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Dancing the night away

Mission Waco to host cultural event full of dancing, food

LEISJE POWERS
Reporter

Mission Waco is hosting its annual Cultural Food and Dance Night at 5:45 p.m. Saturday at the World Cup Café and Jubilee Theatre.

This will be its eighth year of cultural celebration. The evening will consist of international foods and dance performances.

The "Taste Your Way Around the World" meal will include a selection of different cultural foods including: Czech Republic, Mexican, Korean, Caucus, Chinese, Russian, Vietnamese and Filipino.

After eating at the World Cup Café, attendees will move into the Jubilee Theatre to watch dancing from around the world.

Three Baylor groups, the Chinese Student Association, Vietnamese Student Association and the Indian Subcontinent Student Association (ISSA), will be dancing at the event. The Czech Republic, a dancing group from West will be performing as well as a few local groups who will represent Mexican and Filipino dancing.

The cultural night is a part of the founders of Mission Waco Mission World's plan for the lesser-populated areas of Waco. Jimmy Dorrell, co-founder and executive director of Mission Waco, was drawn to the areas of town that have fallen from wealthy to lower income neighborhoods.

"Waco doesn't have cultural groups like big cities with a refugee population," Dorrell said. "It is all black, white and brown."

Dorrell believes that events like the Cultural Food and Dance Night help the city better appreciate other cultures and is also a movement towards bringing back a healthy neighborhood in downtown Waco.

"This is just one kind of act to bring people back into the community," Dorrell said. "It's just a little piece of a lot of bigger things."

Adult tickets are \$15 before the event or \$18 at the door. Youth tickets for those age 12 or under are \$7 before the event or \$10 at the door. Tickets are available in advance through www.jubileetheatre-waco.org or at their office, located at 1315 N. 15th St.



Courtesy of Kathryn Hong

SHARING CULTURES The Chinese Student Association dances at last year's Cultural Food and Dance Night. This year the event will be at 5:45 p.m. Saturday at the World Cup Café and Jubilee Theatre.



Robby Hirst | Photo Editor

SERVICE SOCKS Starting February 8, the Baylor Airforce ROTC will join forces with the Salvation Army and Mission Waco and host a shoe drive. The drive will go on until February 13.

Shoes on a mission

ROTC starts shoe drive in partnership with Salvation Amy, Mission Waco

JESSICA BABB
Broadcast Producer

Baylor Air Force ROTC will be hosting a shoe drive on campus February 8-13 to benefit the Salvation Army and Mission Waco.

The idea for the shoe drive came from Arlington senior and AFROTC cadet Austin Hyde, who was inspired by his grandmother's abundant giving.

"She would pull out all the stops for Christmas, for gifts and giving, and was so festive," Hyde said. "I saw that abundance and took it to heart and thought what if I can give like I have, even though I might not have an abundance, I want to give like I have a lot."

The idea resonated with Tucson, Ariz., junior and AFROTC cadet Austin

MacDonald, who also had a passion for selfless service after going on a mission trip where he gave out shoes to adults and children in need living in the Dominican Republic.

"Shoes are a huge deal to kids and people whenever you hand (them) out, it just makes a difference," MacDonald said.

When Hyde first mentioned the idea of the shoe drive to MacDonald, he immediately thought back to his life-changing summer when he had the chance to help others. "Some of them cry, they thank you a lot, you can just see it in their face," MacDonald said. "Shoes to them are just something they haven't had before and you can tell they are grateful."

With most college students owning more than

one pair of shoes each, the luxury of having a soft foundation to walk on can often be overlooked.

"With clothing, you can be wearing a shirt that's perhaps a size too small or a size too big," Hyde said. "With shoes, it is far more precise. You can't really wear shoes that are too small or too large because it would be painful or you might be tripping over yourself."

With the core values of Baylor AFROTC being integrity first, service before self and excellence in all they do, the shoe drive attempts to exemplify the servanthood the program represents.

"I think that just because we go to Baylor we are all blessed in some form and those who are blessed should bless others," MacDonald said. "This is just a small way to do that."

Both MacDonald and Hyde are eager and excited for the opportunity to give back to the Waco community.

"There is no number," MacDonald said. "One pair of shoes, two pairs of shoes, 300 pairs of shoes. Big or small, it is good to us."

Locations for the shoe drive are still tentative, but drop-off locations for donations are expected to be in major locations around campus, such as the dining halls and the Bill Daniel Student Center.

"Waco outside of Baylor is a rough area, that's just how it is," Hyde said. "There are so many people out there who need footwear, who need help, who need love, who need to realize there are people who care about them. This is an opportunity to touch their lives with a generous gift."

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'Carry the Love'



Charlene Lee | Lariat Photographer

Carry The Love, a campaign by the Circuit Rider movement, originally formed as a college evangelism and unity movement from California held a worship night on Tuesday in the South Russell Resident Hall basement.

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EDITORIAL

Recovery, not closure

Hospitals need to disclose mortality rates, increase quality of care

St. Mary's Medical Center in West Palm Beach, Fla. had no choice but to close down its Pediatric Cardiothoracic Surgery Program in August after an investigation conducted by CNN. It led other hospitals with low volume of congenital heart operations, fewer than 100 per year, to be placed under scrutiny. These hospitals are pressured by more renowned hospitals, such as Johns Hopkins and Texas Children's Hospital, to cease these risky procedures or shut down their programs because of their success rates. The investigation exposed that these hospitals are non-transparent and sometimes deceptive about mortality rates. Because of this, the existence of their congenital heart health care is threatened.

A Freedom of Information (FOI) inquiry that CNN filed revealed a 12.5 percent death rate at St. Mary's. This was four times the national average of 3.3 percent. The Society of Thoracic Surgeons estimated children mortality rates, ranging from 1.4 percent to 12.1 percent, in 107 hospitals, including St. Mary's. Only 47 of these hospitals, which had the highest success rates, were willing to reveal their death rates.

Health care has been more accessible to citizens with the Affordable Care Act; however, due to the heavy influx of new patients, the quality of patient care has been getting worse, according to the Institute of HealthCare Consumerism. The increase in patients can be positive because of higher pay, but for some doctors, it may be more than they can handle. In addition, more patients mean less time. Researchers from Johns Hopkins University and the University of Maryland shadowed doctors to calculate the average time spent with patients. Their assessment showed that less than 10 minutes were devoted to patients.

Urging less prestigious hospitals to stop performing pediatric heart surgery would force these patients to go elsewhere. Optum, a health services firm, created a list of 19 hospitals that they considered "Centers of Excellence." These hospitals are known to have the best congenital heart disease programs, and are spread throughout the U.S. If hospitals followed suit after St. Mary's and started to close down their programs, families might have to travel extensively just to have their children treated. Some private insurance companies, such as Aetna, are starting to suggest Optum's 19 Centers of Excellence to their clients. Although the expenses are covered, this would take a toll on surgeons, because of the volume of patients. The Centers for Disease Control and



Prevention approximated 40,000 babies with congenital heart defects per year. The 19 Centers of Excellence could not possibly handle this overwhelming number of patients.

These services are more in demand now than they have been before. Congenital heart defects are one of the leading causes of infant deaths, according to the Children's Heart Foundation. Approximately 100-200 deaths occur each year because of unrecognized Children's Heart Foundation and more than 25 percent babies need surgery. Despite the large number of babies with Children's Heart Foundation, the number of cardiothoracic surgeons is very limited and continues to decrease.

The American Heart Association predicted a shortage of cardiothoracic surgeons by 2020 because of a lack of well-trained surgeons. Grayson H. Wheatley and Edward B. Diethrich reported in their journal, "How to retrain the cardiothoracic surgeon," almost 20 percent of

graduating cardiothoracic residents did not receive job offers mainly because of outdated training. These residents lacked the skills needed for the constantly evolving field. The Society of Thoracic Surgeons has been urging Congress for provisions in a healthcare reform legislation that would also be advantageous to students studying in specialties such as cardiothoracic surgery. The average cost of attending medical school is around \$200,000. Students studying in this field should receive some sort of loan forgiveness or an alternative repayment program that would be less burdensome, especially if retraining becomes a necessity.

There is also a need for strict supervision and improvement of pediatric heart surgery programs that are already running. Hospitals with prestigious congenital heart healthcare should extend aid rather than shutting down poorly performing programs as the National Health Service did in Britain. Hospitals that

perform fewer than 100 operations per year will inevitably have less experience and be more prone to making mistakes, resulting in higher death rates. Many of these low-performing hospitals are also understaffed. St. Mary's, for example, only had one surgeon in charge of pediatric heart surgery. Transferring surgeons instead of transferring dying patients might be a step in strengthening the field across the nation instead of one localized area. So far, the majority of the Centers of Excellence are located in the northeast with very few, or none, in the west. In addition, high-performance hospitals should provide a means for surgeons with less experience to learn. In 2013, St. Mary's only had 23 operations. There is little room for growth when a surgeon has only 23 procedures, while some others may have more than 100. Extending the programs out to low-volume hospitals to train inexperienced surgeons would ease patient distribution and lower death rates based on incompetency.

Without a doubt, these operations all come down to money. Money should be an incentive, but not the sole reason for maintaining these unsuccessful pediatric heart surgery programs. In a study conducted at Emory University, researchers revealed that one of the riskier procedures, the Norwood, can bring in more than half a million dollars with just one operation. According to Optum, one child with heart defects could be charged more than \$5 million over a year. In addition, hospitals with higher mortality rates are more likely to charge over \$1 million per case because of extended stays. Even though this may be the case, these low-volume hospitals do not perform enough procedures to greatly benefit from the income, nor are they capable of complex procedures, such as the Norwood. Dr. Roger Mee, a former Cleveland Clinic surgeon, told CNN that doctors are pressured by administrators to keep the money-winning patients at the hospital. Although one surgeon's mistake may benefit a hospital in terms of money, it does not improve their quality of care and negatively affects their prestige.

All hospitals, regardless of success rate, should be required to reveal mortality rates. This would force hospitals to focus on the quality of their practice rather than the quantity. It could also decrease malpractices. Overall, shutting down unsuccessful pediatric heart surgery programs may prove to be the easiest route, but it would leave families with fewer options and more risks.

COLUMN

For best results, keep your goals quiet

Rebecca Fedorko
Reporter

When you finally make plans to improve some aspect of your life, your first thought is usually that you should tell someone. Whether that's a new eating habit, exercise routine or target GPA, it's fun to let others in on your new decision. It can make you feel like you have a community around you and are one step closer to your goal.



In all honesty, for the sake of accomplishing your goal, you should probably just keep it to yourself.

Peter Gollwitzer, a professor in the psychology department at New York University said telling someone about what you plan to do can actually make you less likely to accomplish your goal.

Generally, there are a few steps or actions you have to take in order to reach your goal and feel satisfied, but Gollwitzer says simply talking about the end result can give you similar feelings of satisfaction. This premature satisfaction can stunt your desire to take any real action towards accomplishing your goal and make you less likely to attain it.

In 1926 Kurt Lewin, the founder of social psychology, called this phenomena substitution. He said one can substitute what he called a lesser activity, such as talking, for a greater activity, such as doing, and feel

the same psychological satisfaction one would have felt from doing the greater activity. That is why you get such a good feeling out of sharing your New Year's resolutions, and also why they are rarely ever accomplished.

That's not to say that there isn't a good way to share goals. People often share their hopes for the future with friends or family in an effort to find some kind of accountability. You can still do so without fear of losing your drive to accomplish.

In a TED talk on this topic called "Keep your goals to yourself," Entrepreneur Derek Sivers said if you want to talk about your goals without lessening your chances of accomplishing them, phrasing is key.

"If you do need to talk about something, you can state it in a way that gives you no satisfaction," Sivers said. His method involved letting them know what you still need to do in order to reach your goal and asking them to kick your butt if you don't do it.

However, that means that proudly posting a list of goals on social media is probably not the best option, especially since the positive feedback of likes, retweets and comments can bolster the false feelings of satisfaction. Even just talking about your goals among friends can be dangerous unless you are intentionally seeking advice and/or accountability to help you accomplish them.

In the end, it's probably best to try and keep your goals to yourself until you have finished them. Then, when you tell people about them, they can celebrate with you and add to your happiness at having accomplished your goals rather than give you empty satisfaction before you even start.

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Baylor to host annual Fit Well Expo



Lariat File Photo

FITNESS Students exercise at the McLane Student Life Center. The Wellness Department is hosting the second annual Fit Well Expo this Saturday to help promote healthy living among the Baylor community. The event is free, but registration is recommended.

JESSICA HUBBLE
Reporter

In the New Year, people often make health and fitness goals, and the Baylor Wellness Department wants to give students the tools to achieve them.

The Baylor Wellness Department will host the second annual Fit Well Expo from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Saturday. The Expo will be held in the Paul L. Foster School of Business in the Meyer Conference Center. The expo is open to all faculty, students, staff and their spouses.

"It's a great consolidated place where you can get some questions answered and meet some people in your local community who are really focused on this kind of stuff," said Meg Patterson, director of wellness at Baylor.

"I know the new year is such a popular time for people to be intentional about their well-being and

taking care of themselves. It's going to be somewhere you can get some information and both be motivated, and the goal is for people leaving excited and empowered about maybe trying something new or jump-starting something they've had their eye on but haven't been able to maintain."

The expo is for the Baylor community and is open to people of all fitness levels — from new exercisers, to people starting over, to people who have been exercising for years.

"Spring break is in two to three months," said senior Billal Siddiq, a health science pre-med student who is also a GroupX instructor and personal trainer at the McLane Student Life Center. "So I always say, during those four to five weeks before spring break my classes fill up, and my clients want to work out extra. Well you don't have to wait four to five weeks before spring break; you can start now. So this will definitely help you set goals and lead you in the right direction."

Admission is free, but to ensure

that there are enough welcome packs, people wishing to attend should RSVP by emailing Van Davis at Van_Davis@baylor.edu. If someone decides to go the day of the event, they are welcome to attend; there just might not be enough welcome packs for them.

There will be several door prizes, including two grand prizes. The grand prize is a memory foam pillow, 30 minute massage, fitness t-shirts, a water bottle, Spring 2016 Group X membership and a crockpot. Two of those packages will be given away. Various gift cards will also be given away.

The expo will feature presentations from fitness professionals. They will include topics such as healthy eating, time management and resistance training.

"They are going to leave with a lot of great information," said Van Davis, assistant director for fitness at Baylor. "And we want, first and foremost, for our campus to be healthy, and so this is a way for us to promote health and wellness in our community."

Activists' indictment shows disapproval

JUAN A. LOZANO
Associated Press

HOUSTON — A grand jury's decision to indict two anti-abortion activists who made undercover videos about Planned Parenthood might be less about sending someone to jail than about expressing disapproval for how the pair conducted their investigation, legal experts said Tuesday.

David Daleiden and Sandra Merritt are accused of using fake driver's licenses to infiltrate the nation's largest abortion provider in order to make videos that accused Planned Parenthood of illegally selling fetal tissue to researchers for profit. The footage provoked outrage among Republican leaders nationwide and prompted investigations by Republican-led committees in Congress and by GOP-led state governments.

Both activists are charged with tampering with a governmental record, a felony punishable by up to 20 years in prison. Daleiden was also indicted on a misdemeanor count related to purchasing human organs.

Legal experts say the two are not likely to see any prison time if convicted because the accusation in this case — making a false ID card — does not typically result in incarceration, even though tampering with a government record is a felony.

"It's really citizens scolding what they thought was a political investigation. Look at what they indicted them on," said Ekow N. Yankah, a law professor at the Cardozo School of Law in New York.

"If we're being frank," he added, "that is not a grand jury that is looking to bring the hammer down because you've done some grave, grave thing."

Daleiden's attorney, Murphy Klasing, said the activists, who live in California, plan to come to Houston's Harris County Jail, where they will be processed and allowed to post bond. Klasing said he did not know when that would happen.

Daleiden plans to plead not guilty to the charges, Klasing said.

The video footage showed the two posing as representatives of a company called BioMax, which

purportedly procured fetal tissue for research.

Planned Parenthood has said the fake company offered to pay the "astronomical amount" of \$1,600 for organs from a fetus. The Houston Planned Parenthood clinic said it never agreed to the offer and ceased contact with BioMax because it was "disturbed" by the overtures.

The grand jury's investigation was initially begun by Harris County District Attorney Devon Anderson's office to look into Planned Parenthood. But jurors concluded the organization committed no wrongdoing.

Although it is unusual for a grand jury to indict someone who was not the initial target of its investigation, grand juries "are supposed to be independent and follow the evidence," said Philip Hilder, a Houston criminal defense attorney and former federal prosecutor.

"I think that it's up to the grand jury to judge and evaluate the credibility of those making the accusations, and it is apparent here that the grand jury felt ... that a crime

had been committed by the accusers," Hilder said.

Houston criminal defense attorney Grant Scheiner said he believes the evidence, not politics, ultimately guided grand jurors in their decision.

"The grand jury process is unpredictable," he said. "In this case, it looks like the grand jurors took an honest assessment of the evidence and they came up with best charges available. As it turned out, the charges weren't against Planned Parenthood."

Daleiden issued a statement saying his group "uses the same undercover techniques" as investigative journalists and follows all applicable laws.

Most professional news organizations discourage or explicitly forbid reporters from posing as someone else or otherwise misrepresenting themselves.

The Texas video was the fifth released by the Irvine, California-based Center for Medical Progress, which Daleiden founded.

Despite the center's lofty name, public filings suggest only a small number of people are affiliated with the nonprofit, none of whom are scientists



Associated Press

INDICTMENT Anti-abortion activist David Daleiden (shown above) and colleague Sandra Merritt were indicted after using fake identities to aid in the creation of undercover videos accusing Planned Parenthood of illegal activity.

or physicians engaged in advancing medical treatments. The people named as its top officers are anti-abortion activists with a history of generating headlines.

Earlier this month, Planned Parenthood sued the center in a California federal court,

alleging extensive criminal misconduct. The lawsuit says the center's videos involved making recordings without consent, registering false identities with state agencies and violating nondisclosure agreements.

EAGLE EUTHANIZED



Associated Press

Carol Hettinger, an Animal Services Officer, holds "Hope," an injured eagle found Monday in Beaumont, Tx. The full-grown eagle was found near an electrical transmission line and was taken to a local animal rehab center. She sustained burns on her head and foot and had to be euthanized as a result of her injuries.

Public prayer under federal scrutiny

JONATHAN DREW
Associated Press

Raleigh, N.C. — A federal appeals court will consider whether county commissioners in North Carolina violated the Constitution by delivering Christian prayers at their meetings and inviting audience members to join.

The case marks the first time a federal appeals court has considered how local councils conduct prayers since a 2014 U.S. Supreme Court ruling upheld a New York town's use of predominantly Christian invocations at its meetings.

A three-judge panel of the 4th Circuit Court of Appeals is scheduled on Wednesday to hear Rowan County's effort to overturn a federal judge's ruling that local officials ran afoul of constitutional requirements separating church and state.

There is a key difference between the two cases: Rowan County commissioners delivered the prayers themselves, while the Town Board in Greece, New York, invited local clergy or laypeople to do so, according to a previous ruling by a federal judge in North Carolina.

The plaintiffs in the lawsuit filed in North Carolina claim the elected officials' delivery of the prayers was coercive, while the defendants

argue that it's not unconstitutional for lawmakers to lead prayers.

The original lawsuit, filed by the American Civil Liberties Union on behalf of three residents, said nearly all prayers that opened Rowan County Commission meetings between 2007 and 2013 were Christian. Prayers typically ended with phrases such as "in the name of Jesus" or "in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ," their lawsuit said.

The plaintiffs, who are not Christians, said the prayers made them feel excluded and sent the message that the board favored a particular religion. They said they felt pressured to stand and participate because the commission and most of the audience would do so.

The board had no written policy on prayer, but county commissioners said in court documents that they were following a long-standing tradition and took turns delivering the prayer. They said citizens could leave the room or arrive after the prayer without affecting their ability to participate in the meetings.

The ACLU wrote the commission in February 2012 saying the prayers violated the Constitution. A federal court issued a preliminary injunction in 2013 halting the practice, and the judge made his decision permanent in May, nearly a year after the Supreme Court ruling.



Associated Press

PAPAL VISIT In this photo taken Jan. 5, a woman walks past a mural of the Virgin of Guadalupe and border life in the Segundo Barrio of El Paso. Officials in El Paso and Juarez, Mexico, are preparing for Pope Francis' visit next month. Juarez, on Mexico's northern border across from El Paso, is the last stop in the pope's five-day trip to Mexico between Feb. 12-17.

El Paso leaders approve plans for papal border visit

ASTRID GALVAN
Associated Press

EL PASO — Declaring it an “unparalleled high profile event,” the El Paso City Council on Tuesday unanimously approved a set of plans for Pope Francis' visit to neighboring Ciudad Juárez.

Leaders say the pope's visit to Juárez at the end of a five-day tour of Mexico will draw hundreds of thousands to both cities.

El Paso's plans include closing a portion of a major border highway, several downtown neighborhoods and city government for the day. The city estimates this will cost nearly \$1 million in city services, salaries and equipment. At least two El Paso school districts are also closing the day of the visit, scheduled for Feb. 17.

“This is such a positive thing for our community,” El Paso Mayor Oscar Leeser said. “I'll tell everyone, El Paso is Juárez and Juárez is El Paso.”

Many El Paso residents work in Juárez and vice versa. Although Pope Francis won't be crossing over to El Paso, the city is prepping for the many who will attempt to hear a Mass held on a large Juárez field next to the international boundary. The Catholic

Diocese of El Paso is hosting a live-stream public viewing event at the Sun Bowl, a stadium that holds over 50,000 people. The event will include musical performances and will cost \$18 per person.

The council voted unanimously on four measures that help police and other emergency responders plan their response to the visit.

Rep. Cortney Carlisle Niland said she was concerned about the large number of residential streets being shut down.

“It's a tremendous amount of residents,” said Niland, who added that it's a social justice issue for the largely low-income neighborhood along the international border to be shut down.

City manager Tommy Gonzalez said the city was doing community outreach, including door-to-door notifications to residents in the areas affected by closures.

El Paso Police Chief Greg Allen said the papal visit poses a number of public safety issues not only in Juárez but in El Paso.

“One of the reasons we're controlling that area is to protect that area itself,” Allen said. “Unfortunately this is not the ideal situation that we're dealing with. We're gonna have to respond to something that's not even in our

country.”

The public safety response encompasses local, state and federal officials. The U.S. Customs and Border Protection's Air and Marine Operations will be in the air and coordinating aviation law enforcement actions. Border Patrol agents will also be assisting.

All ports of entry will be open, staffed with extra officers and opened for longer hours, but Customs and Border Protection says residents should expect long wait times regardless.

The pontiff's visit is especially significant in a largely Catholic region. Over 80 percent of El Paso residents are Hispanic, and nearly 35 percent of Hispanics are Catholic, according to the Pew Research Center.

Preparations are also in full swing in Juárez, which also expects large crowds for the visit. In Ciudad Juarez, advertisements for Pope Francis' upcoming trip are all over the city, especially near its main cathedral.

Images of the pope are shown with the words “Ciudad Juarez is love” in an attempt to transform the city's image as a drug violence-ridden one.

The pope is expected to discuss immigration to the U.S. and poverty on both sides of the border.

France deals with strikes over working conditions

JEFFREY SCHAEFFER & OLEG CETINIC
Associated Press

PARIS — Paris police fired tear gas and taxi drivers lit bonfires on a major highway Tuesday amid nationwide strikes and protests over working conditions and competition from non-traditional services such as Uber.

Prime Minister Manuel Valls met with taxi drivers in an apparent attempt to defuse tensions. He condemned the drivers' violence but promised to strengthen a police crackdown on the competing taxi services the drivers are protesting. He is also forming a panel of taxi company representatives and government ministers to discuss reforms in the sector.

Tuesday's protests are the latest challenge to the Socialist government as it tries to modernize the economy and find France's place in an increasingly globalized, online marketplace.

One in five flights were canceled at Paris airports and other flights faced delays as air traffic controllers staged a walkout and taxi drivers disrupted roads. Twenty people were detained at protests around the French capital, according to Paris police, and i-Tele television reported that two people were injured at Orly Airport when a shuttle bus tried to force its way past a taxi drivers' blockade.

Some teachers and other public servants are also on strike over wages, education reforms and working conditions.

Hundreds of French taxis, joined by a few from Belgium and Spain, blocked a mas-

sive intersection leading into western Paris. Dozens of taxi drivers tried to march onto an eight-lane bypass, but police pushed them back with tear gas. Some drivers set pre-dawn bonfires, put out later by firefighters.

Traditional taxi drivers say they're suffering unfair competition from Uber, which has faced legal challenges around Europe.

Uber's lowest-cost service is banned in France and two Uber executives go on trial next month in Paris for fraud. Previous French taxi protests have also turned violent, with ambushes of Uber drivers and passengers.

Karim Asnoun, head of the CGT Taxi Union, said at Tuesday's Paris protest: “Unfortunately the governments are weak and as unemployment is pressuring them, they cede. They think they are creating jobs, whereas for every created job there is one that's destroyed.”

Uber sent a message to French customers warning of potential violence, saying the goal of Tuesday's protest is “to put pressure on the government to ... limit competition.” It warned that limiting app-based car services would raise costs, put drivers out of work and send customers back to the era “before apps and smartphones.”

Protests were also held in other French cities. Uber drivers “vandalize professionals who are paying taxes, who respect the rules,” said Rachid Boudjema, 37, president of the taxi drivers union in Marseille. He described “American cowboys” who “want to destroy our system, the system we are all attached to.”

Shots fired, 1 killed in arrest of Oregon militants

REBECCA BOONE
Associate Press

The FBI on Tuesday arrested the leaders of an armed group that has occupied a national wildlife refuge in Oregon for the past three weeks, conducting a traffic stop that prompted gunfire — and one death — along a highway through the frozen high country.

Militant leader Ammon Bundy and his followers were reportedly heading to a community meeting at the senior center in John Day, a Grant County town about 70 miles north of Burns, to address local residents to discuss their views on federal management of public lands.

The Oregonian newspaper reported several hundred people had gathered at the John Day Senior Center on Tuesday evening and were told the “guest speakers” would not be appearing.

In a statement, the FBI and Oregon State Police said

agents had made six arrests: Bundy, 40; his brother Ryan Bundy, 43; Brian Cavalier, 44; Shawna Cox, 59; and Ryan Payne, 32, during a traffic stop on U.S. Highway 395 Tuesday afternoon. Authorities said another person, Joseph Donald O'Shaughnessy, 45, was arrested in Burns.

One of those arrested suffered non-life-threatening wounds after shots were fired and was treated at a hospital, the agencies said. Another individual “who was a subject of a federal probable cause arrest is deceased,” they said. The agencies said they would not release further information about the death pending identification by the medical examiner.

Ammon Bundy's group, which has included people from as far away as Arizona and Michigan, seized the headquarters of the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge on Jan. 2 as part of a long-running dispute over public lands in the West. It was unclear how

many people remained in the buildings Tuesday night.

The confrontation came amid increasing calls for law enforcement to take action against Bundy for the illegal occupation of the wildlife refuge. Many residents of Harney County, where the refuge is located, have been among those demanding that Bundy leave. Many sympathize with his criticism of federal land management policies of public lands but opposed the refuge takeover. They feared violence could erupt.

Ammon Bundy recently had begun traveling into Grant County to try to drum up more sympathy for his cause.

The Bundys are the sons of Nevada rancher Cliven Bundy, who was involved in a high-profile 2014 standoff with the government over grazing rights.

The FBI said the people arrested Tuesday face a federal felony charge of conspiracy to impede officers of the United States from discharging their



Associated Press

TURMOIL IN OREGON An Oregon State police officer stands by a vehicle as police officers block Highway 395 on Tuesday in Seneca, Ore. Authorities said shots were fired Tuesday during the arrest of members of an armed group that has occupied a national wildlife refuge in Oregon.

official duties through the use of force, intimidation or threats. No indictments or federal charging documents had been made public.

Federal law enforcement officers converged on the wildlife refuge after the arrests and were expected to remain at the site throughout the night. It was unclear how many

members of the armed group, if any, were at the refuge when the law enforcement officers arrived.

The militants, calling themselves Citizens for Constitutional Freedom, came to the frozen high desert of eastern Oregon to decry what it calls onerous federal land restrictions and to object to the

prison sentences of two local ranchers convicted of setting fires.

Specifically, the group wanted federal lands turned over to local authorities. The U.S. government controls about half of all land in the West.

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Going Batty

Baylor Opera Theater makes the classics funny again with its farcical new production of “Die Fledermaus.”

JACQUELYN KELLAR
Reporter

Baylor Opera Theater’s production of “Die Fledermaus,” the program’s first show of the year, will debut 7:30 p.m. today in the Jesse H. Jones Theatre.

“Die Fledermaus,” translated into English as “The Bat,” is a German farce written by Austrian composer Johann Strauss. Baylor’s production will feature students from the School of Music’s vocal division accompanied by the musicians of the Baylor Symphony Orchestra. The orchestra is conducted by assistant professor Jeffrey Peterson, while the stage direction is by Assistant Professor Octavio Cárdenas.

“Die Fledermaus” takes place on New Year’s Eve. It follows the main character, Eisenstein, as he avoids his prison sentence, determined instead to attend the city’s most anticipated New Year’s Eve party. The entire cast of vibrant characters is drawn into the mayhem he creates.

“Die Fledermaus” is a farce, allowing the audience to watch as everything imaginable goes awry, not only through the musical numbers, but through the humorous conversations between characters.

“It’s a challenge for opera actors to simulate

emotion in the dialogue,” said Topeka, Kan., graduate student Brendan Boyle, who stars in the role of Dr. Falke and is working toward his master’s in performance studies. “It puts the opera more in the musical theater range.”

Although songs will be performed in German, subtitles and spoken dialogue will be in English. The opera’s plot and dialogue are far from the dramatic style of a typical period opera piece.

“The humor and spoken dialogue make [‘Die Fledermaus’] different,” said Waco graduate student Jennalee Brummel, who will play the role of the maid, Adele, and is also working toward her master’s in performance studies. “It’s hilarious and lots of fun to do.”

To match its unique style, the set and costume design of “Die Fledermaus” are also very different from previous Baylor Opera Theatre productions like last year’s “Elixir of Love.”

“The most prominent difference of ‘Die Fledermaus’ is the look of it. For ‘Elixir of Love,’ we based the story in the 1970s,” said Colfax, Wash. senior Lindsay Webber, who plays the role of Ida. “This one is set in the time period that it was written, and we get to wear all the typical opera costumes.”

Humor and chaos are a large part of this innovative Baylor Opera production, setting it



THE DETAILS

Time: 7:30 p.m.
Dates: until Saturday
Location: Jesse H. Jones Theatre
Tickets: \$10 for students, \$15 for the public
Tickets are available at baylor.edu/theatre.

apart from more typical opera pieces with an absurd style of silliness.

“It’s a fun show in general with simple characters,” Boyle said. “It’s easy to follow and fun to laugh at.”

Week in Waco:

>> Wednesday

7 p.m. — Quinn Erwin at Common Grounds. Free.

7:30 p.m. — Baylor Opera Theater’s “Die Fledermaus” at Jones Theatre. \$10 for students. \$15 for public.

>> Thursday

7 p.m. — Third Thursday Open Mic at Tea2Go. Free.

7:30 p.m. — ZZYX Quartet at Roxy Grove Hall. Free.

7:30 p.m. — “Miss Nelson is Missing” at Waco Civic Theatre. \$10.

7:30 p.m. — “Die Fledermaus” at Jones Theatre. Student tickets \$10 for students. \$15 for public.

Too cool for school

Teacher-turned-musician Quinn Erwin plays Common Grounds at 7 p.m. today

HELENA HUNT
Arts and Life Editor

Teachers give a lot of advice. Do what you love, reach for the stars, never give up: the clichéd phrases of motivational posters and paid speakers. Musician Quinn Erwin, who plays a free show 7 p.m. today at Common Grounds, doesn’t think teachers should give that kind of advice if they’re not willing to take it.

Erwin himself has been a high school teacher on and off for the last 10 years. Living and teaching in Nashville, he told his students to pursue what really mattered to them, what they were good at and were meant to do. Erwin said somewhere along the line, he realized that he needed to do the same thing.

“The whole time, my message had been to do what you’re passionate about, do what makes you come alive,” Erwin said.

What made him come alive was music. He started taking time



Photo Courtesy of Watermain Creative

IRON AND WOOD Singer-songwriter Quinn Erwin will take the stage at Common Grounds tonight. He’ll play his latest single, “Iron and Wood,” in addition to songs from his forthcoming solo EP and his band Afterlife Parade.

off from his day job, became the lead singer of the band Afterlife Parade and crafted his own sound, a melodic combination of pop and electronic that manages to capture both triumph and despair.

“It’s really fun stuff that’s really genuine but really deep as well,” said Mitchell Taylor, a member of the band Mountains Like Wax. “I met him at one of his shows and was floored by his performance with Afterlife Parade.”

When Afterlife Parade took time off from recording and performing, Erwin took the chance to work on his own EP, which will come out later this year. Erwin said his new work is more straightforward and commercial than Afterlife Parade’s, using big hooks and choruses to get audiences to sing along and dance with

the music. He said he evaluates subjects like death and change through a hopeful, joyous lens.

“I just want to have a party with people,” Erwin said.

Playing solo, means that Erwin, like a teacher, is on his own in front of a crowd of people. He even uses some of his old jokes and teaching tricks to get his audiences to pay attention while he plays. And he’ll be teaching the same lessons to his audience tonight that he taught to his students years ago.

“I’m still a teacher. My classroom has just changed. My music is a means to encourage and inspire a generation to be their best selves,” Erwin said. “My show is important, but I just love talking with people and getting to know individuals.”

“I’m still a teacher. My classroom has just changed.”

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Today’s Puzzles

Across

- Musical with the song “Another Suitcase in Another Hall”
- Petty distinctions, metaphorically
- Midriff punch reaction
- Noble gas
- Former Illinois senator
- “Wait Wait...Don’t Tell Me!” network
- Tidy sum, to a coin collector?
- Golf prop
- “Most Excellent” U.K. award
- Emcee
- Goey treat
- Muralist Rivera
- Places for rejuvenation
- Tidy sum, to a chairmaker?
- Clobbers
- Regrets
- Rain-_: gum brand
- Financial pros
- Tries
- Many millennia
- Fall mo.
- Only person to win both an Academy Award and a Nobel Prize
- Clock button
- Tidy sum, to a soothsayer?
- Alleviate
- Baggage carousel aid
- Color in une cave à vin
- Angers
- Kin of org
- Japanese capital
- Tidy sum, to a chess player?
- Ready, or ready follower
- Theme park with a geodesic sphere
- Slacken
- Calypto cousin
- They may be Dutch
- Potters’ pitchers

Down

- Big show
- Beg, borrow or steal

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- “My bed is calling me”
- Kid
- Country music?
- Climbs aboard
- Distract the security guards for, say
- Actor Somerhalder of “The Vampire Diaries”
- LBJ successor
- Agrees
- Winning
- Art form with buffa and seria styles
- Emancipates
- Meditative practice
- Flavor intensifier
- Bugs a lot
- Smear
- Some Full Sail brews
- Basics
- “Forget it”
- Country inflection

- Noble act, in Nantes
- Forsaken
- “My treat”
- Thick carpet
- Grimm story
- Ski resort near Salt Lake City
- Kissed noisily
- Gallery event
- Day light
- They haven’t been done before
- Frankfurt’s river
- Hardly a miniature gulf
- Smooth and stylish
- Blitzen’s boss
- “Young Frankenstein” role
- Ill-humored
- World Series field sextet
- Wall St. debut
- Sgt. or cpl.
- Fresh



day off n. (in Academia)

A day spent doing something related to your project that can still be considered productive but which requires no mental effort.
e.g. “I took the day off and sorted my references.”



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'On to the next one'

No. 17 Bears travel to OSU for crucial Big 12 game after first home loss

MEGHAN MITCHELL
Sports Writer

The No. 17 Baylor men's basketball team hit the road for Stillwater, Okla., to take on Oklahoma State at 8 p.m. today in the Gallagher-Iba Arena.

The Bears (15-4, 5-2) are looking to regroup after falling short to No. 2 Oklahoma on Saturday at the Ferrell Center, 82-72.

Baylor lost its way with turnovers and ineffective defense against the Sooners' clinical offense.

"I don't think we exposed them at all," said senior forward Taurean Prince after the loss to the Sooners. "I think we had a lot of defensive breakdowns late. We did a bad job of making sure we were in the right place at the right time. That's on us."

The Bears were unable to ever gain the momentum they needed in the Oklahoma game. Baylor's loss not only yanked Baylor from first place in the Big 12 standings, but it also handed the Bears their first home loss of the season.

However, head coach Scott Drew said his team is one of the best at putting losses behind and moving forward.

"I think first it shows you that you have a resilient group, a competitive group, and also a team with a short-term memory," Drew said. "If you worry or are thinking about the last game, you are compounding your issues. We are on to the next one and making sure we put our next foot forward."

The Bears currently lead the nation in assists per game and have six players averaging nine or more points in conference play.

The Cowboys (10-9, 2-5) look to bounce back at home after losing on the road to Kansas State, but are going to have their work cut out for them. Earlier this season, OSU lost to the Bear by a decisive scoreline, 79-62.

"They got a lot of great talent," said sophomore guard Al Freeman. "They have a 7-footer, they have Jawun



Sarah Pyo | Lariat Photographer

COOL, CALM, COLLECTED Senior forward Taurean Prince calmly celebrates during the Bears' game against Oklahoma on Saturday at the Ferrell Center. The Bears ended up losing the game 82-72. The team still has a shot at the Big 12 title after putting themselves in good position with a successful early run in conference play.

Evans, obviously. They have a lot of guys that can shoot the ball. Every game you are playing them, or play anyone in the Big 12, they are going to give you their A-game."

Although the Bears came out on top in the first meeting, Freeman said he knows the Cowboys are going to be ready to compete and defend their home court when the Bears come to town.

"This time around, I'm sure they

are going to do what they can and do what they thought they were doing well against us, like coach said, rebounding," Freeman said. "We are going up there and expect a war, and a battle for 40 minutes."

Cowboy freshman point guard Jawun Evans averages 12.8 points, and .819 free throw shooting percentage in 29.2 minutes of play per game.

The Bears are going to need to dominate on the boards once again, if

they are going to want to take the win on the road.

"Offensively, they have so much more rhythm," Drew said. "Coach [Travis] Ford does a great job of putting them in a lot of tough things to guard. We are one of the best rebounding teams in the country and if we don't do that then we become an average team and that is something we can never take for granted."

Drew called the Cowboys a team

that is much more in-sync with each other since the last time the two teams met in Big 12 play.

"Obviously, anytime you play someone and you really rebound well, next time they are going to get focused on getting much more determined, so it's that much harder to do, especially on the road in the Big 12; so that's what we have to bring each and every night, the rebounding effort."

Lady Bears return home, host Tech

MEGHAN MITCHELL
Sports Writer

Looking to add on to their home win streak, the No. 4 Baylor Lady Bears look to take on Texas Tech at 7 p.m. today at the Ferrell Center.

With a win against Texas Tech, the Lady Bears could secure their 16th consecutive 20-win season, an ongoing Big 12 record.

The Lady Bears (19-1, 6-1) are coming off a road win, 77-61 win against Iowa State last Saturday.

The Lady Bears took an 11-point lead heading into the half, gaining full control of the game's momentum. Head coach Kim Mulkey said the Lady Bears' shooting helped fend off Iowa State's comeback effort at home.

"If you hit those shots, you can come in and win a ball game," Mulkey said. "If you can't hit them, it's going to be a long night."

The Bears took revenge after losing to the Cyclones last season. Mulkey said last season's loss to the Cyclones was an afterthought for her team that continues to plow its way through Big 12 conference play.

"Really, it's more about this year's team and where we are and what we are trying to do," Mulkey said. "If you want to win the Big 12 you have to sneak in some places and win on the road."

The Lady Red Raiders (10-9, 1-7) are coming off a tough loss to Kansas State and present a different test for the Lady Bears at home. Texas Tech, a team very much in a rebuilding phase, faces a tall order in taking down the Lady Bears tonight at the Ferrell Center.



Penelope Shirey | Lariat Photographer

IN THE LANE Junior guard Alexis Jones drives against West Virginia on Jan. 12 at the Ferrell Center.

Baylor is a historically dominant team on its home floor.

In addition to Baylor's excellent form at home, senior guard Niya Johnson leads the NCAA with 9.7 assists per game. Baylor averages 58.1 points per game. The Lady Red Raiders are going to be up against a tough challenge.

However, Mulkey said no team in the Big 12 can be underestimated. No team just shows up to a game and gives away the win to the other team, Mulkey said.

"You've got to be able to nail some shots if you want to be a good basketball team," Mulkey said. "Because everyone knows we are pretty big inside. Nobody is just going to hand us the lay-up."

With 11 conference games remaining, the Bears will have the opportunity to continue to improve and make a run for the Big 12 title, as they sit just one spot behind Texas at No. 2.

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