## Seniors to be honored at final game tonight

No. 14 Bears face off against TTU at 7 p.m. at the Ferrell Center

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## Waco to seek investors for Commons project



The iconic ALICO building and part of downtown Waco, as seen from the Brazos River. Waco will begin looking for riverfront development investors for the Brazos Commons later this month.

#### By Amanda Yarger Reporter

Plans to build on the riverside area known as the Brazos Commons next to McLane Stadium will commence on March 16 when the city releases a call for proposals to possible investors.

Following news of the plans to erect McLane Stadium, the area surrounding the land plot was deemed equally valuable by prospective investors. In 2013, two investors shared their intention of building a multimillion-dollar retail and hotel center along the Brazos River.

Plans were ultimately rejected by the city due to lack of funding.

Although Waco has multiple shopping centers around the city, the closest full retail shopping center is a 10-minute car ride away to Central Texas Marketplace on 2400 W Loop 340.

Austin freshman Sumbal Ali said transportation plays a huge role in why she cannot shop in Waco frequently.

"I don't have a car," she said. "I needed professional attire for a business event and it was hard to arrange it in a day. It would be awesome to have something like that there."

Other benefits of developing the Brazos Commons property would be the tourism that such additions could draw in to those driving by the area, as well as prospective students, Austin senior Erika Wright said.

"Clothing, something similar to Spice Village, would be nice," Wright said. "It's really close to campus and it could be a tourist attraction for people visiting and buying souvenirs. It could be good for parents, too."

Original plans for the area included a Rice Village-esque plaza consisting of hotels, restaurants, a movie theater and a shopping center, according to the rejected plans by Rick Sheldon and Joe Beard, the initial developers.

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Rice Village consists of 16 blocks alongside the Rice University campus, which includes shopping, restaurants and bars to serve the Rice and Houston communities

"Definitely if they added movie theaters, it would take away my business from other places," Wright said.

Since there are four theaters in Waco, Wright said she is leery that one right next to campus would

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# Dia del snow-so

Schools close, delay as storm slaps U.S. with ice, frozen rain

> By Rachel Leland STAFE WRITER

Thursday's snowstorm that swept through Texas and dumped up to 7 inches of snow in some places and caused hundreds of flights to be cancelled throughout the state. All flights out of the Waco Regional Airport were cut, putting spring break plans for some students on hold.

According to Flightware.com, more than 800 flights were cancelled at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport, which left more than 600 passengers stranded overnight.

This is almost five times more than the five to 10 that happen on average on a day with temperate weather, Swanton said.

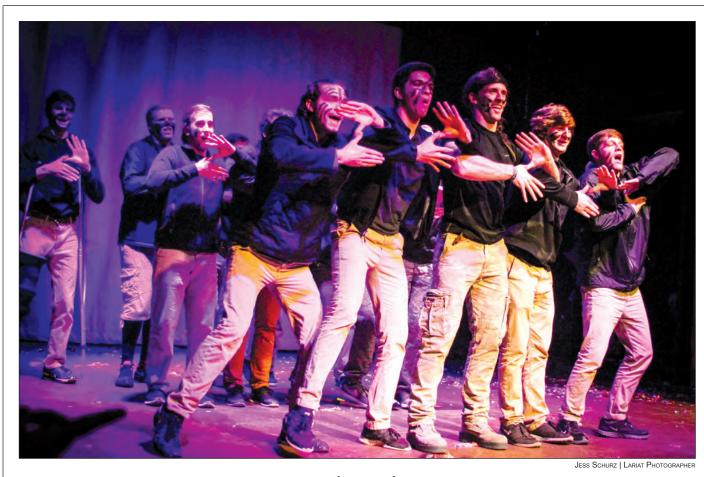
Most of the accidents took place at intersections and land bridges.

"There were a lot at intersections because the tires cause the ice to pack," said Swanton.

Swanton said most of the accidents were fender benders and did not cause major injuries, and that people were good at keeping the speeds down.

According to Weather.com, Waco received .15 inches of snow.

"I walked back to my room at 3 n, or so and in hardly any time at



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Dangerous driving conditions throughout the city of Waco caused several closures and delays. Baylor closed at 10:30 p.m. Wednesday for fear that it would snow overnight, said Brian Nicholson, vice president for operations and facilities.

According to the Waco Independent School District's website, all schools in the Waco District were closed Thursday due to dangerous travel conditions.

Between midnight and 4 p.m. Thursday, Waco Police Sergeant Swanton said 44 accidents occurred in Waco, a majority of them related to morning weather conditions

all, campus had been transformed into a winter wonderland," said Houston sophomore Kat Largent. "I've never seen anything like that happen in Texas before. There was a coat of ice on everything, and it was ridiculously slippery. Walking around, even on the sidewalks, was like ice skating!"

At 6 a.m. Thursday morning, officers inspected the roads and found that the some of the slush had cleared but later re-froze, which led to the administration's decision to close the university until 11 a.m.

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## Reception to be held for sustainability education

#### By Dane Chronister Reporter

The Baylor Sustainability Committee will hold its first sustainability reception to discuss accomplishments of the committee and future recycling initiatives at 6 p.m. on April 20 in the Barfield Drawing Room of the Bill Daniels Student Union Center.

After hosting a farmers market for the last three semesters, the committee has decided to take a new path this year.

Sustainability, according to a study done by a group of scientists at Michigan Technological University, is defined as meeting the needs of today while preserving the needs for future generations.

The committee plans on holding the reception in order to make Baylor's students and staff more aware of the effect they have on the environment, said Clear Lake senior Madeline Gladu, a member of the committee.

Gladu said the reception is an important step in getting awareness out to the community.

"The plan is to present what we have been doing, like recycling, and we want to show our progress and get the word out that the sustainability department exists," Gladu said. "Our initiative this year, and specifically this semester, was to get the word out that we are trying harder and harder to get recycling and conservation to be more prevalent on campus."

Smith Getterman, assistant director of sustainability and special projects, explained the premise of the reception and touched base on his position in the committee regarding the upcoming event.

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The self- proclaimed anti-fraternity ZZZ performed their annual performance of Zing, a spin-off of Baylor's All-University Sing, Wednesday at the Jubilee theatre. The act included several performances by old and new members, including an initiate-choreographed performance of The Hunger GameZZZ

## Only 3 years left for elephant act

#### By Tamara Lush ASSOCIATED PRESS

POLK CITY, Fla. — The Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus says the "Greatest Show on Earth" will go on without elephants.

Animal rights groups took credit for generating the public concern that forced the company to announce its pachyderm retirement plan on Thursday. But Ringling Bros.' owners described it as the bittersweet result of years of internal family discussions.

"It was a decision 145 years in the making," said Juliette Feld, referring to P.T. Barnum's introduction of animals to his "traveling menagerie" in 1870. Elephants have symbolized this circus since Barnum brought an Asian elephant named Jumbo to America in 1882.

Kenneth Feld — whose father bought the circus in 1967 and who now runs Feld Enterprises Inc. with his three daughters insisted that animal rights activists weren't responsible.

"We're not reacting to our critics; we're creating the greatest resource for the preservation of the Asian elephant," Kenneth Feld told The Associated Press as he broke the news that the last 13 performing elephants will retire by 2018, joining 29 other pachyderms at the company's 200-acre Center for Elephant Conservation in central Florida.

But Feld acknowledged that because so many cities and counties have passed "anti-circus" and "anti-elephant" ordinances, it's difficult to organize tours of three traveling circuses to 115 cities each year. Fighting legislation in each jurisdiction is expensive, he said.

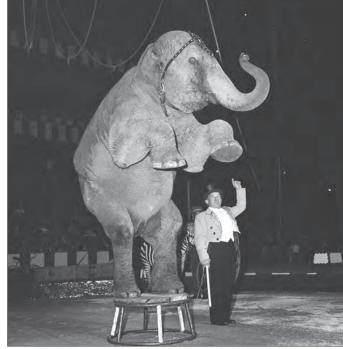
"All of the resources used to fight these things can be put toward the elephants," Feld said.

Los Angeles prohibited the use of bull-hooks by elephant trainers and handlers last April. Oakland, California, did likewise in December, banning the devices used to keep elephants in control. Last month, the city of Asheville, North Carolina nixed wild or exotic animals from performing in the municipally-owned, 7,600seat U.S. Cellular Center.

"There's been somewhat of a mood shift among our consumers," said Alana Feld, the company's executive vice president. "A lot of people aren't comfortable with us touring with our elephants."

Ingrid E. Newkirk, the president of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, says her group made that happen.

"For 35 years PETA has protested Ringling Bros.' cruelty to elephants," she wrote in a statement. "We know extreme abuse to these majestic animals occurs every single day, so if Ringling is really telling the truth about ending this horror, it will be a day to pop



Edward Healy, elephant trainer, handles one of the big animals during opening of the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus on March 30, 1960, at Madison Square Garden in New York.

the champagne corks, and rejoice. ... If the decision is serious, then the circus needs to do it NOW."

Carol Bradley, the author of the book "Last Chain on Billie: How One Extraordinary Elephant Escaped the Big Top," which is about a non-Ringling circus elephant, said she believes the Feld family "realized it was a losing PR battle."

"This is an enormous, earth-

moving decision," she said. "When I heard the news, my jaw hit the floor. I never thought they'd change their minds about this."

Bradley wondered if the Feld family's decision had anything to do with the fallout over "Blackfish," a documentary exploring why the orca Tilikum killed Sea-World trainer Dawn Brancheau

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# Emojiversity

## Diversity extends beyond skin color of Apple emojis

## Editorial ——

One of the most popular features of an iPhone is the emoji feature that individuals can use in text messages. Rather than try and communicate tone in a tone-deaf text medium, people can include the small icons to spice up text messages. It's become so popular, other providers have begun to try and replicate emojis.

However, Apple has come under fire in the past for its lack of diversity when it comes to emojis. There are dozens of white emojis, from dancers to hands to families. However, there are only a few that appear to be minorities, including a turban-clad Indian, an Asian guy with a skullcap and a salsa dancing Spanish lady. There is not a single black emoji.

In general, media is representative of the people who are expected to buy the product. When an individual goes to a foreign country, advertisements and media both are geared towards the culture.

Apple is a multinational corporation that has customers of many different races, ethnicities and cultures. It's irresponsible for them to have a hand in so many markets, vet represent so few.

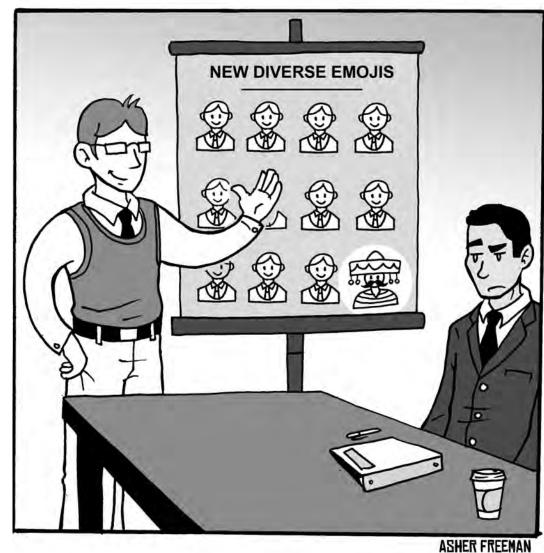
In response, Apple announced that it would be releasing a new line of emojis with the newest phone update. The graphics will feature a variety of different skin colors for both faces and hands.

While adding different complexions is a good first step toward promoting diversity, Apple wneeds to be careful not to limit diversity to only skin deep.

Making different skin colors limits people to assuming that understanding differences is just about looking at a person's exterior. What that does not take into account is how a person's culture and attire may play into their image.

Some may point to higher demand for white emojis, especially in America. However, African emoji company Oju Africa responded to Apple's shortcoming by introducing a new line of emojis that they believe better represent different people for Android devices. Among the Oju Africa emojis are dark-skinned versions of a pirate, a Mr. T-style character and smiling versions of smiles with different hairstyles that it feels better represents black hair. The set of emojis have become so popular, it received mention on National Public Radio and CNN.

The Oju Africa emojis are a great step in the right direction and Apple should take them and run. Similarly to how they have options for different language keyboards, they could even have options for different keyboards with different culturally relevant symbols; people in China or Russia may have separate cultural needs than America.



Apple could also make it easier for developers to introduce new emoji options through its app store. That way, instead of having to keep up with so many populations, people could download keyboards that match them.

Diversity is an ongoing initiative for many companies, so simply calling Apple out is not our intent. However, through some subtle changes, the iPhone manufacturer can help promote a higher level of understanding.

# Input vs. Output

## Consume news beyond what you like to hear

It's a tumultuous time in news media. Everything feels so polarized, commercialized and sensationalized. Turning on any of the major news networks at any hour of the day just gets obnoxious and flat-out frustrating.

Those who watch MS-NBC have a bone to pick with FOX News and vice versa, and understandably so. These networks have been tailored for specific audiences minds and



Consequently, this country has its fair share of people that jump several bandwagons without their terpoint. Think about these things for yourself.

One practical way to refresh your mind: stop listening to same voice(s) you always listen to for commentary on these issues. Whether that's your own voice or a public figure, simply stop and see how it compares to perspectives.

I'll close with a Bible verse: "Do not conform to the patterns of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is-his good, pleasing and perfect will." (Romans 12:2 NIV) Refreshment starts with a change of mind. God's will does not come from your favorite newscaster or politician. Getting all the same input you've already been using isn't going to get any different output than you were already getting. Jeffrey Swindoll is a junior journalism and film and digital media double major from Miami. He is a sports writer and regular columnist for the Lariat.

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## - Lariat Letters Recognize Silas Nacita's character

My first experience in the brand new McLane Stadium was not the home opener as tickets were gone before I had the chance to get them. It was the following week when Northwestern State came to town. The blowout was on and due to weather many fans left at halftime. Being my first game I knew I would stay the whole time. I was lucky I did. Late in the game when the contest was over but the game continued I heard a chant from fans that I didn't understand. It was some of the students chanting what I could only make out to be 'Salsa Nacho!' By the time I understood what was being chanted, the crowd remaining exploded in approval as Silas Nacita entered the game. Who was this young man that had won over fans despite being buried on a depth chart with such impressive talent? I was in for a treat. While many other players were just passing time playing a game, here was one man whose determination and toughness showed like a beacon. I was instantly a fan and was hoping every game I could see the "Nacho" pound the rock with such fierce tenacity.

not. Nacita made some hard choices that will probably keep him off the field this year. I will not pass judgement on his, the football teams' or the NCAA's decisions. I hope that other fans will not as well. We must understand that there are rules and they must be followed, and when broken we must accept responsibility. Silas continues to impress me, this time with his character. He has already accepted responsibility and that I respect. If Nacita no longer plays football I know that his character coupled with his determination will make him successful.

Lucky, Nacita got to live a dream most players never reach. We as fans were fortunate to see his performances. I hope that a waiver will be granted but if this is the end, we should be saying thank you to a man whose on the field performances were so much larger than his size. We, as fans, should show gratitude for the character of the player.

ultimately, specific ideologies. Of course it's going to get aggravating. I understand that.

What I don't understand is why many of my peers shut themselves out from any involvement whatsoever in the national topics that are immensely relevant to the future of this country. It has become a battle of red versus blue, over and over again with nothing getting done. This is a problem.

Last year was smothered with controversy and conflict. Naturally, you have social warriors coming to the forefront. Those words sound good and who could disagreement with valuing people as people?

**On Twitter:** 

own opinion formed.

We've gotten to a point where any comment in any political discussion gets pigeonholed to one of two very polarized sides, and we get nowhere near a solution, let alone a compromise. People would rather not participate at all and are discouraged to talk about these things with their friends. Those people need to wise up and wise up fast.

My advice to you in this time is that you take in news with an open mind. Try to hold back your knee-jerk reactions to things that get you frustrated and think about the issue logically. Point and coun-

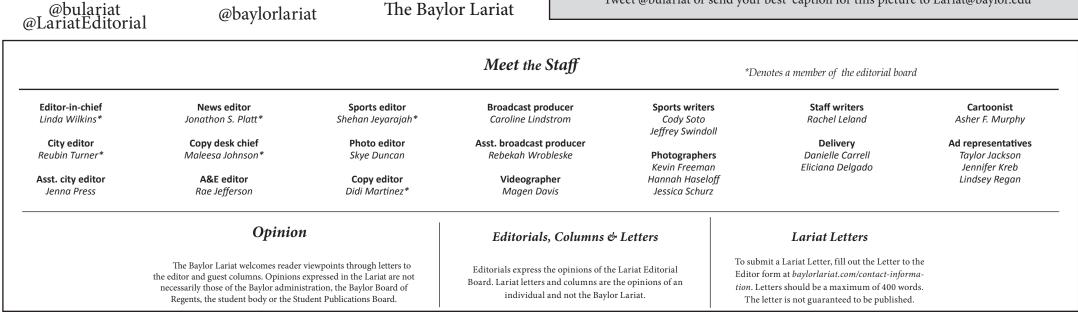
**On Instagram:** 

Fortunately, I got to see his exceptional play last year, as this year the odds are I will

- Christopher Strange Lacy-Lakeview sophomore Political science major



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Sugar Land junior Ali Sohani, who helped co-author a bill to put in a bike repair station outside the Bill Daniel Student Center, sits in on the Student Senate meeting Thursday. The bill passed 20-17.

# Student Senate approves bills for bike repair station, event funding

By Madison Miller Reporter

During their weekly Thursday meeting, Student Senate voted on four bills, three of which would provide funding for different culture club events.

The Senate voted on a budget to give the Nu Zeta chapter of Phi Beta Sigma \$2,500 for their third annual "More Than We Can Bear" event that raises awareness of African-Americans with mental illnesses. The proposal passed unanimously.

The second bill proposed for a bike repair station to be located on Fifth Street in front of the Bill Daniel Student Center.

"It helps and aids those with bikes on campus," Sugar Land junior Ali Sohani, who co-authored the bill, said.

Some questioned if this repair

station would be able to be used mopeds and scooters.

"This is for specifically the hundreds and thousands of bicycles on campus," Frisco junior James Porter said. "If you own a bike, at some point or another you are going to need a pump."

Other questions were raised about how the logistics of this proposal, and if it would be similar to the bike repair station at the Baylor Marina. This particular bike station would cost between \$3,000 and \$5,000 according to the bill. The bill also proposed to use \$3,662 of the funding originally allocated to Student Government.

"As far as my knowledge, we are contributing to the overall funding of the station," director of Student Activities Matt Burchett said.

The bill passed with a vote of 20-17.

The Senate also voted on a bill to give \$7,039 to help fund the Indian Subcontinent Student Association's 20th annual Gateway to India that is set to take place on March 28 in Waco Hall.

"It's just a way for Baylor students and everyone to get a feel of what the Indian culture is like," Frisco senior Uzair Shahnawaz said.

The bill passed unanimously.

A bill proposing the Student Government assist with funding the Asian Student Association's 10th Annual Chinese New Year event was voted on. The bill passed unanimously, even with the event taking place less than an hour after the decision was made. Student Senate voted to allocate \$2,499.99 to the Asian Student Association.

The Senate did multiple first read-throughs of bills that will be voted on after spring break.

# Ex-crew recognizes photos of sunken WWII battleship

By Mari Yamaguchi Associated Press

TOKYO — A former crewmember on a Japanese battleship that sank during World War II said Thursday he recognized photos of wreckage discovered this week off the Philippines by a team led by Microsoft co-founder Paul Allen.

Shizuhiko Haraguchi served as a gunnery officer on the Musashi, one of the largest battleships in history, when it was being fitted in Japan before it departed for the Pacific in 1943.

He said he recognized underwater photos taken by Allen's team of a large gun turret and a catapult system used to launch planes.

"I recognized that main turret, which I was assigned to," Haraguchi, 93, said in a telephone interview from his home in Nagasaki in southern Japan where the ship was built, fitted and tested. "I felt very nostalgic when I saw that."

Haraguchi said other details released by Allen convinced him that the wreckage was that of the



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World War II historian Rico Jose shows pictures during an attack on battleship Musashi on Thursday in his office in Quezon City, Philippines.

Musashi. He said a round base shown in a photo of the bow was where a chrysanthemum decoration used to be, an Imperial seal that only battleships were allowed to carry.

Allen said his team found the battleship at a depth of 1 kilometer (3,280 feet) in the Sibuyan Sea using an autonomous underwater

## vehicle following more than eight years of study.

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Allen called the Musashi an "engineering marvel" and said he was honored to have found a key ship in naval history.

The apparent discovery on Sunday of the battleship comes as the world marks the 70th anniversary of the war's end.

## From the Baylor police blotter

#### Sunday (March 1)

- A theft over \$50 under \$500 reportedly occurred at Penland Residence Hall located at 1110 5th St. at 7:51 p.m. Case active.
- An alcohol offense, minor consuming alcohol, occurred at Martin Residence Hall located at 1101 S. 5th St. at 1:32 a.m. Case cleared by arrest.

#### Monday (March 2)

• An extended territory evad-

ing arrest and detention, possession of a firearm, narcotics offense, possession of marijuana under 2 oz, possession of a controlled substance, with an assist other agency warrant arrest occurred at the 1700 block of S. 12th St. at 12:21 a.m. Case active.

#### Tuesday (March 3)

 An extended territory narcotics offense, possession of marijuana under 2 oz., occurred at the 1700 block S. 12th Street at 3:04 a.m. Case cleared by arrest.

- Wednesday (March 4)
  - An extended territory evading arrest and detention with a vehicle, occurred at the 1100 block of James Ave. at 1:42 a.m. Case active.

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# Walker camp blasts Clinton

By Scott Bauer ASSOCIATED PRESS

- News

MADISON, Wis. - Likely presidential candidate Scott Walker's spokeswoman blasted Democrat Hillary Clinton on Thursday for using a personal email account during the four years she was secretary of state - even though the Wisconsin governor did something similar when he was Milwaukee County executive.

The State Department is reviewing a huge cache of Clinton's emails for possible release after revelations she conducted official business as secretary of state using a private account.

Walker used a private email account to communicate with aides over a secret router system installed in his county executive's office in 2010.

"Hillary Clinton's potential evasion of laws is something she should answer questions about," said Kirsten Kukowski, spokeswoman for Walker's political committee Our American Revival, in an email to The Associated Press.

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"Most of our students live close to campus but a lot of faculty and staff have to drive in so once city of Waco closed roads we decided to close the school," Nicholson said.

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#### in 2010.

The documentary argues that killer whales in captivity become more aggressive to humans and each other. Since it aired, several entertainers pulled out of performances at SeaWorld Entertainment Inc. parks, and Southwest Airlines ended its marketing partnership.

Ringling also has been targeted by activists who say forcing animals to perform is cruel and unnecessary.

In 2014, Feld Entertainment won \$25.2 million in settlements from groups including the Humane Society of the United States, ending a 14-year legal battle over allegations that circus employees mistreated elephants.

The initial lawsuit was filed by a former Ringling barn helper who accepted at least \$190,000 from animal-rights groups. The judge called him "essentially a paid plaintiff" who lacked credibility and standing to sue, and rejected the abuse claims.

"Wisconsin has a strong open records law with a broad presumption of access to records and the governor has very specific policies in place in his office to assure that the laws are complied with fully."

Before he was governor, Walker's county executive staff set up the secret email system where Walker and others exchanged messages related to government business, campaign fundraising and politics.

were convicted for campaigning on government time as part of an investigation that ended in 2013.

Tens of thousands of pages of

Walker was never charged or

Walker's staff has said that no political and official."

Two former Walker associates

emails collected by prosecutors as part of that investigation have been publicly released since the close of the probe.

convicted as a result of the investigation.

such secret network exists in the governor's office. And Walker said last year that when he became governor in 2011 he created a "clear distinction between things that are



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## Ringing in the Chinese New Year

Four authentic Chinese dragons dazzle a crowd at the Chinese New Year celebration Thursday night in the Barfield Drawing Room. Presented by the Asian Student Association, the event included traditional Chinese games and activities, cultural performances, live music, and free food. The celebration was held to celebrate the year of the lamb.

## Indiana Jones actor injured in plane crash

#### By TAMI ABDOLLAH AND Andrew Dalton Associated Press

LOS ANGELES - Harrison Ford crash-landed his vintage plane Thursday after losing engine power, suffering serious but not life-threatening injuries as he used his extensive piloting experience to skillfully bring down the plane on a golf course and avoid nearby homes.

Ford's publicist Ina Treciokas said in a statement that Ford had no other choice but to make an emergency landing.

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TION. 3 miles from campus.

She said his injuries "are not life threatening, and he is expected to make a full recovery."

Ford was about a half-mile west of the airport and flying at 3,000 feet when he told air traffic controllers that his engine failed, interim Santa Monica City Manager Elaine Polachek said in an email to city officials.

Ford's plane "apparently hit a tree on the way down," and in addition to a cut forehead Ford may have broken his leg, the email said.

The plane, a yellow 1942 Ryan Aeronautical ST3KR with stars on

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its wings, was upright and mostly intact after the crash. No one on the ground was hurt.

"I would say that this is an absolutely beautifully executed — what we would call — a forced or emergency landing, by an unbelievably well-trained pilot," said Christian Fry of the Santa Monica Airport Association.

The airport's single runway sits amid residential neighborhoods in the city of more than 90,000 on the Pacific Ocean. City leaders and many residents advocate closing the airport, citing noise and safety concerns.

Other airplanes taking off or landing there have crashed into homes, and in September 2013 four people died when their small jet veered into a hangar and caught fire.

Ford, who keeps his plane at the airport, took off at 2 p.m. About 20 minutes later, he told the tower he had engine failure and was making an immediate return, according to a recording posted by the website LiveATC.

He came down on a fairway of Penmar golf course.



"I hope at some point they get rid of all the animals in all the cir-

For now, animals remain part of this circus: Tigers, dogs and goats are still performing, and a Mongolian troupe of camel stunt riders joined its Circus Xtreme show this year. But audiences can expect more motorsports, daredevils and feats of human physical capabilities to be showcased in the future.

In 2008, Feld acquired motor sports properties including monster truck shows, motocross and the International Hot Rod Association, which promotes drag races and other events. In 2010, it created a theatrical motorcycle stunt show called Nuclear Cowboyz. Roughly 30 million people attend Feld's 5,000 live entertainment shows every year.

Ringling's popular Canadabased competitor, Cirque du Soleil, features human acts and doesn't use wild animals.

cuses," he said.

The weather storm cleared by noon Thursday. The Associated Press contributed reporting to this story.

Kenneth Feld testified about the elephants' importance to the show during that 2009 trial.

"The symbol of the 'Greatest Show on Earth' is the elephant, and that's what we've been known for throughout the world for more than a hundred years," he said.

Asked by a lawyer whether the show would be the same without elephants, Feld replied, "No, it wouldn't."

Asked again this week, Feld said, "Things have changed."

Pat Cuviello, a San Mateo, California-based animal activist who has protested and videotaped Ringling's animals since 1988, said he was ecstatic to hear the news.

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"This is totally student-driven and who the Baylor Sustainability Board invites is up to them. This is one of the functions of the student body board and I am here to help them, but this event is their baby," Getterman said.

Getterman said Aramark and Campus Kitchen at Baylor University will be present at the event in order to discuss their own research in sustainability as well.

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draw away customers.

"If there were a mall and outlet stores, it would take away my business from Richland [Mall]," she also said.

Wendy Gragg, chief content officer for Chisholm Crossing, a site devoted to promotion of downtown Waco events and businesses, said the recent growth of downtown provides exciting opportunities for continued success.

"I'd be excited to see the ideas that some professionals might have for the area and what pro-

But elephants are still being used by smaller circuses in the U.S., and in places like Russia, France and Thailand.

With a total of 43 elephants, Feld owns the largest herd in North America, and spends about \$65,000 yearly to care for each one. New structures will be needed to house the retiring elephants at the rural center, which is close enough to Orlando to attract tourists eventually if that's what Feld decides to offer.

Kenneth Feld said initially the center will be open only to scientists and others studying the Asian elephant, but he "hopes it expands to something the public will be able to see."

The Sustainability Committee is in charge of other projects on campus as well, such as the Earth Day Initiative and Move-In Day, where the committee helps sort and dispose of trash and recycling. "It's an event to encourage people to participate and be a little more knowledgeable about their campus when they help recycle," Getterman said.

posals come forward," Gragg said. "Hopefully there is more than one. There's so much excitement about the area."

Gragg, who works with the Waco Downtown Farmers Market, said the popularity of the farmers market also aims to keep growing with the Brazos Commons area.

"I'm excited for the great ideas people have for making downtown even more fun," she said. "More of a place to draw people from the suburbs and to downtown."

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# Pinbusters

## Testing Pinterest's too-good-to-be-true recipes and crafts From the neighborhood dump to the art gallery

By RAE IEFFERSON A&E EDITOR

Sometimes I just get the itch to make things. Earlier this week I decided to try my hand at a really cool pin I saw on Pinterest a while back. The project, which involves modifying wall art to look like it was dipped in a bucket of paint, was perfect because I'm in the process of redecorating my apartment for next school vear.

One appealing aspect of the project is its versatility. It provides the freedom to use either old photographs grabbed from a local thrift store, or more personalized photographs like family portraits. The picture, frame and paint are able to be customized to fit any theme or color scheme.

I won't lie - I was pretty nervous starting out, which doesn't typically happen before I begin a new Pinterest project. I think my hesitation was rooted in the reality that making modifications to anything with paint is essentially permanent. I was worried about possibly ruining the quaint, antique pictures I had found at a local Goodwill.

In the end, I just bit the bullet and jumped right in. What else could I do?

## Name of pin

Paint-dipped Picture Frames

Planning to try the pin? Send us your results on Instagram at @BaylorLariat, and use #LariatPinbusters.

## Originally pinned from

http://www.brit.co/dipped-framed-photos/?utm\_ source=feedly

### What you need

- Photograph or painting in a picture frame, glass removed Acrylic or spray paint
- Painter's tape Sponge or paint brush (if using acrylic paint) Newspaper Trash bag (optional)

### What to do

1. Remove the glass from your picture frame. If you're using a painting, you'll probably have to rip the paper off the back and undo all the clasps holding the picture in to get to the glass.

You can also crack the glass and take pieces out the front of the frame without taking apart the backside of the painting. I did this with a smaller frame, placing it inside a trash bag and dropping it on the sidewalk until the glass was broken enough to shake out of the frame. Some pieces of glass are thicker than you might think, so use discretion and be careful if you try to break it.

2. To section off the edge of the frame and picture to be painted, place a strip of painter's tape across the length of the photograph, sectioning off the edge of the frame and picture to be painted. Be sure the tape sits snuggly against the photo and frame, especially in places where the two meet or if there are crevices in the frame. If spray paint is used, cover the rest of the frame and photo with newspaper to keep it clean.

3. Coat the frame and picture with a generous



I used gold spray paint on a picture from Goodwill. Find the color version of the image online at Baylorlariat.com.

amount of spray or acrylic paint, but not enough to let the paint run. When using spray paint, be sure to move in long, consistent strokes for even application and drying.

Let the paint dry before you begin a second coat. Repeat this process until the desired coverage is achieved.

4. When the paint is dry to touch, slowly remove the painter's tape so as not to cause any paint peeling or damage to the photograph.

5. Let the picture dry completely before hanging on a wall.

## What went wrong

I tried out three different paintings. The biggest

mistake I made was not being more careful about sealing off the edges of the tape in the corners where the frame and image met, as well as on the different reliefs of the frame. I ended up having to move my tape line up and re-spray everything because the paint bled through. This caused there to be a noticeable texture difference between the two places I had my tape.

Fortunately I still like the way it looks, but the nature of the pin requires that the tape be carefully sealed off, so watch out for that.

## Final consensus

Most people start a Pinterest project with the expectation of nailing it the first time around, but that's a silly expectation for some projects. Although it took a few tries before I ended up with a satisfactory result, it was well worth the time and effort.

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## Seniors lead Baylor to unexpected success

By Cody Soto SPORTS WRITER

After the final buzzer sounds at the Ferrell Center tonight, No. 14 Baylor men's basketball seniors Kenny Chery and Royce O'Neale will walk off the court for the final time. The Bears' final Big 12 matchup against Texas Tech at the Ferrell Center marks the final time fans will see both senior players sporting their Baylor jerseys.

Baylor basketball is in a good position heading into its final game thanks to the contributions of its two seniors. The Bears (22-8, 10-7 Big 12) hold a reputable 14-2 home record this season and have not lost to a Texas team all year at the Ferrell Center.

Time and time again, the seniors have complimented the home crowd, and the fact that it's their final time playing in front of it means a lot, Chery said.

"It's going to mean a lot playing in front of these fans; they've supported us a lot this year," he said. "We still want to compete and play our game. Our coaches want us to execute, and we want to go out the way we want as seniors."

This season, O'Neale leads the team in three-point percentage (45 percent) and assists (102) heading into today's matchup. Chery only trails his teammate by one assist (101) and leads Baylor in freethrow percentage (84 percent). Both seniors contribute an average of 21 points per contest but still allow several other key players to lead the team to success.

In each game, juniors Taurean Prince and Rico Gathers step up, just like Chery and O'Neale did last season where the Bears fired back from a 2-8 conference deficit to finish the season in the Sweet 16.

While they may not be as big as former players Cory Jefferson and Isaiah Austin or as talented from beyond the arc like Brady Heslip, these two seniors have led in a dif-



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Head coach Scott Drew and senior guard Kenny Chery discuss a play during Baylor's 74-65 loss to Oklahoma State on Feb. 9.

#### ferent way.

'You always have players who lead by example, and then you have players who lead vocally and verbally, and those guys do both," head coach Scott Drew said. "When they say something, people listen because it's accurate and it's not self-serving, but it's good for the team."

Because of their leadership along with the hard work displayed by many key players on the roster, the Bears are on the verge of making an appearance in back-to-back NCAA tournaments, something that has never been done at Baylor.

"We've done a lot of firsts this year: winning for the first time in Ames, Iowa, first time going to back-to-back NCAA tournaments, and hopefully be the first Baylor team to win the Big 12 tournament," O'Neale said. "We are trying to accomplish a lot of things; it's been a team effort."

Both seniors transferred to Baylor last year, Chery coming from Montreal, Quebec, and O'Neale from Killeen. Each player's personality was a big factor in his recruitment, and the impact they would make in two years time was very important, Drew said.



Senior forward Royce O'Neale drives to the basket during Baylor's 74-65 loss to Oklahoma State on Feb. 9.

"When we recruited them, we knew they were high character people," he said. "Whenever you add high character people who are talented, you know they're going to help your team. You never have to worry as a coach what you're going to get every day; you love that as a coach."

Following in the footsteps of former point guard Pierre Jackson, the shoes were big to fill for Chery. Jackson averaged 19.8 points per game and had 255 assists in his senior season, and his graduation left a big hole in Baylor's offense. With that in mind, motivation has

allowed Chery to thrive at the leadership position from the moment he arrived in Waco.

"I came here to make something special," Chery said. "I knew I was going to run the team, so my job was to come here and be a leader and put guys in the best position as possible and be a second coach out there."

Several bracketology experts are projecting the Bears as a likely No. 3 seed in the NCAA tournament. With one game left before the postseason, Chery can give himself a pat on the back.

"I think I've been doing a good

job out there, and I'm proud of myself," Chery said. "We're going back to the dance, and going to make something special."

The Bears have won four of their last five Big 12 games, including six wins over ranked opponents in a single season for the first time in program history. Tonight's game is no different; they plan to keep on playing as well as they have been.

"A win would definitely be fitting for what Kenny and Royce have done for our university, our basketball team and the outstanding young men they are," Drew said. "Everyone in that locker room respects them, and we're going to do everything we can so they have a nice last home game."

For these seniors, the selflessness has taken the team to new heights. It doesn't matter who gets the most points for the Bears, but the end factor is what matters.

"We always look for somebody who is open, and we try to find the easiest play to make a basket," O'Neale said. "If [the seniors] can finish a game with 10 assists each and someone else can score 20 points and we win, and then we'll be happy."

A win over Texas Tech tonight guarantees at least a No. 4 seed in the Big 12 tournament next week for the Bears, and the team could be as high as the No. 2 seed if certain situations end up happening in the final day of Big 12 regular season play on Saturday.

No matter what team they play, Baylor is ready to make another deep run in the NCAA tournament behind their two seniors.

"By the way Kenny and Royce play in an unselfish manner and practice, they're very easy examples for people to look up to," Drew said. "Their actions are backed up by their words, and vice versa."

The Bears host Texas Tech at 8 p.m. today at the Ferrell Center to close out the Big 12 regular season. The game will air on ESPN2.

## Lady Bears ready to defend Big 12 tourney crowd

By Jeffrey Swindoll SPORTS WRITER

Center on Monday.

against Texas Tech at the Ferrell said she was able to find favorable matchups against each team this "It was very important for our season, which will carry over into

the offensive and defensive sides of the ball.

"This team has great chemistry. The No. 6 Lady Bears earned confidence and for getting back on the upcoming conference tourna- We all try to feed off of each other

The Big 12 regular season ended with a four-way tie for third place. TCU, Oklahoma State, Iowa State and Texas all finished with themselves the No. 1 seed for the track seeing that the Big 12 Confer- ment. Mulkey won the Big 12's and once one of us gets going, we a 9-9 record. Oklahoma (13-5) is



Big 12 tournament in Dallas at the American Airlines Center this weekend after a stunning season in conference play. Baylor lost just two out of 18 games.

The entire tournament can be viewed in the FOX Sports family of networks. Baylor begins its campaign at 1:30 p.m. Saturday against the winner between Kansas and Kansas State, which takes place 6 p.m. today. Baylor seeks its fifthstraight Big 12 tournament title and seventh all-time.

Baylor beat every team in the Big 12 twice this season, with the exception of Oklahoma and Iowa State (both away games). The Lady Bears ended the season with a win

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up," junior guard Niya Johnson said. "Those two losses we had were very uncharacteristic of us and we just needed to get back on track, and I feel like we did that."

Those two conference losses occurred over a two-game span after Baylor had already clinched the Big 12 regular season title. The Lady

Bears have been prepped for every team in the conference and have beaten all of them comfortably at least once.

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Baylor head coach Kim Mulkey

day. Her expert adjustments to Baylor's lineup and skillset were vital to Baylor's massive success in conference play this season and will be on full display for the Lady Bears in the tournament this weekend.

Johnson and Sophomore forward Nina Davis, recognized as All-Big 12 first team on

Wednesday, are a one-two punch for which none of the Big 12 teams has much of an answer. Johnson and Davis energize the Lady Bears to become a cohesive unit on both

all get going. We made it this far and it doesn't stop now. We'll just take it one game at a time."

Davis scores in double figures just about every time she steps on a basketball court, and Johnson leads the country in assists. But heavy hitters are sprinkled across the 10 teams in the Big 12.

"I think [the tournament will] be as wide open as the season has been," Kansas State head coach Jeff Mittie said. "It's been one of those years where it's a battle the whole time. This league has always been like that, but this year it seems to have had its share of upsets and kind of rhythms to it. So I expect the tournament to be no different."

right behind Baylor (16-2) at the top. Texas Tech (5-13) has the best record that any worst-seeded team has had coming into the tournament. Parity is preached as a great attribute of the Big 12 this season by coaches and players, the standings attest to those claims.

"If I'm a fan, I'm coming to every game," Texas head coach Karen Aston said. "There are so many games during the season that have gone down to the wire and I think there are so many evenly matched teams or definitely a lot of teams that, on a given night, anybody could win. It makes for a very fun tournament. I'm looking forward to it."

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