Robbers break into Pinewood Coffee Roasters

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Pinewood Coffee Roasters, a well-known coffee shop in Waco, was robbed Monday morning.

The suspects fled the scene before Chase Bynum, manager of the shop, arrived around 5:10 a.m.

“TI was right into the courtyard, and there’s a little glass box everywhere on the front of the shop,” Bynum said.

He noted to his car and drove to see the Pinewood co-owner John David, commonly known as JD. He told David that he thought the shop had been robbed or was currently being robbed.

Maqueda had thought there were people at the scene when he arrived at work at 6:30 a.m., due to a bumping noise he heard inside the shop.

“I’m thinking [at the time] there’s still people in there because it sounds like someone is trying to break something open,” Maqueda said.

They called Waco police, who were seen at the scene. The police led Maqueda and JD into the shop and continued to hear the bumping noise Maqueda had described.

They soon found the cause of noise was from the speaker system the robbers had attempted to damage.

“They basically just started pushing things over, like glasses. They tried to push over our speaker system but the robbers had attempted to damage,” Bynum said.

Maqueda and the police discovered from the surveillance footage that the robbery occurred around 5:10 a.m.

“They basically broke the window, jumped in, and were skipping around like they were having fun,” Maqueda said.

Waco Public Information Officer Garen McGuyre’s said the reported had yet to be looked at as of Monday afternoon.

“We know that there were five individuals that were involved, that broke into the business. They did a little bit of damage to it and my understanding,” McGuyre said.

“They took a little bit of money out of the register. Not sure on the amount, but the officer that worked the call said it was not a large amount.”

Three individuals entered the building and two were onlookers outside, according to Maqueda.

“One of the guys [the video] that were inside was smoking. This morning I was looking around for things they may have left. There was a used Black and Mild on the ground. That worked the call said it was not a large damage,” McGuyre said.

Waco police are still working on identifying the suspects. He said if they are found, they would be charged with burglary of a building.

LIVINGSTONE SHINES BRIGHT
President enthusiastic about year to come

MOLLY ATCHISON
Assistant Editor

One year into her reign as Baylor University president, Dr. Linda Livingstone shows no signs of slowing down. President Livingstone came to Baylor at a tipping point — on the cusp of a major sexual assault scandal. Despite all of the negative press spinning in the public’s head, Livingstone and her family rebuilt into tears. Fearless and encouraged, ready to make a difference in their own way.

The process of settling in the new position and building a trail at the university’s first female president proved some challenges for Livingstone.

“When you come into a new role like this, honestly in your first year one of the biggest challenges is just learning about the institution. General areas, who are the opportunities are and what the challenges are,” she said.

The way the Livingstone family approached this issue was by making connections within the student body.

“We really try to pay attention across campus to all the activities that students are engaged in and we can’t be at everything, but we really do try to engage as much as we can across a broad array of activities and opportunities,” Livingstone said.

“There’s so many different students on our campus with so many diverse interests and we want to engage with as many of those as we can.”

From attending basketball games to appreciating the Baylor music school’s performance, the Livingstons made their presence known last year, and intend to do the same this year. For the first couple, living in the Alboymer House has been a adjustment, but a welcome one. First gentleman Brad Livingstone is known to walk the “first pop” bus around campus, and to even interact with students from time to time on social media. Brad Livingstone and Twitter to reach out to students and invite them to the couple’s home church, Calvary Baptist Church.

Despite having major responsibilities as educators and public figures, the Livingstons also express needs to have time to find community in their church as well. Senior pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Mary Alice Blandkhist, praised the Livingstons on their involvement in the community.

“Today, even with their busy schedules and commitments at Baylor, the Livingstons continue to invest themselves in the Calvary community.” She said. “They are active in both Sunday School and worship, and Brad even meets students with us at West Avenue Baptist Church, where he is a lay leader.”

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Football programs need to take abuse seriously

Last week Ohio State University suspended its head football coach, Urban Meyer, for three games following the university’s investigation into his handling of domestic abuse allegations involving his former assistant coach, Zach Smith. A college coach made public the controversy on Wednesday when Meyer was aware of allegations of abuse before he hired Smith at Ohio State. The evidence against Meyer is damming – a three-game suspension is a joke and an insult to all victims of abuse. Either Meyer knew Smith was abusing his wife and did not report it or he did not know. If he did not know he should be fired, and if he did know he shouldn’t be suspended. A three-game suspension acknowledges Meyer’s wrongdoing but essentially says that preventing and prosecuting this behavior is not as important as winning money or Meyer’s legacy.

The three-game suspension further protects the status and support for Courtney Smith, the alleged victim, not only too severely enough the nature of domestic abuse and the responsibility Meyer and the university have to report it. Smith was accused of throwing his pregnant wife against a wall in 2009 while assistant coach at the University of Florida. The university’s report found that, without telling anybody at Ohio State about the 2009 allegations, Meyer hired Smith at Ohio State before the 2012 season. In October 2015, Meyer was notified that Smith was being investigated by the police for an actionable of domestic violence and could be around at any time. The report revealed that throughout his time at Ohio State, Smith was often late for practices, missed several meetings on recruiting trips, slept a night at a friend’s couch with at least one high school football coach, was on a recruiting trip in Florida and took explicit photos of himself at the White House during a state visit in April 2015.

Despite all these behavioral issues, Smith only kept his job, but Meyer recommended him for raises during the time. During this three-game suspension, Meyer will be unable to coach against Oregon State, Hawaii, and TCU – all conference games. Following the Oregon State game, Meyer will be allowed to coach practices but may not attend games.

In the world of college football programs, these games are nothing. In 2011, Ohio State quarterback Terrelle Pryor was suspended for three games for selling memorabilia and his head coach Jim Tressel was fired. A.J. Green of the University of Georgia was suspended for four games in 2010 for selling his jersey for $10.00. Todd Goolsby, also of University of Georgia, was suspended for four games in 2014 for selling his autographs. Concealing allegations of abuse is a far more serious crime than any of these players committed. Coaches should be held to an even higher standard. Meyer’s behavior was unacceptable and the punishment should fit the crime.

Change has to start somewhere, and it has to start with institutions like Ohio State taking it upon themselves to take situations like these seriously.

Urban Meyer should be fired for failing to report allegations of domestic abuse. A cultural shift needs to happen at universities across the country. Allegations of abuse must be taken seriously and must do so with as much appropriate representation as all those involved.

COLUMN

Justice system safeguards democracy

CLAY PARHAM

The latest round of indictments against President Donald Trump’s inner circle has brought forth an endless cycle of discrediting the American people’s trust in the Justice Department from our sitting president. Whether it be exaggerating the power of Russia, fanning the flames of birtherism or discrediting any investigation, the president has constantly criticized the Justice Department. Actions like these come as a concerted effort by the president to undermine an independent Justice Department.

The strength of a country’s democracy is based on the strength of our institutions. If I’m a justice-minded creature, the United States has always had a powerful justice system, and the strength of that federal justice system has kept us from succumbing to the schemes of politicians. Without a strong and independent judiciary, an authoritarian could easily undermine our democracy. Therefore, we efforts to weaken our country’s justice system is not only a threat to our judiciary, but also an attack on our democracy.

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Racers compete in Kayak for a Cause

BRIDGET SJOBERG Staff Writer

Sunday afternoon, 186 racers traversed 3.9 miles to raise money and awareness for an important cause — kayak.

This event marked the third year of Kayak for a Cause, a lively and paddle-boarding race on the Brazos River to benefit the American Valor Foundation.

Kayak for a Cause had single and double kayak entries as well as a division for stand-up paddle boarders. Pogo York's was the afternoon's biggest contestant, a Class 1A, paddler, which was a prominent oarsman; but the main goal of the event was to support a worthy cause.

American Valor Foundation works to support the military and their families and was founded in memory of Chris Kyle, a US Navy SEAL, and author of the memoir American Sniper.

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Kyle for attending.

The dollar bill now resides in Jada's dorm room, where it is hung up and framed. Notes have been left on the frame by everyone who has passed it down for generations in her family.

One fall day in 1952, Gwen Beard picked up a dollar bill in honor of the Kappa Sigma fraternity. Little did she know that the dollar bill would be passed down for generations in her family. The bill contained a new — "This dollar bill contains no gems. After all, what can live on a dollar these days?"

The interesting note, along with the fact that a dollar bill was worth much more at that time, made the incident one to remember for Beard. She decided to save the dollar bill as a keepsake.

Ford never spent the dollar. But passed it on to her cousin Marcia, a Golden girl at Baylor in the 60's. Marcia then framed the bill and passed it on to Board's son Ralph Stockemer, who played football for the Bears in the 70's.

Ralph's daughter and Dallas freshman Jade Stockemer is now in possession of the framed dollar bill, which contains notes from those who owned it before her. As Jada begins her freshman year at Baylor, she expresses appreciation for the significance this tradition holds for her family.

"It’s really important to me because my whole life, it’s always been about Baylor, " Jada said. "I grew up here in a way. I always held stories with my family, and the same ending— ‘May your days be blessed with God’s guidance and passed down, and the same ending– ‘May your life be the best years of your life.”

Jada plans to keep the dollar within the community but also our organizations”.

"We want to showcase our brand, the Sigma brand, and show that we are a loving community that comes together, “ said Sigma President, Myles Rodriguez. "We welcome everybody, and just to show off in the area is what I love about the Chi BetaSigma.”

Ralph Stockemer, a member of Kappa Sigma, explained the importance of hosting such an event.

"There are a lot of people that are out of state, " said Stockemer. "People have internships, chances that don't go away during the summer, so we want to give them a time for everyone to come out and hang out and just have a good time.”

FUNDRAISER: A new event welcome many participants eager to raise money for the American Valor Foundation and raise a new adventurous fundraiser that could become tradition.

Fraternity members reunite with annual tradition ‘Family Reunion’ old Bears and new Bears back together at Bear Park

Maya Butler

Hot Texas weather didn’t stop students from gathering to celebrate the new school year.

The Theta Beta Sigma and the Kappa Sigma fraternities hosted the second annual Baylor Family Reunion event from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday at Waco Park near Fountain Village.

This was the fraternity’s second time hosting the event last year’s rainy weather prevented students from doing so.

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Several of Kyle’s family members attended the event, and Mike Krewson, McLane Stadium General Manager, appreciated their efforts and direct support to individuals.

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“I actually found the event on Facebook, and we just thought it was something near because we thought about doing something in the area,” Breyon Luedtke-k said.

“We came out to see the race, see the involvement and for support,” Dana Luedtke-von appreciated the event’s ability to bring the Bears together and see Kayak for a Cause as a way to get people involved and to support a worthy cause.

“We wanted to see what it would be like, especially with it being the first year,” Dana Luedtke-k said. “I have a lot of family in Waco so I elect to enjoy events like this — it gives me something fun to get involved in our area.”

Krewson encourages students to follow @McLaneStadium on Twitter for updates of future events at the stadium. Along with football games, McLane has several more exciting events lined up for the next few months.

Important highlights include a movie screening at Waco’s Harvey Cinema Station every week when you can see your favorite movie and catch the latest releases.

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“Have a good time, playing football for the Bears, and reflected on advice he wished he had received as a Baylor freshman.

‘Plug in to everything you can do from an activities standpoint,” Ralph said. "She’ll get involved in more activities than ever thought I could have imagined."

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they walk in the doors of Calvary, they aren’t Baylor’s president and first family. They are Linda, Brad, and Shelby, some of the most genuine, kind-hearted, and faithful people I know. Conversely, it’s such a gift to share life and ministry with them at Calvary.

The Livingstones’ involvement in Calvary Baptist Church extends past simple churchgoing — President Livingstone’s faith also extends to her work life. Although notable research institutions such as Yale and Harvard have dropped their religious affiliation in favor of diversifying their academic programs and their student body, Livingstone feels confident that Baylor can maintain its Christian mission while aiming for research excellence as well.

“Our faith-based heritage as a Baptist institution is critical to who we are and it’s critical to the values that define our core institutions,” Livingstone said. “I think that that’s a tradition and is also really important to our aspirations. I mean if you really think about it, you know that all truth is God’s truth, and what higher calling could you have than to work and research? It helps reveal God’s truths and helps apply that in a way that helps solve problems in the world.”

Livingstone’s personal faith has also helped her stay sane in a demanding job. She praised her staff and her family as ways she manages her work-life balance. “There’s certainly difficult circumstances that we have to deal with at an institution, especially one as large as this and as complex as this, and so there are days that are much harder than others to handle,” she said.

### Quizlet

responsible to make sure that tests remain confidential. If you somehow get access to the students to take the test at the same time... There are cases where it’s just unavoidable.”

Linda Cates, director of the Office of Academic Integrity, said in addition to the Honor Code, which gives professors the authority to make specific determinations about what would and wouldn’t be an unfair advantage, even on specific assignments.

Quizlet and Chegg are not the only sites that allow students to access any answers or potential solution manuals for certain courses. The revisions to the Honor Code may cause some professors to be wary of granting permission to use the online study tools in question, but students should know what the limits of these resources are.

When asked if she would still grant permission to use these sites, given that the Honor Council has decided they can be used dishonorably, Henderson said, “I would encourage students to use any materials at their disposal as long as it’s their own. I wouldn’t prohibit someone from using a site. I don’t think that’s what our education should even value. I think students who are pursuing their own education need to be allowed to access any site that would give them access to any answers they seek in a responsible way.”

The Honor Council has determined that conduct on these sites has been dishonorable before, but now the revision makes it clear that the dishonest conduct is not relegated to speech or physical writing. “In most of these types of cases that have come before the Honor Council, the Council determined that the incidents met the definition of dishonorable conduct under the Honor Code,” Cates said.

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As a leader in the Baylor community, and one that came into power during a difficult time, Livingstone has had many hoops to jump through, but she has always had a clear focus in her goals as head of Baylor.

As she looks to the future, the first and foremost goal she has in mind is the continued implementation of her Illuminate initiative.

“I’m really excited about the directions and the opportunity that we have to really continue to grow and build a reputation academically and in other ways, in a unique way that no other institution really has that opportunity to do,” she said.

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Texas-born star gives back to Houston Community

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Arts & Life Editor

The Walmart on Houston Drive was buzzing with activity Saturday morning as fans awaited the arrival of country music singer Aaron Watson. Watson held a meet and greet from 10:00-11:30 a.m. on Saturday at the Walmart closest to downtown.

Watson’s latest album, “Live at the World’s Largest Rodeo,” was released in March 2017 at the Houston Rodeo. Watson was excited to have the opportunity to perform at the rodeo, and he wanted to record the experience for himself and his fans.

“Fort Worth was a key boy to be able to play at the Houston Rodeo, which is one of the greatest bars,” Watson said. “It’s like a golfer winning that green jacket in the Masters.”

Just before his newest hit record was set to release in August of that year, disaster struck Houston in the form of Hurricane Harvey. Watson was deeply affected by the devastation that occurred in his home state, and decided to postpone his album release for the entire year. “Houston was just getting hammered by that hurricane, and so we put it off. We put it on the back shelf,” Watson said. “It’s tough to record new music when you have all of these disasters going on.”

Watson then decided to put it in the one year anniversary of the hurricane to help raise funds for those who are still really struggling with the devastation that the hurricane caused.”

Watson and his team partnered with the governor’s office and the Reliant Texas fund to ensure that the money earned through this record would go to relief efforts in the Houston area. “Live at the World’s Biggest Rodeo Show,” his fifth album and his first live album in nearly a decade, is set to release on August 24, 2018, marking the one year anniversary of Hurricane Harvey’s landfall.

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Mural depicts Waco’s bright future

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A cinderblock wall in downtown Waco this summer received a vibrant makeover when four artists and the Waco Independent School District students painted a colorful mural. Titled “1,000 Hopes for Waco,” the mural is located on University Parks Drive near B.B. King Plaza and is a modern Cabinet portrait of a paper crane taking flight.

A three-week preparation period and five-week painting process brought the project to a close in only eight weeks. In collaboration with Creative Waco and Waco ISD, the 10 students who participated in the “ArtPrenticeship Program” were compensated for their work.

Larry Carpenter, director of fine arts for the Waco ISD, worked closely with Guadalupe Waco Executive Director Verna Bland and others to find the student interns and make the mural possible, a process he found quite gratifying throughout.

“Having them connected as a group with the artists that they worked with, and the pride that they had with what they completed using all of that in true intern/true summer interns,” Carpenter said. “It really pumped a lot of interest around the community as well.

Though the beauty of the mural speaks for itself, the symbols of the painting and background of one particular artist offer deeper context and significance for the mural.

Born and raised in Waco, local graffiti designer Will Suarez has always been passionate about art, and the chance to work on the mural was a particularly special opportunity for him.

“Art has been a passion of mine ever since I was little,” Suarez said. “My mom kept every drawing I ever did. The family has a big box full of sketches and drawings I did when I was little.”

After finding his aptitudes concentrated in the arts, Suarez developed a passion for street art, which continues to influence his style today.

During visits to his sister in San Antonio, Suarez would often spend time around a wall in San Antonio that the city had designated for the use of graffiti artists. There, his passion and style developed and he learned new techniques and practices.

“Different artists from the area would get together and paint and have practices,” Suarez said. “They never lived long because to me, at this point, Waco flight and that’s why his wings are out, itself means we are just about to take much everything—but the crane presence—we’ve survived pretty much everything—but the crane unfolding of the crane is taking left, it starts off almost as destruction, different meaning depending on the artist or whatever they’re wanting to be.”

Still deeper, the mural has different meaning depending on the way you look at it, Suarez said.

“If you look at it from right to left, it starts off almost as destruction, unfolding of the crane is taking place,” Suarez said. “It’s a work in progress, but looks promising—we’ve survived pretty much everything—but the crane itself means we are just about to take flight and have wings for it. I think to me, at this point, Waco looks like we have our wings out and are about to ascend and take off!”

Before the artists decided on a mural concept, building owner Shane Turner shared a few specifications he wanted for the painting, one of which was a message of destiny.

“I tried to use a lot of bright colors because they’re neutral to all races, all humans,” Suarez said. “The color palette is something I wanted to be really vibrant just to catch people attention. Even if they didn’t understand the meaning, it would hopefully put a smile on their face.”

The mural was completed in July and has taken its place as one of the most colorful walls in the downtown area. Since the completion of the mural, Suarez, who had previously only painted a few lower-profile indoor murals, has several new murals in the works, including a building building and a building in Waco.

Suarez plans to continue his work through his graphic design business, Hi Def Willy, and painting murals whenever he gets the chance, with a singular unifying goal across all of his endeavors.

“What is my goal with everything I do: Whether it’s graphic design, a mural, literally my goal is to bring inspiration to others,” Suarez said.
Baylor volleyball head coach Ryan McGuyre sat in the media room of the Ferrell Center to reflect on his career after the Bears’ 3-1 win over Texas State on Saturday morning. The win was McGuyre’s 400th, and the fourth-year Baylor head coach was quick to compliment the entire team and help put back in the volleyball spotlight.

“It just got to be at Baylor,” McGuyre said. “It felt so blessed to be at such a great university.”

McGuyre arrived in Waco in 2015, just a season after the Bears finished 14-17 and 4-12 in Big 12 Conference play. Since then, Baylor has compiled three straight winning seasons, including back-to-back postseason appearances in 2016 and 2017.

“During the season opening win over LSU on Friday night, a record 3,858 people filled the Ferrell Center stands to cheer on the Bears. McGuyre said the support of the girls is unparalleled and helps him achieve his goal of making it a great experience for the players.

“I knew there’s literally hundreds of people pouring into the volleyball program to make it a great experience,” McGuyre said. “My job comes from making it a great experience for the girls. I want them to feel like this is the greatest volleyball experience ever for them.”

Despite the direct correlation between McGuyre being hired in 2015 and Baylor volleyball becoming a nationally-ranked team, McGuyre said it’s a team effort and he enjoys working with people as well as friends.

“It’s a collaborative effort,” McGuyre said. “I think Derek Westbrook over at fan engagement and marketing and assistant director of athletics communications Cody Lee are friends. I get to work with friends. I think maybe when I first arrived it was a ‘Derek make the blocks, that’s what I work on the right ways, these things will come’.

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The Bears continued their winning streak against the Golden Eagles 3-1 to hand the other its first loss of the season.

“Coach [McGuyre] is such an awesome coach,” Fanning said. “I feel I’m in full alignment with the values and principles behind Baylor University.”

“I’m in love with the Lord and the vision that we have here as a sports program.”

RYAN MCGUYRE | HEAD COACH

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The Bears continue to remain undefeated on the season when they face North Texas this at 6 p.m. today at the Ferrell Center.
San Antonio Spurs star Manu Ginobili announced his retirement from basketball on Monday at 41 years old. Ginobili spent the offseason training at the Spurs training facility but he mulled over the thought of retiring.

He made his announcement through Twitter, expressing his gratitude to the fans and Spurs organizations for supporting him through his career.

"Thank you, with a wide range of feelings, I understand my retirement from basketball. Thank you to everyone involved in my life in the last 23 years. It has been a beautiful journey. Way beyond my wildest dreams."

Even though I am a Marutico fan, watching Ginobili play and really coach as a player was fun to watch. It seemed as though everyone on the court was enjoying the game. Ginobili being someone you could count on to make the play. He was a basketball player through and through and was an integral part of why the Spurs were as good as they were.

Ginobili was first introduced into the league in the 1999 NBA Draft where he was selected in the second round as the 57th pick overall by the Spurs. Ginobili had the type of game that garnered him praise in the Hall of Fame. With four championships, the NBA All-Star honours, a gold medal from the 2004 Olympics and many more memories, it is obvious that he will get into the Hall of Fame.

While in the NBA, Ginobili stayed with the team for 16 seasons, something that rarely seems to be the case in the NBA. The Spurs were filled with talent and superstars during the span of Ginobili’s career. Former teammates Tim Duncan and Tony Parker played with Ginobili for most of his NBA career. The trio was able to make the playoffs every year and counted for the NBA Title on five occasions, winning four of those finals.

Tim Duncan retired two years ago after 20 years with the Spurs. Tony Parker joined the Charlotte Hornets for this season, ending the trio’s time in San Antonio.

As the last remaining Spurs out of the three, it seemed pretty clear that 2017-18 season would be his last. It is sad to see one of the most-beloved players retire from the NBA.

Ginobili impacted the way non-starting players approached the game by being a warrant first and doing anything he could to support the guys around him. In many moments he will be remembered for any knocking a bat down in the middle of a game and blocking Henrik Lundqvist outside shot in the 2017 playoffs to give the Spurs the series lead.

Ginobili was a well-respected player on the court and his teammates made sure to thank fans for the knowledge he gave them on the game of basketball. One teammate, Pau Gasol, has played with some of the best players in the league, Kobe Bryant and Shaquille O’Neal for instance, and spent time with Ginobili for a couple of years with the Spurs. Gasol was one of the many players who tweeted out to Ginobili on his career.

"Thank you for absolutely everything you have done for basketball. A role model for all of us that love this wonderful sport. Fortune to have shared locker room with you the last 2 years."