the Bears looked to redeem themselves, yet fell short again in a 4-3 loss to Texas Tech.

Baylor took the lead early by securing the doubles point with victories from the teams of Lenz and Little, followed by Rios and Bendeck.

However, Tech quickly turned around and won the bottom three matches of singles play to put themselves in the lead at 3-1.

Baylor battled back after junior Max Tchoutakian and Rios each secured singles victories to tie the match at 3-3. But Baylor could not hold on as Lenz fell in his final set to give Texas Tech the 4-3 victory.

The Bears bounced back on Sunday, as they found good fortune in a 4-3 victory over Columbia.

Baylor did not secure the doubles point, and thus began singles play down 0-1.

However Baylor quickly tied the score as Tchoutakian won his match in two sets with scores of 6-3, 6-3.

Columbia then retook the lead after taking down Podvinski and Little each in two sets. These two victories put Columbia in the lead at 3-1.

Rios and Lenz then tied the game with victories, averting the attention to the final match. In the final match, Jimmy Bendeck pulled off the comeback victory to seal the win for Baylor, 4-3.

Baylor head coach Matt Knoll was pleased with his teams effort and was glad to get a win.

"We did a great job today. I was really proud of the guys. It was a lot of fun to wear the uniform today," Knoll said.

Despite the great team win, Knoll knows that there is still work to do.

"We are kind of a work in progress. The competition is tough," Knoll said. "We are playing the best schedule in the country and when you play these kind of teams there is not a lot of margin for error."

The Bears will look toward Saturday when they will face No. 37 Memphis at home at the Hurd Tennis Center.



Trey Honeycutt | Lariat Photographer

**STEP BY STEP** Freshman Will Little lines up a shot during his match against University of California at Irvine on Jan. 23 at the Hurd Tennis Center. Little lost his match in the Bears' narrow 4-3 loss to Texas Tech at the ITA National Team Indoor Championships on Saturday in Charlottesville, Va.

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**IMPROVISING** Senior forward Taurean Prince attempts a pass around a Texas Tech defender during the Bears' game against the Red Raiders on Saturday at the Ferrell Center. The Bears lost 84-66 and move to 7-5 in Big 12 conference play.

# Party's over

## Red Raiders roll No. 25 Baylor in double-digit rout at Ferrell Center

**MEGHAN MITCHELL**  
Sports Writer

The No. 25 Bears are struggling at home this season, and this proved to be the case once again against Texas Tech on Saturday.

"You really have to credit Texas Tech for shooting 58 percent. Defensively, I thought they made some tough shots," said head coach Scott Drew. "I thought we could do some better things defensively. At the end of the day, they earned the win, and they did a good job there defensively. They held us to 44 percent."

The Bears (18-7, 7-5) went down early, trailing by as many as 10 in the first seven minutes of play.

With the Red Raiders (15-9, 5-7) making hard shots and the Bears struggling to score, Drew was forced to call timeouts.

"They made tough shots and we compounded it by turning it over and allowing them to have advantages on the offensive end, or frustrating us more when we weren't able to score," Drew said. "It led into them having more confidence. It's easier to shoot when you are up 15 or 20."

With senior forward Rico Gathers back in the Bears' lineup after sitting out the previous game due to illness, the Bears looked to get back on track, but not even Gathers' presence on court was enough to overpower the motivated

Red Raider team.

"I thought Rico's effort was very good considering how sick he was and not having a chance to practice," Drew said. "I was disappointed our bench got outscored 23-14, and that's been a strong point. In our wins, we've always had good bench play."

With a rare turn of events, the Bears are performing at a higher quality on the road than at home. This may be the result of poor defense, Drew said.

"It's really easy - when we defend, we win, and when we don't, we lose," Drew said. "When we turn it over, we lose, and when we don't, we win. We have to do those two things."

The Bears look to turn things around against No. 13 Iowa State at 8 p.m. today at the Ferrell Center.

In their previous meeting this season on the road, the Bears overcame the Cyclones 94-89. However, the Bears know that this time around will be just as difficult.

"Iowa State is a team that scores in runs, they score in bunches," Drew said. "Things tend to shift so quick when you play them because they score so quickly and so efficiently. I know our guys have played well the last couple times we faced them, and we need that to continue because nobody likes a three-game home losing streak."

# Lady Bears nearing title

**MEGHAN MITCHELL**  
Sports Writer

The No. 4 Lady Bears return home after winning two games on the road, most recently against Texas Tech, 66-36 on Saturday.

Although the Lady Raiders (11-13, 2-11) have struggled in conference play this year, they kept it close going into the half, 27-20.

With 13 turnovers, the Lady Bears struggled to protect the ball in the first half. The Lady Bears limited turnovers in the second half by making secure passes and guarding the ball.

The Lady Bears' run in the third quarter gave them all momentum going into the fourth quarter, said head coach Kim Mulkey.

"Going into the fourth quarter with a 20-something-point lead, I thought you saw a different basketball team than you did at TCU the other night," Mulkey said. "We took care of the basketball; we made free throws; we defended with effort; we helped each other. So, I think the next day was a very valuable day of teaching."

With the momentum going their way, the Lady Bears found openings in the paint and capitalized on open shots to extend their lead and give them the win, 66-36.

Although struggling from the line in previous games this season, junior guard Nina

Davis came up for the Lady Bears, going 9-9 from the line, earning her a double-double by scoring 21 points and bringing in 12 rebounds.

"I really couldn't figure out what was going on," Davis said. "But I just stayed in the gym and just put a lot of free throws. And hey, I went 9-for-9 today, so I think I'm back. Knock on wood."

With the hopes of a Big 12 championship still alive and in their favor, the Lady Bears look to make it 13 consecutive wins 7 p.m. on Wednesday at the Ferrell Center.

The Lady Bears (25-1, 12-1) face the only team to have beaten them this season - Oklahoma State.

The No. 25 Cowgirls (19-5, 9-4) shocked the Lady Bears in their opening conference game on the road, 52-45.

With senior guard Niya Johnson out in the previous matchup, the Lady Bears look poised to come out on top this time around.

"She's like a coach out there on the floor," Mulkey said. "In the first conference game, when we got beat by Oklahoma State and she didn't play, that speaks volumes of her value to our team."

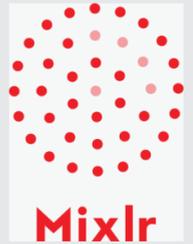
"We lost by seven, and she only averages seven points a game, but that is how valuable she is," Mulkey said.

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