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SAFE HOME Detective Vincent Glenn, crime prevention officer Kandy Knowles and Baylor police officer Scott Curry present Oso Verde apartments with a new Crime Free Multi-Housing Program sign that the complex received for completing the crime-free housing training.

## **Home Safe**

### City, rental property owners team up to create more secure housing for students

**JESSICA HUBBLE** Staff Writer

The Waco Crime Free Multi-

Housing Program is an initiative that helps provide peace of mind and safety for Waco area rental housing. The program was implemented

to help reduce criminal activity in communities and helps create a partnership between police and owners of rental properties.

The Waco Crime Free Multi-Housing Program is part of the international Crime Free Association. Crime prevention officer Kandy Knowles said Baylor is the only university in the nation to have a program like this with student housing.

"The main goal is getting tenants educated and getting them to work together," said Waco detective Vincent Glenn. "You cannot eliminate crime, but you can reduce it."

A three-phase system is used to certify a rental property to be part of the program.

one is an eight-hour training program for property owners, management, leasing staff, maintenance crews and other people in the

management office.

Phase two consists of a Crime Prevention through Environmental Design inspection. The requirements for this inspection are Texas and Waco codes of ordinance compliance, building address visibility, security lighting, proper trimming of shrubbery and trees, front doors peep holes, dead bolt locks on exterior doors, strike plates, slide devices on windows and secondary locking devices on ground level windows.

The third phase is for the rental property to host a safety social. The Baylor Police Department will conduct the social and give information about general safety principles and crime

"The Baylor website has a list of places that are part of the crime-free program," said Baylor police officer Scott Curry. "If your place is not on the list it's not crime free. That list is updating all the time. It never stops."

The program believes there are three ways criminal activity comes into a rental community: through criminals living there, criminals visiting friends there and criminals going to the property to commit crimes.

Curry said he has reviewed the crime statistics over the past few years and all crime statistics in Waco are on the

The program requires rental property managers to complete background check all tenants and for property managers to create a lease addendum that would give the property managers power to evict a tenant if one is found guilty of a crime.

Rental properties that are not part of the program are not allowed to solicit students. At Baylor's annual housing fair, only properties that are part of the program are allowed to be there and distribute brochures and information to

All properties that are certified in the program receive a daily email that tells them about any incidents that happened on any crime-free property. This is to help notice patterns and keep everyone informed. The police department also works with the program by alerting the property manager if arrest one of their tenants.

"We want what is best and what is safe for students," said Kandy Knowles, "And we want them to have multiple choices of places to live."

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RAISING VOICES Truett Seminary will host a two-day event to celebrate black gospel music in LIft Every Voice and Sing. The event will take place today and Friday.

### Truett to house gospel event

**RACHEL LELAND** 

Staff Writer

Truett Seminary will host the 2016 Pruit Symposium Lift Every Voice and Sing today and Friday. The two-day event will celebrate the heritage of black gospel music. Rev. Dr. Emmett G. Price III, an expert in African-American worship music, will be featured at the event.

"The Pruit Memorial Symposium is such a significant occasion for Baylor, and what better time to have it than during Black History Month," said Pattie Orr, dean of libraries and vice president of information technology.

At 3:30 p.m. today in the Paul W. Powel Chapel of Truett Seminary, Baylor professors Dr. Coretta Pittman and Dr.

Horace Maxile will join Price in a panel to discuss Music and Worship from Hallelujah to Hip-Hop, according to a university press release. The event will be moderated by professor of journalism, public relations and new media, Robert Darden.

Friday, Price will present Lift Every Voice and Sing"in the Paul W. Powel chapel. Joslyn Henderson, a firstyear graduate student, will coordinate the music. The event will be followed by a complimentary lunch.

"Lift Every Voice and Sing" was written by poet and civil rights activist James Weldon Johnson and first performed at his home in 1900 to celebrate Abraham Lincoln's birth.

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### **Mounting High**

### Rock climbing contest to be held Saturday

**JESSICA CHAPA** Reporter

The 13th annual BearClimb will be held on Saturday at the Student Life Center. The event is open to climbers of all skill levels ranging from youth to advanced.

There will be two sessions each consisting of 70 climbers. Daniel Ezell, coordinator for outdoor adventure, said this is the most competitors BearClimb has had.

Students from different participate universities BearClimb in order to obtain points for the Collegiate Climbing

Series. According to the Collegiate Climbing Series "competitors must compete in at least one Collegiate sanctioned local competition as a Collegiate competitor member."

Ezell said BearClimb is bigger than other climbing competitions because of the size of the rock wall. According to the outdoor adventure website, the rock wall is "one of the tallest free-standing climbing walls in Texas."

In order to participate, climbers registered and paid a \$30 fee. The fee covered the cost of registration

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CLIMBING UP Baylor is hosting BearClimb, a rock climbing competition for the Collegiate Climbing Series. The event takes place Saturday.

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**COLUMN** 

### For friends, distance is worth it

**KALLI DAMSCHEN** 

Reporter

My whole life, I dreamed of meeting a best friend who knew me the way no one else ever had. A kindred spirit. A platonic soul mate. A bosom friend.

I never dreamed that once I found that person, I would have to learn how to navigate a long-distance friendship after she moved 1,000 miles away.

I finally met this best friend after I went potluck for

a roommate freshman year. I didn't know anyone else at Baylor, and I was nervous that my unknown roommate and I wouldn't get along. The one thing I never thought to worry about was that my roommate would become my best friend, only to graduate during my sophomore year and move back home to



In the year since she left, I've learned a lot about navigating a long-distance friendship. Like any relationship, it takes effort to maintain a friendship. Throwing 1,000 miles and multiple time zones into the mix makes things a lot more complicated. We can't exactly spend hours at each other's apartment, bingewatching "Parks and Recreation" and talking late into the night about everything from pirate queens to her dream of building a tiny house.

Instead, the whole dynamic of our friendship has had to change, and we've had to learn how to communicate regularly, be there for each other and have fun together in spite of the distance. Many of my other friends have faced similar challenges, either with friends from back home who went elsewhere after high school or friends who graduated before them and headed out into the great, wide world. Though maintaining these friendships can be tough, there are a few strategies you can use to stay close to your friends, even when you're far away.

The lifesaver of any long-distance friendship is a website called Rabbit. Essentially, Rabbit is Skype with Netflix thrown in. While you have a video call, Rabbit lets you pull up YouTube, Netflix or Hulu so you can watch videos together. This takes your regular catchup session to a whole new level, since you can not only talk about what's going on in your lives, but you can also watch shows together the same way you would if you were together.

It's also easier to stay in touch with short, regular calls instead of long, less frequent calls. For a while, my best friend and I used to spend a couple hours on Skype each month. Now, we try to talk a couple times each week, even if we only have 10 or 15 minutes to spare. It's a lot easier to stay informed on what's going on in another person's life if you check in with them on a more regular basis.

Sending physical mail is important, too. For example, when I was studying abroad in London I mailed my best friend postcards from the cool places I visited, and she recently sent me a box filled with (belated but awesome) Christmas presents. Sending mail creates a more tangible connection, unlike texting or phone calls or Skype. I always love receiving handwritten cards or personalized gifts from my faraway friends because they're a reminder that we still physically exist in each other's lives, even if we're separated by great distances.

Another important part of maintaining our longdistance friendship is making plans for when we'll be reunited. My best friend and I often talk about how I hope to go visit her this summer, and she tells me she hopes to come celebrate my 21st birthday with me this spring. Although these plans may not always come to fruition because of our busy lives and tight budgets, it's important to know that we'll have fun together in the future, and we won't always be separated like we are

It takes a lot of effort to maintain a long-distance friendship, but some relationships are more than worth working for. Technology does make it easier than ever to stay in touch, and with the right habits and open communication, you never truly have to bid your friends goodbye.

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#### **EDITORIAL**



### Fear of offense shouldn't stop open discourse

Nowadays, college students can typically be described as easily offended. It is common for many students to be offended by things, such as words, actions, beliefs or differing opinions, and they are ready to let you know when they disagree with you.

Recently, the Higher Education Research Institute at the University of California at Los Angeles released the latest results from a survey it has conducted for 50 years, asking incoming college freshmen questions about worldviews and life. The survey poll included 141,189 full-time, firstyear students from 200 private and public universities.

The results from the study concluded 71 percent of freshmen said, "colleges should prohibit racist/ sexist speech on campus" and 43 percent of them said, "colleges have the right to ban extreme speakers from campus." In addition, 8.5 percent said there was a very good chance they would be involved in a student demonstration on campus, which is nearly double the response from the 1960s.

However, every person seems to have a different opinion on what makes something racist, sexist or

Basically anything that is disputed these days seems to fit into one of those three categories. While stopping hate speech and protests may have some merit, many students have an eagerness to shut down anything that may be deemed controversial or dangerous.

Instead of attempting to understand and empathize with others, many just feel it is more important to limit the speech itself. This is problematic because in an attempt to make the world a better place, students are adversely limiting free speech in college communities.

Each person has a different perspective, set of beliefs and worldview that all contribute to different opinions on what is extreme speech and what isn't, so this new wave of immediately shutting others out who offer a countering opinion is

According to The Hill, a political newspaper in Washington, D.C., last year, even President Barack Obama took notice of this issue at a town hall meeting in Des Moines, Iowa. He said, "I've heard of some college campuses where they don't want to have a guest speaker who is too conservative. Or they don't want to read a book if it has language that is offensive to African-Americans, or somehow sends a demeaning signal towards women."

"I've got to tell you," Obama added, "I don't agree with that either. I don't agree that you, when you become students at colleges, have to be coddled and protected from different points of views."

The point of college is to become exposed to ideas different than yours and to be challenged in different ways. Receiving an education from books is only half of it; students should also keep open minds and be receptive to ideas and beliefs that challenge their own because they might just find that you can also receive an important education from

#### **COLUMN**

### Your focus is limited; use it wisely

**REBECCA FEDORKO** 

Reporter

Is it possible to actually focus on multiple things at once?

It's an interesting question because it feels like we college students in particular tend to boast about our ability to focus on everything at once. I have often heard friends talk about how well they can do their homework while watching television and surfing Facebook on their phone. But it may be a better decision to put all of your devices away before sitting down to

focus on anything. According to a study published at newscientist.com, the influx of notifications from emails, texts phone calls temporarily lowered the average IQ of a group of test volunteers as much as 10 points.



Eighty office workers were asked to perform small problem-solving tasks while being inundated with messages, emails and phone calls. Even though they were instructed not to answer any of them, the constant distractions reduced the workers' attention as much or more than if they had been smoking marijuana or had lost a

The reason that the notification pings are so detrimental is because they take your focus away from the task at hand.

David Rock, who holds a doctorate in Neuroscience of leadership, says that a person has a limited amount of focus for each day. In an excerpt from his new book "Your Brain at Work," Rock said focusing your attention takes a measurable amount of glucose. After each task you do that focuses your attention, you are more tired and less effective at performing the next one. Interruptions, like notification from your phone or computer, force you to redirect your focus over and over again, which can be exhausting for your brain and reduce your productivity.

That means every time you stop reading to check your phone or switch over to scroll through Facebook for a minute between pages, you just make it harder for yourself. It takes energy to get focused on something and breaking that focus makes it harder the next time.

The way you can avoid this problem? Disconnect completely from your mobile device and/or computer while trying to study or focus.

That can be a whole lot harder than it seems because, according to the same study from newscientist.com, people are becoming addicted to modern modes of communication. The jolt of excitement you get when you have a text or the impulse to check you email one more time in case someone tried to contact you are signs of a growing addiction. In turn, whenever you aren't looking at your phone you find yourself wondering if it went off and you didn't hear it.

The attention and focus that your phone or computer take up is costly and it is a limited source. If you want to actually focus and get things done, your best bet is to shut off your phone, close all the tabs except the one you're using and try to keep your attention on the task at hand for as long as possible. It may be hard, but you will find yourself less tired after completing your task and more capable of doing multiple tasks in a day.

An added bonus is that when you do turn your phone back on, you can take time to answer your texts and emails or return phone calls without feeling rushed. So maybe next time you sit down to study, shut down your phone or set a timer on it for 30 minutes to an hour and then put it in the other room. Then when you have finished or when the timer goes off you can take a break, check your messages, and then repeat the process. This will help you streamline your focus and get more things done in less time.

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Associated Press

**OPPOSITION** House Speaker Paul Ryan of Wisconsin speaks at a news conference Wednesday at Capitol Hill, in Washington. He told reporters that Republicans are taking steps to prevent President Obama from closing the prison at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

# Republicans take legal steps to stop Guantanamo closing

**ANDREW TAYLOR** 

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — House Speaker Paul Ryan said Wednesday Republicans are taking legal steps to stop President Barack Obama from closing the U.S. prison at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, a day after the president unveiled his plan to shutter the facility and move the detainees to the United States.

Ryan told reporters that lawmakers have the votes to block Obama's plan in Congress and enough votes to override any veto. Separately, the Wisconsin Republican said the GOP is "preparing our legal challenge" to ensure the prison remains open and detainees aren't moved to the U.S.

Earlier this month, House Republicans awarded the Jones Day law firm a \$150,000 contract to perform the legal work in case Obama tries to move Guantanamo detainees to federal prisons.

"These detainees cannot come to American soil," Ryan said.

Obama has pushed to fulfill a 2008

campaign promise and close Guantanamo, arguing that the facility is a recruitment tool for terrorism worldwide and opposed by some allies. The president has faced strong opposition in Congress, where Republicans and some Democrats maintain there is no alternative and argue they don't want these detainees transferred to U.S. prisons, even maximum security facilities.

Under Obama's plan, roughly 35 of the 91 current prisoners 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.

Ryan said Obama's plan flouts a longstanding ban annually passed by Congress that blocks the president from transferring Guantanamo detainees to U.S. soil

"If the president proceeds with knowingly breaking the law ... he will be met with fierce bipartisan opposition here in Congress and we are taking all legal preparations necessary to meet with that resistance," Ryan told reporters. "He can't do it because the law is really clear. I'll just leave it at that."

Drew Hammill, a spokesman for House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., criticized Republicans for spending taxpayer dollars on the issue.

"Republicans must stop playing politics with our national security and stop awarding no-bid, taxpayer-funded contracts to politically-connected Washington lawyers to the tune of hundreds of dollars an hour," Hammill said

In the Senate, Armed Services Chairman John McCain dismissed the plan as incomplete and said GOP senators would join their House counterparts on any legal challenge.

"Absolutely," McCain told reporters at a news conference, adding that Obama has "a proclivity to act by executive order."

Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., said the Senate would hold hearings on Obama's plan in the coming weeks.

### Putin speaks to Assad, pushes Syrian truce

**ZEINA KARAM** 

Associated Press

BEIRUT — Russian President Vladimir Putin spoke Wednesday with key players in the Syria conflict, including President Bashar Assad, ahead of a U.S.-Russia-engineered cease-fire, as the opposition voiced concerns that the truce due to begin later this week will only benefit the Syrian government.

The truce agreement, which is set to take effect at midnight Friday local time, does not cover the Islamic State group, Syria's al-Qaida branch known as the Nusra Front, or any other militia designated as a terrorist group by the U.N. Security Council.

It's not clear exactly where along Syria's complicated front lines the fighting would stop and for how long — or where counterterrorism operations could continue. Also unresolved are how breaches in the truce would be dealt with.

It remains shaky at best and major questions over enforcement are still unresolved.

In a further reflection of the complicated terrain, Turkey's president said Wednesday that a U.S.-backed Syrian Kurdish militia group — which Turkey regards as a terror organization — should also be kept outside of the scope of the agreement. Turkey has in the past few weeks been shelling the group known as the People's Protection Units, or YPG, in northern Syria.

Although it has committed in principle to the truce, the main Syrian opposition umbrella group is deeply skeptical and has kept its meetings in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, open while it seeks clarifications from the U.S. about the mechanism for the implementation of the agreement.

Salem Al Meslet, spokesman for the alliance known as the High Negotiations Committee which groups political and rebel factions, said his group has "major concerns" that Russia and Assad's forces will continue to strike at mainstream rebels under the pretext of hitting "terrorist groups" during the truce.

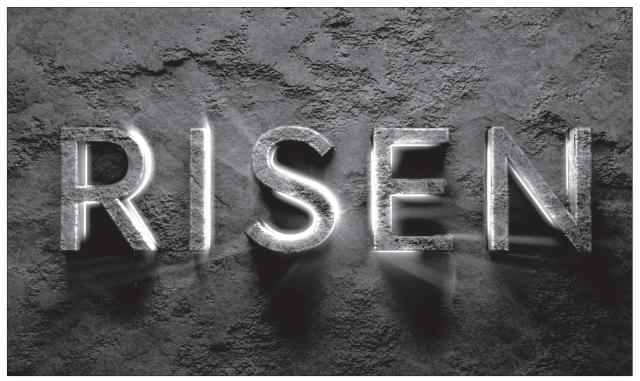
However, in a telephone interview with The Associated Press, he reiterated that the opposition wants to stop the bloodshed and would abide by the truce in principle.

On Wednesday, Assad and Putin discussed the truce agreement in a phone call. SANA said the two leaders stressed the importance of continuing to fight the Islamic State group, Nusra Front "and other terrorist organizations."

Putin's spokesman, Dmitry Peskov, said there were differences in opinion between Moscow and Damascus but that Russia is one of the few countries still in contact with "the legitimate Syrian leader." He did not elaborate.

Speaking in a conference call with journalists, he said Moscow was doing its part and expects the United States to do the same to make sure the groups it supports adhere to the cease-fire.





Courtesy Photo

ANOTHER NARRATIVE Baylor graduate Kevin Reynolds wrote and directed "Risen." The movie centers on the story of Clavius, a Roman soldier who sets out to find the body of Jesus after his crucifixion to disprove his resurrection.

### Baylor graduate writes, directs 'Risen' movie

**KALYN STORY** Staff Writer

Kevin Reynolds, Baylor graduate and son of former Baylor President Herbert Reynolds, wrote and directed the movie "Risen," which came out Friday. The film came in third at the box office its opening weekend.

"Risen" tells the story of Jesus' resurrection through the eyes of a Roman solider, Clavius, played by Joseph Fiennes. Clavius is tasked with disproving rumors that Jesus had in fact risen from the dead following his crucifixion. Clavius sets out to find the body of Jesus with his aide, Lucius, played by Tom Felton.

"Risen is a new take on the New Testament story of the Resurrection." Reynolds told JBWebTV. "It's the Resurrection story told as a detective

Reynolds graduated from Baylor in 1974 and Baylor Law School in 1976. Reynolds has worked with Steven Spielberg and Kevin Costner and has written and directed several movies including "Red Dawn," "Fandango," "Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves," "One Eight Seven" and "Hatfields and McCovs.'

Dallas freshman Hannah Causey hadn't seen Risen advertised anywhere but saw it after getting a recommendation from a friend. Causey said she loved "Risen" and said everyone should see it.

'There hasn't been a movie like this since 'The Passion of the Christ," Causey

Although students may know the story of Jesus and the Resurrection ,Causey said she thinks "Risen" puts it in a new perspective and is a movie Baylor students would really benefit from.

Waco freshman Franklin Karr had never seen Jesus depicted in a more real way before "Risen." He enjoyed seeing Jesus laugh and joke with the disciples and thinks "Risen" did a great job showing Jesus as fully God and

fully man. The movie made Karr think about aspects of the story he had never considered.

"[Risen]" showed Jesus and the Roman soldiers as humans, not just characters," Karr said. "It showed how much people tried to cover up the Resurrection and how fearful they were of what would happen if Jesus really did raise from the dead."

Torrance, Calif., sophomore Shannon Martin was impressed with the movie's videography and character development, "Risen" was made in a way that helped her see the Resurrection as more real than she had ever thought of it before,

"We say all the time that Christ rose from the dead, but I had never really thought about what that implied," Martin said. "Jesus didn't appear to many people, and that left a lot of room for doubt. It's amazing how many people believed in what they didn't see. Risen really captures that."

### Cruz, Rubio, Kasich face must-wins in home states

#### **WILL WEISSERT AND SCOTT BAUER**

**Associated Press** 

AUSTIN — In their efforts to derail Donald Trump from the Republican presidential nomination, Texas Sen. Ted Cruz, Florida Sen. Marco Rubio and Ohio Gov. John Kasich are all facing enormous pressure in their home state primaries, which account for about a fourth of the delegates up for grabs in the next three weeks.

Failure to defend their turf could leave each explaining what states they can win going forward — and make the New York billionaire look all the more

After Trump's impressive win in Nevada, the presidential race now shifts to a dozen states on Super Tuesday. That includes Texas, with 155 delegates — the biggest prize of any contest that day.

If no one can dent Trump's advantage by then, the race for the nomination may be all but over. But home states have buoyed candidates in the past. Four years ago, eventual GOP nominee Mitt Romney used his native Michigan to quash a surprisingly stout challenge from Rick Santorum. Newt Gingrich won his home state of Georgia and neighboring South Carolina but did little elsewhere.

Of the trio with looming home-state primaries, Cruz may be in the strongest position. "I wanna say, I cannot wait to get home to the great state of Texas," Cruz said Tuesday night after losing in Nevada to Trump. "Tonight, I'll sleep in my bed for the first time in a month."

But Cruz will have to win more than just Texas on Tuesday if he doesn't want to be looking up at Trump in the delegate

Kasich and Rubio, meanwhile, may be battling for many of the same votes from traditional Republicans uneasy with the bombastic Trump and the firebrand conservative Cruz. As long

as both remain in the race, they could continue to split the establishment bloc. And they'll have to run Tuesday's gauntlet before they can even reach must-wins at home.

### **FLORIDA**

Current and former members of Congress from Florida who had been backing Jeb Bush signed on with Rubio this week after the ex-governor left the race. That's not to say Rubio's a slam dunk in his state.

Trump is the only Republican still in the race who had an obvious campaign presence in Florida — office space and paid employees on the ground — as of late last month. Trump is a parttime resident. Bush also was building a Florida operation and some of that may flow to Rubio.

"Now that Jeb is out of the race, that helps Marco tremendously," said Marcelo Llorente, a former Republican legislator in Florida who knows both men well.

The Texas senator has spent more time in the South than his rivals and built networks of supporters he hopes can not only help him in Texas but also nearby states. That approach did not work in South Carolina, the only Southern state where it has been tested.

Cruz also has the backing of former Texas Gov. Rick Perry and current Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, along with nearly onefourth of the Republicans representing Texas in Congress and about half of the Republicans in the state Legislature. He's also built a strong ground game, boasting 27,000 volunteers, but a similarly strong organization didn't spell victory in South

Texas may not have a decisive winner, unless the top candidate can get a majority of the votes cast statewide and in each congressional district. Otherwise, delegates will be awarded



WHITE HOUSE HOPEFUL Republican presidential candidate and Ohio Gov. John Kasich speaks at a town hall meeting Tuesday at Kennesaw State University in Kennesaw, Ga.

proportionally based on full-state results and results in each district.

The only campaign or outside group advertising in Texas so far supports Rubio. Ads by the Conservative Solutions PAC tag Cruz as "calculated, underhanded." Still, polls suggest Cruz is the favorite.

Kasich is looking to the Midwest and Michigan's March 8 primary to help carry him through to his neighboring home state a week later. His bid for the nomination is already a longshot and whatever viability he might have now surely would vanish if he faltered in

A new Quinnipiac survey has Kasich lagging Trump but within 5 percentage points of him, marking progress for the

Kasich brushes off any notion he may not win his state. "The last thing I'm worried about is how we'll do in Ohio," he said Tuesday

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and provided a grab bag, snacks and a T-shirt. The event will include a raffle and awards. The title sponsors of the event are Bear Mountain and Sendero Hat Co.

College Station junior Angela Yip has participated in BearClimb for the past two years. She said she heard about BearClimb when she joined the Baylor climbing team her freshman year.

At the end of the competition, the top three females and top three males will be chosen to do

an onsite problem which consists of a new climb they have not seen before. Ezell said outside route setters are brought in to create new climbs.

Ezell emphasized the feeling of partnership and camaraderie between climbers. He said that in previous competitions everyone has cheered the climbers on because it is not just about climber versus climber.

"It's about climber versus the climb" he said.

### **GOSPEL** from Page 1 —

'Lift Every Voice and Sing 'is one of the most significant, most transformative pieces of music ever written," Darden

The song was designated

the "Black National Anthem" by the NAACP in 1919.

The event is free and open to the public. More information can be found online at www.baylor.edu/

### Gov. Perry no longer facing indictment

**PAUL WEBER** Associated Press

AUSTIN — The felony prosecution of former Texas Gov. Rick Perry ended Wednesday when the state's highest criminal court dismissed an abuse-of-power indictment that the Republican says hampered his short-lived 2016

The 6-2 decision by the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, which is dominated by elected Republican judges, frees Perry from a long-running criminal case that blemished the exit of one of the most powerful Texas governors in history and hung over his second failed run for the White House.

A grand jury in liberal Austin had indicted Perry in 2014 for vetoing funding for a public corruption unit that Republicans have long accused of wielding a partisan ax. The unit worked under Travis County District Attorney Rosemary Lehmberg, an elected Democrat. Perry wanted her to resign after she was convicted of drunken driving.

Perry was accused of using his veto power to threaten a public official and overstepping his authority, but the judges ruled that courts can't undermine the veto power of

"Come at the king, you best not miss," Republican Judge David Newell wrote in his concurring opinion, quoting a popular line from the HBO series "The Wire."

Perry has been campaigning for Republican presidential candidate Ted Cruz since becoming the first major GOP candidate to drop out of the race last year. He conceded to reporters in Austin on Wednesday that the indictments hurt his candidacy but didn't dwell on the impact, and said he would veto the same funding again if given the chance.

"I've always known the actions I took were not only lawful and legal, they were right," said Perry, who spoke at the headquarters of an influential Texas conservative think tank, which has previously christened its balcony overlooking downtown as the "Gov. Rick Perry Liberty Balcony."

The court said veto power can't be restricted by the courts and the prosecution of a veto "violates separations of powers." A lower appeals court had dismissed the other charge, coercion by a public servant, in July.

Perry had rebuked the charges as a partisan attack from the start, calling it a "political witch hunt," but the dismissal brought accusations of Republican judges doing a favor for a party stalwart. Texans for Public Justice, a left-leaning watchdog group that filed the original criminal complaint that led to the indictment, said Perry was handed a "gift"

Even a Republican judge who dissented in the ruling said the decision could leave the public with an uneasy perception that the system went out of its way to clear a famous politician with deep connections.

"The constant references to 'Governor Perry' could well be seen by the public as an inference that appellant's position in life entitles him to special privileges and special treatment by this court that others might be denied," wrote Republican Judge Cheryl Johnson, referring to how judges addressed Perry during deliberations.

Perry, the longest-serving governor in Texas history, made just one court appearance in the case and was defiant from the start — he went out for ice cream after turning himself in for booking at an Austin jail, and smiled wide for his mug shot.

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### Week in Waco:

### >> Today

**3:30 p.m.** — Pruit Symposium: Lift Every Voice & Sing at Paul W. Powell Chapel of Truett Seminary. Free.

**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.

**5:30 p.m.** — Opening of G.S. DeFoore exhibit at The Art Center of Waco. Free.

### >> Friday

**11 a.m.** — Pruit Symposium: Lift Every Voice & Sing at Paul W. Powell Chapel of Truett Seminary. Free.

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

**7 p.m.** — Michael Jackson Sing-Along at the Waco Hippodrome. \$7.

**8 p.m.** — Mutemath with Nothing but Thieves at Common Grounds. Sold

**8 p.m.** — William Clark Green at The Backyard Bar, Stage and Grill. \$15 in advance, \$20 day of.

## Mutemath sells out

(At Common Grounds, that is)



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TYPICAL Mutemath singer and keyboardist Paul Meany sings onstage in 2012 during the band's show at Common Grounds. The group will perform to a sold-out crowd of 800 at 8 p.m. tomorrow at Common Grounds.

#### **REBECCA FEDORKO**

Reporter

Mutemath has done it again, selling out Common Grounds weeks in advance of one of their high-energy performances. At 7 p.m. tomorrow, the coffee shop's doors (and gates) will open to the 800 people who purchased tickets to the show. The opening band, Nothing but Thieves, will start playing at 8 p.m., and the music won't stop until midnight.

Influenced by bands like U2 and The Police, Mutemath is a mixture of alternative rock, indie rock, electronic, psychedelic soul and post rock. According to the coffee shop's live events coordinator Taylor Torregrossa, the band left a lasting impression after each of its two previous performances at Common Grounds.

"Obviously they put on a crazy show, which everybody loves," Torregrossa said. "Piano handstands and hanging from the rafters and crazy drum things. Oh, and light-up mattress

The New Orleans band, started in 2003 by members Paul Meany and Darren King, has undergone several big changes in recent years, one of the biggest being the departure of guitarist and vocalist Greg Hill in 2010. Hill was replaced by guitarist, vocalist, programmer

and keyboardist Todd Gummerman in 2011. Like Gummerman, each of the members is a multi-instrumentalist. None of them is limited to a single instrument, and they often perform with different instruments throughout their

"They have more instruments and inputs than any other artist that plays at Common Grounds, so there will be no walking room on that stage," Torregrossa said. "It'll be a lot. It'll be cool."

This will also be Mutemath's first show in Waco since they released their most recent album, "Vitals," in November. While their setlist for Friday is unknown, Torregrossa said many of their songs are likely to be from the new album.



Courtesy of Common Grounds

"Vitals" is Mutemath's fourth full-length album, but the first that it has released apart from their former label, Teleprompt Records, which had a distribution deal with Warner Music Group. The band left Teleprompt and Warner in 2006 after being inaccurately

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marketed as a Christian act by the label. The band actually created its own label, Wojtek Records, so that they could produce the album themselves.

"The new album encompasses everything that Mutemath is," said Austin sophomore Leigh Parks, a fan of the band. "They are very smart and creative and fun."

Parks plans to attend the concert on Friday and said it will be her fifth time to see the band

"I'm kind of a fangirl. They are so fun, they get the crowd up on their feet every time and jump around," Parks said. "Every time I see them they get better. They know how to interact with each crowd they are performing

Following suit from their older albums, Mutemath includes some instrumental tracks on its new album. The title song, "Vitals," is itself an instrumental track that is reminiscent of the band's first EP, "Reset," which also featured an instrumental title song that became one of the group's most famous.

"They play 'Reset' at almost every concert," Parks said. "Even when there are no words to sing along with, you can dance to it. It's still really cool and intricate."

Waco is Mutemath's last stop in Texas before leaving to tour the rest of the U.S. The band plans to remain stateside until April, when they leave for Australia.

"They're incredible," Parks said. "They have everything I look for in a band. No matter what kind of music you are into, you can appreciate their music."

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# Back to the drawing board

Baseball drops 9-2 loss to UT-Arlington at home, falls to 1-3 in 2016

#### **BEN EVERETT**

Sports Writer

Baylor baseball could not find its offense in a 9-2 loss to UT-Arlington on Wednesday at Baylor Ballpark.

Out of four home games in 2016, the Bears have won just one.

The Bears (1-3) struggled to contain the Mavericks' (3-2) bats and ignite their own in a blowout loss. Wednesday night marked UTA's first win in Waco since 2005.

UTA senior Matt McLean hit a single to left field on the first at-bat of the game.

Baylor starting pitcher Andrew McInvale was able to collect two straight outs before Colton Turner hit another shot to left field, driving McLean in for the first run of the game

This game was McInvale's first start as a Baylor Bear. Rodriguez said he sees potential in McInvale.

"I'm really excited about [McInvale's] future if he continues to progress the way he is," head coach Steve Rodriguez said.

The Mavericks continued their hot swinging in the top of the second, with Quintin Rohrbaugh dropping a single in centerfield off the first pitch.

Brady Cox hit a sacrifice fly into left field, allowing Rohrbaugh to score.

McInvale struck out the next batter to bring the Baylor offense back on the field.

McInvale struggled to start the third, allowing a walk and a single to get two Mavericks players on base.

He recovered however, collecting three straight outs to finish the top of the third. Bears freshman Collin Garrett started the

fourth inning to relieve McInvale.

Garrett provided a much needed defensive

spark for the Bears, retiring three of four batters en route to a scoreless inning.

UTA pitcher Kadon Simmons continued his dominance in the fourth, striking out two of three batters and allowing zero hits to finish off the inning.

Christian Hollie hit a single to left to drive in McLean, putting the Mavericks up 3-0 in the top of the fifth. UTA's offense kept rolling in the fifth, as Turner smashed a double to deep centerfield, driving in two runners and giving the Mavericks a 5-0 lead.

Garrett was replaced by sophomore Kyle Ott after giving up three runs to start the inning

The Bears defense responded by converting on a double play to bring the offense back onto

the field.

Ott gave up two hits early in the sixth before recording an error on a sacrifice bunt

by RJ Williams, allowing UTA to drive in another run and go up 6-0.

The UTA offense continued to dominate as Hollie flew a double to centerfield, bringing in two runners and giving the Mavericks a 9-0

lead in the top of the sixth.

Hollie's RBI double marked seven runs given up by Baylor pitchers in the fifth and

sixth innings combined.

"[Our pitchers] do a really good job of getting the first two strikes," Rodriguez said.

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"They just can't finish the hitter."

Bears freshman Josh Bissonette recorded a single on the first pitch of the sixth inning

before Levi Gilcrease launched a double to left field to drive in Bissonette and put the Bears on the board. Kameron Esthay followed up by hitting

another double for Baylor, driving in Gilcrease to make it a 9-2 game.

Pinch-hitter Jonathan Ducoff hit a single

Pinch-hitter Jonathan Ducoff hit a single down the middle to load the bases for the Bears but UTA relief pitcher Adam Meyer was able to collect two straight outs to end the inning.

Senior Kody Hessemer and freshman Blake Allen combined to pitch shutouts for the Bears in the seventh, eighth and ninth innings.

However, Baylor was unable to muster any offense during the latter stretch of the game.

"I'm really excited because there's a lot of learning to be done," Rodriguez said. "We're not in a bad place, we just need to educate a little more."

The Bears look to bounce back with a series win over Stony Brook this weekend at Baylor Ballpark.



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**AND THE PITCH** Sophomore pitcher Troy Montemayor delivers a pitch during a game against UT-Arlington on April 7, 2015, at Baylor Ballpark. The Bears won last year's meeting against the Mayericks 10-7 but lost 9-2 on Wednesday at Baylor Ballpark.

