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Some still powerless after storm

By Rebecca Flannery Staff Writer

Several businesses and residential homes in west Waco are slowly regaining power after the storm blew through Thursday, causing damage to 102 buildings.

Sean Taylor, assistant emergency management coordinator for the City of Waco, said 16 homes in the area are still experiencing electricity-related issues as of Monday. He said so far the city has picked up 584,800 pounds of rubble and debris

Eddie Ferguson, area manager for the energy provider, Oncor, said the storm affected about 10.000 customers.

"We went out and finished the major repairs Sunday afternoon around noon," Ferguson said. "What's left is the few minor cleanup items that some customers need fixed."

Ferguson said tree limbs falling on power lines were the main reason for the outages. About 40

broken poles needed repairs after the storm, he said.

"It's a long process," Ferguson said. "First we have to make sure there aren't any power lines down that could be harmful, then we get our stations back on, followed by our major circuits and neighborhood lines."

Ferguson said of the outages fixed, 70 percent were residential and the remaining were commercial.

"We dispatched crews to the affected areas to assess damage prior to committing them to specific neighborhoods and cities," according to Oncor's website.

"A lot of what was picked up

and dragged to the side of the street were trees and tree limbs," Taylor said. He said while many people assumed a tornado came through the

city, it was actually a severe thun-

derstorm with wind speeds from

70 to 80 miles per hour.

"When winds get high enough, a lot more damage can be done



than people think," Taylor said.

Businesses with visible damage like Hobby Lobby, a craft store on Richland Drive, are still being investigated by city assessments that will determine the cost of damage and repairs that need to take place, Taylor said. Other visible damage in the city included broken windows at the Westview Nursery and Landscape on North Valley Mills Drive, knocked-over billboards near the Goodwill store on Valley Mills and the Baris sign, which fell off and landed on top of a parked car in the restaurant's parking lot

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Top: Lightning lights up the sky Thursday over the Westview Village shopping center off Valley Mills Drive. Below: The roof of Hobby Lobby remains severely damaged Monday off of Richland Drive.

We're still Baylor

Bears remain undefeated after win over Longhorns

By Shehan Jeyarajah Sports Editor

No. 5 Baylor football did not look like the most productive offense in the league on Saturday. For stretches, senior quarterback Bryce Petty's play was hardly recogniz-

"I was, for the lack of a better word, terrible," Petty said. "Some games are going to be like that. At the end of the day, it wasn't my day, but we are still celebrating here."

But despite a sloppy game across the board on offense, the Bears pulled off a convincing victory against the University of Texas 28-7 on Saturday to keep its College Football Playoff dreams alive.

The game against Texas marked one of Petty's worst games of his career. The senior leader completed only seven of his 22 pass attempts for 111 yards. His previous career low in yardage was 161 against SMU, but that came in a half before

leaving the game with a back injury.

With the normally reliable passing game sputtering, the Bears stepped up in every other facet of the game.

Head coach Art Briles called junior defensive tackle Beau Blackshear an "unsung hero" for his performance on both defense and special teams. The Waco product blocked a 52-yard field goal early in the first quarter, and junior cover safety Terrell Burt picked it up and returned it for a 62-yard touchdown

With Texas driving down the field with only seconds left in the first half, Blackshear recovered a fumble from Texas quarterback Tyrone Swoopes to prevent Texas from getting on the board.

"That was huge because otherwise they are getting the ball back after the half, and it's a 7-7 ball game," Briles said. "It was a huge

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Senior right tackle Troy Baker lifts up junior running back Shock Linwood in celebration of his touchdown.

Fundraising gets under way for new nursing building

By Elly Spencer Reporter

Baylor's Louise Herrington School of Nursing was approved to purchase a new facility for nursing students in Dallas, and funding is now under way.

The \$16 million building will be available for use starting in 2016.

Negotiations have been ongoing between the nursing school and the Baptist General Convention of Texas since the fall of 2012 when Baylor approached the convention's board with the idea.

The building's purchase was unanimously approved on May 20 from the convention. Plans for employee relocation and building renovation negotiations began this summer.

Baylor nursing also negotiated to move the Texas Baptist Historical Collection to a building in Waco. The convention will still have complete ownership of the collection and will keep its current employees.

Janis Kovar, the school's director of development, is involved with the funding plans for the new building and said she looks forward to the transition.

"We are so excited about the opportunity to have a new building," Kovar said.

Shelley Conroy, the school's dean, said the building is being purchased to give more nursing students a better facility for learning and medical practice.

"LHSON has the exciting opportunity to transition from an overcrowded and outdated 38,000-square-foot facility into a contemporary 100,000-square-foot new building to embrace the growing needs of delivering a high-qual-

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Court ruling enables the expansion of gay marriage

By Mark Sherman Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court unexpectedly cleared the way Monday for a dramatic expansion of gay marriage in the United States and may have signaled that it's only a matter of time before same-sex couples can marry in all 50 states.

Rejecting appeals from five states seeking to preserve their bans, the Supreme Court effectively made such marriages legal in 30 states, up from 19 and the District of Columbia, taking in every region of the country.

Challenges are pending in the other 20 states.

Almost immediately, exuberant couples began receiving marriage licenses previously denied to them. "This is the dream day," said Sharon Baldwin, a plaintiff in a challenge to Oklahoma's ban, as she and her partner got their license in the Tulsa County Clerk's Office.

Directly affected by Monday's orders were Wisconsin, Indiana, Oklahoma, Utah and Virginia. Officials in those states had appealed lower court rulings in an effort to preserve their bans. Couples in six other states — Colorado, Kansas, North Carolina, South Carolina, West Virginia and Wyoming — should be able to get married in short order since those states would be bound by the same appellate rulings that have been on hold.

While county clerks in a number of states quickly began issuing licenses to gay and lesbian couples, in some other states affected by the court's action officials did not sound ready to give up the fight. However, their legal options are limited.

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Monday's terse orders from the court were contained among more than 1,500 rejected appeals that had piled up over the summer. The outcome was not what either side expected or wanted.

Both gay marriage supporters and opponents had asked the court to resolve whether the Constitution grants same-sex couples the right to marry nationwide.

The justices did not explain why they decided to leave that question unanswered for now. They may be waiting for a federal appeals court to break ranks with other appellate panels and uphold state laws defining marriage as between a man and a woman. Or they may see little role for themselves as one court af-

ter another strikes down state marriage bans.

Still, the import seemed clear. What the justices did in virtual silence Monday "has to send a signal to the other courts of appeals that the Supreme Court does not think it's so wrong to allow samesex couples to marry, and that even conservative justices don't think they have a good shot at getting five votes. And that sends a mes-

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The Baylor Lariat

Private colleges can dictate own policies

Editorial

Regional accreditation is one of the most important statuses a college or university can obtain. Being regionally accredited lets employers, licensing agencies, graduate schools and others know that a school is has high academic standards and is committed to excellence. Many people think of accreditation as a form of quality control for academic standards in institutions for higher education. However, a small private school in Massachusetts is in risk of losing its accreditation, not because of its academics, but because of its religious philosophy.

Gordon College is a nondenominational Christian college that was established in 1889 and is located just north of Boston in Wenham, Mass. Gordon has a student code of conduct much like Baylor's in that they are both centered on Christian beliefs. According to Gordon's behavioral standards, "Those words and actions which are expressly forbidden in Scripture, including but not limited to blasphemy, profanity, dishonesty, theft, drunkenness, sexual relations outside marriage, and homosexual practice, will not be tolerated in the lives of Gordon community members, either on or off campus." From that small selection of Gordon's Behavioral Standards, it is the prohibition of homosexual practices that is putting its accreditation in jeopardy.

The New England Association of Schools and Colleges Commission on Institutions of Higher Education is the regional body that accredits Gordon and 242 other colleges and universities. This September, the NEASC questioned whether Gordon's ban on homosexual practices was contrary to the commission's standards for accreditation. The NEASC gave Gordon a year to review its policy on homosexuality and will hear the school's findings in September 2015. In other words, the NEASC is threatening to revoke Gordon's accreditation unless it ends its prohibition of homosexual practices.

The NEASC is attempting a disturbing overreach and abuse of power. Like it or not, when it comes to mixing religion and education in the U.S., the legal trend over the past century has been to keep public schools secular and religious schools private. Private colleges and universities could operate according to their religious beliefs and reasonably expect accreditation as long as they maintained federal and regional academic standards and didn't break any laws.

So what is it about Gordon's behavioral policy that the NEASC thinks is contrary to the commission's standards? According to the NEASC's Standards for Accreditation, standard 11.5 says an institution must adhere to "non-discriminatory policies and practices in recruitment, admissions, employment, evaluation, disciplinary action, and advancement" and foster "an atmosphere within the institutional community that respects and supports people of diverse characteristics and backgrounds." So the NEASC feels Gordon's prohibition of homosexual practices violates that stan-

However, the NEASC's Standards for Accreditation preamble says, "The Commission deals with institutional differences in ways designed to protect both educational quality and individual philosophy and practice. The Standards are aspirational expectations that must be met at least minimally. They are essentially qualitative criteria that measure the institution's current state of educational effectiveness."

It seems the NEASC is more concerned with a political agenda than it is Gordon's educational quality and individual philosophy and practice. In fact, it seems the NEASC is directly trying to alter Gordon's individual philosophy and practice. Gordon's behavioral standards do not affect their educational effectiveness and possibly missing one standard based off religious exemption should surly at least minimally meet the NEASC's standards for accreditation.

Private schools with religious affiliation exist partially because it would be illegal for them to exist as public institutions. Some Americans want to attend a Christian school founded on the principals of the Bible and the NEASC has no right to take that away from them. If Gordon's academic standards were falling short, then the NEASC should threaten their accreditation, but attacking the religious philosophy of the school is way out of the boundaries of an accrediting body. Unfortunately, the NEASC is not a government organization, because if they were, this would be a clear case of government infringement on Gordon's religious freedoms. However, this is still an abuse of



power that all Americans should care about. As Americans we need to decide how much influence we want outside forces to have over our private enterprises.

Where do we draw the line? It doesn't matter if an organization is Christian, atheist, Muslim, Buddhists, Hindu or anything else. If they are private, they should be allowed control over the way they operate. Because no one is forcing anybody to apply to Gordon and it is not a government ran school. People who disagree with Gordon's prohibition of homosexual practices have many other options to choose from. But where will students who desire to attend a school with policies based on their religious principles go if private schools are forced to change their religious policies in favor for secular poli-

This isn't just about Christianity or freedom of reli-

gion in America. It is also about the reasonable expectation of a private enterprise to operate in a way it sees fit without interference from outside organizations. If a private institution were endangering employees or discriminating because of race or gender, it would be breaking the law, and should be held responsible for

Some may feel that Gordon is breaking the law by banning homosexual practices on campus or that it is discriminating because of sexual orientation. However, Gordon is simply trying to create a campus atmosphere based around its religious beliefs. If the First Amendment didn't exist, then maybe the Gordon would be culpable for its code of conduct. However, all Americans are still guaranteed freedom of religion, and the NEASC has no right to try and take that away

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Allow Navajo hopeful to lead

I'm embarrassed to say this, but Spanish is not my first language.

This might not seem like something I should be embarrassed about. After all J. live in America where English is the popular language on television, in our government and in our school system.

Moreover, as an aspiring journalist it is important that I have a stronger command of the English language as I plan to work for an English-first publication. But, as a Mexican-American, the Spanish language is part of my culture.

Outside of work and school, my less than perfect command of Spanish makes me sick to my stomach because I know that if I don't use accents in just the right way around language elitists, I'll be looked down upon for not staying true to my roots.

It's hard to keep one foot in this country and the other in Mexico, trying to satisfy everyone around me, which is why Navajo Nation presidential hopeful Chris Deschene is someone I relate to in several ways.

Deschene is chasing a dream to lead the Navajo Nation out of economic turmoil and help the people who are more than constituents to him - they're his family.

But despite being a Marine Corps veteran, a lawyer, former member of Arizona's House of Representatives and a trained engineer, some people think he might not be leader material because of one thing - he doesn't speak the Navajo language fluently.

According to Navajo law, the leader of the tribe must speak their native language

While I certainly have no aspirations of becoming Mexico's next president, nor could I because I don't have dual citizenship, I can relate to Deschene nonetheless. There are instances where my participation in organizations and social circles is limited



because I speak what is called TexMex instead of traditional Spanish.

It's not a fun situation to be in, especially when you're talking to people who speak English but choose to speak Spanish for the sole purpose of making you work harder to keep up in the conversation.

However, I have noticed that this tends to happen with my Spanish elders more often than with my peers. The same, I believe, may be happening to Deschene.

In the Navajo Nation, fluency in the native language is a requirement for any president. Deschene, who has admitted he is not a master of the language, managed to finish second in the primary elections, with 9,831 votes, while former president Joe Shirley Jr., finished first with 11,052 votes.

But now, Deschene's primary competitors are challenging his progress to the final voting process because of his language deficiency.

Deschene has refused to take a fluency test, saying it's discriminatory. As an alternative, he took part in a deposition Monday where he was questioned in the Navajo

From this, it will be decided if Deschene can officially be on the general election ballot Nov. 4.

If Deschene is not allowed to run for

president, the Navajo Nation will have taken a great step backwards in history and forward into their increasing finan-

Based on my understanding of changes in the Navajo Nation, the new generation of Navajo people are similar to the new generation of Chicanos. Fewer first-generation and second-generation children speak the languages of their ancestors fluently.

I was raised by my great-grandmother who did not speak one word of English outside of "shut up," which she picked up from me and my siblings. Despite her nightly prayers in Spanish and being told to read my Spanish Bible, I did not come out a fluent speaker. Was this my fault or did I do too good a job assimilating to the environment around

Similarly, Deschene has said in past interviews that he was raised by elders who spoke the language fluently. However, he left the reservation for school and work and English became his dominant language.

So now the people of the Navajo Nation have a choice to make. Punish someone for expanding their horizons and bringing back knowledge to their tribe, or reward him and everyone he will lead by allowing him to impart his experience on a nation in dire need of a change in direction.

Culture is important and I would never say "forget about that old language." The Navajo language should be preserved because it is beautiful and part of history.

But Navajo elders would do well to remember that the only people who can make sure the language lives on are the educators; don't blame the students if the lessons were not imparted to them.

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From the Lariat blog



"We ran across campus to the SUB because we were not leaving without food. It was a pretty quick decision because a tent was collapsing on us as we decided what to do."

> - Poth sophomore Cody Soto Sports writer



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Associated Press

This 2008 file photo shows Edvard Moser and his wife May-Britt Moser in a laboratory in Trondheim. The 2014 Nobel Prize for Medicine was won by the Mosers together with U.S.-British scientist John O'Keefe.

Couple wins Nobel Prize

By Karl Ritter Mark Lewis Associated Press

STOCKHOLM — How do we remember where we parked the car? And how do we figure out a shortcut to work when there's a big traffic jam?

The brain, it turns out, has a GPS-like function that enables people to produce mental maps and navigate the world — a discovery for which three scientists won the Nobel Prize in medicine Monday.

Husband-and-wife scientists Edvard Moser and May-Britt Moser of Norway and New Yorkborn researcher John O'Keefe were honored for breakthroughs in experiments on rats that could help pave the way for a better understanding of human diseases such as Alzheimer's.

"We can actually begin to investigate what goes wrong" in Alzheimer's, said O'Keefe, a dual British-American citizen. He said the findings might also help scientists design tests that can pick up the very earliest signs of the mind-robbing disease, whose victims lose their spatial memory and get easily lost.

It was in London in 1971

where O'Keefe discovered the first component of the brain's positioning system.

He found that a certain type of nerve cell was always activated when a rat was at a certain place in a room. Other nerve cells were activated when the rat moved to another place. He demonstrated that these "place cells" were building up a map, not just registering visual input.

Decades later, in 2005, the Mosers identified another type of nerve cell — the "grid cell" — that generates a coordinate system for precise "positioning and pathfinding," the Nobel Assembly said.

"I made the initial discovery over 40 years ago. It was met then with a lot of skepticism," the 74-year-old O'Keefe said. "And then slowly over years, the evidence accumulated. And I think it's a sign of recognition not only for myself and the work I did, but for the way in which the field has bloomed."

John Kubie of the SUNY Downstate Medical Center in New York said this GPS system in the brain is used in such everyday tasks as remembering where a car is parked or taking a new shortcut on the way home. Kubie also said learning about it may teach scientists more about how the brain learns and remembers, even apart from navigating.

Born in Harlem and raised in the South Bronx, O'Keefe received his doctoral degree in physiological psychology at McGill University in Canada before moving to England for postdoctoral work at the University College London.

Monday's award was the fourth time that a married couple has won and the second time in the medicine category.

"This is such a great honor for all of us and all the people who have worked with us and supported us," May-Britt Moser, 51, said. "We are going to continue and hopefully do even more groundbreaking work in the future."

The Nobel Assembly said the laureates' discoveries marked a shift in scientists' understanding of how specialized cells work together to perform complex cognitive tasks. They have also opened new avenues for understanding cognitive functions such as memory, thinking and planning.

This year's Nobel announcements continue with the physics award today, followed by chemistry, literature and peace later this week. The economics prize will be announced next Monday.

Panel encourages students to offer religious tolerance

By Jon Platt Reporter

For students to help overcome religious persecution, President and Chancellor Ken Starr said they should become educated and get involved to make a difference.

Starr addressed an audience Monday of students, faculty, staff and guests following a panel on religious persecution, where speakers from different faiths discussed acceptance and the future of religious freedom.

"Engage first in awareness," Starr said. "And then learn the language of fundamental human rights, such as the language set forth in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. And then become advocates. Become part of IJM. Become part of CHINAaid. Or start your own nonprofit."

The panel included Rabbi Gordon Fuller of Agudath Jacob Synagogue in Waco, Father Timothy Vaverek of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Gatesville and Anne Zaki, professor at Evangelical Theological Seminary in Cairo, Egypt. Baylor's interim provost, Dr. David Garland, moderated the panel.

Fuller said anti-Semitism has transformed over the years to become politically acceptable. He said it has moved from being about a religion, to being about a people, to being about a nation.

"It's puzzling to me," Fuller said. "It's frustrating to me. But these conversations are important."

Vaverek, whose Catholic great-grandfather's house was burned down by members of the Ku Klux Klan in the 1930s, said that religious persecution comes from more than just a hatred of other religions, it comes from fear. Fear, he said, will make rational people act irrationally in order to protect what they find important.

"There are people who love to hate, so let's set them aside — fortunately, there's probably relatively few," Vaverek said. "How do we account for Christians putting



Anne Zaki, professor at Evangelical Presbyterian Seminary in Cairo, captivates an audience with stories of her work in Egypt following a panel over world religious persecution Monday in the Alexander Reading Room of the Honors College.

sheets over their heads and hanging black people and burning

Vaverek's hypothetical question was later addressed by Dr. Douglas Henry, associate dean of the Honors College. "I whole-heartedly endorse against mere tolerance," Henry said. "Tolerance is not good enough."

Vaverek said that when people merely stand by and watch, atrocities happen. He said that being passive and not standing up to injustice might be worse than the act of intolerance itself. To clarify his point, Vaverek referenced the work of musician John Lennon.

"John Lennon invited us to imagine a world in which there was nothing to die for, and no religion, too," he said. "But, if there's nothing to die for, what is there to live for? And consider it: people have killed in the name of God, in the name of atheism, in the name of reason, in the name of race, in the name of progress, in the name of economic opportunity, and the name of, well, they've actually killed in the name of what sports team they support."

Zaki, who also spoke at Chapel on Monday, discussed the history of religious relations in her home country of Egypt. She told the sto-

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ry, beginning 50 years ago, of how persecution of Christians became a regular occurrence through political turmoil and unrest.

And now, as peace and order begins to re-enter the country, she said she is hopeful of the acceptance that will follow. But it will take time. Christians, she said, can help further this process through offering love and acceptance. "Let's open our Christian communities to serve Muslims," she said. "Let's throw our bread on the water and see what happens."

Zaki said panels such as Monday's serve to help encourage understanding and increase engagement. "We must all be able to talk," she said. "And from different angles and from different groups."

For Baylor to help prevent re-

For Baylor to help prevent religious persecution from occurring, Garland said the university must model proper discourse in the classroom and encourage students to follow the same values to those outside the university. He also said it is important to be self-conscious in order to be effective.

"One of the things we need to be deeply conscious of is evil in ourselves," he said. "It's easy to see it in ISIS, but we need to focus inwardly as well."

Author to give lecture at Baylor business school on growing consumerism

By Abigail Loop Staff Writer

Baylor's Baugh Center for Entrepreneurship and Free Enterprise is bringing a well-known American political and cultural writer to speak with the Baylor community on today's phenomena of growing consumerism.

Author Virginia Postrel will present a lecture titled, "Why Do People Buy Things They Don't Need? Imagination, Meaning, and Economic Value" at 4 p.m. today on the fifth floor of the Cashion Academic Center.

According to her website, vpostrel.com, Postrel's focus of literary works and speaking engagements concentrates on the intersection of culture and commerce.

Lorynn Divita, associate professor of apparel merchandising, said she saw Postrel speak earlier this year at a conference and after hearing her, she went to the Hankamer School of Business to pitch

the idea of bringing her to Baylor.

"I was fortunate enough to hear
Virginia speak at the Southwest
Pop Culture Association in New
Mexico," Divita said. "She does an
amazing job of connecting social,
psychological, cultural and economic aspects. After I heard her
speak, I approached Dr. Blaine



COURTESY P Virginia Postrel

McCormick at the business school and he put me in touch with Dr. Steven Bradley also."

Divita said both business professors had read Postrel's previous book, "The Future and Its Enemies: The Growing Conflict Over Creativity, Enterprise, and Progress," and were interested in her being a speaker at Baylor as well.

Bradley, assistant professor of management, said he's hoping Postrel's lecture will spur economic talks around campus.

"What we're trying to do is have

more conversations about this on campus," Bradley said. "Why do we buy designer trashcans instead of a regular one? She's going to provide an interesting take on why we buy things we don't need and human behavior."

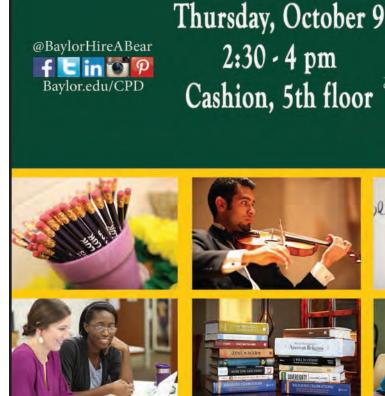
According to a study published in the Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin last year, materialism rose substantially from the mid-1970s, peaking in the late 1980s and early 1990s and has remained at historically high levels through the start of the new millennium.

"I think students will be engaged with her lecture," Bradley said. "We overconsume and we are materialistic, but the question is where do you draw the line? It's all about the choices people make and I'm interested to see how she

presents this."

Divita said the presentation is open to everyone and it will also provide a rare opportunity for students to see someone who is so highly respected and well-known.

"It's not every day that someone of a national representation, who's written for the New York Times and Allure Magazine, comes to speak at Baylor," Divita said. "I know she'll be a great speaker."





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ity and competitively robust nursing education," Conroy said.

The nursing school has grown from a meager nine students upon its founding in 1909 at the Training School of the Texas Baptists Memorial Sanatorium in Dallas to over 700 students at it's current location, 3700 Worth St.

The current nursing building is at maximum capacity. The new building, located at 333 N. Washington Ave. will give students an additional 62,000 square feet of learning space.

"Due to the growth of the undergraduate program, there is not an adequate area at the current location for the nursing school's graduate program," Conroy said. "More office space is needed for LHSON faculty and staff."

Madison, Miss. senior Anna Kathryn Hughes said nursing students have also noted the cramped environment the current nursing school provides.

"Often times, we have classes in other buildings and there is rarely a time when classes of all levels have a big enough place to go to where we can all interact together," Hughes said. "From what I've learned, I think the new building will allow for more networking and much more opportunity for

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cacy group for gay rights.

sage that this essentially is over,"

said Jon Davidson, legal direc-

tor of Lambda Legal, an advo-

Leaders of the National Orga-

nization for Marriage predicted a

backlash in the form of renewed

efforts to pass a constitutional

amendment defining marriage as

the union of a man and a woman.

have nothing to say about this -

that unelected judges are going to

decide it for us — that's preposter-

ous," said John Eastman, the orga-

an amendment have gained little

traction, even in past years when

support for same-sex marriage was less robust. NOM's president, Brian Brown, acknowledged that any renewed efforts would be

The politics of gay marriage

ate and House. And two openly

gay Republicans — Massachusetts'

Richard Tisei and California's Carl

DeMaio — are running for House

proved legislation that would bar

workplace discrimination based

on sexual orientation and gender

identity. Fifty-four members of the

Senate Democratic majority and

10 Republicans voted in favor of

the first major gay rights bill since

Congress repealed the ban on gays

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community."

The new building will hold a larger simulation lab, an upgraded and expanded success center for students, a student commons space, a community facility for special events and a chapel for students and faculty. It will also be closer to the hospital where students work and conduct their assigned hospital hours.

David Hardage, executive director of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, said in a letter to the Texas Baptist Foundation their motives behind selling their building was to further the Baptist Mission of Christian faith.

"This is an opportunity to put ministering to people first and adding collaborative ministries to reach the state," Hardage said. "It's more than dollars and cents — it's flesh and souls."

Baylor President and Chancellor Ken Starr agreed with the Baptist mission and Hardage's statement in a Baylor University Board of Regents meeting on May 16.

"The Baptist Building will greatly enhance the ministry of Baylor's outstanding nursing program, which is at capacity on its current campus, while strengthening our growing partnership with the Baylor Health Care System," Starr said.

Conroy said she believes the



Louise Herrington classes are being moved to this Dallas building, adjacent to the Baylor Medical Center.

new building will provide a greater opportunity for the nursing school to further its outstanding reputation for molding great nurses.

"During the last 105 years, LH-SON has educated more than 6,000 graduates who are known to be academically, spiritually and personally prepared for service," Conroy said. "The growth of LHSON underscores Baylor's strategic vision, Pro Futuris, which states that our past is inextricably linked to our future, and that our obligation, to God and to the world, continues."

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on the same street.

"We don't have an estimated cost at the moment," Taylor said. "We have to submit our city assessments to the state, and then they have to come look and inspect for themselves."

Taylor said he was not aware of any injuries besides a few minor car accidents due to the heavy rain.

Friendswood junior Katie Smiley was driving through the storm around 6:45 p.m. when she realized how severe it was.

"There was a huge tree that had fallen in the middle of the road that police were directing traffic around," Smiley said. "If it had fallen the other way, it would have completely destroyed a house next to it."

Sgt. Patrick Swanton, public information officer for the Waco Police Department, said the city is still in the process of picking

up trees and brush around the

"Power has been restored to the damaged areas," Swanton said. "Now it's just a matter of getting residents to collect debris and put it on the sidewalk to be picked up."

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turnover."

Senior punter Spencer Roth also had a pivotal fake punt in the third quarter that eventually led to Baylor's first offensive touchdown.

Baylor's running game also stepped up with the passing game struggling. After failing to hit triple-digits in his first four games, sophomore running back Shock Linwood went for 148 yards and a touchdown.

The defense posted yet another elite performance against a Texas offense grasping for straws. After the blocked field goal and goal line fumble, Texas did not score until just over two minutes left in the game, when it was already decided.

"That's just that gang green mentality: we're not here to let you score," junior defensive end Shawn Oakman said. "We're here to take the first punch and we're here to keep punching. We're not going to stop for any-

Baylor had seven sacks for loss, including a highlight-reel sack from Oakman. Sophomore safety Orion Stewart added two interceptions.

Baylor was ranked No. 7 in the week five Associated Press poll. Four of the six teams ahead of Baylor in the poll lost in week six: No. 2 Oregon, No. 3 Alabama, No. 4 Oklahoma and No. 6 Texas A&M.

affected areas.

With all the losses, Baylor moved up to No. 5 in the AP poll. The Bears are one of only 10 teams with a perfect record left in college football, and one of only two Big 12 teams without a loss.

"It means a lot because being at Baylor, that hasn't happened very often," senior receiver Levi Norwood said. "At the same time, if you look at the games that happened last week, it doesn't mean anything. You've still got to win."

In 2013, Baylor made it as high as No. 3 in the AP poll before losing to Oklahoma State on the road, a game that destroyed Baylor's championship aspirations. Briles is focused on making sure the same does not happen again this year.

"I think we are a better team than last year, and that's just the bottom line," Briles said. "We are not where we need to be or have to be to have a chance to win the conference again, but I do think we are a better football team than we were a year ago this time."

The Bears will try to prove themselves in the first true test of the year at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday against TCU at McLane Stadium.



Rhonda Buckner, right, and her partner Diana Ullius, celebrated Monday outside the Arlington County Courthouse in Arlington, Va., following a Supreme Court decision rejecting gay marriage appeals from 5 states.

have shifted in the past decade. In 2004, it was a wedge issue: Republicans looking to boost turnout in the presidential election put questions of banning gay marriage beissue remains a touchstone for fore voters in nearly a dozen states. many conservatives, especially Ten years later, there are openly those in House districts drawn to gay members of both the U.S. Sen-

lean heavily toward the GOP. Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker, a Republican, said Monday that the fight against same-sex marriage "is over" in his state. He said that "it is clear that the position of the court of appeals at the federal level is the law of the land and we're going to

go forward enacting it." But South Carolina Attorney General Alan Wilson said he would continue to fight to uphold his state constitution's ban on gay

Evan Wolfson, president of Freedom to Marry, called on the high court to "finish the job" with a national ruling. Wolfson said the court's "delay in affirming the

Congress, has not acted on the prolongs the patchwork of statediscrimination measure. And the to-state discrimination and the vor of state bans than did the 9th harms and indignity that the denial of marriage still inflicts on too many couples in too many places."

On the other side, Ed Whelan of the Ethics and Public Policy Center, an opponent of same-sex marriage, also chastised the court for its "irresponsible denial of review in the cases." Whelan said it is hard to see how the court could eventually rule in favor of samesex marriage bans after having allowed so many court decisions striking down those bans to re-

main in effect. Two other appeals courts, in Cincinnati and San Francisco, could issue decisions any time in same-sex marriage cases. Judges in the Cincinnati-based 6th Circuit who are weighing pro-gay marriage rulings in Kentucky,

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all but certain to keep in the next freedom to marry nationwide Michigan, Ohio and Tennessee, appeared more likely to rule in fa-Circuit judges in San Francisco, who are considering Idaho and Nevada restrictions on marriage.

It takes just four of the nine justices to vote to hear a case, but it takes a majority of at least five for an eventual ruling. Monday's opaque order did not indicate how the justices voted on whether to hear the appeals.

With four justices each in the liberal and conservative camps and Justice Anthony Kennedy more or less in the middle, it appeared that neither side of the court wanted to take up the issue now. It also may be that Kennedy, with his likely decisive vote, did not want to rule on same-sex marriage now.



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A new line of denim called I/O Denim now offers men jeans with pockets large enough to accommodate smartphones.

Tech meets fashion

Alumni design men's jeans for smartphones

By Hannah Neumann STAFF WRITER

With expertise in fashion and entrepreneurship, Baylor alumni and siblings Gitanjali and Anand Venkatrao have joined forces to create contemporary jeans designed for easy cell phone access.

I/O Denim is a brand for individuals who consider themselves both fashionable and technology-forward, according to their website, with an I/O Pocket catered to smartphone users.

"We're adding convenience to a very fashion-forward product," Anand said. "It's a very trendy looking pair of jeans, but the I/O Pocket allows you to have a smartphone that is easily accessible, so like when you're sitting down you can get to your phone without that awkward leg stretch."

The idea came to Anand abruptly while driving on Interstate 35, as he tried to answer a sales call and almost crashed his car.

"I was driving to Dallas and I had my phone in my

pocket when I got a call," Anand said. "I tried to get to my phone but it was stuck in my jean pocket so I looked down for one second trying to get it, and when I looked back up I had to slam on my breaks and almost hit the car in front of me."

According to statistics from the US Department of Transportation, Texas has more than 3200 miles of interstate roads. Statistics from the Texas Department of Transportation show more than 3300 motorists died in auto accidents in 2013.

After the near-accident, Anand presented the idea of a solution to Gitanjali, knowing her bachelor's degree in fashion merchandising and entrepreneurship would serve well for the venture. Then they started cutting up T-shirts and sewing pocket ideas, Anand

"It took us a while to develop a good prototype," Gitanjali said. "We did a kickstarter launch in December of 2012 and it was overly successful. We asked for 10,000 and we ended up getting 12,000."

The kickstarter funded the brand's launch just a



Siblings Anand (left) and Gitanjali Venkatrao, both Baylor alumni, are the owners of jean brand I/O Denim.

month later. Though their brand has been a success, Gitanjali said they often get asked why their jeans only

"I think with women's clothing it's a lot harder to design a functional and still stylish pocket, especially since our pants are tighter," Gitanjali said. "But we are trying to think of some way around that and trying to develop something for women. It's in the works but we're just not quite sure what it is yet."

For Anand, the pants were exactly what he envisioned and hoped for.

"I wear them practically every day," Anand said. "I have four pairs that I rotate and I don't like wearing any other jeans now."

Women storm box office for thriller, horror genres

By Saba Hamedy Tribune News Service

LOS ANGELES - The new David Fincher thriller "Gone Girl" and the low-budget horror film "Annabelle" scored big at the weekend box office, propelled by one key audience group: women.

"Gone Girl" finished the weekend at No. 1 with a three-day estimated gross of \$38 million in the U.S. and Canada, while "Annabelle" finished a close second with \$37.2 million. Studios will get more precise numbers Monday, but both heavily marketed Rrated films appear to have trumped industry tracking figures by more than \$10 million.

Based on the popular novel by Gillian Flynn, "Gone Girl" follows Nick Dunne (Ben Affleck) after his wife goes missing on their fifth an-

As secrets of their marriage unfold, police, media and community members try to determine whether Nick killed his wife.

The film drew an audience that to its strong female cast: Rosamund Pike as wife Amy, Kim Dickens as Detective Boney and Carrie Coon as Nick's twin. The majority of moviegoers – 75 percent – were older than 25.

"One of Fincher's genius moves - he makes many - is the casting of this film," said Chris Aronson, 20th Century Fox's head of domestic distribution.

Critical praise also helped. As of Sunday, the film had notched an 87 percent positive rating on the review aggregation site Rotten

Both "Gone Girl" and "Annabelle" received B grades from audience polling firm CinemaScore.

The films helped to boost a box office recovering from a summer According to entertainment

data provider Rentrak, weekend ticket sales for the top 10 films were up 24.3 percent from the same time last year, when director Alfonso Cuaron's Oscar-nominated "Gravity" posted the biggest October debut with about \$55.6 million in the U.S. and Canada.

After summer hits such as "Lucy" "Maleficent" and "The was 60 percent female, a testament Fault in Our Stars," the strength of female audiences shouldn't come as a shock.

"At this point, we shouldn't even

have to try to make a point about how important the female audience is," said Paul Dergarabedian, senior media analyst at Rentrak. "It should be self-evident."

Dergarabedian said "Gone Girl" was not the "typical movie that would appeal to females." It's not a romantic comedy, young adult book adaptation or action film with a female central charac-

"But typical rules don't apply anymore at the box office," he

The same reasoning could be applied to New Line's "Annabelle."

Contrary to what some might expect for a horror film, the gender breakdown for "Annabelle" was fairly balanced, with female moviegoers making up 51 percent of the

"Annabelle" follows the haunted doll from "The Conjuring," which in July 2013 cast a spell over audiences and opened to about \$41.5 million. It ended up grossing \$318 million worldwide.

"For years, it's been that women love horror movies, but for some reason there's a stereotype that women wouldn't like them," Dergarabedian said. "Wom-



Annabelle Wallis and Ward Horton play couple Mia and John in "Annabelle." The horror film follows the haunted doll from "The Conjuring." Female viewers made up more than half of the movie's ticket sales.

en helped drive 'Anabelle' to big studio estimates of about \$20 milnumbers also."

The female turnout, he said, "is audience can be found for films if they are properly marketed."

"Annabelle," which cost about \$6.5 million to make, exceeded lion for opening weekend.

"We're thrilled with our numopening our minds to the fact that bers," said Dan Fellman, Warner New York to No. 3. there are no rules anymore. Any Bros. president of domestic distribution. "And we've created a new cause we did very well with 'The franchise."

> "Annabelle" did particularly well with Latino moviegoers, es-

pecially in Texas. Though Los Angeles was the No. 1 market, Dallas nabbed the No. 2 spot and pushed

"We went after that market be-Conjuring' there, and it made sense," Fellman said. "It was on fire this weekend."

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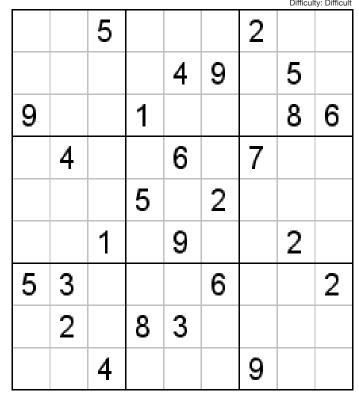












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Terrell Burt wins Big 12 honor

Junior cover safety Terrell Burt celebrates his touchdown against the University of Texas on Saturday at Darrell K. Royal-Texas Memorial Stadium in Austin. Burt was named Big 12 Special Team Player of the Week for his performance in Baylor's 28-7 victory over the Longhorns. Burt returned a blocked field goal 62 yards to give Baylor a quick 7-0 lead, the only score of the first half.

Palmer tears ACL, out for year

By Cody Soto Sports Writer

Junior defensive end Jamal Palmer is out for the season after suffering a torn ACL in his left knee during Baylor's 28-7 win over Texas on Saturday afternoon.

"It's a huge blow because he's a great player," head coach Art Briles said. "He's a great teammate and smart guy that has played a lot of snaps for us the last three years. He's done a tremendous job this year, so it is a blow."

Palmer was forced to leave the game on Saturday and was replaced by redshirt freshman K.J. Smith for the remainder of the game. He failed to record a tackle against Texas on Saturday before his injury forced him to sit the bench.

Palmer, a five game starter, has 14 tackles, including three for loss and 2.5 quarterback sacks this season. Palmer had five tackles against SMU on Aug. 31 in Baylor's season opener and posted four tackles in both Northwestern State and Buffalo games on Sept. 6 and Sept. 12.

As a sophomore last season, Palmer recorded 38 tackles including 11 for loss and five quarterback sacks and forced five fumbles.

Briles and the rest of the coaching staff look toward sophomore Javonte Magee and redshirt freshman Brian Nance to replace Palmer for the remainder of the season.

Baylor will need to fill the gap at defensive end quickly as it faces No. 9 TCU Saturday afternoon at 2:30 p.m. in McLane Stadium.

Baylor soccer looks to improve on TCU draw

By Jeffrey Swindoll Sports Writer

Two weeks into Big 12 Conference play, Baylor soccer sits in a decent position with a 1-1-1 record, with the most recent game ended in a disappointing 1-1 tie with TCU on Friday.

Baylor fans packed the stands at Betty Lou Mays Field, urging their team to push for a goal in overtime against TCU, but the Bears were unsuccessful in claiming their second Big 12 win this season.

A tie is still a good result for the Bears, who are in the midst of a tight conference. No team looks out of the woods just yet and every game is crucial to the postseason picture.

"It's a great conference. This is why it's the Big 12," Baylor co-head coach Marci Jobson said after the TCU game. "There are a lot of good teams and close games. That's why we all count the points at the end very closely. We played well and are doing a lot of right things."

Against TCU, junior midfielders Ashley York and Bri Campos were perhaps the most valuable to the team they've been all season. Campos tacked on another goal to her team-lead in goals this season. She made a run to the near-post and tucked her shot inside as she came tumbling down with a defender on her back in the 13th minute. Campos has six goals this season and 15 goals in her collegiate career, 10th all-time at Baylor.

On Friday, York sailed some fantastic balls into the box that just weren't finished off by her teammates. Apart from those great passes, York nearly had the game winner against TCU.

With less than 2 minutes left in the match, Baylor earned a free kick about 25 to 30 yards out from the goal. Judging by the lackadaisical formation of the wall for the free kick, the Horned Frogs' wall did not expect York to take the shot from that distance. York caught them off-guard, running straight at the ball, cracking her shot with the outside of her right foot. The ball knuckled on its way to TCU's goalkeeper, who tipped the ball just over the crossbar.

"It's pretty frustrating, but that's soccer you know,"



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Junior midfielder Justine Hovden fights a TCU defender in Baylor's 1-1 draw with the Horned Frogs on Friday.

Campos said after the TCU game. "You get as many chances as you can and you put one away in one game and in the next game you can't."

Baylor has had an outstanding issue on set pieces this season. A set piece decided two games for Baylor this season. One was a loss to Notre Dame on a corner kick and the other was a free kick against TCU on Friday.

The TCU goal on Friday fell on the shoulders of Kloss. The rest of Baylor's defense was in position, but were sitting ducks with Kloss out of the six-yard box.

"I have to claim that. That goal was my fault," senior goalkeeper Michelle Kloss said. "I came out, misjudged it and it took a header off of one of our players and a TCU player finished it."

Baylor will try to keep the upward momentum going this weekend when it goes on a road trip to Oklahoma to play the Sooners and Oklahoma State on Friday and Sunday respectively.



