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2 dead, 1 wounded in home invasion



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One suspect was taken to Baylor Scott & White Hillcrest Medical Center after an attempted home invasion Tuesday evening. Gunfire was exchanged by both suspects and from a resident resulting in the death of two men.

Police charge 17-year-old with capital murder

By JONATHAN S. PLATT
NEWS EDITOR

A robbery suspect and a Waco resident are dead after a drug-related home invasion involving gunfire at 10:15 p.m. Tuesday at the 1900 block of 16th St., said Waco Police spokesman Sgt. W. Patrick Swanton.

Garrett Marshall Gage, a 17-year-old Temple resident, was shot in the leg and fled the scene. He was later detained and arrested several blocks away.

Gage, a resident, is being held without bond in the McLennan County Jail on a capital murder charge, according to police.

Authorities are unsure as to exactly how the gunfire was exchanged, but said they are sure that following the shots both suspects attempted to flee the scene.

The second suspect was wounded by a resident's gunfire and collapsed outside the house. He was later transported to Baylor Scott & White Hillcrest Medical Center where he was pronounced dead, according to police reports. The suspect was not identified.

According to police, an investigation concerning the incident is on going.

One of the eight residents of the house, 20-year-old Braeden Freeman, was shot and killed by a handgun, which police said was fired by one of the suspects.

After Freeman was shot, another resident, who was not identified, used a rifle to return fire on the suspects, according to authorities.

Authorities from Waco, Baylor and McLennan County responded to the incident at approximately 10:30 p.m. An ambulance arrived

on the scene approximately an hour later.

"We heard 'pop pop' noises," said Walled Lake, Mich., senior Brielle Boomer, who lives next door.

Hiatt said authorities are not positive of how the alleged intruders were attempting to enter the house. But authorities said the reason for the intrusion is believed to be in order to steal illegal drugs and other property.

"It doesn't appear that this was a random incident," Hiatt said.

Later, police reports confirmed this statement. The suspects knew who they were targeting and why, police said.

Boomer and her roommate, Beaver Falls, Penn., graduate student Sierra Davies, were at home Tuesday evening when they be-

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Signing day brings new talent to Baylor's 2015 football lineup

By SHEHAN JEYARAJAH
SPORTS EDITOR

Baylor football announced the eighth signing class in program history as the Bears signed 20 players to National Letters of Intent on National Signing Day on Wednesday.

"Our people on staff have done a tremendous job," head coach Art Briles said. "We're looking for guys who fit what we're looking for in our program. I'm looking forward to getting them on campus. I would rank us with anyone in America, both at developing student athletes and schematically on the football field."

The class featured 17 recruits straight out of high school to go along with two junior college athletes and a grayshirt from the 2014 signing class. In addition, 17 came from the state of Texas. Four of the athletes were early-enrollees and arrived on Baylor's campus in January for the spring semester.



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While it was a smaller class, the Bears picked up several nationally-ranked players. Stidham was ranked No. 37 in the ESPN 300, while Waco Midway wide receiver Devontre Stricklin was ranked No. 257 and Longview running back Ja'Mycal Hasty ranked No. 262.

The crown jewel of the class is five-star quarterback Jarrett Stid-

ham out of Stephenville, where Briles used to coach. Stidham originally committed to Texas Tech before flipping at the last minute. Briles has never had a quarterback rated as highly out of high school.

"His mentality impresses me," Briles said. "It shouldn't have surprised me, but it did. I thought he was laid back, but he's very passionate about being a dominant

football player. He has a dynamic quality that could help push him to greatness."

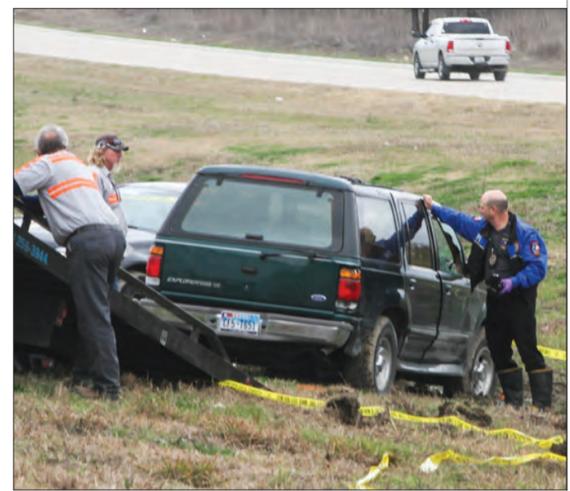
Stricklin and linebacker Lenoy Jones Jr., both hail from nearby Midway High School. The duo become the fourth and fifth player from Midway on Baylor's roster and gives the Bears seven players overall from the Waco area.

"We love to stay local if we can," Briles said. "It's like what Dorothy said; she wasn't saying that there's no place like your neighbor's, she said there's no place like home."

The Bears gave a particular emphasis to the defensive side of the ball, where eight of their 10 commits reside. In addition, five of the prospects are set to play defensive back, while another four are set to take the field at linebacker.

"You can never have enough great defensive backs, can never have enough linebackers that can

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SKYE DUNCAN | LARIAT PHOTO EDITOR

Authorities recover an unidentified suspect's vehicle from the shoulder on Interstate 35 outside the

Man dead after high-speed chase

By SKYE DUNCAN
PHOTO EDITOR

The driver of a green Ford Expedition was shot and killed by police Wednesday afternoon after a car chase involving gunfire concluded near Lorena city limits.

The man was a suspect in multiple local armed robberies, including a robbery at a 7-11 in Woodway on Monday night, police said. Police did not expressly connect the suspect to any of the recent robberies near campus.

"He presented a threat to the officers and we had to use lethal force," said Waco Police Sgt. W.

Patrick Swanton.

No authorities or civilians were injured according to Waco Police.

Waco police saw the suspect in a vehicle, which was on a watch alert. Authorities tried to stop him in East Waco, but after he fled a pursuit along Interstate 35 began at about 12:28 p.m., said Texas Department of Public Safety Trooper D.L. Wilson.

Authorities said the suspect drove up to 85 mph while fleeing from police.

The suspect avoided road

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BU senators file suit against Kinghorn

By REUBIN TURNER
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Two student senators filed a lawsuit this week in Student Court against Katy junior Lawren Kinghorn, internal vice president.

The lawsuit alleges Kinghorn has failed to uphold her duties as president of the Student Senate and violated obligations required of her as president of the Student Senate, internal vice president and president of the Senate Executive Council.

Woodinville, Wash., senior Gannon McCahill and San Antonio junior Chase Hardy are the plaintiffs for the case who said they are tired of sitting idly by while Kinghorn damages the morale of student government.

"She has been unprofessional with her actions, and these actions have undermined the purpose of student government," Hardy said.

According to the lawsuit, Kinghorn is being sued because of her disregard to adhere to rules outlined in the bylaws.

The lawsuit claims that last semester, after McCahill was notified that he could face impeachment for violating an attendance policy, he contacted Kinghorn to alert her of an error regarding absences.

Once Kinghorn acknowledged the error, she scheduled an emergency meeting for the SEC to re-vote on whether or not to bring McCahill before the Senate for impeachment.

McCahill asked Kinghorn to move the meeting for the re-vote, because he could not attend, and wanted to be present to present his arguments.

Hardy said when McCahill asked Kinghorn to reschedule the hearing, she informed him the impeachment proceedings would continue, because she felt the "clerical error" would not have an impact on the SEC's judgment.

"McCahill's name was tarnished across campus because of a mistake Kinghorn wouldn't correct," Hardy said. Hardy this unilateral act by Kinghorn helped prompt the lawsuit.



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In this photo from Jan. 29, senator vote to send a measure concerning campus Wi-Fi to student body president Dominique Edwards. Two senators recently filed a lawsuit against senate president Lawren Kinghorn. The suit claims that Kinghorn has not fulfilled her duties on the Senate.

McCahill said if the re-vote had taken place, he likely would not have been voted by the SEC to be brought before the Senate for impeachment, because his violations of the bylaws were not as severe with the correction, and other senators with similar offenses were voted by the SEC to not be impeached.

When McCahill was brought before the Senate, they chose not to impeach him, as previously reported by the Lariat.

In addition to choosing not to allow a re-vote, Hardy said Kinghorn's blatant disregard for the rules also prompted for the law-

suit.

During the meeting McCahill was to be brought before the Senate to vote on whether or not he would be impeached, McCahill said he was not allowed to vote on any issue prior to his impeachment vote, nor was he recognized during the roll call.

Hardy said Kinghorn referenced Robert's Rules of Order as the reason for him not being recognized during the proceeding, saying he was not in good standing. Hardy said this is not found in the parliamentary guide.

"It's quite obvious she is cher-

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Lubbock plane crash cuts antenna in half

ASSOCIATED PRESS

LUBBOCK — One man is dead after the small aircraft in which he was flying crashed into a TV tower while approaching an airport in West Texas.

Lubbock Fire Department Division Chief Steve Holland said the area surrounding the KCBD-TV tower in southeastern Lubbock was still being searched Wednesday night.

The search is being continued to make sure there were no others dead.

The Federal Aviation Admin-

istration reports a single-engine Piper PA-46 crashed into the 814-foot tower.

The plane was approaching Preston Smith International Airport on a flight from Carlsbad, New Mexico.

FAA spokesman Lynn Lunsford said the aircraft dropped off radar screens around 7:30 p.m.

The crash knocked the station off the air and cut power to the surrounding neighborhood. KCBD anchor and reporter Karin McCay said the tower was cut in half.

No personnel were injured.



Seattle Seahawks' Marshawn Lynch answers a question during an interview for NFL Super Bowl XLIX football game Jan. 29 in Phoenix. The Seahawks played the New England Patriots in Super Bowl XLIX on Sunday. The Patriots triumphed over the Seahawks 28-24 Sunday in Super Bowl XLIX.

We only wrote this so we wouldn't get fined

Editorial

The 2015 Super Bowl may go down as one of the most exciting championship games of all time. The matchup between the Seattle Seahawks and New England Patriots almost guaranteed the game would be great, with each team entering the playoffs as the No. 1 seed. The weeks prior to the Super Bowl should have been filled with media analysis about strengths vs. weaknesses on both teams and the historic implications of either team winning. Instead, most of the media attention was focused on off-the-field issues in New England and Seattle.

The main difference between the two teams' media distractions was that Seattle's was completely avoidable and self-inflicted. During the two weeks before Super Bowl XLIX Lynch gained a sort of folk hero status because of his refusal to speak to the media. Lynch has always been short and shy with reporters and admits he has no interest in speaking to the media.

However, Lynch's recent actions were different. Instead of seeming disinterested in the media, he exuded anger. Lynch seemed to act more out of spite and malice than boredom.

Many people, Seahawks and non-Seahawks fans alike, expressed their support for Lynch's actions, stating that he shouldn't have to speak to the media if he doesn't want to. Many even buy into Lynch's statements that he has some sort of social anxiety disorder and is too shy to speak to the media. This is all nonsense.

Anyone paying attention to the situation knows that it is in fact Lynch's, and all NFL players', job to speak to the media at designated times. The media clause is part of their contract. Like most jobs, there are many required duties other than the main job description.

Yes, Lynch is a football player and the most important part of his job is to be the best running back he can be and to help his team win football games. But if Lynch wants to be in the NFL, he can't pick and choose which parts of his job he will participate in.

In the NFL, players must do much more than just play football. They must adhere to the substance abuse policy, behavior policy and even the media policy. It may seem like a false equivalence to compare steroid use to talking to the media, but it is not. These are all elements of a NFL contract that players



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agree to before taking their money and representing the organization. If players doesn't honor the rules of the contract, they receive a punishment.

Cleveland Browns wide receiver Josh Gordon, a former Baylor wide receiver, didn't break a law when he drank alcohol on an airplane recently, but he did break the substance abuse policy added to his contract in order for him to be reinstated. Gordon didn't hurt anybody by having a drink, didn't break a law and didn't cause a scene. Where are all his supporters to support his right to be himself?

Lynch's claim about being too shy to speak to reporters is also hyperbole. Someone with a social anxiety disorder wouldn't be able to perform at the highest level in front of thousands of fans during 16 games a year. However, Lynch also excels in the postseason, when there is even more pressure.

Lynch has also given good interviews before. He was closed-lipped during the 2014 Super Bowl media day only to walk off stage and give an interview to NFL Network's Deion Sanders.

Even if Lynch does have public speaking problems, most people aren't asking him to stand up and give the most loquacious interviews ever. Lynch could walk on

stage and give one-word answers to every question and still be acting more respectful to the media and fulfill the parameters of his contract.

It seems that Lynch doesn't understand the service the media provides to the NFL and to him. Without the media coverage, the NFL doesn't bring in as much money.

The reason the owners are able to pay players big-money contracts is partly due to the coverage that the media provides. The relationship is symbiotic and the media outlets only cover the NFL because they profit from the interviews too. Lynch's lack of understanding, or complete disregard, for this process is disturbing.

Lynch's protest doesn't hurt the people, or process, that he is actually frustrated with. The reporters who try and interview Lynch are just trying to get by and support their families on a meager income by doing the job they were assigned. If Lynch wants to change the NFL's media policy, he's doing it wrong.

One of the most surprising parts of Lynch's media saga is the amount of public support he received from fans. Fans who no doubt consume sports news and who can probably relate to the un-

derpaid reporters just trying to do their jobs. This is one of the few stories in recent times where a millionaire belittles average Joes and the public stands up and cheers for him.

Most people, even in the media, agree the NFL's media day isn't the most dignifying event and that some celebrities certainly have a right to be frustrated with disgusting media practices like those of the paparazzi.

However, it goes to show Lynch's ego for him to slight the reporters who respect his private time and only try to interview him during designated media events. Lynch even went as far as saying the reporters shove microphones down his throat on the last media day before Super Bowl XLIX. Lynch was sitting on a stage at a safe distance from reporters during a sanctioned media event that he attended when he said that, yet he still receives support from most outside of the media.

Lynch's actions are disrespectful to the media, the NFL, the Seahawks owner Paul Allen and the fans. He is also setting an awful example for children who look up to him. Lynch's recent actions have been shameful, but the public support of them is the most disturbing part of it all.

Lifes greatest gift is friends

Sunday, I had the opportunity to engage in one of America's favorite pastimes — cheering on a team in the NFL Super Bowl.

As I stuffed my mouth with pizza, Oreos and queso, I realized there was something I enjoyed more than simply eating and watching football (which is pretty hard to top in both Texas and my native state Oklahoma). The game was made so much more enjoyable being in the company of some of my closest friends.

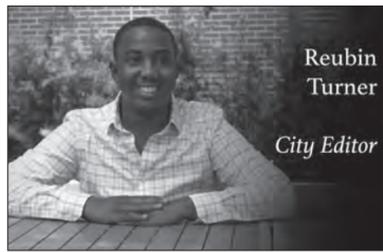
This past Friday, guys across campus were extended bids to become members of various fraternities. With these bids, fraternities offered these pledges an opportunity to become part of something bigger than themselves, parties and alcohol. They offered them a chance to join a lifelong brotherhood. I therefore would beseech prospective members to capitalize on this and make lifelong friends.

When I first came to Baylor, I was on a mission to meet as many people as possible as fast as I could. I suppose this is understandable, considering I didn't know anyone and was simply trying to become immersed in Baylor culture.

From church focus groups to Greek life shindigs on the weekend, I tried it all. Some experiences turned out great, some not so great. But in the end, I was glad to have at least had the experience.

But I began to realize something during the odyssey to finding my inner-collegiate self. Every time I met someone or become associated with new groups, I neglected old relationships. Rather than taking the time to develop meaningful and deep friendships, I was on a quest to have a lot of friends.

I didn't realize that while



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City Editor

gaining new friends of course does have its place, lifelong friendships aren't developed within a two-month span.

I know several people that have made hundreds of friends during their time at Baylor. And there is absolutely nothing wrong that. Having a ton of friends can often open up a myriad of opportunities within careers and other fields. However, I've found that having one true best friend is so much more valuable than having a million.

Oftentimes, it's a true best friend, or even someone you're close to, that you can confide in, share experiences with and have the best time with. Many of your best experiences are with friends whom you consider more a sibling, rather than just a friend. Once again, to develop such relationships, time has to be invested.

As pledges enter a new era, one that will undoubtedly shape their lives for the future, several things will run through their minds. Picking the right clothes to maintain the proper image, finding a hot date to take the next formal event and working hard to be the dominant team on the intramural courts are but a few. But if you can say at the end of your Baylor career that you, like Humphrey Bogart, have received the greatest gift of life — friendship — you have done well.

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COURTESY OF BAYLOR BEARS FOR LIFE

Students walk along the collection of signs and flags that make up the Bears for Life's annual Prayer Walk, a student event held on the anniversary of Roe vs. Wade. This picture was taken prior to the Jan. 21 vandalism.

Bears for Life accepts fate of unknown perpetrator

By JENNA PRESS
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Two weeks after the destruction of their Prayer Walk display, the student group Baylor Bears for Life has accepted that the perpetrators will most likely never be caught.

On Wednesday, Jan. 21, Bears for Life, a student group that's pro-life, put up its annual Prayer Walk around the anniversary of the Supreme Court's 1973 Roe v. Wade decision. That Thursday, sometime in the night, the signs were torn down and stolen, along with nearly 100 of the blue and pink flags that lined the sidewalks.

Dr. Douglas Henry, a faculty adviser to Baylor Bears for Life, said, "The signs were a call for prayerfulness, compassion and concern. There have been thefts and vandalism in the past, but it was more typical to see acts of vandalism. This was an all-out assault on the display."

The damage amounted to over \$500 worth of stolen signs and flags. According to a news release by Baylor Bears for Life, this was the fourth act of opposition against the group in the last decade.

The rainy weather of Jan. 21 and 22 meant few students had the opportunity to experience the prayer walk before it was torn down.

"I think that the vandalism shows pretty callous disregard for students' opinions on campus," said Houston senior Jackson Perry, the Catholic liaison for Baylor Bears for Life. "It's just not an appropriate reaction."

The Baylor Bears for Life spent a few hours putting up the signs and individually placing the 200 flags around the perimeter of Fountain Mall. The bigger signs were new, so it took the student

group extra time to put those in place.

"It just goes to show that we have a lot more work to do," said Katy sophomore Emily Gilcrease, president of Baylor Bears for Life. "I personally don't understand the rationale behind stealing the signs. It was very unnecessary—nothing we put on them was mean or accusatory in any way."

The signs held messages such as "Pray for Survivors of Abortion: children who survived an abortion, mothers, fathers, grandparents, siblings, aunts, uncles, and friends" and "Pray for Adoption: 2,000,000 families in US waiting to adopt; for birth parents who choose adoption to have peace and hope; for the blessing of open adoption."

Because of past difficulties, Molly Wilmington, the other faculty adviser to the group, notified the Baylor Police Department beforehand so they could keep an eye on the display.

"People protested last year and defaced property," Perry said. "To be honest, I expected some form of vandalism—everyone was on the lookout for that—but I didn't expect everything to be removed. It was kind of shocking. What they did was against university policy and illegal as well."

According to the news release Baylor Bears for Life put out, in 2006, all the signs were stolen, and again in 2009, the display was vandalized by the removal of flags. Last year, a student put photocopied notes on several of their flags.

"Of course it's not the police department's job to patrol Fountain Mall at all hours of the night. I don't fault them at all," Henry said.

Henry was the person who reported the vandalism to the Baylor police.

"The police thought there

might have been a possibility of the vandals being caught on video," he said. "My understanding is that the investigators didn't have the angle the security cameras needed to see what happened."

Student Activities has rules regarding officially approved events on Fountain Mall, which forbid adding, changing or removing signs and interfering with an event.

This year, Baylor Bears for Life tried to proactively prevent vandalism by including two small signs in their display at either end of Fountain Mall, which read, "Please note that this space including the sidewalk has been designated and officially reserved for signs and flyers specifically created by Bears for Life."

"I wish I knew why they did this, but I don't have answers," Henry said. "I don't have the slightest idea of the thinking or motivation behind it. I told the students it ought not to deter them or hurt their deeply-held convictions."

Despite the setbacks and negative responses the Prayer Walk has suffered, the group will continue its annual tradition.

"It's disappointing, but it won't stop us from doing it again," Gilcrease said. "It will be more closely monitored next year."

Henry agreed. "The thieves came by night in an act of cowardice, inconsistent with the values of a university like Baylor," he said. "Their efforts will be for naught."

Despite the criminal nature of the removal of the flags and signs, Gilcrease holds no anger for the perpetrators.

"I'd like to apologize if the people who dismantled the display were offended in any way," Gilcrease said, "But I would ask them, in the future, to deal with it in a more respectful way."

Striders encourage Bearathon participants to start training

By AMANDA HAYES
REPORTER

With the Bearathon race approaching March 21, Waco Striders Running Club President Don Hinds said the group welcomes Baylor students to train with them.

"If you've never run 13 miles, it can be a daunting task," Hinds said. "We have lots of people with experience who can help out new runners."

Runners generally need at least six weeks to train for a half marathon, Hinds said. That six weeks begins this Saturday.

The Striders, a city running club, meet for group runs at 6 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, and Saturdays at various times. The Monday runs begin at Whitehill Park in Woodway, and Wednesday runs begin at Indian Spring Park in Waco. Monday runs are typically five kilometers, Wednesday runs are four miles, and Saturdays are longer run days. Hinds said the mileage depends on the event they are training for.

According to Dr. Cindra Kamphoff, a sports psychology consultant at Your Runner's Edge, running with a group creates positive peer pressure on a subconscious level because of the concept called "social facilitation."

Social facilitation is the tendency for people to do better on simple tasks when in the presence of other people.

"It allows you to challenge yourself, because you can run with faster runners and try to improve," Hinds said.

The Striders membership fee is \$20, which goes toward support-



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A member of the Waco Striders Club runs along Indian Spring Park by the Waco Suspension Bridge on Wednesday, Feb. 4, 2015.

ing the club's programs and acts as a 10 percent discount on running gear at Bicycle World. Hinds said, however, that there is no pressure to join the first time.

"We know college kids are busy and got to study," Hinds said. "Anytime you can spare a couple hours, take us for a test drive."

Edmond, Okla., senior Martha Blaess has run the Bearathon the past two years and is training for the third with her roommate.

"It's easier to run with someone because we get to have conversations and grow closer as friends," Blaess said. "We also push each other. I wouldn't run as fast by myself."

Blaess said the hardest part of the half marathon is the hills. To prepare for the Bearathon's difficult route, Hinds said the Waco Striders Running Club runs in Cameron Park between Redwood

Shelter and Lover's Leap.

"There is also safety involved. People are out there with you," Hinds said. "We look out for each other."

The accountability is also helpful, Hinds said, because people expect you to be there and will encourage you to come each week.

If a potential member is hesitant to join, Hinds said not to be concerned. The Waco Striders is composed of a variety of ages and fitness levels. Some people do a running and walking combination, Hinds said, while others run five- to six-minute miles.

"The group dynamic is terrific," Hinds said. "It's my second family out there."

The 2015 Bearathon includes a half marathon and 5k. The race is Student Foundation's main fundraising event for student scholarships.

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'20th hijacker' testifies Saudi Arabia aided 9/11 attack on US

By LARRY NEUMEISTER
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NEW YORK — Lawyers for victims of the Sept. 11 attacks say they have new evidence that agents of Saudi Arabia "directly and knowingly" helped the hijackers, including sworn testimony from the so-called 20th hijacker and from three principals of the U.S. government's two primary probes of the attacks.

The Embassy of Saudi Arabia in Washington said in a statement Wednesday that Zacarias Moussaoui's claims come from a "deranged criminal" and that there is no evidence to support them. It said Saudi Arabia had nothing to do with the deadly 2001 attacks.

The lawyers filed documents in Manhattan federal court to buttress claims Saudi Arabia supported al-Qaida and its leader at the time, Osama bin Laden, prior to the attacks. They have always said "the Saudi government directly and knowingly assisted the 9/11

hijackers," but now say facts and evidence supporting the assertion "are compelling."

They said an "expansive volume" of new evidence — including U.S. and foreign intelligence reports, government reports and testimony from al-Qaida members — support lawsuits seeking billions of dollars from countries, companies and organizations that aided al-Qaida and other terrorist groups.

They said evidence likely to be released soon includes a congressional report detailing evidence of Saudi 9/11 involvement and nearly 80,000 pages of material relating to an FBI probe of Saudis who supported 9/11 hijackers in Florida.

They also cited their own research, including last year's Moussaoui interview at the maximum-security prison in Florence, Colorado.

Moussaoui repeated some assertions made previously, including that a 1990s plot by al-Qaida

to shoot down Air Force One and assassinate President Bill Clinton was assisted by a top Saudi Embassy employee, along with claims there were direct dealings between senior Saudi officials and bin Laden.

The lawyers also said their case is boosted by sworn statements by 9/11 Commissioners John Lehman and Bob Kerrey, as well as Bob Graham, co-chairman of the Joint Congressional Inquiry into 9/11. Graham says he believes "there was a direct line" between some Sept. 11 terrorists and the government of Saudi Arabia while Lehman, a former Navy secretary, explained close historical ties between the kingdom's government clerics and al-Qaida, the lawyers noted.

The court filing, coming less than two weeks after the death of Saudi King Abdullah, was made to meet a deadline set by Judge George B. Daniels.

In a website statement, the Saudi embassy noted the Sept. 11

attack had been the "most intensely investigated crime in history and the findings show no involvement by the Saudi government or Saudi officials."

As for Moussaoui, the statement said: "His words have no credibility. His goal in making these statements only serves to get attention for himself and try to do what he could not do through acts of terrorism — to undermine Saudi-U.S. relations."

Moussaoui was arrested on immigration charges in August 2001 after employees of a Minnesota flight school became alarmed he wanted to learn to fly a Boeing 747 with no pilot's license. He was in custody on Sept. 11 and pleaded guilty in April 2005 to conspiring with the hijackers to kill Americans.

A psychologist testified for the defense at death penalty proceedings that he had paranoid schizophrenia. Jurors spared his life.



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Squirrely squirrels in the spotlight

An infamous Baylor squirrel lounges in a tree near the Baylor Sciences Building, ironically sitting right next to a sign of a squirrel. Students' love of these furry animals continually brings them to the front line of culture. The squirrels have their own Facebook page, and Lariat Television News recently did a video over them. To see the video, visit baylorlariat.com.

Police officer acquitted in shooting death of 95-year-old with beanbag gun

By DON BABWIN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

MARKHAM, Ill. (AP) — A suburban Chicago police officer was acquitted Wednesday in the death of a 95-year-old World War II veteran whom he shot with a beanbag gun at an assisted living facility.

Park Forest Police Officer Craig Taylor was charged with felony reckless conduct for the July 2013 death of John Wrana, who died from internal bleeding. He was found not guilty after a bench trial, with the judge saying Taylor showed restraint as Wrana wielded a knife and acted as he was trained.

"There was nothing criminal about his actions," Cook County Judge Luciano Panici said in a courtroom packed with police officers supporting Taylor and Wrana's relatives in Markham, south of Chicago.

Taylor put his head down as the verdict was read, then cried as he stood to hug his crying wife. Wrana's relatives also quietly wept and shook their heads as they hugged one another.

The trial came as the issue of excessive force gained national attention in the wake of killings by police of unarmed men in Ferguson, Missouri, and New York's Staten Island. Wrana's death also raised questions about police tactics, but Taylor's supporters noted that he used beanbag gun, a tactic supported by some police critics.

The basic disagreement in Taylor's case wasn't about the series of events, but rather if Taylor was



Park Forest Police Officer Craig Taylor, right, leaves the Markham, Ill., courthouse with his wife, Freddie, after being found not guilty in the 2013 beanbag shooting death of 95-year old World War II veteran on Wednesday.

justified in using a weapon at close range that prosecutors said fires beanbags at 190 mph.

Taylor, 43, was one of several officers dispatched to the assisted living facility where Wrana lived after a staff member reported he had become combative on July 26, 2013.

Wrana struck a staffer with his cane, then brandished a 2-foot-long shoehorn at officers, prompting them to briefly leave the room. When the officers returned, one officer was carrying a Taser, another one had a shield, and Taylor was

carrying a 12-gauge shotgun that shoots beanbags.

Wrana then threatened the officers with a knife. When he refused to drop it, an officer fired at him with the Taser but missed. Wrana then moved toward Taylor, who fired his weapon five times.

On Tuesday, the judge noted that Taylor was careful to avoid Taylor's face, neck and spine.

Prosecutors said Taylor had better and safer options than to fire the beanbags at a confused, elderly man, and that the officers

didn't have to storm Wrana's room. They said Taylor behaved recklessly when he fired at Wrana from no more than 8 feet away.

Taylor testified that he was following a superior officer's orders, and that he feared for his life and the lives of his fellow officers as Wrana threatened to kill whoever came into his room. Taylor said he felt like he "had to do something to stop" Wrana.

State's Attorney Anita Alvarez defended the decision to charge Taylor.

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came aware of activity in their backyard.

"I thought someone was banging on the back of the house," Davies said. "My bedroom window is directly by the fence that leads into the backyard — the gate and that fence. And so I heard guys enter into that gate, but my blinds were closed so I couldn't see anyone."

Both Boomer and Davies said this was not the first time police responded to activity from neighbors in the house. Boomer said the house was previously broken into.

"We've been here for two years now and this is the first time anything has happened consecutively," Boomer said.

Hiatt and Swanton said neighbors should not be concerned.

"Anytime they (local residents) hear gunshots, they need to stay away from the doors and windows and contact 911," Swanton said. "We need them to be good, safe witnesses. Stay on the phone and report what you see, people and vehicle descriptions. Of course, safety is our first concern. We don't want anyone putting themselves in harm's way."

The incident did not involve Baylor students, according to police reports.

"A lot of the details won't come out — won't be available — until after we've wrapped up our investigation here," Hiatt said.

Reubin Turner and Jenna Press contributed reporting to this story.

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spikes deployed by different agencies, including the Lorena Police Department, several times before running into a ditch, police said. He then exited the vehicle, Swanton said, and presented a threat towards authorities.

Woodway public safety chief Yost Zakhary said he did not see the suspect with a weapon.

Authorities drew a 2-D map of the area to help in the investigation of the car chase and reduced the

flow of traffic in order to contain the investigation. The suspect's car was impounded by police for evidence.

At the time of publication Wednesday evening, the suspect's name had not been released.

The Texas Rangers are continuing the investigation.

"It'll take a little while," Wilson said. "It's not like CSI."

Rachel Leland contributed reporting to this story.

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ry-picking," Hardy said. Hardy was referencing the fact that another member was recognized during the meeting, but was by Kinghorn's standards, not in good standing because he too was being brought before the Senate for impeachment. Hardy said he believes this

stems from Kinghorn's contempt for McCahill's ideas regarding gun safety.

"We feel as though something has to be done," Hardy said.

At the time of publication, Kinghorn had not returned the Lariat's call for comment.



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Giving is the new black

Student sends African youths to school with men's fashion

By ALLIE MATHERNE
REPORTER

In a consumer culture it is easy to get bogged down by fashion ads and overwhelmed by flair. Fashion trends fade in and out, but Bowtaye is looking to stick around.

Trinidad, Colo., junior Maddie Danielson saw an opportunity to combine her love of fashion with a worthy cause through creating high quality bow ties.

"As a fashion design student I get frustrated with the fashion industry, because there's such a thin line between creativity and vanity," Danielson said. "In my opinion, it swings to the latter far too much."

Danielson created her company to raise funds for children's education in Kenya. Bowtaye – meaning bow tie in Dholuo, a tribal Kenyan language – is looking to innovate in order to make a difference.

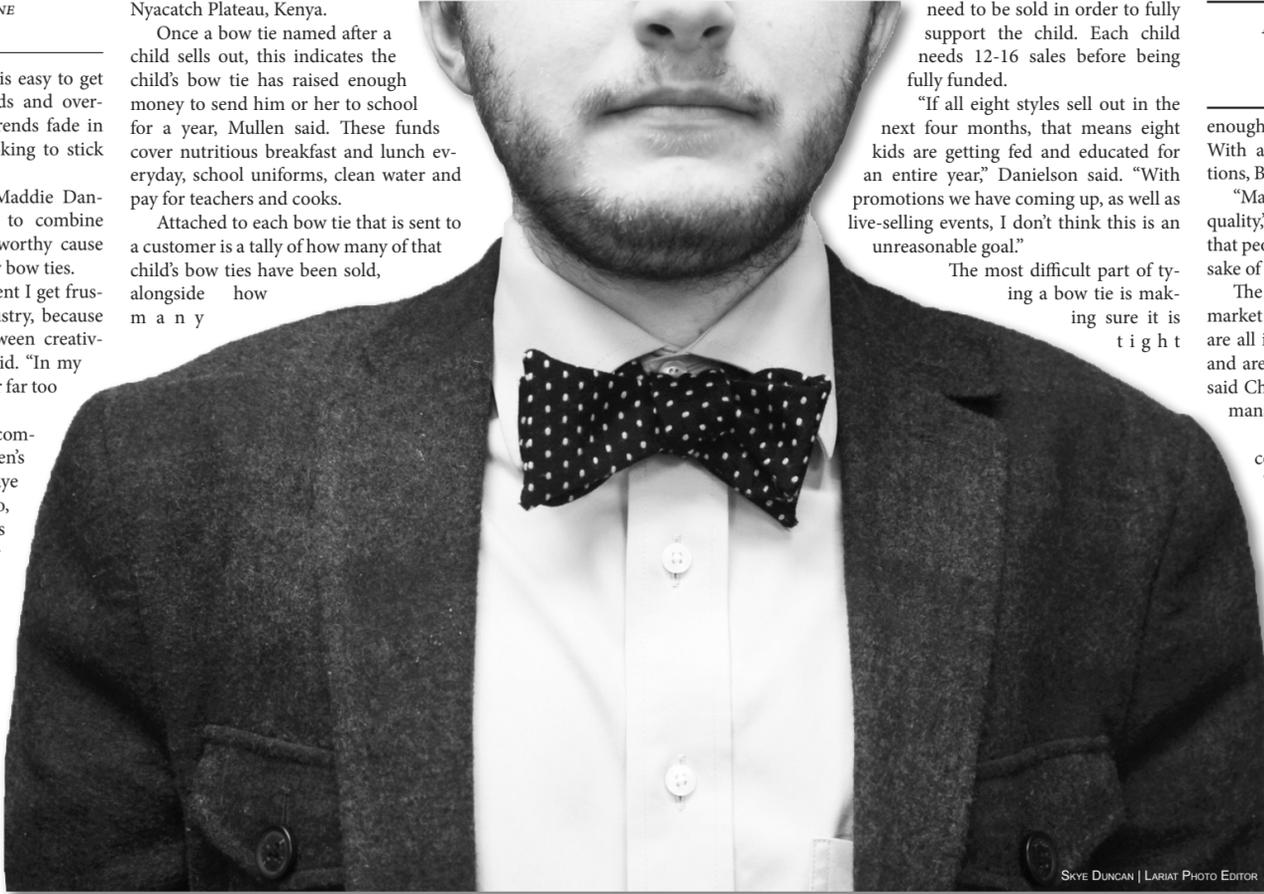
"I think the fashion industry has a reputation of doing a lot of harm," said Little Rock, Ark., senior Ashley Mullen. "It's cool to combine high quality fashion with a deeper cause."

Mullen, the company's marketing and events coordinator, said each bow tie is named after eight orphans at the Bethlehem Home Academy in the

Nyacatch Plateau, Kenya.

Once a bow tie named after a child sells out, this indicates the child's bow tie has raised enough money to send him or her to school for a year, Mullen said. These funds cover nutritious breakfast and lunch everyday, school uniforms, clean water and pay for teachers and cooks.

Attached to each bow tie that is sent to a customer is a tally of how many of that child's bow ties have been sold, alongside how many



need to be sold in order to fully support the child. Each child needs 12-16 sales before being fully funded.

"If all eight styles sell out in the next four months, that means eight kids are getting fed and educated for an entire year," Danielson said. "With promotions we have coming up, as well as live-selling events, I don't think this is an unreasonable goal."

The most difficult part of tying a bow tie is making sure it is tight

Bow ties can be ordered at bowtaye.com for \$54.95 - \$64.95.

enough around the neck, Mullen said. With a single snap and adjustment options, Bowtaye offers easy-to-use products.

"Maddie is really concerned about the quality," Mullen said. "She wants to ensure that people aren't sacrificing quality for the sake of a good cause."

The Bowtaye team understands the market and the trends. The three women are all involved in fashion merchandising and are not passively selling the bow ties, said Chicago, Ill., junior and social media manager Joy Seaboch said.

"The bow tie isn't for the preppy college kid anymore," Mullen said. "The market is definitely expanding toward young professionals."

The bow ties are not mass-produced. Danielson crafts each one by hand with a specific child in mind. There are no more available once a style runs out, ensuring that each bow tie remains unique.

"You aren't going to see 100 people walking around with your bow tie," Seaboch said.

Danielson said she is looking to expand far outside of the Baylor Bubble.

"My long-term goal would be to have a reach on every continent," Danielson said.

Robin Williams' children, wife disagree over fate of late actor's estate

ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN FRANCISCO — Robin Williams' children and wife have gone to court in a fight over the late comedian's estate.

In papers filed in December in San Francisco Superior Court, Williams' wife, Susan, says some of the late actor's personal items were taken without her permission and asks the court to exclude the contents of the Tiburon, Calif., home she shared with Williams from the items Williams said the children should have.

The children, Zachary, Zelda and Cody, counter that Susan Williams is "adding insult to a terrible

injury" by trying to change the trust agreement and rob them of the late actor's clothing and other personal items.

"The Williams' children are heartbroken that Petitioner, Mr. Williams' wife of less than three years, has acted against his wishes by challenging the plans he so carefully made for his estate," attorneys for the children said in court papers.

James Wagstaffe, an attorney for Susan Williams, said Monday that his client was only seeking guidance from the court about the meaning of certain terms in the trust.

"This is not ugly," he said. "I



Susan Schneider, left, Robin Williams, and Zelda Williams arrive on Nov. 13, 2011, to the premiere of "Happy Feet Two" at Grauman's Chinese Theater in Los Angeles.

would not say this is anticipated to be a highly contested proceeding."

A spokesman for the children, Allan Mayer, declined to comment.

Williams died at his Tiburon home in August.

The coroner ruled his death a suicide that resulted from asphyxia caused by hanging.

Susan Williams has said the actor and comedian was struggling with depression, anxiety and a recent diagnosis of Parkinson's disease before his death.

According to the coroner's report, his wife told an investigator that Williams did not go there because of recent drug or alcohol abuse, but rather to reaffirm the principles of his rehabilitation.

Williams' trust granted his children his memorabilia and awards in the entertainment industry and

some other specific personal items, according to court documents. Susan Williams says that because he wanted her to continue to live at the Tiburon home, it makes sense that he intended only for his children to have the specific personal items he delineated that were kept at another home he owned in Napa.

"Any other interpretation would lead to Mrs. Williams' home being stripped while Mrs. Williams still lives there," her attorneys wrote.

The children dispute that interpretation, saying there were no specific limits on the location of those items.

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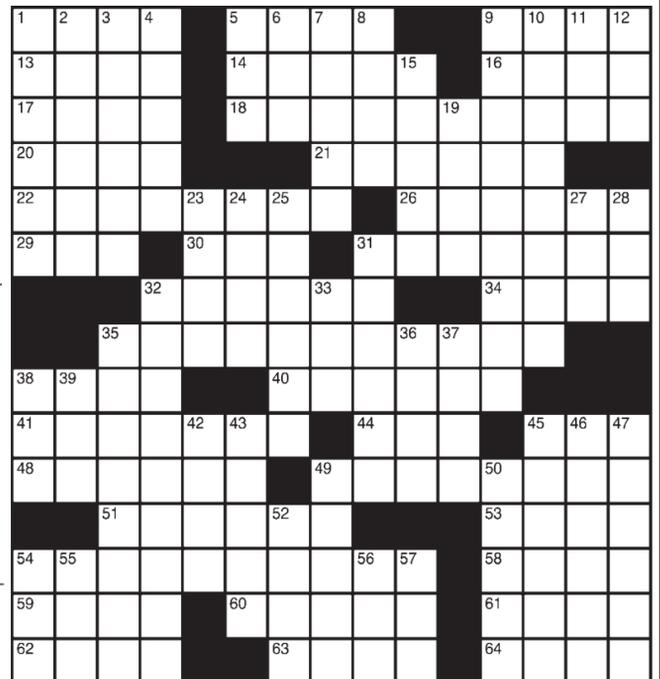
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No. 19 Baylor basketball dominates TCU 77-57

By CODY SOTO
SPORTS WRITER

No. 19 Baylor men's basketball stayed hot Wednesday night in its second straight home game for a 77-57 win over Big 12 rival TCU Wednesday night, with five players scoring double digits.

Senior guard Kenny Chery led the team with another strong performance, scoring 13 points and adding six assists and five rebounds in the 20-point win. Junior forward Rico Gathers led Baylor with 14 points, 17 rebounds and three rebounds while senior forward Royce O'Neale added 12 points and junior forward Taurean Prince had 11.

"We did a lot better job executing on the offensive end from the first time we played them," head coach Scott Drew said. "Defensively, we were solid. In second chance points, they hurt us and in transition in the first half, but this is a much improved TCU team. It's important to win at home and see many people in double figures."

The rebounding game was a big battle against two top 5 teams, and the Bears smoked the Horned Frogs by a 44-29 margin. Baylor had a 15-rebound gain on the defensive end, forcing TCU to continuously play from behind.

Amric Field led the Horned Frogs with 14 points, including going 6-for-7 from the field. Fields also finished with 14 boards as TCU dropped to 1-8 in conference play. Although it was a competitive game, TCU posted a crippling 35.7 percent as the Bears rolled over them for the 20-point win.

"That was very ugly by us, very non-competitive," TCU head coach Trent Johnson said. "We lost our composure six minutes into the second half. We got testy with one another, and it snowballed after that. We didn't respond very well."

The Bears and Horned Frogs were relatively rough around the edges, each committing around 19 fouls and 12 turnovers in the Big 12 matchup. However, Baylor used its home court advantage and a 49.1 shooting percentage from the field to lead the entire game.

"We wanted to be aggressive and make sure we made shots," Chery said. "We just prepared the right way. We practiced hard, and it showed."

Baylor once again got off to a hot start as Chery started out the game with a three-pointer, continuing his impressive shooting game from Saturday's win against Texas. TCU was forced to call its first timeout as the Bears posted an early 8-0 lead in the game. The Horned



Senior guard Kenny Chery calls a play during Baylor's 77-57 win over TCU on Wednesday at the Ferrell Center. Chery had 11 first-half points in the win.

Frogs quickly fought back and went on their own 8-2 run to cut the lead to two.

Several players distributed the ball and moved it around the perimeter, including Prince to the assist to O'Neale for an easy layup as Baylor took a 21-12 lead with 10:41 to go in the half. After the Horned Frogs cut the lead to four, Baylor saw seven points from Prince at the end of the half to go into the locker room with the 37-29 advantage.

"It was great to get off to an 8-0 start in the first half in making sure that we kept that spread," Drew said. "It's nice how Kenny, Lester, and Royce get people involved."

The Bears upheld a reputable shooting percentage in the second half, going 12-for-23 from the field (52.2 percent) as the Bears tried to break away from the Horned Frogs. After

getting in early foul trouble in the first half, freshman forward Johnathan Motley added four points on the board followed by a layup to put Baylor into an 11-point lead.

"Knowing my other big man (Motley) was out of the game due to foul trouble, I had to step up my game and pick up his slack, but I was glad that he came in," Gathers said. "He had some tough shots under the rim. They weren't giving him any easy chances, and he was battling out there. That's what we do. That's what we practice every day."

The Bears took over on the offensive end and used three-pointers from O'Neale and freshman guard Al Freeman to further their lead even more. Things kept going in favor of Baylor as TCU continued to struggle offensively, ending the second half with only nine shots falling on their end of the court.

The Bears didn't mind though. After an ugly road win in Fort Worth, the Bears were able to maintain a double-digit lead for the rest of the game, allowing Drew to empty his bench and allow every player to see game time.

"I liked our physicality tonight," Gathers said. "TCU came out really physical, especially in the second half. It was getting really heated down in the paint. But it's beneficial for me and my teammates as well."

Junior guard Austin Mills swished four free throws as the clock wound down, and the Bears walked away with a satisfying 77-57 win over the Horned Frogs. The Bears have now won their last 17 of 18 home games since Feb. 15, 2014, only dropping a single-point loss to No. 9 Kansas on Jan. 7.

The Bears travel to Morgantown, W.Va. to face No. 15 West Virginia on Saturday morning. Tipoff is set for 11 a.m. and will air on ESPN.

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cover the space or explosive players up front to pressure the quarterback," Briles said.

With 18 returning starters, including nine on both sides of the ball, opportunities for signees to get on the field will be limited. However, All-American kicker Drew Galitz from Rowlett is expected to be the day-one starter at punter.

While sophomore quarterback Seth Russell is expected to be the starter in 2015, Stidham could push him, or unseat freshman Chris Johnson for a backup spot. Briles also opened the possibility of Houston Lamar athlete J.W. Ketchum playing at kick returner during his first year in Waco.

Scout national analyst Greg Powers said he believes that while the signing is not among the top in the nation, it has enough quality to continue Baylor's ascent towards a national championship.

"What they've done has proven they can hang on the field," Powers said. "They have continued to find success, Baylor no longer sees itself as hanging behind its competition."

The Bears will go into the 2015 season in search of their third-straight Big 12 Championship; only one other team has accomplished the feat.

2015 Signing Class

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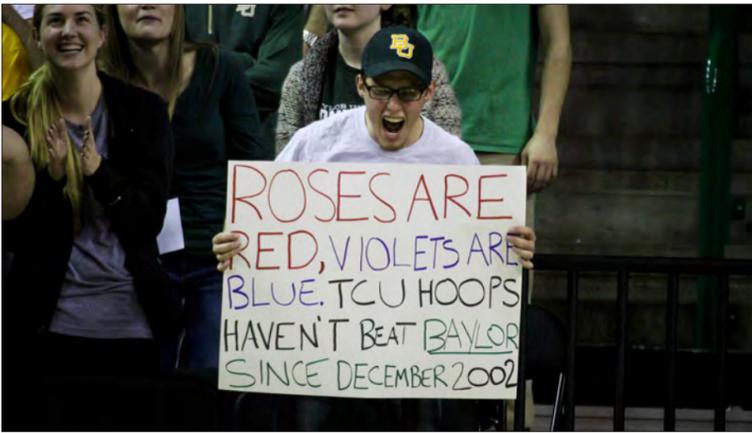
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DB Jordan Tolbert, Missouri City

LB Jordan Williams, Paris



Baylor fans came out in full force to watch the Bears beat TCU 77-57 on Wednesday. The rivalry has been renewed ever since TCU re-joined the Big 12.

No. 3 Baylor Lady Bears corral Oklahoma State in Stillwater

By JEFFREY SWINDOLL
SPORTS WRITER

The No. 3 Lady Bears completed the season sweep over Oklahoma State with a 69-52 win over the Cowgirls in Stillwater, Okla., on Wednesday night. Baylor (21-1, 10-0) grew its lead to a three-game difference in the Big 12 Conference as well as extended its winning streak to 20.

Baylor head coach Kim Mulkey got a great deal of offensive production from her veteran players. Sophomore forward Nina Davis earned yet another double-double with 14 points and 12 rebounds.

Junior guard Niya Johnson showed some of her own scoring flare with 10 points, shooting a perfect 4-4 from the field. Johnson also added five assists and committed just two turnovers.

In addition to Johnson's perfect night of shooting, sophomore guard Imani Wright was also lethal with the ball in her hands. Wright made six of her 11 attempts, including one three-pointer.

Senior post Sune Agbuke had another strong outing for the Lady Bears. She is invaluable to the Lady

Bears as a rebounder and overall defensive presence, but, against Oklahoma State, Agbuke demonstrated her scoring abilities, earning 10 points. Agbuke also grabbed nine rebounds, only behind Davis in that category.

Mulkey emphasized that her team could not be outrebounded by the Cowgirls for the second meeting in a row. The Lady Bears heeded her words, winning the rebound battle 40-32.

Baylor was effective at stifling Oklahoma State's post players, forcing the Cowgirls to play from the perimeter. OSU's perimeter players, Liz Donohoe, Brittney Martin and Roshunda Johnson found success with their shooting, but their teammates did not make much of a contribution to keep the Cowgirls in the game.

Donohoe finished with seven points. Martin, the game's leading scorer, scored 16 points and Roshunda Johnson scored 13 points.

The Lady Bears were never out of control of the game on Wednesday and are in complete control of the Big 12 at this point. Baylor ends its two-game road trip in Austin against the Longhorns at 1 p.m. Sunday.

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