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The Baylor Jazz Ensemble performs at Jones Concert Hall on Tuesday.

Revealing Funds

Congress asks private universities to release endowment spending information

LIESJE POWERS
Staff Writer

Republican leaders of Congress recently sent inquiries to private universities with endowments larger than \$1 billion, requesting information on campus spending.

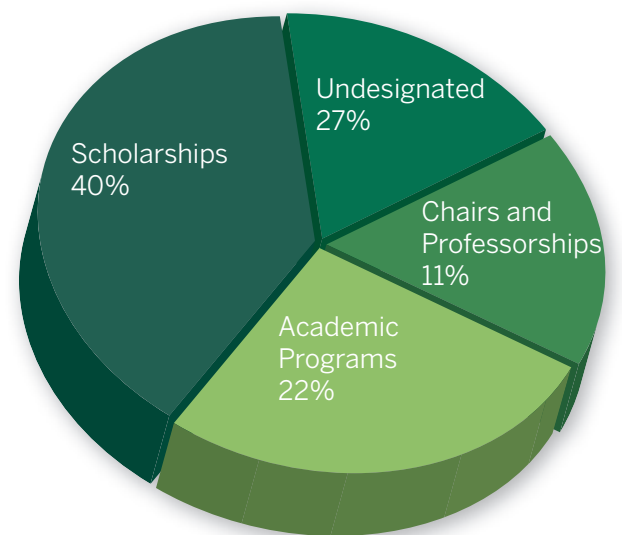
This list of 56 private universities included Baylor University, Texas Christian University and Southern Methodist University. The colleges have until April 1 to respond.

The House Ways and Means Committee of Congress had been investigating college spending prior to the 2008 financial crisis, but the project had mostly been put on hold until recently.

As tuition at private colleges continues to rise even with the decreasing inflation, it is apparent that colleges may not be using money to fulfill their charitable and educational purposes, according to lawmakers.

Baylor reported an endowment of \$1.17 billion in 2015, and has announced that the tuition and fees for

2015 Endowment Distribution



Data provided by the Office of Investments

THE NUMBERS The infographic illustrates Baylor's endowment distributions in 2015.

undergraduates will increase by 4.5 percent in the 2016-2017 school year.

Baylor is working on releasing endowment information.

"Baylor University is one of 56 private universities that received a letter from the Senate Committee on Finance and the House Ways and Means Committee requesting

information on the university's endowment," the university said in an email statement. "We look forward to the opportunity to provide this information and to fruitful discussions about these important matters."

Waco junior, Mariah Hood

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Community gathers for prayer service at Elliston

KALYN STORY
Staff Writer

About 60 Baylor students, faculty and alumni gathered to pray for survivors of all types of abuse during A Space for Lament on Tuesday night at Elliston Chapel. Through prayer, songs, responsive reading and quiet time participants shared a time of lament.

Houston freshman, Setareh Sharafi, came to the service with a personal background of abuse and domestic violence.

"It is so important to have people around that love and care for you," Sharafi said. "Patience heals, I came here for comfort and to seek patience."

Sharafi plans to attend the

remaining three services and is particularly looking forward to A Space for Hope.

"It is so difficult to find hope after tragedy," Sharafi said. "It will be good for me to come and talk about searching for hope."

Houston freshman Micah Johnson also comes from a background of abuse and sought healing during a time of self-reflection.

"I needed to come to a place where the people around me understand pain," Johnson said. "I needed to know other people at Baylor are experiencing the same things I am."

Johnson has dealt with a lot of anger in her pain and said she is glad there will be A Space for Anger

service.

"Anger fuels violence," Johnson said. "The church will often say it's not OK to be angry at God, but sometimes that is the only feeling I have. It will be good to talk and think about that with others in a Christian setting."

All services will be led by Baylor students, alumni, pastors and counselors and will last about 45 minutes. The chapel will be open following the service and pastors and counselors will be available for prayer and conversation. All services will be held at Elliston Chapel at 8 p.m. The other topics are "A Space for Silence" March 1, "A Space for Anger" March 15 and "A Space for Hope" March 29.



Richard Hirst | Photo Editor

GATHERING TOGETHER Baylor Students meet at 8 p.m. Tuesday at Elliston Chapel to support those affected by sexual assault on campus. This was the first of several events for those dealing with sexual assault.

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Syrians find refuge in Waco

GAVIN PUGH
Reporter

Presidential campaigns have deemed the Syrian refugee crisis a matter of politics. Syrians are either welcome, or not.

Texas Gov. Greg Abbott sued the federal government on the resettlement of refugees in Texas.

Students and members of the Waco community started a petition to allow more refugees into the city.

But Damascus, Syria junior Amjad Dabi says it is not a political issue, but a matter of altruism.

"Look at the range of this catastrophe that people have been subjected to in Syria," Dabi said. "I mean, we have 4 million refugees in neighboring countries ... half the country has left its home."

Dabi, along with another student, came to America with the aid of Dr. Bradley Bolen, a

senior lecturer in the school of music. While studying music and pre-med, Dabi hopes to use his education to eventually return to Syria to help the home he was forced to leave.

And there are organizations set in place with the same goals in mind.

American Voices was the organization that allowed for Dabi to come to America.

American Voices uses cultural diplomacy as a bridge "to connect global citizenry in a unique sphere of shared cultural meaning through the arts, music, dance and theater," according to its website.

Though not all Syrians are Muslim, a candlelight vigil was held at Baylor to ensure Muslim students felt welcome. The vigil was organized in response to presidential hopeful Donald Trump's proposal to block Muslims from entering the United States.

"Part of it is the realization that most people are often more profound than their stereotype," Dabi said. "I think sometimes we use stereotyping to avoid discussing legitimate



Associated Press

IN CRISIS A woman carries a child injured in the triple blast in Sayyida Zeinab, a predominantly Shiite Muslim suburb of the Syrian capital Damascus.

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GOT SOMETHING TO SAY?

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EDITORIAL

Constitutional literacy is key

How many times have we all heard people talking about First Amendment rights being violated, the Second Amendment rights being taken away, or the government bypassing the Fourth Amendment to invade the privacy of American citizens in the name of national security?

Over and over again you hear these dilemmas, and they all stem from the same governing document -- the Constitution. Most of us debate about these things with each other across the outlets of communication at our disposal.

Before anyone puts this paper down, take this into consideration. The Constitution - the very foundation of the country we all live in, which affects all of us whether we like it or not - is still a relatively short document. If you copy and paste the Constitution in Microsoft Word with 12-point Times New Roman font, it will amount to about eight pages. Eight pages.

The stigma of the Constitution being too long is really just a lazy excuse. And the weight of the Constitution's significance to our country is so great that a lazy excuse like that is unacceptable.

The Lariat is proposing that we all, many of us being first-time voters this season, take the time to read and study the Constitution.

Especially after the passing of the late

U.S. Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia, a member of the highest court in the nation, which is tasked with interpreting the Constitution. We should all be concerned with the next justice's Constitutional interpretation as much, if not more, than we are concerned with the Constitutional interpretations of presidential candidates.

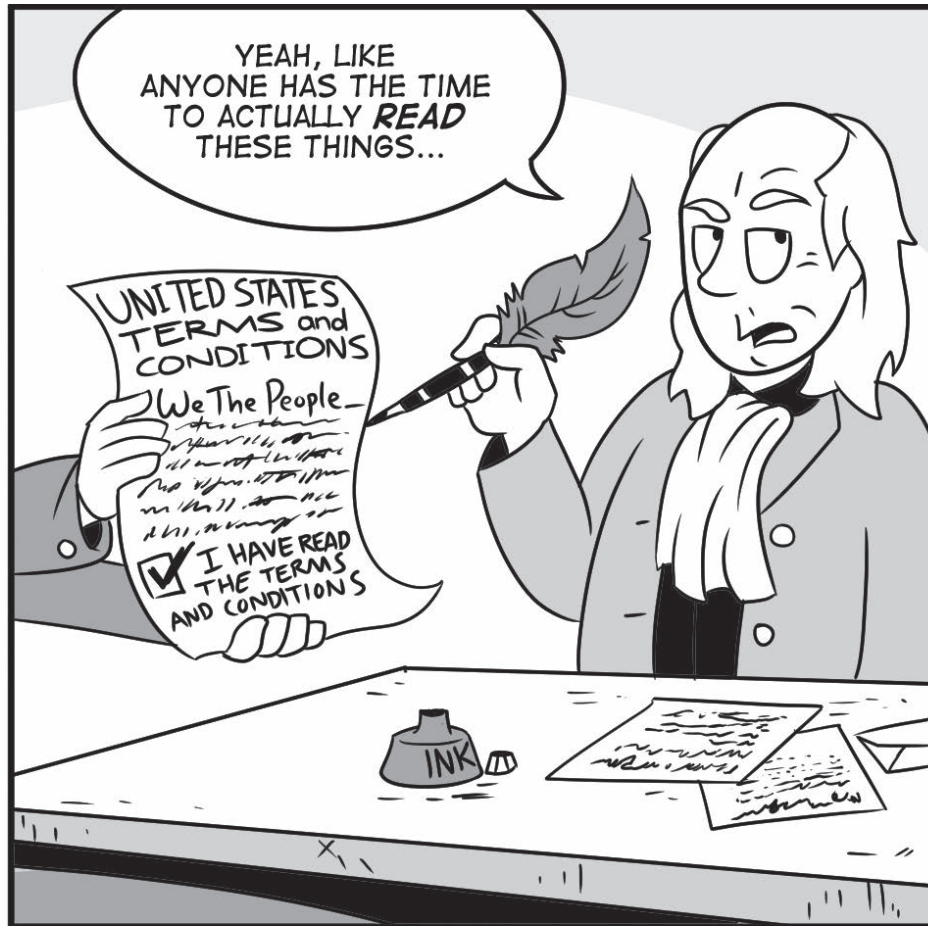
Over and over again, we refer back to the Constitution primarily to know what our rights are and how much power the government should possess.

For those of you that call yourselves conservatives, constitutionalists, originalists and so on, taking the time to read and know the Constitution should be the cornerstone of your political constructs. You have no reason to be constitutionally illiterate or incompetent for that matter. It's really that simple.

For those of you who consider the Constitution a living, breathing document, you too should feel compelled to read it.

If you seek to take away certain rights, add certain rights, add power, take away power, it would behoove you to know specifically what it is that needs to be changed, bolstered or left intact. That goes for everyone in the broad spectrum of constitutional interpretation.

Mind you, the Constitution is not all about



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personal rights. However, at its core, the Constitution is about liberty. The Constitution addresses matters of how the government functions, as well as the personal liberties found in the Bill of Rights.

Any question that involves the Constitution is a question of liberty. Some make amendments or defend the Constitution to protect liberty.

Others lead efforts to take away liberty.

The Lariat is convicted to be more constitutionally literate and competent. For the betterment of the individuals, the university, the state of Texas and the nation as a whole, the Lariat pleads for Baylor student body to do the same.

COLUMN

Greek organizations should unite to serve greater good

BRAUNA MARKS
Reporter

How does the Greek community take action to become stronger? By knowledge and unity.

So you're saying there is beef within Greek Life? No, not really, just a lack of knowledge. Ask yourself these questions. How many councils represent the Greek Life community at Baylor? Name them. Now ask yourself this question. Are you Greek? Are you interested in Greek Life? If no, why should you care?

Well, if you are involved in any clubs or societies, I'm sure you have partnered with another club or society on some sort of similar initiative. I'm also sure that if you are in a Greek organization, you probably have partnered with another Greek organization. But how diverse or unique was the collaboration? Exactly.



The point I am trying to make here is that there is a serious lack of knowledge of something so prominent on our campus. Let's backtrack. There are 40 Greek organizations. There are four councils, plus independent and local. The Panhellenic Council, the Interfraternity Council (IFC), the National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) and the Multicultural Greek Council (MGC). Are you surprised? Or bored? Try to stick with me.

Say you are a sorority in the Panhellenic Council with a philanthropy of Breast Cancer and there is another sorority in MGC that has the same philanthropy. Would you be willing to collaborate on an event that raises awareness on this issue? Why or why not? Well before we get there, how would you find out two sororities have the same philanthropies without the knowledge or proper resources? Exactly.

Now what if you are a non-Greek organization that needs to increase participation? For example, if you are a Bible study group and there is a Christian-based sorority, why shouldn't you both collaborate on an event? Then again, did you know there was such a thing?

Ask yourself why you don't know more about people who wear similar letters or who stand for similar purposes and visions. Ask yourself how to get there, and then do it.

I'll give you an idea. Share your information. Whether that's a Greek Life bulletin board in the Bill Daniel Student Center or maybe an e-letter sent to Greek Life members about upcoming events, mixers and more. If you know what's going on within, you can reach further throughout.

Greeks can say, "well people don't understand us or they never will." I don't have to quote negative stereotypes and connotations that come with the idea of Greek Life for people to recognize it. But it shouldn't be that way. As the majority, we should take the effort to show people what we are truly about. These groups are about service, bonding, awareness and traditions.

As a member of a sorority of NPHC, I can say that it starts from within. If the council itself does not have the knowledge of the history in the organizations that make the council exist, how can it work properly? Here's a good quote for you: Aristotle once said, "the whole is greater than the sum of its parts."

Greek organizations cannot exist without a council. A council cannot exist without members. Members cannot exist without a college community and so forth and so on. Therefore, we need to be aware of each other. Knowledge is power. We can build each other up or we can break each other down. And that decision lies on no one but ourselves.

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COLUMN

Measuring life is futile

KARYN SIMPSON
Copy editor

T.S. Eliot writes, "For I have known them all already, known them all: Have known the evenings, mornings, afternoons, I have measured out my life with coffee spoons."

As a student-athlete and full-time student working a part-time job in the evenings, the truth in Eliot's words is startling — it seems as though my life is truly measured in coffee spoons (or, in my case, mugs of tea.) Like many college students, I caffeinate my way through the day and much of the night, wrapping my fingers around steaming mugs as I furiously type one more paper, frantically skim one more article. I rush from class to class, from class to practice, from practice to church, to workouts, to study sessions, to work. I sleep infrequently.



Still, I don't even begin to harbor the delusion that I'm the busiest student here.

We dash across campus to and from classes and activities, chasing the fleeting success dangled in front of us on brochures and marketing promos. We're told to stay busy, to fill our free time with resume-enhancers, to major in something that will bring us some degree of security in the future while simultaneously improving the world for others. We work hard now so that we can have a good life in the future.

I just have to wonder — when does "enough" become "too much?" When do we stop measuring out time with coffee spoons, focusing so intently on our desperate acquisition of success that we lose track of our lives?

The American Freshman Norms survey,

a 2014 study of approximately 153,000 students nationwide done by UCLA's Higher Education Research Institute, revealed that in 2014 almost 40 percent of freshman students said that they spent five hours or less per week socializing, up from only 18 percent in 1987. Furthermore, a study released by Georgetown University showed that roughly 40 percent of undergraduate students and more than 75 percent of graduate students work more than 30 hours per week while attending university.

We are all busier than ever. We know the competition for jobs after college is fierce; graduates with impressive degrees are no longer uncommon, and we have to stand out if we want our resumes to be considered and not simply discarded. If the rest of the student body is anything like me, they are desperate to prove themselves as capable adults post-graduation, and that desire fuels our impossible schedules. Each of us strives to be the best, but is overflowing our schedules in an attempt to 'stand out' to future employers really the answer?

I firmly believe that we have been blessed with the opportunity to come to Baylor, to study with some of the greatest minds in the world. Like most students, I am striving to take full advantage of this opportunity, and I'm certainly not saying that we should become lax in our efforts, but drowning ourselves in coffee and tea and energy drinks with the deluded idea that we are fueling our future success can't be the best way to live.

Yes, we are here to prepare for our future, but let's quit measuring our lives, our days and our schedules with coffee spoons. Our desperate race toward success should not impede our ability to enjoy our fleeting time as students. The future advances regardless of our efforts, and we should revel in the time we have now. At least, as Eliot says, "till human voices wake us and we drown."

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Associated Press

FREEDOM OF IDENTITY Audience members hold signs in Charlotte, N.C., at Monday's city council meeting vote on the controversial nondiscrimination ordinance. Intended to prevent discrimination against transgender individuals in public accommodations, the vote made it legal for transgender people to choose which bathroom to use based on which gender they identify with. The governor worries that this decision will be a threat to public safety.

N.C. equality law makes bathrooms battlegrounds

**JONATHAN DREW
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Associated Press

RALEIGH, N.C. — As bathrooms become battlegrounds in the national debate over anti-discrimination laws, a city council's decision to protect the restroom choices of transgender people in Charlotte, N.C., was cheered Tuesday by rights advocates as a courageous move. But it may not stand for very long.

Gov. Pat McCrory told The Associated Press that the bathroom provision denies privacy rights for people who expect to share restrooms or locker rooms only with people born with the same anatomy.

"It's an extreme regulation that changes the basic norms of society," the Republican governor said, adding that he would like the state legislature to preempt any local governments from enforcing such ordinances. "I don't want to have 100 different rules" across the state, he said.

Charlotte's ordinance is broader than just bathrooms, prohibiting hotels for example from refusing to rent a room to a lesbian couple, City Attorney Robert Hagemann stressed.

"The restroom issue has gotten an awful lot of attention," Hagemann said. "The primary aspect of what the council did is to prohibit discrimination in public accommodation. That's not just restrooms."

A turning point was Houston, whose city council approved an ordinance

similar to Charlotte's. After a campaign that invoked concerns about bathroom safety last year, voters overwhelmingly overturned the ordinance in a referendum.

"The opposition has really run with this inflammatory, discriminatory messaging, and unfortunately they have found some traction," Oakley said.

Transgender advocates, meanwhile, have worried openly that conservatives are using the bathroom issue to drive a wedge between them and other members of the LGBT movement.

"It's absolutely not fair. What they're trying to do is roll back some of the progress that the LGBT community as a whole has made over the last several years by targeting some of the most vulnerable — and unfortunately least understood — members of our community," said Demoya Gordon, a Lambda Legal staff attorney who works on its Transgender Rights Project.

Charlotte's vote drew an overflow crowd on both sides Monday night. While supporters carried signs broadly asserting "equal rights," opponents urged the council to "Vote No on the Bathroom Bill."

The ordinance was approved by a vote of 7-to-4, adding "sexual orientation," "gender identity" and "marital status" as attributes protected from discrimination when it comes to public accommodations in restaurants, retail stores and other businesses.

The ordinance legalizes the ability of transgender people to use bathrooms

based on the gender they identify with, even if it's different from their anatomy at birth. The local law doesn't define gender identity, but federal workplace guidelines suggest that transgender people should be able to choose either the men's room or the women's room, depending on which feels most appropriate or safest to them.

Violations could be treated as misdemeanors, punishable by fines of \$500 or 30 days in jail, although the council staff noted that nobody has ever faced such punishment under other aspects of the city's existing anti-discrimination ordinance.

The ordinance does not address accommodations in public schools, another flashpoint in the national debate. In South Dakota on Tuesday, transgender activists were trying to persuade the governor to veto a bill requiring students statewide to use bathrooms corresponding to their sex at birth.

North Carolina's cities and counties are creations of the state, and the General Assembly can override local ordinances.

House Speaker Tim Moore said Tuesday that he and other Republicans will be "exploring legislative intervention to correct this radical course" once the legislature convenes again in late April.

If Charlotte's bathroom protections are overturned, Gordon said it would send a message that transgender people can't do "one of the most essential things that people do every day ... except under really dangerous and harassing conditions."

NATIONAL BRIEFS

Scalia's health issues led to sudden death

DALLAS — Antonin Scalia suffered from coronary artery disease, obesity and diabetes, among other ailments that probably contributed to the justice's sudden death, according to a letter from the Supreme Court's doctor.

Presidio County District Attorney Rod Ponton cited the letter Tuesday when he told The Associated Press there was nothing suspicious about the Feb. 13 death of the 79-year-old jurist. He said the long list of health problems made an autopsy unnecessary.

Ponton had a copy of the letter from Rear Adm. Brian P. Monahan, the attending physician for members of Congress and the Supreme Court.

In the letter, Monahan listed more than a half-dozen ailments, including sleep apnea, degenerative joint disease, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and high blood pressure. Scalia also was a smoker, the letter said.

Officials investigate 14 Zika cases in U.S.

NEW YORK — U.S. health officials are investigating more than a dozen possible Zika infections that may have been spread through sex.

The 14 cases all involve men who visited areas with Zika outbreaks, and who many have infected their female partners, who had not traveled to those areas.

Zika virus is mainly spread by mosquito bites, and sexual transmission has been considered rare. There have been two reported cases, including a recent one in Texas, and at least two other reports of the Zika virus found in semen.

Congress supports climate plan lawsuit

WASHINGTON — More than 200 members of Congress are backing a court challenge to President Barack Obama's plan to curtail greenhouse gas emissions.

A brief filed Tuesday with the U.S. Court of Appeals in Washington argues that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency overstepped its legal authority and defied the will of Congress by regulating carbon dioxide emissions.

The White House downplayed the lawmakers' brief, describing it as part of "continual pushback from obstructionist Republicans in Congress who don't even believe in the science of climate change."

About two dozen mostly GOP-led states have sued to stop the Clean Power Plan, which aims to slow climate change by cutting power-plant emissions by one-third by 2030. The Supreme Court last month barred the Obama administration from beginning implementation of the plan until the legal challenges are resolved.

Argument of the case before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit is set to begin June 2.

Compiled from Associated Press reports.

Gun laws questioned after Michigan attacks

**DAVID R. MARTIN
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Associated Press

PLAINWELL, Mich. — A man accused of randomly killing six people in Michigan had a personal cache of weapons that included handguns and long guns, but there was nothing in his past that prevented him from owning as many guns as he could afford.

Authorities seized the gun collection after the weekend attacks around the Kalamazoo area.

With no criminal history or record of mental illness, Michigan residents who follow requirements can legally acquire any number of firearms.

"He was a law-abiding citizen up until he pulled the trigger on the first victim," said Jonathan Southwick, owner of a gun store in Plainwell, 20 miles north of Kalamazoo. "There are no laws you could put into place to stop what had happened."

Southwick said Dalton bought a jacket with an inside pocket designed for a handgun Saturday, just hours before the rampage. He did not buy a gun.

"He talked with my manager for a bit, was laughing and joking a bit, gave him a one-armed hug — then proceeded to purchase the jacket and said he was going out to enjoy the weather," Southwick recalled Tuesday.

Dalton did not have a permit to carry a concealed weapon, Undersheriff Paul Matyas said.

When Southwick later heard about the deadly attacks, it was "definitely a shock," he said.

Dalton, 45, is charged with murder and attempted murder. He's accused of killing six people and injuring two more outside an apartment building, a restaurant and a car

dealership, pausing between shootings to make money as an Uber driver.

Prosecutor Jeff Getting said the weapon appeared to be a 9 mm semi-automatic handgun.

President Barack Obama, referring to the Kalamazoo shootings, said, "clearly we're going to need to do more if we're going to keep innocent Americans safe." His gun-control efforts after several mass shootings, including attacks on a Connecticut school and a South Carolina church, have been rebuffed by Congress.

In Michigan's Capitol, Rep. Joe Hoadley, a Democrat from Kalamazoo, said gun violence is a critical concern among his constituents. He's supporting bills to restrict open carrying of guns in certain public places and to require more background checks at gun shows.

Those bills are unlikely to get a hearing in a Legislature controlled by conservative Republicans.

"There may not have been a way to stop a person from doing evil," Hoadley said of the Kalamazoo shootings. "But that should not derail a conversation about what we can do overall to reduce gun violence."

Kristen Moore, a University of Michigan math professor and member of Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America, said the shootings could be a "tipping point" to get lawmakers and the public to embrace a "need to do more."

But Republican state Rep. Triston Cole said Michigan's gun laws aren't lenient. He notes that the state is among only a handful in which owners must register handguns with local police.

"It's really important that we recognize this awful, senseless tragedy," Cole said. "But you need to look at good policy and not react based on emotion to infringe upon our right to own firearms."

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“Remand”

Hippodrome, Chapel join forces to show film

ASHLYN THOMPSON
Reporter

A special segment of Movie Mondays at the Hippodrome will air tonight in conjunction with events happening in Baylor's Chapel this morning. Guests Jim Gash and Henry will speak at Chapel about the release of their book, “Divine Collision”, and the documentary surrounding it, “Remand.” Then, the Waco Hippodrome will screen “Remand,” a documentary film circling the events of a Pepperdine Law student, a Ugandan prisoner and how divine intervention brought their lives crashing together.

Movie Mondays is an event sponsored by the Waco Hippodrome in which the public is invited to screenings of various films on Monday nights. Baylor has joined this initiative, the goal of which, according to Student Activities' website, is to “offer Baylor students and the Waco community the opportunity to view a variety of documentary and independent films that dive into important topics within our world.”

Maple Grove, MN senior Christina Griffith has heard Gash's story before, and said it always amazed her. Griffith said she is most excited that the pair is coming to Waco, and that the two events will be happening in conjunction with each other.

“Students will get to see the film, but also hear from Jim

and Henry as well,” Griffith said. “I think it's really cool that we will get a firsthand look at this incredible story.”

Gash's book, “Divine Collision”, recounts his time as at Pepperdine Law and answering the call from God to visit Uganda. At that time, a Ugandan man named Henry was being imprisoned for crimes he did not commit. The two met in Uganda and, through what can only be described as divine intervention, God worked miracles.

Since then, Pepperdine Law has remained passionate about the Ugandan people and serving justice in a realm that sees little. Gash and his associates are working tirelessly to free others like Henry who have been wrongfully imprisoned.

“Divine Collision” weaves together a compelling narrative of Jim's passion to protect children forgotten within the web of the Ugandan justice system and his desire to obey the biblical command to act justly, love mercy and walk humbly,” said Baylor President and Chancellor Ken Starr. “Jim's story inspires all of us to “remember the poor” and to serve “the least of these.”

Midlothian, senior Erin Mitchell appreciates the way Movie Mondays bring the Waco and Baylor communities closer. She said this story is an important one to tell, and that students should take advantage of opportunities like these.



Courtesy Art

DIVINE MEET Henry is one of the subjects of the documentary film “Remand” about how he and Jim Gash, a Pepperdine Law student at the time, met.

“Having the chance to go to a free movie that instills hope and faith is a great way for us to engage in things that are happening in the Waco community,” Mitchell said. “I'm excited to hear more about this.”

The Baylor and Waco

communities are invited to this special event. The screening at the Hippodrome is free for Baylor students and will begin at 7 p.m. on Wednesday. Students can get tickets from Student Activities website or directly at the Hippodrome.

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worked over 50 hours per week in order to pay for living and fees. During this time, she was enrolled in 17 hours.

“[Work] took up about 75 percent of my time and left no time for studying,” Hood said. “Everyone I know works. I think it's ridiculous [that there is a raise in fees and tuition]. What are we paying for?”

In response to college spending, Rep. Tom Reed will be introducing his Reduce Act, which suggests that colleges with endowments of more than \$1 billion would be required to pay 25 percent of the money in grants to working-family students. Those categorized as working-family have an income between 100 and 600 percent of the poverty

line. If the college's total earnings are large enough for there to be money left over in the 25 percent earnings, it would then be required to go to low-income students.

A similar plan was created and dropped in 2008, although questions of educational fairness still remained. The current plan is still undergoing research and requires support from other members of Congress.

“We care about ensuring fairness in higher education and allowing every child to succeed without holding them back because of cost,” Reed said in a statement. “It's only right that we begin looking for solutions to get the cost of higher education under control, and this is a step in the right direction in that process.”

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issues.”

Such was the case for Al Siddiq, the president of the Islamic Center of Waco.

After the Sept. 11 attacks in 2001, Siddiq was questioned by the FBI, primarily because former President George W. Bush owned a ranch 30 minutes outside of Waco. They soon found Siddiq spent seven years serving in the United States Army.

Siddiq, who immigrated to Waco from Pakistan in 1987, was appreciative of the vigil.

“Baylor has been very supportive of us, and we have been very accommodated by Baylor,” Siddiq said. “We have been especially appreciative of the religion department.”

Siddiq, who originally

came to the U.S. to study, has given lectures in the religion department before.

Dabi came for the same reason.

“I think it is good to have perspective on the opportunities you are offered that others lack,” Dabi said. “Baylor, especially the music department, offered me opportunity when I didn't have much at the time to offer.”

Dabi spoke about his parents who are still in Syria. He tries to speak to them as much as he can, despite the spotty electricity in Syria. He said he worries about them. With his education from Baylor, Dabi plans to go back to make a difference in the country he had to leave.

Obama pushes for closure of Guantanamo Bay in Cuba

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama's plan to close the detention center at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba slammed into a wall of Republican opposition on Tuesday, stopping cold Obama's hope for a bipartisan effort to “close a chapter” that began in the aftermath of the Sept. 11 attacks.

The long-awaited proposal, which was requested by Congress, is Obama's last attempt to make good on an unfulfilled campaign promise by persuading Congress to change the law that prohibits moving detainees accused of violent extremist acts to U.S. soil. Fourteen years after the facility opened and seven years after Obama took office, the president argued it was “finally” time to shutter a facility that has sparked persistent legal battles, become a recruitment tool for Islamic militants and garnered strong opposition from some allies abroad.

“I don't want to pass this problem onto the next president, whoever it is,” Obama said in an appearance at the White House. “If we don't do what's required now, I think future generations are going to look back and ask why we failed to act when the right course, the right side of history, and justice and our best American traditions was clear.”

Despite the big ambitions, Obama's proposed path remained unclear. The plan leaves unanswered the politically thorny question of

where in the U.S. a new facility would be located. It offered broad cost estimates. The White House described it as more of a conversation starter than a definitive outline.

Republican leaders in Congress showed no interest in having that conversation.

“We will review President Obama's plan but since it includes bringing dangerous terrorists to facilities in U.S. communities, he knows that the bipartisan will of Congress has already been expressed against that proposal,” said Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Kentucky.

House Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wis., said Obama had yet to convince Americans that moving detainees to U.S. soil is “smart or safe.”

“It is against the law — and it will stay against the law,” Ryan said.

Even Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., a former prisoner of war and an advocate of closing the prison, called Obama's report a “vague menu of options,” which does not include a policy for dealing with future detainees.

Obama has “missed a major chance to convince the Congress and the American people that he has a responsible plan to close the Guantanamo Bay detention facility,” he said.

It's not clear whether that chance ever existed. Momentum to close the facility has slowed dramatically under Obama's tenure. Congress remains deadlocked on far less contentious matters, and the issue has little resonance on the presidential campaign trail.

The White House has not ruled out the possibility that the president may again attempt to close the prison



Associated Press

PUSHING CHANGE President Obama is hoping to close the detention center at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba but has faced Republican opposition.

through executive action — a move that would directly challenge Congress' authority. The plan submitted Tuesday does not address that option.

Under the plan, roughly 35 of the 91 current detainees will be transferred to other countries in the coming months, leaving up to 60 detainees who are either facing trial by military commission or have been determined to be too dangerous to release but are not facing charges.

Those detainees would be relocated to a U.S. facility that could cost up to \$475 million to build, but would ultimately be offset by as much as \$180 million per year in operating cost savings. The annual operating cost for Guantanamo is \$445 million. The U.S. facilities would cost between \$265 million and

\$305 million to operate each year, according to the proposal.

The plan considers, but does not name, 13 different locations in the U.S., including seven existing prison facilities in Colorado, South Carolina and Kansas, as well as six other locations at current correctional facilities on state, federal or military sites in several states. It also notes that there could be all new construction on existing military bases. The plan doesn't recommend a preferred site.

Advocates of closing Guantanamo say the prison has long been a recruiting tool for militant groups and that holding extremists suspected of violent acts indefinitely without charges or trial sparks anger and dismay among U.S. allies.

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Week in Waco:

>> Today

6:15 p.m. — “Much Ado About Nothing” at the Waco Hippodrome. Free.

5 p.m. — Flutist Sabrina Hu and pianist Cathal Breslin at Roxy Grove Hall. Free.

7 p.m. — Documentary screening of “Remand” at the Waco Hippodrome. Free.

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

>> Thursday

4 p.m. — “Selma” screening at Bobo Spiritual Life Center. Free.

4:30 p.m. — Women’s Choir Festival Concert at Jones Concert Hall. Free.

Talking Guerrilla Q&A

JACQUELYN KELLAR
Reporter

The Baylor Lariat talked to Spokane, Wash., junior Gabe Lipton, a theater performance major and member of on-campus improv group Guerrilla Troupe, about the future, gibberish and big bugs.

What was your first defining experience upon entering G-Troupe?

The first show I did was for something called “Meet the Majors,” when prospective students come and check out the department. Since we are so affiliated with the theater department, our teacher asked us to come do a 45 minute set and tell the kids about improv. I hadn’t been in any shows yet. I’d been in G-Troupe for only a couple of weeks, but I signed up anyway.

I was in a guessing game called “Three Things,” where we just say gibberish and act out whatever the suggestions are. My suggestion was “Lord of the Rings.” We were playing hockey, but instead of playing in a rink we were playing in Middle Earth. I decided to just get really elaborate with it, and I basically acted out the entire plot of “Lord of the Rings” in gibberish and miming. It ended up being really funny. Lucas [McCutchen], one of the other G-Troupe members, was in the crowd that day and gave me that suggestion. We still remember that little connection. So that was my



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ABSOLUTELY APE Spokane, Wash., junior Gabe Lipton poses in his Guerrilla gear. Lipton has been a member of Guerrilla Troupe since his freshman year.

defining moment where I knew I could do improv.

What do you hope to achieve from G-Troupe in your post-college career?

I’m very interested in directing and creating my own material post-graduation. It’s really hard to just throw yourself into the mix where everyone is auditioning for movies and shows. It’s hard to be noticed and start a career that way. If you write your own stuff and can create your own opportunities, it gives you an edge if you can do it well. I’m very focused on trying to hone those skills. It’s been cool

the way G-Troupe works. Now that we are at the helm of it, we are trying to do videos and extra events and pushing G-Troupe’s limits as much as we can. Improv is huge for someone who wants to be a director and keep acting in the future.

What has been your worst, most awkward moment onstage?

My worst moment wasn’t the worst because it wasn’t funny. It actually got a huge laugh, but it was very unintentional.

It was my first year, and it was a game called “Slideshow,” where

you assume poses and freeze, and a “teacher” comes and explains all the poses and teaches a lecture. Another girl in the group and I assumed a pose that inadvertently ended up looking a little more risqué than we’d intended. It took about 10 full seconds to realize that and for everyone to start laughing specifically at that pose. We realized the position we were in and slowly tried to readjust out of it. By then, the damage had already been done. That was my most unfortunate moment. But it got a big laugh and a lot of people remember it.

What has been your best/funniest moment onstage?

Actually, that might be my best moment too. I just remember it getting a huge laugh. That’s what’s fun about improv, those are always the best moments, when the joke is nothing you could have planned. It just happens, and that’s when it’s the funniest. That’s when everyone breaks down onstage too, which is always fun.

Tell us something about yourself.

Bugs. I am terrified of them. Just irrationally. Can’t stand them.

ONLINE EXTRAS

See the rest of the interview at:

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Creative Waco hosts arts workshop today

HELENA HUNT
Arts and Life Editor

To become a Cultural District, a city needs culture creators: artists and independent business owners, people with new ideas and a passion for the place they live.

Creative Waco, which is spearheading Waco’s application for Cultural District status, wants to help artists and entrepreneurs find footing in the city. Today, the nonprofit, the Waco Convention and Visitor Bureau and the Waco Hippodrome are hosting an Arts Funding and Leadership Development Day to help potential business owners find ways to thrive.

The workshop, which takes place from 9

a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Hippodrome, will bring civic leaders and arts professionals together to discuss the importance of having the arts here, and how to turn the dream of owning a business or promoting the arts into something practical.

The workshop is sponsored by nonprofit Texans for the Arts Foundation, which has put on similar events in Austin, Abilene and Galveston, among other Texas cities. The workshop will include discussions about fundraising for businesses and the arts as well as arts advocacy at the local government level.

The program is intended to help those who run or hope to run arts organizations and businesses successfully navigate starting and maintaining their ventures.

“Waco is becoming known as a place where cool things happen and interesting things, from home furnishings to whiskey, are designed and made. This is exactly the kind of place that can and should be a cultural hub,” said Fiona Bond, the executive director of Creative Waco. “This event will give our creative individuals and organizations some great tools for success.”

Speakers include Ann S. Graham, the executive director of Texans for the Arts; State Representatives Charles “Doc” Anderson (R-Waco) and Kyle Kacal (R-Bryan); and Felix Padron, director of the Department of Culture and Creative Development in Texas.

“I think we are seeing more ad more cities recognizing the value and importance of

investing in the arts and culture,” Padron said.

The speakers will help guests learn to cooperate with patrons of the arts and city officials to get their organizations off the ground.

Students were also invited to participate in the workshop, with discounted tickets used as an incentive to get them to start thinking through their own future entrepreneurial endeavors.

Waco Main Street manager Andrea Barefield attended a similar workshop put on by Texans for the Arts in Houston.

“Having founded a performing arts training organization in Houston, I’ve attended one of their workshops and can say without a doubt that if you are a champion of the arts, you need to be there,” Barefield said.

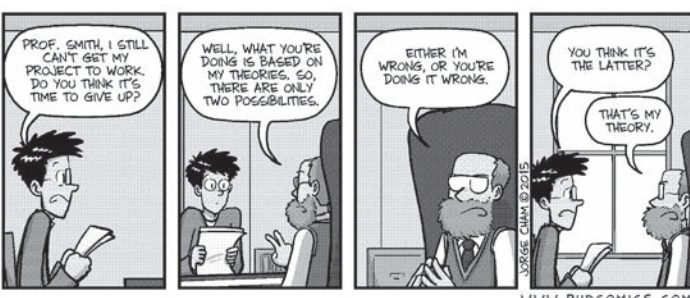
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Today’s Puzzles

- Across**
- Egg-shaped tomato
 - Molecule part
 - Winter outerwear
 - Suit on a board
 - Plumber’s piece
 - Playful trick
 - One raising a hand (TN)
 - Pedro’s “I love you”
 - Answer (for)
 - More confident
 - Wedge-shaped arch piece (PA)
 - Byzantine or Roman (NY)
 - Many California wines
 - Motel charges
 - Hockey legend Bobby et al.
 - Milk: Pref.
 - Abbr. for some Garden State senators
 - Piled-high hairdo (UT)
 - Fictional Korean War surgeon Pierce (IA)
 - ’60s radical gp.
 - Loved ones
 - Tribulations
 - Coeur d’___, Idaho
 - One of the Musketeers
 - At an earlier date (OK)
 - Word in a fair forecast (FL)
 - Part of USDA: Abbr.
 - Top grade
 - Below, poetically
 - What seven puzzle answers are with reference to abbreviations in their clues
 - Colorful tropical fish
 - Genealogy diagram
 - Course with ratios
 - “Save me ___”
 - Ranch group
 - Seek divine intervention
- Down**
- Sermon giver: Abbr.
 - Tic-tac-toe loser
 - Actor Gibson

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For today’s puzzle results, please go to BaylorLariat.com

- Puncture prefix
- Likely will, after “is”
- Attach with string
- Tennis period since 1968
- Trivial
- “Bee’s knees” equivalent
- Gets the better of
- Video game pioneer
- Microwave beeper
- Composer’s creation
- Washington MLB team
- Drawer openers
- Dog-___: folded at the corner
- Belgian city where the In Flanders Fields Museum is located
- Window framework
- James of jazz
- German cries
- Tilt
- Indian metropolis
- Paintbrush bristles material
- James of the Old West
- Small talk
- Change course suddenly
- ___ and kin
- Breathe
- “Peer Gynt Suite” dancer
- Part of NBA: Abbr.
- Seasonal gift giver
- Curved moldings
- Deliver a speech
- Stomach problem
- Microwaved
- Lit. collection
- Band equipment component
- Blemish
- Pilot’s prediction: Abbr.
- Bashful

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Room for improvement

No. 19 Bears stumble late at home against No. 2 Kansas Jayhawks

MEGHAN MITCHELL
Sports Writer

Hopes of a Big 12 title slipped through the No. 19 Bears' fingers Tuesday night at the Ferrell Center. No. 2 Kansas outlasted the Bears, 66-60.

"I was proud of how we competed and played for 36 minutes, but I wish we could redo those last four minutes again," said head coach Scott Drew. "But I can see a marked improvement from the first time we played them."

The Bears anticipated a good turnout from Baylor Nation at the Ferrell Center as fans participated in a White-Out.

Play on both sides started off a bit chippy. Both teams struggled to get things going.

Drew's frustration showed when he was called with a technical foul within the first two minutes of play.

"I didn't cuss and I wasn't out of the box," Drew said. "It had to be that I was being demonstrative."

Kansas led for most of the first half, but the Bears kept the score close.

It wasn't until the final seconds of the first half that the Bears were able to gain the lead, 36-33.

With one second remaining on the shot clock, junior guard Ishmail

Wainright lobbed a full-court pass to senior forward Rico Gathers. Gathers separated from his defender and drained the fadeaway three-pointer as time expired.

"That was a tough shot he made," said Jayhawks junior forward Landen Lucas. "That gave them some momentum going into the half and we don't like that."

Early in the second half, a three-pointer by Wainright gave the Bears a 45-37 lead with 14:34 remaining.

Kansas head coach Bill Self promptly called a timeout to get his team regrouped after Wainright's three-pointer.

Missed second chance opportunities proved to be costly for Baylor.

The Bears, after leading for most of the second half, eventually fell behind late in the game.

With 10 minutes remaining, the Bears found themselves down one, 48-47.

Although the Bears had a distinct advantage on the boards all game, it was with four minutes remaining that it seemed things flipped.

"They were killing us on the boards," Lucas said. "Towards the end of the game, I was just trying to get more offensive rebound. I think things switched at one point and we were getting more offensive rebounds."

Lucas came up with five

big offensive rebounds to give his team the edge.

Once again, coming out of a timeout, the Jayhawks regrouped to drain two free throws and make a layup the next time down.

"We were in the game the whole time, but the last four minutes of the game we slipped up," said senior forward Taurean Prince.

Down three with two minutes remaining, Prince nailed a jump shot to put the Bears back within one.

With 1:35 remaining, the Jayhawks called their last timeout.

Jayhawk junior guard Wayne Selden Jr.'s dunk, followed by a missed jumper by senior guard Lester Medford, put the Bears down, 60-57.

However, another three-pointer by sophomore guard Al Freeman put the Bears back within four, but with 0.8 seconds remaining, the Bears' hopes of a Big 12 title quickly faded as the Jayhawks came down to nail free throws and take the game, 66-60.

Only two Bears scored in double digits and Baylor 36.1 from the floor overall. The Bears shot 28.6 in the second half as Baylor struggled to make the shots when they mattered most.

The Bears will look to bounce back at 7 p.m. Saturday at TCU.



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ANYWHERE YOU CAN REACH Senior forward Taurean Prince (right) competes with senior forward Perry Ellis during the Bears' game against the Jayhawks on Tuesday at the Ferrell Center. The Bears ended up losing the game 66-60 after holding a 36-33 lead at halftime.

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