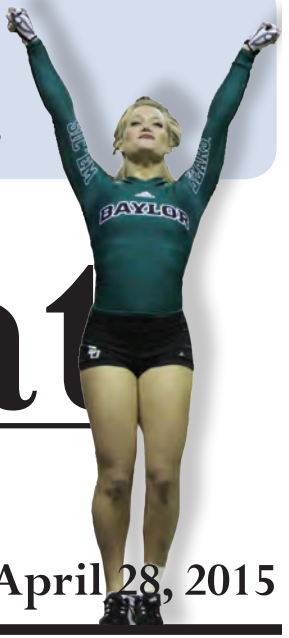


Acrobatics & tumbling claims national title

Head coach Felicia Mulkey led team to its first victory at national championships on Saturday.

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The Waco Relay For Life hosted its annual meet this weekend. See how the Waco community came together to fight cancer in our video online.

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Baylor students endeavor to aid Nepal

By KALLI DAMSCHEN
STAFF WRITER

The 7.8-magnitude earthquake that devastated Nepal on Saturday has impacted people worldwide, and Baylor students are banding together to aid in fundraising for relief efforts.

As of Monday afternoon, over 4,000 people have been confirmed dead, with an additional 6,500 injured. The earthquake was the worst Nepal had experienced in over 80 years. Since Saturday there have been more than 100 aftershocks, including one with a magnitude of 6.7.

The quake also caused devastating avalanches on Mt. Everest which killed 18 climbers. Three of them were Americans.

A number of international Baylor students are setting up a table in the Baylor Sciences Building on Tuesday morning to collect donations for the Red Cross Society that will directly aid Nepal.

"The Red Cross is really proactive, and has many people, first responders that go on the ground and help a lot of people," said Swastika Raut, a doctoral candidate in biology from Nepal who has helped organize the fundraiser.

The international students are also planning a candlelit vigil for the victims of the earthquake on Wednesday at 6:30 p.m., but the location is currently undecided.

"As humanity, we should do something for crises because we don't know if this is going to happen to us tomorrow," said Shiva Acharya, a sophomore biochemistry major who was born in Nepal. "Life is unpredictable, so we should help those who are in need."

Acharya and his family moved to Texas



Rescue teams search for bodies on Monday in the collapsed Sitapyla church in Kathmandu, Nepal. A strong earthquake shook Nepal's capital and the densely populated Kathmandu Valley on Saturday. The catastrophe has overwhelmed Nepal's government, with the challenge expected to worsen as the death toll climbs. Four thousand people were confirmed dead Monday.

five years ago, but many of his friends lost their lives in the earthquake. Others are still suffering from the limited resources.

"Hunger is really bad," Acharya said. "We want to do as much as we can to provide them with food and everything, and medical kits. Most of the people have physical wounds."

The earthquake was so severe that tremors were felt in neighboring China and India, even though the epicenter of quake was in the Gorkha district of Nepal.

People worldwide have banded together to send aid to Nepal. Entire villages in the remote mountainous areas were destroyed by rockslides. Many homes were

destroyed, both in villages and in the capital city of Kathmandu. Homeless refugees have established tent cities in Kathmandu, while others are fleeing the city in hopes of finding a safer area with more resources.

The quake has caused shortages of food, water and medical supplies. There have also been electricity outages. Hospi-

itals are overcrowded and are running out of space for bodies.

Many important historical and cultural buildings were also damaged by the earthquake. Famous temples, statues, towers and squares have all been destroyed.

"Because of the earthquake, Nepal lost most of its national heritage," Acharya said. "We lost almost all of our heritage."

The United Nations children's agency reports that over one million children are in need of urgent humanitarian assistance.

Political discord within Nepal may add extra difficulties to relief and rebuilding efforts, making the international response more important.

"The thing with disaster and hunger relief is that there are stages," said Dr. Cynthia Harr, a professor in the School of Social Work. "They're in the first stage, which is the emergency of trying to get people out. The kind of people they need there now are the people who can do the searching."

Shortly after the immediate need for trained rescue teams, Nepal needs basic necessities and supplies.

"Soon is the need for water, food, medical help, and depending on the time of year, shelter and blankets to keep warm," Harr said.

Although some people might be eager to get directly involved with aid efforts, the need for financial assistance is more dire, said Joben David, a graduate student from India pursuing his master's degree in the School of Social Work.

"There's a lot of things in the world that you say 'don't just throw money at it,' but in

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Old H-E-B may become apartments

By REBECCA FLANNERY
STAFF WRITER

Pending a city plan commission meeting at 7 p.m. today, the former H-E-B on Speight Avenue will be torn down and replaced with a new apartment complex.

Just one block away from The View, another apartment complex is proposed to go up in place of the abandoned H-E-B. Austin-based developer American Campus Communities would build on the newly-designated development land. The project is estimated to cost \$40 million.

Beatriz Wharton, city planner for the city of Waco, said there was a 7-3 vote during the last planning meeting in favor of making the area sustainable for a new development. Meeting the maximum allotted height for a building in the area, the complex is designed to reach 600 feet, or five stories, which is a cause for concern among those voting on the proposal.

"Three members were concerned about the building blocking the Baylor skyline," Wharton said. "However, the

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KEVIN FREEMAN | LARIAT PHOTOGRAPHER

An eerie glow

A shelf cloud looms over campus in the late Tuesday afternoon. Severe weather developed throughout Texas over the weekend and generated up to softball sized hail and a few tornadoes.

Students give Clothesline advice with marketing

By SHANNON BARBOUR
REPORTER

This isn't "Fixer Upper," but Baylor students are helping Mission Waco fix up The Clothesline, Mission Waco's resale shop.

Dr. Rochelle Brunson, Family and consumer sciences professor, teaches a visual merchandising and promotion class which proposed several improvements to The Clothesline Monday afternoon in Goebel Building.

"I loved it," said Michelle Felkner, manager of The Clothesline. "They had some really good ideas. I can't believe they did it on such a small budget."

Brunson proposed working with Mission Waco to her students who were then given a budget of \$500 to make improvements to the downtown Waco location.

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National Weather Service: Over 8 tornadoes hit Texas on Sunday

ASSOCIATED PRESS

DALLAS — A band of tornadoes that swept across parts of rural Texas over the weekend flattened buildings, tore the roofs off other structures and forced people to rush for shelter, the National Weather Service said Monday.

National Weather Service meteorologist Matt Bishop confirmed Monday that at least eight tornadoes touched down in an area southwest of Fort Worth late Sunday.

No injuries have been reported.

Hail described as the size of ping pong balls, and larger, showered the area, and several inches of rain caused flash flooding and inundated roadways.

Storm chasers Spencer Basoco and Lawrence McEwen were pursuing the storm south of Stephenville on Sunday when 1-inch hail suddenly gave way to ones measuring 4 inches or more.

Hail shattered in the roadway ahead of their vehicle but then began striking McEwen's windshield, destroying it.

"There was no possible way to

know until it was too late," Basoco said.

National Weather Service forecaster Lamont Bain said earlier Monday that severe weather reached Comanche, Erath, Somervell, Bosque, Hill and Johnson counties. He said Glen Rose received more than 4 inches of rain.

Part of the Waxahachie police headquarters south of Dallas flooded as water several inches deep rushed into the building.

Anita Foster, spokeswoman for

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John Kuethe, owner of Green Acres Farm, surveys the damage to his barn that was partially uprooted, damaging two tractors and much of the building on Monday. Residents east of Rio Vista clean up after a severe storm system swept across parts of Texas Sunday night.

Gas chambers are cruel, unusual

Editorial

In response to a shortage of drugs used in lethal injection, several states that wish to continue using the lethal injection as a form of punishment are looking at alternatives — one being the gas chamber.

This past week, Oklahoma governor Mary Fallin signed into a law a measure that would institute the nitrogen-backed gas chamber, a law currently pending approval from the U.S. Supreme Court.

Fallin said she believes “capital punishment must be performed effectively and without cruelty,” and the bill she signed gives Oklahoma another death penalty option that meets that standard.

But considering execution by gas chambers in the past have caused asphyxiation to inmates, often leaving them gasping for breath in some instances almost 20 minutes, Fallin is severely mistaken.

Over the past year, a number of capital punishment cases employing lethal injection have come under the national spotlight.

This is primarily because trials using lethal, experimental drug cocktails have been deemed unsuccessful. Last year, Joseph Wood, an inmate convicted and sentenced to death for the 1989 murder of his ex-girlfriend and her father, was injected 15 times with a lethal dose of drugs.

A procedure which should have been completed with one dose was protracted to almost two hours. Witnesses who were at Wood’s execution said Wood spent over an hour of the execution “gasping and snorting.”

An attorney for Wood said although he is not sure whether or not he suffered, one thing is certain: the first attempt was unsuccessful.

One of the prevailing reasons for using these “experimental” chemicals is the fact that many states that still use capital punishment are running out of the drugs for lethal injection.

Texas’ state department confirmed last month that the state only had enough dosage for one lethal injection left. Europe supplies the U.S. with many of these drugs. Europe has placed an embargo on the drugs pentobarbital and sodium thiopental, which are commonly used for lethal injection, so many states are facing the same lack of drugs.

Catherine Ashton, who served as the vice president of the European Commission at the time the embargo was passed, said it was passed as part of the European Union’s wider effort to eradicate the death penalty nationwide, according to an article published by The Independent.

The gas chamber was a form of execution last used in the U.S.

in Arizona in 1999. Since then, lethal injection has been the primary means for corporal punishment.

Although the Supreme Court has never ruled on the constitutionality of the gas chamber, several legal experts argue that the use of the chamber violates the Eighth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution.

In 1996, U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals upheld a decision by U.S. District Judge Marilyn H. Patel in San Francisco three years earlier, who stated in her decision that the gas chamber was “inhumane and has no place in civilized society.”

At the heart of the issue lies one question: Does the person being executed feel pain during the gas chamber execution? This was the basis of the switch for many states from electric chairs and gas chambers to lethal injections.

Fallin claims that these nitrogen-based gas chambers will have a similar effect that proponents of lethal injection used to champion the penalty.

Hydrogen cyanide and carbon monoxide have been used in the past for the gas chamber. Fallin says nitrogen gas would cause the person being executed to fall unconscious almost immediately, therefore rendering the execution in a sense, humane.

Dr. Joel Zivot, however, says it is “ethically impossible” to reach



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a conclusion on execution procedures, since medicine does not position itself to intentionally take a life.

Zivot, who is the assistant professor of anesthesiology and surgery at Emory University School of Medicine, said, “There’s no therapeutic use of nitrogen gas, and there’s no way to ethically or practically test if nitrogen gas is a humane alternative,” in an interview with the Huffington Post.

If scientists were to “test” an individual to see whether or not they experienced pain during the procedure, there would be no way to tell whether or not the deceased person experienced pain. It’s a no-win situation.

It is not clear whether or not the death penalty should be abolished completely.

There are several arguments for and against the form of punishment that are at the very least

worth considering.

However, if a state is to employ capital punishment as a means of punishing individuals who commit heinous crimes, there needs to be a complete assurance that the means of execution is humane.

Otherwise, another method should be used. The nitrogen-based gas chamber method does not meet that criterion and should not be employed.

From the Lariat blog



In Monday’s New York Times, the newspaper challenged the status quo. Its interior sports section was like nothing I’ve seen the news giant produce. As I flipped through each section — honestly, looking for the SportsMonday portion to throw away — I stopped, confused by what I saw.

— Jonathon S. Platt
Web and social media editor

It’s not about the clothing label

Just a week ago, hordes of shoppers piled into Target stores across the country and punched in their credit card numbers online.

All this for a shot at small quantities of the Lilly Pulitzer for Target line, which sold out the same day the collaboration was released.

The collaboration with Target included Palm Beach inspired products such as pillows, umbrellas, dishes and clothing.

This is nothing out of the ordinary. Fast-fashion stores often collaborate with well-known designers to provide an affordable alternative for the average shopper.

H&M, Topshop and Target have all collaborated with the likes of Lanvin, Stella McCartney, Jason Wu and most recently, Lilly Pulitzer.

Shoppers burst into Target stores to grab all they could — some for their own collections and others to sell online. This caused some outrage by those who also wanted to go home with something. But it didn’t cause as many issues as the fact that Lilly Pulitzer chose to collaborate with Target.

I’ve heard the complaints before with the release of other designer collaborations, but



not as loud as I have recently.

People are outraged and disgusted that Lilly Pulitzer would dare collaborate with Target so the average consumer could also enjoy these products.

With the release of this new collection, these avid Lilly Pulitzer fans have shamed those who purchased the new products from Target.

How dare those people go buy something in a more affordable version, they cry.

These complaints from the company’s typi-

cal customers have been coupled with comments on the disparaging of the line and its reputation, which seems to be more country club than style.

The people who are criticizing those who bought the Lilly Pulitzer for Target products should stop boasting of their more expensive products, or as some have been calling it, “the real Lilly.”

Just because someone spent more money on nearly the same, not-so-fashion-forward product doesn’t mean he or she is above those who can’t afford to or simply don’t want to buy the more expensive version.

Money can buy that “real Lilly” product, but it doesn’t stop someone from being an insensitive elitist.

These avid supporters and consumers of Lilly Pulitzer should be more sensitive to the different reasons people choose to purchase cheaper products and shouldn’t be as concerned with the label on their clothes.

Shannon Barbour is a senior political science major from Harbor City, Calif. She is a staff writer and regular columnist for the Lariat.

Lariat Letters

Baylor community should research, visit, ask questions to learn truth about SeaWorld

I moved to San Antonio in 1987 from Barrow, Ark., where I worked with marine mammals for eight years. I have worked with the animals at SeaWorld San Antonio as a veterinarian since moving here and was disappointed to learn of the decision by the Baylor Alumni Network to relocate its summer trip from SeaWorld due to concerns over the care of our animals.

As someone who cares for the animals at SeaWorld San Antonio every day, I can wholeheartedly say that SeaWorld’s animals are healthy and thriving, and the care and conservation of these animals

is truly our number one priority. I would not work here or have dedicated my professional life to caring for these animals if that wasn’t the case. In fact, we are strictly regulated by government agencies, including the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and accredited by both the Association of Zoos and Aquariums and the Alliance of Marine Mammal Parks & Aquariums.

SeaWorld goes above and beyond and cares for the animals outside our parks as well. A few weeks ago in San Diego, for example, we closed our sea lion and otter show in San Diego so that our

trainers could help rescue and rehabilitate stranded sea lion pups. SeaWorld has already rescued more than 500 sea lions in 2015, and over the past five decades, has rescued more than 25,000 animals.

Additionally, SeaWorld has contributed millions of dollars to global conservation efforts. Most recently, SeaWorld committed \$10 million in matching funds to study endangered killer whales in the wild.

A lot of misinformation has been spread about SeaWorld as a result of the “Blackfish” documentary and

claims made by animal rights activists. I encourage members of the Baylor community who have questions about our facilities or animal care standards to visit AskSeaWorld.com, or better yet, pay a visit to SeaWorld to learn the truth.

It would be a pleasure for show them around, answer questions, and allow them to see for themselves how our animals are cared for.

— Dr. Les Dalton
Veterinarian
SeaWorld San Antonio

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A man throws a brick at police Monday following the funeral of Freddie Gray, an African-American who died of a spine injury while in police custody, in Baltimore. A curfew has been put in place amid riots. ASSOCIATED PRESS

State of emergency in Baltimore

By TOM FOREMAN JR.
AMANDA LEE MYERS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BALTIMORE — Rioters plunged part of Baltimore into chaos Monday, torching a pharmacy, setting police cars ablaze and throwing bricks at officers hours after thousands mourned the man who died from a severe spinal injury he suffered in police custody.

The governor declared a state of emergency and called in the National Guard to restore order, and Attorney General Loretta Lynch,

in her first day on the job, said she would send Justice Department officials to the city in coming days. A weeklong, daily curfew was imposed beginning today from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m., the mayor said. At least 15 officers were hurt, and some two dozen people were arrested. Two officers remained hospitalized, police said.

"The National Guard represents the last resort in restoring order," Gov. Larry Hogan told a news conference. "I have not made this decision lightly."

Officers wearing helmets and wielding shields occasionally used

pepper spray to keep the rioters back. For the most part, though, they relied on line formations to keep protesters at bay.

Monday's riot was the latest flare-up over the mysterious death of Freddie Gray, whose fatal encounter with officers came amid the national debate over police use of force, especially when black suspects are involved. Gray was African-American. Police have declined to specify the races of the six officers involved in his arrest, all of whom have been suspended with pay while they are under investigation.

Emergency officials were constantly thwarted as they tried to restore calm. Firefighters trying to put out a blaze at a CVS store were hindered by someone who sliced holes in a hose connected to a fire hydrant, spraying water all over the street and nearby buildings.

The smell of burned rubber wafted in the air in one neighborhood where youths were looting a liquor store.

Police stood still nearby as people drank looted alcohol. Glass and trash littered the streets, and other small fires were scattered about.

Bear Briefs

Phi Iota Alpha holds scholarship meeting

Phi Iota Alpha is holding an informational meeting on its scholarship pageant at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Cowden Room of the Bill Daniel Student Center. Female students who are interested in receiving scholarship money should plan to attend. For more information, contact Orlando_Hinojosa@baylor.edu..

Finals week approaches

There will be no classes Monday or Tuesday as they are the study days before finals start. Finals will take place May 6-11.

For the official finals schedule, visit the Office of the Registrar website at www.baylor.edu/registrar.

Dodgeball tournament: Play games, raise money

Pi Beta Phi is hosting a tournament, Dodge the Arrow, to raise funds for Read>Lead>Achieve.

The dodgeball tournament will be held from 6-11 p.m. Friday in Russell Gym. There will be three divisions: guys, girls and co-ed.

Teams can have five to seven players. The cost is \$5 per player and includes a T-shirt. For more information, or for the link to sign up, contact Cara_Duniven@baylor.edu.



Uproar Records hosting Summer Send-Off event

Uproar Records is holding its Summer Send-Off event at 7 p.m. Thursday at Common Grounds. There will be performances by Trannie Stevens, Luke Hicks, T. Ryan and Before 94. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased at the door or online at www.cgwaco.com. For more information, contact Taylor_Bullard@baylor.edu.

Memorial renovation holds countdown block party

Memorial Dining Hall will close completely for renovations at 8 p.m. Friday after dinner. It will reopen in Fall 2015 as 1845 Memorial.

There will be a party from 4-7 p.m. Friday so students can say their goodbyes to the old Memorial and see the concept of 1845 Memorial. Students can take pictures with the Memorial staff team at a photo booth and sing karaoke with a DJ. For more information, contact Tyson-Stefanie@aramark.com.

Theater shooting trial tries to look in shooter's mind

By SADIE GURMAN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CENTENNIAL, Colo. — Two versions of the unstable mind of James Holmes were presented to a jury Monday as lawyers revealed many more details about his conversion from a promising grad student to a gunman capable of opening fire on hundreds of unsuspecting moviegoers at a "Batman" premiere.

The lead prosecutor displayed an image of the theater door on a TV screen as he told of a sinister but sane killer who methodically carried out the 2012 mass murder to make himself feel good and be remembered.

"Through this door is horror. Through this door are bullets, blood, brains and bodies. Through this door, one guy who thought as if he had lost his career, lost his love life, lost his purpose, came to execute a plan," said District Attorney George Brauchler, standing before a scale model of the theater.

"He tried to murder a theater full of people to make himself feel better and because he thought it would increase his self-worth."

Brauchler said two previously secret court-ordered psychiatric exams found Holmes to be sane.

Public Defender Daniel King countered that Holmes suffers from schizophrenia, a diagnosis confirmed by 20 doctors.

Jurors must decide whether Holmes was able to know right

from wrong when he slipped into the theater, unleashed tear gas and killed 12 people and wounded 70. He's charged with first-degree murder, attempted murder, an explosives offense and committing an act of violence for the mayhem he caused on July 20, 2012.

Holmes has pleaded not guilty by reason of insanity. His defense hopes jurors will agree and have him indefinitely committed to a mental institution. Under Colorado law, prosecutors must prove Holmes was sane in order to have him executed or spend the rest of his life in prison.

"Mental illness can sure sound like an excuse, but in this case, it's not," King said. "There will be no doubt in your minds that by the end of this trial, Mr. Holmes is severely mentally ill."

Holmes sat quietly, harnessed to the floor by a cable that ran through his pants leg as the lawyers described his emotional rise and fall.

Defense attorneys said mental illness ran through both sides of Holmes' family, including an aunt with schizophrenic affective disorder. Holmes attempted suicide at age 11, had "intrusive thoughts" in high school, and his mental illness "revved up" in his 20s, his attorney Katherine Spengler said. By grad school, his "psychosis bloomed," King said.

By the months before the shootings, Holmes was the throes of psychosis, suffering delusions

that took hold of his mind and commanded him to kill. He somehow thought slaughtering people would set things right, and was so sick afterward that he licked the wall of his jail cell, his defense said.

King and Spengler referred to the seemingly delusional rants in a journal Holmes mailed to his therapist just before the shootings as proof that he had lost his mind.

Brauchler pointed instead to emails Holmes sent his parents, where he seemed to communicate rationally and downplay his emotional decline.

All the while, Holmes was buying an arsenal of weapons, ammunition, tear gas, explosive chemicals, body armor and remote control detonators, and going to a remote shooting range to practice what he described to an ex-girlfriend as his "evil plan," the prosecutor said.

Just a few hours into a trial expected to last four months, it became clear that prosecutors will try to prove Holmes had no excuse, and miss no opportunity to remind jurors of the lives he ended or ruined.

Holmes' victims included two active-duty servicemen, a single mom, a man celebrating his 27th birthday, and an aspiring broadcaster who had survived a mall shooting in Toronto, and a 6-year-old girl whose pregnant mother lost her baby and was paralyzed.

"Boom!" Brauchler said as he showed pictures of the victims and



Judge Carlos A. Samour Jr., top right, presides over the opening of the trial of Colorado theater shooter James Holmes, far left, Monday in Centennial, Colo. ASSOCIATED PRESS

the weapons Holmes used to kill them on a TV screen. "Boom!" he repeated, describing in detail how bullets pierced organs and destroyed limbs.

"Four-hundred people came into a boxlike theater to be entertained, and one person came to slaughter them," the prosecutor said. Many more people would have died, but a magazine on his AR-15 assault rifle jammed, leaving 218 bullets unfired, Brauchler said.

Defense attorneys said there's

no need to spend months describing such horrors; they acknowledge Holmes was the killer. His state of mind is what's in dispute.

To prove beyond a reasonable doubt that he was "NOT insane," Judge Carlos A. Samour Jr. told the jury, the state must show he had "a culpable state of mind." If Holmes acted with deliberation and intent — willfully taking actions that he knew would kill people — then even if he had mental problems, he should be found guilty of murder, the judge said.

Insanity defenses are successful in only 25 percent of felony trials nationally, even less so in homicides. Most mass shooters are killed by police, kill themselves or plead guilty. A review of 160 mass shootings found killers went to trial 74 times, and just three were found insane, according to Grant Duwe, a Minnesota corrections official who wrote the book "Mass Murder in the United States: A History."

The defense hopes to add Holmes to that very short list.

Government decreases fluoride

By MIKE STOBBE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — The government is lowering the recommended amount of fluoride in drinking water because some kids are getting too much, causing white spots on their teeth.

It's the first change since the government urged cities to add fluoride to water supplies to prevent tooth decay more than 50 years ago. Now, fluoride is put in toothpaste, mouthwash and other products as well.

One study found about 2 out of 5 adolescents had tooth streaking or spottiness. It's primarily a cosmetic issue, said Deputy Surgeon General Boris Lushniak, in announcing the new standard Monday. Today, about 75 percent of Americans get fluoridated water.

MOVING-OUT DONATION DRIVE

As moving-out day approaches, Heart of Texas Goodwill Industries and Baylor have joined forces to make it easy and convenient for you to recycle your gently used items.

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Locals watch rescue teams try to remove the body of a 12-year-old girl from a collapsed home Monday in Kathmandu, Nepal.

disaster situations they need help quickly," David said. "It's one of those cases where a lot of money is needed. Financial support is a big thing."

Harr and David both said monetary donations are significantly more helpful than donations of clothing or food, since it's easier and more affordable for organizations to acquire such supplies locally.

Before donating money to aid Nepal, research organizations and discover what percentage of their money goes directly to aid efforts.

"It's important to check out which organizations you give to," Harr said.

Some reputable organizations that both Harr and David recommended were Doctors Without Borders, World Vision, Compassion International, the United Nations and church or denominational organizations.

"It's oftentimes a really good idea to give to an organization that is already there functioning and working, and will probably be there afterwards," Harr said.

Nepal will be recovering from

the earthquake damage for an extended period of time, so international aid will be an ongoing process. David said that one of the most important ways to help Nepal is to stay up-to-date on developments in Nepal and continue donating money throughout the recovery process.

"Stay on it," he said. "Get informed. Give when people stop giving."

The Associated Press contributed to this story.

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plan is well within the limitations of city requirements."

Based on artist renderings, the the H-E-B building will be demolished and rebuilt to take up the entire piece of land. Stretching from Speight Avenue to James Avenue and from 11th Street to 12th Street, the plot will contain enough units to house 702 people.

Wharton said the decision from city planning meeting today will then go to the May 19 city council meeting, which will determine if the land will be built upon.

"There's no timeline yet for the demolition and building of the property," Wharton said. "That will become more of a reality after the city meetings are finished on May 19."

Belton junior Darius Ewing lives past the lot and passes the structure on his way to classes daily. He said building a new apartment in the abandoned lot's place will create some unwanted traffic.

"The prospect of an apartment being there with all of the traffic is a little daunting after seeing how much traffic was added by The View," Ewing said. "That coupled with 11th Street Flats going in makes it a little overwhelming."

Dale Fisseler, Waco city manager, said he believes the new complex will be a positive effort in creating new housing for Baylor students.

"Well, I miss the old H-E-B," Fisseler said, laughing. "But I know they've taken a lot of time and ef-

fort to create something that'll be a benefit to the community."

American Campus Communities was unable to comment on the plans for development at the time of publication. However, the rendering drawn for the citywide proposal show amenities including an onsite parking garage for 620 vehicles, a pool and a covered courtyard accessible to all residents.

According to the American Campus Communities website, its mission is "to be the premier provider of quality student housing communities and services through a unique understanding and unrelenting commitment to students, parents, educational institutions and investors."

Clothesline from Page 1



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First lady Alice Starr and Dr. Rochelle Brunson, Family and consumer sciences professor, pose with the visual merchandising and promotion class. The class created a new interior design and marketing plan for Mission Waco's Clothesline.

First lady Alice Starr attended the proposal and said she was impressed by the students' ability to make significant improvements with a strict budget.

"I thought that each student stood their own ground and truly made an effort to make enhancements that were cost effective," Starr said. "They wanted to do as much as they could on a very tight budget to help Mission Waco."

Danae Hughes, Lake Jackson senior, said she used her experience in merchandising to help The Clothesline build their business.

"Visual merchandising helps increase a company's business,"

Hughes said. "Part of why we're doing this project for Clothesline is to increase their sales revenue by allowing our work to be fundamentally changing to the aesthetics to their store."

Hughes and her classmates proposed The Clothesline increase their online and social media presence in addition to improving their aesthetics.

"I think our proposals are well rounded," Hughes said. "I think we present an aesthetic appeal and a business appeal. We're proposing something that's feasible."

Students discussed changing the color scheme, adding curtains

and other ways to improve the aesthetics of The Clothesline.

Felkner and Joyce Brammer, supervisor of The Clothesline, said they plan on using the suggestions on improving signs inside and outside the store in addition to changing the paint colors immediately.

Felkner, Brammer and members from The Clothesline's board were pleased with the suggestions and the effort that each student gave and would like to continue working with Brunson's classes in the future.

"Very applicable, not out of reason," Brammer said. "They clearly put a lot of time and effort in it."

Tornadoes from Page 1

the American Red Cross, said in a statement Monday that her agency is assessing the damage and providing assistance to families.

"Overnight, Red Cross teams provided cots and blankets for the shelter set up in Maypearl, and stood by for shelter needs in Johnson, Hood and Erath counties," she said. "The event is still unfolding with flash flooding throughout the area."

Stephenville police said shelters were opened Sunday at the

city library and other locations for people to seek refuge.

More severe weather was forecast for North and East Texas through Monday, with forecasts calling for winds up to 70 mph, hail and the possibility of tornadoes.

Other parts of Texas, meanwhile, were lashed by heavy rains. The weather service on Monday issued a flash-flood watch for parts of the Panhandle. Amarillo had received up to 2 inches of rain

as of Monday morning, and moderate to heavy rainfall was forecast through the day.

Strong thunderstorms in the Houston area Monday brought heavy rain, downed trees and damaged homes and buildings.

The Texas Department of Transportation reported downpours have led to standing water on roads in Alto and other parts of East Texas, and in Hardeman County, northwest of Wichita Falls near the Panhandle.



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Flinging green and gold

Tampa, Fla., sophomore Lauren Shedd, Cypress junior Rachel Mann, Denver, Colo., sophomore Koua Vang and Cypress sophomore Caleb Mann take part in a paint fight Sunday before Baylor baseball's series closer against Kansas State.

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Jamie Barton wins 'Heisman' of music world

By VERENA DOBNIK
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — The prize dubbed the Heisman Trophy for singers is going to a Georgia native with an earth-shattering voice — and an earthy style.

Announced Sunday, the winner of the 2015 Richard Tucker Award is mezzo-soprano Jamie Barton. The opera star recently appeared barefoot in jeans, giggling and cradling a glass of Oregon wine — off-stage, chatting with a friend on YouTube.

Onstage in costume, she's being compared to the past century's finest vocalists.

The \$50,000 prize goes to a major young American singer. It's named after Tucker, the late tenor and Brooklyn native who started out as a cantor in synagogues.

Barton said she started out listening to bluegrass, the Grateful Dead and The Beatles "in the middle of nowhere" — a small farmhouse near Rome, Georgia, at the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains. "My parents were hippies."

Her teenage rebellion was to dip into opera — and discover she had a voice. But she said half her iPod is still filled with bluegrass.

"There are many stigmas attached to opera: that it's only for people who have a lot of money, that it's more boring than church," she said with a laugh.

Not true, insisted Barton, speaking by phone from Houston, Texas, where she's singing in a production of Wagner's "Die Walkure." She said it's as exciting as "going to a Pink Floyd concert; it's an experience."

Of the people she's convinced to see their first opera, "I have a 90 percent survival rate; they return," she said. "But the hardest thing is to get their butt in the seats."

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Festival focuses on films

(Left) The Waco Hippodrome was the site of the 2015 Black Glasses Film Festival Monday evening. The annual event honors films made by Baylor students. (Top right) Woodway master's candidate Brynn Sankey, fifth from the left, celebrates the "best film" win of his film "Stray" at Black Glasses with friends and family. (Bottom right) The event included a merchandise table with T-shirts. A total of 18 student films were screened the evening of the festival.

Winehouse movie 'misleading,' family says

ASSOCIATED PRESS

LONDON — The family of Amy Winehouse has criticized a documentary about the late singer that is due to have its premiere at next month's Cannes Film Festival.

A statement issued Sunday by family spokesman Chris Goodman said director Asif Kapadia's "Amy" is "misleading and contains some basic untruths."

The statement said the film suggested family members did too little to help the singer, who died in July 2011 at age 27 of accidental alcohol poisoning. The soul diva, whose 2006 album "Back to Black" won five Grammy Awards, had battled drug and alcohol abuse for years.

The family statement said the

movie did not reflect the "huge effort from all concerned to help Amy at all stages."

"Fundamentally, the Winehouse family believes that the film does a disservice to individuals and families suffering from the complicated affliction of addiction," it said.

The filmmakers said in a statement that they began work with "total objectivity" and the support of the Winehouse family. They said the documentary was the result of interviews with about 100 people who knew the singer, including "friends, family, former partners and members of the music industry that worked with her."

Kapadia won wide acclaim with "Senna," a documentary about the late motor racing champion Ayrton Senna.



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Baylor women's tennis wins Big 12 tourney

By CODY SOTO
SPORTS WRITER

Winning never gets old, according to the eighth-ranked Baylor women's tennis team.

The Bears were all smiles after capturing the team's eighth Big 12 tournament title Sunday afternoon. Baylor blanked No. 16 Texas

Tech 4-0 at the Hawkins Indoor Tennis Center to cap off a successful run in the conference championships.

"I'm just so thrilled for our upperclassman: Ema, Kiah, Blair. They've experienced this before, but they had to lead the way this year," head coach Joey Scrivano said. "Our rookies were fantastic

our entire regular season and now in this post-season tournament. I'm just so excited for them."

Originally scheduled to be played at the Hurd Tennis Center, the match was moved indoors after lightning and rain delays prolonged the men's title match on Sunday. It did not seem to affect any aspect of the Bears' game though. The win avenged a rough 4-2 loss to the Red Raiders on April 4 in Lubbock, almost putting BU's Big 12 regular season title at risk.

"It's really satisfying," sophomore Blair Shankle said. "We wanted to prove we were the best in the league, the Big 12. They played extremely well in Lubbock and got the best of us, but we came in and really wanted this one."

Doubles play started out close between Baylor and Texas Tech. Senior Ema Burgic and freshman Theresa Van Zyl struggled at the top of the lineup and dropped a quick 6-1 decision to give Texas Tech the early advantage.

The No. 42 freshmen duo, Kelley Anderson and Leolia Jeanjean, returned the favor as they blew past Lynn Kiro and Sabrina Federici 6-2 on court two. With the point being decided on court three, Shankle and junior Kiah Generette took a 6-3 win for the 1-0 Baylor lead.

While Texas Tech took early leads on several singles courts, the Bears did not let up and took



HANNAH HASELOFF | LARIAT PHOTOGRAPHER

No. 8 Baylor women's tennis celebrates together and holds up the Big 12 tournament championship trophy after a dominant 4-0 win over No. 16 Texas Tech at the Hawkins Indoor Tennis Facility on Sunday.

five of six opening sets in the Big 12 championship final. Burgic avenged a loss against No. 69 Kenna Kilgo as she went on a nine-game run to win 6-3, 6-0 at the top of the lineup.

"I really wanted to go back out there and beat her," Burgic said. "I was just thinking, 'One point at a time. I got this.' I kept my focus more than she did; I broke her at 3-all, which made a big difference. From then on, I just didn't let her come back at all."

No. 37 Shankle provided Baylor with the second singles win of the afternoon. The Dallas native kept pace at the No. 3 spot as she defeated No. 114 Sarah Dvorak 6-2, 7-5 to push Baylor one step closer

to another Big 12 title.

"Texas Tech was playing tough, and a lot of games were at deuce so it could have gone either way," Shankle said. "I just wanted to finish out my match and get it to 3-0."

Van Zyl clinched the match for the third straight day, but it was not easy. She maintained a steady flow throughout the match against Sabrina Federici, and with a late push she won 6-2, 7-5 to seal the 4-0 sweep.

"I just brought the energy and hoped for the best," Van Zyl said. "I just played the match, and whatever happens happens. I'm happy I did it for the team, and that's the goal for me."

Anderson was named the tour-

namment's Most Outstanding Player after she had an impressive showing in doubles and singles play over the weekend. With the amount of newcomers on the team this year, it made it that much more special, Scrivano said.

"Kelley has come such a long way. She's so coachable, she's every coach's dream," Scrivano said. "For me, it's a great experience and it'll never get old, but I love seeing the rookies win a championship and experience it as well."

Baylor will await its seeding for the 2015 NCAA Championships next. The selection show will begin at 4 p.m. today, and the team will host a watch party open to the public in the Stone Room of the Ferrell Center.



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Head coach Joey Scrivano holds up the Big 12 tournament championship trophy, his eighth tourney crown since arriving at Baylor 13 years ago.

Softball tops ISU

By CODY SOTO
SPORTS WRITER

No. 16 Baylor softball captured a series win over Iowa State last weekend as the team blanked ISU twice at Gettman Stadium.

The Bears (34-12, 8-4 Big 12) were forced to play a doubleheader on Saturday after bad weather on Friday altered the weekend series schedule.

Baylor grinded out 2-0 shutout to kick off the weekend series on Saturday afternoon. A hit by freshman Shelby Friudenberg helped send sophomore Lindsey Cargill home for the score in the bottom of the first. Baylor held on for a 2-0 win.

Things went the opposite way in Saturday's afternoon game for Baylor. Iowa State won its first game in Waco since 2002, edging the Bears 4-1.

Junior pitcher Heather Stearns picked up the loss after allowing eight hits and four runs in five innings; however, Moore didn't think the statistics justified Stearns' performance in the matchup.

"Heather was phenomenal,"

Moore said. "She had one bad inning in her second game, but she kept it close and gave our team a chance. It was unfortunate that she had to lose the decision."

In game two, Baylor was only 1-for-16 from the line and left the bases loaded in the fourth and seventh innings.

With the series on the line, Stearns shined on the pitching mound in the final contest. She allowed only one hit in the shutout.

Baylor kicked things off in a dominant fashion as the team rallied for four runs in the bottom of the first inning. Senior outfielder Kaitlyn Thumann doubled to second base to get the game going for the Bears, followed by an RBI single from sophomore second baseman Ari Hawkins. Junior designated player Linsey Hays blasted a three-run home run over the left field wall for the quick 4-0 lead.

"It felt really good to hit a home run and doing what we did the first inning," Hays said. "It was a great opportunity to redeem ourselves from what we did yesterday."

Sophomore outfielder Lindsey Cargill and Hawkins each singled



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Sophomore outfielder Lindsey Cargill slides into home during Baylor's series-clinching win over Iowa State on Sunday at Gettman Stadium.

up the middle of the field, allowing Thumann to score. Cargill made the run to finish out the inning, and Baylor still lead 6-0.

Freshman pitcher Kendall Potts closed the 6-0 shutout.

"We clearly needed something," Moore said. "We just needed to get passionate and get some incentive to play with a little more desire and heart than we had been. We came out ready to play today and I was very happy to see that."

The Bears' win on Sunday marked the 600th time the pro-

gram has won under head coach Glenn Moore, clinching the series with a 6-0 shutout over ISU.

The loss keeps the Bears in second place with Oklahoma leading the Bears by one game.

"Being a little selfish I want three, we need three," Moore said. "With OU losing, it would have been nice to get the sweep this weekend."

Baylor hosts UTSA in its final non-conference matchup of the season at 6 p.m. on Wednesday at Gettman Stadium.

Men's tennis falls in heartbreaking fashion

By CODY SOTO
SPORTS WRITER

Junior Felipe Rios dropped his head and shook it in disbelief after the final point on Sunday afternoon. It was not just any point, it was a championship point. Rios double faulted at match point, which brought to an end a grueling top two matchup in the Big 12 championship final.

With the win on court six, No. 1 Oklahoma edged No. 2 Baylor men's tennis 4-3 at the Hurd Tennis Center to take the tournament title. The thrilling match spanned over five and half hours due to rain and lightning delays. Rewind an hour ago, and the score did not look like it would turn out that way, nor did it look like Baylor had a chance to win.

"We didn't really show out in every spot; in general, we've done that all season long and that's been one of our strengths. We didn't do that [against Oklahoma]," head coach Matt Knoll said. "We got pushed everywhere, and we'll be

better for it."

Baylor dropped only its second doubles point of the season on Sunday, putting them behind 1-0 early in the match. Junior Julian Lenz and senior Diego Galeano dominated Oklahoma on court one, winning 6-1. However, the doubles win was the only victory for the Bears of the day.

Junior Felipe Rios and sophomore Vince Schneider led 3-1 in their doubles match, but Oklahoma's Jose Salazar and Axel Alvarez Llamas went on a 3-0 run to take the lead. Schneider and Rios dropped a close 6-4 loss at the No. 3 spot, and a 6-3 loss on court two gave Oklahoma the early lead over Baylor.

"Well, we lost 4-3, so [losing the doubles point] hurt us," Knoll said. "It made the difference. But I was proud of how we went out. We gave ourselves a chance a win."

The lightning and rain delay pushed back the start of singles play, and when the Bears finally did get on the courts, it was not pretty. Matches on courts one and two

were the biggest disappointments.

Lenz had a chance to avenge his match-ending loss against No. 2 Alvarez Llamas at the top of the lineup, but the match was one-sided. Lenz fell 6-1, 6-4 on court one, followed by senior Tony Lupieri's tight 6-4, 6-4 loss on court two.

Oklahoma led 3-0 with four matches remaining. If Baylor wanted to win a Big 12 title, the team would have to win the remaining matches. No. 47 sophomore Max Tchoutakian upset No. 35 Dane Webb 7-6 (3), 6-3 at the No. 3 spot in a thrilling fashion, and that sparked two other Baylor victories at the bottom of the lineup.

"We beat two of the guys that we hadn't beaten before, so that's a step in the right direction," Knoll said. "We won a lot of tiebreakers, and that shows a lot of grit."

Galeano pulled away from No. 84 Alex Ghilea to win 6-4, 7-5 on court four, and No. 110 senior Mate Zsiga fired back from a disappointing second set loss to win 7-6 (5), 2-6, 6-2 to tie up the match at 3-3 with only one match remaining.

Rios took an exciting second set tiebreaker win to extend his match on court six, and while the Vina del Mar, Chile, native played a very tactically sound third set, two double faults ultimately doomed him as he lost 4-6, 7-6 (6), 6-4 to end the match.

"Down the stretch, we didn't play as fundamentally sound as we needed to," Knoll said. "It's great to play against these good people, and I think it will help us. We've got to do a better job at executing."

The Bears have now lost to the top-ranked Sooners four times this season. Prior to the loss, Baylor edged No. 6 TCU 4-3 on Saturday afternoon to advance to the title game. Lenz delivered the match-clinching point in a third set tiebreaker over No. 53 Nick Chappell.

The Bears will now wait for their postseason selection in the 2015 NCAA Championships which will be revealed live at 4:30 p.m. today on NCAA.com. A selection show watch party will take place in the Stone Room of the Ferrell Center. The event is free to the public.

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Baylor acrobatics & tumbling competes during the individual competition on Thursday during the national meet at Fairmont State University in Fairmont, W.Va. The Bears captured their first national championship with the win.

Flying on top of the world

Baylor acrobatics & tumbling captures national crown

By JEFFREY SWINDOLL
SPORTS WRITER

Baylor acrobatics & tumbling posted an impressive season and managed to go through unscathed despite a brutal schedule. However, Baylor A&T saved its best for last.

The Bears won the program's first national championship Saturday at the NCA-TA National Championship team finals hosted by Fairmont State University in Fairmont, W. Va.

Baylor led for the entirety of the meet, but after a couple slip-ups in the tumbling event, Oregon's chance for a comeback seemed likely in the final event. It all came down to the team routine. Essentially, whichever team won the final event would win the national championship.

After the scores were counted, the crowd was silent as the announcer de-

clared the final scores. Oregon's score was called out first: 98.87. Then came Baylor's score: 101.96. Most of the Bears heard just the first number of the score and already knew it – they had just won the national championship. Sophomore Kiara Nowlin and senior Keegan Johnson admitted they still don't know the final score of their team routine.

"Just the feeling of when all your hard work pays off is the best feeling in the world," sophomore top Kiara Nowlin said. "It's so hard during the season that day-by-day you don't really see a lot of progress, but then at the end, when it all comes together it's the most amazing feeling."

"For us, there was kind of no pressure. We felt like we had a great season and anything that happened in the postseason was just going to be icing on the cake. We just wanted execute each heat, each skill and do our best. At the end of the day our best

was good enough."

Winning the national championship triggered many emotions for the players. For the freshmen, it was their first time experiencing the pressure of national tournament and seeing the results. For the seniors, it was the ultimate payoff from a remarkable 12-0, Johnson said.

"We have been through a lot ever since I got here," Johnson said. "This year, we got the brand new coaches and it was an amazing feeling, just an amazing feeling, just to be able to share this with my teammates. It's a great way to leave Baylor acrobatics & tumbling."

Just from looking at the acrobatics & tumbling team during its meets, one can easily tell the team likes to have a good time, head coach Felicia Mulkey said. This attitude of enjoying the moment was on full display in the Bears' most important meets this season.

Prior to Bears' semifinal meet, senior Brandi Hanford found a pair of swimming goggles in the locker room. Hanford wore the goggles during the team's warmups and asked Mulkey if she could wear them during the competition.

Mulkey said she was not sure if the rules allowed it and would instead wear them herself. Mulkey is willing to do anything, within reason, to keep her team happy and motivated. The team and traveling fans loved it, Mulkey said.

"We decided in the locker room that we know we compete better when we're having a good time," Mulkey said. "We decided, whatever the outcome, let's have a blast and I know that sounds crazy because it's different from most sports. If you're fo-



COURTESY OF FAIRMONT STATE UNIVERSITY ATHLETICS

Baylor acrobatics & tumbling throws up a Sic 'Em after winning its first national title.

cused for an hour and a half, sometimes you overthink. This team has decided to not let wins and losses define them. I know that sounds cheesy, but that's really what carried us through the national championship."

The Bears have been on a climb all season. Each meet, the Bears would increase their score. The team's attitude and work ethic eventually shone through: Baylor acrobatics and tumbling finished the season with its best meet score of the entire season (286.690).

"I told them at the beginning of the year in our very first team meeting, 'If you're going to win this whole thing, you're going to have to deserve it and there's a lot that goes into deserving,'" Mulkey said. "They were very deserving at the end."

"This team not only improved from the

beginning to the end, they improved every single day. We even upped our start values coming into the national championship, most teams can't do that."

Thanks to this national championship, Baylor will be one of four teams vying for national championships every year from now, Mulkey said. The excitement surrounding the sport is building and for the Bears to win their first national championship is just another step in growing the sport at Baylor and across the country, Mulkey said.

"Of course there's going to be more pressure [as the national champion] than there was this year, but I think we're ready for it. We're still hungry and we're not just going to rest on the fact that we won once. We want to win as many times as we can."



HANNAH HASELOFF | LARIAT PHOTOGRAPHER

Baylor picked up a big win against No. 2 Oregon in Waco on April 13 that allowed it to stay undefeated down the stretch. Coach Felicia Mulkey formerly coached at Oregon.

Baylor women's golf captures first Big 12 championship

By JEFFREY SWINDOLL
SPORTS WRITER

In a big weekend for Baylor athletics, Baylor women's golf brought home some hardware of its own. The Lady Bears won their first-ever Big 12 conference title in the Big 12 Conference Championship at The Dominion Country Club in San Antonio on Sunday. Baylor finished the championship with 12-stroke lead.

"It means a lot to our team and our program," head coach Jay Goble said. "It shows Baylor is well rounded and great at all sports. We've been so close the last couple of years, just knocking on the door. The first championship is a lot of fun. There's a lot of hard work that goes into the first one."

The Lady Bears earned an automatic bid to the 2015 NCAA Division I Women's Golf Championship thanks to the Big 12

title, marking their fourth straight NCAA tournament appearance. Baylor was then announced as the six-seed in the San Antonio Regional on Monday.

Baylor's final score (867) was the program's best at a Big 12 Championship and second in conference championship history. Furthermore, the Lady Bears' first round score (282) was the lowest first round score in Big 12 championship history.

"More than anything, I'm just really proud of [the team] and the way they fought all week and they were in complete control of their games," Goble said. "I didn't look at leaderboards all week, the team didn't look at them either, but I could tell that they were in complete control. Watching them play and seeing the shots that they were hitting, I knew we stood in a place all week."

In addition to the Big 12 crown,

junior Laura Lonardi finished second in the individual championship. Lonardi shot 2-under 70 in the third round for an overall score of 4-under 212. Her final score tied Oklahoma State's Kenzie Niesen after regulation, forcing the two into a sudden death, winner-take-all playoff for the individual title.

Lonardi also tied a program record with her score in the individual championship (70) that is now co-held by her and senior Hayley Davis. Adding more to her fantastic showing at the championship, Lonardi broke Baylor's 54-hole total at the Big 12 Championship record with a 213.

"Laura stepped it up big time this week," Goble said. "She's definitely a vocal leader with our team. I know that in the past she wasn't completing some of the rounds the way she wanted to, but she looked like a superstar the whole week. All the way through the 54 holes

and in the playoffs she hit the ball great."

In the five-player lineup for Baylor's championship-winning team, three of them were freshmen – Dylan Kim, Giovana Maymon and Lauren Whyte. Goble said their poise on the way to the program's first-ever conference championship in their first time competing for one was admirable.

"They didn't crack," Goble said about the three freshman. "That means our future's bright and things are looking good."

Though it was the first time competing in the Big 12 Championship for most players, Goble said his team tried to keep the formula the same way it has been all year. The team went as far as keeping the pre-game eating menu the same as it has been this season. This helped the team stay calm and loose in a rather tight situation, Goble said.

"Something that we really tried

worked hard on all week was keeping it normal, the same as usual as far as, 'We're going to bed at this time, eat here, start warming up starting at this time,'" Goble said. "They felt really comfortable all week and they looked like they were ready to win."

Three Baylor players (Lonardi, Davis and Kim) were named to the All-Tournament team, tying the program's record previously set in 2005 by Josefin Svenningsson, Anna Rehnholm and Sian Reddick.

"We didn't talk about the lead, the scoreboard. We were talking about finishing the race, going out there, hitting every shot with conviction all the way through the round and leaving it all out on the golf course. We weren't trying to play perfect golf. We were trying to play our game."

The Lady Bears players have a lot going on right now off the

course, Goble said, noting exams and final projects due in the final week of classes at Baylor. He said he trusts his team to still do the right things, like practicing and staying focused on what's expected of them.

Overall, the team's motivation ahead of the national championships this week could not have been better, Goble said.

"Our last two events we ended up in second and first place," Goble said. "It's big-time confidence, especially when we move into regionals so quickly. Going into regional, the girls will have good memories of our last two tournaments. I believe the momentum is going to help a lot."

"If we're sticking to basics and we're playing one shot at a time and we're controlling what we can control, I think the possibilities are pretty much endless with this team."