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Rachel Leland | Staff Writer

TALKING POLITICS New York Times columnist and "Road to Character" author David Brooks talks with President and Chancellor Ken Starr at Wednesday's On Topic event. During the debate, he talked about the current presidential election and its candidates.

Write on

Starr sits down with New York Times columnist David Brooks

GAVIN PUGH
Reporter

An oddly peaceful conversation with the Dalai Lama and an uncomfortably close encounter with Bill Clinton. New York Times columnist David Brooks recalled these moments to speak on achieving inner peace in the changing political landscape on Wednesday.

President and Chancellor Ken Starr accompanied Brooks on stage at the On Topic event, attended by faculty and students at Waco Hall.

Brooks' books were mentioned throughout the evening, the style which he describes as "comic sociology."

He joked he would have much rather been greeted by Waco HGTV stars Chip and Joanna Gaines before discussing what Donald Trump's campaign is doing to the Republican party.

"Trump is narrowing the Republican party to less ideological, less philosophical, less opportunity-oriented and more blood and soil, old-style European authoritarian conservatism in my view," Brooks said.

He said the phenomena of millennials' infatuation with presidential hopeful Bernie

Sanders stems from a similar dissatisfaction as those who support Trump: it is a standard of distrust.

"Those are two groups, the young and people without college degrees, who face a daunting economy. And so the American system is basically not working for them, and they are looking for alternatives," Brooks said.

On writing for the New York Times as a conservative, Brooks said it is like being the Chief Rabbi at Mecca.

Starr praised Brooks' New York Times bestselling book "Road to Character," saying it should be implemented into required reading for previously mentioned, distrusting millennials.

"The book is to save my own soul," Brooks said, referencing people in his life who have an inner joy that he tried to reach by writing the book.

Through a series of 10 interviews, Brooks asked people how they achieved their own self-perpetuating happiness, comparable to the Dalai Lama.

Brooks advised students to find friends early, and to not be afraid to extend their

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Edwards hosts Congress collection, exhibit

LIESJE POWERS
Staff Writer

Former U.S. Rep. Chet Edwards will be speaking at the opening of the Thomas Chester 'Chet' Edwards Papers exhibit at 3:30 p.m. today in the W.R. Poage Legislative Library. President and Chancellor Ken Starr and previous Baylor football coach Grant Teaff will also be featured before the ribbon-cutting ceremony.

A collection began in 2012 at the library, but was not made into a fully accessible research database and exhibit until now. The event is expected to be well-attended, said Debbie Davendonis-Tod, bobulic archivist at the legislative library. Davendonis-Tod said the library is grateful for the opportunity to be the keepers of Edwards' work.

"Because we have already a large collection of political materials, it really was a natural fit," Davendonis-Tod said. "Baylor is all about preparing students for service, and our

particular flavor of service is to engage students in that if they so choose."

Edwards has a local connection with Baylor, as his wife is an alumnus. Edwards also served Waco and McLennan County as the Central Texas representative for 19 years. Prior to that, he served as a representative for Texas' 11 congressional district.

Edwards was recently named the W.R. Poage distinguished chair for public service, which includes a stay in Waco while he teaches for two weeks.

"Our papers belong at Baylor, in Waco and McLennan County, because if not for this community, I wouldn't have had the honor to represent the families of Central Texas," Edwards said at a media event in February.

The library now possesses records from Edwards' 28 years in public service as a senator and representative for Texas. The collection



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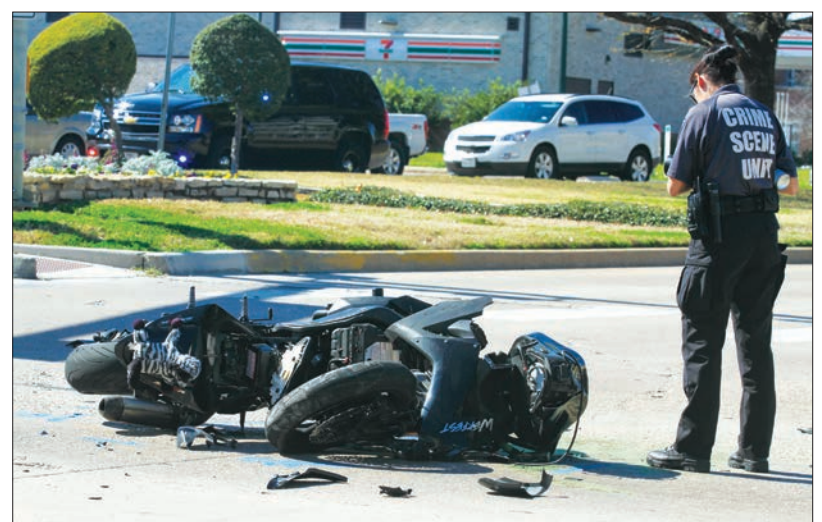
BILL BARROW
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Retired neurosurgeon Ben Carson said he is effectively ending his bid for the White House Wednesday, concluding a roller-coaster campaign that briefly took him to the top of a chaotic GOP field but ended with a Super Tuesday whimper.

"I do not see a political path forward," Carson said in a statement posted on his campaign website, though he added, "I remain deeply committed to my home nation, America" and promised to offer details of his future when he speaks Friday at a conservative conference in Washington.

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MOTORCYCLE CRASH



Dane Chronister | City Editor

A motorcycle and SUV crash occurred around 2 p.m. Tuesday in the intersection of Jack Kultgen Expressway and University Parks Drive. Local Waco officers were present alongside a member from the crime scene investigation team and fire department. A Waco police officer on the scene said the man on the motorcycle was transported by ambulance. No further information was available at the time of publication.

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EDITORIAL

One size does not fit all

Learning styles vary; Class participation points fail to acknowledge that

At the beginning of a new course, students are given a syllabus that provides a grade breakdown for the class. While participation points may be seen as a good way to earn points, others look at the rubric with dismay. Being graded based on how many times one talks in class can be a struggle for students who are more introverted or take longer to make sense of new material. Although class participation can be an effective form of education engagement, tying it into a grading system is problematic because it does not take into account all different types of learning styles and personalities.

It makes sense that a liberal arts university such as Baylor would encourage discussion-based courses. In many cases, a student can learn things from the insights of the person sitting next to them. That being said, every student must have the ability to contribute in the way and time in which they feel most comfortable without fear of consequences if they don't.

Participation points present the danger of disproportionately favoring more talkative individuals. Students who feel more comfortable talking in front of people or confident in their answers will get rewarded. This does not,

however, guarantee that all insights will be particularly useful to the class. In fact, as it sometimes happens, questions and comments can actually slow down the pace of a lecture. If the forms of participation are valuable to the understanding of material then the interruptions are well worth it, but if they are done in hopes of getting a few extra points for the week, then the system has failed.

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It is also a matter of learning styles. Learning should not be restricted by a one-size-fits-all approach. There are students who do best by talking out their understanding of the material immediately but, conversely, there are also students that work best by listening. These students are not lazy. They just have a different approach to analyzing information for later use.

From an educator's standpoint, it would make sense to pose an incentive for more students to contribute to class discussions as opposed to just "lounging." After all, if the same people talk in class all the time, how will the teacher know what students do and do not understand? This is why encouraging participation as a central course element is not a bad thing. It's just when you put a number on it that it can undermine the purpose of providing a rich and equal educational environment within a class.



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COLUMN

Avoid voting just to exercise voting rights

MEGHAN MITCHELL
Sports Writer

Should one vote just to proudly wear an "I voted" sticker and say they participated in the event? I feel like many times this is why people do it. From conversation with my friends and family, I hear way too many times that they voted for whom someone had told them to vote for.

Not only are people becoming lazy, but also it is hurting the U.S. It is not right to vote for someone who could get elected to run the country merely because someone influenced you to vote for him or her.

You should do research and see what each candidate's values are and compare them to your own, instead of basing your decision on what

you hear.

Yes, I have my own personal views on specific candidate, but I am not here to promote any specific candidate. If I were, I would fall into that trap of not allowing people to dig into finding out facts.

There is another side to this issue. Some people just don't want to vote. Yes, they may know who they would like to win, but when elections roll around, they do not go out and vote.



In 2014, the U.S. Census reported that only 42 percent of Americans voted in the midterm elections that year, which was the lowest turnout since 1978. A more relatable poll done by the U.S. Census Bureau showed that young adults between 18 and 24 consistently tend to have the lowest voting rates since 1962.

But then you may ask yourself, what's really in it for me if I vote? I know I've asked myself this before. As a college student, you may feel like you have everything going for you, but when you graduate and head into the real world your role in society will change.

I went around asking various students why they do not vote. Here is what I got:

Some said they don't vote because they feel their votes don't matter; some don't vote because they don't really care; some just flat out

don't want to wait in lines; and some said they were peer-pressured into not voting.

Your opinion does matter. A recent study done by US Today at North Atlantic University shines some light onto why some students will vote. Some feel that their vote will produce change in the economy, that their vote will impact their future and could help the unemployment rate go down.

As future elections roll around, one should diligently seek out information on candidates and go vote. Your opinion does matter. Not only does it affect for your future, but it can affect the future of the country.

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COLUMN

Senior year panic is normal, just remember to breathe

BRAUNA MARKS
Reporter

Stop. Breathe. Repeat.

If this is your last semester as an undergraduate student, you probably find it hard to do that on a daily basis. If you're like me (part-time employee, president of your sorority, writer for the Lariat, taking 16 credits with a social life), you definitely find it hard to stop and breathe. Well, you're not alone, and I want to take the time to give you a few tips on how to make it.

1. One day at a time: Stop worrying about May and worry about today. It's probably pretty obvious what you need to do before graduation. Get a job. Oh, and probably a trillion other

things in between. Just take it one day at a time. If you're too busy freaking yourself out about what will happen three months from now, how are you going to get through what today brings? What you accomplish today will probably help you three months from now if you stop overthinking, hyperventilating and just breathe.

2. Tell people to shut up: Maybe not so directly, or maybe that's what's best for you. All



seniors go through the same string of questions. What are your plans? Do you have a job yet? What if that doesn't work out? SHUT UP. Exactly. Tell your friends and family the best thing is for them to just support you and guide you, not make you panic with interrogation. Otherwise, answer with confidence and honesty and keep it moving.

3. Know your role: It is time for you to move on. Start now. If you're like me and want to leave behind some sort of legacy with your organization, club or group, it's probably too late to start. Trust that whatever you have done up to this point has made an impact, and give your responsibilities and hopes to someone else. They know you're leaving, make it real.

These tips should intertwine with motives

of staying organized, finding your "me-time" and just doing the best you can and letting God handle the rest. First things first; write out your goals for the week, not for the next three months, just this week. Next, talk to someone influential (mom, mentor, etc.), and talk them about what you're worried about, what should be your first steps to your career plan. Another thing, find time to have fun, to meditate, workout or however you relieve your stress.

Lastly, look forward and remain optimistic. You've come this far. Chances are, you have even farther to go, and that's a beautiful blessing.

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Supreme Court wrestles with abortion case

MARK SHERMAN
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A Supreme Court deeply split over abortion wrestled Wednesday with widely replicated Texas regulations that could drastically cut the number of abortion clinics in the state. As ever, Justice Anthony Kennedy appeared to hold the outcome in his hands on a court operating with eight justices since the death of Justice Antonin Scalia.

The court's most significant abortion case since the early 1990s crackled with intensity during 85 minutes of pointed questions from liberal and conservative justices that suggested little common ground in resolving the clinics' claim that the regulations are medically unnecessary and unconstitutionally limit a woman's right to an abortion.

Texas says it is trying to protect women's health in rules that require doctors who perform abortions to have admitting privileges at nearby hospitals and force clinics to meet hospital-like standards for outpatient surgery. The rules would cut the number of abortion clinics in the state by three-fourths, abortion providers say.

The three women justices and Justice Stephen Breyer repeatedly questioned why Texas needed to enact the 2013 law. "But what is the legitimate interest in protecting



Associated Press

SPLIT DECISION Pro-abortion rights protesters rally outside the Supreme Court in Washington on Wednesday. Supreme Court justices face the most significant abortion case since the 1990s as they debate controversial Texas regulations regarding abortion clinics.

their health? What evidence is there that under the prior law, the prior law was not sufficiently protective of the women's health?" Ruth Bader Ginsburg asked Texas Solicitor General Scott Keller.

More than 210 women are hospitalized annually as a result of complications from abortions, Keller said. Pressed by Ginsburg, Keller

acknowledged that was a relatively small complication rate but said the state still could act to make abortion safer. With about 70,000 abortions a year in Texas, that works out to a rate of less than one-half of 1 percent.

Justices Elena Kagan, Sonia Sotomayor and Breyer all pointed out that other procedures, including liposuctions, colonoscopies and

dental surgeries, have higher complication rates and yet can be performed in facilities that do not meet the stringent standards.

The clinics, backed by the Obama administration, argue that the regulations already have closed half the roughly 40 clinics that existed before the law was enacted and that only about 10 clinics would remain if

it is allowed to take full effect.

The high court, again divided between liberals and conservatives, has blocked the surgical center requirement from taking effect.

Solicitor General Donald Verrilli Jr. urged the court to offer a new endorsement of the abortion right it last affirmed in 1992. "If that right still does retain real substance, then this law cannot stand. The burdens it imposes, the obstacles, are far beyond anything that this Court has countenanced. And the justification for it is far weaker than anything that this Court has countenanced," Verrilli said.

If the court is evenly divided, the justices could decide to rehear the case once a new colleague joins them. President Barack Obama says he will nominate a successor to Scalia. But Senate Republicans, backed by the party's presidential candidates, have pledged to keep Scalia's seat empty so that the next president can fill it after taking office in January 2017.

The hearing took place in the middle of a raucous presidential campaign, and the scene outside the court on Wednesday had the feel of a campaign rally.

Dozens of anti-abortion protesters chanted "pro-life, pro-woman" while hundreds of abortion rights advocates shouted "abortion is a human right."

A decision in *Whole Woman's Health v. Hellerstedt*, 15-274, is expected by late June.

North Korea fires projectiles following sanction

HYUNG-JIN KIM
Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea — North Korea fired six short-range projectiles into the sea off its east coast Thursday, Seoul officials said, just hours after the U.N. Security Council approved the toughest sanctions on Pyongyang in two decades for its recent nuclear test and long-range rocket launch.

The North's launches also come shortly after Seoul's parliament passed its first legislation on human rights in North Korea.

Defense spokesman Moon Sang Gyun said the projectiles were fired from the eastern coastal town of Wonsan, adding authorities were trying to determine what exactly North Korea fired. The projectiles could be missiles, artillery or rockets, according to the Defense Ministry.

A South Korean official from the Joint Chiefs of Staff, who did not want to be named, citing office rules, said North Korea fired six projectiles that flew about 100 to 150 kilometers (60 to 90 miles) before landing in the sea.

North Korea routinely test-fires missiles and rockets, but it often conducts more weapons launches when angered at international condemnation.

Thursday's launch was seen as a "low-level" response to the U.N. sanctions, with Pyongyang unlikely to launch any major provocation until

a landmark ruling Workers' Party convention in May, according to Yang Moo-jin, a professor at the University of North Korean Studies in Seoul.

The U.S. State Department said it had seen reports of the launches and was monitoring the situation.

Pyongyang conducted its fourth nuclear test in January, making the widely disputed claim that it successfully detonated a hydrogen bomb. Last month, it put a satellite into orbit on a long-range rocket that the United Nations and others see as a cover for a test of banned ballistic missile technology.

The new U.N. sanctions include mandatory inspections of cargo leaving and entering North Korea by land, sea or air; a ban on all sales or transfers of small arms and light weapons to Pyongyang; and expulsion of diplomats from the North who engage in "illicit activities."

South Korea's National Assembly passed the human rights bill shortly before the U.N. sanctions were unanimously approved. The Cabinet Council endorsed the bill on Thursday. It will become law after it is signed by President Park Geun-hye.

North Korea has warned that enactment of the law would result in "miserable ruin." It views any criticism of its rights situation as part of a U.S.-led plot to overthrow its government, a reason why it says it needs nuclear weapons.

The bill would establish a center in South Korea's Unification Ministry tasked



Associated Press

ANIMOSITY South Korean ambassador to the United Nations Oh Joon speaks Wednesday during a Security Council meeting at United Nations headquarters. The U.N. Security Council has unanimously approved the toughest sanctions on North Korea in two decades. Hours after the sanctions were approved, North Korea fired six short-range projectiles into the sea. Officials are still unsure whether they were missiles, rockets or something else.

with collecting, archiving and publishing information about human rights in North Korea. It is required to transfer that information to the Justice Ministry, a step parliamentary officials say would provide legal grounds to punish rights violators in North Korea when the two Koreas eventually reunify.

In 2014, a U.N. commission of inquiry on North Korea published a report laying out abuses such as a harsh system of political prison camps holding up to 120,000 people. The commission urged the Security Council to refer North Korea to the International Criminal Court over its human rights record.

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Detering Theft

Baylor PD, parking services encourage bike registration

JESSICA HUBBLE
Staff Writer

Due to a rise in bike theft, the Baylor Police Department and Baylor Parking and Transportation Services have created a program to register Baylor students' bikes.

After analyzing data on bike thefts in 2013, thirty bikes were stolen, in 2014, fifty bikes were stolen and just after Christmas break, seventy bicycles were stolen, the Baylor police department and parking and transportation services decided that they needed to do something.

Baylor police and parking services created a quick and easy "click, click, send" registration process. The process can be done by phone or on a computer. A student can take a photo of the bike and a photo of the bike's serial number and then e-mail the photos to bike@baylor.edu and include a Baylor ID.

Students can also register their bikes at the Baylor police department or at Baylor parking and transportation services in Clifton Robinson Tower.

There are five places the bike serial number could be included on the bottom bracket, on top of the bottom bracket, on the chain stays (left or

right), on the seat tube or on the headset.

After the bike registration is processed, students will get a sticker to put on their bikes.

"The idea behind the sticker is a visual deterrent," said Matt Penney, director of parking and transportation services at Baylor. "When a thief comes on campus the thief will see the sticker and see the bike has been registered and will hopefully leave it alone."

When a bike is lost or stolen and the serial number is not known by the owner, it makes it near impossible to find the bike. Having the bike registered will make it easier to trace. Most bicycle shops will run the serial number of a used bike that they get, and if the serial number comes up as lost or stolen then they can get the bike back to its owner, according to Penney.

"When a bicycle is stolen, few owners know the appropriate information needed to assist authorities in finding and reclaiming their property," according to an email from the Baylor Department of Public Safety. "If an owner knows his/her bicycle serial number and provides a brief description, stolen bicycles can be reclaimed and identified. In addition, resale stores, which might unknowingly purchase the stolen item, are required to report serial numbers of items they purchase, including bicycles."



Trey Honeycutt | Lariat Photographer

COUNTING THEM ALL Several bikes sit on a campus bike rack Wednesday outside of Waco Hall.

Parking and transportation services and the Baylor police department wants students to register their bikes before spring break when everyone is gone and their bikes are left outside and vulnerable since there won't be as many

people around to monitor it. "It is free, it is quick and it protects your property," according to the Baylor Department of Public Safety website.

BEST BUDDIES



Penelope Shirey | Lariat Photographer

Killeen senior Devaughn Woodyard takes the pledge for the campaign "Spread the Word to End the Word," encouraged by Frisco freshman Allison Lillard and Woodlands sophomores Andrea Gaul and Brenna Chaffee, all members of Baylor Best Buddies. Best Buddies, an organization that pairs students with adults with special needs, uses the campaign to get people to pledge to stop using the "r-word", which can be deemed as demeaning for individuals with disabilities.

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includes congressional records of documents generated by his office, emails, photos and speeches.

"It really is a cross-section of who we are as Americans. There is stuff in Chet's collection related to health care and transportation and education, so I think a variety of disciplines will find a connection to stuff not only in Chet's materials but

our other congressional and legislative collections as well," Davendonis-Tod said.

A large number of digital archives are also being uploaded, and can be accessed through the Baylor Archival Repositories Database (BARD). The database will allow for students and researchers to narrow down their searches before visiting the library.

"It's really important to continue the study and engaging in that conversation between 'we the people' and the government," Davendonis-Tod said. "Congressional collections are kind of one-stop shopping for that very thing, and the fact that the Baylor Collections of Political Materials now has 13 congressional collections, including Chet's, is something

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He did not explicitly say that he's ending his campaign, only noting that he does not plan to take part in Thursday's Fox News debate. But his longtime businessman and friend, Armstrong Williams, confirmed that the soft-spoken candidate would no longer be asking for votes.

"There's only one candidate in this 2016 election on the GOP side, and his name is Trump. That's the reality," Williams said, adding that Sens. Marco Rubio and Ted Cruz also should drop out, as they "also have no path" to the nomination.

Carson's exit reduces the active Republican field to four candidates, though billionaire Donald Trump remains the clear leader in earned delegates and voter preference polls.

Carson, 64, was one of several anti-establishment candidates who shaped the early stages of a Republican race defined by conservatives' wide-ranging disgust with the nation's direction and GOP leaders' perceived inability to alter it.

He ran as an outsider, offering a poverty-to-fame autobiography, his

unabashed Christian faith and an unceasing indictment of conventional politics, styling his bid as an effort to combat "political correctness" and what he described as a creep toward "socialism."

That formula fueled a steady climb in the polls and a powerful fundraising effort. But his success also brought intense scrutiny. Carson lashed out publicly at questions about his life story, having to explain anecdotes like his claim to have been offered a "scholarship" to West Point. He made foreign policy flubs, from a mistaken suggestion that China is militarily involved in Syria's civil war, to a high profile speech in which he repeatedly mispronounced the name of the Palestinian political and military organization Hamas.

And he endured public sniping among some of his closest advisers, some of whom contributed to questions about his overall fitness for the job.

The only African-American among the presidential contenders of either major party, Carson announced his bid

in May from his native Detroit, where he was raised in a poor neighborhood by a single mother. Though she could not read, Carson said, his mother saw to it that he and his brother received formal educations.

Carson attended Yale University and the University of Michigan Medical School. He earned national acclaim during 29 years leading the pediatric neurosurgery unit of Johns Hopkins Children's Center in Baltimore. He directed the first surgery to separate twins connected at the back of the head. His career was notable enough to inspire the 2009 movie, "Gifted Hands," with actor Cuba Gooding Jr. depicting Carson.

He rose to political prominence with his address at the 2013 National Prayer Breakfast, where he offered a withering critique of the modern welfare state and the nation's overall direction. The speech restated themes from Carson's 2012 book "America the Beautiful," but he excited conservatives by doing so with President Barack Obama sitting just feet away.

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"horizon of risk" as a young adult.

The event was then opened up to questions from the audience submitted through cards handed out at the beginning of the discussion.

One question asked how Brooks for tips on writing.

"Don't do it," said jokingly.

He then proceeded to suggest authors such as C.S. Lewis and George Orwell for inspiration. He said his form of writing looks like sorting through pages of notes on his living room floor.

"It feels like prayer. It's my form of prayer," he said.

College of Arts and

Sciences associate dean of special programs Elizabeth Vardaman introduced Brooks for the evening.

"I think he has a great deal of wisdom on the way we might expand our worlds with love and risk," Vardaman said.

She said when one finds authors who advocate for those values, "you want to make sure you keep reading those people."

Copies of his featured book were available for purchase in the lobby of Waco Hall. Attendees also had the chance to meet Brooks and have their books signed.

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>> Friday

Starting 10 a.m. — First Friday in downtown Waco.

6 p.m. — Heart of Texas Urban Gardening Coalition hosts Homemade Self-Care Workshop at Calvary Baptist Church. \$5 for members, \$10 for non-members.

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

8 p.m. — Sluetown Strutters at Dichotomy. Free.

8 p.m. — Kris Gordon Band at the Backyard Bar, Stage and Grill. \$10.

>> Saturday

9 a.m. — Waco Downtown Farmers Market.

6 p.m. — Texas Independence Day Celebration featuring Johnny Rodriguez and Kayla Ray at Downtown 301. \$100.

8 p.m. — Superband Atx at The Backyard Bar, Stage and Grill. \$5.

All About Cupcakes



Photos by Rebecca Fedorko | Reporter

SPRINKLES, PLEASE A cupcake array waits for hungry customers at What About Cupcakes. The bakery rotates its offerings but always keeps chocolate, vanilla and strawberry on-hand.

The Baylor Lariat takes a tour of Waco's cupcake eateries

REBECCA FEDORKO
Reporter

There are some sweet deals to be had when it comes to cupcakes in Waco. However, while several bakeries sell cupcakes, only two places focus all their attention on the sweet treats: What About Cupcakes and Mrs. Thompson's Most Wonderful Cupcakes.

What About Cupcakes at 108 N. 25th St. was started in 2008 by Laura Hill. At that time, it was the only shop with a narrow focus on cupcakes in Waco.

"We only do cupcakes. We aren't a full-service bakery," Hill said. "As far as I know, we are the first and only cupcake shop, exclusive."

Hill has been baking for over 20 years. Her mother loved to bake, and it became a sort of family tradition. It wasn't until Hill had her first daughter, however, that she began to think about starting her own baking business.

"We had a little one and thought it was something that would be better as far as working my own hours and having enough time at home with her," Hill said. "I wanted to be my own boss and not have to worry about working someone else's hours."

Hill said she wanted her business to specialize in one thing rather than be a full-service bakery. She decided against cakes, preferring to work with something smaller. Cupcakes seemed like the perfect option.

What About Cupcakes is a first-come, first-served style bakery with alternating daily flavors. They sell three sizes of cupcakes—mini, regular and jumbo—as well as sugar cookies. Their weekly menu is a mixture of long-time favorites and specialty flavors.

"Our specialty is to rotate our flavors every day," Hill said. "Monday through Saturday we have two specialty flavors that we do every day."

The five unchanging flavors this week are strawberry, vanilla, chocolate, Oreo and peanut butter. The bakery also has a signature flavor called hummingbird, which is a banana cake with coconuts, pecans and cinnamon. Hill said it is a fairly common flavor of cake that used to be very popular but has become less well-known.

"A lot of the young people don't know what it is, but your grandmother and your mom probably would," Hill said. "It's just an old cake that's been around for forever."

Austin sophomore Cassidy Woytek said What About Cupcakes is her favorite place to go for cupcakes.

"The first time I had them was at a Zeta event," Woytek said.

"One of our symbols is a strawberry, so we always bring strawberry cupcakes. One of the main things people talk about at our events is how good the cupcakes are."

Woytek said Zeta Tau Alpha always caters its cupcakes from What About Cupcakes, and the sorority even has two members working there.

Woytek's favorite cupcake is strawberry, which Hill said is their most popular flavor.

"I've tried other flavors, but I always come back to strawberry," Woytek said.

Although What About Cupcakes is, as Hill said, the only local brick-and-mortar cupcake shop, there is a Waco food truck that specializes in the sweet treats.

Lois Thompson started Mrs. Thompson's Most Wonderful Cupcakes several years ago as an out-of-home bakery. She had originally been baking just for friend and family events, but kept hearing that her cupcakes were good enough to sell. That led her to begin selling cupcakes out of her own kitchen. Eventually, her business grew so much it was hard to keep up with it in her home. That, in addition to needing to pay for her daughter's schooling, pushed Thompson to consider other options for her business.

Thompson was driving her daughter to school when she saw the food trucks on

University Parks Drive. She was inspired by the versatility of the trucks and decided that was where her business should go.

Mrs. Thompson's Most Wonderful Cupcakes, which is parked at Franklin Avenue and University Parks Drive, is focused on creating delicious cupcakes with quality ingredients. Thompson said she never uses lard

in any of her recipes, preferring thick cream and butter to make her frostings. There are 36-38 flavors that cycle through seasonally, although the truck usually keep the staple favorites, strawberry, chocolate and cookie dough, on hand.

Some of Mrs. Thompson's signature flavors are Mexican chipotle chocolate, strawberry lemon and maple bacon.

Being so close to campus, only a few blocks down University Parks Drive, makes Mrs. Thompson's an easy dessert stop for hungry Baylor students.

"I really like their cupcakes," said Cypress junior Aparna Sarode. "My favorite is the cookie dough cupcake. I go there pretty often with my roommates, and it's a nice place to hang out, especially in the evening when the lights are on."

Although her business is still small, Thompson said her cupcakes have not only been a hit in Waco, they have made a nationwide impact.

"We have people from all over the country come here and say, 'This is the best cupcake I've ever had,'" Thompson said. "It's a real privilege to have that many people say such great things about us."

"There are so many trucks in Waco, but we are glad to be one of the first, and we think we are one of the best," Thompson said.



CUPTRUCK Mrs. Thompson's Most Wonderful Cupcakes sells a rotating selection of cupcakes out of its shining silver food truck on University Parks Drive and Franklin Avenue.

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Today's Puzzles

- Across**
- Congressional authority
 - Lifeless
 - Repaired, as a boot
 - Warning to a tot
 - Academic apparel
 - Dancer Fred's dancing sister
 - Temporarily out of stock, with "on"
 - Add a lane to, say
 - Hot rod rods
 - Not stable, in a way
 - Sighed line
 - Wall St. event
 - "Yeah, sure!"
 - One might spoil a dream
 - Beth, to Jo
 - Hindu "sir"
 - Spot in a spa
 - Jangle pop and the like, and a hint to a hidden feature of 17-, 30-, 46- and 63-Across
 - Old counters
 - Aussie hoppers
 - Daisy ___
 - Gadgets with helical parts called worms
 - The Constitution St.
 - Cadena maker
 - 50-Across' locale
 - Enjoy the sunset
 - About
 - Old marketplace
 - Restaurant convenience
 - Flower part
 - Dynamic beginning?
 - The Big Easy acronym
 - "East of Eden" surname
 - Balcony section
 - Card game for three
- Down**
- Where the Sky and the Sun collide, for short?
 - Scam

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- Part of the pkg.
- Jab
- "Darn, it's cold!"
- Airport near Tel Aviv
- Withhold information about, say
- Beyond noble
- Supports in shop class
- Comic strip drooler
- Mythical Spartan queen
- The mi. in Mile-High City
- Opposite of admit
- Kyrgyzstan city
- Walther ___: James Bond's pistol
- Thom of shoes
- Tyrrhenian Sea island
- Name on the "Robot" series books
- Bag End notable
- To be, in Toledo
- Bizarre
- Berne's river
- Italian cathedral
- Like Andean pyramids
- Kind of bucket
- Outdoor exercise choice
- Luther opponent Johann ___
- Louisiana Territory state
- Discovery astronaut James
- Cannes corp.
- Imp
- Stone monuments
- Word of disgust
- Up-tempo
- Too much sun, they say
- Club in a Manilow song
- Baseball stats
- Religious prefix
- Corner piece
- Fizzy drink
- Bit of introductory Latin
- 100 nanjoules
- 41-Down college

A Comparative Analysis of Pandas vs. Academics

Pandas are a species of animals whose survival depends on conservation efforts by government agencies. Similarly, Academics are a sub-species with questionable societal value. Here now is an analytic comparison of the two endangered animals:

	Pandas	Academics
Moves slowly:	✓	✓
Sleeps during daytime:	✓	✓
Has permanent dark shadows under their eyes:	✓	✓
Generally avoids reproduction:	✓	✓
Society keeps them around because they're:	Very cute	Somewhat astute

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Just in time

Bears growing from regular season losses before playoffs

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Baylor men's basketball has shown spurts of brilliance this season, garnering comments from the likes of TCU coach Trent Johnson, who claimed that the Bears are one of the most talented teams in the country.

SPORTS TAKE

But those stretches of offensive firepower and defensive intensity are often accompanied by defensive breakdowns and an inability to score on the other end.

Tuesday's road loss to Oklahoma is a perfect example of such inconsistency.

The Bears were shell shocked in the first half, losing by as many as 26 points in what looked to be an embarrassing loss.

The second half was a different story, however, as Baylor put together an impressive 21-2 run to take the lead from the Sooners with two minutes remaining in the game before giving up the lead and eventually the game.

The second half surge was surprising but by no means unbelievable. Teams around the country, and especially teams in the Big 12 Conference, know how capable the Bears are of putting together a run like that. At least now, anyways.

Baylor is one of the more consistent teams in the country when it comes to beating sub-par teams. As it stands today, they are the only team in the country to have zero sub-25 RPI losses this season.

It's the games against bigger competition that the Bears have struggled.

Earlier in the season, when Baylor ran into adversity, the Bears folded. This was evident in

the Bears' first Big 12 game on the road against Kansas. The Jayhawks took control from the tip and Baylor could not muster a punch in return, losing 102-74.

In a home showdown against then No. 1-ranked Oklahoma, the Bears looked to be in the game for most of the first half before the Sooners rained a barrage of three-pointers and stole a road win.

Similarly, a road loss to West Virginia and a home loss to Texas Tech exemplified the Bears inability to respond to hot shooting from the opposing team.

Baylor was 7-5 in conference play and had slipped to No. 25 in the AP poll after the Tech loss.

This was when the Bears flipped the script. Then No. 13-ranked Iowa State looked like they might steal a win in the Ferrell Center after Baylor had given up a six point halftime lead.

But the Bears didn't fold this time. They fought back and won in overtime.

A beat down of Texas followed by a close loss to the No. 2-ranked Kansas Jayhawks showed everyone the Bears were on the brink of being a top-tier team.

When Oklahoma was up by 21 points at halftime on Tuesday, it was very unlikely that Baylor could make a comeback and win the game. They didn't win the game, but the comeback sent a message to the rest of the country about the Bears' toughness.

Head coach Scott Drew's NCAA tournament history with Baylor includes two Elite Eight's and a Sweet Sixteen appearance.

The record shows that, in the past, Drew's teams have been able to take down the toughest teams in the country.

As for his team this year? They seem to be peaking at the right time.



Associated Press

ELECTRIFIED Senior Baylor guard Lester Medford (11) moves the ball down the baseline looking for a shot as Kansas' Landen Lucas defends on Feb. 23, at the Ferrell Center



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BUDDY UP Baylor guard Ishmail Wainright, left, defends as Oklahoma guard Buddy Hield shoots during the second half on Tuesday in Norman, Okla. Oklahoma won 73-71.

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