Sexual assault claims resurface

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ESPN’s ‘Outside the Lines’ reports Baylor mishandling of 2013 sexual assault case

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The gender pay gap: a phenomenon some say doesn’t exist. However, the recent lawsuit filed by 10 members of the national soccer team sheds light on an old controversy.

On March 30, the women from the national teams—Carli Lloyd, Alex Morgan, Megan Rapinoe, Becky Sauerbrunn and Hope Solo—filed a suit with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, and they’re asking for $67,520 a year to play a minimum of 28 games and see a bonus of only $11,334 for each victory they win. To the men, they only receive bonuses if the women win the game and they get nothing if they lose.

If the women happen to win all their games, the men’s prize would greatly. The federation would pay millions for that year, while the women’s team can lose all their games for that season and players would still earn $100,000. So if the women win every game, the men would win $5 million, but the women would only make $100,000.

And those numbers represent just one of the discrepancies in the earnings from the U.S. Soccer Federation and its duties. The Federation pays each of those female players from $5,000 to $18,000 per game based on their ranking of their opponents. So if they lose to a team they were expected to win, the women won’t see anything. The men, on the other hand, are paid $101,000 a year to play a minimum of 10 games and an additional $144,000 a season and players would still earn $100,000. So if the women win every game, the men would win $5 million, but the women would only make $100,000.

Henceforth, after playing 30 games, a female player will not earn any additional bonuses. The only way a female player can earn bonuses annually would be $5,000 to $18,000 per game based on the ranking of their opponents. So if they lose to a team they were expected to win, the women won’t see anything. The men, on the other hand, are paid $50,000 a season.

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Zika linked to birth defects

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NEW YORK — Confirming the worst fears of many pregnant women in the United States and Latin America, U.S. health officials said Wednesday there is no longer any doubt that the Zika virus causes birth defects, including damaging calcified building blocks in the developing brain.

The CDC and other health agencies have been vowing for months on the assumption that Zika can cause brain defects, and they have been warning pregnant women to use mosquito repellent, cover up, avoid travel to Zika-stricken regions and either abstain or use condoms.

But the new finding will change the battle.

The now-finding should help officials make more convincing case to the public for taking precautions.

The World Health Organization has made similar statements recently, and WHO officials applauded the CDC report.

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Obama claims progress on Islamic State amid conflict

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President Barack Obama claimed progress Wednesday in the U.S.-led fight against the Islamic State group, even as political turmoil in Iraq and increased violence in Syria threatened to jeopardize hard-fought gains.

During a rare presidential visit to CIA headquarters, Obama said it has been “a hell of a month” for the Islamic State and a detailed account of how U.S.-led forces have slowed various aspects of the extremists’ campaign. Though he acknowledged the fight remains difficult and complex, he said IS has been “on the defensive and the U.S. is winning.”

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Plunge into Japanese culture at The Backyard Bar, 6:30 p.m.

Baylor Opera Theater and Baylor Jazz Ensemble bring ‘The Man of La Mancha’ back to life

KENDALL BAER

The Baylor Open Piano Theater and Baylor Jazz Ensemble will perform for a two-night performance of “The Man of La Mancha” and Wednesday at the Waco Hippodrome Theatre. The concert was a stripped down version of the original Broadway musical, which retained the audience’s attention on the performance instead of the set of costumes.

The original “The Man of La Mancha” show Miguel de Cervantes, the author of “Don Quixote,” first performed. The director of Baylor Opera Theater, spoke to the audience about the concept of the audience members.

Carrasco shared that, along with the performance that evening, select audience members would be asked to fill out a survey that would be used for the Baylor School of Music, the Hippodrome and the Waco arts community.

“For the very first time, Waco is honored to be one of the host cities for this important research into the arts,” Carrasco said.

Ken and Kathy Sprinkle, two Springfield residents, from New Mexico, came particularly to see one the festival North Washburn student Blake Dever play the role of Aldonza.

“We are excited to see this version of ‘Man of La Mancha,’” Ken Sprinkle said. “I have seen the musical many times, but this is the first version I have seen composed for a just ensemble.”

As the performance started, Carrasco shared with the audience that he too would be a part of the concert opening.

“We have taken some liberties with the show to make it fit for Waco,” Carrasco said.

The show lasted about an hour-and-a-half and was filled with songs performed from the original musical. Although it was stripped down in terms of songs from the original, the concert was set to follow ending with a standing ovation from the audience.

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It was the perfect storm for junior tennis player Tyler Stayer on his unexpected journey to becoming a member of the Baylor men’s tennis team.

Just months ago, Stayer was a member of the club tennis team. Now, Stayer finds himself in the thick of a tightly contested Big 12 regular season.

With injuries, unrelated illnesses and indigibilities playing the Baylor men’s tennis team this season, the Bears’ coaching staff was left with no choice but to scout the Baylor club tennis team for reserves.

When Stayer got the call from the varsity team, the decision whether to accept the offer was no-brainer, he said.

“It was an unexpected call,” Stayer said. “I thought it was really cool. I didn’t think that I would be playing regularly. I just thought I would have a chance to get a lot better at tennis, see the facilities and practice with the coaches.”

Stayer thought his competitive tennis career was, for the most part, complete after graduating from high school.

Little did Stayer know his intrinsic involvement in Baylor’s club tennis team would eventually thrust him under the lights to represent his school again with the best of the best.

Picking up basketball and soccer early on in life, Stayer seemed to be a natural at sports, but it wasn’t until he reached the age of 9 that tennis opened new possibilities for Stayer and his family.

“Tennis was the first sport I ever sold on,” Stayer recalled. “I went on a counter. I was a perfectionist that both of Stayer’s parents realized could play sports."

“When he was around 9 years old, I put him in a little, local tennis camp one summer at Wagon Wheel,” his mother said. “Some of those kids were very serious. In fact, when we got there my dad even had a racquet because we thought it was a camp where they gave you racquets. So my ex-husband had to go buy him a racquet."

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