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Koresh's mother found dead, stabbed

By **Brittany Hardy**
Staff writer

David Koresh's mother, Bonnie Clark Haldeman, was found dead on Friday after being fatally stabbed.

Haldeman, 60, was discovered at her sister's house, in Chandler, located about 175 miles north of Houston.

A 911 call was made and deputies arrived at the site Friday afternoon.

"On January 23, 2009, we received a 911 call, at approximately 1:02 p.m., that there was a problem at a residence on 3070. Deputy Wick Gabberd and David Grubbs were the first officers on the scene," said Ray Nutt, sheriff of the Henderson

County Sheriff's Department. Haldeman and her sister, Beverly Clark, 54, were the only people in the house when the police arrived.

"As they entered the residence they saw a white female that had been stabbed, and was deceased at the time. Clark was still at the scene and was arrested for murder," said Nutt. "Investigators located what they believe to be the murder weapon inside the residence."

Clark has been charged with murder and she is being held in the Henderson County Jail with a \$500,000 bond.

The body of the victim was sent to Southwest Medical Center in Dallas for an autopsy.

"We're still investigating. We don't have a motive yet," Nutt

said.

Haldeman wrote an autobiography, published in 2007 by the Baylor University Press, called "Memories of the Branch Davidians: The Autobiography of David Koresh's Mother."

In it, she writes, "The main thing I want to do is make people more aware of the true facts. I want people to know what type of person David was, and what kind of people were at Mount Carmel ... He wasn't the person the media says he was."

On February 28, 1993, The U.S. Bureau of The Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms raided the Koresh-led Branch Davidian Compound, in Palestine, Texas, near Waco.

At this time, authorities attempted to arrest Koresh

for stockpiling weapons and explosives, but gunfire broke out, killing four agents and six members of his religious group.

Following, there was a 51-day stand-off between Koresh, his followers and the agents from the ATF. During this stand-off, 21 children and 14 adults were able to leave the compound, unharmed.

The compound was burned to the ground. The government said the Davidians started the fire and shot themselves.

Some of the incident's survivors said the fire was started by tear gas that was fired into the compound by government tanks, and that the agents shot



Associated Press

In this Saturday April, 19, 2003 file photo, Bonnie Haldeman, mother of the late religious group leader, David Koresh, chats with members of the media following a memorial service in Waco. Haldeman was stabbed to death Friday, and Koresh's aunt was in custody on a murder charge Saturday.

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Layoffs strike Dallas-based 'instruments'

By **Elliot Spagat**
The Associated Press

Texas Instruments Inc., which makes chips for cell phones and other gadgets, said Monday that it will cut 3,400 jobs because demand has slackened amid a slowing economy.

The chip maker will shed 12 percent of its work force by the end of September, 1,800 jobs through layoffs and another 1,600 jobs through voluntary retirements and departures. It expects annual savings of \$700 million when combined with another round of cuts announced in October to eliminate 650 jobs.

"We are realigning our expenses with a global economy that continues to weaken," said Rich Templeton, chairman and chief executive. "By reducing expenses now, we keep TI financially strong and able to invest for future growth."

The announcement came as the Dallas-based chip maker reported sharp declines in fourth-quarter profit and revenue.

The company earned \$107 million, or 8 cents per share,

down 86 percent from \$756 million, or 54 cents per share, during the same period of 2007. TI predicted last month that it would earn 10 cents to 16 cents per share.

The latest period includes restructuring charges of \$254 million, or 13 cents a share. Excluding those charges, TI earned 21 cents a share, higher than 12 cents per share forecast by analysts polled by Thomson Reuters.

Revenue plunged 30 percent to \$2.49 billion from \$3.56 billion in 2007 but topped the Wall Street forecast of \$2.37 billion. Last month, TI predicted revenue between \$2.3 billion and \$2.5 billion.

For the first quarter, TI estimated its results would range from a loss of 11 cents per share to a profit of 3 cents per share. The estimate includes a restructuring charge of 3 cents per share. Analysts polled by Thomson Reuters expected a profit of 3 cents per share.

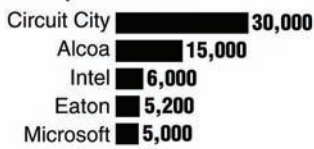
The company said it expects first-quarter revenue between \$1.62 billion and \$2.12 billion

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Major cuts

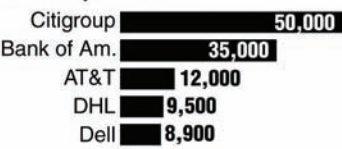
Some major companies that have announced layoffs

First quarter 2009



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Fourth quarter 2008



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Going 'Green' never sounded so good

Country music artist Pat Green performs at Hastings on Bosque Boulevard in Waco on Monday night to commemorate the release of his new album, "What I'm for."

New program to fight addiction

Four professors work to battle, research substance abuse with education initiative

By **Sommer Ingram**
Staff writer

With the help of a \$19,000 grant from the Baylor/Waco Foundation, four Baylor professors have launched a unique community substance abuse and dependence education pro-

gram. The Baylor Addictions Research Consortium is the first educational program in the area that will be taught by experts in the field.

"There are good treatment programs in Waco, but this is the first organizational situation that I know of that has people who are researchers in the labs actually going out and presenting information in an organized and systematic way to the public," said Dr. Doug Matthews, associate professor of psychol-

ogy and neuroscience.

Matthews and the other three psychology professors working with this project have all been individually involved in educational projects, but wanted to pool their knowledge in hopes of making a greater impact.

"We are a group of researchers whose interests overlap with regard to addiction, but our areas of specific interest and focus are diverse," said Dr. Diaz-Granados, chair of the department of psychology and

neuroscience. "We recognize that there is a large gap between health-related research and health-related practices. One of our objectives is to help bridge that gap and get that information out to the community in a manner that is useful to the layperson."

The professors intend to provide information about the signs of addiction, what causes addiction, and offer resources when

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Libraries commemorate 400 years of Baptist history

By **Ashley Corinne Killough**
Staff writer

As part of a yearlong celebration commemorating 400 years of Baptist history, Baylor University Libraries is holding the Baylor Founders' Exhibit in the Allbritton Foyer of Moody Memorial Library until Feb. 27.

Featured in the exhibit will be a painting of Judge R.E.B. Baylor by renowned Texas artist Henry Arthur McArdle. The portrait recently underwent restoration and is set to be officially unveiled during a special reception at 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday in the Library foyer.

McArdle, the first art professor at Baylor, is known for his

portrayals of notable figures in the independence movement of Texas, such as Sam Houston and Gov. Jefferson Davis. He also gained recognition for painting the twin murals, Dawn at the Alamo and The Battle of San Jacinto, in the Senate Chamber in the Texas Capitol.

"There aren't many Texas painters who you can say documented the history of Texas, but McArdle was successful at doing that," said John Wilson, associate director of the Texas Collection.

Because of deterioration and cracks in the finish, McArdle's portrait of Judge Baylor spent the better part of 2008 being restored at a cost of \$10,000 by the Dallas firm of Helen Houp



Jacky Reyes/Lariat Staff

In celebration of the 400 years of Baptist history, the Baylor Founder's Exhibit will be featured in the Allbritton Foyer of Moody Memorial Library until Feb. 27 and will include art by renowned Texas artist, Henry Arthur McArdle.

Fine Art Conservation.

"The painting is a good representation of the Old Baylor. It's a combination of the subject matter, which is Judge Baylor, and the artist who painted most of the early Texas heroes and legends," Wilson said. "There are just so many things wrapped up in this painting."

The exhibit also displays portraits of Baylor's founders as well as artifacts used during the university's earliest years, including the bell from the original campus in Independence. All items are on loan from the Mayborn Museum Complex.

The reception will open with a 25-minute program, ceremonially unveiling the portrait and

honoring the recipients of the 2009 Baylor's Founders Medal, said Kathy Hillman, director of special collections for the University Central Libraries.

"I think it's exciting to look back to 1845 and actually see some of the items that were used on that campus or belonged to or used by Baylor founders who lived in Independence," Hillman said.

Because Baylor is the largest Baptist university in the world, Hillman said she wanted to tailor the exhibit to commemorate this year's 400th celebration.

"The anniversary celebrates all of our history and heritage."

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Editorial

Greek life, philanthropy can go hand-in hand

When most people think of sororities and fraternities, images of toga parties, alcohol and the dreaded initiation come to mind. Films like *Animal House* and *Old School* supposedly typify the greek experience with images of endless partying and empty pizza boxes. This year's rush season for most sororities and fraternities has been typical to those in the past, except for one sorority.

During Kappa Alpha Theta's rush week, an emphasis on philanthropy replaced the typical getting-to-know-you type parties and social events. Instead of mingling at parties, girls were asked to volunteer with the sorority's philanthropic organization for the week. Rushees donated their time to the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), an organization that looks after children who have been abused and neglected.

This move was successful in showing that sororities aren't just about new friends and pledge shirts, but about building community. By participating in more community service opportunities, greek organizations can make a huge difference in the lives of others

and improve the misconceived notions of greek life.

With one sorority making an effort to break out of the stereotypical events of rush week, it can may start a new trend amongst other Greek organizations and send out a new message: community.

Baylor's greek Web site states the five purposes for Greek Life on campus are: leadership development, community building, service involvement, education/ academics and retention/involvement.

Despite this statement, Baylor has seen its fair share of problems with certain greek organizations in the past. Instances of off-campus drinking, which violates Baylor's policy, have in the past caused fraternities to have their charters revoked.

Reported hazing incidents, another violation of Baylor's policies, has also added to the negative attention already given to some Greek organizations.

Unfortunately, it's incidents like these that tend to label greek organizations. Realistically, fraternities and sororities are more known for weekend parties than their philanthropic work.



Most greek organizations do have an organization or charity they choose to work with every year, but their philanthropic work is usually overshadowed by other social activities.

By shifting the focus from social events to community service, sororities and fraternities can salvage their image and put a stop to the continually perpetuating stereotypes that plague them.

These organizations have the power to change a community and make a difference by volunteering. Sororities and fraternities bring together a

large group of people, who together could have a huge impact.

By incorporating philanthropic work at the very beginning, a message can be sent that rushing isn't solely about socializing and formals, but becoming a well-rounded person. By doing good for others, it can set a positive example and encourage others to do the same. Being located in Waco provides the perfect opportunity to help out a community with a substantial need.

Community service is a great way to bond with others and learn more about one's self and the surrounding com-

munity. Volunteering really puts into perspective what a sorority and fraternity is about: sisterhood and brotherhood. Why should that be limited to the boundaries of greek life?

Baylor is a community built on the Christian values of helping one another. It just makes sense that philanthropy be a strong part of that. More Greek organizations should follow the lead of their fellow sorority and give community service a bigger role in the rushing process.

Volunteering shouldn't be something met with heavy sighs and opposition, but an integral part of the greek life.

sports take

Teams expose need for BCS playoffs

When the 2008-2009 NFL season kicked off in early September, there were a number of teams "experts" were predicting to end up in the Super Bowl. The New England Patriots were just coming off a 2007-2008 campaign in which they suffered only one loss, in the Super Bowl to the New York Giants. Many expected them to have similar success in 08-09. The HBO show *Hard Knocks* showcased a Cowboys team that seemed destined to succeed with supposed playmakers filling almost every position.

At the bottom of the barrel, teams like the Atlanta Falcons and the Miami Dolphins, both of which had abysmal 07-08, were predicted by most people to get beat up on by the rest of the league just as they were the previous year.



Fast-forward to the beginning of January. The Falcons and the Dolphins were both in the playoffs while the Patriots and Cowboys could only watch and wonder where things went wrong.

For the Patriots, the answer is pretty easy to find. While first-year starter Matt Cassel performed admirably, the loss of future Hall of Famer Tom Brady in week one proved too much for New England to overcome.

The Cowboys' problems, on the other hand, are too many and too complex to begin to enumerate.

Fast-forward again to the end of January, the week before the Super Bowl, and the only teams left are the Pittsburgh Steelers and the Arizona Cardinals.

The Steelers are no real surprise. They won the Super Bowl only a couple years back. Big Ben Roethlisberger is still one of the best quarterbacks in the league. Head coach Mike Tomlin has come in since taking the reigns from Bill Cowher and turned the Steelers' defense into the best squad Pittsburgh has had since Chuck Noll coached the team to four Super Bowl victories in the '70s behind the Steel Curtain. The Steelers make sense.

The Cardinals?

It's teams like the Cardinals that showcase the merits of a playoff system.

The same Cardinals that went 8-8 in 07-08? The same Cardinals that hadn't made a playoff appearance since 1998? Led by a 37-year-old Kurt Warner at quarterback? In the NFC West? That few thought would make it to the playoffs, let alone win games once they were there?

Yes, those very same Cardinals.

They have probably been one of, if not the most, surprising team in the NFL this past year. No one thought they'd make it to the Super Bowl, and yet there they are.

It's teams like the Cardinals that showcase the merits of a playoff system. They have been the very definition of an underdog all year long and now they have a chance to play for their league's championship title. One wonders, if the NFL based who played in the Super Bowl on a system of opinions, votes, computers and media hype, if Arizona would have that same chance.

In all likelihood, if the NFL had such a BCS-like system, this year's Super Bowl teams would look much different. The New York Giants might actually have preferred such a system since, at the end of the regular season, they would have been the likely choice to represent the NFC. Now they find themselves in the off-season a few weeks earlier than they were last year. The Tennessee Titans would probably have represented the AFC. Pittsburgh would be in some less important bowl game, and Arizona's game might have been shown on ESPN 2.

As it is, no one can question why the two teams in the Super Bowl are there. They simply beat the teams they needed to, when they needed to beat them. With the BCS, there will always be questions.

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point of view

Stigma against fifth-year students unnecessary, unfair

I had always planned to graduate college in four years. Don't get me wrong, there's nothing wrong with taking five years or even longer. But, I had just always planned to do it in four.

This was an attainable goal until I became a senior and had still not taken any foreign language. I just kept putting it off. I had dug my own proverbial grave.

Spring semester of my senior year I was enrolled in Spanish 1301. I had taken three years of Spanish in high school. How hard could it be? Harder than I expected. I passed, but barely.

It was now impossible to graduate without having to take at least one semester of a fifth year, but it ended up being even longer. I am now enrolled in Spanish 2310 and will have to take a summer session to finish, provided I pass them both.



So, I got used to being a fifth-year. I would be the man with all the answers that could interrupt a conversation being held by sophomores and say, "I was here when Brooks was just a regular dorm, and I was here when the bears didn't have a million dollar habitat."

I thought I would be like Jeremy Piven in "PCU," but instead I ended up like Ben Affleck in "Dazed and Confused," a little creepy, way too old, and people only pretended to tolerate me.

Instead of being looked up to as a leader, I was looked down upon like a dunce, a ne'er-do-well, the lone sock in a world of matching pairs, a pair of corduroy hot pants in a world filled with jeans, but I digress.

To further my lack of camaraderie, I had taken on a double major. So when I sat down in a class filled with mostly freshmen and sophomores, I stuck out like Chris Farley at an Anorexia Anonymous meeting.

Granted, some people were OK with the fact that I graduated from high school when they were in seventh grade, but there was always that one "Baylor

girl" who would look at me and say, "What year are you?" I'd tell her and she would say, "Wow ... you're old."

How do I respond to that? As much as I love being called old or asked why I haven't graduated yet, the one that I loved hearing the most was, "Oh man, you're almost 23? My brother's 23, and he has a wife and a kid."

Fantastic, not only am I still in school, but I have no spouse or offspring to show for my years on Earth.

There are many reasons that people graduate late. Maybe they served in the military, or had to support a family or maybe they just loved the tried-and-true educational system so much that they just couldn't bear to part with it.

There seems to be some stigma attached to being a fifth-year senior at Baylor. These non-traditional students are common at many other universities. Could it be that because Baylor is a private school, the accepted age for a student is only 18 to 22? Is this good or bad?

Honestly, I like being a fifth-year. I know where the good parking spots

are, I know my way around Waco and I've spent five years at a great university from which I will graduate with a double major. Why is the "career student" looked down upon like an educational pariah instead of being applauded for their extra work?

So, if there are any fifth year or even sixth-and seventh-year seniors in your classes, say hello to them, ask them questions about Baylor, ask them if they're collecting Social Security yet or when was the last time their grandchildren called. They'll appreciate it.

There's nothing wrong with being a fifth-year. Knowledge is power and gaining as much as you can before entering the workforce is important.

So, if you want to get a second degree or stick around to take some extra classes, by all means, do it.

And, if you need to know anything about Waco or the "old" Baylor University, look me up, because I'll probably still be here.

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Digital is officially delayed, Senate votes to postpone

By Joelle Tessler
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON—The Senate on Monday voted unanimously to postpone the upcoming transition from analog to digital television broadcasting by four months to June 12, setting the stage for Congress to pass the proposal as early as Tuesday.

Monday's Senate vote is a big victory for the Obama administration and Democrats in Congress, who have been pushing for a delay amid growing concerns that too many Americans won't be ready for the currently scheduled Feb. 17 changeover.

The Nielsen Co. estimates that more than 6.5 million U.S. households that rely on analog television sets to pick up over-the-air broadcast signals could see their TV sets go dark next month if the transition is not postponed.

"Delaying the upcoming DTV switch is the right thing to do," said Senate Commerce Committee Chairman Jay Rockefeller, D-W.Va., author of the bill to push back the deadline. "I firmly believe that our nation is not yet ready to make this transition at this time."

The issue now goes to the House, where Commerce Committee Chairman Henry Waxman, D-Calif., has vowed to work with House leaders to bring Rockefeller's bill up for a floor vote on Tuesday.

President Barack Obama earlier this month called for the transition date to be postponed after the Commerce Department hit a \$1.34 billion funding limit for government coupons that consumers may use to help pay for digital TV converter boxes. The boxes, which generally cost between \$40 and \$80 each and can be purchased without a coupon, translate digital signals back into analog ones for older TVs.

The National Telecommunications and Information Administration, the arm of the Commerce Department administering the program, is now sending out new coupons only as older, unredeemed ones expire and free up more money. The NTIA had nearly 2.6 million coupon requests on a waiting list as of last Wednesday.

Jonathan Collegio, vice president for the digital television transition for the National Association of Broadcasters,

argues that the Nielsen numbers may overstate the number of viewers who are not ready for the digital transition. He noted that the numbers exclude consumers who have already purchased a converter box but not yet installed it, as well as those who have requested coupons but not yet received them.

What's more, consumers who subscribe to cable or satellite TV service or who own a TV with a digital tuner will not lose reception.

Still Gene Kimmelman, vice president for federal policy at Consumers Union, argues that millions of Americans particularly low-income and elderly viewers, will pay the price because "the government has failed to deliver the converter boxes these people deserve just to keep watching free, over-the-air broadcast signals."

Republicans in both the House and Senate have raised concerns that a delay would confuse consumers, burden wireless companies and public safety agencies waiting for the airwaves that will be vacated and create added costs for television stations that would have to continue broadcasting both analog and digital signals.

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in the first quarter, compared to the average analyst estimate of \$2.1 billion.

Ron Slaymaker, vice president of investor relations, said TI was preparing for a long economic slide. Previous slowdowns were addressed by reducing inventory over three quarters, but this one is different.

"It is a broad economic slowdown in which consumer consumption has dramatically weakened and likely will weaken further," he told analysts on a conference call. "We are planning for a weaker economic environment that could

be around for a while."

The latest round of job cuts will span TI's worldwide operations, Slaymaker said in an interview. Most will take effect by the end of March.

The company employed about 29,500 people at the end of last year, including 11,700 in Texas. It had 3,100 employees throughout Europe and 2,300 in Japan.

The cuts will result in charges of about \$300 million.

In 2008, TI earned \$1.92 billion, or \$1.45 per share, compared with \$2.66 billion, or \$1.84 per share, in 2007. Revenue slid 9.6 percent to \$12.5 billion from \$13.84 billion.

TI said it abandoned efforts

announced in October to sell part of a unit that makes chips for cell phones.

Kevin March, chief financial officer, told analysts it was "more financially worthwhile" to keep the business.

The results were released after markets closed. During regular trading, the shares fell 22 cents to \$14.77.

In aftermarket activity, they climbed 73 cents, or 4.9 percent, to \$15.50.

The chip industry is suffering a sharp drop in demand. Intel Corp. said last week that it would cut up to 6,000 manufacturing jobs as it struggles with souring demand for personal computers.

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It intersects at Baylor because we were founded by Baptists to be a Baptist university," Hillman said.

Throughout the year, the Baptist 400 Celebration will recognize Baylor's heritage with conferences, lectures, exhibits and performances.

In an article, titled, "Baptist Distinctives," which was featured in a Baylor Magazine series on the 400th anniversary, Interim President David Garland wrote about the university's Baptist values and their relation to education, including academic freedom and separation of church and state.

"Those Baptists who founded Baylor in 1845 had a vision that this university would train persons on the basis of this tradition," Garland wrote. "But in true Baptist fashion, it is not something that should be coerced. The right to dissent is a freedom long supported by Baptist tradition."

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the followers.

In the fire, 80 participants were killed, including two dozen children.

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they go out into the public. They will develop educational materials and present this information in free seminars in the community.

Some of the community collaborations involve Midway ISD, Waco ISD, and Mission Waco. Matthews said these aren't formal partnerships, but that all of the groups have been involved and supportive.

Dr. Matthew Stanford, professor of psychology and neuroscience, works with substance-dependent patients.

"Substance abuse is a tremendous problem nationwide, in the Waco community, and even here on the Baylor campus," he said. "When you talk to someone who's sat down across the table from hundreds or thousands of people who are substance-dependent and therefore can explain how detrimental addic-



Jakcy Reyes/Lariat Staff

Baptist history is mapped out on the rings of a tree as part of the Baylor Founder's Day Exhibit in the Allbritton Foyer of Moody Memorial Library. The exhibit will run until Feb. 27.

Tens years following the horrific incident, Haldeman was quoted saying, "This was a harmless bunch of people. (A misperception) is that he was anti-government, collecting guns to kill people. That was

an absolute falsehood. David didn't have a mean bone in his body. David did not believe in murder."

Haldeman's book can be purchased in the Baylor Bookstore.

tion can be, it has a little more impact than someone who has generally been more removed from the actual reality of it."

As an institute of higher education that also includes a faith component in its mission, Baylor is in a unique position to help with a program such as this, he said.

"I've always had the belief that professors shouldn't just teach in their classes or write papers about their research, but that we have an inherent responsibility to interact with our subjects so that the public benefits directly from institutions of higher education," Matthews said. "Baylor is one of the universities I know of that can combine the science that comes out of the labs with faith in everyday life. In those terms our involvement with this program is very unique."

Stanford said he hopes this community-wide effort at education will help adolescents in particular think about the

long-term implications of their actions.

"Walking out of the lab and into an educational setting where I'll have the opportunity to educate the public about these dangers earlier is something I look forward to," he said.

Over time, the professors said they hope to get enough external funding to facilitate more research.

"Addiction is something that cuts across racial lines, socioeconomic lines, gender and age. It touches all of our lives," Matthews said. "I think our ultimate goal is to be able to, at the end of the day, be part of an organization that made a difference. I don't want my research to be something that just sits in a lab or gets written in professional journals. I like it to be able to make a real impact in people's lives."

Dr. Sara Dolan, professor of psychology and neuroscience, is also involved in this project.

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Baylor connects Waco's homeless with community

By Dache Johnson
Reporter

Project Homeless Connect, a yearly outreach to Waco's homeless community, will conduct a survey of the city's homeless population and offer help and services starting Wednesday.

The survey is part of a biennial census conducted to meet the requirement of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Many nonprofit agencies in Waco, including The Texas Department of Mental Health and Retardation, Mission Waco, Compassion Ministries and the Family Abuse Center are largely funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development grant and are subject to the requirement.

The 25-question survey includes questions about demographics, health information, criminal background, prior military service, and food and housing situations.

Starting Wednesday, teams of people from the Homeless Coalition and the Baylor School of Social Work will set up stations in areas homeless people frequent to ask them the survey questions, and inform them about the Project Homeless Connect event on Thursday. There are also groups in vans that will be driving around Waco to other places looking for homeless individuals to add to the survey.

After last year's turnout of 100 homeless people, Jenny Clines, the director of the Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition, said anywhere from 100 to 150 are expected at this year's event.

Volunteers from the Homeless Coalition and graduate and undergraduate students from the Baylor School of Social Work are helping to organize and carry out this year's event.

"This is an important opportunity for Baylor and the community to connect in a way that's mutually beneficial," Dr. Dennis Myers, associate dean of graduate studies said. "The community of homeless persons benefit from the service of the Baylor students, and Baylor students have an opportunity to interact with and relate to citizens they wouldn't normally have the opportunity to know."

Social-work students are trained to be supportive and handle responses that may involve shame or guilt, said Christen Argueta, a research associate with the School of Social Work.

"We know this has to be done, but it can be done with respect," Argueta said.

Questions about domestic violence or food and shelter can be difficult or embarrassing to answer, and the social work students are there to encourage and listen to the stories of the homeless community. Argueta was a volunteer two years ago,

and now has a hand in the organizing.

"I am helping organize volunteers this year because I felt privileged to listen to those stories two years ago," Argueta said. "Really looking into someone's eyes and being there is a huge help."

While the census occurs every two years, the Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition conducts Project Homeless Connect every year. More than 100 homeless people will gather Thursday at Acts Christian Fellowship church at 1300 Mary Ave. to receive a variety of services.

A total of 35 agencies will be present or offer services at Project Homeless Connect including the Food Stamps Outreach, the Veterans Administration, the Waco Housing Authority and the Public Health District.

Doctors and dentists will be volunteering their time to conduct health screenings and those in need of further care will be taken to local clinics. The Homeless Coalition will cover all the dental bills. Haircuts and clothes will be provided, as well as help for people trying to further their education, find or job, or receive job training.

Project Homeless Connect has three main purposes, said Jenny Clines, director of the Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition.

The first is to connect those in the homeless community who need certain services, to the different agencies who provide those services. Some may not have realized that those agencies existed or that they were eligible for those services Clines said.

The second purpose is to meet the survey requirement so local agencies can receive their grant funding, she said.

The third is to highlight the

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Christen Argueta
research associate, School of Social Work

plight of homeless individuals, and raise public awareness about the issue and it's prevalence.

"It lends perspective to homeless people and the challenges of that community," Myers said.

Anyone interested in volunteering time or contributing donations to Project Homeless Connect can contact Jenny Clines at jennyc@ci.waco.tx.us or Christen Argueta at Christen_Argueta@baylor.edu.



Jacky Reyes/Lariat Staff

Houston sophomore Mandy Power (right) reaches to shake the hand of former Houston Astros player Jeff Bagwell on Monday at the McLane Student Life Center. "It was really exciting that Bagwell was here. I grew up watching the Astros play," she said.

Baylor students contribute to rising video game industry

By Buddy Steele
Reporter

First place. Head shot. Checkpoint. To some, these terms don't seem related, but gamers know them all too well.

Many young people can remember a time when their parents told them to turn off the video games and do their homework, but for some Baylor students, video games and school work are one and the same.

The Department of Computer Science and Computer Engineering offers a fairly unheard-of and specialized degree program which focuses on game development.

Dr. Jeff Donahoo, a professor of computer science, said he believes that this program allows students to gain the knowledge to make a mark on the video game industry.

"We certainly want to have a presence and an impact," Donahoo said. "The video game industry will exist with or without Baylor's participation, so we think it's much better for Baylor to have a voice in something that will exist, than not have a voice."

The program has only been a part of Baylor for two years, but its popularity has grown rapidly. Almost half of incoming freshman in the computer science department want to follow the game development track.

Video games have become

more than just a form of escapism over the last couple of decades. For example, through the use of simulation, practically anything can be tested or learned in a completely safe environment. Rusel DeMaria sums up the usefulness of simulations in his book, "Reset."

"Simulations are great 'what if' machines. Try something, anything, and see what happens. Because it's a simulation, it's safe to experiment," he said.

Video games are being used in almost all walks of life to help educate, entertain and make people aware of how they can become more deeply connected with media.

"The Smithsonian has spent a good deal of money investigating the use of video games to engage a younger audience in being interested in their museums," Donahoo said.

The coursework for the program is done in conjunction with the Film and Digital Media department, so that students can learn about the production aspect of game development.

Baylor is one of only a few institutions in the country which offers an accredited Bachelor of Science degree specializing in game development. This means that graduates of the program will be able to focus on the gaming industry or fall back on their computer science degree.

"You are a full-fledged computer scientist when you graduate, just like any other computer

scientist, so if anything, I think this adds one other thing you can do with your computer science degree," Donahoo said.

"I think you could graduate and sell yourself as a computer scientist at a non-gaming place or I think you could graduate and sell yourself as a game developing computer scientist to a game studio."

The future of video games may likely be in the portable market and the most likely place to see portable gaming take over is on cell phones, Donahoo said.

"I have a lot of applications downloaded to my iPhone, so I can play a lot of different games on it. There needs to be newer and more fun games available on cell phones," Houston junior Chris Wilson said.

Around 97 percent of American youths play video games and the industry itself is only getting bigger, especially in Texas, Donahoo said.

"Texas is a heavy hitter in the video game industry. Tons of very prominent video game studios are in both the Austin and Dallas area, some that have made some top-selling games," Donahoo said.

Gaming has become a powerful form of media in our society and Baylor is at the forefront of recognizing that and getting involved.

"We believe it will attract the best and brightest in the Computer Science Department," Donahoo said.

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The School of Music will hold a concert at 7:30 p.m. today at Roxy Grove Hall. The concert will feature a Julliard String Quartet. For ticket information call the Baylor University School of Music box office at 254-710-3571.

Career Services will hold a Camp Ozark presentation from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. today at Fountain Mall.

The Hooper-Shaffer Fine Arts Center will hold a photography exhibition featuring the works of O. Rufus Lovett from Jan. 22 to Feb. 24 at the Martin Museum of Art.

The annual Winter Pastor's School is an all day event that will take place Jan. 29 to Jan. 31 at George W. Truett Theological Seminary. It is sponsored by the Kyle Lake Center for Effective Preaching at Truett Seminary. It will feature Dr. Dallas Willard, professor of philosophy at the University of Southern California. For registration information, visit <http://baylor.edu/truett>.

The School of Music will hold a recital featuring two bassoonists at 7:30 Saturday at the meadows Recital Hall in the Glennis McCrary Music Building.

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Leonardo DiCaprio and Kate Winslet star as Frank and April Wheeler, a couple dealing with life and love in 1950s suburbia.

‘Revolutionary Road’ offers solid acting but lacks story

By Trevor Rich
Contributor

Academy-Award-winning director Sam Mendes delivers an emotional film dealing with the social issues involved with America’s suburbia in the 1950s.

FILMREVIEW

Nominated for four Golden Globes, with a Best Actress win, and three Academy Awards, “Revolutionary Road,” is an adaptation of the 1961 novel by Richard Yates.

The story follows Frank and April Wheeler. The Wheelers hide their dysfunctional lives behind Frank’s dead-end job, perfectly groomed lawns and white picket fences.

After a fight, April decides the family needs a change of scenery. In a rush decision, the couple decides to move to Paris.

After their decision is made and the tickets are bought, the couple faces the real struggle ahead — sticking to the plan despite any obstacles.

Overall, “Revolutionary Road” is good, but it lacks energy.

Leonardo DiCaprio and Kate Winslet are the driving force

behind the film, demonstrating their incredible acting skills.

The characters in the film are all real and the dialogue is true to the time period, as is the costume design.

As the film progresses, it’s similar to Mendes’ award-winning film “American Beauty.” “Revolutionary Road” resembles “American Beauty” thrown into a 1950s American suburbia — minus the roses.

Mendes went with his usual cinematographer, Roger Deakins. Deakins captures a beautiful and subtle 1950s look to the film.

The film concentrates on the relationship between Frank and April Wheeler instead of the time period. Therefore, the audience does not see much of the environment.

The calm state in the beginning of the film is accompanied with steady shots, but as the characters’ emotions get more intense, the camera does the same. During intense scenes Mendes and Deakins handheld the camera to capture the intensity of the fights and arguments. This technique connects the audience with the characters’ emotions.

“Revolutionary Road” is defi-

nately a movie worth seeing, but is not the ideal date-movie.

The on screen chemistry between DiCaprio and Winslet that America saw in “Titanic” is still alive, but the story is not all there. It’s easy to walk out of the theater scratching your head, wondering what the film was about — other than arguing.

Mendes’ statement about past and present societies is that social opinions and norms are important.

Mendes also implements different themes of love throughout the film, in which the entire audience can embrace, reflect and agree that “if enjoying life is being crazy then it is okay to be insane.”

Grade: B

“Revolutionary Road”

Starring: Kate Winslet, Leonardo DiCaprio

Director: Sam Mendes

Rating: R

View the trailer online at
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Pope Benedict XVI joins digital age with Vatican YouTube page

By Nicole Winfield
The Associated Press

VATICAN CITY — Pope Benedict XVI joined President Barack Obama and Britain’s Queen Elizabeth II on Friday by launching his own YouTube channel, the latest Vatican effort to reach out to the digital generation.

The Vatican said it was launching the channel to broaden Benedict’s audience while also giving the Holy See better control over the papal image online.

In his inaugural foray, Benedict welcomed viewers to this “great family that knows no borders” and said he hoped they would “feel involved in this great dialogue of truth.”

The site, www.youtube.com/vaticanit, was launched the same day the pontiff praised as a “gift to humanity” the benefits of social networking sites such as Facebook and MySpace in forging friendships and understanding.

But Benedict also warned that virtual socializing had its risks, saying “obsessive” online networking could isolate people from real social interaction and broaden the digital divide by further marginalizing people.

And in his message for the World Day of Communications, he urged producers of new media to ensure that the content respected human dignity and the “goodness and intimacy of human sexuality.”

The 81-year-old pope has been extremely wary of new media and their effect on society, warning about what he has called the tendency of entertainment media, in particular, to trivialize sex and promote violence.

But Monsignor Claudio Maria Celli, who heads the Vatican’s social communications office, said the pope fully approved of the Vatican YouTube channel, saying Benedict was “a man of dialogue” who wanted to engage with people wherever they



Associated Press

This screenshot downloaded from YouTube in London on Friday, shows the Vatican’s channel on YouTube, the video-sharing Web site.

were.

“It’s true that not all of humanity is found on YouTube, but millions of people meet on YouTube,” Celli told reporters.

Celli likened the Vatican channel to the pontiff’s pilgrimages around the world, in which he meets with millions of the faithful. The Internet and YouTube, Celli said, allowed for a more intimate interaction during which the user “enters in a personal dialogue with the pope.”

Celli said the Vatican was launching the channel in part to have some control over the pontiff’s image, which he said already was being used on sites respectful of the papacy and not.

The Vatican spokesman, the Rev. Federico Lombardi, said the Vatican hoped that YouTube owner Google, Inc., would help the Holy See determine where Vatican images are being used so that it can better protect its own images.

He said no money exchanged hands to launch the channel and that the Vatican wouldn’t earn anything with publicity.

“We didn’t pay a cent to Google,” he said, adding that the channel was the Vatican’s “offer” to the world.

The Vatican plans to update the YouTube site daily with the most important papal news items that are produced by the

Vatican’s television station, CTV. The messages are available in Italian, German, English and Spanish.

Closer to home, the Baptist General Convention of Texas has been running their YouTube channel since Feb. 20, 2007 and has posted 44 videos.

BGCT media and Web content assistant Joshua Minatrea said the convention wants to stay relevant to younger generations.

“We are trying to find out what the standard is, which is hard to do,” he said, referencing the speed of changing technology. “There are a lot of challenges we face on a regular basis. We want exposure.”

But the Web is much more than an advertisement for the convention. Minatrea said it’s all about being useful to churches.

“We have to try and find a way to use the tools as best as we can. We want to be a service to our churches,” he said.

The videos online have helped the convention reach out.

“We do hear from people and that makes it all worth it,” Minatrea said. “We try to put videos on our homepage. We have this aim to have a new video up everyday. We also have a blog. We probably put even more media on it.”

Lariat reporter Jenna DeWitt contributed to this story.

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Sports briefs

Astros visit Texas Sports Hall of Fame

Several current and former members of the Houston Astros visited the Texas Sports Hall of fame from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Monday as a part of the team's Astros Caravan community outreach tour.

Pitcher Mike Hampton and infielder Mike Saccomanno were on hand to sign autographs and meet with fans at the facility's Tom Landry Theater, one of the team's stops across Texas and Louisiana. The duo was joined by long-time broadcaster Milo Hamilton and Jeff Bagwell, who racked up 449 career home runs and 1529 RBIs in 15 years with the Astros.

No. 7 Men's Tennis falls to No. 10 Florida

Despite carrying a higher ranking into the team's Sunday dual meet at the University of Florida's Lunder Stadium, the Bears couldn't muster a single victory in singles play, going 0-4, nor doubles play, where they were also blanked.

No. 13 ranked Jordan Rux fell to the unranked Alex Lacroix, 6-7, 6-4, 12-10, while No. 21 Denes Lukacs fell to No. 87 Carlos Cueto, 6-0, 0-6, 6-3. The Bears now shift their attention to the University of Utah, to whom they will play host as a part of the National Indoor Qualifier on Jan. 30 at the Baylor Tennis Center.

Nine Bears take first at the Razorback Invitational

The track team got off to a strong start at the Razorback Invitational meet Friday, where junior Trey Harts and sophomore Tiffany Townsend each won their respective 200-meter races in the opening day of competition.

The team continued their success on day two of the event at the University of Arkansas' Randal Tyson Track Center, where seven members of the team finished first in their respective races. Junior triple jumper Thaddeus Gordon broke his own school record of 15.39 meters (50-06), though the mark put him in eighth overall at the meet.

Junior sprinter LeJerald Betters ran his first race of the season and recorded a split time of 46.3 seconds to help the 4x400-meter relay team finish three seconds ahead of the rest of the field.

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Jennings supplies advice at baseball dinner



File Photo

Rangers pitcher Jason Jennings throws the ball at the April 8, 2008 Home Opener game between the Baltimore Orioles and the Texas Rangers in Arlington.

By Nick Dean
Sports writer

With the season opener just around the corner, the Baylor baseball team received some expert advice from former Baylor pitcher, Jason Jennings. Jennings who was the guest of honor at the Bears' inaugural Meet the Team dinner at 7 p.m. Monday, at the Galloway Suite at Floyd Casey Stadium.

"I enjoy speaking at these types of events about baseball and life in general," Jennings said.

Jennings graduated into the Major Leagues in 1999 as the starting pitcher for the Colorado Rockies. He left the Rockies as the pitcher with the most wins ever of the franchise in 2006.

The love of baseball seems to run in the Jennings' family. Jim Jennings, the father of Jason, played for the University of Texas baseball team and the Texas Rangers franchise.

Jennings was aware of the possibilities early in his career.

"Kip Wells got drafted a year before me, and he was the 16th pick," Jennings said. "I knew if I worked hard I might have a chance to get to that level."

"Arguably, (Jennings) is the most celebrated player in the history of college baseball," head coach Steve Smith said. Jennings' stands alone in the number of achievements he has received compared to his collegiate time period.

"We couldn't have the first (Meet the Team dinner) without having Jennings."

With an outstanding collegiate career, Jennings was able to accumulate numerous awards.

After his junior season, he received every national player of the year award possible at that time; the 1999 National Player of the Year awards from both Baseball America and Collegiate Baseball.

"(Baylor) on and off the field helped me at first with professional baseball," Jennings said. "In my three years at Baylor, I grew up a lot, kept my head on straight and matured."

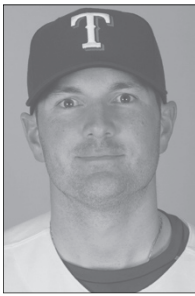
During his time with the Colorado Rockies, Jennings received the coveted Major League Baseball's Rookie of the Year award.

Baylor baseball was recently ranked No. 19 in the 2009 National College Baseball Writers Association Preseason Top 35.

The team is ranked No. 15 in the nation according to Collegiate Baseball Newspaper.

"It's always good to get a little bit of confidence going," Jennings said on the Bear's new rankings, "Though, you still have to go out on the field, it doesn't matter how good you look on paper."

In early May, a throwing elbow injury put Jennings on



Jennings

the disabled list.

"It was just a minor bump in the road, I needed to go ahead and get it fixed," Jennings said. "When you pitch long enough, you are going to have some problems," Jennings said.

In his first season with the Rockies, Jennings claimed the first time anyone had hit a home run and pitched a complete game shutout in the same game.

Currently, Jennings is in negotiations with the Arizona Diamondbacks and Texas Rangers for contracts.

"My preference would be to stay at home," Jennings said. After recovering from the surgery to repair a flexor tendon, Jennings is excited to get back on the mound, "I just need the opportunity to pitch again."

Baylor pride is a part of everyday life to Jennings. "Every time I see Baylor on TV or drive through Waco it brings good memories to mind," he said. "It puts into perspective the good career I had and the friends and coaching staff I will get to see again."

One major point of the dinner, according to Smith, is to recognize Jennings for his accomplishments while at Baylor.

Jennings won his awards postseason during the summer before he transitioned to Major League Baseball.

"It's pretty crazy to come back as the guest of honor," Jennings said.

For more on Baylor baseball, visit:
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Coach pleads not guilty in case

By Brett Barrouquere and Will Graves
The Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — A Kentucky high school football coach on Monday pleaded not guilty to reckless homicide in the heat-related death of a 15-year-old player who collapsed while running sprints at a sweltering August practice.

David Jason Stinson was released without having to post

bond following his arraignment. A grand jury last week indicted Stinson, who was in his first year as head coach, in the death of Pleasure Ridge High School offensive lineman Max Gilpin.

"This is not about football, this is not about coaches," Jefferson County Commonwealth's Attorney David Stengel said after the hearing. "This is about an adult person who was responsible for the health and welfare of a child."

Gilpin was one of six people to die because of the heat in high school and college athletics in 2008. Stengel said he doesn't know if this is the first case in which a coach has been criminally charged in such a death that happens occasionally in all levels of athletics.

One of Stinson's attorneys, Brian Butler, said the case won't be settled without a trial because his client "is not responsible for this child's death."

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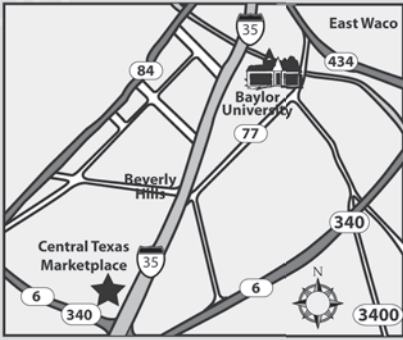
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Bears fighting for rebound

By Brian Bateman
Sports editor

After a blowout loss at the hands of the University of Oklahoma, the Baylor men's basketball team looks to rebound against the University of Texas at 8 p.m. tonight at the Ferrell Center.

Baylor (15-4, 3-2) is looking to break a 22-game losing streak against Texas (14-4, 3-1).

"I like our match-ups with them," Baylor head coach Scott Drew said. "In the last two years we've stuck around pretty well with them."

Last season, the Longhorns defeated Baylor twice; 80-72 in Austin and 82-77 in Waco despite a furious comeback in the last two minutes.

Former Longhorn guard D. J. Augustin left for the NBA Draft at the end of the season, leaving A.J. Abrams to run the offense.

He has led Longhorn scorers in eight games so far this sea-

son and averages 16.9 points per game.

On the defensive side of the ball, the Longhorns have improved since last season.

Senior forward Connor Atchley leads the Big 12 Conference with 2.5 blocked shots

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per game. It's that gritty defense that has earned Texas a spot in the Associated Press top 25.

"I think second chance points are always huge when playing Texas," Drew said. "Rebounding, too."

Without a strong inside pres-

ence, it could be a long night for Baylor, which will likely see junior center Josh Lomers and senior center Mamadou Diene on the bench more than on the floor.

Life after loss to Sooners

After a less than stellar performance against Oklahoma, the Bears are ready to get back on the floor.

"We're ready to get back on the court and get back at somebody," senior forward Kevin Rogers said. "If you lose one you definitely have to put it behind you."

But the one point of calm in the sea of losses to Texas is the shrinking gap between the Bears' and Longhorn's talent. Starting with just walk-ons, Baylor has brought in players every year to fill the void.

"The gap is closing. I think this year we match up perfectly with those guys," Rogers, a South Oak Cliff native said.



Oklahoma forward Blake Griffin, left, drives to the basket against Baylor on Saturday in Norman, Okla. Oklahoma won 95-76.

Wilson leads Lady Bears to victory over Tech's Red Raiders



Texas Tech's Kierra Mallard (20), center, is blocked by Baylor's Morghan Medlock (55) and Jhasmin Player (15), right, Saturday in Lubbock. Baylor won 76-64.

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Junior post Danielle Wilson led the now No. 4 Baylor Lady Bears (17-1, 5-0) to an 11th straight victory Saturday with a road win over the Texas Tech University Lady Raiders (11-7, 2-3).

The Bay Shore, N.Y., native had 17 points, 17 rebounds and five blocks on the way to the 76-64 rout of the Lady Raiders. Baylor head coach Kim Mulkey said the game showed how much Wilson has improved.

"She almost had 20 rebounds tonight," Mulkey said. "She was big for us all night, altering shots, getting boards. She's just a different kid now. It's the new Danielle."

Mulkey wasn't the only one to notice how much Wilson has improved.

"I definitely think she's much

improved and you expect to see that in a second-year player," Texas Tech head coach Kristy Curry said. "I think the biggest thing is she knows she is 'the one'. In that program, it is all about a post presence. She knows now she's the go-to and she's really stepped up big."

Wilson herself commented on Mulkey's description of her as a 'new player,' crediting her dominance this year to maturation and greater knowledge of the system.

"I am continuing to get strong in the off-season and I'm really just focusing on becoming a better basketball player overall," she said. "I have to help my team in anyway possible, especially on the road. I just kept trying to be active on the defensive side. It's all about the team concept."

While Wilson led Baylor in scoring with 17 points, Texas

Tech's senior guard Maria Moore managed to put together 22 points to lead the game. Baylor senior guard Jhasmin Player had the duty of guarding Moore much of the night.

"She is just so fast so you can't try to beat her but just contain her," the senior from Bay City said. "She hit some big shots and just did a great job for her team tonight."

Moore seemed to indicate that the team's loss was more a result of the Lady Raiders hurting themselves defensively than anything the Lady Bears were doing to them.

"If we'd run through our plays and executed, I think it would've been different," she said.

Curry agreed, saying that she thought her team lost in the opening moments of both halves.

"That is not them but us,"

she said. "We did it to ourselves today."

After a tight first half that ended with Baylor only up by three, the Lady Bears stepped up defensively in the second half to seal the victory.

"Our defense really helps and it kind of failed us the first half," Player said. "Danielle Wilson stepped up and some other just stepped up real big tonight for us, especially down the stretch."

Overall, the Lady Bears were happy to steal another victory on the road.

"It's so difficult to play on the road, especially in this conference," Mulkey said before alluding to Baylor's other in-conference road win from earlier in the week over then-No. 9 Texas A&M. "To go on the road twice this week and walk away with two wins is big for our team and program."

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