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The Outdoor Adventure club will hold an information meeting about spring break trips to Florida, Paria Canyon and the Grand Canyon. The meeting will be held from 6 to 7 p.m. Feb. 6 in 314 McLane Student Life Center. The group leaders will answer any questions students may have.

Battle of the keys

The Baylor/Waco Piano Competition will be held from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday in the Jones Concert Hall and Meadows Recital Hall in the Glennis McCrary Music Building. There will also be performances in the Roxy Grove Hall and Recital Hall II of Waco Hall at the same time. These events are free and open to the public.

Don't forget the FAFSA

Starting Tuesday and lasting until March 1 is the priority date to turn in your financial aid forms.



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Collins is not closing

Dining hall will remain open despite rumors of closure

By KARA BLOMQUIST
REPORTER

Collins Cafe is here to stay. The dining hall will remain open contrary to rumors on campus after discussions of closing the facility took place in the spring of 2012.

The discussions came in the wake of the announcement of the opening of a dining hall in the East Village Complex.

Dr. Kevin Jackson, vice president for student life, said the decision occurred during fall 2012, before prospective students ranked their residence hall choices for the fall of 2013.

While the addition of East Village Dining Commons will add additional operating costs to the university, students won't be seeing that cost in their meal plan prices.

"The meal-plan price of the students won't reflect any additional cost related to it," said Brett Perlowski, director of Dining Services.

Jackson said four main factors played a role in the decision: student needs, nutritional needs of the Baylor community, cost and convenience.

"We bring it all together, analyze and project," he said.

Perlowski said the university had to discover the best way to utilize its resources.

"It's a cost-benefit conversation," he said.

The cost of the additional dining hall may not be affecting students, but many have noticed the benefits of Collins Cafe.

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MATT HELLMAN | LARIAT PHOTO EDITOR

Baylor University's East Village is expected to be completed and open for student residency by August.

End in sight for East Village dorm

By MADISON FERRIL
REPORTER

This August, East Village will open to provide 701 beds for students.

Dr. Jeff Doyle, dean for student learning and engagement, said the construction of East Village is on target.

After East Village opens, Baylor will begin refurbishing older residence halls, starting with South Russell Residence Hall.

With the addition of East Village to Baylor's facilities, Baylor could see an increase in the number of students living on campus.

"The percentage of students living on campus could go from 39 percent to 44 percent," Doyle said.

The refurbishment of South Russell Hall means the university will not have the 280 beds in South Russell for use next year.



Doyle

"All of our relatively older residence halls will be refurbished over the next eight to 10 years," Doyle said.

Doyle said East Village is innovative on a national level because of its different room layouts.

"We're trying to return to an era where a dorm is more like a home," Doyle said.

Cove suites, which consist of four rooms that share a bathroom, are primarily for freshmen.

Semi suites, which are two rooms that share a bathroom, are primarily for sophomores, with residential apartments mainly for juniors and seniors.

Doyle said they will give the programs housed there some autonomy with regard to who lives where.

"I think it's going to change how people feel about the campus," Doyle said. "The community will feel larger and more connected."

Doyle said, though Baylor considered closing a dining hall when East Village opened, they decided to keep all five dining halls open and study the effects.

If keeping five dining halls open proves too expensive or if students stop frequenting a certain dining hall, then they will consider closing one down.

Dr. Ian Gravage, who will serve as faculty-in-residence for East Village, said he understands the role a residential college can play for students because he personally benefited from living in a residential college as an undergraduate at Rice.

"Our most important goal is to provide an environment as conducive as possible to the academic success of every student living there," Gravage said.

Gravage said that the Engineering and Computer Science Residential College in East Village will contain similarities to other residential colleges such as Brooks, but that there will be differences as well.

"One of the important things is working with community lead-

ers," Gravage said. "We want to give them the language to say what they want their community to be."

Student Body President Kelly Rapp said Baylor is trying to get more students to live on campus.

"I think it's great that we can create a community where students with the same major can live," Rapp said.

Gravage said studies have shown that Living and Learning programs help students succeed in their field, though further study will show exactly why this occurs.

"Maybe the community helps students succeed, or maybe the community attracts high capacity students," Gravage said. "I'm inclined to believe it's a little bit of both."

Doyle said that he believes that Living and Learning programs have a positive impact on the students who choose to participate in them.

"Seeing a university like Baylor realizing the importance of residential communities of students is great," Doyle said.

Professor shares Middle East photos with libraries

Dr. Held relives his adventurous past as a government photographer

By JOSH DAY
REPORTER

In the course of his travels as a Foreign Service officer, photographer and professor, Dr. Colbert Held has taken photos in every country in the Middle East.

Out of the 19,000 individual Kodachrome slides he personally took, 175 pictures will be spread across different displays in all of the Baylor libraries starting Feb. 7.

According to Corrine Peters, the Ohio graduate student working closely with Dr. Held on the display, the exhibit "is a visual representation of the small amount of information that his collection could possibly share."

Dr. Held described his exhibit as "visually attractive, but informative and even instructive."

Held was born in Stamford on Sept. 3, 1917, and is the son of a Baptist minister.

Before beginning his photographic career, Held attended Baylor and was a photographer for the Round Up Yearbook staff.

He graduated from Baylor in 1938 and received a master's degree from Northwestern University in 1940.

After a brief teaching career at Mississippi College, he joined the Army Air Corps in 1942, where he attended the Air Photographic School.

He retired from the Air Force Reserve in 1954 as a lieutenant colonel and began working as a photographer for the Foreign Service, a branch of the U.S. Department of State.

When Held began his journey into what would become an expansive photographic record of the massive infrastructure and societal changes in every Middle Eastern country, neither he nor his superiors knew the full significance.

Regarding the photos he took in his life, Held said, "I never

thought of them as having any permanent value."

Held began his job as a geographic attaché.

Held said attachés were expected to keep the Department of Foreign Affairs informed about all the ethnic, road and topographic maps as well as the publications and dictionaries of each Middle Eastern country that were being produced.

This was in addition to giving reports on the culture, language

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Former court justice emphasizes caution in new gun control laws

By LARRY NEUMEISTER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Retired Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor warned Tuesday against a rush to judgment in a New York gun ownership dispute, citing the recent killings of 20 Connecticut schoolchildren and six educators.

Sitting on a federal appeals court panel, O'Connor cited the Sandy Hook Elementary School massacre in commenting on the

role that courts play in interpreting gun control laws. The three-judge panel is considering the federal rights of a man who was denied a gun permit in New York after he moved from New York to Louisiana.

"The regulation of firearms is a paramount issue of public safety, and recent events in this circuit are a sad reminder that firearms are dangerous in the wrong hands," she wrote. "Questions like the one before us require a delicate balance between individual

rights and the public interest, and federal courts should avoid interfering with or evaluating that balance until it has been definitively struck."

Writing for the panel, O'Connor said that before deciding the federal constitutional issue, the panel wants to hear from the New York Court of Appeals on whether state law permits a part-time resident to get a New York gun permit.

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In this April 11, 2012, file photo, former Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor speaks at the Newseum in Washington during a forum to celebrate the 30th anniversary of O'Connor's appointment to the Supreme Court.

Rude emails will get you nowhere, Senator

Editorial

Having a personal opinion is okay.

Having a personal opinion about the policy of a president — agree or disagree — is also okay.

Having a personal opinion that prays for the death of President Obama, as appalling as it may be, is also protected under the First Amendment.

However, Kansas House Speaker Mike O'Neal (R-Hutchinson) recently circulated an email saying "Pray for Obama," to all of his republican colleagues that cites Psalm 109:8.

Psalm 109:8 begins: "Let his days be few; and let another take his office."

It seems harmless — a biblical joke about an administration O'Neal disagrees with.

A joke that, as you continue reading the Psalm, turns into something much more serious.

The Psalm goes on to say "May his children be fatherless and his

wife a widow. May his children be wandering beggars; may they be driven from their ruined homes. May a creditor seize all he has; may strangers plunder the fruits of his labor. May no one extend kindness to him or take pity on his fatherless children."

While O'Neal's office has insisted that he only meant to quote the first, fairly harmless part of the verse, he also wrote in the email "At last — I can honestly voice a Biblical prayer for our president! Look it up — it is word for word! Let us all bow our heads and pray. Brothers and Sisters, can I get an AMEN? AMEN!!!!!!"

This seems to suggest O'Neal's enthusiasm for the "word for word" endorsement of the prayer.

If indeed O'Neal meant to quote only the first part of the verse, he should have read his Bible more closely. Despite the fact that O'Neal only cited the first line of the Psalm, it is unreasonable to expect people not to read it in context with the rest of the passage.

This is also not the first time that the Kansas speaker abused his GOP email list. Earlier in January

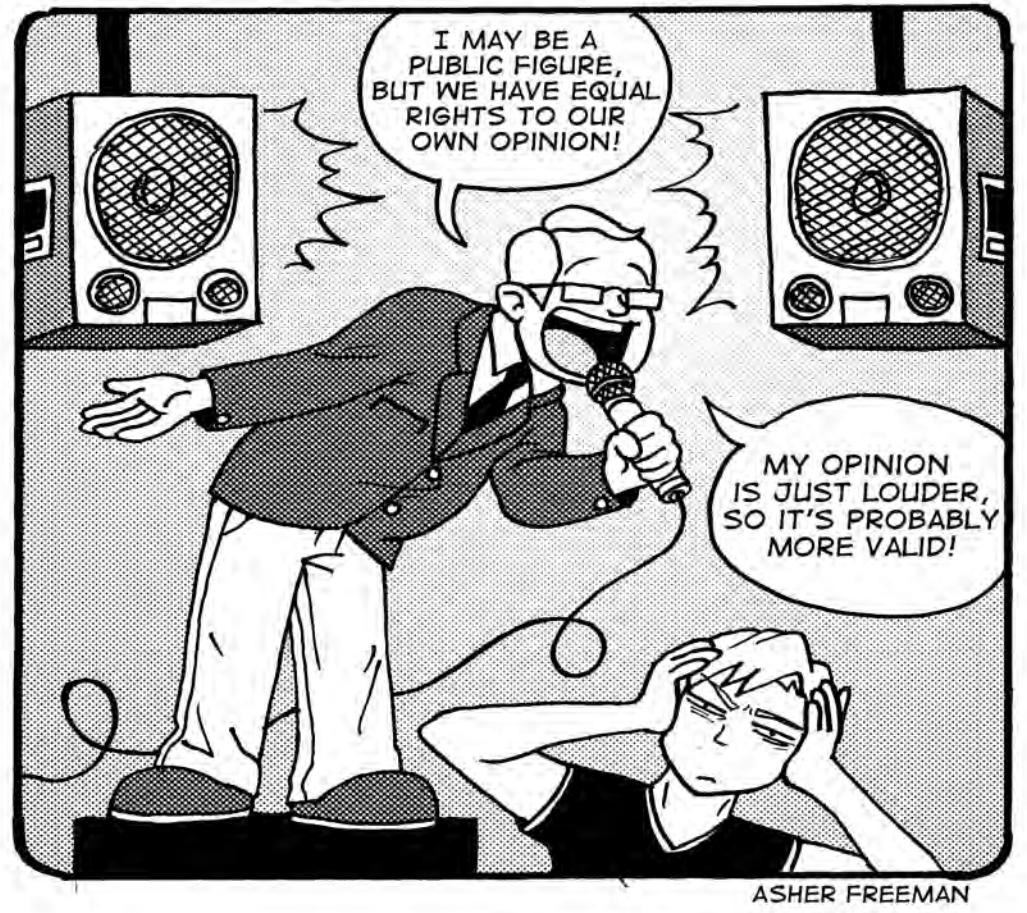
he forwarded an email to his colleagues in which he referred to First Lady Michelle Obama as Mrs. YoMamma and called her a twin of Dr. Seuss' The Grinch.

It is entirely inappropriate for an elected representative of the people of the United States to use his position to send snarky, insulting emails, regardless of his political position. This behavior is childish and an abuse of his office. Furthermore, it is inappropriate to target the First Lady. To target her appearance and make racist-sounding jokes smacks of elementary school.

If O'Neal is attempting to bring about change, he is going about it the wrong way. If he disagrees with the position of the president, perhaps he should spend his time and energy drafting legislation instead of sending rude emails.

While we are happy to give everyone an equal right to free speech, we can not excuse the fact that O'Neal used his public political platform to behave like a child.

We expect and deserve more from our elected officials than this.



ASHER FREEMAN

Gun control not enough to overcome human element

When five people were accidentally shot at gun shows last week, proponents of gun control legislation clamored to push the story as another reason to support their policies. However, when we take such generalizations at face value, we do the facts an injustice.

Before we jump to conclusions, we need to consider again the facts we hear. One fact often quoted to support gun control was that, by 2015, the CDC expected "firearm-related deaths" to surpass traffic fatalities for the first time. (It is worth noting that the CDC predicted this would happen in 2003, and it was wrong.)

Regardless, by looking at the underlying trends of what we describe as "firearm-related deaths," the standard explanation does not seem to hold up.

Take a look at the actual CDC report in 2010, the latest full report available. It indicates that "accidental deaths" from firearms are .2 per 100,000 people, whereas "accidental deaths" from automobiles are 11.2 per 100,000 people. This means you are still 56 times more likely to die in a car accident than a gun accident, effectively dismantling the "gun accident" argument. If that is not enough, consider that accidental shooting deaths have decreased dramatically over the last century.

I am not immediately opposed to all gun-control measures. Bans on fully automatic weapons are

good. Background checks are important. However, these are measures that are already in place. The new rhetoric of gun control asserts a control over events that we, as humans, simply do not have.

Limiting so-called "high-capacity" magazines is not an



Danny Huizinga | Guest contributor

extreme measure. However, the notion that the Newtown, Conn. school shooting would not have occurred had such a law been in place is absurd. Furthermore, all the "background checks" in the world would not have prevented the suspect's mother from legally buying the guns. These proposals may sound like good things, but we need to consider again our motivations as well.

We have a tendency to sensa-

tionalize the recent mass murders, claiming a new "epidemic" is upon us. Historically, there is nothing alarming about the rate of mass shootings. James Alan Fox of the Boston Globe says:

"What is abundantly clear from the full array of mass shootings, besides the lack of any trend upward or downward, is the largely random variability in the annual counts."

After Vice President Joe Biden's insistence that acting is "critically important," other Democrats have joined in. According to New York Governor Andrew Cuomo:

"Gun violence has been on a rampage as we know firsthand and we know painfully... We must stop the madness, my friends."

When gun crimes have been consistently falling for years, I find it difficult to justify such a knee-jerk reaction. We often hear accusations of the NRA or the "gun lobby" standing in the way of new legislation, but 48 percent of Americans don't want stricter laws (compared to 38 percent who do). Before accusing those who support gun rights as "right-wing nut jobs," remember what happened to a certain presidential candidate last year when he ostracized 47 percent of Americans.

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Female safety on campus must be top priority of administration

A former administrator and three students from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill recently filed a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education, claiming the university has been mishandling sexual assault cases. This lawsuit represents a common problem on college campuses: administrators failing to punish those who commit sexual assault.

All you have to do is look at the stories of women who tried to go through the proper procedures, only to have administrators ignore their cases or even outright blame them for their attacks.



Madison Ferril | Reporter

Here are a couple of examples: one from the National Catholic Reporter and one from the UNC Daily Tarheel.

In the case of Lizzy Seeberg, a St. Mary's College freshman in 2010, administrators did not investigate her claim that a Notre Dame football player assaulted her until five days after she commit-

ted suicide. When UNC student Andrea Pino asked for a medical withdrawal due to post-traumatic stress disorder after her assault, the administration told her that she was just "being lazy."

Colleges fail to realize sexual assault changes a woman's life. A variety of psychological, physical and emotional problems can arise and cause the victim to withdraw from her former life. Her relationships with friends and family suffer. Some women change their schedules, drop out of college, or transfer to another school.

A woman shouldn't have to rearrange her life to avoid her attacker. She shouldn't have to face insults. Instead, the justice system should make the process of reporting and investigating a rape more tolerable. It takes courage for a woman to report her rape, and she deserves to be treated with sympathy and respect.

When someone is raped, it is because someone else chose to commit rape, not because the victim wore the wrong clothes or failed to act a certain way. It's sad that most women won't talk to anyone else about what happened to them because of the stigma attached to rape victims.

When acts of sexual assault are coupled with apathy toward victims or even outright condemnation, it is always to the benefit of the perpetrator. Rape is the only crime where the victim is held responsible for being a victim, and it needs to stop. Women have a right to exist on college campuses without fear of harassment or violation, and colleges should do all they can to make sure this happens.

Women have a right to see their claims investigated, and sexual assault should be punishable by permanent expulsion and criminal

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charges. People often make the mistake of thinking sexual assault is about sex, but really it's not. It's about power, and people who commit sexual assault are able to hold onto that power through intimidation of their victims and the complacency of those who could stop them.

We can pay lip service to the severity and seriousness of sexual assault all we want, but until we actively begin to help victims and stop attackers from believing their acts are acceptable, stories like Seeberg and Pino's will continue to be commonplace. Women will continue to suffer in silence, and rapists will continue to walk free, confident in the belief that many people, for their own reasons, fail to see their actions for what they are.

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Kerry receives State Dept. nomination with wide approval

By DONNA CASATA
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The Senate overwhelmingly confirmed President Barack Obama's choice of five-term Sen. John Kerry to be secretary of state, with Republicans and Democrats praising him as the ideal successor to Hillary Rodham Clinton.

The vote Tuesday was 94-3. One senator — Kerry — voted present and accepted congratulations from colleagues on the Senate floor. The roll call came just hours after the Senate Foreign Relations Committee unanimously approved the man who has led the panel for the past four years.

No date has been set for Kerry's swearing-in, though a welcoming ceremony is planned at the State Department on Monday.

Obama tapped Kerry, 69, the son of a diplomat, decorated Vietnam veteran and 2004 Democratic presidential candidate, to succeed Clinton, who is stepping down after four years. The Massachusetts Democrat, who had pined for the job but was passed over in 2009, has served as Obama's unofficial envoy, smoothing fractious ties with Afghanistan and Pakistan.

"Sen. Kerry will need no introduction to the world's political and military leaders and will begin Day One fully conversant not only with the intricacies of U.S. foreign policy, but able to act on a multitude of international stages," said Sen. Bob Menendez, D-N.J., who will succeed Kerry as committee chairman.

Sen. Bob Corker of Tennessee,



John Kerry, Sen. D-Mass. and Senate Foreign Relations Chairman sits before the committee last Thursday as he seeks confirmation as the U.S. Secretary of State. He has served on the committee for 28 years and led it for the past four.

the panel's top Republican, called Kerry "a realist" who will deal with unrest in Egypt, civil war in Syria, the threat of al-Qaida-linked groups in Africa and Iran's pursuit of nuclear weapons.

Kerry, a forceful proponent of climate change legislation, also will have a say in whether the United States moves ahead on the Keystone XL pipeline from Canada, a divisive issue that has roiled environmentalists.

Obama had nominated Kerry after Susan Rice, the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, removed her name from consideration following criticism from Republicans over her initial comments about the attacks on the U.S. Consulate in Benghazi, Libya.

Voting against Kerry were three Republicans — Jim Inhofe of Oklahoma and John Cornyn and Ted Cruz of Texas. Absent from the vote were Sens. Patty Murray, D-

Wash., and John Hoeven, R-N.D.

"Sen. Kerry has a long history of liberal positions that are not consistent with a majority of Texans," Cornyn said in a statement. The senator is up for re-election next year and could face a tea party challenge.

Kerry's smooth path to the nation's top diplomatic job stands in stark contrast to the harsher treatment for Obama's other national security nominees — Chuck Hagel

to be defense secretary and John Brennan to be CIA director.

Hagel, the former two-term Republican senator from Nebraska, faces strong opposition from some of his onetime GOP colleagues who question his support for reductions in the nuclear arsenal and cuts in defense spending. Lawmakers also have questioned whether he is sufficiently supportive of Israel and strongly opposed to any outreach to Iran.

Democrats have rallied for Hagel, and he has the announced support of at least a dozen members in advance of his confirmation hearing on Thursday. Six Republicans have said they would vote against him.

Brennan faces questions from the GOP about White House leaks of classified information and from Democrats about the administration's use of drones.

Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., threatened to block the nomination of both men until he gets more answers from the Obama administration about the assault on the U.S. diplomatic mission in Libya that killed Ambassador Chris Stevens and three other Americans.

Two former chairmen of the committee — Democrat Sam Nunn of Georgia and Republican John Warner of Virginia — plan to introduce Hagel, according to officials close to the confirmation process. They spoke on condition of anonymity because the committee has not formally made an announcement.

As a White House emissary, Kerry has tamped down diplomatic fires for Obama. He also

has stepped ahead of the administration on a handful of crises. He joined Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., as an early proponent of a more aggressive policy toward Libya, pushing for using military forces to impose a "no-fly zone" over Libya as Moammar Gadhafi's forces killed rebels and other citizens. He was one of the early voices calling for Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak to step down as revolution roiled the nation two years ago.

During his tenure, Kerry has pushed for reducing the number of nuclear weapons, shepherding a U.S.-Russia treaty through the Senate in December 2010, and has cast climate change as a national security threat, joining forces with Republicans on legislation that faced too many obstacles to win congressional passage.

He has led delegations to Syria and met a few times with President Bashar Assad, now a pariah in U.S. eyes after months of civil war and bloodshed as the government looks to put down a people's rebellion. Figuring out an end-game for the Middle East country would demand all of Kerry's skills.

The selection of Kerry closes a political circle with Obama. In 2004, it was White House hopeful Kerry who asked a largely unknown Illinois state senator to deliver the keynote address at the Democratic convention in Boston, handing the national stage to Obama. Kerry lost that election to President George W. Bush. Four years later, Obama was the White House hopeful who succeeded where Kerry had failed.

President, Congress begin to tackle immigration

By DARLENE SUPERVILLE AND
JULIE PACE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LAS VEGAS — Declaring "now is the time" to fix the nation's broken immigration system, President Barack Obama on Tuesday outlined broad proposals for putting millions of illegal immigrants on a clear path to citizenship while cracking down on businesses that employ people illegally and tightening security at the borders. He hailed a bipartisan Senate group on a similar track but left unresolved key details that could derail the complex and emotional effort.

Potential Senate roadblocks center on how to structure the avenue to citizenship and on whether legislation would cover same-sex couples — and that's all before a Senate measure could be debated, approved and sent to the Republican-controlled House where opposition is sure to be stronger.

Obama, who carried Nevada in the November election with heavy Hispanic support, praised the Senate push, saying Congress is showing "a genuine desire to get this done soon." But mindful of previous immigration efforts that have failed, he warned that the debate would be difficult and vowed to send his own legislation to Capitol Hill if lawmakers don't act quickly.

"The question now is simple," Obama said during a campaign-style event in Las Vegas, one week after being sworn in for a second term in the White House. "Do we have the resolve as a people, as a country, as a government to finally put this issue behind us? I believe that we do."

Shortly after Obama finished speaking, cracks emerged between

the White House and the group of eight senators, which put out their proposals one day ahead of the president. Florida Sen. Marco Rubio, a potential 2016 presidential candidate, faulted Obama for not making a citizenship pathway contingent on tighter border security, a central tenet of the lawmakers' proposals.

"The president's speech left the impression that he believes reforming immigration quickly is more important than reforming immigration right," Rubio said in a statement.

House Speaker John Boehner also responded coolly, with spokesman Brendan Buck saying the Ohio Republican hoped the president would be "careful not to drag the debate to the left and ultimately disrupt the difficult work that is ahead in the House and Senate."

Despite possible obstacles to come, the broad agreement between the White House and bipartisan lawmakers in the Senate represents a drastic shift in Washington's willingness to tackle immigration, an issue that has languished for years. Much of that shift is politically motivated, due to the growing influence of Hispanics in presidential and other elections and their overwhelming support for Obama in November.

The separate White House and Senate proposals focus on the same principles: providing a way for most of the estimated 11 million people already in the U.S. illegally to become citizens, strengthening border security, cracking down on employers who hire illegal immigrants and streamlining the legal immigration system.

A consensus around the ques-



A person in the crowd holds up a sign as President Barack Obama shakes hands after speaking about immigration at Del Sol High School on Tuesday in Las Vegas.

tion of citizenship could help lawmakers clear one major hurdle that has blocked previous immigration efforts. Many Republicans have opposed allowing illegal immigrants to become citizens, saying that would be an unfair reward for people who have broken the law.

Obama and the Senate lawmakers all want to require people here illegally to register with the government, pass criminal and national security background checks, pay fees and penalties as well as back taxes and wait until existing immigration backlogs are cleared before getting in line for green cards. Neither proposal backs up those requirements with specifics.

After achieving legal status, U.S. law says people can become citizens after five years.

The Senate proposal says that entire process couldn't start until the borders were fully secure and tracking of people in the U.S. on visas had improved. Those vague requirements would almost certainly make the timeline for achieving citizenship longer than what the White House is currently proposing.

The president urged lawmakers to avoid making the citizenship pathway so difficult that it would appear out of reach for many illegal immigrants.

"We all agree that these men and women have to earn their way to citizenship," he said. "But for comprehensive immigration reform to work, it must make clear from the outset that there is a pathway to citizenship."

Another key difference between

the White House and Senate proposals is the administration's plan to allow same-sex partners to seek visas under the same rules that govern other family immigration. The Senate principles do not recognize same-sex partners, though Democratic lawmakers have told gay rights groups that they could seek to include that in a final bill.

Most of the recommendations Obama made Tuesday were not new. They were included in the immigration blueprint he released in 2011, but he exerted little political capital to get it passed by Congress, to the disappointment of many Hispanics.

Some of the recommendations in the Senate plan are also pulled from past immigration efforts. The senators involved in formulating the latest proposals, in addition to McCain and Rubio, are Democrats Charles Schumer of New York, Dick Durbin of Illinois, Robert Menendez of New Jersey and Michael Bennet of Colorado, and Republicans Lindsey Graham of South Carolina, and Jeff Flake of Arizona.

Also Tuesday, in another sign of Congress' increased attention to immigration issues, a group of four senators introduced legislation aimed at allowing more high-tech workers into the country.

The bill by Republicans Rubio and Orrin Hatch and Democrats Amy Klobuchar and Chris Coons would increase the number of visas available for high-tech workers, make it easier for them to change jobs once here and for their spouses to work and aim to make it easier for foreigners at U.S. universities to remain here upon graduation.

Julie Pace and Erica Werner contributed to this report.



Kimberly McCarthy was reprieved Tuesday hours before death.

Texas woman reprieved from death

By MICHAEL GRACZYK
ASSOCIATED PRESS

HUNTSVILLE — The first woman scheduled to be executed in the U.S. since 2010 won a reprieve Tuesday, mere hours before she was scheduled to be taken to the Texas death chamber.

State District Judge Larry Mitchell, in Dallas, rescheduled Kimberly McCarthy's punishment for April 3 so lawyers for the former nursing home therapist could have more time to pursue an appeal focused on whether her predominantly white jury was improperly selected on the basis of race. McCarthy is black.

Dallas County prosecutors, who initially contested the motion to reschedule, chose to not appeal the ruling. District Attorney Craig Watkins said the 60-day delay was "appropriate." If no irregularities are discovered, he said he'd move forward with the execution.

The 51-year-old McCarthy was convicted and sent to death row for the 1997 stabbing, beating and robbery of a 71-year-old neighbor.

"We are very pleased that we will now have an opportunity to present evidence of discrimination in the selection of the jury that sentenced Kimberly McCarthy to death," said Maurie Levin, a University of Texas law professor and McCarthy's lawyer.

"Of the twelve jurors seated at trial, all were white, except one, and eligible non-white jurors were excluded from serving by the state. ... These facts must be understood in the context of the troubling and long-standing history of racial discrimination in jury selection in Dallas County, including at the time of Ms. McCarthy's trial," Levin said.

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Robots exhibit combines man and machine at Mayborn

BY TAYLOR REXRODE
STAFF WRITER

The Mayborn Museum Complex brings together man and machine with the new "Robots + Us" traveling exhibit.

The exhibit, rented from the Science Museum of Minnesota, was displayed in Amarillo last fall and arrived at Mayborn for the exhibit's grand opening last Saturday.

Rebecca Tucker Nall, changing exhibits manager at Mayborn, said she likes all that "Robots + Us" offers interactivity and family-friendliness.

"We want to be both fun and educational," Nall said. "We booked this exhibit in the spring so that we could have school groups come and interact. That's the main goal of museums, always, educating and sparking interest in people."

The exhibit offers many hands-on attractions such as the Robot Arm. A cylindrical case in the middle of the exhibit holds the white robotic arm, similar to those robots used in assembly lines that perform repetitive tasks. Participants can challenge the arm to a race where they have to put together a small puzzle faster than the robot.

Mark Smith, assistant direc-

tor of marketing, promotions and events at Mayborn, said he likes challenging the Robot Arm.

"It presents a mental challenge," Smith said. "You have to put together a puzzle and you have to race against a piece of hardware that seems a whole lot smarter than you are."

Upon winning, the Robot Arm "gloats" with a robot victory dance and then puts away his puzzle pieces, waiting for the next challenger. The best strategy for beating the robot arm lies in the two-player feature of the attraction. Two people can take on the Robot Arm on opposite sides of the display, dividing the attention of the machine.

"That's when you can usually win," Nall said.

Other interactive areas include the Leg Lab, which allows museum-goers to rearrange legs on a small bot and watch it walk inclines and climb stairs. Another point of interest is the Mobile Robots Arena, where small robots on wheels avoid obstacles, such as walls and other bots, while they follow lights shined in front of them.

There are other educational pieces along the walls as well, showing the progression of the technological age and people's draw to artificial beings as com-



Baylor University's Mayborn Museum Complex presents the Robots+ Us exhibit until April 28, 2013.

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panions.

"What the exhibit does is compare the beginning urges of people wanting to animate," Nall said. "It

compares popular culture and fiction to what we can do with robots. There's a video that talks about the trend toward having more artificial friends than pets and what that

says about our society."

According to the exhibit overview on the Science Museum of Minnesota website, the exhibit

works to show people's humanity. It explores our fascination with creating things like us. But even Lena, a computer program Chatbot that simulates conversation, shows museumgoers that there are limitations to our humanlike creations.

"Chatbots are logic systems of advanced statements," Lena said. "We look for keywords and then say the answer that fits best. I can talk about this exhibit but not much else."

The "Robots + Us" exhibit will show at the Mayborn Museum until April 28.

The Mayborn Museum will host special events on Saturdays in February. Boosting Engineering, Science, and Technology (BEST) robotics groups from Central Texas will demonstrate their homemade robots at 1 p.m. Saturday in the Mayborn rotunda. The McLennan County Sheriff Department will show its bomb detection robot at the museum on Feb. 9.

General admission at the Mayborn Museum is \$6 for adults, \$5 for seniors and \$4 for children 18 months to 12 years.

Baylor students receive free admission with a student ID. The museum offers free admission on the first Sunday of every month.

Al Miraj offers downtown eclectic Mediterranean cuisine

BY ASHLEY DAVIS
COPY EDITOR

Al Miraj, a new Mediterranean grill downtown, has the latest word in ethnic cuisine in Waco. This new restaurant has only been open since Tuesday and already the place has received dozens of positive customer reviews.

Located at 416 Franklin Ave. right off of Fifth Street, the Al Miraj Mediterranean Grill is one of the first of its kind in downtown Waco.

The restaurant features dishes, desserts and beverages from several different countries, including lamb kabob plates, curries and gyros.

The manager of the restaurant, Amir Zakirali, has lived in Waco for 26 years.

He said he always wanted to open a restaurant, and saw the growth of diversity in Waco for the past few years as an opportunity to make that happen.

Zakirali said the food at Al Miraj is a representation of the Mediterranean as a whole and does not come from solely one country.

The menu also features familiar plates like burgers and French fries in addition to authentic Mediterranean and Indian cuisine.

Amir Zakirali, owner of Al Miraj, said the restaurant has been busy from the start.

"My favorite thing about this place is the vibe. It's really upbeat," Carlyle said.

Zakirali said the growing number of differing cultures in Waco

encouraged him to bring Mediterranean food to the area.

Zakirali said he thinks the restaurant is a symbol of downtown Waco's cultural growth.

In light of several renovations and additions to downtown buildings, the opening of Al Miraj can be included in the long list of changes that are taking place in Waco's city center.

"Cultural authenticity is very important to us. Our goal was to bring together the cultures of several different countries through food that will appeal to everyone," Zakirali said.

The restaurant décor has a distinctly Persian theme, featuring small Persian rugs on the walls and

floors.

Small ceramic artifacts from countries that surround the Mediterranean Sea, such as Greece, Italy and Egypt, are arranged on shelves around the ceiling.

As customers eat their meals they can hear a mixture of Middle Eastern and Mediterranean music in the background.

Zakirali said there is also a back patio where customers can sit and enjoy fresh air.

There are the beginnings of a mural on the walls surrounding the back patio.

Zakirali said the mural will eventually resemble an Arab-style palace.

He also said he plans to have

belly dancers performing in the restaurant by next month.

He said many local bands and musicians have already approached him about performing in the restaurant.

Zakirali said he hopes to see the restaurant become a major part of the Waco community in terms of bringing Middle Eastern and Mediterranean food to Waco.

"I want to see it grow in connection with the community center, with Baylor and certainly with local churches," Zakirali said.

"It's important to us to bring these tastes to people who may not have tried them before.

Al Miraj is open seven days a week.

WikiLeaks founder obtains leaked film script, says film is an attack

BY RAPHAEL SATTER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

If you're making a movie about WikiLeaks, this is the kind of thing you probably see coming.

Julian Assange says he has obtained a leaked copy of the script for "The Fifth Estate," a DreamWorks film about the maverick computer expert and his famed secret-busting site.

In a speech before the Oxford Union debating society earlier this week, Assange said his unauthorized sneak peek has left him con-

vinced the film is a hit piece.

"It is a mass propaganda attack against WikiLeaks, the organization (and) the character of my staff," he said, adding that the movie — the opening scenes of which Assange described as taking place in Tehran and Cairo — also hyped Western fears over the Islamic Republic's disputed atomic energy program. "It is not just an attack against us, it is an attack against Iran. It fans the flames of an attack against Iran," he said.

A DreamWorks spokeswoman declined to comment on Assange's

claims. In a telephone interview late Friday, Assange said that the film's plot revolves around a fictional mole in Iran's nuclear program who discovers that the country has nearly finished building an atom bomb and will soon be in a position to load it onto ballistic missiles. The film has the informant fleeing to Iraq when WikiLeaks publishes his name among its massive trove of classified material.

Assange says the whole story is "a lie built on a lie," claiming that the U.S. intelligence community

generally believes that Iran stopped comprehensive secret work on developing nuclear arms in 2003, and that, in any case, the world had yet to see evidence of a case in which WikiLeaks had exposed a CIA informant.

"They tried to frame Iran as having an active nuclear weapons program. Then they try to frame WikiLeaks as the reason why that's not known to the public now," Assange said, comparing the movie to Kathryn Bigelow's "Zero Dark Thirty," another film whose artistic liberties with recent history have

drawn allegations of political bias.

Assange declined to say where he got the script, although he hinted that he had been supplied with several copies of it over time. He also declined to say whether the script would be posted to the WikiLeaks website, saying only that "we are examining options closely."

"The Fifth Estate" stars Benedict Cumberbatch as Assange and Daniel Bruhl as Daniel Domscheit-Berg, an early Assange ally who eventually fell out with WikiLeaks.

The film is due for release in

November, and in a statement earlier this week director Bill Condon was quoted as saying that those behind the movie want "to explore the complexities and challenges of transparency in the information age" and "enliven and enrich the conversations WikiLeaks has already provoked." Assange made his comments to the Oxford Union on Wednesday via videolink from the Ecuadorian Embassy in London, where he has been holed up for more than six months in a bid to avoid extradition to Sweden as part of a long-running sex crimes case.

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 - Make illegal
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 - Pooling vehicle
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 - Org. with many specialists
 - Online newsgroup system
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- Sleepy Hollow schoolteacher
- Crane
- Plates for company
- Side with a sandwich
- Bridal gown trim
- Ancient Mexican
- Italian scooter
- David Letterman list
- *Scouring aid
- Genghis _
- Tofu source
- Bureaucratic bangles
- Speech therapist's concern
- Highway to Fairbanks
- Sirs' counterparts
- *Graffiti maker's medium
- Clamping device
- MetLife competitor
- Turn a deaf _
- Shakespeare's "The Winter's _"
- Carlsbad Caverns locale: Abbr.
- "I'm listening!"
- "Watch your head!"
- Prevailed against, slangily
- Common rental restriction
- Four-wheeled flop
- Dry Italian wine
- Safecrackers
- Ward of "CSI: NY"
- Small songbird
- Army division
- Shot at the bar
- Cold War country: Abbr.
- Mal de _ : Henri's headache
- "That hurts!"

Lady Bears look to stay hot through Big 12 play

By PARMIDA SCHAHHOSSEINI
SPORTS WRITER

The No. 1 Lady Bears will take on Texas Tech at 7 p.m. today in Lubbock, and will try to build on the nation's largest winning streak.

Baylor (8-0 Big 12, 18-1 overall) and Texas Tech (6-2 Big 12, 16-4 overall) are the top two teams in the conference.

Both teams have similar numbers in scoring defense. Baylor allows an average of 53.2 points per game whereas Texas Tech allows 53.4.

However, Texas Tech has to stop the Big 12's best scoring offense.

Texas Tech comes in to the game winning four straight conference games, including an overtime victory over West Virginia.

The Red Raiders scored an average of 66.5 points per game in those four games. They also average 11.6 steals per game and 37.5 rebounds per game with three players averaging over five rebounds.

Baylor comes into this game having won 92 of 96 games dating back to the 2010-2011 season.

They also hold the nation's longest winning streak at 16 games as well as the nation's longest regular season conference winning streak at 30 games. Baylor leads the Big 12 in scoring offense, blocked shots, assist turnover ratio, assists, field-goal percentage, 3-point shooting percentage and field goal percentage defense.

Senior center Brittney Griner will try to break the Big 12 scoring record after falling two points short on Saturday against No. 21 Oklahoma. Griner leads the NCAA in dunks with 11 and in blocked shots with 665. She was also ESPNW's National Player of the Week and the Big 12 Player of the Week.

"It was unbelievable, really, the timing," Oklahoma's head coach Sherri Coale said after Saturday's game. "It was gone from (Ellenberg's) hand for several seconds before she blocked it. How do you deal with that?"

Junior guard Odyssey Sims is scoring 12.5 points and 5.5 assists per game. Sims is also second in the Big 12 in free throw shooting going for 42 of 49 this season.

Senior forward Brooklyn Pope is having her best year with 11.1

points per game.

Baylor has been playing well, but head coach Kim Mulkey wants perfection.

The Lady Bears have had trouble holding onto leads when Mulkey pulls out the starters, and they recently have had problems foul shooting in the second half of games, including the game against Oklahoma.

"I thought shooting 60 percent from the field with six players in double figures against the number two team in the league right now is very good," Mulkey said. "But then you have to evaluate yourself and say, 'If you shot like that and had that many players in double figures, why did you only win by 17?' It goes back to two things. One, missed free throws. They make free throws, we missed 14 free throws. That's unacceptable."

The Lady Bears are experienced and have many veteran leaders. Mulkey knows what needs to be fixed and will get on her team about going back to business.

They did have many positives in their game, such as their transition game, which led to multiple scoring runs by the Lady Bears.



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Freshman forward Rico Gathers goes in for a reverse layup against Hardin-Simmons on Jan. 19. Gathers finished the game with 10 points and 12 rebounds to help the Bears win 107-38. Baylor is now 14-5 on the season.

Big decisions to be made about Big 12 future plans

By STEPHEN HAWKINS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Big 12 athletic directors worked Tuesday to determine the league's preferred bowl lineup with the anticipation that the Cotton Bowl will become part of college football's new playoff system.

The discussion about bowl alignment took up a bulk of the agenda as the athletic directors wrapped up a two-day meeting with Commissioner Bob Bowlsby and other league officials that also involved football scheduling.

Most of the first day was spent discussing the makeup of the 10-team league and "what-if" scenarios about staying at that number or eventually expanding.

"We feel very good about our current lot in life. We like our revenue distribution, we like our competition, we like our composition. We feel very good about where we are," Bowlsby said. "Beyond that, we'd be unwise to be oblivious to all that is going on around us. We need to be constantly vigilant. I think in coming out of these meetings we're prepared very well for that vigilance."

According to Forbes, the Big 12 will generate about \$26.2 million per team this school year through network television deals, bowl games and NCAA tournaments.

That's the highest per-team average of any conference.

The Big 12 had nine of its 10 teams play in bowl games this past season. No other league had ever sent 90 percent of its teams to a bowl in the same season.

Bowlsby said Tuesday started with a quick recap of what was discussed the first day to make sure there was nothing else the ADs wanted to talk about after thinking about it overnight.

There was none.

"There was nothing more on conference composition today at all," Bowlsby said.

So they moved on to the primary agenda items of bowls and schedules.

While the first semifinal games in the new playoff system at the end of the 2014 season will be played in the Rose Bowl and the Sugar Bowl, the site of the first championship game hasn't been selected. Cowboys Stadium in Arlington, where the Cotton Bowl is played, seemingly a front-runner for that title game and then to be in the rotation for semifinal games after that.

When all that is finally settled in the next few months, the Big 12 will be ready to work on other bowls.

"Once we know the host bowls, we're going to be anxious after that to put some deals together and we've got to go to that bowl which we think we want to have first after the so-called system, and try and get a deal with them. And then go to the second one after the system," Bowlsby said. "This was just a way to sort of identify our priorities."

Under current arrangements through the 2013 season, the Cotton Bowl gets the top pick of Big 12 teams not in the BCS.

Bowlsby said it would be a "fair projection" that the Alamo Bowl in San Antonio, which now has the next pick after the Cotton Bowl, or the Meineke Bowl in Houston could move up in the picking order if the Cotton Bowl is in the playoff

rotation.

"They've both expressed a desire to move up and-or maintain a high level of association and Texas is always going to be our core," Bowlsby said. "It meets the priorities from a destination and travel standpoint, so yeah, they're certainly in the mix to replace it."

Another priority for the Big 12 is getting a tie-in with one of the Florida bowls.

Bowlsby said the league has had conversations with Gator Bowl officials and two other bowls in Florida.

"California, Florida and Texas comprise more recruits than the whole rest of the country combined," Bowlsby said. "That's been a shortcoming of our bowl lineup in the past, and we need to fix it if we can."

The Big 12 already has a bowl agreement with the Holiday Bowl in San Diego.

On scheduling of conference games, Bowlsby said the main topic there was putting together future schedules based around a set of principles, such as not having more than two road games in a row, instead of particular matchups.

The commissioner did say the Oklahoma-Texas game would be kept in the first three weeks of October during the State Fair of Texas.

"We've got this set of principles, we'll send you a schedule that meets the principles. And some years you're going to get a better schedule, and other years you're going to get a worse schedule," Bowlsby said. "But it has to be acceptable if it meets the principles, so that's what we spent our time on."

Men's basketball gears up for physical game against Okla.

By DANIEL HILL
SPORTS WRITER

The Baylor Bears will have a showdown tonight against the Oklahoma Sooners at 6 p.m. in the Ferrell Center.

The two teams are opposites in many ways. The Sooners boast frontline experience and talent but lack depth in the backcourt.

While the Bears are experienced in the backcourt with senior guards Pierre Jackson and A.J. Walton, they lack experience in the frontcourt with freshman center Isaiah Austin.

"I think this is a team that in the frontline they provide a lot of experience and in the backcourt (Steven) Pledger brings that experience but most of their other guards are inexperienced," head coach Scott Drew said. "So we have the experienced backcourt and they have the experienced frontline. Both of us are playing very good basketball, both of us have good RPI's and it should be a good game."

The Bears expect this matchup with Oklahoma to be the most physical game of the year due to the Sooners' imposing frontcourt.

"(Senior forward Romero Osby has) been tremendous this year and that's what you expect from fifth-year seniors," Drew said. "(Senior forward Andrew) Fitzgerald is a fourth-year player. (Junior forward Amath) M'Baye is a fourth-year guy. They have a lot of experience up front. Osby's not only one of the more skilled guys in the league, but he makes good passes and good decisions with the ball."

Baylor junior guard Gary Franklin is in a groove after going a perfect four-for-four from behind the three-point line against TCU. "I think my role has grown over the years," Franklin said. "At first last year, I was one of those guys who was asked to make open shots and this year I've been asked to defend a little more. Offensively, I think as time goes on I'll be asked to be more aggressive and that's what I tried to do in the game against TCU. I took more shots than I usually would and they fell, which made me more comfortable to take the shots. I think it's becoming a huge role for myself."

Aside from his shooting, it's his defensive improvement and effort that has earned him more playing time.

"Gary's been tremendous," Drew said. "He not only shot the ball well and is taking care of the ball. But on the defensive end, he's really been solid and done a great job of picking up his level of play from last year on the defensive end and he's been somebody that we've put him on the other teams leading scorer and he's done well. Gary stretches the defense and now they can't just focus on (junior guard) Brady. The big improvement, that statistically doesn't always show is what Gary's done on the defensive

end. He's been outstanding, especially in conference play and on the defensive end."

Senior guard Pierre Jackson acknowledges that the foundation of Baylor basketball is on the defensive end and that it's his responsibility to maintain the defensive effort.

In conference play, the Bears have played defense with added focus and hope to continue the trend against Oklahoma. The Sooners also shoot over 74 percent from the free-throw line, which is good for second-best in the Big 12.

"That's where it all starts," Jackson said. "Just getting stops and securing the rebounds. We all know we got some great scorers and we all can get buckets any time we want. We just preach defense and it starts with the guards."

Freshman forward Rico Gathers has embraced the sixth man role for the Bears and brings added physicality and intensity from the bench.

"Being a freshman, anytime you're able to come off the bench and you've got a senior point guard like Pierre and a lot of great players and you can be the spark, that's a great role," Gathers said. "I just took it with open arms. I just want to be the best sixth man I can be."

The Bears are 14-5 overall and 5-1 in conference play. Oklahoma is just behind with a 13-5 overall record and 4-2 in conference play. The game will air on ESPNU.

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It doesn't end here...

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Jessica Gallippo, unit marketing manager for Baylor Dining Services, said she realized how the dining hall makes Collins Hall more attractive to students as a prospective living space.

"A selling point when you tour new students through Collins is that it has a residential dining hall affiliated with it," she said.

Lake Jackson freshman and Collins resident Natalie Jasper has experienced this selling point firsthand.

"It would probably be annoying not to have a dining hall down here," she said. "It's easy just to come down here and go back upstairs and finish getting ready."

Los Angeles second-year graduate student Max Seib sees another benefit of keeping Collins open.

"I think it's a good decision to keep it open. It balances the crowds

of people between each dining hall," he said.

The addition of the East Village Dining Commons may impact the dining patterns of students, Jackson said.

Currently, Collins Café serves breakfast to a fair number of its residents, Perlowski said.

However, people visit the café for more than just breakfast.

The clientele becomes "a melting pot at lunch time," Perlowski said.

With the addition of the East Village Dining Commons, that may change, Perlowski said.

Perlowski said he believes East Village Dining Commons will attract the crowds at lunchtime, predicting that the dining hall will be the busiest residential dining hall on campus during lunch.

He said the layout of campus,

with many of the classrooms located near East Village, is one reason the new dining hall will attract crowds.

One goal of the East Village Dining Commons is to have an inviting atmosphere, Perlowski said.

"The intent is for it to be welcoming to everybody," he said.

Baylor will be gaining the new dining hall in the fall of 2013, Perlowski said.

The fall 2013 hours of operation for each residential dining hall has not yet been decided, he said.

The university will continue to assess students' living and dining areas both annually and throughout the year, Jackson said.

"We'll go into assess students' needs and cost and make the best decision we can," he said.

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and governments.

For a period of 20 years, Held worked with the Department of Foreign Affairs, the Department of State and the embassy.

His photos and records were one of the few sources of information the U.S. had about the Middle East.

Even to many in the U.S. government, Middle Eastern geography and culture was relatively unknown.

"The Middle East was still a mystery, so a picture of Kuwait was many times the first time they had ever seen a picture of Kuwait," Held said.

At the time, now-familiar plac-

es like Dubai were in their infancy.

"They weren't known and they weren't much to know. They were just fishing villages," said Held.

His last trip was in 2003.

"When I returned, I took pictures of high-rises," he said.

From 1956 through 1976 Held went from country to country, revisiting each of them in five-year increments.

Each time he returned, he would walk the streets and document the changes with his camera.

Over the years, a dirt pathway would become a four-lane highway and the "ratty hotels with roaches" in which he once stayed would turn to elegance.

Even though he retired from the Foreign Service in 1976, he continued his work while fulfilling his duties as both Baylor's diplomat-in-residence and professor of geography.

His knowledge and experience contributed to his book "Middle East Patterns, Peoples and Politics," which is still currently still used at Baylor.

Held said he enjoyed his 50-year career in photography, but he feels that as a 95-year-old he no longer could.

"I'd go back in a minute if I thought I could carry luggage, climb steps and ride elevators," Held said.

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"Moreover, the New York Court of Appeals has made clear that the question whether to read 'residence' as requiring residence or domicile requires interpretation of the value and policy judgments of the state legislature," she noted.

Alfred Osterweil applied for a handgun license in May 2008, when his Summit home in Schoharie County was still his primary residence and domicile. Before his application was decided, he moved to Louisiana, maintaining the Summit residence as a part-time vacation home. A county judge rejected

his application because New York was not his primary residence.

Osterweil claimed his federal rights were violated, and filed a lawsuit seeking a federal judge's order requiring the state to issue him a license, but the judge ruled for the state.

O'Connor said Tuesday that the three-judge panel, on which she sat in late October, was facing a "serious constitutional question." She said the state court's interpretation was important.

She rejected an argument by Osterweil's lawyer that the state

should not be drawn into the case but credited his depiction of the dispute as raising a serious constitutional question — an element of the case that she said was good reason to ask for input from the state court but was "not a reason to race ahead."

The 82-year-old O'Connor retired from the Supreme Court in 2006 after 25 years.

She has decided cases before in the Manhattan appeals court. Retired justices have occasionally sat on federal appeals courts as visiting judges.



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Gun laws given a second look

Firearms Training Unit Detective Barbara J. Mattson of the Connecticut State Police holds up a Bushmaster AR-15 rifle, for a demonstration during a hearing of a legislative subcommittee reviewing gun laws, Monday at the Legislative Office Building in Hartford, Conn. The gun is the same make and model of gun used by Adam Lanza in the Sandy Hook School shooting. The parents of children killed in the Newtown school shooting called for better enforcement of gun laws Monday at the legislative hearing.

Multimillion-dollar cancer agency network shuts down

By PAUL J. WEBER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUSTIN — A fledgling Texas cancer trials network announced Tuesday that it had shut down after auditors found more than \$300,000 in expenses deemed inappropriate in the latest blow to the state's troubled \$3 billion cancer-fighting agency.

The Clinical Trials Network of Texas received a \$25 million grant from the state in 2010, though it had only received about \$7 million in taxpayer dollars before running out of money last month. State officials began halting payments after auditors raised questions that included how the network even won funding in the first place.

The clinical trial network, or CTNeT, obtained the largest grant ever awarded by the embattled Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas, which now adds this failure to a litany of woes. Those include an ongoing criminal investigation, mass resignations and rebuke from lawmakers and scientists over controversial awards and accusations of political meddling.

A scathing report of the institute released by state auditors this week revealed that Patricia Winger, the chief operations officer of CTNeT, was paid \$160,000 in bonuses on top of her base salary. CTNeT also spent more than \$116,000 for interior decorations and furniture, which auditors said are expenses "unallowable or questionable" for

a research grant under state agency rules.

Dr. Charles Geyer, chief medical officer of CTNeT, told The Associated Press the nonprofit needed to set up offices for its 36 employees. He said he wasn't involved in the decisions surrounding Winger's bonuses but defended her role, saying she used her own money to help get the effort off the ground.

Attempts to reach Winger through CTNeT and others affiliated with the network were not immediately successful Tuesday.

"I understand the appearance. But I know Ms. Winger, and she did a lot," Geyer said. "She worked basically for three months before she got her first paycheck. ...She made a lot of sacrifices because she was committed to this."

Geyer said he did not know Winger's salary. Thirty employees with CTNeT have been laid off, and Geyer said the remaining six are working at minimum wage to finish winding down the initiative.

Geyer said the trial network is folding just as progress was finally being made. Just a week ago, Geyer said, the network was on the verge of enrolling patients in its first clinical trial.

"The real irony is that we were really on the cusp of launching the thing in a very serious way," Geyer said.

Bill Gimson, the former executive director of cancer institute who resigned last month as problems with the state agency

mounted, said in an email to the AP that the intent of the network was to provide more opportunities for Texas cancer patients to enroll in clinical trials. Only 3 percent of Texans with cancer are in clinical trials, Gimson said.

"CTNeT was created for Texas to help cancer patients in the State access a higher level of care," Gimson said. "It is groundbreaking, imaginative and revolutionary and does not fit the mold of, nor can be judged as, a typical state-funded effort."

The cancer institute was a darling of the scientific community and some of the nation's biggest advocacy groups, including the American Cancer Society, after launching in 2009 as an unprecedented cancer-fighting effort on the state level.

The agency oversees the nation's second-largest pot of cancer research dollars, next to only the federal National Institutes of Health.

That money is now frozen, with the institute under a moratorium until confidence in the agency is restored. Prior to CTNeT shutting down, most troublesome to the state agency was awarding \$11 million to a private biotech firm in Dallas despite never reviewing the company's proposal.

That led to public corruption officers in Travis County and the Texas attorney general's office launched separate investigations. No one has been accused of wrongdoing.

Private land owners reap royalties from gas drilling

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PITTSBURGH — Private landowners are reaping billions of dollars in royalties each year from the boom in natural gas drilling, transforming lives and livelihoods even as the windfall provides only a modest boost to the broader economy.

In Pennsylvania alone, royalty payments could top \$1.2 billion for 2012, according to an Associated Press analysis that looked at state tax information, production records and estimates from the National Association of Royalty Owners.

For some landowners, the unexpected royalties have made a big difference.

"We used to have to put stuff on credit cards. It was basically living from paycheck to paycheck," said Shawn Georgetti, who runs a family dairy farm in Avella, about 30 miles southwest of Pittsburgh.

Natural gas production has boomed in many states over the past few years as advances in drilling opened up vast reserves buried in deep shale rock, such as the Marcellus formation in Pennsylvania and the Barnett in Texas.

Nationwide, the royalty owners association estimates, natural gas royalties totaled \$21 billion in 2010, the most recent year for which it has done a full analysis. Texas paid out the most in gas royalties that year, about \$6.7 billion, followed by Wyoming at \$2 billion and Alaska at \$1.9 billion.

Exact estimates of natural gas royalty payments aren't possible because contracts and wholesale prices of gas vary, and specific tax

information is private. But some states release estimates of the total revenue collected for all royalties, and feedback on thousands of contracts has led the royalty owners association to conclude that the average royalty is 18.75 percent of gas production.

"Our fastest-growing state chapter is our Pennsylvania chapter, and we just formed a North Dakota chapter. We've seen a lot of new people, and new questions," said Jerry Simmons, the director of the association, which was founded in 1980 and is based in Oklahoma.

Simmons said he hasn't heard of anyone getting less than 12.5 percent, and that's also the minimum rate set by law in Pennsylvania. Simmons knows of one contract in another state where the owner received 25 percent of production, but that's unusual.

By comparison, a 10 to 25 percent range is similar to what a top recording artist might get in royalties from CD sales, while a novelist normally gets a 12.5 percent to 15 percent royalty on hardcover book sales.

Simmons added that for oil and gas "there is no industry standard," since the royalty is often adjusted based on the per-acre signing bonus a landowner receives. While many people are lured by higher upfront bonuses, a higher royalty rate can generate more total income over the life of a well, which can stretch for 25 years.

Before Range Resources drilled a well on the family property in 2012, Georgetti said, he was stuck using 30-year-old equipment, with no way to upgrade without going seriously into debt.

"You don't have that problem

anymore. It's a lot more fun to farm," Georgetti said, since he has been able to buy newer equipment that's bigger, faster and more fuel-efficient.

The drilling hasn't caused any problems for the farm, he said.

Range spokesman Matt Pitzarella said the Fort Worth, Texas-based company has paid "well over" \$1 billion to Pennsylvania landowners, with most of that coming since 2008.


One economist noted that the windfall payments from the natural gas boom are wonderful for individuals, but that they represent just a tiny portion of total economic activity.

For example, the \$1 billion for Pennsylvania landowners sounds like a lot, but "it's just not going to have a big impact on the overall vitality of the overall economy," said Robert Inman, a professor of economics and public policy at the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton business school. "I think the issue is, what difference does it make for the individual families?"

Pennsylvania's total gross domestic product in 2011 was about \$500 billion, according to the U.S. Department of Commerce.

Inman noted that total gas industry hiring and investment can have a far bigger effect on a state or region, and companies have invested tens of billions of dollars just in Pennsylvania on pipelines, infrastructure, and drilling in recent years.


For example, in North Dakota the shale oil and minerals boom contributed 2.8 percent of GDP growth to the entire state economy in 2011, according to Commerce Department data.



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