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New job possibly ahead for Lynch

By ERICA WERNER AND ERIC TURNER
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WASHINGTON — Confronting skeptical Republicans, attorney general nominee Loretta Lynch pledged a new start with Congress and independence from President Barack Obama on Wednesday, even as she defended the president's unilateral protections for millions of immigrants in the country illegally.

"If confirmed as attorney general, I would be myself. I would be Loretta Lynch," the nominee told her Senate confirmation hearing as Republicans showered criticism on the current occupant of the job, Eric Holder. They said Holder was contemptuous of Congress and too politically close to Obama, and repeatedly demanded assurances that Lynch would do things differently.

"You're not Eric Holder, are you?" Texas Republican John Cornyn, one of the current attorney general's most persistent critics, asked at one point.

"No, I'm not, sir," Lynch responded with a smile.

It was a moment that summed up a Senate Judiciary Committee hearing that was often more about Obama and Holder than about Lynch, who is now the top federal prosecutor for parts of New York City and Long Island. If confirmed, she would become the nation's first black female attorney general.

Holder, Cornyn contended, "operated as a politician using the awesome power conferred by our laws on the attorney general."

Lynch asked the senator to take note of "the independence that I've always brought to every particular matter," and she said that when merited she would say no to Obama.

On immigration, Lynch faced numerous questions from Republicans critical of the administration's new policy granting work permits and temporary deportation relief to some 4 million people who are in the country illegally. The committee chairman, Republican Chuck Grassley of Iowa, called the effort "a dangerous abuse of executive authority."

Lynch said she had no involvement in drafting the measures but called them "a reasonable way to marshal limited resources to deal

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Explosion brings panic to small northern town

A fireball rolls upward after a section of a wall toppled into the interior of the Unadilla Store on Tuesday in Undadilla Township, Mich. Authorities say one firefighter has been hospitalized.

Baylor breaks recycling goal for 9th straight year

By DANE CHRONISTER
REPORTER

The university's Office of Sustainability helped break another record in university sustainability, a trend that has continued since 2006.

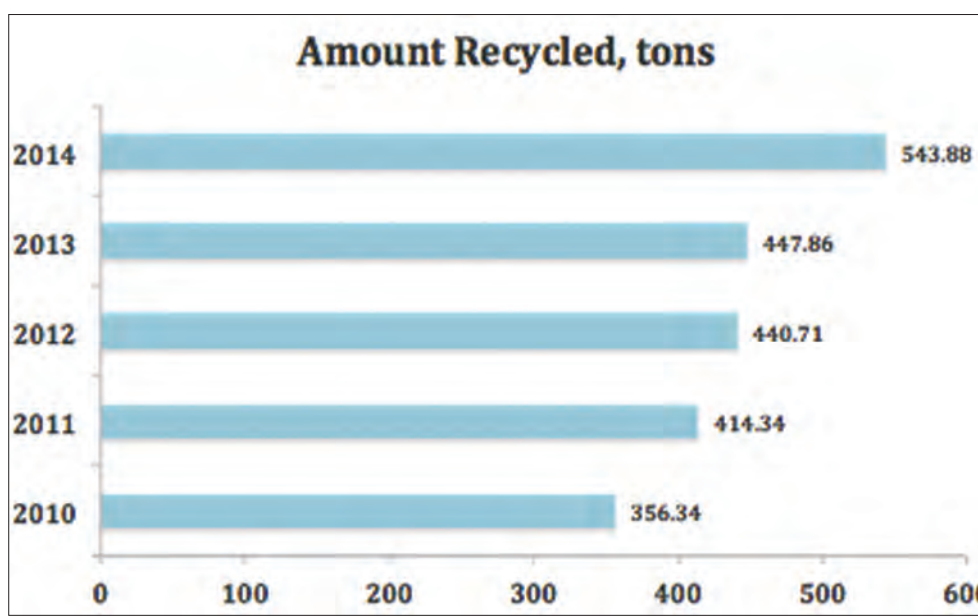
This past year, Baylor recycled a record-breaking 543.88 tons of material on campus.

In previous years, the statistics have steadily been on an incline, reaching an all-time high last year.

"In just a few short years Baylor has really stepped up and shown its commitment to recycling," said Heidi Marcum, senior lecturer in environmental science.

Smith Getterman, assistant director of sustainability and special projects, said Disney has been much of a model for the efforts that have gone into effect at Baylor.

Getterman said since Disney recycles close to 22 tons of material a day, the office researched



SKYE DUNCAN | LARIAT PHOTO EDITOR

their innovations in hopes of mimicking Disney's results.

"Baylor as a university cares for God's creation," Getterman said. "I hope this will speak to other faith-based institutions."

The program has also in-

creased its engagement at Baylor by participating in a fifth season of recycling at home football games. This system began at Floyd Casey Stadium and has continued at McLane Stadium.

One of the main advantages

of the new stadium, Getterman said, is that it was built for recycling and intended to revolve around sustainability.

Features such as special toi-

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AgriLife helps to keep health

By RACHEL LELAND
STAFF WRITER

With almost a month gone from 2015, students may be looking to strengthen their New Year's commitments to healthy eating.

Those wanting to do so can learn about healthy cooking options from 6 to 8 p.m. next Monday at the Creative Arts Building of the Extraco Events Center, where the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service will present the 2015 Dinner Tonight Healthy Cooking School.

Baylor's Dr. Janelle Walter, professor of family and consumer sciences, plans to speak about healthy and balanced meal planning.

The event will feature on-stage cooking demonstrations and a review of the Mediterranean-themed dishes prepared by an on-stage panel.

"Studies have shown that meals consumed out of the home usually contain more fat, calories and sodium than foods that a person prepares in their own kitchen," said Jessica Theimer, coordinator for the program.

The program, which has taken place for the past three years, aims to provide guests with tools that help combat unhealthy eating with smarter menu choices.

"With obesity on a rise, our goal of the cooking school is to educate people on basic cooking skills, menu planning strategies and healthy living tips that they can incorporate into their everyday routine," Theimer said.

Theimer emphasized the importance of creating healthy eating habits in a person's 20s to increase the likelihood that they will continue later in life. She also espoused the benefits of eating healthily as a college student.

"Eating nutritious food affects your current energy level which will make you feel your best. When you feel your best, you can handle stress better, and we all know college students are stressed," Theimer said.

Walter said she was concerned that many students do not have variety and are lacking nutrition in the meals they eat.

"They don't really see the need to

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Smoke forces evacuation of Moody

Emergency personnel were dispatched Wednesday to Moody Memorial Library. A lighting malfunction caused parts of the building to fill with smoke. For an up-to-date report, visit baylorlariat.com.

E-cigarettes declared unhealthy

By FENIT NIRAPPIL
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — California health officials Wednesday declared electronic cigarettes a health threat that should be strictly regulated like tobacco products, joining other states and health advocates across the U.S. in seeking tighter controls as "vaping" grows in popularity.

The California Department of Public Health released a report saying e-cigarettes emit cancer-causing chemicals and get users hooked on nicotine but acknowledging that more research needs to be done to determine the immediate and long-term health effects.

"E-cigarettes are not as harmful as conventional cigarettes, but e-cigarettes are not harmless" said California Health Officer Ron Chapman. "They are not safe."

New generations of young people will become nicotine addicts if the products remain largely unregulated, Chapman said. Last year, 17 percent of high school seniors reported using e-cigarettes, known as vaping, according to the report.

"Without action, it is likely that California's more than two decades of progress to prevent and reduce traditional tobacco use will erode as e-cigarettes re-normalize smoking behavior," the report says.

E-cigarettes heat liquid nicotine into inhalable vapor without the tar and other chemicals found in traditional cigarettes. A cartridge of nicotine can cost anywhere from \$5 to \$20 dollars and can be reused.

California banned the sale of e-cigarettes to minors in 2010, but the report raises concerns about children consuming liquid nicotine with flavors such as cotton

candy and gummy bear. Reports of children under 5 with e-cigarette poisoning jumped from seven in 2012 to 154 last year.

The California report says e-cigarettes emit as many as 10 toxic chemicals, but advocates say there is no evidence those substances are released at dangerous levels.

"Despite the health officer's false claims, there is ample evidence that vaping helps smokers quit and is far less hazardous than smoking," Gregory Conley, president of the e-cigarette advocacy group American Vaping Association, said in an email. "Smokers deserve truthful and accurate information about the relative risks of different nicotine products, not hype and conjecture based on cherry-picked reports."

The U.S. Food and Drug Ad-

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Our Picks:

These are the top three things we say the Texas government needs to prioritize this term

Editorial

For the first time in 14 years, mail going to the governor of Texas carries a different name. On Jan. 20, Greg Abbott assumed the gubernatorial position, replacing Rick Perry. Along with the governor, six new faces were sworn into Austin offices. Now the completely Republican Texas executive branch must prove its worth and the Lariat editorial board has some suggestions on how to make the most out of its time in higher office.

Working across the aisle

This board is made of people on both sides of each issue. We disagree at times, but our imperative is to walk away from each meeting agreeing on how we will approach topics. We understand that the Lariat handles much smaller issues than a state executives, but it is our opinion that the new leadership place an imperative on bipartisanship.

Since his election to office in November, Abbott seems only to be concerned with pushing an even heavier agenda of Republican ideals on Texas. This is not healthy.

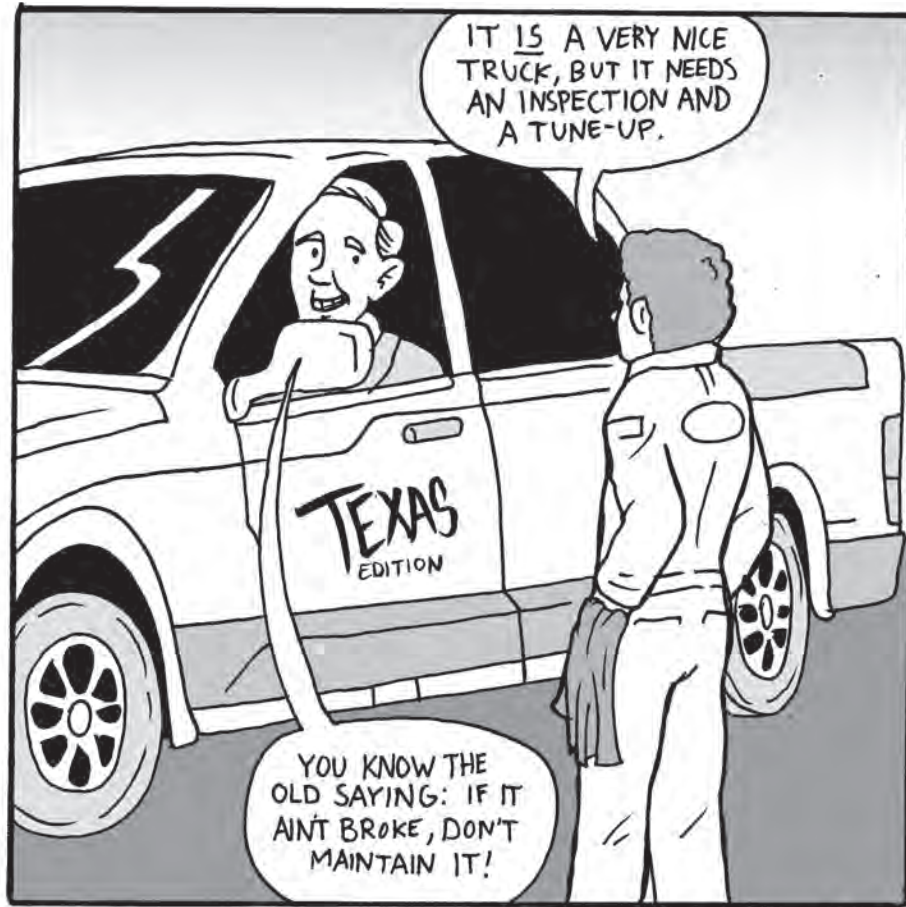
The American multi-party system is designed to ensure all ideas of merit are considered, but so far the new administration has not been open to the plausibility of negotiations.

This means Democrats will need to come just as far as Republicans. The people of Texas deserve a balanced government. Democrat, Republican, Libertarian or Independent, each elected official assumes the duty of representing the people in the best manner – regardless of political allegiance.

Being open to negotiations and moderation is a crucial issue to address because of the building political tension in America. Texas could set an honorable example for the rest of the country by looking at issues critically, instead of through the lens of a singular party.

Education

Obviously education is a frequently featured issue on a college campus. This editorial board believes the new administration should place a higher emphasis on correcting Texas public education issues.



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WalletHub found that in 2014 the state of Texas ranked No. 12 in quality of education in the US. But the same study showed that Texas spends less on students than almost any other state – No. 48 according to the same study.

This new executive board, especially Abbott and Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, should make educational reform a top priority during their time in office.

The students of Texas do not need more standardized testing. They need healthier student-teacher ratios for more involved engagement. They need better classrooms – whistling windows, musty smells and shoddy desks do not promote a proper learning environment.

The students of Texas do not need more credit requirements. They need updated teaching methods, including more adaptable computer training and more access to technology.

They need better skills training – especially for the students who do not wish to attend college, but instead want to enter the workforce or attend a trade school.

Selective federalism

Finally, the new leadership should not fall back to tactics of selective federalism, or only

adhering to their political ideals when it is convenient for them.

Within days of the new year, Abbott declared one of his major agenda points would be to handle what he called the “Californ-ization” of Texas.

The governor said he would address the city of Denton’s ordinance against continuing the oilfield technique of hydraulic fracturing and the city of Austin’s ban on plastic grocery bags. Abbott’s stance against these city-made decisions does not line up with his typical small-government politics.

Abbott and his constituents should not waste time fighting small fires when other larger issues, such as immigration, loom. The new elected officials owe those they represent much more than the government equivalent of micromanaging.

Texas is one of the healthiest states in the Union. The new executive officials could carry on with business as usual and see few immediate complications from their imbalanced, red-and-right-only policies.

Or they could change the way things have been done and help make a difference in the state of Texas.

How I See It

A weekly column by Jonathon S. Platt

Keystone pipeline will unleash havoc on countryside

When the 113th congressional term opened, House Republicans said they would not put effort into moving approval for Keystone XL, a transnational pipeline that would snake from Canada to the Gulf of Mexico, through Congress.

They claimed to be protecting America’s wallet, but, a year later, it’s obvious that they were merely ramping up behind stage and banking on a swing in congressional control.

Since that anticipated swing occurred in November, when Republicans gained a majority in the Senate and held their stance in the House, leaders of the GOP have made it clear that their goal is almost solely to defy the president.

So now the Keystone XL bill is back and few who follow politics are surprised to see its resurrection.

It’s interesting to note that this version comes to us in manipulative camouflage. GOP lawmakers have heralded it a bill focused on job creation, not what it is: a transnational construction agreement. The double-speak around this issue is nauseating.

Should the measure pass both House and Senate, Obama has promised to veto the bill when it reaches his desk. And since Republicans don’t have the necessary supermajority to overrule a presidential veto, the could very well be the end of this impending travesty.

On top of all this political banter, an unseen evil is rising.

Enbridge, a multibillion-dollar oil and gas company also from Canada, is working to have the second stage of its plan to expand Line 61, a pipeline that carries 400,000 barrels per day through the state of Wisconsin, approved.

Stage two would expand the pipeline to carry 1.2 million barrels per day – three times the predicted capacity of Keystone XL.

This expansion, while a part of a legitimate transnational resource transfer, only needs approval from the Dane County, Wis., zoning committee.

No congressional debate. No presidential protection. Not even expensive advertising and television news media coverage.

And, should the officials not approve this construction project, Enbridge has threatened to sue. So much for the “fair” in our fair and free

market trade agreements.

My tiny hometown’s economy revolves around oil. Over my life, I’ve watched the town cycle in and out as the oilfield waned and waxed.

My dad has watched the same happen. He even roughnecked when he was younger. And my pa moved to East Texas with his dad to follow this industry.

Because I value the health of my hometown and because it’s such an interesting part of my family’s history, I understand the necessity and magnitude of the oil and gas industry.

In addition, my parents are business owners. Their hard-earned money is what allows me to attend Baylor. I’m not arguing that the free markets are the devil’s work.

Where my beef falls is with how the government and big business are increasingly raking the American public over the coals.

If you’re in favor of this bill, I’ll ask, “What if this pipeline was running through your backyard, forcing your family out of a generational homestead or cutting into your source of income? Would you still be in support?”

I think we all – government, capitalists, conservatives, liberals, farmers and college students alike – need to remember the respect we owe our neighbor.

Pastor Martin Niemöller famously said, “Then they came for the Jews, and I did not speak out – Because I was not a Jew. Then they came for me – and there was no one left to speak for me.”

Niemöller was a pastor in pre-World War II Germany. He heavily spoke against the Nazi party and was spent seven years in prison for this crime.

Now, I’m not directly comparing Mitch McConnell or John Boehner to Hitler or the GOP to Nazis. What I am saying is that Americans collectively must stick together – political ideologies aside – to protect each other.

I don’t think allowing a foreign corporation to tear our countryside apart even marginally does that.

At least, that’s how I see it. *Jonathon S. Platt is a junior journalism major from Kilgore. He is the news editor and a weekly columnist for the Lariat.*



Jonathon S. Platt | News editor

Speak up in class, share thoughts

Every Baylor student knows the situation. You’re sitting in a class, the professor is giving a lecture, and then he pauses to direct a question to the class. There’s silence. Then more silence. Then it becomes an awkward silence. Eventually the professor moves on, but it’ll happen again.

Students don’t like to talk in class. Even when professors pose the most basic question, they often get nothing but quiet in return. It’s disrespectful and, frankly, embarrassing.

Students need to learn to speak up in class. You’re at Baylor to learn, and dialogue with the professor and the rest of the class is an important part of the process. Not engaging in class discussions, or not having them at all, takes away from your education.

Speaking in public is a skill you’ll need in the future, regardless of your profession. College is a great place to learn and cultivate that skill. Regardless of how badly you mess up an answer, no matter how far off the mark you are, it won’t get you fired and, in a few weeks, nobody is going to remember it. College is the last stage in life where you get points for trying, so take advantage of that. Build the speaking skills you’ll need later.

Refusing to speak up in class is rude. You wouldn’t sit and stare at someone in stony silence in a one-on-one conversation. It’s just as impolite to do it in a classroom setting, especially a smaller classroom setting. It’s disrespectful to the professor and it must be incredibly frustrating for them.

When a professor asks the class a question, he is directing the question to the class as a whole – but he’s also directing it to you, as you’re part of the class.



Jenna Press
Assistant city editor

Hold up your end of the conversation and give him an answer.

The professor wouldn’t have posed the question if he didn’t think it would help you learn the material somehow. Answering a question or joining a class discussion shows that you care about your education and it’ll help you learn.

Speaking up could help you enjoy a class or professor more. Engaging in a class discussion prevents boredom and keeps you focused, which can improve your grade. A lot of classes even have participation grades, and if that’s the only way you’ll speak up, fine. Might as well earn those points; they can come in handy when finals roll around.

Finally, joining a class discussion helps your voice be heard and builds confidence. If you have even the slightest opinion on the subject, speak up. Even if you’re afraid – especially if you’re afraid – speaking in class can be a great confidence builder, and it’s better to share than hold something in. You never know how many people may turn out to be in agreement with you.

So next time the professor asks a question, answer. It’s only going to be good for you, so go for it. The professor will appreciate it, it’ll help your education, it’ll build confidence and vital life skills, and even if you say something dumb or answer a question completely wrong, in a few weeks nobody will remember or care.

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From stocks to socks

Economics student helps create new line of socks for men

REUBIN TURNER
CITY EDITOR

Although 1,793 miles separate Dallas senior Rayyan Islam from Silicon Valley, the hub of millennial entrepreneurs, Islam has no reservations that he is exactly where he needs to be.

Islam, an economics major who has had a hand in several startups as an associate at Venture Capitalist based out of Boston, recently launched a men's accessory business with partners Yaseen Wagar and Sagar Desai.

Granbury was recently named as one of the top new places to shop in Austin by CultureMap, a website that provides information on food, fashion and entertainment, according to their website.

Islam said men's accessories is the fastest-growing market within the fashion industry, and now seemed like an ideal time to break into the market.

"Me and a few of my friends were in Austin hanging out, and the idea just came to us," Islam said.

While discussing men's fashion over lunch, Islam said he and Wagar, a Baylor alumnus, and Desai, an alumnus of the University of Texas at Austin, noticed how plain many of the socks were.

From there, a business was born, Islam said.

Islam said initially he had plans to become an investment banker. After his dad lost his job as a computer scientist for Electronic Data Systems, however, he began to change his thoughts.

Islam said after his dad lost his job, he was frustrated at how easy it was to get terminated, despite how long you have worked for the company or how much experience you had.

"So many people go into careers that they don't enjoy, and we'd like to help change that."

Arix King | Sugar Land junior

From there on, Islam said he was determined to try and make a path for himself despite having to work two jobs to help put himself through school.

Currently, the business focuses solely on socks with an intent to expand to other men's accessories such as ties, belts and cufflinks in the future. Islam said they will probably stick to men's accesso-



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Motivated by his father's layoff, Dallas senior Rayyan Islam had the idea to get into men's fashion by helping to create a new brand of socks.

ries, considering they don't have to deal with sizing.

"This is a really profitable niche, and if you know how to market it the correct way, you can have a real competitive advantage," Islam said. This advantage currently comes with the way they design their socks, Islam said.

Islam said Yaseen is the artist for the socks, and has a variety of inspirations for his designs. When they launched the business in November, Islam said they focused on several Christmas patterns and designs.

Even more than the designs, many of the socks have technological advantage according to their website, which Islam says also gives them an advantage over their competitors.

"Despite the fact that I didn't

start out with an intent to go into business for myself, I'm happy with the success I've had," Islam said.

Islam and Sugar Land junior Arix King are working on a new project, </hackbaylor>, which will help students decide what they really want to do with their lives.

"So many people go into careers that they don't enjoy, and we'd like to help change that," said King.

Islam said the project will help Baylor students from different majors, interact to build products and apps that benefit society.

"The entire premise of everything I do is based on creating. Anyone can just go get a job, but creating jobs and opportunities is what makes the world a better place to live in."

The Bottom Line

THOUGHTS FROM A STUDENT ECONOMIST

Are apps changing how we see investing?

REUBIN TURNER
CITY EDITOR

Many knew it was only a matter of time, but it's finally happened - the social mediafication of investing.

Several millennials along the West Coast are using unconventional methods that involve social media and apps to enter a market that 20-somethings have been afraid to do with lingering memories of the Great Recession.

The fact that social media is a tool this generation is well-versed in suggests the medium is here to stay.

Because social mediafication encourages novices to invest by learning together and sharing advice from investors of all skill levels, this will have a big impact on the investing sector, especially venture capitalism.

This method will certainly begin to spread throughout the country as its effectiveness begins to grow.

Through social media and technology apps, young investors are able to learn together by sharing tips, following other investors' stock picks and informing each other of the latest trends in markets.

Young investors looking to

invest their new wealth can find financial planners on these apps through recommendations from friends and followers.

One of these apps, Tip'd Off, has had a huge amount of success in the Bay Area. One user, Ankush Saxena, said because millennials have been more conservative than their predecessors, this app helped spur investing in Silicon Valley. He said this was primarily

because the young investors felt "comfortable" using the app.

There are, however, some drawbacks to using such methods.

Some financial planners say because the markets can be volatile, investors should use caution making decisions

based on activity from those they track.

Alan Moore, a certified financial planner, said opting in and out of stocks based on social trends can be costly.

Despite some of the warnings, evidence shows there is a growing demand among millennials to use such methods to invest in their future. With a recent survey showing younger Americans feel more confidence about their financial future than any other age group, this demand is only going to get stronger.



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BAYLOR IN WASHINGTON

Execution scheduled for highly debated case

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HUNTSVILLE — Robert Ladd was paroled after serving about a third of his 40-year prison sentence for the fatal stabbing of a Dallas woman whose body was set ablaze in a fire that killed her two children.

Four years later, a mentally impaired woman in East Texas was strangled and beaten with a hammer. Her arms and legs were bound, bedding was placed between her legs, and — like the Dallas woman more than a decade earlier in 1980 — she was set on fire in her apartment.

Ladd is scheduled to be executed Thursday for the 1996 killing of 38-year-old Vicki Ann Garner, whose burned body was found in her Tyler apartment. His attorneys insist Ladd is mentally impaired, and on Wednesday asked the U.S. Supreme Court to step in.

The high court hadn't ruled on the request, but a federal appeals court late Wednesday rejected another appeal challenging the potency of the drug Texas uses for executions, saying the best course would be for the Supreme Court to rule on the matter. If the high court refuses both appeals, Ladd will be the second inmate this year to be executed in nation's most active death penalty state.

Ladd came within hours of execution in 2003, before a federal court agreed to hear evidence about juvenile records that suggested he was mentally impaired. Those arguments have since been turned down by the courts, including by the U.S. Supreme Court last year, but his attorneys aren't backing away from the argument.

They cite a psychiatrist's determination that Ladd, then a 13-year-old in custody of the Texas Youth Commission, had an IQ of only 67. Courts have embraced sci-

entific studies that consider an IQ of 70 a threshold for impairment, and the Supreme Court has barred execution of mentally impaired people.

His attorneys also say Ladd has long had difficulties with social skills and functioning on his own.

"The Texas courts insist on severely misjudging his intellectual capacity, relying on standards for gauging intelligence... that have nothing to do with science or medicine," said Ladd's lead attorney on the appeal, Brian Stull, a senior staff lawyer with the American Civil Liberties Union Capital Punishment Project.

The Texas Attorney General's Office argued that the punishment should go forward.

Assistant Attorney General Kelli Weaver told the court that his claim that he's mentally impaired "has been repeatedly rejected and he argues neither a new factual basis nor a new legal basis on which

the judgments of the state and federal courts should be questioned."

Ladd also is part of a lawsuit that questions the "quality and viability" of Texas' supply of its execution drug, pentobarbital. The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals rejected the suit's arguments, which the Texas Attorney General's Office called "nothing more than rank speculation." Ladd's lawyers said they would take the suit to the Supreme Court, which the 5th Circuit said in its ruling was the best venue to decide the issue.

Ladd was an acquaintance of Garner, whose household items showed up at a Tyler pawn shop on Sept. 25, 1996, the same day firefighters discovered her body in her Tyler apartment.

According to trial testimony, Ladd exchanged stolen goods for \$100 worth of crack cocaine, then returned with other items from Garner's apartment to swap for more drugs.

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let floats, high-efficiency lights, low-flow water fixtures and an increase in concessions at the new stadium are features of the new stadium that Getterman said have helped increase sustainability, as previously reported by the Lariat.

Getterman said this played a huge role in helping to increase sustainability.

"This year we decreased the amount of trash we sent to landfills," Getterman said, another accomplishment the sustainability program made in 2014.

The office has also engaged professors on campus who have become involved in recycling efforts.

"There's always more we can do," said Larry Lehr, senior lecturer in environmental science.

"If we can get our students to develop mental models of what their lives would look like, and start to live those models, I think that we've done a whole lot."

Marcum said a major behavioral catalyst is environmental awareness, which has helped spur a lifestyle change in many Baylor students and employees.

One of the mottos used most frequently by the sustainability board is the scripture of Psalm 24:1, which reads, "The earth is the Lord's and everything in it, the world and all who live in it."

Lehr said this reminder forces those who live by this verse to consider why they recycle and how God calls them to bring glory to Him through sustainability.

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ministration is also proposing regulations that include warning labels and ingredient lists on e-cigarettes, although enactment could take years. California health officials are calling for restrictions on the marketing and sale of e-cigarettes and protections against accidental ingestion of liquid nicotine.

A state senator introduced legislation this week that would regulate e-cigarettes as tobacco products and ban their use in public places. A similar bill was defeated last year over opposition from tobacco companies.

Chapman, the health official, would not take a position on specific legislation, but said his department would be rolling out an e-cigarette awareness campaign with possible television and radio advertisements.

E-cigarettes have become more visible as they grow in popularity and commercials for the products air in places where traditional cigarette ads have

been banned. Businesses related to e-cigarettes, including vaping lounges, are rapidly popping up in cities across California.

Geoff Braithwaite, co-owner of an Oakland store that sells liquid nicotine for e-cigarettes, said he understands the need to restrict vaping in public and prevent sales to minors. He says his customers are longtime smokers who should be able to get a nicotine buzz without the harshness of a regular cigarette.

"Nicotine has all this stigma attached solely to the medium we used to use," Braithwaite said. "When you try to outright ban e-cigarettes, you're lumping in the solution with the problem."

Other states, including Oklahoma, Tennessee and Arkansas, already have issued advisories cautioning the use of e-cigarettes. Legislatures have been exploring restrictions on e-cigarette marketing, adding childproof packaging requirements and imposing taxes to discourage use.

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with the problem" of illegal immigration. She said the Homeland Security Department was focusing on removals of "the most dangerous of the undocumented immigrants among us."

Pressed by Sen. Jeff Sessions of Alabama, a leading immigration hard-liner, she said citizenship was not a right for people in the country illegally but rather a privilege that must be earned. However, when Sessions asked whether individuals in the country legally or those who are here unlawfully have more of a right to a job, Lynch replied, "The right and the obligation to work is one that's shared by everyone in this country regardless of how they came here."

Sessions quickly issued a news



Lynch

release to highlight that response. Under later questioning by Democratic Sen. Chuck Schumer of New York, Lynch clarified it, stating there is no right to work for an im-

migrant who has no lawful status.

The hearing was the first such proceeding since Republicans retook control of the Senate in January. Although comments from Sessions and Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas, as the session neared its conclusion suggested her stance on immigration and presidential authority would cost some Republican support, Lynch is expected to win confirmation with little difficulty, in part because Republicans are so eager to be rid of Holder. He has been a lightning rod for conservatives over the past six years, clashing continually with lawmakers and becoming the first sitting attorney general to be held in contempt of Congress.

Lynch found occasions to differentiate herself from Holder.

She stated without hesitation under questioning from Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-South Carolina, that she considers the death penalty an effective punishment and has sometimes sought it in her district. That was a rhetorical shift from Holder, who has expressed personal reservations about capital punishment, particularly in light of recent botched executions, but has also sought it in past cases.

On another controversial topic, Lynch said current National Security Agency intelligence-gathering programs are "constitutional and effective." She said she hopes Congress will renew three expiring provisions in the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act, which allows the FBI to obtain search warrants and communications intercepts in intelligence cases.

Questioned by Graham and other senators who are concerned that the use of civilian courts to



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Senate Judiciary Committee member Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas waits his turn as members of the committee question President Barack Obama's Attorney General nominee Loretta Lynch, Wednesday on Capitol Hill in Washington.

try terrorists would give them too many rights, she said both military tribunals and civilian trials should be available for such prosecutions.

She also was asked whether she would support efforts to legalize marijuana. She said emphatically that she wouldn't, and refused to endorse a viewpoint offered by Obama in a New Yorker article last year that marijuana was not more dangerous than alcohol.

"I certainly think the president was speaking from his personal experience and personal opinion," not reflecting Justice Department policy, Lynch said.

Holder has faced accusations from critics that he has aligned himself more with protesters than with members of law enforcement, a contention he and the Justice Department have strongly denied.

It's an area Lynch is familiar with. She helped prosecute New York City police officers who sexually assaulted Haitian immigrant Abner Louima in 1997, and her office in New York is currently leading a civil rights investigation into the police choke hold death of Eric Garner in Staten Island last summer. Lynch has been U.S. attorney for the Eastern District of New York since 2010.

Lynch told senators that one of the most important issues facing the country is "the need to resolve the tensions ... between law enforcement and the communities that we serve." She said the best way to deal with the problem is to get all parties to meet and talk, "helping them see that, in fact, we are all in this together."

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plan, therefore when they go to prepare a meal they don't have anything in their kitchen," Walter said.

Walter hopes to educate students and other guests on the science of meal planning, beginning with meat and working the way down to drinks or dessert.

The cost for the event is \$15

for students and \$25 for others. This price includes a cookbook, a goody bag, door prizes and a chance to visit other vendors.

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Rollin' in the dough

New sandwich shop introduces Baylor students to entrepreneurship

By ALLIE MATHERNE
REPORTER

Good eats and even better business practices are coming together right off the Bear Trail.

A new restaurant called the Mix Café, located at 1700 S. Fifth St., has teamed up with the Baylor Entrepreneurship Program and is hiring students, said owner Betsy Ferguson.

"We're not just trying to sell sandwiches, we want to teach students about small businesses and let them teach us about taking business to the next step - which is franchise," Ferguson said.

The Mix Café already has a location in Hewitt but was expanded to serve the Baylor community more directly, Ferguson said.

"I fell in love with Baylor when I went on a mission trip to Kenya and got excited about serving Baylor—that's what happens when you're around Baylor students," Ferguson said.



Westborough, Mass., junior Will Ashton and Tyler junior Meredith Weedon enjoy lunch at The Mix Café, which opened recently on the edge of campus at the corner of Bagby Avenue and Fifth Street.

San Antonio senior Marisa Cruz is a student in the entrepreneurship program who is learning from the team at The Mix Café. She is getting paid and receiving class

credit by working with the restaurant.

Ferguson meets with Cruz once a week to discuss the bakery menu and evaluate the business.

Opening a bakery has been Cruz's dream since her senior year of high school, she said. She has worked in bakeries before but now gets to experience the entrepre-

neurial side of it.

"I got to see everything they struggled with that you don't necessarily think about - like having to push back the opening date be-

cause the oven broke," Cruz said.

Ferguson said she has a son who graduated from Baylor and saw a need for another food option around campus.

The food is affordable and casual, and everything is made from scratch, Ferguson said. With all the eateries available in the area, she said she hopes the restaurant offers something different to the Baylor community.

The menu, carefully crafted by chef Jesse Martinez, is "healthy, but not over-the-top healthy," Ferguson said.

The menu ranges from breakfast tacos to chicken salad to their popular strawberry cake. They hope to tap into a catering crowd, as they are more than willing to open up after hours for parties, Ferguson said.

The restaurant is open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., but manager Amie Deepchandani said the hours may change in the future as they adjust to the flow of students and faculty.

Grammys go intergenerational for Lady Gaga, Tony Bennett duo

By MIKAEL WOOD
LOS ANGELES TIMES (TNS)

Young will meet old - again - at this year's Grammy Awards.

In keeping with longstanding tradition, the Recording Academy has arranged several May-December duets for the Feb. 8 ceremony, organizers announced Wednesday, including planned performances by Lady Gaga and Tony Bennett, Hozier and Annie Lennox, and Jessie J and Tom Jones.

Adam Levine and Gwen Stefani, whose 10-year age difference doesn't quite qualify for intergenerational status, are also slated to appear together.

Proudly referred to by the Academy as "Grammy moments," these collaborations are famously hit-or-miss.

Last year the telecast scored with a loosey-goosey country jam

featuring Blake Shelton alongside three Nashville veterans in Willie Nelson, Kris Kristofferson and Merle Haggard.

But a duet between Sara Bareilles and Carole King was as



Lady Gaga



Tony Bennett

snoozy as it gets.

Details of the newly announced performances weren't revealed.

One can imagine, though, that Hozier and Lennox might mash up his "Take Me to Church," which is nominated for song of the year, with "Missionary Man" by her old band Eurythmics. Or that Jessie J and Jones might combine her "Burnin' Up" with his fiery rendition of "Burning Down the House."

Lady Gaga and Bennett, meanwhile, seem destined to do something from their miserable "Cheek to Cheek," which is up for a Grammy for traditional pop vocal album.

Other acts scheduled to perform at the ceremony include AC/DC, Eric Church, Ariana Grande, Miranda Lambert, Madonna, Ed Sheeran, Sam Smith, Usher, Pharrell Williams and Common with John Legend.

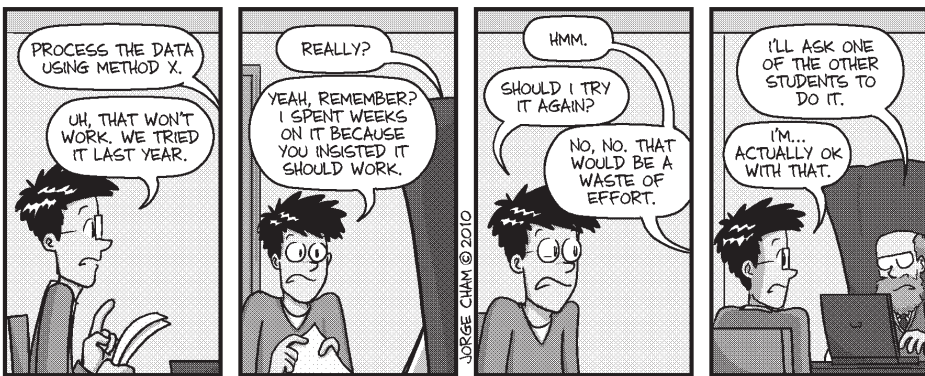


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Uncommon words

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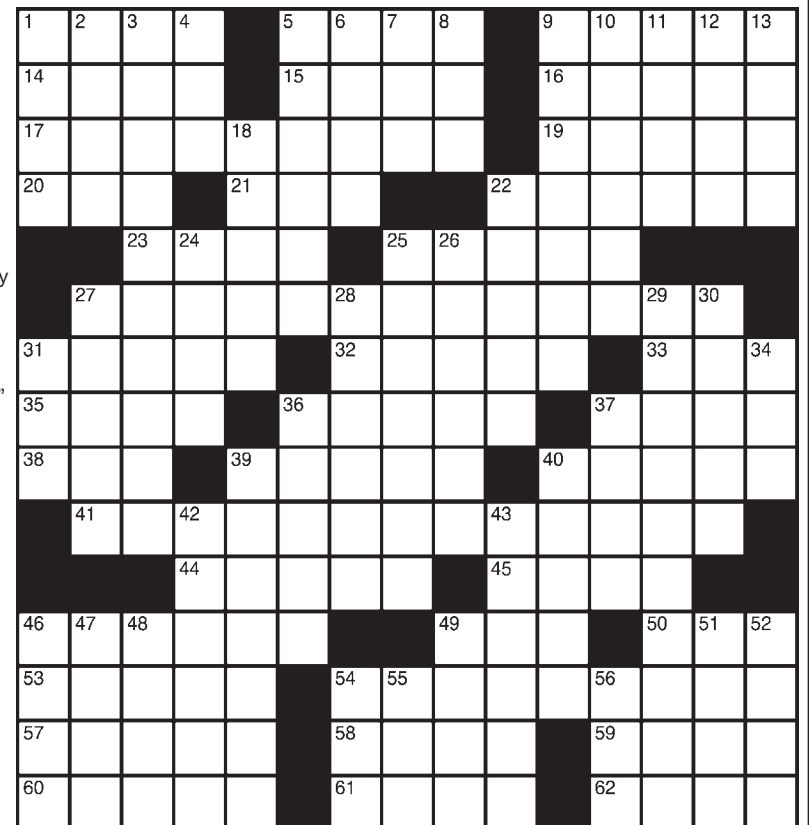
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- 20 "Here are the facts," briefly
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- 54 Periphery ... and, literally, the periphery of 17-, 27- and 41-Across
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- 5 Prosperous, after "in"
- 6 Took the bus
- 7 Fabergé creation



- 8 Reason for hand-wringing
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- 12 Earth, to Hans
- 13 Windows to the soul, so they say
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Life without Whitney

Softball bullpen faces huge task replacing All-American pitcher

By CODY SOTO
SPORTS WRITER

It's been an unusually warm week in January, and No. 10 Baylor softball has returned to Gettman Stadium for practice in preparation for its season opener next Friday. Amongst a few other things, something will be different this season for head coach Glenn Moore and his team.

After six years of suiting up in a Baylor uniform, former pitcher Whitney Canion, now known as Whitney Reichenstein, will not be on the field this season.

"She's been on the roster for six years, but two of those years she was injured, so we've had to figure out how to win, and we've been able to do that without her," Moore said. "Having said that, we're going to miss her. She's one of the greatest pitchers that I'll ever coach for sure and one of the top pitchers in the country."

During an illustrious career, the Aledo native became the greatest pitcher in Baylor softball history, led a talented team to last year's Women's College World Series and helped push the program to a finish in the national semifinals before dropping its two losses to the eventual national champion Florida.

Reichenstein ended her college career with a 2.27 earned run average in the World Series and had 306 strikeouts in her senior season, finishing fifth overall on the national level. She led the Big 12 with a 1.63 ERA and guided the Bears to a second-place finish behind the Oklahoma Sooners.

"Whitney left a legacy here and set the standard," senior shortstop Jordan Strickland said. "It's a great threshold for us to follow and to strive towards what she's already left. There's definitely more room to build and grow, so I think we have a great starting point from here."

Now it's time for someone else to pick up the pitching glove and start for Baylor this season. All eyes will look to Moore's bullpen with junior pitcher Heather Stearns on deck. The right-handed pitcher made a splash in the World Series as she picked up two wins under her belt en route to a 49-16 record in 2014.

"It's great for Heather to play at the biggest stage and perform so well," senior outfielder Kaitlyn Thumann said. "It just shows how clutch she is and how talented she is. She was facing the best hitters in the country, and she performed awesome. It shows a lot about our team and what we have in the dugout."

Is Moore worried? No. Even though he lost the left-handed cannon, he has five pitchers in the lineup that are eager to make an appearance at Gettman Stadium. Stearns is the obvious clear-cut pick as the starter, but the bullpen will look to show depth along with the rest of the young team during its non-conference slate.

"We have a lot of depth in the bullpen this year," Moore said. "We've got a lot of arms and a lot of different looks. Some will get some good playing time because we play five games in one weekend tournament. It's important that they take advantage of that."

Moore will be able to help transition Stearns and the new talent into the Baylor program as the Lady Bears host more home games this season. While maturity is important for a young team, coming together for a WCWS berth is a season-long experience.

"I don't need them to grow up too quick, but we certainly need that bench and depth that we'll have this team," Moore said.

While starting 21 games last season, the Plano native posted a 15-4 record and a 2.06 ERA during her sophomore season. Stearns earned Big 12 Player of the Week honors after the Bears' wins over Mississippi



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State and UTSA. Redshirt senior pitcher Whitney Canion pitches against Texas State on March 18, 2014 at Gettman Stadium in Waco. The Lady Bears defeated the Bobcats 2-0.

State and UTSA.

She also helped save Baylor's World Series chances as she pitched the final 2.1 innings in the 8-7 thriller over Kentucky to put the Bears in the national semifinals. She helped lead the comeback after the Bears trailed 7-0 to come back and win in extra innings. With this resume already under her belt, it's time for her to break out and take hold of the starting position. "Heather is very deserving of," Moore said. "She's been patiently waiting her turn behind the big lefty in Whitney Canion. Whitney was very valuable for us and gave us everything she had, but we've got a good one waiting her turn, and I'm excited for the fans to see Heather perform."

As the Baylor softball season inches closer to its full return, the team will look to prove itself after losing one of the most memorable athletes to pitch for the Bears.

"Whitney gave us everything she had to give, but now it's time to move into a new era," Moore said. "I'm excited about where she left this program, and I'm sure she is too. We'll continue to work hard and get better in the bullpen, and I'm excited to show people that we weren't just a one-horse team."

Like several other athletes in the Baylor athletic program, Moore believes Stearns' time to shine is long overdue.

"This kid is very capable. Bryce Petty and Nick Florence waited their turn patiently, and so has Heather, so I'm looking forward to her day in the sunshine," Moore said.

Baylor opens the 2015 spring season hosting the Fairfield Inn & Suites North Gettman Classic next weekend. First pitch is set for 3 p.m. against Wichita State on Feb. 6.

Super Bowl advertisers moving away from shock value

By MAE ANDERSON
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Super Bowl advertisers are being careful not to offend.

GoDaddy decided not to run an ad that showed a dog being sold online so as not to offend dog lovers. The Victoria's Secret angels are fully clothed in its teaser spot, at least, although they reveal more in their actual Super Bowl ad. And an anti-domestic abuse commercial will have a high

profile-spot during the game after a year of domestic violence scandals in the NFL.

Advertisers have to find a balance between grabbing people's attention and not going too far to shock a broad base of more than 110 million viewers. They want to be sure to make the estimated \$4.5 million they're spending for a 30-second Super Bowl ad worth it. This year, that means erring on the side of caution.

"Companies are being more prudent," said MediaPost columnist Barbara Lipp-

ert. "It's also a very weird atmosphere with all the coverage about deflated balls and domestic abuse. Maybe advertisers want to be a little more careful in that climate."

It's a far cry from the dot.com commercial attempts in 2000, when an E(asterisk) Trade ad showed a monkey in a garage and touted the fact that the company had just wasted \$2 million dollars, but MediaPost's Lippert says it makes sense to be restrained.

Even GoDaddy, which made its name with racy Super Bowl spots since it began advertising 11 years ago, has been moving away from being edgy; last year one of its Super Bowl ads focused on a woman running a small business.

"At the end of the day, our purpose at GoDaddy is to help small businesses around the world build a successful online presence," said CEO Blake Irving. "We underestimated the emotional response." GoDaddy says it has another ad it plans to

run. Other companies appear to be playing it safer too by not focusing so much on bare skin and sophomoric humor. A Victoria's Secret 90-second teaser ad showed supermodels fully dressed as football players. The actual Super Bowl ad shows the models dressed in Victoria's Secret lingerie, though.

And the NFL is airing a public service announcement from NoMore, a coalition of anti-domestic abuse organizations.

Big 12 WBB: Baylor stays on top, OU close

By JEFFREY SWINDOLL
SPORTS WRITER

Baylor (19-1, 8-0)

The No. 3 Lady Bears are firing on all cylinders. Each game features a different combination of great performances from Baylor head coach Kim Mulkey's players, young and old. Baylor is on an impressive 18-game winning streak.

Mulkey is finding ways to win with her dynamic, versatile team in yet another competitive Big 12 season. Sophomore forward Nina Davis averages a league-leading 21.3 points per game.

"Nina is an excellent player, but [Baylor has] also got a lot of other players that make them work, and they aren't solely dependent on her," TCU head coach Raegan Pebley said. "When they make a substitution, it's more of handing off a baton in a 4-by-1 relay. There's not a big dip."



Mulkey

Oklahoma (13-5, 7-0)

The Sooners, the only other undefeated team in the Big 12, have won eight-straight games. The last time Oklahoma boasted a streak number higher than eight was in the 2008-09 season when the Sooners won 20 straight.

"We're on the inside looking at how many times we miss block-outs and what we have to do to get more offensive rebounds, how we can execute tighter and cleaner," Oklahoma head coach Sherri Coale said. "There are just so many little things that we are focused on. There is plenty of room still, but it's nice to see [the players] rewarded for their diligence."

Horned Frogs laid an egg against the Lady Bears on Tuesday. Team-leading scorer Zahna Medley scored just six points and missed 10 of her 11 field goals. TCU lost 89-67.

"The job we did on Medley was important," Mulkey said after Tuesday's game. "She can shoot the three and do it effectively. Our defense collapsed to the ball when they tried to drive."

Texas (14-4, 3-4)

The Longhorns were considered the team to beat at the onset of the conference schedule. Turns out, most of the teams in the Big 12 decided to go on and beat them. The No. 8 Longhorns lost to Iowa State in Austin over the weekend

Iowa State (14-4, 5-2)

The Cyclones made school history over the weekend. Iowa State recorded its highest-ranked road win in program history with a 58-57 win over No. 8 Texas. The Cyclones beat the then-No. 3 Texas Longhorns at home earlier in the season and completed the season sweep in dramatic fashion.

"In a year where, right now, it looks everyone is going to be beating each other up, any time you can get that tie-breaker or get a sweep, or any time you get a road win, those things are really, really valuable," Iowa State head coach Bill Fennelly said.

TCU (12-7, 4-4)

The Horned Frogs are playing with a brand new coach this season, working to rebuild a program that has not necessarily been up to par to the standard of the Big 12 since joining the league in 2011. The

58-57. Senior forward Nneka Enemkpali saw her collegiate career end with an ACL tear last week.

"This was a really tough loss," Texas head coach Karen Aston said after the Iowa State game. "Obviously, it was our first home loss so that stings quite a bit, but also just the way that we lost the game. I thought we lost by not having enough discipline to defend the fouling and it allowed them to get back in the game."

Oklahoma State (12-6, 2-5)

The Cowgirls misfired in their last two games with losses to Oklahoma and TCU last week. Oklahoma State are now in a four-way tie for sixth place. Brittany Atkins ended her season with an injury last week, forcing the Cowgirls to scramble their starting lineup that had been the same every game since November.

"We're playing three pretty experienced players in Brittney Martin, Liz Donohoe and LaShawn Jones," Oklahoma State coach Jim Littell said. "We haven't got that premiere player that's going to go get 20 or 25 on a given night like Nina Davis. Balanced scoring, defense and rebounding is what we've got to excel at."

Texas Tech (12-7, 2-5)

Senior guard Amber Battle scored 16 points in the Red Raiders' 70-64 loss to Oklahoma on Saturday. It was her 12th game in double figures this season.

"We're still definitely a work in progress, but learning a lot," Texas Tech head coach Candi Whittaker said. "I feel like they're buying in defensively, and what we're trying to get done. They're bringing great energy every day. I feel like we can play better and execute better offensively by trying to find more

consistency in scoring."

West Virginia (12-7, 2-5)

Jessica Morton scored a game-high 22 points to the Mountaineers in their victory over Kansas State. West Virginia, a co-champion of the Big 12 last season, do not seem to have the same spunk as the previous year. The Mountaineers dropped a game to Kansas over the weekend.

"Give Kansas credit," WVU head coach Mike Carey said. "They played harder and pounded the boards harder than we did. Some of our players weren't focused. We should've had a bigger lead at halftime. In the second half, when they started making their run, we made a lot of mistakes defensively and offensively."

Kansas (11-9, 2-5)

The Jayhawks won two games in a row last week, including a 68-66 win against Texas Tech in Lubbock. Kansas plays the Lady Bears for their second meeting of the regular season on Sunday in Waco.

Kansas State (11-7, 1-6)

The Wildcats are in a rebuilding phase with a new coach and a new system being implemented this season. Senior guard Haley Texada has emerged for the K-State offense, averaging 12 points a game. Kansas State head coach Jeff Mittie turned a strictly man-to-man team into a zone defense.

"I think we've adapted to the change pretty well," Kansas State senior forward Ashia Woods said. "It's a completely different system. We went from a man team to a completely zone team. We're doing pretty well on defense holding teams to good numbers. I feel like it's been a good change for us."

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