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Penland remodel scheduled to begin in June



JESS SCHURZ | LARIAT PHOTOGRAPHER

Pending regents' approval, students will not occupy Penland Residence Hall for an expected semester-long process of renovations.

By DANE CHRONISTER
REPORTER

The third residence hall in a recent series of renovations, Penland Residence Hall, will close for improvements in May. In June, there will be a demolition process after the halls are cleared, and Penland will reopen next spring.

"We are looking at various options for the whole premise of all the residence halls," said Brian Nicholson, vice president for facilities and operations. "We are kind of following the same model of North Russell."

The project is currently being budgeted by The Beck Group for \$19 million, but is still waiting approval from the Board of Regents.

Even though the renovations will be occurring in the Penland hall, the dining hall will still be intact and accessible to students for use throughout the construction process.

Penland Residence Hall opened in 1960 with space for 562 students. George Harvey Penland, an alumnus for whom the building was named, was a benefactor to the university and a member of the Board of Trustees.

Nicholson said there will be some changes to the rooms, but overall, they will keep a similar layout.

"We'll maybe shape it up a little bit, but we will try to maintain no more than a 15 percent loss of beds in each residence hall renovation,"

Nicholson said. He also said they will try to increase the community space in the residence halls.

Nicholson said over the next eight years, the department will focus on renovations for individual residence halls.

Nicholson said anything that wasn't built within the last decade, will be renovated in the years to come. Residence halls that will be altered include Alexander, Allen, Dawson,

Kokernot, Martin and Memorial.

KSQ Architecture, the same company that helped with South Russell Hall renovations, will be in charge of the plans. The contractor will be The Beck Group, which helped complete the North Village Residential Community. The upgrades for the halls will include basic room modifications, which will increase the rooms' functional capabilities and give them a more modern feel.

"In the majority of the halls we will keep the same basic style. If they have community or shared bathrooms they will continue to have shared bathroom. It's primarily to finish upgrades," Nicholson



Nicholson

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Where is my mother?

An iconic statue's relocation causes a stir in the art department

By SHANNON BARBOUR
REPORTER

The towering 11-foot, off-white, angel-like figure that used to be located in the grassy area between Burleson Hall and Draper Academic Building has been moved to the back of Hooper-Schaefer Fine Arts Center.

Originally created by former Baylor art student Tara Ebeling in 2006, "Mother" was to be in place for a year. However, it was located outside Bennett Auditorium for nine years.

Students in senior lecturer Karen Pope's Art 1300 class expressed concerns for the relocation of the sculpture in course papers.

"It was not intended to be in an area where it is not seen," said Houston junior Charlotte Malone, one of Pope's students. "It faces

out into an area where literally thousands of students pass everyday and now it is in an area that is hardly seen at all."

Pope said the statue is important to the art department because it gives an example of what a committed art major is capable of.

Pope said she is afraid that given its location, it appears to be headed for the garbage in the near future.

"I was struck by how many students noticed it had disappeared and found themselves upset that it was missing," Pope said. "They discovered that it had meant something to them and so they felt they'd lost something."

While some students seem to be concerned with the removal of the sculpture from the center of campus, others like Frisco senior Evan Dinger said it seemed out of place at its previous location.

It is unclear who decided to move the sculpture and why, but Pope's student hopes it will be placed between Burleson and Draper again. "Hopefully in due

would also like the sculpture to be removed from the art building and placed in a visible location.

"I like the idea that it will be where more people will see it and that the setting would be hospitable to the sculpture," said Pope.



Jess Schurz | Lariat Photographer

New fundraising VP search starts

By HANNAH NEUMANN
STAFF WRITER

Baylor began the search to find a vice president for university development this week.

This position leads the university's fundraising and capital initiatives.

Dr. Kenneth L. Hall, who formerly filled the position, left the university in November.

Tommye Lou Davis, vice president for constituent engagement, will chair the search with assistance from Heidi Boyd, senior talent acquisition specialist in the human resources department.

"This is a very important position that is vital for students," Davis said. "We want to raise money for the endowment so we can offer more scholarships to make Baylor more affordable for students who wish to come to Baylor."

Storbeck/Pimentel, a search firm that was also involved in Baylor's search for executive vice president and provost Dr. Ed Trevathan, will also help with the search, according to the Office of the president and chancellor.

The search committee will look for qualified candidates

with leadership experience, both within the university and nationally. Those considered will be invited to campus for a series of interviews, and a vice president is expected to be named from this group.

Davis said the vice president for university development should have a proven track record when it comes to fundraising, and a background in academia would be advantageous.

"I think it needs to be someone who is very relational and someone with organizational skills," she said. "Because they will be in charge of the division of development, they need to be able to have a good grasp of the organizational structure that can be successful when it comes to fundraising."

Suggestions of both potential sources for nominations, as well as faculty and staff nominations for the position, are encouraged.

Davis said they hope to have the position filled by June 1, the beginning of the fiscal year for the university. However, in order to perform a thorough search, the team will not be constrained to a timeline.

Team USA to visit BU

By RACHEL LELAND
STAFF WRITER

A group of U.S. Olympians will share their personal stories of hard work and determination Thursday, as part of the Deloitte program titled "Team USA Road Show: It's Your Race, Take the Lead."

The Olympians will host the event from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Cashion fifth floor banquet room at Hankamer School of Business.

As part of the program, the group will make 10 stops on a nationwide tour, which partners the U.S. Olympic Committee and the professional services firm Deloitte. This is the fifth year the USOC partnered with Deloitte.

Deloitte, one of the nation's largest campus recruiters for hiring, provides professional services in a wide range of areas including audit, risk and financial strategy, according to their website.

The show will last for eight weeks and feature several Olympians, in-

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KEVIN FREEMAN | LARIAT PHOTOGRAPHER

Frio fútbol

Dallas sophomore Juan Barajas practices his soccer skills despite the 46 degree weather on Tuesday in Russell Field. While the cooler temperatures have brought about heavier jackets and runny noses, it has not deterred Baylor intramural sports activities or kept students from kicking the ball around in between classes.

IS burns pilot to death in new video

By OMAR AKOUR AND KARIN LAUB
ASSOCIATED PRESS

AMMAN, Jordan — Islamic State militants put to death a captured Jordanian fighter pilot by burning him alive in a cage, according to a video the group released Tuesday. The kingdom vowed a swift and lethal response to what it called a "barbaric" act.

The military confirmed the death of Lt. Muath Al-Kaseasbeh, who was captured by the extremists in December when his F-16 crashed while he was flying a mission as part of the U.S.-led air campaign against the Islamic State.

Jordanian TV said the pilot was killed as long ago as Jan. 3. In the past week, the militants had not responded to demands by Jordanian authorities to deliver proof the airman was alive so a prisoner swap could be made.

The killing of the 26-year-old pilot appeared aimed at pressuring the government of Jordan — a close U.S. ally — to leave the coal-

ition that has carried out months of airstrikes targeting Islamic State positions in Syria and Iraq. But the extremists' brutality against a fellow Muslim could backfire and galvanize other Sunni Muslims in the region against them.

King Abdullah II, who has portrayed the campaign against the extremists as a battle over values, was in Washington on a previously scheduled trip. He added a stop at the White House with President Barack Obama. The monarch broadcast a speech on Jordanian TV on Tuesday evening, confirming the pilot's death "with sorrow and anger," and urging his countrymen to unite.

"It's the duty of all of us to stand united and show the real values of Jordanians in the face of these hardships," Abdullah said. The official Petra news agency said he would be cutting short his Washington trip.

Obama said the Islamic State

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Hold your political leaders accountable

Words have meaning. In fact, we rely on words quite heavily as a medium through which we interact with others in our daily lives.

But consider the other element of verbal communication that appears to be an invisible companion to words: choice. I find that as we progress into a more globally connected society of authors, thinkers and critics, we are constantly seeing the massive effects that word choices can have on shaping public perception, especially when it comes to politics.

Columnist Cal Thomas once said, "One of the reasons people hate politics is that truth is rarely a politician's objective." While I wouldn't say that people hate politics so much as they are skeptical of the way it operates, there is some truth to this quote.

Time and time again professional fact-checkers have caught politicians in a lie. Lies that are given out like free candy to those who will listen.

These lies, however, do not always come in the most obvious ways. They are often disguised as insightful rhetoric that seeks to discredit an opposing party.

For example, on Oct. 19, 2014, Sen. Ted Cruz said we did not have a surgeon general because President Barack Obama "nominated someone who is an anti-gun activist" instead of "nominating someone who is a health profes-



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sional." In this message, Cruz is referring to Dr. Vivek Murthy, who was nominated by Obama for the position at the time.

While Cruz did go on to acknowledge that Murphy was indeed a health professional (I mean, Murthy got his doctorate of medicine from Yale), the damage had already been done. Cruz's choice of words, which were phrased in such a way that made it seem that the only credentials Murthy had was being an anti-gun activist, were aimed to discredit.

Furthermore, Cruz's words sought to point a finger at Obama for the nation's struggle to replace a surgeon general.

Sadly, comments such as these are not uncommon among politicians.

What's more, no particular party is less guilty of these infractions than others. Politicians who represent Democrats, independents and Republicans have all been caught lying.

While it might seem that this is just the way politics work, I find tactics like this especially con-

cerning. When comments that have no factual basis are made to the public, we are consuming the equivalent of junk food. Sure, there might be some truth to what a politician says, but not enough to constitute as valid information.

We become a malnourished electorate that is easy to manipulate and sensationalize when a government official decides to play the blame-game with the opposing party. When this happens, we learn nothing and neither do politicians who will spend more time fighting than working to resolve our nation's issues.

We cannot let accuracy take a backseat, and more importantly, we cannot let ourselves be polarized by lies. Politicians should practice responsible rhetoric, or at least be held accountable for what they say.

By definition, they are public servants, and as such, should be expected to tell us the truth, not lies disguised as truths. Although this might make me seem like an idealist, why should we devalue ourselves as constituents by expecting any less?

When it comes to politics, I believe that more often than not, we get what we allow to happen.

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US makes tough, right call to refuse paying ransom to IS

Editorial

It's impossible to put a monetary value on a person's life. We've heard stories about kidnappers who take hostages and demand ransom money. We've seen movies where the bad guys threaten the safety of the hostage unless the hero drops money off in a garbage can on the corner of some busy street. The family of the hostage usually attempts to pay, but the cops set up a sting to catch whoever goes after the money. Most times, the hostage is safe in the end and the money is retrieved.

Now imagine that this story is true. Except the bad guys are a terrorist organization and the hostage is an American on foreign soil.

What do we do then? Because it's an American in peril, it seems easy for us to say, "Save the hostage! Pay the ransom!"

Perhaps some perspective is needed. For years, the U.S. has refused to negotiate or pay ransoms to terrorists — even when an American is the hostage. That stance didn't change when the Islamic State militants demanded a ransom for American journalist James Foley. The U.S. refused. The deadline for the ransom passed. Foley was beheaded on Aug. 19, 2014.

Criticism of the America's no-ransom policy isn't new. People, especially the families of those killed while hostages of terrorist organizations, take issue with the idea of leaving an American in enemy hands. The solution seems simple. But it's much more complicated than just coughing up money.

Paying ransoms to a terrorist organization like ISIS carries with it some serious consequences — consequences heavy enough to

show us why the U.S. made the tough, but correct, decision to refuse paying ransoms.

When a country decides to pay a ransom for hostages, there are two options for the terrorists: Take the money and free the hostage or take the money and kill the hostage. Either way, the terrorists have more money that could go toward funding future terrorist actions. Even if the hostages are released and are safe, the potential for more terrorist activity could lead to a greater loss of life. Weighing the loss of hostages' lives against potentially thousands of lives is a difficult, yet sobering, comparison to make.

Once a country pays money for one hostage, terrorist organizations now know that the country will, under the right circumstances, agree to pay for the hostage's release. With the number of journalists and soldiers in the terrorists' region, it wouldn't be hard to find another hostage and demand yet another ransom. At that point, the country has to make a decision to once again pay to release the hostage or give up that hostage's life. How does the country decide who to pay for and who to leave in the terrorists' hands? It's a near impossible decision.

The Lariat Editorial Board was divided on this particular point. Could there be exceptions to the no-ransoms rule? For example, if the hostage had in-depth knowledge of the U.S. operations that could potentially kill other Americans, then it seems reasonable to pay for that hostage's release. However, we still run into the problem of setting a dangerous precedent for paying for hostages. By a majority vote, the Editorial board decided there could not be exceptions to the rule. Having a firm stance makes the America's position clear:

We do not, will not and should not negotiate with terrorists.

The U.S. is not alone in its policy. The United Kingdom has a similar policy. Countries like France, however, have reportedly paid for hostages. This isn't a policy that these countries tend to flaunt.

A 2014 New York Times investigation found "While European governments deny paying ransoms, ... that Al Qaeda and its direct affiliates have taken in at least \$125 million in revenue from kidnappings since 2008, of which \$66 million was paid just last year."

This is \$125 million that Al Qaeda could use for terrorist operations. Many of the hostages have been released once payment was made. The U.S., however, refuses to fund terrorism.

Instead of paying ransoms, there are other options. Countries could coordinate a rescue mission. This obviously puts the hostages in danger, but they are probably in more danger with the terrorists. There is also the option of exchanging a prisoner for a prisoner. Historically, this has worked for the U.S.

Private donors could also give money to free hostages, but it's illegal in the U.S. to fund a terrorist organization. James Foley's mother said U.S. officials told her she could be charged with a crime if she attempted to raise money. The America's stance on refusing to fund terrorism extends to even private donors.

The U.S. is a world leader. It cannot simply go back on generations of refusing to fund or negotiate terrorism. It seems harsh to say it's OK to leave an American hostage overseas with hostages. But keep in mind what the U.S. could be funding by paying ransoms — the deaths of thousands of Americans.

Stay up-to-date on news

I play the "I'm too busy" card too often. Especially when it comes to keeping up with current events.

In a debate class last semester, my professor brought up the situation in Cuba. While my peers chimed in, I felt like Joey from "Friends" as I nodded my head in agreement, even though I had no idea what they were talking about. As I learned about the embargo and its impact on America, I became intrigued and asked someone near me, "Wait, when did this all start?"

I was answered with a judgmental stare. "Over 50 years ago."

I share this story not because I am proud of it, but because I know I'm not the only one.

Sometimes I get so wrapped up in the Baylor Bubble that I forget there is a world outside of the Waco city limits. At times, college can feel like year-round summer camp. You get to have sleepovers with your friends every night, wear athletic clothes to class, and participate in fun events like intramurals and All-University Sing. We have the whole rest of our lives to worry about adult things like the economy and politics, so why think about it now?

Although college should be enjoyed, it's also a time to prepare for the future and transition into adulthood. It took that embarrassing experience in debate class (and others like it) to make me realize that I want to open my eyes to what's going on in the world. If I can take the time to learn the names of my 250-plus sorority sisters, then I should know the names of important world figures.

The good news is, I've found a resource that makes reading the news fun: TheSkimm newsletter. Every weekday I wake up with a new email in my inbox that summarizes the most important news of the day, written in a way that is interesting and easy to understand.

TheSkimm was launched by two women in their 20s who have experience as NBC News associate producers. They have a passion for news and saw that many people do not have the time or interest to share this hobby.

Their website describes their business as a service for anyone short on time. They understand you're busy, and they don't want that to be an excuse anymore. (Famous Skimmers include Oprah and Reese



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Witherspoon. If Elle Woods is doing it, then you know it's a smart choice.)

While TheSkimm is targeted toward women in their 20s and mid-30s, there are plenty of options for the men out there, too. Try listening to an NPR podcast in the car or during a workout. Download the app from your favorite news station, and check it in between classes.

Social media like Twitter or Facebook can also be a source for news, but you have to be careful what you believe. Don't let your opinions be formed by that one high school friend that rants about Obama constantly. Do the research for yourself, so that way you can filter through all of the lies and hype on the Internet.

Reading the news also provides a much-needed sense of perspective. After learning about the measles outbreak, suddenly your bad test grade doesn't seem so bad.

No newsletter or app will turn you into a news junkie overnight, but it's a good start. Instead of living up to the millennial stereotype, we can use our phones for more than just selfies. If we form these habits while in college, then we can grow up to be informed members of society. Then, hopefully, you won't find yourself caught like a deer in the headlights when someone brings up foreign affairs.

So next time you're taking a BuzzFeed quiz to determine which Harry Potter character is your soul mate, consider checking CNN instead.

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This RadioShack store in Dallas, photographed on Tuesday, Feb. 3, 2015, is one of many stores in trouble. The company that introduced the first mass-market personal computer, is fading after years of heavy losses.

RadioShack to be delisted from NY Stock Exchange

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FORT WORTH — The signal from RadioShack Corp., the company that introduced the first mass-market personal computer, is fading after years of heavy losses and the suspension of its shares.

The beleaguered retailer, which thrived through decades of changing home electronics technology, had tried to remind consumers of its history by infusing its stores with a heavy dose of nostalgia.

At a newly retooled store in downtown Fort Worth, less than a mile from its corporate headquarters, camera drones and Bluetooth speakers are displayed next to clunky early model portable phones and computers.

A do-it-yourself wall of resistors, knobs, wire and other parts in the middle of the store is a throwback to its beginnings as a radio-parts retailer.

But hope of a turnaround is dissipating for the nearly century-old Texas company as the New York Stock Exchange seeks to delist it after suspending trade of its shares on Monday.

Now, store managers are being told to ship big-ticket items to more profitable locations while RadioShack keeps closing stores. Half a dozen store managers told The Associated Press they were in-

structed not to talk about the company's dire financial straits.

After warning of a possible bankruptcy in September, RadioShack received rescue financing from a group of investors led by hedge fund Standard General. But its CEO recently warned it might not be able to find a long-term plan to stay afloat.

Analysts say online retailers including Amazon contributed to RadioShack's decline.

"Every year, RadioShack's core customer grew a year older and new consumers realized they would never set foot in one," said Wedbush Securities analyst Michael Pachter.

RadioShack spokeswoman Merianne Roth declined to comment.

Long known as a destination for batteries and obscure electronic parts, the company has sought to remake itself as a specialist in wireless devices and accessories.

In a management shake-up, RadioShack hired Walgreen Co. executive Joseph Magnacca and former Treasury Department adviser Harry J. Wilson to help with its turnaround efforts. It worked with popular brands like Beats Audio and redesigned almost half of its U.S. locations — some 2,000 stores — in an effort to entice younger shoppers.

But growth in the wireless business is slowing, as more people

already have smartphones and see fewer reasons to upgrade.

RadioShack, which has not earned a profit since 2011, still operates nearly 5,500 stores and employs about 27,500 people worldwide, according to its last annual report filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

The company, founded in Boston in 1921, began as a distributor of mail-order ship radios, ham radios and parts. In the 1950s, it entered the high-fidelity business, touting a device called the "Audio Comparator," a then-novel switching system that allowed the customer to mix and match components and speakers in the listening room.

In 1977, RadioShack started selling the TRS-80, known affectionately by its users as the Trash 80, making the company as important in the microcomputer space as IBM or Apple.

Fort Worth financial planner Jay Ellis fondly remembers setting up walkie-talkies from kits sold at RadioShack.

"I think it's a shame. They were the go-to place for electronics parts," he said. Now, "it seems to be a mobile phone and remote-control toy store. If they're still selling kits, they're not marketing them very well."

THE BOTTOM LINE

THOUGHTS FROM A STUDENT ECONOMIST

Monetary versus fiscal policy: How are they different?

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This week, President Barack Obama sent a budget to Congress for the 2016 fiscal year. In this budget were several initiatives to increase both taxes for the wealthy and tax breaks for the middle and lower-income classes. Whether or not the Republican-controlled Congress will approve of this budget is yet to be seen. Some GOP lawmakers, according to the Wall Street Journal, have even expressed interest in bargaining with the president in an effort to avoid a sequester down the road.

This budget, which could have far-reaching implications for all economic classes, is part of an extremely important component of policy that can greatly influence the economy—fiscal policy.

But what exactly do economists and political pundits mean when they differentiate between fiscal and monetary policy? And how effective are the two? Although often confused, they are certainly not interchangeable and the motives that drive the two are somewhat related, yet confined.

Monetary policy deals with efforts to control the money supply, by indirectly influencing inflation, or increases in the price level. It is the Federal Reserve that acts to control inflation through a variety of policies. Some of these

policies include changing the Federal funds rate and the buying and selling of U.S. treasury stocks. In addition to helping control the money supply through inflation, the Fed also helps to monitor the unemployment level. I consider the Fed to be the chief watchdog of the national economy. An article by The Atlantic recently emphasized the importance of having an independent national bank to help control the economy through their monetary policy.

In contrast, fiscal policy deals with the allocation of government funds, which are raised primarily through taxes. When income is raised through taxes, the president proposes to Congress just how the funds should be allocat-

ed. Programs such as Medicare, Medicaid and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program are all funded by taxes. How much America spends on the funding of public projects such as infrastructure can also influence the national economy. When the government commissions such projects, it pays for them through taxes, which increases national output.

This strategic allocation many times can have significant impacts upon the national economy as well. Through tax breaks and increases in spending, the government can generally increase economic output, which is critically important in times of recessions. Simply put, monetary policy deals primarily with economic conditions, while fiscal policy concentrates on putting money in the hands of the population in a more direct level.

One of the most important indicators of how effective monetary and fiscal policy is depends largely on the state of the economy. In times when the economy is experiencing a recession, fiscal and monetary can be critical to helping to jumpstart the economy. Just how much the Fed and the government should get involved is an age-old debate that still has not been settled. For now, just remember this—monetary and fiscal policy both play vital, yet different roles in the economy.

Jury verdict: Toyota must pay \$11M to victims of fatal crash

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MINNEAPOLIS — A federal jury decided on Tuesday that the design of the 1996 Toyota Camry had a dangerous defect that was partly to blame for a fatal 2006 crash, and the automaker must pay nearly \$11 million to victims.

Jurors said the company was 60 percent to blame for the accident, which left three people dead and two seriously injured. But they also found that Koua Fong Lee, who has long insisted he tried to stop his car before it slammed into another vehicle, was 40 percent at fault.

Lee, his family members, the family of a girl who died, and two people who were seriously injured sued Toyota Motor Corp. in U.S. District Court in Minneapolis. The lawsuit alleged the crash was caused by an acceleration defect in Lee's vehicle, but Toyota argued there was no design defect and that Lee was negligent.

"No amount of money ... will bring my life back, my life is not the same anymore," Lee said after the verdict, adding that he wanted the victims and their families to know: "I tried everything I could to stop my car."

Toyota released a statement saying the company respects the jury's decision but believes the evidence clearly showed the vehicle wasn't the accident's cause. The company said it will study the record and consider its legal options going forward.

After the 2006 wreck, Lee was



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In this Aug. 5, 2010 photo, Koua Fong Lee embraces his wife, Panghoua Moua, in St. Paul, Minn., after learning charges against him were dropped. Lee spent 2 1/2 years in prison for criminal vehicular homicide before being released after reports suggested some Toyota cars had problems.

convicted of vehicular homicide and sentenced to prison. He won a new trial after reports surfaced about sudden acceleration in some Toyotas, and questions were raised about the adequacy of his defense. Prosecutors opted against a retrial and he went free after spending 2½ years behind bars. He later sued.

The civil trial lasted three weeks, and jurors spent four full days deliberating.

Under Minnesota law, the way the jury allocated fault means Toyota is responsible for paying all damages, minus 40 percent of the amount awarded to Lee, said Lee's attorney, Bob Hilliard.

During the trial, Hilliard, told jurors there was a defect in the car's design. He said the Camry's auto-drive assembly could stick, and when tapped or pushed while stuck, it could stick again at a high-

er speed. He also accused Toyota of never conducting reliability tests on nylon resin pulleys that could be damaged under heat and cause the throttle to stick.

"This is what makes the car go. This is what turns it into a torpedo, a missile, a deadly weapon," Hilliard said during his closing argument.

Toyota said there was no defect in the design of the 1996 Camry. The company's attorney, David Graves, suggested that Lee was an inexperienced driver and mistook the gas pedal for the brake.

Hilliard said the verdict means that other 1996 Toyota Camrys have defects, and perhaps the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration needs to take a look at the car, while owners of those vehicles need to make sure they are safe.

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Christie dodges reporter questions in UK

By JILL COLVIN
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LONDON — New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie canceled plans to talk with reporters in London on Tuesday after his comments on vaccinations sparked a political flap at home.

The Republican governor and likely presidential contender had originally been scheduled to address the media three times during the final day of his three-day trip to the United Kingdom. Instead, the availabilities vanished from his schedule, which included lunch with the chancellor of the exchequer and a visit to the famous Globe Theatre.

"Is there something you don't understand about, 'No questions?'" Christie snapped when a reporter asked whether he'd discussed the Islamic State group during his meetings with dignitaries during the visit to the Globe.

"We're just not having press availability today," his communications chief Maria Comella said

when asked for an explanation.

Billed as an official trade mission, the trip doubled as a chance for Christie, a likely presidential contender, to broaden his foreign policy resume and build relationships with world leaders. But coverage of the trip has been dominated by remarks he made Monday after touring a pharmaceutical facility, that "parents need to have some measure of choice" when it comes to whether to vaccinate their children.

Christie's office quickly backtracked, releasing a statement that declared that "with a disease like measles there is no question kids should be vaccinated." But the comments drew scorn, first across social media and later from medical professionals, newspaper editorial boards and national Democrats.

A measles outbreak centered in California has sickened more than 100 people, focusing attention on parents who choose not to vaccinate their children. Trips to London have sometimes been



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New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie, right and his wife Mary Pat stand with director of Globe education Patrick Spottiswode during their Tuesday visit to the Shakespeare's Globe theatre in London.

problematic for Republican presidential contenders. Mitt Romney, the 2012 GOP nominee, angered officials here when he suggested that they weren't prepared for the

upcoming Olympic games. Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal stirred controversy in January when he told a think tank audience that some countries allowed Muslims

to establish autonomous "no-go zone" neighborhoods in cities where they govern by a harsh version of Islamic law. British Prime Minister David Cameron had called such assertions bunk.

Christie's international travel, including the trip to the United Kingdom and past trips to Canada and Mexico, were paid for by Choose New Jersey, an economic development agency started after Christie became governor and funded by corporate donations.

State taxpayers are on the hook for the cost of the state troopers who make up Christie's security detail. His administration has not released information on those costs. Choose New Jersey hasn't returned calls seeking comment from the AP on how much they're spending on Christie's travel.

Taxpayers spent nearly \$40,000 on security costs for Christie's 2012 trip to Israel, according to documents released at the time to AP. Those costs covered Christie, his family and 13 delegates invited by the governor.

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cluding Billy Demong, 2010 Winter Olympics Nordic Combined Gold Medalist, and Melissa Stockwell, a paralympian turned ITU Triathlon World Champion.

According to the Deloitte website, Stockwell, an Iraq War veteran and later became the first Iraq veteran to be chosen for the Paralympic Games.

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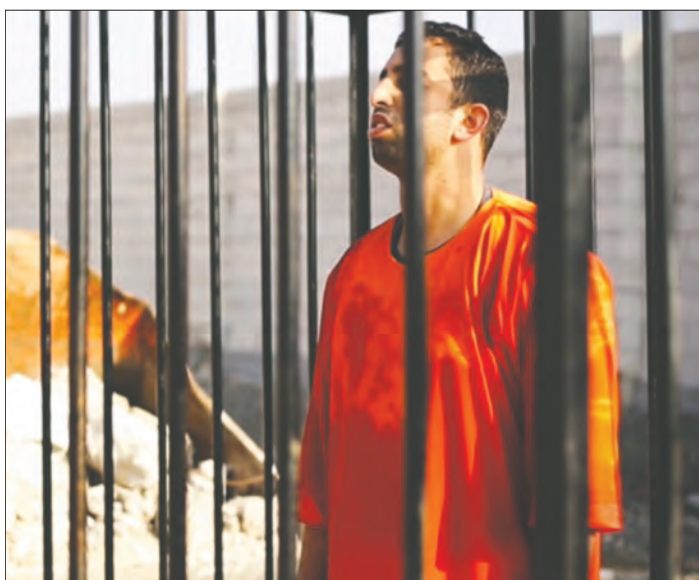
While rumors have surfaced on campus that Penland may become a co-ed dormitory, no source confirmed this as legitimate. But it has not been ruled as unimaginable.



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This still image made from video released by the Islamic State on Tuesday reportedly shows Jordanian pilot Lt. Muath al-Kaseasbeh standing in a cage just before being burned to death by his captors.

group's video, if authentic, showed "the viciousness and barbarity of this organization."

"And it, I think, will redouble the vigilance and determination on the part of a global coalition to make sure that they are degraded and ultimately defeated," he told reporters during an event at the White House.

Obama later issued a statement offering condolences, saying the pilot's "dedication, courage, and service to his country and family represent universal human values that stand in opposition to the cowardice and depravity of ISIL, which has been so broadly rejected around the globe." The Islamic State group is known variously by the acronyms ISIL, ISIS and, in Arabic, Daesh.

Dozens of people chanting slogans against the Islamic State marched toward the royal palace to express their anger. Waving a Jordanian flag, they chanted, "Damn you, Daesh!" and "We will avenge, we will avenge our son's blood."

Jordanian officials said the country would respond swiftly and decisively.

"Our punishment and revenge will be as huge as the loss of the Jordanians," said the spokesman of the armed forces, Mamdouh al-Ameri.

One option is to move forward with the execution of Sajida al-Rishawi, an al-Qaida prisoner whom Jordan had offered to trade for the pilot.

Al-Rishawi, 44, faces death by hanging for her role in the bombings of three Amman hotels in 2005. Al-Rishawi's suicide belt did not detonate at the time and she fled the scene, but was quickly arrested. After a televised confession, she recanted, but her appeal was turned down.

Al-Rishawi, an Iraqi national, has close family ties to the Iraqi branch of al-Qaida, a precursor of the Islamic State group.

The 20-minute video purportedly showing the pilot's killing was released on militant websites and bore the logo of the extremist group's al-Furqan media service. The clip featured the slick production and graphics used in previous Islamic State videos.

The pilot showed signs of having been beaten, including a black eye. Toward the end of the video, he was shown wearing an orange jumpsuit. He stood in an outdoor cage as a masked militant ignited a

line of fuel leading to it.

The video, which could not immediately be confirmed independently by The Associated Press, threatened other purported Jordanian pilots by name.

It emerged three days after Japanese journalist Kenji Goto was purportedly beheaded by the militants. The fate of the journalist and the pilot had been linked by their captors.

Al-Kaseasbeh is from a tribal area in southern Jordan's Karak district. The tribes are considered a mainstay of support for the monarchy, but the pilot's capture has strained that relationship. Members of the pilot's family have repeatedly accused the government of botching efforts to win his release and have also criticized Jordan's participation in the anti-IS alliance.

The pilot's father, Safi Yousef al-Kaseasbeh, was attending a tribal meeting in Amman when news of the video surfaced, and he was seen being led from the session. Other men were seen outside, overcome with emotion.

Late Tuesday, as word spread of his death, protesters marched in his home village of Ai and set a local government office on fire. Witnesses said the atmosphere was tense and that riot police were patrolling the streets.

In Amman, family members gathered at a tribal meeting place wept when receiving word of his death. Outside, hundreds of protesters took to the streets, chanting: "There is no god but God and the martyr is beloved by God."

Al-Kaseasbeh had fallen into the hands of the militants in December when his F-16 crashed near Raqqa, Syria, the de facto capital of the group's self-styled caliphate. He is the only coalition pilot to be captured to date.

The Islamic State group, which controls around a third of Syria and neighboring Iraq, has released a series of gruesome videos showing the killing of captives, including two American journalists, an American aid worker and two British aid workers. Tuesday's was the first to show a captive being burned alive.

Members of the U.N. Security Council condemned the killing. Saoumg ot demonstrated "the brutality of ISIL, which is responsible for thousands of crimes."

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Frog Hunting

Bears set to continue home dominance against TCU

By CODY SOTO
SPORTS WRITER

No. 19 Baylor men's basketball has turned some heads this season. With a 16-5 record midway through conference play, the Bears have been able to shake off some preseason questions with several key wins on a tough Big 12 slate.

Baylor has been able to dominate one place specifically: the Ferrell Center.

The Bears are 16-1 at home since Feb. 15, 2014, only losing to No. 8 Kansas at home by a single point. The Ferrell Center is becoming arguably one of the best places to watch Baylor play some of its best basketball, going back to last season.

The Bears capped off their home season with an impressive win over No. 16 Iowa State and have hosted and defeated three ranked teams this season. Junior forward Lester Medford commented on the crowd's involvement after the team's 69-58 win over then-No. 19 Oklahoma on Jan. 24.

"[The crowd] helped out a lot," Medford said. "Our student section was unbelievable. They cheered the whole game whether we were down or we were up."

The unification of the Bear Pit as a single student section has added an electric atmosphere to the student section, allowing students and band members to collaborate at each home game and give the Bears a reason to defend their home court. Junior forward Rico Gathers said the fans are a consistent factor during home contests.

"I really appreciate our fans," he said. "They really represent, and that's what really gets us motivated and keeps us going."

Fans have been able to watch Baylor exceed its own expectations after losing Brady Heslip, Gary Franklin, Cory Jefferson and Isaiah Austin last year. Head coach Scott Drew looks to extend the team's suc-



KEVIN FREEMAN | LARIAT PHOTOGRAPHER

Baylor men's basketball celebrates with the crowd after senior guard Kenny Chery hit a game-winner to beat the No. 11 Iowa State Cyclones on Jan. 14 at the Ferrell Center. The Bears will rely on another strong homecourt advantage as they face off against in-state rival TCU today in Waco.

cess beyond a few good performances. With the current Big 12 schedule, the Bears have the opportunity to make a run.

"We've had some big games at home where we played well," Drew said. "Unfor-

tunately, we haven't been able to consistently carry that to two, three, four or five games, and a lot of that is because of the competition. With that I think our team

has confidence in knowing how good we

can be."

Drew points to his two seniors when it's time to get the job done. Senior guard Kenny Chery and senior forward Royce O'Neale aren't overlooked at any time

whether the Bears are winning or not.

"With Royce and Kenny's leadership, they're humble guys and they're not entitled guys," he said. "They bring their hard hats to work every day and because of that we don't overlook people. We might get beat but I don't think it's because we overlook them."

Now, their impressive home court advantage will be put to the test as Big 12 rival TCU and Baylor face off tonight in Waco. The rekindling of the rivalry made its official comeback during football's 61-58 win over the Horned Frogs at McLane Stadium, and now each game has a different intensity.

Baylor captured a 66-59 overtime win in Fort Worth during the last meeting between these two teams on Jan. 10, but the biggest factor was poor shooting on both sides of the ball. Baylor overcame a 29.8 percent-effort from the field.

"That was last time," junior forward Alexis Prince said. "In our last game, we shot well, so we're going to go off of that one and hopefully we can carry that over to the next game."

In the matchup, both junior forward Rico Gathers and TCU's Kenrich Williams face off for the second time this season on the boards. Gathers is ranked No. 1 in rebounds per game (12.0) while Williams ranks fifth with 6.7 boards per contest. The Bears look to beat the Horned Frogs again on the boards after a 49-41 rebounding difference in their first meeting.

"Overall, they're a physical team," Chery said. "We know that now, and we've just got to go out there and play physical with them and match their intensity. Our plan is to be prepared and execute and make the right plays."

Tipoff is set for 7:30 p.m. today at the Ferrell Center. The game will also air on ESPNWS.

BU looks to continue streak against OSU

By JEFFREY SWINDOLL
SPORTS WRITER

The final gauntlet of Big 12 regular season basketball lies ahead for the No. 3 Lady Bears.

Baylor head coach Kim Mulkey finds herself with an extremely young, yet somehow effective team that has played its way to a perfect 9-0 record in conference, one loss in the entire season and an active winning streak of 19 games.

However, there are plenty of opportunities remaining along the way to slip up. The Lady Bears put their immaculate season on the line at 7 p.m. today against Oklahoma State in Stillwater, Okla., at Gallagher-Iba Arena.

"I expect it to be tough game," Mulkey said. "I expect all of [the remaining games] to be tough because we're done with the first half. There's no tomorrow really. You've got nine basketball games left. Everybody's trying to get to the playoffs and win this thing. While we have a two-game lead, [there is] too much basketball to be played to get comfortable."

OSU's arena is known to be a hostile environment, forcing every team to earn every inch of whatever result they manage to scratch. Oklahoma State looks to snap a two-game losing streak at home. The Lady Bears have won four straight games in Stillwater.

"Going there last year was really difficult for us to come out of there with a win," senior post Sune Agbuke said. "We're going to have to be incredibly focused on our scouting report and the things that they did really well. We have to keep that under control. They have good crowd and kind of the way that the arena is, kind of how they're sitting on you makes it a tough place to play."

Mulkey said Oklahoma State presents no surprises for this second meeting between the two teams this season. However, last time the Lady Bears played the Cowgirls, it took some digging to get the answer to Oklahoma State's game-plan.

Mulkey prepared her team for a lot of zone play from the Cowgirls, but that turned out to be different than what they saw in the first game against Oklahoma State.

"I think with [Oklahoma State] what we're going to be concerned with is make sure we attack their man defense as well as their zone," Mulkey said. "The last time we played them, we prepared as if they were going to play a lot of zone. If you watch in the film now, they're playing as much, if not more, man than they are zone. We've got to make sure we're prepared."

Mulkey has prepared her squad well this season, advancing the Lady Bears as an effective team on both sides of the ball. The Lady Bears lead the conference in scoring offense, field-goal percentage, field-goal percentage defense, 3-point field-goal percentage defense, rebound-



SKYE DUNCAN | LARIAT PHOTO EDITOR

Sophomore guard Imani Wright drives the lane during Baylor's 66-58 win over Kansas on Sunday. The Lady Bears will put their 19-game win streak on the line against Oklahoma State today.

ing margin and turnover margin.

The Lady Bears' last outing, against Kansas, was not a favorable performance in the rebounding department. Baylor prides itself in consistently winning the rebound battle, but the first game against Oklahoma State did not turn out in Baylor's favor. Rebounds and turnovers are critical in Mulkey's pregame points to her team on road games.

"We've to make sure we compete on the boards," Mulkey said. "They rebound the ball pretty well. Against Kansas, we didn't win the rebounding. We tied. If you go back and look at the stat-sheet against Oklahoma State [at the Ferrell Center] they out-rebounded us and that's a concern."

OSU's big-time players are junior guard Brittney Martin and senior forward Liz Donohoe. Martin is a quick guard who can distribute and drive. Martin also is one of Big 12's top rebounders.

"Martin, as a perimeter player is one of the leading rebounders in the league," Mulkey said. "When you look at what they have returning, and what they are getting from freshman, you just keep waiting for them to explode and get back on track. When they went to Iowa State and won that tells you that whatever problems they were having, it's fixable."

Donohoe is the Cowgirls' gunslinger, just one three-point basket away from scoring her 200th three-pointer in an OSU uniform.

"They're really undersized a little bit at the four like we are," Mulkey said. "They've even moved Donohoe in there this year and she's a tremendous perimeter shooter. We match up with her pretty good too."

Sophomore forward Nina Davis and junior guard Niya Johnson are grabbing hold of this season's Lady Bears. Mulkey said the leadership positions on this team were totally up for grabs at the beginning of the season. Davis and Johnson stepped forward as Mulkey's front-runners to lead this team in the final stretch of the season.

"[Davis and Johnson] just quietly do their job," Mulkey said. "In the course of a game, through lots and lots of games, they quietly do things that people usually don't notice because we usually have a big lead."

Davis leads the conference in scoring and Johnson leads the entire country in assists. It is an effective duo that provides lots of problems for opposing teams as well as provide the Lady Bears with relief from pressuring the younger players. Because the spotlight is shared, the youthful Lady Bears have been able to blossom in a non-forced manner this season.

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