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# West one year later

By KAT WORRALL  
STAFF WRITER

When the West fertilizer plant suddenly exploded last April, the media and emergency response teams scrambled to respond.

Now, nearly one year after the explosion that left 15 dead and over 160 wounded, a panel discussion and luncheon Thursday will spotlight the lessons, triumphs and mistakes made with the communication following the disaster.

“West Revisited: One Year Later” will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday in the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum. West Mayor Tommy Muska, Sgt. Patrick Swanton of the Waco Police Department, Paul Gately from KWTX, Waco’s CBS television affiliate and Lori Fogleman, Baylor’s assistant vice president for media communications, will form the panel.

Fogleman, who will serve as the moderator, said she will also speak of the university’s immediate and long-term response to the tragedy.

“For the community of West, we grieved with them,” Fogleman

said. “We prayed with them. We tried to provide as much support and manpower that we possibly could. To see them not forgetting what has occurred, but to continue to move forward and strengthen their community, we are very proud and humbled to be their neighbors.”

Swanton was one of the first responders to the emergency and served as the public information officer for the media. Swanton said he was “stingy” with the information first released, as he wanted to ensure any released information was verified.

“The goal was to number one, get out safety information to anybody that was possibly still there that could be affected by secondary explosions or blasts,” Swanton said. “Then we tried throughout the night to give information about specifics, such as what we knew happened, the time the fire department was initially dispatched, or the time of the explosion.”

Fogleman said she agreed gathering the correct facts and releasing it in a news conference to the

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CARLYE THORNTON | PHOTOGRAPHER

## Laid back in a kayak

San Diego, Calif., senior Andre Jackson paddles out onto the river to enjoy a Tuesday afternoon at the Baylor Marina. Today, the Baylor Marina will host Dia Del Rio. The event will offer free hot dogs and drinks, as well as free tank tops to the first 250 people that paddle out to the bridge.

## Texas Board of Education considers adding Mexican-American studies

By WILL WEISSERT  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Texas Board of Education considered a long-shot proposal Tuesday that would add a Mexican-American studies course as a statewide high school elective, listening to dozens of supporters who said such a class is the only way to understand a state where Hispanics make up 51 percent of public school students and which was once part of Mexico.

During hours of often-heated

testimony, some backers of the proposal choked back tears and others argued bitterly with skeptical board members. Those opposed to the course say it would inject progressive politics into the classroom.

The board’s 10 Republicans and five Democrats vote on new courses Wednesday. It’s the first time Texas has considered a Mexican-American studies class, and specifics on exactly what the course would teach haven’t yet been devised — especially since historic figures of Mexican de-

cent and Mexican-American culture are already covered in existing history and other classes at the high school level.

Even if approved, developing a Mexican-American curriculum and appropriate textbooks means it wouldn’t actually be ready for classrooms for two to three years. But the debate re-ignited past ideological battles over the academic curriculums of America’s second-most-populous state.

“The whole world is watching and the whole world is changed,” Tony Diaz, an activ-

ist from Houston, told the board. “It will never go back to the way it was. I mention that because Texas is behind, we need to help Texas catch up.”

Several Texas school boards, including its largest in Houston, have passed resolutions supporting a statewide Mexican-American studies course, and the state already offers more than 200 high school electives, including floral design. Still the proposal likely won’t pass.

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## The circle of life goes ‘round with new lemur

By REBECCA FIEDLER  
STAFF WRITER

Many people typically wouldn’t pair the words Snickers and fuzzy together. However, the Snickers found at Cameron Park Zoo isn’t a furry candy bar — it’s a tiny baby ring-tailed lemur, born March 18. The baby has been out for the public to see as of Saturday, clinging to his mother’s tummy.

Born of a mother named Capri Sun and father named Sprite, Snickers joined the ring-tailed lemur family at the zoo after being kept in a special holding habitat with his mother for the first two weeks of life. Soon Snickers will have a new cousin to join him. His pregnant aunt, Crystal Light, is due to give birth at the zoo a week from now.

Snickers hangs on to his mother’s tummy most of the time, said Terri Cox, program and exhibits curator at Cameron Park Zoo. In the next week or so he will begin to venture off of her, and the zoo will try to have him voluntarily step on a scale so they can weigh him.

“Capri Sun has been an excellent mother from the time the baby was born,” Cox said. “She has given him superb care, so we have not needed to interfere at all. We haven’t weighed the baby at this point because Capri Sun is taking such good care of him. He looks very healthy, and until she feels comfortable letting us handle him, we won’t try to.”

The pregnancy was planned by the zoo, as are most of the animal pregnancies. Cameron Park Zoo has species survival plans with all threatened and endangered species throughout, Cox said. The zoo partners with biologists and experts who come together and create breeding plans for each species.

Though Snickers has not been weighed yet, Cox said he is tiny.

“He’s a real cutie,” she said.

According to National Geographic, ring-tailed lemurs are an endangered species of primate. The species’ endangerment is large-

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COURTESY ART

Snickers, a newborn Lemur, hold on to his mother’s stomach. His mother, Capri Sun, has cared for him without Cameron Park Zoo’s staff having to interfere.

## Student-run company spreads Southern flair

By MADI ALLEN  
REPORTER

What happens when you combine southern tradition, moderately priced clothing and a flair for business? You get The Southern Gentleman, a clothing company owned and operated by Dallas junior Jackson Vaughn and Nashville, Tenn., sophomore Scott Dalton.

The company started out as a simple way to gain entrepreneurial experience and has since grown to become a full-time business.

Vaughn said the idea of The Southern Gentleman came to him in a dream. He dreamed of a world where people no longer had to use their entire bank accounts just to buy a T-shirt or sell their souls for a bow tie.

According to the Southern Gentlemen website, the company wants to provide a great product at an affordable cost. “The Southern Gentleman prides itself on our southern ideals and dedication to fine clothing,” the website states.

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The Lariat sat down with each student government candidate. Check out their videos.



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Despite it being a rebuilding year, the Lady Bears has a successful season.





# Fraternities weigh in on elimination of pledging

By MEGAN GRINDSTAFF  
REPORTER

Sigma Alpha Epsilon's March 7 media statement called the decision to eliminate pledging from its fraternity experience "historic."

And indeed, national reaction over the past month suggests the consequences of this decision reach outside the scope of the fraternity itself.

"I think it absolutely has the potential to be a game changer," executive director and chief executive officer of the Association of Fraternity/Sorority Advisors Mark Koepsell said in an interview with Al Jazeera America.

"It will be interesting to see what the university response is," Koepsell said. "If this works well, there could be pressure to ask other groups to do the same."

Sigma Alpha Epsilon's perceived influence in the national Greek scene comes from the organization's size and long history.

According to its website, the fraternity has almost 250 chapters at various universities, housing 14,000 undergraduate members. In its 158 years of operation, Sigma Alpha Epsilon has initiated over 300,000 members into the brotherhood. The national website estimates 190,000 of those members are living, many of whom actively support the organization with participation in chapter life and monetary donations.

But as was the case when another national fraternity, Sigma Phi Epsilon, abolished pledging in 1991, not every national fraternity is frothing at the bit to overhaul its pledging traditions and educational systems.

Kappa Sigma executive director Mitchell Wilson said his organization does not plan on making similar modifications to its 60-day pledge

program. "We feel that our program is working just fine," Wilson said.

Wilson also said he admires Sigma Alpha Epsilon's proactive behavior in fighting hazing. "Any and all national fraternities who take action to eliminate hazing are to be applauded," Wilson said.

In the early 1990s, Sigma Phi Epsilon removed pledging from its fraternity experience and implemented the Balanced Man Program, featuring a focus on equality of members and fraternity education throughout the college experience.

"Over the past two decades, SigEp has recruited more men than any other collegiate fraternity," said Sigma Phi Epsilon on its website. Given the direct correlation in time, Sigma Phi Epsilon's dominance in recruitment numbers could be a result of their pledge-free culture.

Franklin College professor Hank Nuwer said of Sigma Alpha Epsilon's new education system, "What will happen without pledging is we won't have the kind of semester-long hazing that has led to so many of the deaths."

Sigma Phi Epsilon's Program, however, did not succeed in eliminating hazing. According to Business Insider, Sigma Phi Epsilon nationals removed the University of Arizona chapter from campus for three years as a result of hazing violations and continuing to have "pledges" despite the fraternity's ban on the practice.

In 2013, the chapter at Purdue University was placed on probation for new member hazing, among other issues. Also in the past year, a chapter at Stetson University issued sanctions to its Sigma Phi Epsilon chapter after reports of hazing that included locking new members in a room and forcing them to urinate in water jugs instead of leaving to use

the restroom, according to the Stetson Reporter.

Nor did Sigma Phi Epsilon's Balanced Man Program eradicate the dangerous fraternity culture of the 1970s and 1980s, seen in movies like "Animal House". In 2011, nationals closed the chapter at the University of Vermont indefinitely after members participated in a survey about rape, with questions asking whom a member would rape if given the chance.

The Balanced Man and the True Gentleman programs also don't address another source of collegiate and fraternity endangerment: alcohol abuse.

According to The Washington Post, "Collegiate binge drinking is not confined to the fraternity house, obviously, but the two entities have a synergistic effect on one another."

Furthermore, according to The Atlantic, Sigma Alpha Epsilon's 96 hour rule may actually serve to exacerbate the negative aspects of the pledging experience on a condensed scale.

Under the rule, new brothers must be initiated into full membership within four days of receiving a bid in order to avoid any temptation to haze.

Consequently, there seems to be a national viewpoint that Sigma Alpha Epsilon's ban on pledging is an incomprehensive attack on the negative aspects of the fraternity experience.

"In actuality, SAE may have replaced a two or three month pledge period with an intense, compressed, four-day binge-drinking frenzy," said The Atlantic. "So while the policy is a step in the right direction, and definitely good for PR, it does little to mitigate the health risks of fraternity culture."



TRAVIS TAYLOR | LARIAT PHOTO EDITOR

## Cook-off for a cause

"Ally the Alligator" looks on as Angela Everett, 40, hands out a cup of shrimp gumbo from the Boudain Shack restaurant at the 2014 Feast of Caring "Soup Cook Off" event, which benefited Caritas of Waco on Tuesday at the Waco Convention Center.

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# HRC tutors Waco students for love of neighbor

By LAUREN TIDMORE  
REPORTER

Love of God. Love of learning. Love of neighbor. This motto, for which the Honors Residential College is founded on, has transcended mere speech and moved a group of honors students to action within the East Waco community.

Every Wednesday afternoon, the group of HRC volunteers work in conjunction with Restoration Haven, Inc. to tutor and mentor impoverished children within the Estella Maxey housing complex.

While on the HRC volunteer trip to El Salvador, which occurred during Spring Break, students volunteered with artist Fernando Llort's school and did crafts based on Llort's work with the students. The volunteers saw first-hand the

poverty within the community and served those in need. But Schlosser said what they experienced reminded them of the need in Waco.

"We face equal or worse poverty right in Waco," Schlosser said.

Being members of the Honors College, Schlosser said they felt tutoring would be the best way to use their talents for service. Before leaving the airport to return from El Salvador, Mason, Ohio freshman Andrea Schlosser sent an email to Urban Missions coordinator Carole Meriwether to organize their outreach project in Waco.

At Restoration Haven's after-school program, the HRC volunteers work with the children on an individual basis on homework assignments, STAAR test preparation and reading.

"Our goal is to have one-on-

one for kids that just don't have that," said Restoration Haven director Shirley Langston. "A lot of our kids need that one-on-one attention."

Schlosser and Denton freshman Sarah Pitman, another HRC volunteer, said children swarmed them the first day they entered the tutoring room two weeks ago.

"You can tell they just don't really get loved on at home," Pitman said.

As a child and family studies minor, Pitman said she enjoys working with the kids.

"I really feel like I'm finally being useful," she said.

In a specific incident this past Wednesday, Pitman was helping a young boy complete a word search to learn his assigned spelling word list. After working at it for a while,

the boy began to find the words without any help.

"The look on his face whenever he finished one of the word lists was just priceless," Pitman said. "He was just so self-satisfied. I'm sure that he knew in his head that he could do, but he finally knew it in his heart that he could do it."

It is those moments of individual improvement that the HRC volunteers and Restoration Haven workers said they find rewarding. Langston said she has tried to be a constant source of educational and moral support for the children at Estella Maxey. Likewise, The HRC group said they hope to provide service to the children each week.

"We want to be building relationships," Schlosser said. "We don't want to be people that just

show up and then disappear."

Langston said many adults within the Estella Maxey community don't have a high school education. She said the children see the coming and going of dependable relationships within their own families.

"These kids have enough abandonment issues," Langston said.

Restoration Haven currently has 75 students enrolled in the afterschool program. On average, 35 children participate in the program each day. Langston said continuing operation and providing more services to the children is difficult because of few funds.

"We run this whole operation on about \$50,000 a year," she said.

Langston said Restoration Haven receives plenty of time donations from Baylor student

volunteers and plenty of supplies donations from area churches. However, more funds would provide the organization with the opportunity to start a computer lab and buy smaller tables for the younger children to work at.

HRC volunteers and Restoration Haven workers said they find the one-on-one tutoring and mentoring model to be affective and vital in the educational furthering of the East Waco children.

"With these babies, it's different," Langston said. "They're still young. They're still movable. They listen. If we keep working with these children, from this age all the way up to high school, maybe even into college, I feel like we could change the generation of poverty in this community."

## Businesses undermine power of political parties

By CHARLES BABINGTON  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Millionaires and billionaires are increasing their influence in federal elections, leaving political parties to play more limited roles, and raising questions about who sets the agenda in campaigns.

In a handful of key Senate races, the biggest and loudest players so far are well-funded groups that don't answer to any candidate or political party. That can make it hard for voters to know who is responsible for hard-hitting TV ads and other "messaging."

Candidates and parties acknowledge the outside groups, such as those financed by billionaire brothers Charles and David Koch, can be helpful. And last week's Supreme Court decision voiding overall limits on contributions to candidates, PACs and political parties may give the parties a modest financial boost.

But some party officials say even friendly independent groups can be unpredictable, unaccountable and worrisome.

"The difficulty with outside groups is they may not understand what's happening inside a district," said Rep.



Republican National Committee Chairman Reince Priebus speaks at the RNC winter meeting in Washington on Jan. 24, 2014. Millionaires and billionaires are increasing their influence in federal elections, forcing the parties to play more limited roles, and raising questions about who sets the agenda in campaigns.

Steve Israel of New York, who oversees Democrats' House races this year. He said he sometimes sees TV ads from pro-Democratic groups "and I cringe. I don't know where they're going."

Nicolle Wallace, a top aide in the 2004 and 2008 Republican presidential campaigns, echoed that view.

"When you land in a battleground state, and you plan a speech the next day on, say, military spending," she said, it can be jarring to see a barrage of supposedly friendly TV ads on a different topic. Suddenly the campaign must prepare talking points, research and other materials it had not anticipated, Wallace said.

The clout and proper place of the Republican and Democratic parties, which have dominated U.S. politics since the Civil War, are now more in doubt than they were a few years ago.

"It obviously diminishes the roles of the parties because we have this large influx of outside money," said Sen. John McCain of Arizona, the GOP's 2008 presidential nominee. Massive spending with no accountability, he said, is a scandal waiting to happen.

The Supreme Court last week removed limits on the overall amount that wealthy donors can give to candidates and political parties. The two parties now can try to wring more money from rich donors who previously were limited in total donations each election cycle.

The court ruling may enable the political parties to raise more money in various ways. But the impact will be modest for each party's three traditional committees, which focus on House races, Senate races and the overall party.

As the outside groups have gained

muscle, the leaders of both national parties concede they've taken on more technical and mundane duties.

"I have to focus on the things that I most control," said Reince Priebus, chairman of the Republican National Committee. Those include "the mechanics, having boots on the ground, fixing the digital and data problems."

Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz of Florida, chairman of the Democratic National Committee, said: "We're a lot more tactical and granular these days than we were a few years ago."

"Many years ago, we funded more national ads," she said. "It was more top-down, with less connection to grassroots."

Gary Pearce, a long-time Democratic strategist in North Carolina, said: "It's not the candidates who drive the campaigns today. It's the outside groups that dictate the agenda."

## Sen. Davis calls for public school reform

By CHRISTOPHER SHERMAN  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SOUTH PADRE ISLAND (AP) — Democratic gubernatorial candidate Wendy Davis told a gathering of Texas journalists Saturday that the state's public education system needs to change and that her Republican opponent represents the status quo.

Speaking at the Associated Press Managing Editors annual meeting in South Padre Island, the Fort Worth senator contrasted her education proposals with those of state Attorney General Greg Abbott, the Republican nominee who released the first pieces of his education plan just days earlier.

"His proposals this week reflect a business as usual approach that will undermine and weaken our schools," Davis said. "Under his pre-K proposal, he picks and chooses which children will get a quality education."

At an elementary school in Weslaco on Monday, Abbott proposed up to \$118 million in pre-K dollars for districts that meet higher standards.

On Saturday, Davis said that wasn't enough.

"Full day versus half-day pre-k programs produce better and longer term benefits not only in terms of child development but ultimately achievement in life," Davis said. "We are putting our economy at risk because these are the people that we need to fill the jobs of tomorrow."

Abbott also called for standardized assessments to measure students' progress in pre-K programs, a point that Davis characterized as drawing 4-year-olds into the state's testing regimen. Asked if she would support some kind of standardized kindergarten readiness test, Davis said full-day pre-K programs would create the opportunity for teachers to evaluate whether the students are ready for kindergarten.

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# Woman convicted of killing man using stiletto

By JUAN LOZANO  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

HOUSTON — A Houston woman was convicted of murder Tuesday for fatally stabbing her boyfriend with the 5½-inch stiletto heel of her shoe, hitting him at least 25 times in the face.

Prosecutors said Ana Trujillo used her high heel shoe to kill 59-year-old Alf Stefan Andersson during an argument at his Houston condominium in June.

Trujillo's attorney had argued the 45-year-old woman was defending herself during an attack by Andersson, a University of Houston professor and researcher.

Trujillo, who faces up to life in prison, showed little emotional reaction when the jury verdict was read. She had been out of jail on bond but was taken into custody after the guilty verdict. The jury will begin hearing evidence in the trial's punishment phase today.

Jack Carroll, Trujillo's attorney, said he was disappointed with the verdict and Trujillo was "taking it a little hard but she's pretty tough."

"I'm hoping that they will be merciful in the punishment," Carroll said, adding he will be asking for a prison sentence of two years.

Prosecutors declined to comment on the case until after a sentence is announced. During the trial, prosecutors portrayed Trujillo, a native of Mexico, as out of control on the night of the slaying.

Prosecutors told jurors that after a night of drinking, the couple began arguing and during the confrontation, Andersson was injured and fell on his back.

Trujillo sat on Andersson, preventing him from getting up and repeatedly struck him in the face and head with her shoe, they said.

"This is not self-defense. This is a vicious murder," prosecutor John Jordan told jurors during closing arguments earlier Tuesday.

Jordan told jurors that Trujillo had a history of violence, reminding them of testimony by two witnesses who said Trujillo had attacked them two weeks before Andersson's death.

James Wells, who had been romantically involved with Trujillo, testified that in an unprovoked attack, Trujillo bit him on his head, pulled skin from his skull, and then told him, "You're a dead man." Chanda Ellison, who had also been romantically involved with Wells, testified she had to use a stick to fend off an attack from Trujillo in her home.

During witness testimony, prosecutors highlighted that Trujillo did not have any injuries from her confrontation with Andersson while the researcher had defensive wounds on his hands and wrists. Trujillo's attorneys argued she did have injuries. Defense attorneys told jurors Trujillo did the only thing she could do while being attacked: defend herself.

"What would you do if there was the threat of serious bodily injury ... if the threat of death is there? You defend yourself," Carroll said in closing arguments.

Trujillo told detectives she hit Andersson with her shoe "a couple of times" and didn't realize she had hurt him until she saw blood on the floor. Trujillo told detectives she tried performing CPR on Andersson.



Prosecutor John Jordan does a crime scene demonstration with a dummy during the trial against Ana Trujillo, who is charged and convicted of killing her 59-year-old boyfriend, Alf Stefan Andersson, with the heel of a stiletto shoe.

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# Electric zap may provide alternative treatment for paralysis

By MARIA CHENG  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LONDON — Three years ago, doctors reported that zapping a paralyzed man's spinal cord with electricity allowed him to stand and move his legs. Now they've done the same with three other patients, suggesting their original success was no fluke.

Experts say it's a promising development but warn that the experimental treatment isn't a cure. When the implanted device is activated, the men can wiggle their toes, lift their legs and stand briefly.

But they aren't able to walk and still use wheelchairs to get around.

"There is no miracle cure on the way," said Peter Ellaway, an emeritus professor of physiology at Imperial College London, who had no role in the study. "But this could certainly give paralyzed people more independence and it could still be a life-changer for them."

In a new study published Tuesday in the British journal *Brain*, researchers gave an update on Rob Summers, of Portland, Ore., the first to try the treatment, and described successful results for all three of the other men who have

tried it. All had been paralyzed from below the neck or chest for at least two years from a spinal cord injury.

The study's lead author, Claudia Angeli of the Kentucky Spinal Cord Research Center at the University of Louisville, said she believes the device's zapping of the spinal cord helps it to receive simple commands from the brain, through circuitry that some doctors had assumed was beyond repair after severe paralysis.

Dustin Shillcox, 29, was seriously injured in a car crash in 2010. Last year, he had the elec-

trical device surgically implanted in his lower back in Kentucky. Five days later, he wiggled his toes and moved one of his feet for the first time. "It was very exciting and emotional," said Shillcox. "It brought me a lot of hope."

The study's other two participants — Kent Stephenson of Mount Pleasant and Andrew Meas of Louisville, Ky. — have had similar results.

"I'm able to (make) these voluntary movements and it really changed my life," Stephenson said. He said the electrical device lets him ride on an off-road utility ve-

hicle all day with his friends and get out of the wheelchair.

Experts said refining the use of electrical stimulators for people with paralysis might eventually prove more effective than standard approaches, including medicines and physical therapy.

"In the next five to 10 years, we may have one of the first therapies that can improve the quality of life for people with a spinal cord injury," said Gregoire Courtine, a paralysis expert at the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Lausanne, who was not part of the study.

Ellaway said it was unrealistic to think that paralyzed people would be able to walk after such treatment but it was feasible they might eventually be able to stand unaided or take a few steps. "The next step will be to see how long this improvement persists or if they will need this implant for the rest of their lives," he said.

The National Institutes of Health is investing in more advanced stimulators that would better target the spinal cord as well as devices that might work on people who are paralyzed in their upper limbs.

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media can be time consuming and difficult, especially with 24/7 coverage.

"The most important thing is to gather all the facts and get the facts from trusted sources," she said. "The way that this situation played out was late at night into the early hours. It appeared to me, because of the damage, to be a very chaotic situation and the most important thing at that time was to take care of the people in West and take care of those who were injured or remove people from a dangerous situation."

As Swanton worked to avoid false or misleading information, he said he primarily focused on local media, rather than national coverage. While he received around 150 phone interview requests from news departments across the nation, he said his first priority was the local media.

"To me, it was more important to deal with our local media because I knew those folks were going to be here for the long haul," Swanton said. "They were going to be here to help West rebuild."

Event tickets are still available online at WestRevisited.eventbrite.com for \$25 or at the door. Baylor PRSSA students will also be live tweeting the event at @PRSA\_CenTex and posting videos of portions of the event to their Facebook page, Central Texas PRSA, after the event.



A person looks on as emergency workers fight a house fire after a nearby fertilizer plant exploded April 17, 2013, in West. ASSOCIATED PRESS

## LEMUR from Page 1

ly due to habitat destruction caused by humans.

Though many of Cameron Park Zoo's lemurs have snack food names, Snickers got his name for a special reason, Cox said.

"We named him Snickers because Waco's candy company Mars Inc. has a new sustainable palm oil policy and is a member of the round table for sustainable palm oil now," she said.

Cox said there is a global initiative for the use of sustainable palm oil that would keep many rainforest habitats from being destroyed. The zoo wanted to honor the candy bar company located in Waco that took steps to possibly save animal

Though those in attendance can learn more about how the various responses of those at the front lines, Swanton said he believes the most important factor to the discussion is the fundraising for West.

"I don't think we as a department or we as a community should say, 'I'm sorry it happened to you,' and then move on," Swanton said. "Those people in West still need our support."

Fogleman said she looks forward to hearing Muska's account of the tragedy and learning more about how he has led the community since the devastating explosion.

"To see his leadership and strength to be able to rise up in the face of such devastation and to lead his city — I look forward to learning more about his role over the past year in helping his city to return to some sense of normalcy," she said.

Swanton said he also hopes the discussion can help others, whether through emotional healing or helping others better respond to an emergency such as the West explosion.

"If anything that we did as a department or I did as an officer can help somebody be better down the road, then we will absolutely talk to them about it and tell them what worked for us and what didn't work for us," Swanton said. "Hopefully it can make all of us a little better at what we do."

habitats. Crystal Lite's baby will also be named after a candy bar, Cox said.

Waco resident Melodie Robison takes her infant granddaughter to Cameron Park Zoo, and took her there a week ago. Though she was unable to see Snickers, because he and his mother were still being kept off the main habitat, she said she is pleased with the zoo, and with the animals it has been obtaining over the years.

"They seem to be very progressive in improving the zoo," Robison said. "I think they're using their resources really well to create a place that people will want to be around for a very long time."

## SOUTHERN from Page 1

Vaughn started The Southern Gentleman two and a half years ago, just as he was starting his freshman year at Baylor.

When it first began, the company sold T-shirts with the signature logo on them — an elephant wearing a bow-tie.

Today, the company specializes in handmade bow ties, T-shirts, button-down shirts, vests and hats.

"Around August 2012 is when we first got our product line built," Vaughn said. "From then on we kind of kept growing and we had 300 percent improvement after our first year."

After the first year, Vaughn teamed up with Dalton, the chief operations officer.

"My favorite part of the business is seeing a product come to fruition," Dalton said. "In the clothing business you work on a product for six months and finally having it your hands is an amazing feeling."

The two students run the business, as well as manage full-time course load. The brand has campus representa-

tives at 20 universities such as The University of Texas, Texas A&M, Oklahoma State University and the University of Southern California. Southern Gentleman apparel can also be bought in stores across the south in Alabama, Georgia, Tennessee, Mississippi and Texas.

"We want The Southern Gentleman to be a brand," Vaughn said. "We create clothing around the image of a traditional southern gentleman."

Vaughn said he considers The Southern Gentleman to be a business with a conscience.

A portion from all purchases made through The Southern Gentleman go toward Living Water International, a Christian mission organization that provides clean drinking water to people all over the world.

Donations to Living Water can be made through the Southern Gentleman's website, with or without the purchase of merchandise.

Vaughn and Dalton plan to continue growing their business.

## SCHOOL from Page 1



Eloisa Moreno, left, Ruben Garza, center, and Eloy Gonzalez, look over papers as they wait for a Texas Board of Education hearing to begin Tuesday in Austin. The Board of Education is considering a proposal to add a Mexican-American studies course as a statewide high school elective. ASSOCIATED PRESS

Some Republicans on the board have said they'd be more amenable to a multicultural studies class encompassing the accomplishments of Mexican-Americans but also Texans of other races and ethnicities.

"From what I'm hearing, we have a tough road to climb," said Ruben Cortez, a Democratic board member from Brownsville who proposed the course, adding "it shouldn't be controversial."

But even before public testimony began, Republican member David Bradley of Beaumont called the course "reverse racism" and threatened "to pull a Cesar Chavez and boycott." That was a reference to legendary Hispanic labor leader Cesar Chavez and his boycotts on behalf of farmworkers — and

Bradley eventually kept his word and failed to show up Tuesday.

Even without him, emotions ran high. In urging the board to "do the right thing" and approve the course, Vietnam War veteran and Hispanic activist Placido Salazar decried the Texas of yesteryear and "racists from the word go, or, as we call them today, 'conservatives.'"

San Antonio Republican board member Ken Mercer noted that Ted Cruz and Marco Rubio were his favorite U.S. senators and said both are "Hispanic, but they're from Cuba" and thus may not make the curriculum of a Mexican-American studies course. He suggested a Hispanic studies class might be more appropriate.

Those supporting a Mexican-

American studies course countered that "watered-down multicultural courses" wouldn't go far enough.

"We're simply asking that our stories be told," said Leonardo Trevino, representing a group called Mexican American Studies Unidos. "When students begin to see themselves in the books that they are reading, seeing the histories and sacrifices of their grandparents and parents, they tend to do better in school."

The issue has already flared in other states. In California, a recently introduced bill would mandate creating a standardized, statewide ethnic studies course there. In 2010, Arizona approved a law targeting a Tucson school district's ethnic studies program, after officials complained that its

Mexican-American studies component taught Latino students that they were oppressed by whites.

In Texas, school districts can already create their own, local Mexican-American studies courses — but there's no statewide model.

Still, Debbie Ratcliffe, a spokeswoman for the Texas Education Agency, noted that youngsters are required to study Texas history in the fourth and seventh grades, and are already taught about subjects like the life of Mexican-American civil rights giant Hector P. Garcia and the efforts of trailblazing Tejanos dating back to the 1500s.

"I don't want people to think it's not being taught without a separate course," Ratcliffe said

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## Apparel students to showcase fashion with 'Pop Couture'

By JESSICA ABBEY  
REPORTER

Being fashionably late can be cool when you're hitting the party scene, but students won't want to be late for this year's annual Baylor fashion show.

"Pop Couture" is the theme of this year's show, in which senior apparel design majors will reveal the clothing collections they have worked on throughout the semester.

The show will take place at 3 p.m. May 4 on the fifth floor of Cashion Academic Center.

Dr. Lorynn Divita, associate professor of family and consumer sciences, said the senior show has a practical purpose for the students.

"Being involved with a fashion show gives our seniors the real-world experience of designing and creating a cohesive line, and it gives them a chance to showcase all of their hard work in front of an audience of

their family, friends and other admirers," Divita said.

Santa Cruz, Bolivia, senior Keren Ba said she is designing her collection based on a place very close to her heart.

"I am using my home country Bolivia as my inspiration, so there are a lot of bright colors — reds, greens, yellows, and blues," Ba said. "When I was trying to find my inspiration for my collection, I kept looking at pictures of what people wear over there and the culture. I really liked how bright it was and the geometric shapes they had on the garments."

Each senior has a different theme to their collection that will contribute to the overall theme of the fashion show.

"Just like there are icons of music, like Beyonce, we have our own fashion icons — our senior designers — who we plan to celebrate," Divita said.

The apparel design majors

aren't the only students who will be involved in the fashion show.

Student volunteers will be a part of almost every aspect of the show, including modeling, hair and makeup, music, lights, videography and marketing through fliers and brochures.

Allen junior Kevin Morrison will serve as the DJ for the show. Morrison has been a DJ for many events during his time as a student, such as Greek life events, weddings and proms.

He said the fashion show, however, will be a unique experience for him.

"This is just a new outlet for music that I haven't explored yet," Morrison said. "I want it to go exactly how the seniors envisioned the whole show and wrap up their four years here."

Divita said the show will string together different forms of creativity and art and showcase the talent of apparel de-

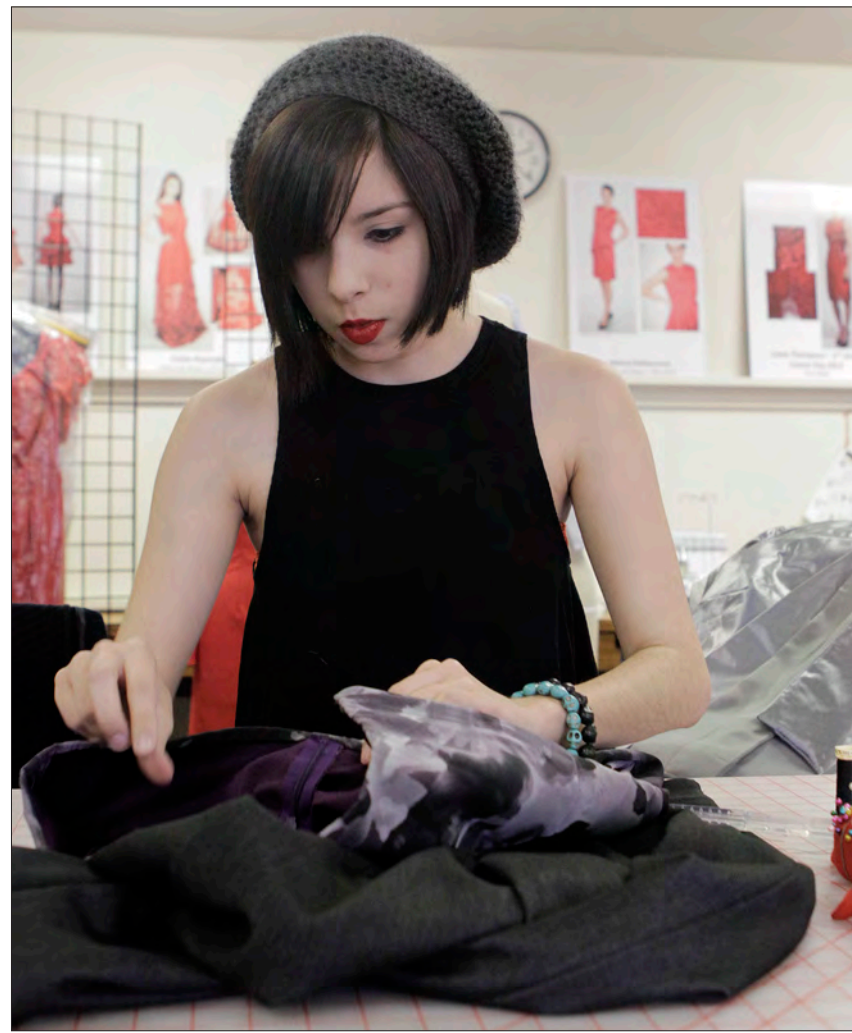
sign students.

"Art, music, film and literature are all respected categories of the fine arts," Davita said. "Our show will draw a parallel between these artistic endeavors and show fashion as the art form it can be at the highest level of creativity."

She said not to wait to purchase tickets, because the show sold out last year, and based on the early response for this year the tickets for this year's show are expected to sell out even faster than last year.

Alice Starr, first lady of Baylor, said she has already reserved 40 tickets for herself and a group for the kick-off event during the National Museum of Women in the Arts conference.

Tickets are on sale until they run out. They can be purchased at the Bill Daniel Student Center ticket office or at [baylor.edu/studentactivities-ticketoffice](http://baylor.edu/studentactivities-ticketoffice) for \$20 each.



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Dayton senior Courtney Kapalski prepares her clothing pieces for the spring fashion show "Pop Couture." The show is at 3 p.m. May 4 on the fifth floor of Cashion Academic Building.

## Hollywood actor Mickey Rooney leaves behind film legacy

By ANTHONY MCCARTNEY  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES — Mickey Rooney's approach to life was simple: "Let's put on a show!" He spent nine decades doing it, on the big screen, on television, on stage and in his extravagant personal life.

A superstar in his youth, Rooney was Hollywood's top box-office draw in the late 1930s to early 1940s.

He epitomized the "show" part of show business, even if the business end sometimes failed him amid money troubles and a seesaw of career tailspins and revivals.

Pint-sized, precocious, impish, irrepressible — perhaps hardy is the most-suitable adjective for Rooney, a perennial comeback artist whose early blockbuster success as the vexing but wholesome Andy Hardy and as Judy Garland's musical comrade in arms was bookended 70 years later with roles in "Night at the Museum" and "The Muppets."

Rooney died Sunday at age 93 surrounded by family at his North Hollywood home, police said.

The Los Angeles County coroner's of-



Mickey Rooney

fice said Rooney died a natural death.

Rooney was shooting a movie at the time of his death, "The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde."

Over a four-decade span, he was nominated for four Academy Awards, and received two special Oscars for film achievements, won an Emmy for his TV movie "Bill" and had a Tony nomination for his Broadway smash "Sugar Babies."

A small man physically, Rooney sang

and danced, played roles both serious and silly, wrote memoirs, a novel, movie scripts and plays, and married eight times, siring 11 children.

His first marriage — to the glamorous, and taller, Ava Gardner — lasted only a year. But Rooney fondly recalled years later — "I'm 5 feet 3, but I was 6 feet 4 when I married Ava." Rooney's final marriage in 1978 to singer Janice Darlene Chamberlain lasted longer than the first seven combined.

Rooney began as a toddler in his parents' vaudeville act in the 1920s. He was barely 6 when he first appeared on screen, playing a midget in the 1926 silent comedy short "Not to Be Trusted."

Rooney was among the last survivors of the studio era, which his career predated, most notably with the lead in a series of "Mickey McGuire" kid comedy shorts from the late 1920s to early '30s.

After signing with MGM in 1934, Rooney landed his first big role playing Clark Gable's character as a boy in "Manhattan Melodrama." Rooney soon was earning \$300 a week with featured roles in films.

Then came Andy Hardy in the 1937 comedy "A Family Affair," a role he would reprise in 15 more feature films over the next two decades.

Rooney's peppy, all-American charm was never better matched than when he appeared opposite Garland in such films as "Babes on Broadway," and "Strike up the Band."

One of them, 1939's "Babes in Arms," earned Rooney a best actor Oscar nomination. He earned another one for 1943's "The Human Comedy."

Rooney also starred opposite Elizabeth Taylor in 1944's horse-racing hit "National Velvet," but by then, Rooney was becoming a cautionary tale for early fame. He earned a reputation for drunken escapades and quickie romances and was unlucky in both money and love.

After his failed marriage to Gardner in 1942, Rooney joined the Army, spending most of his World War II service entertaining troops.

When he returned to Hollywood, his savings had been stolen by a manager and his career was in a nose dive.

"I began to realize how few friends ev-

eryone has," he wrote in one of autobiographies.

His movie career never regained its pre-war eminence. "The Bold and the Brave," 1956 World War II drama, brought him an Oscar nomination as best supporting actor. But mostly, he played second leads.

But no one ever could count Rooney out. He earned a fourth Oscar nomination, as supporting actor, for 1979's "Black Stallion," the same year he starred with Ann Miller in the Broadway revue "Sugar Babies."

Joe Yule Jr., born in 1920, was the star of his parents' act by the age of 2, singing "Sweet Rosie O'Grady" in a tiny tuxedo. His father was a baggy-pants comic, Joe Yule, his mother a dancer, Nell Carter.

His Mickey McGuire short comedies gave him a new stage name, later appended, at his mother's suggestion, to the last name Rooney, after vaudeville dancer Pat Rooney.

After a lifetime of carrying on, he became a devoted Christian and member of the Church of Religious Science. He settled in suburban Thousand Oaks, about 40 miles west of Los Angeles.

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# Art on Elm Avenue shows Waco creativity

By KAT WORRALL  
STAFF WRITER

In case the chalked circle emblems haven't taken over everyone's daily walk to class, the third annual Art on Elm Avenue is taking place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday.

The event, a free pop-up art exhibition in East Waco, is presented by NeighborWorks, a non profit that provides a "one-stop shop" for lower- to middle-income families looking for housing opportunities.

Art on Elm Avenue is expanding to three blocks around Elm Avenue and Dallas Street this year. NeighborWorks is expecting an increase in attendance compared to last year's 3,000 visitors.

"Local artists, local children artists, local bands, local food vendors, local craft vendors — everything is local," said Baylor alumna Honey Jenkins, the City of Waco's director of marketing, communication and information technology. "We want it to stay as local as possible and really show the pride and joy that Waco has to offer, especially East Waco."

The event was created when a representative from NeighborWorks America visited Waco, evaluated East Waco's attributes

and labeled what exactly Waco was missing.

What he said was missing was an arts district, Jenkins said, and that is where the idea for Art on Elm Avenue was born.

"Not everyone comes over to East Waco," Jenkins said. "There is kind of a stigma against it and that is something we are really fighting because there is nothing wrong with East Waco. It's a great place to be."

Dana Feliciano, owner of The Village Herbalist, an herb shop and holistic center located off Elm Avenue on Tyler Street, has joined with Jenkins and other East Waco business owners to promote the area.

The Village Herbalist offers plant-based herbal medicine and products, as well as holistic massage therapy, infrared saunas, classes on herbal medicine and local artisan goods. She first marketed her business with a small booth at last year's Art on Elm Avenue event.

"It was the first event that I had advertised my business at and I got to know the community down here," Feliciano said.

Her grandfather once owned a small business in the East Waco community, so she grew up in the

area. "All of the people that have invested down here are amazing people," she said. "They have an amazing vision of merging East Waco into downtown Waco. I believe over the next five years this entire area will be transformed and will become a part of downtown."

Feliciano said the demographics of the area, which range over all ages, will continue to grow with the art culture and with the new McLane Stadium.

"We are small businesses that have a vision for downtown East Waco, and we hope that people will come out and support all of the events down here and all of the businesses down here," Feliciano said. "It supports people like us that are trying to support the growth of East Waco."

Jenkins hopes for more businesses like The Village Herbalist in the area.

"The point of Elm is for people to come over," Jenkins said. "There is a lot of potential over here and you could do something over here too. Feliciano attended AOE last year and was like, 'I love Elm. I love East Waco. I can do something here.'"

As for the art showcase, around 20 local adult artists and 30 high



COURTESY PHOTO

Wacoan Chelsey Smith showcased his art pieces at last year's Art on Elm Avenue, an art exhibition in East Waco. This year's event will begin at 10 a.m. Saturday at the corner of Elm Avenue and Dallas Street.

school student artists will present their artwork in two vacant industrial buildings, Jenkins said.

The artwork will vary from paintings, photography, sculptures and more, and some of the artists will be selling their work.

There will be a children's area at the event with jewelry crafts, bounce houses, snacks and wooden and paper crafts.

"We carve wooden fish out of fence posts and the kids can paint them and bring them home," Jenkins said.

The Village Herbalist will be

one of the merchant vendors featured at Art on Elm Avenue.

There will also be various artwork, jewelry, candles, quilts and craft vendors. Several food trucks will also be present and local musicians will perform throughout the day.

Art on Elm Avenue will be selling a limited quantity of event T-shirts for \$10.

Jenkins, who spent time in Austin after she graduated from Baylor, is proud of the growth she has seen with Waco's art scene.

"Even from then to now, you

see a lot of growth and you see a lot of things that are looking on the bright side," she said. "I'm happy to be here and to be a part of it."

As for Art on Elm Avenue, she said she believes it is something all of Waco should take credit for.

"It's something that Waco as a whole should be proud of that we have this growing art scene," Jenkins said. "I feel like anyone can come and enjoy from young to old, to out-of-town even. We are happy to put on this event and really show that Waco has an arts scene."

# Weather Channel, DirecTV ink carriage deal, ending dispute

By RYAN FAUGHNDER AND JOE FLINT  
LOS ANGELES TIMES  
VIA McCLATCHY-TRIBUNE

The storm between the Weather Channel and DirecTV has finally cleared.

The network will return to the satellite television provider on Wednesday, the companies said, following a carriage dispute that had left the channel blacked out for DirecTV's 20 million customers since January.

As part of the deal, the Weather Channel agreed to scale back on the amount of so-called reality programming it carries.

One of the reasons DirecTV cited when dropping the channel was that it had moved too far away from its core mission of being a weather service.

The loss of DirecTV was a huge blow to the Weather Channel, which tried unsuccessfully to launch a nasty public campaign against the satellite broadcaster to bring it back to the negotiating table.

The Weather Channel went so far as to accuse DirecTV of putting lives at risk and encouraged viewers to contact their congressional representatives to complain.

In a statement, the Weather Channel

apologized for its attempt to get lawmakers and consumers to go after DirecTV.

"Our apologies to DirecTV and their customers for the disruption of our service and for initiating a public campaign," said David Kenny, chief executive of the Weather Co., parent of the Weather Channel, in a statement on Tuesday. "Our viewers deserve better than a public dispute and we pledge to reward their loyalty with exceptional programming and more weather focused news."

After dropping the Weather Channel, DirecTV added WeatherNation, a smaller

channel also aimed at weather enthusiasts. DirecTV recently signed a multi-year deal with WeatherNation, which costs far less than the more-established Weather Channel.

"It's a shame these disputes are played out on a public stage, but I'm pleased that we've been able to work together with The Weather Channel in a way that will benefit everyone," said DirecTV's chief content officer, Dan York, in a statement.

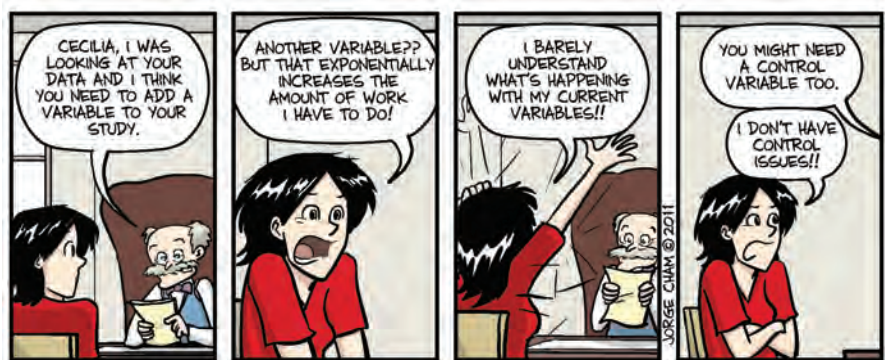
The sign that a new agreement between the Weather Channel and DirecTV was potentially in the works came Monday

when the satellite broadcaster and the hotel chain Hilton Worldwide announced a deal that will get DirecTV's service into half a million guest rooms in the United States.

Hilton Worldwide Holdings is owned by the private equity firm Blackstone Group, which also has a large stake in the Weather Channel. Other Weather Channel owners include Bain Capital and Comcast Corp.'s NBCUniversal.

For the Weather Channel, getting its programming back in front of DirecTV's 20 million subscribers is crucial.

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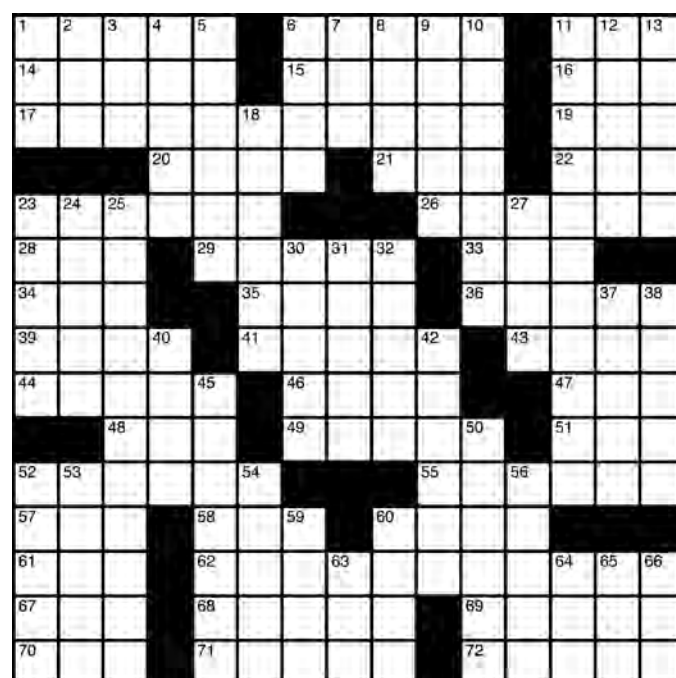
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## Softball splits double-header versus Houston

By SHEHAN JEYARAJAH  
SPORTS WRITER

Baylor softball may not win them all, but they sure like to keep things interesting. Their opponent, the Houston Cougars, had won 11 straight heading in, including impressive wins over both Texas and Texas A&M at Cougar Softball Stadium.

When the dust cleared on Tuesday, Baylor split a double-header, ending Houston's streak with a 3-0 win in extra innings, but having its offense fall short in a 3-2 loss in the second game.

"Houston played very hard and was a good team," coach Glenn Moore said. "We would've liked to come away with the sweep, but I think today really prepared us for the weekend ahead."

Things were scoreless in the first game all the way up until the eighth inning in Houston. Baylor's offense was not able to muster a hit through seven innings. In fact, sophomore pitcher Juliana Shrum had a perfect game going through regulation time. But just like in many other games this season, Baylor's offense came to life at the right time, and the Bears pulled out a 3-0 victory.

In the scoreless top of the eighth, junior third baseman Sarah Smith walked and senior first baseman Holly Holl advanced her to second with a single. In the next at-bat, junior shortstop Jordan Strickland smashed an RBI double to right field to score Smith and advance Holl to third for the first run of the ballgame for either team.

Baylor kept the train rolling with a sacrifice ground from pinch hitter Liz Paul to score sophomore outfielder Justine Young and ad-

vance Strickland. Freshman outfielder Christy Lisenby added a base hit up the middle to drive Strickland home, and give Baylor a commanding 3-0 lead heading to the bottom of the eighth.

Sophomore infielder Katie St. Pierre hit a single off of left-hander Whitney Canion, but just like the first three times that Canion allowed a hit, nothing came of it. Baylor went on to win by that 3-0 margin.

Neither side got a runner on base until the third inning in Houston, when St. Pierre hit a single off of Canion that went nowhere.

In the fifth, Smith reached base following an error from sophomore shortstop Selena Hernandez, but Holl flied into a double-play to end the inning without the runner advancing.

St. Pierre once again singled in the sixth, and Houston looked to perhaps get some offense going when Hernandez singled as well in the next at-bat with no outs, but Canion wiped the slate clean with three straight strikeouts to end the inning.

Despite her no-hit bid through seven innings, Shrum took credit for the loss in the 3-0 Baylor victory.

Canion recorded the win after pitching eight scoreless innings and only allowing four hits and 13 strikeouts.

Strickland led the way for the Bears with a hit, an RBI and a run scored. Lisenby and Paul each also added RBIs.

St. Pierre had three hits in three at-bats for the Cougars, but only one other player got a hit for the Cougars.

After taking care of business in the first game, Baylor struggled



Senior right-handed pitcher Liz Paul releases a pitch in Baylor's 10-1 victory over Louisiana Tech at Getteman Stadium on March 6. Softball is 29-7 overall and 3-1 in Big 12 Conference play.

to keep the momentum going in a 3-2 loss in the second game of the double-header.

Baylor had some ground to make up heading into the seventh, but for a while it looked as though they would do just that.

With one out, junior pinch hitter Sarah Crockett singled up the middle and Lisenby walked to move runners to first and second.

Freshman second baseman Ari Hawkins replaced Crockett on second, and freshman second

baseman Riley Browder replaced Lisenby on first. Junior right fielder Kaitlyn Thumann doubled to right field to drive home Hawkins, move Browder to third and cut the lead to 3-2.

With runners and second on

third and only one out, sophomore pinch hitter Bailey Chalmers came to bat in place of freshman Lindsey Cargill.

Chalmers grounded out the third baseman, bringing up sophomore left fielder Linsey Hays with the game on the line.

Unfortunately, Hays was unable to get a hit and flied out to end the game, 3-2.

Houston did most of its damage in a big third inning for the Cougars on sophomore right-hander Heather Stearns.

Freshman third baseman Jordan Rains had a single and St. Pierre added her fourth single of the day to advance runners to first and second. Hernandez then singled herself to load the bases.

Senior left fielder Kendra Cullum was hit by Stearns' second pitch of the at-bat to drive home a run.

After junior right fielder Tiffani McKnight flied out for the first out of the inning, catcher Haley Outon hit an RBI single to drive home St. Pierre for the first run of the day for the Cougars.

Stearns then retired two straight to get out of a bases-loaded jam with only one run.

Senior pitcher Diedre Outon allowed Holl to hit an RBI double in the fourth to drive home senior catcher Clare Hosack, but the Cougars replaced Outon with Shrum once again, who ended the inning.

The Bears will come back home this weekend for a weekend Big 12 Conference series against No. 13 Oklahoma, the defending College World Series Champions.

The Bears will play the Sooners at 6:30 p.m. Friday, 4 p.m. Saturday and noon Sunday at Getteman Stadium.

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Senior guard Odyssey Sims high-fives freshman forward Nina Davis on March 29 in Baylor's 90-72 win against Kentucky at Purcell Pavilion at the University of Notre Dame.

# Lady Bears season successful despite loss

By JEFFREY SWINDOLL  
SPORTS WRITER

This season marked the end and beginning of a new era in Lady Bears basketball. A common question was brought up over and over— how can Baylor succeed without Brittney Griner?

Journalists and fans of the women's game had reason to handicap how the Lady Bears would fare without Griner. After having a team like the one Mulkey had with Griner and other stars such as Destiny Williams, this year was partly written off as a simple rebuilding year for Baylor women's basketball by just about anyone.

Rather than hide in the shadow while waiting for the gaping hole left by last year's team to be filled, the Lady Bears boldly held up a light to the doubts and shined as a beacon of women's basketball in the 2013-14 season.

Somewhere along the line, the Lady Bears lost the script. This season not only shattered expectations, but it also shaped up for another Big 12 title run as well as an Elite 8 appearance in the NCAA tournament. All of that seemed too farfetched to even consider at the start of the year.

"I kept it in perspective when we won the Big 12 tournament and the Big 12 regular season and when we won the two games to get to the Sweet 16," Mulkey said. "If you could coach a team like that every year, you don't have to get to the Final Four to understand and keep it in perspective. They're just a joy to be around."

After a relatively soft early schedule and a few key moments in the national spotlight — going to four overtimes against No. 5 Kentucky at AT&T Stadium, posting a very respectable performance against No. 1 ranked Connecticut

on ESPN — fans as well as Baylor's players started to realize the Lady Bears were a force to be reckoned with this season.

"We played so many different teams that threw different things at us," freshman forward Nina Davis said. "Some played 2-3 zones, some played man-to-man. We pretty much faced anything that we could have gone up against this season."

Even Mulkey was willing to admit she did not know where this team would end up this season, and mid-way through the year she said her expectations had already been surpassed.

*"I could coach a group like that every year. I just love to coach kids like that. They give you everything they have."*

Kim Mulkey | head coach

"This team has grown faster than all of us really expected, especially the freshmen who have come a long way and have stepped up to the plate," senior guard Odyssey Sims said. "They've learned their roles and took it upon themselves."

The narrative of the Lady Bears being crippled without Griner was quickly excluded from talking points for each game, but the media soon repositioned their soundbites around Sims playing with a young team. It had become evident that the Lady Bears did not need Griner or even experience to be a powerhouse.

That was enough of the Griner narrative. Mulkey said this season really had nothing to do with Griner, and it was all about freshmen stepping up as well as seniors carrying the torch one last time.

"I think the schedule has al-

lowed them to mature and grow up. I think our non-conference schedule was soft enough to allow them to gain confidence, with a few hard games in there," Mulkey said. "I just think practice and putting them on the floor at a young age right off the bat has allowed them to grow and mature and not be overwhelmed."

It is difficult to fully encapsulate what the Lady Bears overcame and accomplished this season. There were storylines consistently coming out of the team from an unprecedented number of angles and perspectives — Sims' player-of-the-year season, guard Makenzie Robertson's breakout senior year, Davis emerging as an All-American as a freshman, the team's inexperienced supporting cast excelling at the next level and coping with the season-ending injury of junior guard Alexis Prince.

"I could coach a group like that every year," Mulkey said. "I've won national championships; I don't need anymore. I just love to coach kids like that. They give you everything they have."

The Lady Bears lose Odyssey Sims for next season, but young players have already shown the capability to fill the void left by the unanimous AP All-American. Sims' list of accolades is impressive. She won the 2014 Wade Trophy, Lieberman Award, 2014 WBCA All-American, Wooden Award All-American and is one of three finalists for Defensive Player of the Year.

Davis was named Big 12 Freshman of the Week four times and was No. 1 in the Big 12 and No. 8 nationally in field goal percentage. In the big picture, the Lady Bears went above and beyond the expectations anyone, including themselves, had set for the team to achieve. There is a lot to look forward to if you are a Lady Bears fan.

# Baseball falls 4-3 at Sam Houston State

By JEFFREY SWINDOLL  
SPORTS WRITER

Baylor baseball extended its agonizing road losing streak to ten straight games after falling 4-3 to the Sam Houston State Bearkats Tuesday.

Freshman left-hander Daniel Castano started for the Bears. Castano has been Baylor head coach Steve Smith's primary choice for midweek games since the start of the season. Castano has held up his end of the deal to put the Bears in position to win each time he steps on the mound.

Castano gave up seven hits and two runs in six innings, throwing four strikeouts. The Bearkats struck in the second inning with a run, putting the pressure on Castano early on.

The Bears strung some plays

together though in the fourth inning to take the 3-1 lead.

With the bases loaded in the fourth, senior shortstop Brett Doe popped up an infield sac fly, giving the Bears an unearned tying run. The Bearkats handed the Bears a couple more gifts in the fourth.

Freshman outfielder Darryn Sheppard, who started on first base, stole second and then advanced to third on a wild pitch from the Bearkats. Sophomore outfielder West Tunnell was walked and did the same as Sheppard — steal second and advance to third on a wild pitch.

After the Bearkats' errors and giving up a run in the second inning, the Bears found themselves in the lead at the end of the fourth inning, 3-2.

Junior right-handed pitcher Sean Spicer came in for the sev-

enth inning, but after giving up two runs and two hits in 0.2 innings, he was soon told by Smith to take a seat. It was too late in the game to risk giving up more hits, and Smith was simply trying to stop the bleeding so the Bears could get back into the game.

After Spicer left the mound, senior left-hander Doug Ashby came in to close the game for the Bears. The Bearkats (22-11) had already gotten the hits and runs they needed out of Baylor pitching though. Ashby ended the night giving up only one hit and throwing one strikeout.

Baylor's offense had a slow night with four hits

The Bears (15-17, 4-7) conclude their five-game road trip this weekend with a series at Dallas Baptist (23-9, 5-1). Game one starts at 6:30 p.m. Friday at Horn- er Ballpark.



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Freshman left-handed pitcher Daniel Castano tosses a pitch in Baylor's 5-2 win over UT-Arlington on Feb. 18 at Baylor Ballpark. The Bears are 15-17 overall and 4-7 in Big 12 Conference play.

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