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Zika scare

Baylor professors break down the knowns and unknowns of the virus

JESSICA BABB

Broadcast Managing Editor

With the recent outbreak of Zika virus in Latin America, panic has spread as pregnant women have become infected and babies have been born with severe birth defects.

Even though there have been several confirmed cases in the United States, Baylor professor of biology, Dr. Richard Duhrkopf, and assistant professor of biology, Dr. Cheolho Sim, insist that students in Waco have nothing to be concerned about.

The virus has become an epidemic across Latin America and the Caribbean. More than a million people have been infected and nearly 4,000 children have been born with defects like microcephaly, a rare condition in which babies have unusually small heads. In addition, places like El Salvador are even advising women in the country to not get pregnant until 2018.

"The most interesting thing is that we don't know what is exactly the cause of the birth defects in babies," Sim said.

"Zika virus has been around for a long time in Africa and Asia and these kinds of things have never been seen," Duhrkopf said. "We are at a complete

loss as to what is going on here. Has the virus mutated? We don't know."

Since the infection has become so prominent in many Latin American countries, travel warnings have been sent out from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, cautioning individuals, primarily pregnant women, from traveling in those areas.

"Many things are still unknown about this virus, so we still need to do more research about what is happening in Latin America," Sim said. "It can happen in the United States and we can't predict it at all, so that's a little bit scary."

"Everyone should be a little concerned, but for the vast majority says it isn't that big of a deal to get this infection," Duhrkopf said. "For pregnant women this is a very serious consideration."

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Charlene Lee | Lariat Photographer

IT FLIES The Zika virus, which has been spreading rapidly within Latin America, is transmitted primarily through mosquitos carrying the virus. It can spread to humans and cause birth defects in newborns.

GET 'EM REGISTERED



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Houston sophomore Sakina Haji, Waco senior Warner Scott and Fayetteville, Ark., senior Hannah Weber help students register to vote during the Voter Registration Drive on Wednesday. Baylor Ambassadors and student government partnered this week in the Paul L. Foster Campus for Business and Innovation to encourage student participation in this year's elections, starting with the Republican and Democratic primaries on March 1.

Fraternity plans step competition for charity

HEATHER TROTTER
Reporter

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. will host the 12th annual "Battle on the Burning Sands" step show, known by its acronym BOTBS, at 7:06 p.m. Saturday in Waco Hall.

Alpha Phi Alpha was founded in 1906 at Cornell University. The fraternity came to Baylor's campus in 1993, and they have been hosting the step show since 2005.

"Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated is know for stepping and being precise," said CeRon Ford, chapter vice president. "We wanted to allow other NPHC

Greeks to showcase their talents."

Ford said there will be at least five sororities and fraternities competing in the step show, as well as one exhibition act. The top fraternity and top sorority will win \$1,500 and the second-place fraternity and sorority will each be awarded \$500.

"Stepping has been included and incorporated in our fraternity since 1906. Some people are more theatrical than others," Ford said. "Different chapters bring something different to the table and we allow them to showcase their art of stepping."

Greeks from Texas and surrounding states will travel to Waco for this event, including students from Northwestern State University, Oklahoma State University and the University of Texas at Arlington.

"Stepping is a series of movements of claps, lifting your legs, stomps. It's a way to represent your organization in movements," said Anthony Taylor, chapter secretary.

According to Ford, more than 1,200 people have been in previous attendance at BOTBS in the past. Deondria

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Bishop shares story of loss at BU Chapel

ASHLYN THOMPSON
Reporter

Jeanne Bishop visited Baylor Chapel on Wednesday to share the tragedy of how her younger sister and brother-in-law were murdered in their home 26 years ago.

The Chapel audience was silent as Bishop recounted that cold day on

April 7, 1990, when she, her pregnant sister, Nancy, and brother-in-law, Richard, were enjoying what none of them realized would be their last meal together as a family.

"I hugged my sister goodbye, and told her I would see her tomorrow," Bishop said. "The next day was Palm Sunday and we had plans to eat together after church."

Nancy and Richard



Courtesy of Jeanne Bishop

SPEAKING OUT Jeanne Bishop spoke to students at chapel about the loss of her pregnant sister and brother-in-law at the hands of an intruder 26 years ago. Given this situation, Bishop spoke about the lesson she learned in forgiveness.

returned to their Winnetka, Ill., townhouse to find an intruder lying in wait of their return. The Langerts

begged for their freedom, and it may have been awarded to them had the intruder not been

startled by the family dog

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EDITORIAL



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Lack of diversity issue goes far beyond Oscars

For the second year in a row, the Oscars caused a massive upset that overtook social media. In 2015, the hashtag, #OscarsSoWhite started trending when no black actors were nominated in any of the acting categories. This year was more of the same, reviving the 2015 hashtag and adding #OscarsStillSoWhite to the trending topic.

In addition to cyber-fury, some actors, such as Spike Lee and Jada Pinkett Smith, announced that they will be boycotting the awards ceremony.

The public discontent did not go unnoticed. Last Friday, The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences announced that it would make radical changes. These changes will affect the academy's voting requirements, recruiting process and governing structure, all while aiming to increase the diversity of academy membership.

The academy president, Cheryl Boone Isaacs was quoted by the New York Times, saying, "The academy is going to lead and not wait for the industry to catch up."

Isaacs references the heart of the issue: a lack of diversity in the film industry's major roles. It is easy to blame the lack of black nominees on the majority-white academy voters. This is definitely a part of the issue. In 2012, the LA Times surveyed 5,100 academy members, which made up more than 89 percent of voting members. Of this sample, 94 percent were white. Only 2 percent were black.

From these statistics, it is clear that there is a diversity issue in the academy. Thankfully, as of Friday, steps are being made to remedy that. The academy released frequently asked questions to help clarify the new rules and changes. In this, the academy stated that the board has three new governor seats. The three seats are to be filled by women and racial minorities starting in February. A press release from the academy stated, "The Board's goal is to commit to doubling the number of women and diverse members

of the Academy by 2020."

The efforts of the academy are a step in the right direction, but Isaacs also made a valid point by highlighting the film industry's shortcomings. While the academy has its faults, it is also impossible to vote for actors who aren't represented on the silver screen. The 2015 Hollywood Diversity Report, published by the Ralph J. Bunche Center for African Americans at UCLA, examined 175 theatrical films from 2013. The study revealed that minorities held only 17 percent of lead roles. Caucasians made up 82 percent of directors.

In addition to the lack of diverse roles, the film industry is also being scrutinized for the types of roles given to minorities.

Many have said that minorities are often given stereotypical roles, such as the Indian IT guy, the black mammy or the black male gangster. The list goes on. In an interview about the Oscars on the Tonight Show last Thursday, actor Roy Wood Jr. said, "Yeah, we know the rules. If we want to win an Oscar, we have to make a movie about black people being oppressed. White people love feeling bad about how they treated black people, so to make a hit black movie, you need a whip, a firehouse or a Negro spiritual."

The simple solution would be to offer better, less stereotypical roles to minorities. However, this brings in the uncomfortable

affirmative action argument. Would minorities get the roles just because they are minorities or because they are talented?

The long-term solution is diversifying film writing, rather than casting. Rather than catering to the public with popular storylines, writers should look to creating empowering plots for minorities. Writers know what makes money. It is time for them to look beyond their pocketbooks and look to the underrepresented minorities. This will take time, but the shift is possible. If the antiquated academy can make changes, so can the film industry.

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COLUMN

When talking about race, make sure to extend grace

Rae Jefferson
Copy Desk Chief

Let's talk about race.

As a black person, I've been part of countless conversations about racial issues. Some end well. Others don't. I've found myself in safe spaces, voicing my frustrations with black people who have shared similar experiences. I've also spoken with non-blacks who were receptive to challenges they'd never faced but wanted to understand.

I've also been caught in stressful debates with people of almost every color. In my experience, these interactions only become tense when individuals refuse to step outside the context of their own lives.

So, let's talk about grace.

Engaging in a productive conversation about race requires that everyone set aside their pride and be patient with others who are involved.

It's human nature to believe we see the world perfectly, to think that our experiences serve as a solid framework for every person we encounter. But that type of thinking is irrational.

Maybe even immature. The only way to overcome this is by remaining open-minded and showing grace to those who think and experience things differently from us.

I've witnessed the aforementioned flawed philosophy at work in people on all sides of these debates. However, there are two groups I see this in the most - blacks and whites.

Let me insert this disclaimer now: I don't at all intend for my sentiments to describe every individual in either of these groups of people. That being said, if the shoe fits... you know what to do.

To white people: If you've grown up in America, you've grown up in a country that favors white culture over any other, and that's the truth. On several occasions, I have encountered white people who have not understood the significance of this, and who refused to try and understand a plight that is not their own. They have difficulty realizing that not experiencing something does not automatically negate someone else's reality.

If you're a white person who has a tough time leaving race-based conversations with more perspective than you entered, I challenge you to remember that every person you speak with is the sum of every experience they have ever had. Some minorities have really been hurt because of discrimination, whether intentional or unintentional. It's not fair to dismiss them because you don't think they should have been hurt by those things. Take what they say for what it is and try to understand how your actions or inactions could affect those around you.

To black people: If you've made a habit of demonizing people simply because they're white, you're wrong. Most white people are not actually bent on seeing you crushed beneath the weight of white privilege and institutional racism. It pains me to have conversations with black people who can only be proud of their race if it means despising white people. That's not true pride.

Blacks have to be able to have grace for what some whites cannot immediately understand. It's not an easy thing to gain perspective on an experience you have never had and will likely never have. I promise you'll leave conversations a lot less angry if you enter knowing that some of your white peers don't have a framework with which to instantly grasp the issues being discussed.

If we want to resolve the race issues in our country, it's going to take more of what we're all tired of - talking.

At this point, we're no longer wrestling against legislation that blatantly discriminates minorities. Blacks aren't fighting for the right to vote. Instead, we're facing painful microaggressions and complex institutional structures that are set up against some minorities.

Race issues are constantly in flux. Because we're all (hopefully) continuously listening and learning, there's nothing more important than the ability to have grace for those we're speaking with. These discussions require time and patience, and they'll only be successful if we learn to see beyond the ends of our black and white noses.

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The article, "Shoes on a mission," is about the Air Force ROTC hosting a shoe drive, but Army ROTC Cadets is pictured.



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Bears celebrate start of nursing journey

JESSICA BABB

Broadcast Managing Editor

On Monday, when many Baylor University undergraduates checked their email, they discovered they were accepted into the Louise Herrington School of Nursing in Dallas.

"When I got my acceptance letter, it came through the email, and my first reaction was to call my mom," Harker Heights sophomore Audrey Karcher said. "I was really excited, and it's really nice to know I've already got my acceptance."

Dallas sophomore Kate Johnson said she was also excited about receiving her acceptance because of the passion she has for one day becoming a nurse after interacting with them when her dad was hospitalized.

"In a two week span, I saw the doctor maybe twice the whole time, and I saw the same nurses everyday I was there, and saw they took care of him and that they were the ones that reassured me," Johnson said. "I knew I wanted to be that support that families have for tough times because no one wants their child or family member to be in the hospital."

With excitement stemming from the good news, Rockwall senior Kathleen Jones had some advice from her experiences at the nursing school to give to incoming students.

"The professors have very high standards of you and expect you to perform at a certain level," Jones said. "I just didn't expect how intense nursing school was, and how much responsibility was laid on our shoulders and really how disciplined you have to be to get through."

As the excitement begins to fade and leaving Waco becomes more of a reality for many undergraduate students, the idea of nursing school can seem quite daunting.

"I'm most nervous about not living in a college town around other college students and to be off on my own. It's getting real now," Karcher said.

Baylor's pre-nursing program is rigorous, but students still worry they will be unprepared.

"They say nursing school is the two hardest years of your life because all you do is study, so I'm definitely scared to fail or lose my passion," Johnson said. "The fear always lingers in the back of my mind."

After making the move, Jones remembered how hard it was to make the adjustment.

"The first semester of nursing school, I went back to Waco quite often because of football games and certain events," Jones said. "I think finding my friends here helped me assume my role here, and it helped me get comfortable being in Dallas and not in Waco."

At first, Jones struggled to find her place within the healthcare system and figuring out how she could make an impact on others as a nursing student.

"My role as a nursing student is to learn and to absorb knowledge. At first, it was hard for me to assume that role because I didn't know what I was doing, and I felt like I was in the way," Jones said. "As I grew in my career as a nursing student, I began to realize that I was helpful to the nurses, and I was helpful to the patients."

"It is so worth it, and you're going to get to touch so many lives and help so many people..."

Kathleen Jones | Senior

Thinking back to what she wished she knew going into nursing school, Jones said she wished she had gone in with a different mindset.

"It's a different world than Waco. It is a different type of studying, and a different type of material, so give yourself grace because your first semester you won't understand what certain things mean, and that's okay. They know that," Jones said. "The professors are going to give you grace, and you need to give yourself grace."

Now in her final semester, she said she

is most proud to look back at what she has accomplished.

"My favorite part is getting to reflect on my experience and realize that my interactions with my patients throughout nursing school have made an impact on them," Jones said. "It's a precious gift to be able to help people when they can't do anything for you in return."

With the anticipation of heading to Dallas in a few short months, many undergraduates are eager for what lies ahead.

"I'm excited to be more independent and grow in my studies as a nurse and learn about what my passion is and what I want to do," Johnson said.

Others view the transition as the next step towards achieving their dream.

"I'm looking forward to doing what I love and getting to serve others," Karcher added.

As Jones prepares to graduate this May, she has one last piece of advice for incoming nursing students next fall.

"I would encourage them to just keep the perspective that nursing school is such a short time compared to how long you are going to be a nurse. It is so worth it, and you're going to get to touch so many lives and help so many people," Jones said. "It will be such a rewarding career, so don't be discouraged by school or when things go wrong. It's going to be worth it."

Nearly 300 microcephaly cases confirmed

JENNY BARCHFIELD AND MIKE STOBBE

Associated Press

RIO DE JANEIRO — New figures released Wednesday by Brazil's Health Ministry as part of a probe into the Zika virus have found fewer cases of a rare birth defect than first feared.

Researchers have been looking at 4,180 suspected cases of microcephaly reported since October. On Wednesday, officials said they had done a more intense analysis of more than 700 of those cases, confirming 270 cases and ruling out 462 others.

But what that means is hard to say, according to some experts. It does not answer whether the tropical Zika

virus is causing the babies to have unusually small heads. Nor does it really tell us how big the problem is.

"I don't think we should lower our alarm over the Zika outbreak," said Paul Roepe, co-director of Georgetown University's Center for Infectious Disease.

Brazilian officials say they believe there's a sharp increase in cases of microcephaly and suspect the Zika virus, which first appeared in the country last year, is to blame. The concern is strong enough that the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has warned pregnant women to reconsider visits to areas where Zika is present, and officials in El Salvador, Colombia and Brazil

have suggested women stop getting pregnant until the crisis has passed.

But the World Health Organization and others have stressed that any link between Zika and the defect remains circumstantial and is not yet proven. And the new figures were a reminder of just how little is known about the disease and its effects.

The arrival of the mosquito-borne illness in Brazil initially caused little alarm as the virus' symptoms are generally milder than dengue's. Late last year, after noting a spike in the birth defect, Brazilian authorities for the first time asked doctors to report cases of patients in their care. So there are no solid numbers to compare with the new tally.



Associated Press

BIRTH DEFECT On Dec. 23, 2015, Elison nurses his 2-month-old brother, Jose Wesley, who was born with microcephaly in Brazil. Brazil's Health Ministry's research has shown fewer cases of the defect than expected.

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Texas public centers exposed to dozens of dangerous plants

Associated Press

DALLAS — Dozens of Texas plants similar to a fertilizer facility that exploded in the town of West in 2013, one of Texas' worst industrial accidents, are still operating near schools, hospitals and residential neighborhoods, federal regulators say.

In a report released ahead of a public meeting Wednesday, the Chemical Safety Board says there are 80 plants in Texas that store more than 5 tons of ammonium nitrate, a chemical used in fertilizer. About half of them are fertilizer plants similar to the West Fertilizer Co., north of Waco, where a fire led to a devastating explosion that registered as an earthquake of magnitude 2.1. It killed 15, injured hundreds and leveled part of the town.

"The risk to the public from a catastrophic incident exists throughout the state of Texas," the report said.

Nineteen plants storing fertilizer-grade ammonium nitrate operate within a half-mile of a school, hospital or nursing home, according to the report. More than 30 of them are within a quarter-mile of a home or apartment building.

The West plant "was about 550 feet from the closest school, which sustained catastrophic damage as a result of the explosion, which could have resulted in additional loss of life had the school been in session at the time," the report noted. That explosion caused about \$100 million in property damage, according to the Texas Department of Insurance, and insurance-related losses were approximately \$230 million.

Federal regulators say the way the fertilizer was stored, with combustible materials nearby, and the lack of ventilation were contributing



Associated Press

PLANTS NEARBY This April 18, 2013, aerial photo shows the remains of a nursing home, left, apartment complex, center, and a fertilizer plant, right, destroyed by an explosion in West, Texas. Dozens of Texas plants similar to the fertilizer facility that exploded in the town of West in 2013, one of Texas' worst industrial accidents, are still operating near schools, hospitals and residential neighborhoods, federal regulators said.

factors to the detonation. But they also cited a failure to conduct safety inspections of the plant, shortcomings in emergency response such as with hazmat training, and poor land planning that allowed development to sprout around the plant over the years.

West Mayor Tommy Muska said Wednesday he was aware of the report but declined to comment due to ongoing litigation. He referred questions to attorney Stephen Harrison, who did not return a call.

Among those killed in the April 2013 explosion were 12 emergency personnel, primarily ones with the West Volunteer Fire Department who responded to the initial

blaze. The report says the response to the fire was flawed for various reasons, including for not establishing an incident command center and lack of understanding about the possibility of a detonation. It's not certain how the fire started, but inspectors have three possible scenarios: faulty electrical wiring, a short circuit in a golf cart stored at the plant, or arson.

West Fire Chief George Nors Sr. on Wednesday declined to address the report's findings. A call to the plant owner was not returned, but officials have denied allegations that the plant was negligent in how it handled and stored ammonium nitrate.

Another error cited by regulators was a lack of communication between plant and municipal officials. Just two months before the explosion, the West Intermediate School was evacuated after the principal called 911 about a fire at the plant. Neither the 911 dispatcher nor any other emergency official had informed the school that the plant was conducting a controlled burn of pallets and brush, the report says.

The Chemical Safety Board issued its preliminary findings in April 2014, including that several levels of federal, state and local government missed opportunities to prevent the tragedy.

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While the Zika virus is primarily concentrated in Latin America, there have been several confirmed cases of Zika in New York, Arkansas, Virginia and Texas, found in travelers coming back from infected areas. One of the travel-related Zika infections was confirmed in Harris County on Jan. 11, according to the Harris County Public Health and

Environmental Services. The virus is closely related to the Dengue fever, Yellow fever and the West Nile Virus and is transmitted person to person through mosquitoes. "It's not all that potent or powerful of a virus. Ninety percent of people that get infected by the virus develop flu-like symptoms. They will get a headache, they will get a fever, maybe a little nausea,"

Duhrkopf said. "Most of the time these kinds of infections are diagnosed by physicians with simply being the flu."

While it is possible the Zika virus could spread in regions of the U.S., at this time of the year, it is highly unlikely, according to both Sim and Duhrkopf.

Americans traveling in Latin America, one is advised to take normal precautions

against mosquitos, such as wearing long pants, shirts with long sleeves and repellent.

"This is a quite new and surprising development, but it's not really new because we have been talking about the Zika virus coming here for years," Duhrkopf said. "It's just finally made it here so now we have to deal with it."

CHARITY from Page 1

Murphy, treasurer of Alpha Kappa Alpha, said she has been every year since being at Baylor.

"The best part: I would say the energy. It's a fun, upbeat, energetic event and I like how we're able to showcase our culture and what we're about," Murphy said. "I've gone every year at Baylor and it never disappoints."

Ford said the show will feature a guest host, but the host won't be revealed until Saturday at the step show. He said the host will be "somebody you don't wanna miss."

BOTBS will be held at 7:06 p.m. Ford said the time is specific because Alpha Phi Alpha was founded in 1906, and 7:06 p.m. in military

time is 19:06.

Tickets for the show are \$15, and members of Greek organizations can purchase tickets for \$5.

Ford said profits from the step show will be donated to charity. Funds will be donated to organizations such as the Boys and Girls Club of Waco and St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

"We would be happy to get you a ticket," Taylor said.

Ford added, "feel free to ask us a question if you don't know about the step show or want to know. We're wearing our letters all week."

Murphy said she encourages Baylor students to "come out to BOTBS to see what we're about."

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and fired an accidental shot at the wall. They were then led to the basement, where Richard was handcuffed and shot once, execution style. Nancy covered her head instinctively, so the killer turned his gun and shot her twice in her pregnant stomach. Bishop said that the coroner's report reveals Nancy lived for around 10 more minutes, during which she crawled to her husband's body and traced the outline of a heart beside him in her own blood.

"It makes my heart twist in pain to think of what it must have been like for Nancy to see that, how surreal. How heartbreaking to see this man she wanted to grow old with and start a family with, lifeless on the floor."

Bishop's family waited almost six months before news of a suspect broke on the case. A teenager with a tip came into the Winnetka police department, and it was then that the family discovered the murderer had been a 16-year-old boy who lived only five blocks from the Langerts.

In 1990, David Biro was a junior at New Trier High School in Winnetka. He bragged about the murders to a friend, who in turn gave the tip to the police. Bishop says he showed no remorse at the trial, even denied that he had committed the crimes, and she was glad when the verdict was life without parole.

"I forgave him in the sense that I wanted to leave

him behind. I forgave him for God, for Nancy, for myself. I forgave him, and then I wiped him off my hands like dirt."

Bishop says she remained at peace with that verdict for almost 23 years, until she had a conversation about forgiveness with former Baylor Provost, Randall O'Brien. It was during this conversation that Bishop realized there was much more work to be done concerning her relationship with her sister's killer.

"I asked him how he could expect me to care for this person who had done this," Bishop said. "I asked him what that would look like. And he said, 'It would look like Jesus on the cross.'"

Today, Bishop visits Biro at Pontiac Prison every other month, and as often as she can in between. She said when she met him, the first thing she heard from Biro was an admission of guilt and an apology. Over the past years she has cultivated a relationship with him and remains one of two of his only regular visitors.

Bishop also shared how her view on forgiveness changed. She said for a long time she wanted Biro to suffer, and for him to feel the pain she had felt. Now she realizes it didn't make sense to pay for the loss of life with more loss.

"The only thing big enough to pay for the loss of her life was for him to be found," Bishop said.

Clinton looks to add debate

KEN THOMAS AND LISA LERER
Associated Press

ADEL, Iowa — Hillary Clinton pressed the Democratic National Committee on Wednesday to add a presidential debate before next month's New Hampshire primary, seeking another high-profile exchange with rival Bernie Sanders as she trails him in the first primary state.

Sanders' campaign responded that it would be willing to participate in a Feb. 4 New Hampshire forum if she was willing to agree to three more debates — one each in March, April and May.

The push by Clinton for more debates underscores Sanders' strength in Iowa and New Hampshire and the heightened concern within

Clinton's team that she could lose both of the early voting states. Sanders' interest in adding debates during the spring shows his campaign's eye toward an extended fight for the nomination leading up to the party's July convention.

Clinton is trailing Sanders in New Hampshire and locked in a tight contest in Monday's Iowa caucuses, raising the possibility that the Democratic front-runner could lose both. Adding another debate before New Hampshire's Feb. 9 primary would give her a large television audience that might help her reach undecided voters.

"I am, you know, anxious if we can get something set up to be able to be there. So let's try to make it happen," Clinton said in a phone interview with MSNBC, which announced the new



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ONE MORE TIME Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton speaks on Jan. 12 in Ames, Iowa. On Wednesday, Clinton asked to add a debate before primaries.

debate with the Union Leader, New Hampshire's largest newspaper.

Clinton said she wanted DNC chair Debbie Wasserman Schultz to approve the debate and for Sanders to join her. But both have resisted.

Amy Dacey, the DNC's chief executive officer, said on Twitter earlier Wednesday

that "Democrats have a debate schedule, and we're sticking to it." The DNC has said it wants to reconvene with the campaigns after the Iowa and New Hampshire contests to review the debate schedule. The three major candidates are also scheduled to appear on the same stage on Feb. 5 at a New Hampshire Democratic Party dinner.

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>> Thursday

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

7:30 p.m. — Third Thursday Open Mic at Tea 2 Go. Free.

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

7:30 p.m. — "Die Fledermaus" at Jesse H. Jones Theatre. \$10 for students, \$15 for public.

>> Friday

6 p.m. — Rising Sons at The Waco Hippodrome. Free.

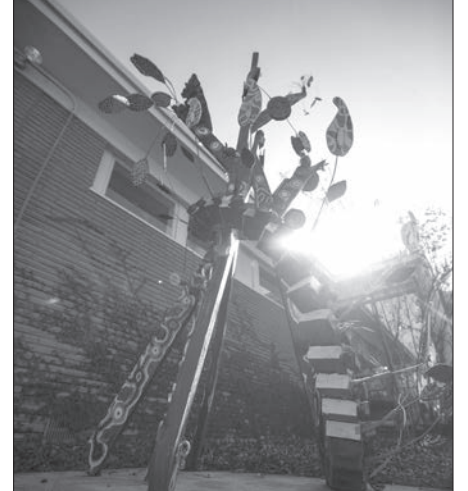
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Rising from the ashes

Art Forum of Waco reopens after devastating fire



PHOENIX OF WACO Forum owner Jesus Rivera Martinez spent four months renovating the Art Forum of Waco after it was destroyed by fire in September. Now, local art hangs on the Forum's walls and decorates its front yard at 1826 Morrow Ave. once again.

Richard Hirst | Photo Editor

JACQUELYN KELLAR
Reporter

The Art Forum of Waco has opened its doors again after a fire ravaged its original building and the thousands of dollar's worth of art inside it last September. Just four months after the setback, the renovated Forum opened its first art exhibition Saturday, featuring the work of local artist Zach Duffey. The exhibition will be free and open to the public until Feb. 13.

The Forum's previous building at 1826 Morrow Ave. was completely devastated by a fire that started early in the morning on Sept. 1. The cause of the fire remains unknown.

The building itself may have been destroyed, but owner Jesus Rivera Martinez's passion for art remained unchanged. Within months, he renovated the modest building on Morrow Avenue to erase evidence of the fire. After months of labor, the Forum has reopened at the same location to Waco artists.

Stepping through the doors of the Forum reveals a clean, bright atmosphere, from white-washed walls covered in colorful art to large windows that let in the sun.

Copious amounts of hard work have gone into making this occasion possible. For Martinez, it's been a labor of love. This opening represents a community for artists, a fresh start and a continued legacy.

"It's very emotional. I'm excited for the community," Martinez said.

Above all else, the purpose of the Forum, and the reason for its resilience, is its ability to give local artists like Duffey a place to create and exhibit.

"I want him to show the public his technique and his passion," Martinez said. "We're very happy for him."

Duffey is a native of Mississippi who recently moved to Waco from South Padre Island. Much of his colorful work is made of repurposed urban materials with oceanic touches, like surfboards used as canvases.

Duffey was drawn to the arts from a young age. However, he didn't immediately choose the arts as a career when he reached adulthood. He joined the United States Air Force first, but when he realized his interest in photography and later painting, his enthusiasm for art evolved to become his life's work.

When he arrived in Waco, he discovered the Forum purely by chance.

"I moved into a house right down the street and I just ran across this place," Duffey said. "I just loaded my car up with paintings and brought them in."

Martinez said he couldn't be happier to have Duffey and his work at the Forum.

"I'm very excited for the new artist and for the people who are going to come and

see this new exhibition," Martinez said.

Martinez himself has a deep-seated passion for art that he traced back to his years as a young boy in Mexico. His artistic journey started when he was an 18-year-old who left home to study drama. He began his career by starring in telenovelas in San Luis Potosí, Mexico. As an adult, he traveled to the United States, studying in art programs at the University of New Mexico and at the Glassell School of Art in Houston.

By the time Martinez reached Waco, he wanted to share his enthusiasm for art with others. He resolved to open his own studio and exhibition space and put away a dollar a day for almost 20 years to make his dream a reality.

In addition to being a showcase for local artists, the new Forum is also a tribute to the late Rodolfo Razo, an accomplished artist known for his life-size fashion paintings and stately portraits.

Martinez considers Razo his mentor, the one who motivated him to succeed in his artistic endeavors. The two remained close friends until Razo's sudden passing in April 2014.

Razo shared the same appreciation of the arts as Martinez, and his generosity and continued commitment to the Forum were met with great gratitude and respect. Martinez has constructed a statue of "La Virgen de Guadalupe" for the St. Louis Catholic Church as a memorial to his companion, to whom he attributes the existence of the Art Forum of Waco.

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Today's Puzzles

- Across**
 1 "If I may interject ..."
 5 Stops to smell the roses
 11 Briquette's fate
 14 Passed
 15 Potassium hydroxide, e.g.
 16 Siete menos seis
 17 Threat to the queen's cotton?
 19 Water source
 20 Hersey's "A Bell for ___"
 21 Wind dir.
 22 Call forth
 24 Help for a sad BFF
 26 Subject of the first picture in Mussorgsky's "Pictures at an Exhibition"
 27 Satan's broadcaster?
 34 Physical, e.g.
 35 On the move
 36 Plane compartment
 37 Told, as an elaborate tale
 38 Repeating rhythmic pattern used in Cuban music
 39 Balderdash
 40 39-Down carrier
 41 Deli equipment
 42 Protected at sea
 43 Really unpopular fish?
 46 Rushed
 47 Mauna ___
 48 Expert
 49 "___ Kapital"
 52 Make whole
 56 First woman to land a triple axel in competition
 57 1958 Orson Welles film noir ... and a hint to 17-, 27- and 43-Across
- Down**
 1 Indian district with three World Heritage Sites

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 11 Lot occupant
 12 Part of Oregon's border
 13 Last thing in Pandora's box
 18 Relax
 23 "Cross my heart," e.g.
 25 Round ornament
 26 Vague
 27 John of Scotch fame
 28 Clears
 29 Ed Norton catchphrase on "The Honeymooners"
- 30 Firm
 31 Climate control systs.
 32 Jewel thief portrayer in "The Pink Panther"
 33 They're often bent
 39 About 125 million people
 41 Not objective
 44 Halogen suffix
 45 High hair style
 48 Revealing apparel
 49 Household glue brand
 50 Served very well
 51 ___ butter
 53 "Variations on 'America'" composer
 54 List
 55 How she looks in Paris?
 58 Good Grips kitchenware brand
 59 "They say there is divinity in ___ numbers": Falstaff

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Feelin' 20, again

Lady Bears hold off Tech, earn 16th consecutive 20-win season

MEGHAN MITCHELL
Sports Writer

For the 16th consecutive season, the Lady Bears won at least 20 games, a continuing Big 12 record for head coach Kim Mulkey and her team.

In a night to show support for the Pat Summit Foundation and bring awareness to Alzheimer's, the No. 4 Baylor Lady Bears found a way to take the win against Texas Tech, 69-43, despite sluggish play.

Although the score would induce one to think the Lady Bears were dominant over the Lady Red Raiders, Mulkey said her team still has plenty to work on from Wednesday's game.

"Well, there are probably a couple areas I was pleased in, but in the rest of the game, we were not very good tonight," Mulkey said. "We turned the basketball over entirely too much. We didn't play inspired for whatever reason."

The Lady Bears (20-1, 7-1) faced the Lady Red Raiders (10-10, 1-8) who have struggled in conference play this season, only winning one conference game against Iowa State in double-overtime.

The Lady Bears, on the other hand, won all but one conference game, with the lone loss coming on the road against Oklahoma State.

Looking past the season record is a habit Mulkey wanted her team to exercise ahead of Wednesday's game.

"Sometimes players look at records, and you try your best to make them understand Texas Tech isn't going to go away, and they didn't go away," Mulkey said.

The Lady Bears' aggressive, relentless style was present from the opening whistle. However, Baylor found it difficult to connect with the basket early on.

To the Lady Bears' advantage, the Lady Red Raiders also struggled to capitalize on open looks. The Lady Bears' 33.3 shooting percentage was enough to take a 13-7 lead to end the first quarter with the Lady



ANOTHER MILESTONE Senior guard Niya Johnson is honored before the game on Wednesday for earning the Big 12 assists record (845) earlier in the season. Johnson is first all-time on the Lady Bears' assists list as well.

Red Raiders shooting a field goal percentage of 14.3.

"We had a lot of unforced turnovers. We have to go back in the film room and discuss those turnovers and why they happened," said senior guard Niya Johnson. "Overall, it was an ugly win, but we got the win."

Junior guard Alexis Prince struggled with injuries earlier in the season, but brought a morale boost to the Lady Bears by hitting a three with just seconds remaining in the first half. Jones' jumper gave the Lady

Bears a 33-19 lead going at halftime.

"I thought Alexis Prince was a spark for us off the bench," Mulkey said. "I thought she got some big rebounds for us; she hit some big shots."

However, the Lady Red Raiders were not just going to go away without making a mark and although they fought back to close the gap to 15 to end the third quarter, the Lady Bears remained in the lead going into the fourth quarter, 51-36.

The Lady Bears did not need to



Photos by Trey Honeycutt | Lariat Photographer

QUICK MOVES Junior guard Alexis Jones dribbles against a Texas Tech defender on Wednesday at the Ferrell Center. Jones was honored for her 1,000th career point before the game.

over exert themselves anymore in the fourth quarter. It was all about closing out the game.

A three by junior guard Alexis Jones and an easy fast-break layup by Johnson helped the Lady Bears extend their lead to 24 with just over three minutes remaining in regulation.

Baylor ended the game shooting a field goal percentage of 48.1 and outscored Texas Tech in the paint, 38-20. But there is no denying the Lady Bears' play was more sluggish than usual, Mulkey said.

"It was just sloppy play," Mulkey said. "I thought we put them [on the foul line] too much in the second half"

The Lady Bears continue their Big 12 campaign at West Virginia at 3 p.m. on Saturday. Mulkey and her team look to put their sloppy games behind them.

"We are just going to play every game like it is our last," Johnson said. "We are going to play hard and stay focused."

Bears sweep Cowboys

HUNTER HEWELL
Reporter

The No. 17 Baylor men's basketball team is now tied for first place in the Big 12 after a 69-65 victory over the Oklahoma State Cowboys on Wednesday in Stillwater, Okla.

Wednesday night's win completed the Bears' season sweep over the Cowboys, but it looked like Oklahoma State was not going to let that happen for most of the night.

The Cowboys took over early, leading 12-7 at the 15-minute mark. Baylor picked up its defense and forced four turnovers, but the Bears had trouble getting into a rhythm on offense. OSU widened its lead to 23-11 with eight minutes left in the half.

Baylor eventually overcame the slow start, going on an 8-2 run to lessen the gap, 25-19, with just under three minutes in the first half.

Baylor rallied again to bring the score within five. The Bears entered halftime down 32-27, after shooting 38 percent from the field, versus the Cowboys' 54 percent.

At halftime, senior forward Taurean Prince led the team in scoring with nine points, while sophomore forward Johnathan Motley led in rebounds with six.

Out of the break, Baylor cut the lead with six quick points by senior forward Rico Gathers. Baylor then took the lead at 37-36 with a pair of free throws thanks to junior guard Ishmael Wainright.

Baylor stayed clicking on offense and maintained their lead. With 10 minutes left to play Baylor extended their lead to six, leading 46-40. Baylor continued their pace on offense, but the Cowboys kept it close.

With just under four minutes left to play, Oklahoma State nailed a three-point shot to take back the lead, 61-60.

The Bears kept their composure and regained the lead with a basket off a block from Gathers.



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DOWN LOW Senior forward Rico Gathers gets in the basket during the second half of an NCAA college basketball game on Wednesday in Stillwater, Okla.

The Cowboys then took back the lead after a pair of free throws. Another lead change quickly ensued after Gathers hit two free throws. The Bears led 64-63 with just under one minute left to play.

With 32.2 seconds left, Wainright nailed the hook shot to extend the Bears' lead to three.

Despite the Cowboys' final efforts, Baylor's free throw shooting down the stretch allowed them to hold on to their lead and get the 69-65 win.

The Bears finished the game with three players scoring in double digits. Prince, Gathers, and senior guard Lester Medford had 17, 15, and 12 points, respectively. Gathers also led the team in rebounds with eight.

Baylor will look to defend their home court against the Georgia Bulldogs on Saturday at the Ferrell Center.

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