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Baylor's Niya Johnson, top ranked point guard in the NCAA, will play against the No. 2 guard today.

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David Crowder will perform at the Woodlands this weekend. He took time out of his tour for a Q&A with the Lariat.

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## Gather at the Brazos

### McLane Stadium to host historic service on Palm Sunday

By KALLI DAMSCHEN  
STAFF WRITER

Thousands of worshippers are expected to fill McLane Stadium for the Gathering, a historic Palm Sunday worship service, at 5 p.m. Sunday.

The Gathering, named from the hymn "Shall We Gather at the River?" which will be sung at the event. Kevin Harrison, pastor of Victorious Life Church and lead administrator of the Gathering, said he hopes the event will provide a sense of unity.

"This is not just about having a service," Harrison said. "It's the genesis of a movement of unity. We see the division in our world. How in the world can our world come together and be united if the church isn't?"

The official website describes the Gathering's goal as building a bridge between the church and the community by bringing people together for an evening of worship.

"The theme is the body of Christ coming together to remind ourselves that we have much more in common than we have differences," said John Durham, pastor at Highland Baptist Church and head of security and marketing for the Gathering. "We desire to lift up the name of Jesus across Central Texas."

Harrison also said the goal of the Gathering is to bring Christians together, regardless of their differences.

"We want to see unity in the body of Christ," Harrison said. "We want to bring down the walls of denominationalism, of races, of ages. We just want to come together in spite of whatever our differences are."

One of the special guests at the event is Dr. Tony Evans, senior pastor of Oak Cliff Bible Fellowship. He is also the founder and president of the Urban Alternative, a Christian broadcast ministry that aims to help people find God's purpose for their lives.

Harrison said Evans is the perfect speaker for the purpose of this event.

"For years he's been a voice of unity," Harrison said. "He's talented, he's gifted and he's spoken to audiences as large as a million people before. He really captures the heart of what we're about, and it's the heart of unity."

Other special guests include Israel Hough-

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Authorities investigate a tractor-trailer that crashed into an overpass under construction on Thursday, in Salado. Department of Transportation spokeswoman Becky Ozuna says the truck hit a beam being used to build a bridge across Interstate 35 on Thursday morning.

## 18-wheeler slams into bridge

By REUBIN TURNER  
CITY EDITOR

One person was killed and three others were injured when an 18-wheeler smashed into a bridge on Interstate 35 on Thursday morning in Salado.

The event caused two beams to dislodge and fall onto the highway hitting several vehicles and closing the highway in both directions.

Clark Davis, a 32-year-old Arlington man who was driving a pickup truck on which the beams fell died at the scene, according to the Texas Department of Transportation.

The other victims were taken to Baylor Scott & White Hospital in Temple with what authorities said were non-life-threatening injuries, but further details weren't immediately available.

Late Thursday afternoon officials

said two of the injured victims had been released from the hospital.

The third was still admitted in stable condition.

Traffic was backed up for miles along the interstate, which is a primary north-south artery through Texas, Donnie Adams of the Bell County Sheriff's Office said.

"We've got more vehicles than we've got space for," said Adams, noting that the area is undergoing heavy construction.

He said the stretch of roadway is being expanded to three lanes in both directions and includes new overpasses, exits and other work, he said.

According to Bell County Sheriff's Office twitter account, however, I-35 around the Salado area was still closed at that time.

The Associated Press contributed to this report.



SKYE DUNCAN | LARIAT PHOTO EDITOR

The bridge collapse led to a I-35 being closed from Temple to Salado and a back up of cars along 95 Thursday afternoon.

## New York building collapse injures 12; gas blast suspected

By JONATHAN LEMIRE  
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ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — An apparent gas explosion leveled an apartment building, largely destroyed another and launched rubble and shards of glass across streets in the heart of Manhattan's trendy East Village on Thursday, injuring a dozen people. Smoke could be seen and smelled for miles.

Restaurant diners ran out of their shoes and bystanders helped one another to escape the midafternoon blast, which damaged four buildings as flames shot into the air, witnesses said. Passers-by were hit by debris and flying glass, and bloodied victims were aided as they sat on sidewalks and lay on the ground, they said.

"It was terrifying — absolutely terrifying," said Bruce Finley, a visitor from San Antonio, Texas, who had just taken a photo of his food at a restaurant known for

its French fries when he felt the explosion next door. "It just happened out of the blue. ... We were shaking even an hour, hour and a half later."

Mayor Bill de Blasio said preliminary evidence suggested a gas explosion amid plumbing and gas work inside the building that collapsed was to blame.

A plumber was doing work connected to a gas service upgrade, and inspectors from utility Con Edison had been there to check on a planned meter installation an hour before the fire, company President Craig Ivey said. But the work failed the inspection, partly because a space for the new meters wasn't big enough, and the inspectors said gas couldn't be introduced to that part of the building, Con Ed said.

The state Department of Public Service was monitoring Con Ed's response.

The fire happened a little over a year after a gas explosion in a



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Smoke billows from the scene of a large fire and a partial collapse on Thursday in the East Village neighborhood of New York. Orange flames and black smoke are billowing from the facade and roof of the building.

building in East Harlem killed eight people and injured about 50. A National Transportation Safety Board report released last week said a leak reported just before the deadly blast may have come from a 3-year-old section of plas-

tic pipe rather than a 127-year-old cast-iron segment that came under scrutiny in the immediate aftermath.

De Blasio noted no one had reported a gas leak before Thurs-

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## Student Senate votes to permit social media campaigning

By MADISON MILLER  
REPORTER

The Student Senate unanimously voted to make alterations in the electoral code to clarify unclear wording at its meeting Thursday.

The Electoral Commission interpreted the code to say that candidates and their campaign workers cannot post anything promoting a campaign on their personal social media accounts. Social media pages dedicated specifically to the campaign, however, were allowed.

When the commission announced this interpretation at a mandatory candidate meeting Tuesday night, there were several people who were upset. The commission also said non-campaign workers could not post anything on their personal social media accounts, but it changed its interpretation Wednesday in an email to the candidates.

Port Barre, La.,

sophomore Lindsey Bacque helped author the bill that changes and clarifies the wording of the Electoral Code. Originally, the code did not make any provisions or give direction for candidates or campaign worker's personal accounts.

If any candidate violated this rule, the punishment would be a hearing by the Electoral Commission and then with Judicial Affairs.

"A lot of the candidates running for student body officers felt that there were some things that needed to be clarified," Bacque said. "It was a joint effort."

According to the bill, any candidate, campaign worker or anyone not officially affiliated with a campaign may post to personal social networking pages or specific campaign pages regarding student government elections or asking for votes.

Although the Senate voted to approve the bill, it is not effective

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## We are called to love the immigrants



ASHER FREEMAN

### Editorial

According to some of the latest polls by Gallup, immigration is one of the most divisive topics in American domestic policy. Almost every week, national leaders, especially those from Texas and Arizona, offer solutions they think will help end the national crisis.

President Barack Obama was recently criticized for an executive order offering a two-year amnesty to illegal immigrants who fit certain criteria. Several Republicans, on the other hand, are promoting the idea of tougher deportation and border security laws. Several ideas exist with no clear solution.

The country is in a waiting period while lawmakers search for the best solution. Sometimes, when a clear-cut answer is unclear and there are several important economic and social factors involved, hate rears its ugly head.

According to an article published by the Southern Poverty Law Center, both hate crimes and speech against Latinos are rising at an alarming rate.

In 2011, Arizona resident Juan Varella's neighbor shot him after allegedly yelling, "Go back to Mexico or die!" from his yard.

In 2009, Shawna Ford, founder of the Minutemen American Defense, was convicted and sentenced to death after a jury in Arizona found her guilty of the murders of a 9-year old girl and her father, who were both U.S. citizens.

Sadly, hate crimes against Latinos in the country illegally don't stop with violence. There's another element.

Sometimes, college students become enamored with groups of people that encourage racially-offensive behavior in several ways. The racist Greek chant at the University of Oklahoma alerted the nation to the fact some organizations (not just Greek) have cultures rooted in hatred toward minorities. Throwing racially-themed "wetback" parties mocking an entire culture are not uncommon on college campuses.

And the sad part is, many students do not realize how offensive such behavior is.

How we view and treat an entire race of people should not depend on whether or not they are in the country illegally. As Christians at a Christian university, we are called to a higher standard. And from our thoughts to our actions, we should show as much.

In several passages of the Bible, the text is clear about how Christ followers should treat their fellow man — especially immigrants from another country.

In Exodus 22:21, God commands the children of Israel not to mistreat or oppress a foreigner because they were once foreigners in the land of Egypt. Likewise, at one point in history, our ancestors were too strangers in a strange land who depended upon the kindness of strangers for survival. Whether they depended upon Native Americans upon their arrival to Plymouth Rock, or a local agency to help them find a job, they needed someone. It is our Christian duty to assist them as well.

Whether it be through kind words of encouragement or monetary assistance, we should all partake in assisting our fellow brothers and sisters.

When taking a stance on illegal immigration, it is important to look at the reasons that many illegal immigrants are in the country. One reason is solely to procure a better life for themselves and family members abroad.

Coming to America to obtain jobs that pay below minimum wage is no easy feat. For that, respect is definitely deserved.

They are human beings whom God created. Not just illegal immigrants.

College is often thought of as a place where students can learn new ideals, understand other cultures and work toward becoming better individuals in general.

As a result, it would behoove students to use their college time to reflect about their thoughts and attitudes towards other minorities.

Ultimately, we are called to.

## Death penalty is abomination

A few words about the high-priced education of Marty Stroud.

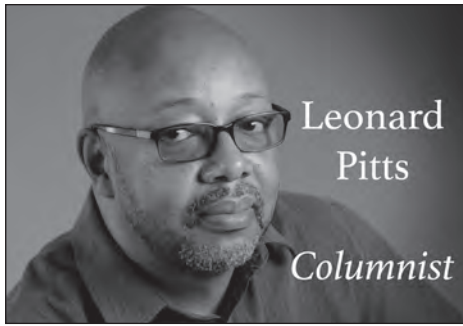
Thirty-one years ago, A.M. "Marty" Stroud III was a prosecutor in Louisiana's Caddo Parish. He was arrogant, narcissistic, judgmental and full of himself. This assessment of Stroud's character, you should know, comes from Stroud himself.

It is contained in a remarkable letter to the editor of the Shreveport Times regarding a 65-year-old black man named Glenn Ford whom Stroud tried for murder in 1984. When the all-white jury sentenced Ford to death, Stroud and his team went out drinking to celebrate. Meantime, Ford went to Louisiana's notorious Angola prison.

Last year, he was set free. The current district attorney asked a judge to vacate Ford's conviction and sentence in the wake of evidence that he was, as he had steadfastly maintained for over 30 years, innocent of the robbery and murder of Shreveport businessman Isadore Rozeman. The exact nature of that evidence has not been revealed, but that it is conclusive is attested to in the district attorney's capitulation.

We do know this much: Officials are now said to believe another man did the killing. In a motion seeking Ford's release, they say that if the state had known then what it knows now, "Glenn Ford might not even have been arrested or indicted for this offense." Which seems pretty ironclad.

And yet, incredibly, Louisiana is fighting Ford's request for compensation for his 30 lost years, a total that amounts to a relatively measly \$330,000 under state law. One is re-



Leonard Pitts  
Columnist

judged an indigent black man, for not caring that Ford was represented by "counsel who had never tried a criminal case, much less a capital one," for placing "junk science" into evidence, for caring less about justice than about winning.

He apologizes to the jurors, to the court, to the family of the victim, and to Ford "for all the misery I have caused him and his family."

And Stroud, now a 63-year-old attorney in private practice, also says this: "No one should be given the ability to impose a sentence of death in any criminal proceeding. We are simply incapable of devising a system that can fairly and impartially impose a sentence of death because we are all fallible human beings."

Some of us consider that a self-evident truth. Yet learning that truth cost Stroud his good opinion of himself and 30 years of another man's life.

His experience should serve as a warning to those who persist in believing the death penalty is justice. The death penalty, writes Stroud, is "an abomination." The death penalty is "state-assisted revenge."

He didn't always feel that way, but he has paid a high price for his education. And he will continue to pay. After all, Glenn Ford eventually walked free.

Marty Stroud never will.

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### Take the Survey



*Do you think visiting hours in the residence halls on campus should be made all the same?*

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## Keep up with distant friends

Growing up as an Air Force brat means living a life of constant change. Moving every three years, parents being deployed and friends coming and going creates a childhood where you have to be ready for anything.

Although moving was always stressful — the packing, the goodbyes, the preparation for the barrage of the dreaded "so where are you from?" question that makes all brats die a little on the inside — it was also a time of new experiences and new opportunities. No matter how far a new life is from an old one, though, military brats never forget a home. Military kids are experts at the balancing act of adjusting to a new life with new friends while holding on to the old ones.

Being thrown into a new town and a new school so often makes military kids adaptable. It means we form close friendships quickly and we understand the value of a lifelong friend. Making a friend, as a military brat, comes with the understanding that in a few years, one of you will have moved away, and you'll probably never see them again.

That doesn't mean those friendships are worthless, though.

Thanks to social media like Facebook, Twitter and Snapchat, it's easier than ever to keep in touch with friends who live far away. It's less intensive than email, and you can stay easily updated on whole groups of people, like an old soccer team or even an entire grade of students you graduated with.

Just because you've moved on to a new chapter in your life doesn't mean it's not worth keeping up with people from the old one. Old contacts may become valuable networking opportunities, and you never know when you may run into past acquaintances. It's perfectly OK to be excited about moving on, but that doesn't mean you need to sever ties with anyone from your past.

Facebook and Twitter allow you to get snap-



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shots into your friends' lives, perfect for staying updated on what's happening with old friends without having to intentionally reach out to them.

Snapchat is a great tool for staying in touch with friends you were a little closer to, the people you care a little more about.

The nice part about social media is that you can phase people out, if you so desire, and tailor your newsfeeds to the exact friends you want to hear from. Conversely, it's also easier than ever to find people from your childhood you may have forgotten about.

You'd be surprised by the happiness you gain when you read that a friend from second grade got engaged, or when you can offer advice to an acquaintance who ended up moving to a place you're familiar with.

I have friends scattered across the globe from all the different phases of my life, and while I don't have personal relationships with all of them, I truly enjoy being kept up to date with what's going on in their lives. Even if we aren't close now, we were at some point, and that's worth holding on to.

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# Measles pose low risk to students

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Bridgeport sophomore Mark Garrison receives a vaccination Wednesday at the Baylor University Health Center in the McLane Student Life Center.

ease was no longer continuously present in the U.S., thanks to the spread of the measles vaccination.

“The measles shot is a combo shot with several other diseases that it can prevent,” said Waco-McLennan County Public Health District epidemiologist Kahler Stone. “It’s given to kids usually when they’re at a young age.”

Stone said it’s been several years since a Waco resident has been infected with measles, and the local immunizations outreach department is largely responsible for the elimination of the disease. The department follows up with schools and other programs that work with kids to ensure that everyone is vaccinated, or that a lack of vaccination is documented.

“Our community is pretty well vaccinated compared to some other larger cities across the country, and a lot of that has to do with our department working with the schools,” Stone said. “That’s one of the biggest things we work on to prevent measles, is getting the vaccine out there and getting everybody immunized.”

In recent years, the number of measles cases has been on the rise in the United States.

The CDC reports that national coverage for the measles, mumps and rubella vaccine is at roughly 91.9 percent.

While some people forget to

get vaccinated on time or are unable to receive immunizations for health reasons, others refuse to get vaccinated for religious, philosophical or personal reasons, the CDC reports.

The center also reports that approximately three out of 100 people vaccinated will still contract measles if exposed to the virus, but two doses of the MMR immunization are 97 percent effective. Those who do not receive the vaccinations are most at risk of contracting and spreading the disease.

Baylor students run little risk of contracting measles, not only because the disease is uncommon in McLennan County, but because students are required to receive the MMR vaccine in order to attend Baylor.

“Most students are adequately immunized against measles,” Stern said.

Stern says the measles vaccine is both safe and effective.

“If students have had two doses of the MMR shot, both after their first birthday, they should be protected,” Stern said.

To ensure students are safe from measles, they can schedule an appointment with the Baylor University Health Center to check their immunization status and, if necessary, receive an MMR vaccine.

# From the Baylor police blotter

## Thursday (March 12)

- A criminal trespass offense occurred at the University Parks Apartments located at 2201 S. University Parks Drive at 12:57 p.m. Case cleared by arrest.

## Friday (March 13)

- Three criminal trespass warnings occurred at the Floyd Casey Stadium located at 150 Bear Run at 11:24 p.m. Case closed.

## Sunday (March 15)

- A theft over \$50 under \$600 reportedly occurred at Martin Residence Hall located at 1101 S. 5th St. sometime between 11 p.m. on 03/14/2015 and 10:00 a.m. Case suspended.

- A criminal mischief under \$50 reportedly occurred at the Clyde Hart Track and Field Stadium located at 1601 S. Martin Luther King Blvd at 8 a.m. Case closed.

## Monday (March 16)

- A theft over \$500 under \$1,500 reportedly occurred at Teal Residence Hall located at 206 Bagby Ave. sometime between 8 a.m. on 02/23/2015 and 8:01 p.m. Case active.

## Tuesday (March 17)

- A criminal trespass warning occurred at the 1500 Block of S. 3rd St. at 3:59 p.m. Case closed.

## Wednesday (March 18)

- A criminal mischief under \$50 reportedly occurred at Penland Residence Hall located at 1110 S. 5th St. between 12 a.m. and 5:32 a.m.

Case suspended.

- An alcohol offense, minor consuming alcohol, occurred in the 2000 block of S. 1st St. at 1:54 a.m. Case cleared by arrest.

## Thursday (March 19)

- Two alcohol offenses, minors consuming alcohol, occurred at Collins Residence Hall located at 1310 S. 8th St. at 11:51 p.m. Case cleared by arrest.
- An extended territory, failure to stop and render aid offense occurred in the 1400 block of S. 8th St. on 3/16/2015 at approximately 3:50 p.m. Case referred to Waco PD.
- An aggravated assault with a deadly weapon occurred at 1701 S. 4th St. at 7:29 a.m. Case cleared by arrest.

## Friday (March 20)

- A criminal mischief over \$500 under \$1,500 reportedly occurred at the 8th St. garage located at 1301 S. 8th St. sometime between 7 p.m. on 3/19/2015 and 4:30 p.m. Case active.
- An extended territory evading arrest and detention with a vehicle, occurred at 12th St. and Bagby Ave. at 1:54 p.m. Case active.

## Saturday (March 21)

- An alcohol offense, minor consuming alcohol, occurred at Collins Residence Hall located at 1310 S. 8th St. at 2:30 a.m. Case cleared by arrest.

## Sunday (March 22)

- A criminal mischief under \$50 reportedly occurred at Penland Residence Hall

located at 1110 S. 5th St. at 12:36 a.m. Case suspended.

## Monday (March 23)

- A theft over \$50 reportedly occurred at Robinson Tower located at 700 S. University Parks Drive sometime between 3:30 p.m. and 7:27 p.m. Case active.  
Case Update: Unfounded, changed from theft to Lost Property on 3-24-15. Case closed.

## Tuesday (March 24)

- A theft over \$50 under \$500 reportedly occurred at South Russell Residence Hall located at 1200 S. 4th St. sometime between 3-2-2015 and 3-18-15. Case closed.
- A burglary of a motor vehicle reportedly occurred in Lot 42 located at 1410 S. 4th St. sometime between 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Case suspended.

## Wednesday (March 25)

- A theft over \$500 under \$1,500 reportedly occurred at the tennis courts located near Penland Residence Hall at 1300 S. 5th St. sometime between 3 p.m. and 5:10 p.m. Case suspended.
- A burglary of a motor vehicle reportedly occurred at University Parks Apartments located at 2201 S. University Parks Drive sometime between 11:30 p.m. on 3/24/2015 and 9:30 a.m. Case active.

This police and fire incident information was collected from reports at [www.baylor.edu/dps](http://www.baylor.edu/dps) and is provided freely as public information under the Clery Act.

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March 25:

Student Literary Awards

Carroll Science, Room 101  
3:30 PM

Terrance Hayes  
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Bennett Auditorium  
7:00 PM

Thursday  
March 26:

Neil Corcoran  
"Robert Graves and Contemporary Poetry"

Bennett Auditorium  
3:30 PM

Susan Wheeler  
Poetry Reading

Bennett Auditorium  
7:00 PM

Friday  
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Panel Discussion

Carroll Science, Room 101  
3:30 PM

Simon Armitage  
Poetry Reading

Bennett Auditorium  
7:00 PM

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until Arlington senior Dominic Edwards, the student body president, signs it.

The bill also recommends the Electoral Code include that Student Activities must approve campaign web pages and campaign social networking pages. Individual posts are not subject to approval, provided the posts do not violate Baylor branding or the code of ethics.

Bacque said the bill will allow the candidates and their campaign workers to post to their personal Facebook accounts.

"That would be the main change, which has been done in the past," Bacque said. "The Electoral Code has not reflected that."

There were several other bills passed during the meeting. Student Senate voted in favor for the allocation of \$11,926 to three different student organizations.

The Hispanic Student Association and Sigma Alpha Epsilon were unanimously granted, \$4,151 for the Fiesta event on April 23. Crystal City senior Steven Rodriguez said there will be a salsa competition judged by individuals in attendance as well as free food and games.

A bill passed with a vote of 37-1 granting Phi Beta Sigma \$2,500 of fund-

ing for its third annual event, "More Than We Can Bear" today from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. on the fifth floor of Cashion Academic Center.

League City senior Kevin Shah, co-chair for the Baylor Relay for Life committee, presented a bill that passed unanimously, granting \$5,275 for Student Government's event Lights Out for Cancer on April 17.

"There a lot of different games, bands and artists coming out," Shah said.

Sporting an American flag tie, San Antonio junior Chase Hardy presented a bill entitled Baylor Supports the Flag by beginning with the song "America The Beautiful." This bill, that passed unanimously, proposed adding 2 American flags and 2 Texas flags to campus in front of the Student Union Building as well as the Baylor Sciences Building and other locations that the student government sees fit, according to the bill.

The bill to give Martin Residence Hall a makeover in their Green and Gold Gym was passed unanimously. It encourages Baylor administration to make simple renovations in order to improve the campus living and learning experience.



San Antonio junior senator Chase Hardy presents a bill Thursday to add more American Flags to campus. The bill passed the senate vote unanimously.

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ton, worship pastor at Lakewood Church in Houston and Grammy Award-winning Christian music artist; Jeff Deyo, Christian music solo artist and former lead singer of the band SONICFLOOD; Bryce Petty, former Baylor quarterback; and Chip and Joanna Gaines, Baylor alumni and stars of the HGTV show "Fixer Upper."

Gates open at 3 p.m., with pre-service music and interviews beginning at 4:30. The main event starts at 5 p.m., and the altars will remain open one hour past the 7 p.m. official dismissal.

The Gathering is free to the public, but the event's coordinators ask attendees to bring at least two canned goods, which will be donated to local food pantries. Seating is limited to the first 45,000 attendees.

For those unable to attend in person, the Gathering will be broadcast live by KXXV-ABC, both on television (channel 25) and online at <http://www.KWTX.com>. Additionally, the Gathering will be broadcast live on the radio by KBBW on 1010 AM and 105.7 FM, and by shortwave radio around the world.

"This is going to be broadcast literally across the world, via streaming and via this broadcast," Harrison said.

For more information, including details about Spanish and sign language translation for the event, visit <http://www.thegatheringwaco.com> or download the Gathering Waco app.

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day's blast. Con Edison said it had surveyed the gas mains on the block Wednesday and found no leaks.

Bystander Blake Farber, who lives around the corner, said he'd been walking by the building and smelled gas seconds before the big blast.

Firefighters continued pouring water on the buildings for hours after the explosion, in an area of old tenement buildings that are home to students and longtime residents near New York University and Washington Square Park.

Firefighters said at least 12 people were hurt, four critically, some with burns to their airways. De Blasio said it didn't appear that anyone was missing. "We are praying that no other individuals are injured and that there are no fatalities," he said.

The area was evacuated, and the city's health department advised residents to keep their windows closed because of smoke so thick the buildings disappeared from view. At least one family sought help at an American Red Cross relief center set up at a school.

Adil Choudhury, who lives a

block away, ran outside when he heard "a huge boom."

"The flames were coming out from the roof," he said. "The fire was coming out of every window."

The flames shot as high as 50 feet into the air, witness Paul Schoengold said.

The explosion was so forceful it blew the door off a cafe across an avenue and left piles of rubble on the sidewalk. Finley said his son helped to lift debris off a man so he could escape the restaurant where they had been eating.

One person was lying on the ground, being attended to by passers-by who were holding his head still. Some witnesses described injured people walking on the avenue with bloodied, dazed faces.

A man was climbing up, not down, a fire escape as freelance photographer Michael Seto ran up to the buildings after hearing the explosion in his apartment a block and a half away.

"People were calling to him that the building's on fire — he needs to get down," and he did, Seto said.



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## Truly winners

Honest Men, a local band made up of three Wacoan Baylor students, performed Thursday outside of the Student Union Building to compete in the Battle of the Bands. Honest Men won the audience's choice and first place in the competition, qualifying them to play at Diadeloso.

## Iran may run centrifuges at fortified site in Tehran

By GEORGE JAHN  
AND MATTHEW LEE  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LAUSANNE, Switzerland — The United States is considering letting Tehran run hundreds of centrifuges at a once-secret, fortified underground bunker in exchange for limits on centrifuge work and research and development at other sites, officials have told The Associated Press.

The trade-off would allow Iran to run several hundred of the devices at its Fordo facility, although the Iranians would not be allowed to do work that could lead to an atomic bomb and the site would

be subject to international inspections, according to Western officials familiar with details of negotiations now underway. In return, Iran would be required to scale back the number of centrifuges it runs at its Natanz facility and accept other restrictions on nuclear-related work.

Instead of uranium any centrifuges permitted at Fordo would be fed elements such as zinc, xenon or germanium for separating out isotopes used in medicine, industry or science, the officials said. The number of centrifuges would not be enough to produce the amount of uranium needed to produce a weapon within a year — the mini-

mum time-frame that Washington and its negotiating partners demand.

The officials spoke only on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss details of the sensitive negotiations as the latest round of talks began between U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry and Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammed Javad Zarif. The negotiators are racing to meet an end-of-March deadline to reach an outline of an agreement that would grant Iran relief from international sanctions in exchange for curbing its nuclear program. The deadline for a final agreement is June 30.

One senior U.S. official de-

clined to comment on the specific proposal but said the goal since the beginning of the talks has been "to have Fordo converted so it's not being used to enrich uranium." That official would not say more.

The officials stressed that the potential compromise on Fordo is just one of several options on a menu of highly technical equations being discussed in the talks. All of the options are designed to keep Iran at least a year away from producing an atomic weapon for the life of the agreement, which will run for at least 10 years. U.S. Energy Secretary Ernest Moniz has joined the last several rounds as the negotiations have gotten more

technical.

Experts say the compromise for Fordo could still be problematic. They note it would allow Iran to keep intact technology that could be quickly repurposed for uranium enrichment at a sensitive facility that the U.S. and its allies originally wanted stripped of all such machines — centrifuges that can spin uranium gas into uses ranging from reactor fuel to weapons-grade material.

And the issue of inspector access and verification is key. Iran has resisted "snap inspections" in the past. Even as the nuclear talks have made progress, Iran has yet to satisfy questions about its past pos-

sible nuclear-related military activity. The fact that questions about such activity, known as Possible Military Dimensions, or PMDs, remain unresolved is a serious concern for the U.N. atomic watchdog.

The site at Fordo is a particular concern because it is hardened and dug deeply into a mountainside making it resistant to air attack. Such an attack is an option that neither Israel nor the U.S. has ruled out in case the talks fail.

While too few to be used for proliferation by themselves, even a few hundred extra centrifuges at Fordo would be a concern when looked at in the context of total numbers.

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## Old friend comes home

### Crowder talks Baylor, being on tour, Waco show

By ALLIE MATHERNE  
REPORTER

Texarkana native David Crowder formed the David Crowder\*Band as a reaction to the stagnant state of church life at Baylor in the late '90s. Statistics showed only half of Baylor's population went to church, so Crowder, along with fellow student and friend Chris Seay, created University Baptist Church to help mend the traditions of the church and the growing pains of the millennial culture.

Crowder wrote new, innovative music for students to connect with. After 11 years, the band members went their separate ways in 2012. Crowder has since been nominated for a Grammy and released his first solo album, "Neon Steeple." Crowder will play Saturday at the Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion in The Woodlands, and will also play on campus April 8 in Waco Hall.

**What was your favorite Baylor tradition as a student?**

I was never in it, but I loved Sing and Pigskin. It's just so — I just don't think there's anything like it on the planet. My parents coming down, us getting all gussied up to go watch the goodness — that's an interesting thing that I've not seen any place in all my travels. It's a special deal.

**That's awesome. But you were never in it?**

No, it was a frat thing, so no. I would just go watch my buddies and friends and that was always a treat. After, you know, all the rehearsals that they had to go to. It's a heck of a lot of work, absolutely. But it makes for a great night.

**How do you think your presence at Baylor helped you to get where you are today?**

Well, for sure my experience there, you know, in the music school learning all the church history and the music history — all

that stuff has been incredibly important to me being able to articulate and make music, for one.

But then two, just the opportunity to lead at UBC — that just was such a unique atmosphere where you're surrounded by your friends, your peers, trying to say something on behalf of these people you knew and lived life with every day and were going through all the same struggles with.

I think [it's an artist's] job to just pay attention to little stuff maybe other people aren't watching, having to say something week after week that was new and expressed through music at church. Man, that's it right there, I'm just happy about that.

**It's been a little over three years since the members of the David Crowder\*Band went their separate ways.**

**ways. How do you feel you've handled the transition from band member to solo artist?**

Well, I tell you what, there's a lot more pressure because now it's all your fault. We had blame to share when it was a band. Even though I got stuck with my name on the thing, it was definitely a band deal where everybody had a voice and so the end product was real reflection of six individuals. Here it's a little more intense.

But I just found a bunch of other really great folks that were, I guess, drinking the same Kool-Aid I was and had just a blast making music together trying to go through something that was completely authentic to me, sound-wise, music-wise, and finding the right people to help me articulate that was a blast. Made a lot of really great friends from getting to do that.

**I read on your website that your newest album, "Neon Steeple," is a "collection of songs and sounds looking forward to the past and counting the present as sacred." How exactly do you feel your music encapsulates this idea?**

Beautiful. Well I think there are a lot of roots in it. Just growing up in Texarkana I was around gospel-bluegrass-country thing. Then two, I'm a product of the '80s, so too much time spent in front of television playing an Atari Nintendo with those 8 bit noises coming at you. So I fell in love with making music on the computer really early on and it's such a part of the music-making process and such a part of what the Crowder Band was doing. So trying to squish those things to-

gether.

And with media movement so big, that stuff always feels like it's pressing ahead trying to figure out how to create new sounds, new experiences — that feels like it's leaning forward, and at the same time, the lyrics and content of the record, I was wanting to hold onto the past and love the moment currently, language-wise.

And also, it feels like there's been a big movement of more colloquial type language outside of the church culture that's been made more acceptable by folks writing songs that say something that feels more current and future leaning. Both the sound and the lyrics and the language used, I feel like I'm trying to do that.

**How do you feel different seasons or events in your life influenced the themes of your album?**

For sure the transition out of Texas — out of Waco, away from these people that I've known and loved for years and have been such a pivotal part of my life, and very much relationships that were transformative — to a new state, a new city, and wind up making all kinds of new neighbors and new friends that I couldn't have seen coming that are just some of the best friends I've had, ever. And all of that tension — longing for home, acceptance, a place — I think that's such a major drive in us as humans and to experience that and then be able to say out loud with music what that experience is. All of the journey I've had in the past three, four years is definitely present in the music.

As much as I was trying to be authentic with the sound of the thing, I was also trying to be authentic in what I was saying. I think people respond to authenticity more, I think more so than they do perfection. And we're all in the same boat.

**What are your favorite things to do while you're on the road touring?**

Well, it's actually play music. I mean there's just so many great players. The funny thing is — I don't know how this happened

— but the David Crowder\*Band, we didn't pick up instruments throughout the day, but with this new outfit it's hard to put them down for some reason. Most of the time you'll find us in the green room or on the bus with guitar in hand and a pen writing and playing — dumb stuff, too — just having a good time because it's available and I love music. It makes the day pass quickly. As well as a good book, a good book will do it too.

And walking to Subway, I love walking to subway. I don't know what it is, but just a hankering for a turkey sandwich and you gotta find where the Subway is and before you know it you've wasted a couple of hours and had a good sandwich.

**Out of all the cities you've played for the Neon Steeple tour, which has been your favorite and why?**

Gosh, that's so hard. I would say Chicago, because I love Chicago. We were at the House of Blues downtown there, and it's such a fun room and the people that showed up were just a blast. I think that might be one of the most intense nights of music and energy, as far as a crowd goes, that I've had. So Chicago.

Plus the food, the food is amazing. I could do without the cold. I don't have the right clothes for that. I don't understand layering properly.

**Lastly, is there anything you hope fans will take away from the Waco show?**

Yeah, I think definitely. I hope that — and music is great at this, so I hope it happens that night — but we have such a hard time living in the awareness that we spend every second in the presence of God and every moment's sacred, and a night like that can just shift our view to that reality.

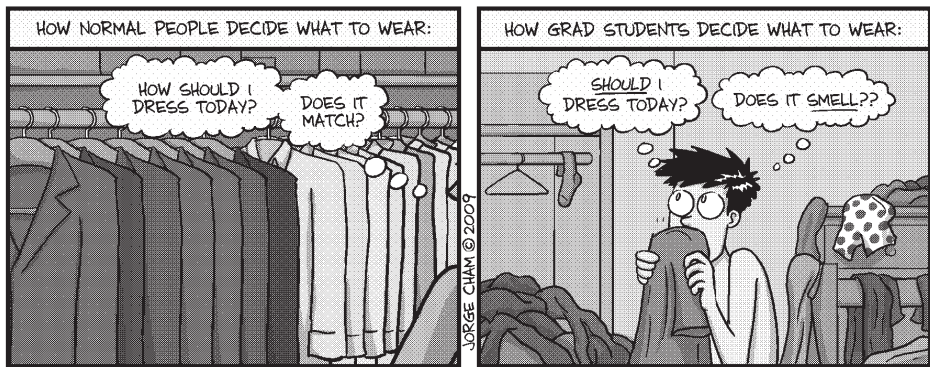
So, that would be it. That you leave with an awareness that we are in the very presence of God, and this is sacred and beautiful and worth the journey. We can't wait to get there. I'm wound up. Probably the most excitement I've had for a show coming up in a long time. I can't wait to see that front porch at Waco Hall.



Baylor alumnus David Crowder will return to Waco for a concert April 8 in Waco Hall.

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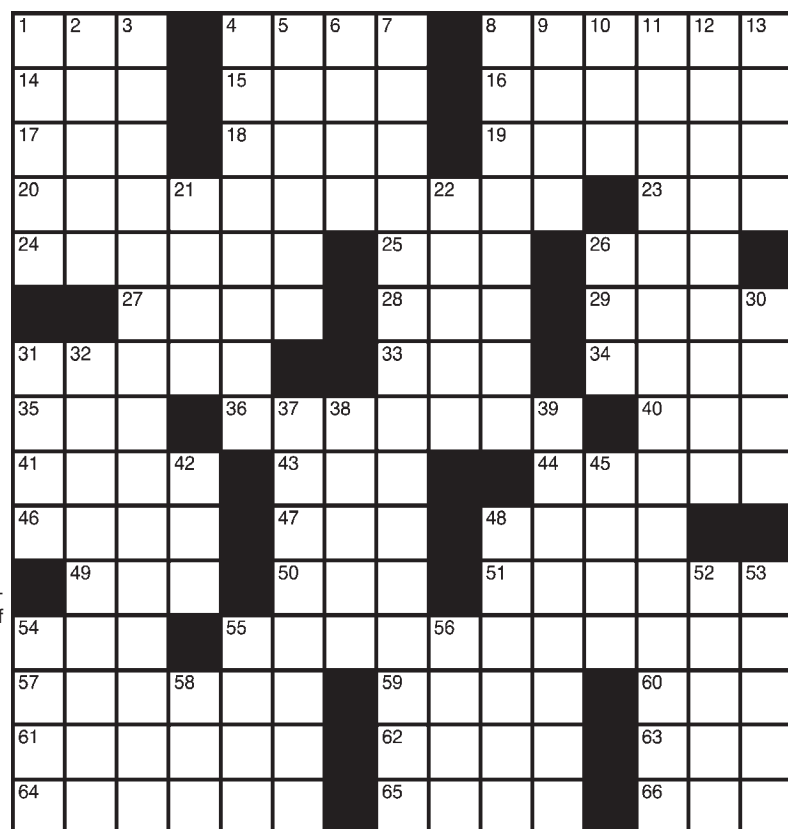
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- Small silvery fish
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- Apple drink
- Golfer Ballesteros
- 1976 debut single for Heart
- Yoked bovines
- The Beatles' "And I Love ..."
- Metal-yielding rocks
- Practices in a ring
- 21-Across tester
- Chasing
- Stable warmer
- Hiding places in walls
- Wild pig
- "We \_\_\_ the Champions"
- Jack of old Westerns
- Nationality of the two leaders suggested by the starts of 17-, 27-, 43- and 57-Across
- Not left out of
- Pallid
- Latvian capital
- Move with ease
- Biding one's time
- Like pretentious gallery-goers
- Crime against one's country
- Follow
- Carson's predecessor
- Mary's little lamb, perhaps
- Cabernet containers
- Informal name for the double bass
- Correct copy
- Native Alaskan
- Got long in the tooth
- A bit blue
- Garb at the Forum
- Raises, say

### Down

- Russian cottage
- Hideous giants
- Shaking causes
- Brimless cap
- Cricket official



- Ones who dig
- 21-Across
- Outshine fruit bars brand
- Regulus's constellation
- TV: "Not reality. Actuality."
- Golf tournament first played in 1895
- Portmanteau region between Dallas and Little Rock
- Solemnly swear
- Ones in a pecking order
- They have strings attached
- Regulus, for one
- "Beg pardon ..."
- Leigh Hunt's "... Ben Adhem"
- Linen fiber source
- WWII torpedo craft
- Cupid's Greek counterpart
- Portable shelter
- Hems but doesn't haw?
- Jai \_\_\_
- Hard to believe
- Moral lapses
- Punk star \_\_\_ Pop
- Mite
- Marriage or baptism
- Dearie, in Dijon
- Reliable
- Milano's land
- Botanists' scions
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# Passion. Performance. Pigskin.

## Baylor football alum Eddie Lackey finds calling after sports

By Cody Soto  
SPORTS WRITER

Before the sun peeks over the horizon, former Baylor linebacker Eddie Lackey has already arrived at the new D1 Sports training facility in Waco to get ready for the first boot camp of the day.

When the lights turn on, Lackey steps on turf that mirrors the football field he played on only a year ago. In that short time frame, life has been busy for the two-time All-Big 12 linebacker.

Lackey planned to try and earn a spot on an NFL roster following his senior season, but little did he know the twists and turns that he was about to experience. It all started at the 2014 Fiesta Bowl, where Lackey suffered a torn labrum that forced him to endure a third shoulder surgery.

"I didn't know what was going to happen or what I was going to do. I knew, already having two shoulder surgeries before, that things weren't in the greatest shape going into the NFL," Lackey said.

On the same day that he got cleared to work out again, Lackey made his way to a Dallas Cowboys minicamp workout. He had not practiced full speed since his injury, so he had to hang up his practice

played one preseason game before he was cut and retreated back to Waco to pursue another passion: fitness training. He used his knowledge of physical fitness to train others at Gold's Gym after coming back from the CFL.

"Ever since I started lifting, I've had this passion to help people out and teach how to exercise and do things correctly with technique," Lackey said.

Sitting at 220 pounds and 5 feet 11 inches, Lackey is a formidable figure. He overcame two previous shoulder injuries, so he knew he had the potential to recover from the third. He had considered participating in this year's Baylor Pro Day, but something had changed for him.

"I was lifting harder than ever, working as hard as I could, but the whole time I only had one foot in the door," Lackey said. "I never completely felt like I wanted to continue to do this anymore. As I was training more and more, I grew a love for helping people reach their goals."

The NFL dream may have been over for him, but little did he know that another opportunity was in the distance. Lackey made connections with the staff at D1 Abilene while training. He soon learned



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Former Baylor linebacker Eddie Lackey sits in front of the D1 Sports training facility he now helps manage in Waco.

out of college. Although this may have seemed overwhelming at times, Lackey's way of handling adversity spoke of his character.

"He chased after God and in turn made me push myself in my faith," junior wide receiver Lynx Hawthorne said. "He made me a true believer. You see it in magazines, but I was seeing it in first person. Whenever you have a guy like him who is sold out in Christ, there's nothing he can't do."

Lackey anchored himself in his faith and faced harsh realities during those days, and what made him strong was his overall trust in Christ, former Baylor quarterback Bryce Petty said.

"Eddie's such a role model for how he lives for Christ," Petty said. "It's one thing to sit and trust God, but it's another thing when you follow a plan and it doesn't come through. If you can trust in Christ and a door closes, then there's a bigger and better one opening for you."

Doors did open for Lackey, and now he serves as an example for young recruits who are considering Baylor football.

"His track was one where he had to prove himself everywhere he went, and he's always done it," Bennett said. "I want him around every recruit that we have. God puts us all on a journey, and Eddie is making the most of his journey."

Lackey's job allows him to reside in Waco, something he can't help but smile about. His Baylor pride is still very evident. Every time he hears the word Baylor, he flashes his smile.

"Baylor blood really runs deep," Lackey said. "I was only at Baylor for two years, but I feel like I was there for 10 years. I love Baylor so much, and people are so passionate about our school."

Along with the memories of playing at Floyd Casey Stadium, Lackey now has a big tie to McLane Stadium. On Feb. 2, he proposed to his girlfriend Cassidy Walker on the 50-yard line. An entire evening's

worth of events went just as Lackey had planned, which took weeks of preparation.

"It ended up turning into the biggest plan I've ever come through with in my life," Lackey said. "It was bigger than any football or college planning I've ever made. We are going to have that memory and moment with us forever; it was a great celebration out there on the 50-yard line."

When people first look at Lackey, they don't see his animated personality behind his serious expression. He does like spending the day lifting weights and improving his physique, but the "country boy at

will have the support he needs, especially from co-best men Petty and Hawthorne.

"The facility is unbelievable, and they have the person to lead it. He's going to give Waco the next level of training," Petty said. "He's supported me along my journey. It doesn't matter if I am playing on Sundays or flipping burgers, he is going to be there. God put him into my life for that reason."

Lackey has experienced adversity within the past year, and he knows that the hard days are not over. However, it's his faith and focus that will allow him to



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Lackey was part of the first Big 12 Championship winning team in Baylor history in 2013. For his performance, he was named All-Big 12 First Team.

jersey and realize his NFL hopes were not looking good.

"It was debilitating for Eddie. (His shoulder injury) kept him from getting drafted unequivocally," defensive coordinator Phil Bennett said. "Had he been full speed, he would have been playing for the Dallas Cowboys. It was double jeopardy, but I never worried about Eddie because I knew he had a better calling."

Lackey took his talents across the border, where he signed a deal to play for the Toronto Argonauts in the Canadian Football League in June quickly after that. He

Waco could get its own facility.

He got a phone call a few hours later. The facility coordinator position was open, and it was his for the taking. As the coordinator, it's his job to make sure everything runs smoothly. For him, it's not just a job; it's his passion.

"I love the opportunity I have right now with the position that I am in," Lackey said. "Everything just worked out perfectly. I can still be around great people and have a facility in Waco."

Lackey's journey is almost unmatched; he had four opportunities in his first year



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Even though he could have tried out for the NFL again after the 2014 season, Lackey chose to move on with his life.

heart" loves going outdoors to fish.

"I will do anything to get out there to any pond in the area," Lackey said. "I will search as hard as I can. I will create a fishing pole if I have to. There's something about it. It creates a different kind of happiness in me."

As Lackey plants his feet at D1 Sports and settles into his brand new office, he

experience continued success. With him at the helm of D1 Sports, the facility will not be shaken.

"It was a tough time frame, but I look back at it and I realize that it was all in God's hands," Lackey said. "This is the reason why I got hurt in the Fiesta Bowl. It was a blessing more than anything. God was at work in my life the whole time."



At a Glance

Baseball

Baylor baseball looks to extend its conference series winning streak to two as the Bears (10-14, 2-4) host to Oklahoma (17-10, 2-1) at Baylor Ballpark this weekend. The series' start times are 6:30 p.m. tonight, 3 p.m. Saturday and 1 p.m. Sunday. Tonight's game will be broadcasted on FOX Sports Plus.

In the Bears previous conference series, offense was key to outlasting the West Virginia Mountaineers. Baylor is coming off a 6-2 midweek road victory over UT-Arlington. Baylor has won all three series at home this season and look to continue their positive streak in that respect.

Acrobatics & Tumbling

Undefeated Baylor acrobatics & tumbling team (5-0) finally returns to the Ferrell Center at 6 p.m. Saturday to face Azusa Pacific University in the Bears' penultimate home meet.

In the Bears' season opener at the Ferrell Center, the fans set a program record in attendance (1,453) and look to add to the support they so overwhelmingly received in the opener.

The Bears are on a historic season. Baylor ranks No. 1 in the nation after pulling off a massive upset over reigning national champion University of Oregon in Eugene, Ore. It was the Ducks' first home loss in program history.

Equestrian

Baylor equestrian travels to Turning Point Ranch in Springtown this weekend to compete as the one-seed in the 2015 Big 12 Conference's equestrian championship. The Bears face four-seed TCU at 10 a.m. today.

It will be the first time in school history that the Bears will compete as the one-seed of the conference tournament. Previously this year, the Lady Bears defeated TCU 11-9 in Fort Worth on Feb. 24. The winner of the Baylor-TCU matchup faces the winner of the Oklahoma State-Kansas State matchup. The final will begin at 10 a.m. on Saturday.

"We are going in as [the one-seed], but it all depends on how you come out," head coach Ellen White said. "We have the team for it. We've beaten everybody in the Big 12, so if we just have our act together, we can make it happen."



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Iowa guard Samantha Logic (22) drives to the basket during the Hawkeyes' 88-70 win over Miami on Sunday. Logic ranks No. 3 nationally at 7.9 assists per game.



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Junior point guard Niya Johnson blows down the court during Baylor's 73-44 win over Arkansas on Sunday. Johnson leads the nation with 8.7 assists per game.

# Dueling Point Guards

## Baylor WBB set to face Iowa in Sweet 16

BY JEFFREY SWINDOLL  
SPORTS WRITER

The two-seed Baylor Lady Bears are just two games away from the Final Four of the NCAA tournament in Tampa Bay, Fla. in two weeks. What stands in their way is the daunting regional tournament at the Chesapeake Energy Arena in Oklahoma City, Okla.

At 6:30 p.m. today, Baylor tips off its seventh-straight Sweet 16 appearance, this time against the three-seed University of Iowa, a team the Lady Bears have never met in the regular season or postseason. Scouting and preparation will be vital for these teams that have not crossed paths until now.

"There are positive and negatives in [never playing each other]," freshman guard Kristy Wallace said. "I think that we've done a lot of scouting on Iowa, especially leading up to this game because we haven't played them. I think we both kind of don't know what to expect going out there, not playing each other before, but I think we're really looking forward to the challenge."

Iowa guard Samantha Logic caught head coach Kim Mulkey's eye in the film work she and her coaching staff performed. She makes her team better and, as a former point guard, that's exactly what you want from a point guard, Mulkey said.

"[Logic] is a triple-double waiting to happen every game," Mulkey said. "She's a strong player, and then I see around her players that can score, and I see a team that likes to run and get up and down the floor, and they're averaging, what, 79.9 points a game? They are very confident at what they do offensively."

Mulkey has said on numerous occasions the Lady Bears go as junior guard Niya Johnson goes. Tonight will be a battle of two of nation's most valuable point guards to their teams. Johnson leads the nation in assists; Logic follows close behind at third in the country.

"We know Baylor is a really great team," Iowa's Melissa Dixon said. "We know the key for us is just going to be on the boards

and really making sure we box out and get some offensive rebounds, so we know that's going to be a big thing for us, just to really work on."

The Lady Bears suffocated their opposition in the first and second round of the NCAA tournament last week. Baylor's height and athletic superiority cleaved the opposing teams to decide on whether they should counter Baylor's speed with their own speed, or try to slow the Lady Bears down.

Northwestern State and Arkansas both tried to slow the Lady Bears down, but Baylor's ability to execute a half-court offense broke the team's down in the end. Baylor's speed may not be an issue for Iowa though.

Baylor and Iowa mirror each other in that they like playing fast. The end result of the fast-paced style is where the teams defer. Iowa likes throwing up three-pointers and it has worked for them well this season with many players, including Dixon being

successful from long distance.

"We are going to try to make [Iowa] use screens more," sophomore forward Nina Davis said. "They like to shoot. I think everybody in their starting five can shoot threes and we're going to make them drive and get them out of their game. I think the game is going to come down to defense."

Baylor's style is pick up the ball and drive straight to the basket when in fast break situations. Baylor has the athleticism to punish most teams in transition, but Iowa is a decent match in that respect as well. The Lady Bears are looking forward to the challenge Iowa's quick, energetic style.

"We're a fast-paced team too, so we just have to make them slow it down and play defense," sophomore post Khadijah Cave said. "Whoever has the best defense is going to win the game, so we just have to take it one play at a time and don't let them control the pace of the game. We have to control the pace of the game."

The winner of tonight's game plays the winner between one-seed Notre Dame and four-seed Stanford in the Elite Eight on Sunday which will also be played at the Chesapeake Energy Arena.

*"[Samantha Logic] is a triple-double waiting to happen every game. She's a strong player."*

Kim Mulkey | Baylor head coach

# Berry positive about cancer recovery

BY TEREZ PAYLOR  
KANSAS CITY STAR (TNS)

PHOENIX — Clark Hunt has plenty of things going on in his life, including multiple businesses, money to juggle and a family of his own.

But he also has a football team to run, and when it comes to that team, the Chiefs' chairman is as competitive as anyone. In fact, if you start talking about the Chiefs with him, it does not take long to see that he is plugged into the day-to-day happenings of his team.

So with that in mind, it should come as no surprise that Hunt was abreast of the latest on Eric Berry and his battle against Hodgkin lymphoma, which accounts for about 10 percent of lymphoma cases and is considered to be highly curable.

"He's doing well in that treatment process, but that's a tough process to go through," said Hunt, who visited Berry in Atlanta in January and gets regular updates on his status.

Chiefs general manager John Dorsey — who traveled to Atlanta to see Berry with Hunt — and coach Andy Reid, who were also asked about Berry at the NFL's annual meetings this week, gave similar updates on Berry's status.

"I haven't talked to him in person one-on-one, but I've been communicating with him with texts," Dorsey said.

"He's doing well," said Reid, who said he last spoke to Berry a week before he arrived for the meetings. "(He's) positive and upbeat."

Still, this is the NFL, and there will come a time this year where the Chiefs will have to sort out the business part of Berry's situation. Berry, who only has one year left on his deal, is scheduled to have a cap number of \$8.4 million in 2015, and is slated to receive \$5.5 million in total salary.

The problem is, per NFL rules, whatever they pay Berry will count against the cap, regardless of his current health status, and the Chiefs currently have only \$2.8 million in cap room — the second-least amount in

the league, according to NFL Players Association records — and still need to create upward of \$6 million in space to sign their 10 draft picks in May.

The Chiefs have plenty of options to get there. They can theoretically cut or restructure high-priced veterans like inside linebacker Derrick Johnson (\$5.2 million cap number) and quarterback Chase Daniel (\$4.8 million), or they can convert quarterback Alex Smith's \$10.9 million salary into a bonus, which will create upwards of \$8.2 million in cap room.

However, according to cap expert and former agent Joel Corry, if Berry again winds up on the non-football injury list in 2015 — which he spent the last month of the season on in 2014 — the Chiefs would be under no obligation to pay him his salary, and could gain \$5.5 million in cap space.

"It's one of those bridges that you cross when you get there," Hunt said. "But certainly we respect Eric a great amount as a person and a player and hope that he plays for the Chiefs for a very long time."



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Chiefs safety Eric Berry runs through a drill during 2014 Kansas City minicamps.



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