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Baylor looks to win season’s first conference win in Arlington

BY JEFF BARNARD

Associated Press

A gunman opened fire at a rural Oregon community college Thursday, killing at least nine people before dying in a shootout with police, authorities said. At least 10 people were dead and seven wounded, authorities said they were investigating.

BRENDAN CLARKE

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President Barack Obama spoke at the White House, saying the U.S. is becoming numb to mass shootings, and that the country

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EDITORIAL

Girls just wanna have guns

Military standards should not stoop to gender differences

In 2013, Defense Secretary Leon Panetta made the move to lift the military’s ban on women serving in many combat and front-line positions, leading to hundreds of thousands of new potential positions opening up for women. Currently, the Pentagon has a goal of completing this monumental move, making every job and unit available to women by January 2016. However, even though this decision was made by the Pentagon some time ago, service branches were given until earlier this year to request exemptions for specific combat jobs.

While the Army, Navy and Air Force were expected to ask for exemptions to fully integrate women into the military, the Marines have reversed some limitations in the new plan.

The Marine Corps released a study in September suggesting that women perform worse than men in combat training and that mixed-gender units are not as effective as all-male units. Recently, this study has become a topic of debate about whether women are capable of being in front lines of combat. This study, while it may rile up some feminists, does bring up legitimate concerns for women entering the front lines. Currently, women in the military are held to different physical standards than men. But by looking at a typical physical fitness test alone, there are significant disparities in the requirements men and women have to meet. Based on the minimum requirements for Army Basic Training, men ages 22 to 38 are required to do at minimum 31 push-ups, 47 sit-ups and a two-mile run in just over 17 minutes. Women in the same age group, on the other hand, are only required to do 15 push-ups, 46 sit-ups and finish the two miles in just over 20 minutes for a two-mile run.

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The pattern of women being held to a lower physical standard is uniform throughout the armed services and should be re-evaluated with women entering the front lines alongside male counterparts. With the recent graduation of two women from the Army Ranger School earlier in August, it is evident women are in fact capable of meeting the same physical requirements as men and can be successful under the same conditions.

At the end of the day, both men and women should have equal opportunities to pursue all job positions in the military as long as certain standards can be met. Let’s drop the key for the same standards regardless of gender, and let all soldiers rise up to meet them.

From the ‘gram.

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Opinion

Immigrant dream should be recognized

SHENAN JEYARAJAH
City Editor

Kenney and Shinen De Silva immigrated to Texas in 1982 as their home country of Sri Lanka was in the throes of a civil war. Kenney was the manager of a big company in his native country, but left it to start from the bottom once again in America.

After working as a construction worker, Kenney earned enough money to start building his own business and turned it into a school. Now, the school is expanded to four buildings and reaches students from the White House, Texas governor’s office and city of Austin. A couple decades later, their son Kenneth Jr. graduated with a business degree and went to the best college in Texas.

This immigrant dream is perhaps the perfect version of the American dream. The De Silvas, my maternal grandparents, are just one of many immigrants with a similar story of struggle and eventual success.

Multiple studies have shown that immigrants are willing to do hard jobs for less money in hopes of creating future opportunities for their families. Immigrants of immigrants throughout history have led to massive growth in prosperity, including during the Industrial Revolution and technology boom in the 1990s.

It’s time to end the stigma surrounding immigrants and embrace those hoping to become the next generation of Americans.

“Immigrant” seems to be a dirty word these days and comments from Republican presidential frontrunner Donald Trump have not helped. Trump has claimed most Mexican immigrants are “criminals” and “rapists.”

While playing to existing xenophobia scores easy political points, it makes America less equipped to reach a true potpourri on a global scale and increases stigma against millions of hardworking immigrants who make this country what it is today. We could use immigrants more than ever.

An extended baby boomer generation is starting to reach retirement age. More than one-third of the population will be over the age of 50. Historically, the solution to making a population younger has been to bring in young immigrants from other countries. Countries across the Western world are dealing with similar issues.

The best way to address this is to add, however, the immigrants of immigrants to the mix. This would increase the workforce participation rate and create significantly more wealth to support baby boomer retirement. Instead, we choose to vilify them.

To be fair, illegal immigration has played a part in this negative perception of immigrants as of late. Most estimates say over 11 million illegal immigrants currently live in this country, which is undoubtedly an issue. But according to a Pew poll, illegal immigration has gone down since the past few years.

It’s easy to score political points by victimizing groups of legal immigrants who do not have a voice in mainstream politics. Ultimately, the general public won’t know or notice.

The fact that immigrants still want to come to America is a testament to this country’s greatness. Part of this country’s greatness is in ability to take people of all types and get them to work together for the good of the many. We must fix our attitude to keep this dream alive.

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SUPPORT SYSTEM
Dr. Paul Blanchet, associate professor of communication sciences and disorders, graduate student Cayla Weber, and Deborah Rainer, senior lecturer and clinical director of communication sciences and disorders, have put together a support group for students with stutters. The first meeting will be on 6 p.m. Thursday in 123 Neill Morris Hall.

One of the Baylor professors who helped plan the group has a stutter himself. “At least with me, we know at every single meeting there will be one person who stutters,” said Dr. Paul Blanchet, associate professor of communication sciences and disorders in the College of Health and Human Sciences.

"I'm anxious to see what happens with this group. I anticipate it growing," said Deborah Rainer, senior lecturer and clinical director of communication sciences and disorders. "We're hoping that we don't have enough space in the room on the first night."

The support group was Rainer’s idea, according to Blanchet. The two of them have been working with graduate student Cayla Weber to get the group off the ground and spread the word.

"It has a very long title at this point: the Baylor University Speech, Language and Hearing Clinic Stuttering Support Group..." Blanchet said. "That's quite a — especially for someone who stutters — that's quite a mouthful."

The meetings will not serve as therapy, but will simply be a place to talk, learn, and fellowship with other individuals who struggle with a stutter.

This first meeting will focus on the International Stuttering Awareness Day Online Conference, which is being held and International Stuttering Awareness Day on Oct. 22.

"The conference features an ‘ask the expert’ panel where people can log on and ask questions about stuttering," Blanchet has been chosen as one of the 21 international experts on the panel.

"Blanchet speaks from experience when he says that people who stutter often feel like they are the only ones. He said only about one percent of students stutter, which could mean only one student in an entire high school.

"I was always a fluency client in whatever school I was in," said Blanchet, referring to his undergraduate and graduate studies. "I've spent, like, half of my life on one or the other side of a therapy table."

"Weber said Blanchet's experience will add to the support group.

"... It brings a whole other level to the therapy... He will bring that same experience and expertise to the support group meetings, where attendees are encouraged to use their own therapy techniques or to speak freely without worrying about someone correcting them.

Baylor students, community members and parents of children who stutter are all welcome to come to the meetings.

After the first meeting this Thursday, meetings will occur on the first Thursday of every month beginning in October.

The Baylor Speech, Language and Hearing Clinic is open Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. by appointment.

Rainer said evaluations and treatment are free for students who think they may need speech or hearing therapy.

"We have a really good clinical reputation, as well as academic," Rainer said.

The clinic also sees patients from the community and offers a range of services, working with lispers and stutters, vocal cord abuse, articulation, understanding and expression of language, hearing impairments, traumatic brain injuries, impairments due to strokes and even social therapy. Visit www.baylor.edu/csd for more information.
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the street from the campus, heard
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Brady Winder, 23, told the newspaper.
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He told people to stand up and state
people to get on the floor, she told the
teacher in the head.

OREGON

Lorie Andrews, who lives across
The gunfire sparked panic as
Next door, students heard a loud
Interim college President Rita

Comforting friends: Hannah Miles, right, sits with her sister
Baylor and Waco communities for the night on

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Gospel Albums
Talents for the concert are available for both
students and members of the Waco community.
sermon to bring together both Baylor and Waco
the night on campus. Tickets are available for purchase
at Baylor Student Activity box office.


Baylor Lariat
DOSE OF DREW
Holcomb talks tour, new album

Sarah Jennings

Drew Holcomb, singer and songwriter of the folk rock band Drew Holcomb and the Neighbors, spoke with the Lariat about his Medicine Fall Tour and the meaning behind the music. He will perform with Penny and Sparrow at 8 p.m. Sunday at Common Grounds.

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State in the Cotton Bowl last season, which ultimately resulted in a loss for the Bears. Linwood and his fellow backfield mates lead the nation in rushing, something that opens up many doors for the Bears.

“If they play the pass, we’re going to run for 400 yards,” said senior left tackle Spencer Drango. “If they play the run, we’re going to throw for 400 yards on them. I think they complement each other really well.”

Both aspects of the offense finished on a high note against Rice, Briles said.

Baylor is the only team in the country to average 300 yards per game in both rushing and passing this season.

In the passing game, junior quarterback Seth Russell had his best game yet against Rice. Russell completed 12 of 16 pass for 277 yards and six touchdowns.

Russell also did not turn the ball over, something that had been hampering his otherwise gaudy numbers.

“We can run the ball because the offensive line has done an amazing job the past three games of opening up those running lanes,” Russell said. “If we can continue to do that, it’s going to open up the passing game, too, and we can continue to go from there.”

If Baylor’s passing game gets fully into gear on Saturday, Texas Tech could be facing a tough day in the defensive secondary.

In just three games, junior wide receiver Corey Coleman has planted himself firmly as one of the top receivers in the game catching an astounding eight touchdowns. Coleman leads the Bears’ three-headed monster of a receiving corps, consisting of sophomore receiver KD Cannon and senior receiver Jay Lee.

The three have accounted for 74 percent of the Baylor’s receiving yards and 14 of 17 touchdowns in 2015.

Texas Tech defense has allowed 556 yards per game so far, a number that does not bode well for them ahead of a matchup with one of the nation’s best offenses, if not the best.

The kickoff is scheduled for 2:30 p.m. Saturday at AT&T Stadium. The game will be televised on ABC.

MAKE SOME NOISE: Senior defensive lineman Shawn Oakman looks to the crowd for more sound during the Bears’ game against Northwestern State on Sept. 6, 2014, at McLane Stadium.
Joshua Davis
Sports Writer

Just five games into the 2014 season, defensive end Jamal Palmer tore his ACL, ruling him out for the rest of the season. Since then, Palmer has fought through pain and doubt, eventually leading to his return to the Bears’ defensive lineup for the 2015 season. Reflecting back on the situation, Palmer said his first thought after hearing the bad news was that he would be powerless to help his team. The loss hurt the Bears in the 2014 season, as they were unable to muster the same pass rush they had before Palmer’s injury. Without Palmer, the Bears’ defensive line was missing a key piece to its game plan.

“I was so worried about not helping my team,” Palmer said. “I knew it was an ACL injury and I knew that I had to get surgery, but at the same time, I was worried that I couldn’t help my team anymore. That was the first thing that came into my mind.”

Palmer said the prospect of surgery and rehab was disappointing. He went through months of rehab and strenuous workouts in an attempt to get back to full strength.

“When the surgery came around, it brought me down because the part was going to be there and it was going to be starting, all over again with rehab. It was tough for me,” Palmer said. Though the pain was intense, there was one thing that kept the 6-foot-3, 240-pound senior on track to get back on the football field.

“My motivation was winning a national championship before I left school and helping my team [get there],” Palmer said. “I wanted to show people that I can come back and be the same player than I was [before the injury].”

The McNair native registered 14 tackles and 2.5 sacks in his five-game season last year. Palmer said it was hard to watch the game unfold, being helpless with an injury.

People can be skeptical about players coming off knee injuries, but Palmer fully believes that he will be able to excel his first week back, he said.

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