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DEALING WITH LOSS On Jan. 28, 2014, two workers fell into the Brazos River while working on the pedestrian bridge that crosses to Baylor Stadium, leaving one dead, on Jan. 28, 2014. Thursday, a Harris County jury awarded \$18 million to the family of the deceased worker.

Jury awards \$18 million in drowning death of bridge worker

Associated Press

The family of a construction worker drowned in the Brazos River in 2014 while helping build a Baylor University pedestrian bridge has been awarded almost \$18 million by a Harris County jury.

The Waco Tribune-Herald reports jurors deliberated about six hours before returning its verdict against Austin Bridge and Road Co. for the death of Jose Dario Suarez. The family's attorney had asked the jury for \$27 million.

A message left with Austin Bridge and Road, the general contractor on the bridge contract,

wasn't returned.

Suarez drowned after a lift to which he and another worker were strapped rolled from a barge into the river.

The other worker eventually freed himself and swam to safety, but family attorneys alleged crews made no effort to rescue the workers.

The drowned victim was not found after the accident until later that evening. The other worker was taken to Providence Hospital to be treated for hypothermia.

Baylor was a defendant in the original case, but was dismissed from the lawsuit in June.

The Lariat contributed to this report.

Oakman posts bail from county jail

JESSICA HUBBLE
Staff Writer

Former Baylor University football player and NFL prospect Shawn Oakman was released from McLennan County jail on a \$25,000 bond Thursday afternoon.

Oakman, 24, was arrested on a charge of sexual assault Wednesday afternoon. It was reported that he and a student left Scruffy Murphy's on Speight Avenue to his apartment on April 3, according to a search warrant.



Oakman met with Waco Police Department detectives and was served with two search warrants Wednesday, according to a Waco Police Department press release. One warrant was for his cellphone and the other was for DNA samples. After executing both warrants, the Waco Police served Oakman a warrant for his arrest and took him into custody at a county jail,

according to the press release.

The student reported that she went to Oakman's apartment and, once there, he forcibly removed her clothing and sexually assaulted her. The victim told officers that her underwear and an earring were left behind, according to the search warrant.

The woman was treated for her injuries and taken to Providence Medical Center and had a sexual assault exam, according to the search warrant.

According to the affidavit, Oakman said sex was consensual.

Tonya Lewis, assistant director of media communications at Baylor, released a statement on behalf of the university Wednesday. She said the university was aware of the former football player and graduate's arrest.

"We will continue to cooperate with the Waco Police Department to provide any information that could be helpful to the ongoing investigation," Lewis said.

OUTDOOR FUN



Richard Hirst | Photo Editor

A Baylor student does a wet exit from a kayak Thursday at the Marina as part of a mandatory pre-trip session by Baylor Outdoor Adventure. The training is to prepare for a kayaking trip to San Marcos and New Braunfels.

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Robby Hirst | Photo Editor

BAYLOR PROSPECTS An estimated 7,000 visitors will be on campus this Saturday for Baylor Premiere. Ross VanDyke, director of admissions recruitment, said this is the largest the event has ever been.

Premiere to draw in many young visitors

LIESJE POWERS
Staff Writer

Baylor Undergraduate Admissions is hosting its annual Baylor Premiere this Saturday.

Prospective students will be given a chance to explore campus and the possibility of future enrollment for an entire day.

This year is the largest the event has ever been with 7,000 registered attendees, said to Ross VanDyke, director of admissions recruitment.

Students make up about 2,300 of those coming this weekend, with about 1,500 juniors registered, close to 500 of those attending are seniors

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EDITORIAL

Waco needs to build beyond tourism sites

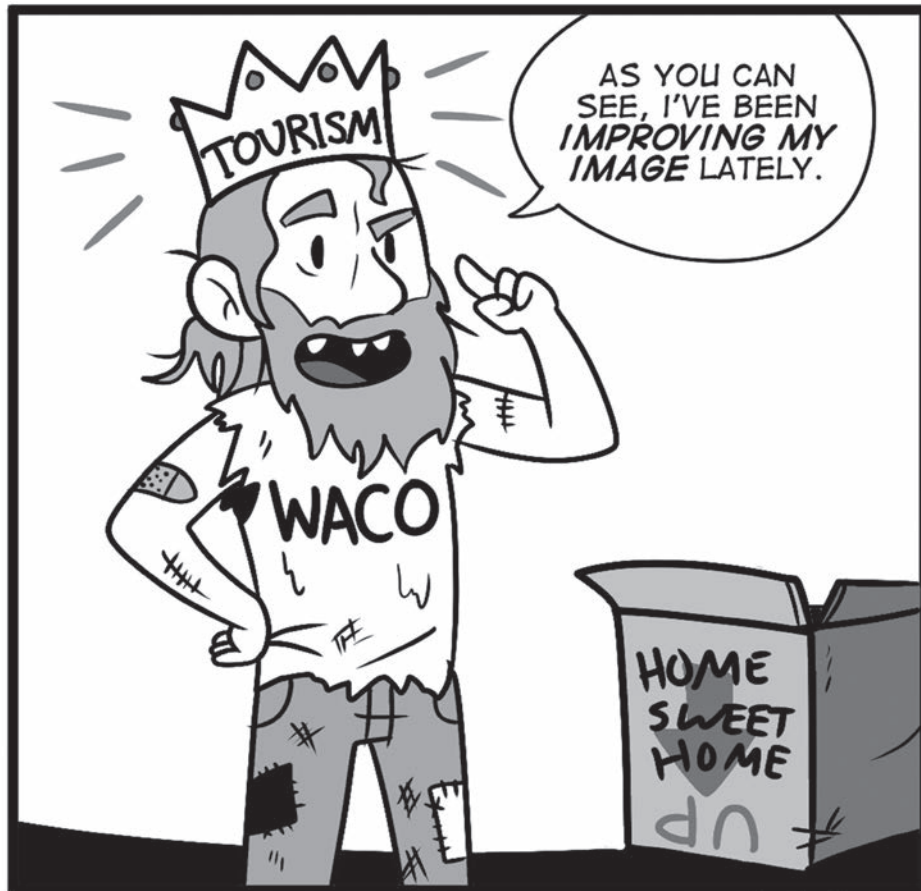
With new businesses coming to Waco, it can be a challenge to balance city development with the needs of a community. As the city continues to grow, the disparity between income levels will have to be an issue of continual consideration.

With a population of more than 130,000, nearly 29.4 percent of the Waco population is in poverty, according to the United States Census Bureau. This statistic should come as no surprise to anyone who lives in the area. Lower-income areas are scattered all around the city and are especially stark in contrast to Baylor University's expanse over one side of I-35.

And while local shops like Spice Village and Magnolia Market can provide a sense of community and even add value to an area, they can also alienate those not quite in their target demographic. Often, businesses that cater to middle-to-upper income clientele are situated in financially disadvantaged areas. When businesses do not hire people from these neighborhoods nor sell anything that would be within their price range, these businesses can be a slap in the face to those just struggling to get by. However, a business being an independent entity of its own, the blame should not fall entirely on the sellers either. Rather, as access to basic necessities grows harder to come by in these neighborhoods, businesses that provide what could be considered luxury items need to be balanced with the introduction of stores that can be affordable to those who live there.

Nonprofit initiatives like the World Hunger Relief Inc.'s Veggie Van and Mission Waco's Jubilee Food Market are making great strides to address these issues, but a successful city cannot be dependent on efforts such as these to provide for its residents. Introduction and retention of supermarkets needs to be a focused effort in itself when considering long-term sustainability.

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics indicates that Waco's unemployment rate is at about 3.8 percent, which is slightly below the state average. As Waco gradually expands, efforts to combine both job opportunity and build a competitive pool of laborers through skill acquisition should be a priority. The Waco Chamber of Commerce is attempting to address this issue, but the nonprofit had been running into issues concerning competing markets. Julina Macy, director of communications for the Waco Chamber of Commerce, said the organization aims to create financial security among lower-income households, but is having issues bringing businesses to Waco due to similar markets in larger cities. Right now, programs like the Greater Waco Advanced Healthcare Academy and the Greater Waco Advanced Manufacturing Academy are trying to create this labor force, but job opportunity must match the number of skilled people. Conversely, jobs based more on experience than specific skill sets must also be available for those who lack time to acquire these new skills.



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Programs like the Waco-McLennan County Economic Development Corporation, which gives out cash grants for industry expansion and new businesses, are a push in the right direction toward building a stable economy. Moreover, the overall industrial incentive programs available can make building in Waco less of a risky investment. Points like these must be highlighted

to possible investors rather than solely focusing on the glitz and glamour of tourist attractions around the area. An economy based on tourism is not a solid foundation for the city, as it varies with events and seasons. Growth in Waco must happen from the ground up through a stable job market and a deep consideration for income inequality in city planning.

COLUMN

Group projects do not represent post-graduate work in 'real world'

JEFFREY SWINDOLL
Sports Editor

We're all in the thick of it right now. The final stretch of the spring semester. Most of us have been tasked with the inevitable reality of group project difficulties in the midst of all the chaos the end of a semester brings.

We all are dealt absurd schedule strains and uncontrollable challenges each semester.

Personally, as a senior within weeks of my graduation, I have many final tasks to fulfill apart from school. It is a frantic period of time, quite frankly, in which many of us seniors are finishing classes to either fill a minimum hour requirement or complete segments in our degree track (in some cases it's both).



For some, group projects take priority over other school assignments. For others, group projects are secondary to other things in life such as work, other class assignments or non-school related activities. However, everyone faced with the same dilemma – balancing group project responsibilities with other responsibilities – is forced to choose what will take precedence over the other.

I'm not saying every assignment should be a group project, or that group projects are the ultimate barometer for whether you'll do well in the workforce or not. I'm also not saying group projects have nothing good to offer, or that they don't lend themselves to certain assignments that just make more sense to be group-oriented.

However, there seems to be hardly any consideration for some teachers of when it's appropriate to assign group projects. Teachers do like to throw around this justification, that group projects are the best representation of working in the "real world" and that's good enough for them to assign a group project. But I believe there is still a debate to be had on whether group projects, by and large, are beneficial to learning and the betterment of the students.

I will say that group projects can do things that wouldn't otherwise be possible or practical if the project was individual.

With group projects, teachers can assign bigger portions of work with the expectation of it being divided up in the group. Also, group projects allow students to be accountable to others, ensuring the assignment does, in fact, get done.

Furthermore, there is at least some merit to the claim that group work is a representation of what a lot of workplace environments will be for many of the students in the future. Learning to be a good team player and cooperating with other people for a common goal is an important skill that can only be done through experience.

But the main issue with this argument is the simplistic claim that, "It'll be like this when you graduate and work somewhere else, too."

This argument should be rightfully contested. There are obvious discrepancies between working on group projects for school and working on a group project in the workforce. For one, most people in the workforce don't have to balance a full-day schedule of school and part-time work while also dedicating good-quality work to the group. In addition, most people in the workforce don't have to simultaneously work on five to six group projects at a time that have nothing to do with each other.

I could go on with the obvious differences between the two scenarios, but the issue is that these differences are glazed over by many teachers assigning group projects in their consideration (or lack thereof) when deciding they will assign a group project or not.

Again, none of this is to say group projects are utterly useless and should be banned from higher education. However, I do think some teachers need to take a harder look at whether a group project is appropriate or not for their sake as well as the students'.

The simplistic justification of it being similar to the "real world" is rather careless and lazy, in my opinion. That perspective does have some merit, and I'm not completely dismissing it. But if it's just that, a simplistic claim with no backing, I don't think any argument could make any progress.

Let's evaluate why group projects take such a prominent role in higher education and develop the best way of incorporating its positive values while phasing out its negative aspects.

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COLUMN

Why I am team Captain America

DANE CHRONISTER
City Editor

I have always been a really big fan of comic books, video games and even movies that involve superheroes, but I have to say probably my all-time favorite superhero would have to be Captain America.

With the new "Captain America Civil War" movie coming out in May, I feel the need to defend my side.

The reason I value Steve Rogers' Captain America so much is because his heart pumps pure virtue and nobility. The guy has been picked on, bullied and made fun of by people his whole life. Not only does he know what it is like to feel weak and powerless, but also he truly is able to understand what power does and how it corrupts people.



Rogers grew up as a scrawny fine arts student during the Great Depression. His father was an alcoholic and died when he was a child. His mother passed away from pneumonia after he graduated from high school. So as you can tell, he already had a difficult time in his youth.

After the loss of both of his parents, he attempted to enlist in the army after high school in order to fight for justice against Nazi Germany in the early 1940s to combat the evil in the world.

Rogers failed his physical evaluations due to his size and strength, but because of his fervor and mindset to not give up on his hope to help fight the war, he was invited to volunteer for Operation: Rebirth, which would turn Rogers into a super soldier with increased strength, stature and power beyond any average man's belief.

Before undergoing the process, however, the professor experimenting on him admitted to Rogers why he was selected: "Because the strong man who has known power all his life may lose respect for that power, but a weak man knows the value of strength, and he knows compassion."

Rogers was not given this ability for being the strongest, most macho guy in the world. He received this opportunity because of his heart. He is strong willed and knows how to use this newly discovered power to fight evil for the greater good.

Unlike Iron Man, who tends to be arrogant, prideful and self-absorbed, Captain America's loyalty to his friends and to justice is what drives him to go beyond all means to do the right thing.

So I say to you Cap "I'm with you 'till the end of the line!"

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Nine people killed in Japanese quake

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Associated Press

TOKYO — At least nine people were killed and 761 injured by a magnitude 6.5 earthquake Thursday night that toppled houses and buckled roads in southern Japan, the government's chief spokesman said.

Yoshihide Suga said he would visit the area Friday to assess the damage. He said 1,600 soldiers had been deployed, and TV reports showed some delivering blankets and adult diapers to the thousands of people who took shelter because their homes were wrecked or unsafe.

About 44,000 people sought refuge, though some returned home in the morning.

The quake struck at 9:26 p.m. at a depth of 11 kilometers (7 miles) near Kumamoto city on the island of Kyushu, the Japan Meteorological Agency said. There was no tsunami risk.

The area is 1,300 kilometers (800 miles) southwest of Tokyo.

The worst damage was in the town of Mashiki, 15 kilometers (9 miles) east of Kumamoto city on the island of Kyushu, said Kumamoto prefecture disaster management

official Takayuki Matsushita.

Suga said 44 of the injured were seriously hurt. Those killed ranged in age from 29 to 94. Most were elderly.

"The shaking was so violent I couldn't stand still," said Hironobu Kosaki, a Kumamoto Prefectural Police night-duty official.

Suga said at least 19 houses collapsed

With daybreak, the extent of the damage was becoming apparent: collapsed walls, streets warped by manholes that were pushed higher by the earth's movement.

Rescue operations were repeatedly disrupted by aftershocks. By early Friday there had been 116 such jolts strong enough to be felt.

"There was a ka-boom and the whole house shook violently sideways," Takahiko Morita, a Mashiki resident said in a telephone interview with Japanese broadcaster NHK. "Furniture and bookshelves fell down, and books were all over the floor."

Morita said some houses and walls collapsed in his neighborhood, and water supply had been cut off. Early Friday, residents were hauling water from local offices to their homes to flush toilets.

Suga said there no abnormalities at nearby



Associated Press

EARTHQUAKE RESCUE Firefighters carry an injured person after an earthquake Thursday at the town of Mashiki, in Kumamoto, southern Japan.

nuclear facilities. The epicenter was 120 kilometers (74 miles) northeast of Kyushu Electric Power Co.'s Sendai nuclear plant, the only one operating in the country.

Most of Japan's nuclear reactors remain offline following the meltdowns at the Tokyo Electric Power Co.'s Fukushima plant in 2011 after a magnitude 9.0 earthquake triggered a

huge tsunami.

There were multiple aftershocks, the largest one with a preliminary magnitude of 6.4 shortly after midnight, according to the Japan Meteorological Agency.

The U.S. Geological Survey measured the initial quake's preliminary magnitude at 6.2.

Houston deputy constable critically injured in shooting

MICHAEL GRACZYK
Associated Press

HOUSTON — Investigators questioned a man Thursday fitting the description of a gunman who authorities say ambushed a Texas deputy constable from behind following a traffic stop and critically injured him.

The man showed up at a nearby fire station following the shooting, Houston police spokesman Kase Smith said. No other information was released about him including what he may have told fire personnel when he appeared.

The man has not been arrested or charged, Smith said.

Authorities said Harris County Deputy Constable Alden Clopton was wearing a protective vest when he was shot four times from behind late Wednesday as the assailant stood on the other side of a four-lane road. The vest likely saved Clopton's life, Constable May Walker said.

A motive for the shooting is unknown. Asked if authorities believed the shooter was targeting law enforcement, Smith said that Clopton and another deputy constable he was assisting in the

traffic stop were in uniform and had marked vehicles.

"I can't see how someone can mistake them for someone other than law enforcement," Smith said.

The suspect fired six shots, four of which hit Clopton, Walker said.

Physicians at Houston's Memorial Hermann Texas Trauma Institute said Clopton was in intensive care Thursday afternoon after surgery to address six injured areas to his abdomen and chest. Some of the bullets would not be removed, Dr. Joseph Love said.

"He's doing quite well," Love said. "We don't anticipate further surgical procedures at this time."

He expected the deputy to remain in the hospital "for a week or so" and anticipated Clopton would make a full recovery.

Constables in some regions are tasked with serving warrants and providing court security, but in the Houston area they generally provide the same policing coverage as other law agencies.

Clopton is an 11-year veteran of the force said Pamela Greenwood, spokeswoman for the Harris County Precinct 7

constable's office. He comes from a law enforcement family, with three brothers who are law officers.

According to Smith, the shooting happened after a female reserve deputy constable made the traffic stop and called Clopton to assist. The vehicle that was pulled over had left and Clopton was standing outside the window of the female's officer's vehicle when he was shot.

After Clopton was shot, the female deputy constable got out and shot back, but it was unknown if she hit the fleeing suspect, Smith said. The person who later appeared at the fire station did not have any injuries, Smith said.

Clopton's son, Todre, a police officer in Biloxi, Mississippi, said his father was coherent, understood what was going on but for now was unable to talk. Doctors had Clopton on a ventilator.

Clopton is the second Harris County law officer to be shot from behind in an unprovoked attack in the past year. Texas prosecutors in August charged a 30-year-old man with capital murder in the killing of sheriff's Deputy Darren Goforth, who was gunned down while filling his patrol car with gas in what officials described as a "senseless and cowardly act."

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making final decisions about Baylor.

Alpha Tau Omega and Student Foundation are among the volunteers for Premiere. Many staff and student workers will also be present, including Ferrell Center and admissions staff.

Members of Alpha Tau Omega will be in charge of greeting Premiere visitors with Pepsi sodas and will help with set-up and tear-down. The group's involvement is important because it will be a chance to show Baylor off, said Alpha Tau Omega president Brandon Buckalew.

"It generally takes the entire university to be able to pull it off," Van Dyke said. "Everyone from undergraduate admissions to facility services to Baylor athletics."

Future Bears will be able to meet with admissions and financial aid representatives as well as attend academic sessions to learn more about majors that they find interesting. There will also be opportunities to learn about studying abroad and student life.

The sessions available at Premiere will be open to all students and parents and are able to be personalized easily, VanDyke said.

"We attempt to make as many things as personal as possible, so a lot of the sessions are significantly smaller. We try to really be able to tailor it as we compete with large and small institutions," VanDyke said.

Students will be given a tour of campus and will be able to eat lunch. Additionally, tours of the residence halls will be offered at the event.

Visitors also will be given a chance to experience the grand Baylor tradition of Dr Pepper floats, according to the online itinerary.

"Our goal is for our students to be able to walk away with a good idea and foundation of what it would be like to be a Baylor Bear," VanDyke said.

Graduate starts film business

KALYN STORY
Staff Writer

Nicco Renna has always loved to tell stories. Now the 2012 Baylor graduate is doing something he never thought possible: he is telling stories as his career.

After college, Renna worked on the set of "Fixer Upper" for its first season, but independent storytelling was always in the back of his mind. With this goal he created Orature Media. His company is based out of Austin and tells the stories of people from all over the world through documentaries, books and audio pieces. Their website describes the company as, "driven by a passion to chronicle the stories that shape our lives."

Renna dates his love of storytelling back to when he was 5 years old, but developed his passions and skills further at Baylor in the film and digital media program. In fact, he said one of the things that drew him to Baylor is its history. Renna said he loves that Baylor was established while Texas was a republic and he loves the deep

Texas roots within Baylor.

"In film, a lot of people say a degree is pointless, but I wholeheartedly disagree," Renna said. "I have a deeper appreciation for the art because of my education. There is no way I would be where I am today without Baylor and without my education."

Currently, Renna is working on a film called "100 Years of Change: The

Story of the Last Century Told by the Centenarians Who Lived It." Renna said the film highlights several centenarians who remember World War I and fought in World War II, grew up during the Great Depression and saw the Great Recession, learned how to drive behind a horse and now can hail a cab by pushing a button on their



Renna

phone. One of the main subjects of the film is the second oldest living veteran, Richard Overton.

"He is a whiskey-drinking, god-fearing, good old Texan who happens to have fought in World War II and has lived to the age of 109, soon to be 110 come May 11," Renna said. "He has not let his age slow him down. He still



Courtesy of Nicco Renna

STORYTELLER Baylor graduate Nicco Renna is the founder of Orature Media, a documentary-making company. Above is one of his projects.

lives at his house that he designed and built in the '30s, and has an extremely active social life."

Through this film, Renna said he hopes to highlight the amazing stories the everyday American has and show how important it is to record their history.

Kathy Guarino heard about the work Renna was doing through a family friend. She fell in love with the idea of a documentary to remember her family by and decided to ask Renna to come to New York and make a documentary around the celebration of her mother's 90th birthday.

"This film is by far the most amazing thing I have ever been part

of," Guarino said. "The film they made for us is amazing, even people outside of our family are mesmerized when they watch it."

For that documentary Renna talked to 19 of Guarino's family members and commemorated celebrations and remembered times of tragedy the family members faced in their long lives.

"I love seeing the families remember their good and bad times and see that they stayed together through it all and came out better for it," Renna said. "Stories are what drives us. History should never be forgotten and I hope I can help people remember."

School water tainted with copper, lead

COREY WILLIAMS
Associated Press

DETROIT — Detroit's hard-pressed school system has found elevated levels of lead and copper in nearly a third of its elementary schools, contamination that one expert says could be found nationwide, wherever school authorities spend the time and money to look.

The news gave parents in the 46,000-student district yet another reason to worry, and prompted the teachers' union to appeal for help from autoworkers, who trucked bottled water to a school where some students were drinking from bathroom sinks after the water fountains were shut down as a precaution.

"Our students want water all day long," Detroit teachers' union president Ivy Bailey said Thursday.

Nine of every 10 schools and day care centers in the U.S. are not required to test for lead contamination under federal law, since their water is already tested by municipal suppliers. But like most other school districts nationwide, Detroit has aging buildings with lead

pipes and water fixtures that have parts made with lead — and that's where the trouble lies.

The testing was prompted by the crisis in Flint, where lead flowed from taps after state authorities switched that city's water supply from Detroit's system to the Flint River to save money. About 8,000 Flint-area children under age 6 have potentially been exposed to lead.

In Detroit, school officials discovered that even though the municipal water complies with U.S. Environmental Protection Agency standards, elevated levels of lead and some of copper were found in the drinking water fountains or kitchens at 19 of the 62 schools tested so far.

"It provides clear evidence that schools have to be proactive in finding and fixing these problems — it is not going to go away by itself," said Marc Edwards, a Virginia Tech professor who helped expose Flint's water crisis.

"Because the harm from lead is irreversible, finding and fixing lead in school problems is good news. The alternative is to do nothing and be willfully blind and allow even more

harm to occur," Edwards added.

Lead is a neurotoxin that can damage child brain development, cause behavioral problems and sicken adults. Copper can cause gastrointestinal distress, and long-term exposure can damage the liver or kidneys.

District spokeswoman Michelle Zdrodowski characterized the levels of lead and copper as concerning but "by no means excessive or extreme."

On the high end, a lead sample from a water fountain at Brown Academy showed 1,500 parts per billion — 100 times the EPA limit of 15 parts per billion. Water from a kitchen sink at Priest Elementary-Middle School showed copper levels of 3,400 parts per billion — nearly three times the EPA limit of 1,300 parts per billion.

"What we want parents to know is that we did this because we want to provide the best, safest learning conditions for our students and really safe working conditions for our staff," Zdrodowski told The Associated Press.

The rest of the district's 93 buildings, where middle and high schoolers are taught, will be screened over the next

two weeks, and the schools already showing elevated levels will get more intensive testing by an environmental consulting firm, she said.

Schools and child care centers across the country are testing classroom sinks and cafeteria faucets in the wake of the Flint crisis, trying to uncover problems and reassure parents. But few are as financially pressed as Detroit Schools, which is paying for half of the \$50,000 testing cost from its district budget and using a city grant for the rest.

Michigan lawmakers recently approved \$48.7 million in emergency funding just to keep Detroit schools open this academic year. Republican Gov. Rick Snyder also is pushing a \$720 million school restructuring plan to pay off the district's operating debt, and wants to spend \$18 million over two years to test water in every state school.

The district, meanwhile, is working on detailed mitigation plans, to be shared with the Detroit Health Department to make sure all proper actions are taken, the spokeswoman said.

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Waco Weekend:

>> Today

11 a.m. - 10 p.m. — Brazos River Ribfest at McLane Stadium. Free.

6:30 p.m. — Gospel Fest at the Waco Hippodrome. Free.

6:30 p.m. — The New Offenders at The Backyard Bar, Stage and Grill. \$15.

>> Saturday

11 a.m. - 10 p.m. — Brazos River Ribfest at McLane Stadium. Free.

8 p.m. — Gungor at Common Grounds. \$20 for general audiences, \$40 for VIP tickets.

Welcome to Candyland

Hey Sugar Candy Store to open location in downtown Waco

JACQUELYN KELLAR
Reporter

Hey Sugar Candy Store, a new candy shop, will soon bring its treats to downtown. The grand opening of the new store at Eighth Street and Austin Avenue is scheduled for May 15.

The store is owned and managed by Kristin Brittan and Ashley Majors, who started the candy store in their hometown of Roanoke. The business originated with Brittan's 10-year-old son, who wanted some way to keep busy at his siblings' horse shows. He began to sell candy from a trailer at the events, coining the candy stand "Hey Sugar" with some help from his mom.

The candy stand was so successful, Brittan and Majors opened a storefront that sold retro sodas, candies and chocolate. The bright, colorful candy shop features hundreds of varieties purchased from suppliers, but the shop's chocolates are primarily made in-house.

"It was really successful out of the little trailer, and I told him he could keep all of the money he was making, which was about \$1,000 a day," Brittan said. "Fast forward a few years, we decided to open an actual storefront. That's how it all began, with a kid in a trailer."

They are bringing the company to the Waco area next, having seen a gap in the sweets industry here. When it opens, Hey Sugar will be the only candy store downtown. In addition to the untapped candy market, the pair was also attracted to the booming growth Waco is experiencing.

"The growth of Waco is unbelievable," said Majors, who will serve as the general manager for both locations. "We've seen what's going on in the downtown area, and we want to be a part of it and to grow with Waco."

Their Waco location will offer the same fare as their original shop, along with a private party room for children, a full ice cream counter, television screens and candy-lined



Trey Honeycutt | Lariat Photographer

WORLD OF PURE IMAGINATION Kristin Brittan (left) and Ashley Majors pose with their new Hey Sugar Candy Store location at Eighth Street and Austin Avenue in downtown Waco.

walls. The duo also offers care packages and candy baskets ranging from a four-pack of soda to a full-sized vintage Dr Pepper crate of goodies.

Waco's newest specialty store fits right into the developing downtown

cityscape, ready to serve up sweets to the people of Baylor and Waco.

"Since opening a store in Waco, it's been open arms," Majors said. "Everyone has shown us so much gratitude and accepted us in our new business downtown."

Waco Artist Market pops up downtown on Saturday

HELENA HUNT
Arts and Life Editor

Waco artists will no longer have to wait for events like Art on Elm Avenue or the Cultural Arts Festival to show their work. The Waco Artist Market, which started at the Texas Food Truck Showdown, will allow local creators to showcase their work on a regular basis.

The market will be installed from noon to 6 p.m. Saturday at Heritage Square in downtown Waco, and at the same time on intermittent Saturdays after that.

Monica Shannon, one of the market's founders, said the new venue will provide an opportunity for Waco Downtown Farmers Market shoppers to mosey downtown for their Saturday art fix. Shannon said the farmers market's burgeoning popularity is promising for the new artist market as well.

"The farmers market started out a few years ago," Shannon said. "It was very small with only a few booths, but it has grown and grown."

Shannon said she would like to see the same kind of growth occur at the artist market.

Twenty artisans, including photographers, painters and jewelry designers, will set up their booths at Saturday's market. Some will sell their work, while others, like local crafts store Gypsy Canvas, will invite others to create their own pieces.

"I'm going to have a large canvas with squares, and people can come and paint," said Jessica Hollingsworth, the owner of Gypsy Canvas. "It's really for creativity. I want to give adults and kids a chance to relax and be creative."

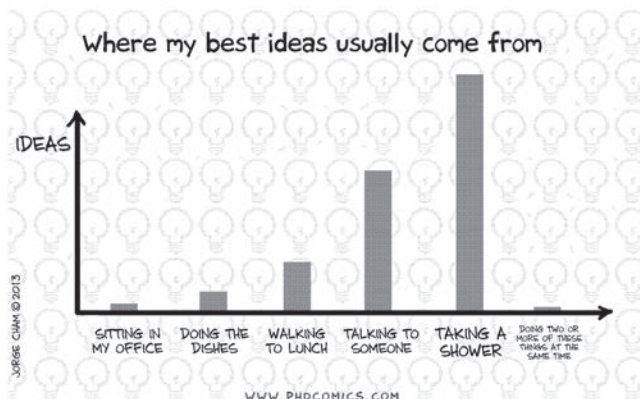
Joining Gypsy Canvas will be cartoonist

Greg Peters, of Pinky and the Brain fame; painter Mark Kieran, who paints surreal shapes in swirling landscapes; and several other local artists and designers. Funky cover band Venus Envy and kids dance group Dot Buds will also perform at different times during the day.

"The arts community has been really coming together more and more in the last few years," Shannon said. "This just gives an opportunity for artists who have been painting and doing their craft to display it on any given Saturday and talk to the people."

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Today's Puzzles

- Across**
- 1 Not as available
 - 8 Red herring, to a cop
 - 15 Athens eatery
 - 16 Where to view "Duck Dynasty"
 - 17 Oath sworn in a kosher kitchen?
 - 19 Hightailed it
 - 20 Le Mans law
 - 21 Great Plains tribe
 - 22 9-Down opener
 - 23 '50s pres. candidate
 - 25 Long of "Third Watch"
 - 26 New Year's Eve get-togethers?
 - 27 Double-dealing in Delhi?
 - 30 "A symptom of man's failure as a thinking animal": Steinbeck
 - 31 Old knives
 - 32 Cutthroat entrepreneur?
 - 36 Pool option
 - 37 Six-time '70s Dodger All-Star
 - 38 Demand from a Stooge fan?
 - 40 Unyielding
 - 45 Lobbying gp.
 - 46 Neighbor of Turk.
 - 47 Place to play
 - 48 Riches
 - 51 Deg. for drillers
 - 53 Unyielding
 - 54 "Stir-frying is an option, too"?
 - 57 Nervous ___
 - 58 No-win situation
 - 59 Doesn't back away
 - 60 Gold rush figure
- Down**
- 1 Was googly-eyed
 - 2 Place to bring a suit
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- 7 Award-winning political cartoonist Ted
- 8 Word with able or full
- 9 Munich : Jahr :: Madrid : ___
- 10 "Hawaii Five-O" nickname
- 11 Landlocked Asian nation
- 12 Heightened
- 13 Slow movements
- 14 Insult
- 18 Some bank files
- 24 1980 Oscar winner who portrayed Loretta
- 27 Actor McKellen
- 28 Mandela's org.
- 29 Exhibition funding gp.
- 30 Trickery
- 32 Cabbage family member
- 33 Detroit labor org.
- 34 Letters in personal columns
- 35 Get
- 36 First poet interred in Westminster Abbey's Poets' Corner
- 38 Immobilize, in a way
- 39 Something to eat in a Western?
- 40 Miss America contestants' array
- 41 Salsa brand
- 42 Room to maneuver
- 43 Where to emulate the natives
- 44 More unpleasantly moist
- 49 Dominate
- 50 Some Ivy Leaguers
- 52 Words with limit or trap
- 55 Agnus ___
- 56 It's in many poems

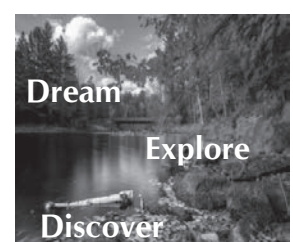
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Perfect opportunity

No. 1 Acro could finish season with national title, undefeated record



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FULL HOUSE Baylor competes during its meet against No. 2 Oregon Feb. 21 at the Ferrell Center. The Bears (7-0) enter the NCATA National Championships as the No. 1 seed and are the favorites to win the title.

MEGHAN MITCHELL
Sports Writer

The No. 1 Baylor acrobatics and tumbling team looks to repeat as champions as it hosts the NCATA National Championships, starting Saturday at the Ferrell Center.

Heading into the tournament as the top seed, the Lady Bears will take on No. 8 Gannon at 5 p.m.

To end things for the day, No. 4 Hawaii Pacific will battle it out against No. 5 Azusa Pacific at 7 p.m.

Semifinal action will start at 5 p.m. Monday and will be followed by the second semifinal meet at 7 p.m., which will be Baylor's timeslot if it advances past the quarterfinals.

The winners of the two semifinal matches will face each other at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the final to determine who will be named the 2016 NCATA National Champion.

The Bears are being led by two of the best athletes in the sport.

Baylor's team is star-studded with junior top/base Kiara Nowlin and junior base Kaelyn Cowan earning the National Collegiate Acrobatics and Tumbling Association Player of the Week honors this season.

Nowlin has remained undefeated in her tumbling six elements pass this season, while averaging 9.946 in the tumbling events.

"I am excited for Kiara to receive the player of the week," said head coach Felecia Mulkey. "She really delivered in a tough meet against Oregon, not only in her tumbling pass but also throughout the meet."

The NCATA Championships begin Saturday with the individual events and will conclude around 7:30 p.m. as the individual finals take place.

The team event will start with quarterfinal action at noon on Sunday as the third-seeded Quinnipiac team takes on sixth-seeded Fairmont State team. Seeded at No. 2, Oregon will take on No. 7 Alderson-Broaddus at 2 p.m.

The Bears (7-0) finished the season undefeated as they went on to beat No. 3 Hawaii Pacific, No. 4 Quinnipiac, No. 6 Fairmont State, No. 7 Alderson Broaddus, No. 12 Adrian and two victories over No. 2 Oregon, with the most recent win coming on the road against the Ducks.

The Bears struggled in some events early on, losing the compulsory event 38.85-38.40 and the acro event, 29.35-28.90.

The Bears battled back and remained focused to win the pyramid event, 29.70-27.80 and take the lead 97.00-96.00.

Baylor came back to end on a strong note. The Bears won the team event, 98.80-97.98 and defeated the Ducks 282.025-280.180.

"We struggled a bit in the first half," Mulkey said. "We still have some work to do there and some room for improvement. We will get back home and get to work to get ready for the national championships."

Baylor students can get into any of the events free with their Baylor Student I.D.



IT TAKES TWO Sophomore Jena Fisher (top) and junior base (bottom) Kaelyn Cowan link up during the Bears' meet against No. 2 Oregon on Feb. 21 at the Ferrell Center.

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