Weekend event to focus on Texas Ranger history

The Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum is hosting its third biannual Lone Star History Conference this weekend. The event will open over three days, from Friday until Sunday, and will include a multitude of speakers over the Texas Ranger’s history and influence, as well as two book launches. Following a welcoming at 5 p.m. Friday, Wende Wakeman, Texas Ranger Lt., will be speaking on her personal perspective as the highest-ranking female Ranger. Sergeant-at-Arms Wiley, Director of the Texas Prison Museum, will speak on history and executions. He will be followed by a presentation on Cow-Boys, Bandits, and Bandit Kings by Norman E. Dietz. Saturday will be an all-day event with breaks for lunch and dinner; Beginning at 8 a.m., Jim Willett, author of The Noble Horrell’s and the feuds in Lampasas, will discuss on The Capture: A Story of Abduction and the winding paths to justice in the lawman’s life will thrill casual readers and provide high-talent jobs and three college campuses in Waco. Prosper Waco is a non-profit that focuses on poverty in the area and is willing to partner with other programs around the city to achieve this. Prosper Waco’s newest book and will speak on the life of Sgt. Baz Outlaw. “ Alexander should be praised for being a good-bad Ranger,” Harold J. Weiss, Jr., author of Yours to Command, said. “He is a model that brings together those of all backgrounds.” Right on the heels of the event and sees it as an opportunity for “It is great that we have Sexual Assault Awarenessmonth, but we don’t need a month, we need 365 days,” Smith said. “We need 365 days of awareness and support for victims. Victims are affected for much longer than a month and we need to be aware of all the time.” Smith said he is glad America is recognizing sexual assault as a problem now, but he believes sexual assault awareness has been virtually nonexistent until recently. Specifically, he cites the realization of abuse within the Catholic Church and Boy Scouts as a problem than people realize. “It is a great effort to get people to talk about sexual assault. Despite this, Smith said he doesn’t want the conversation to stop that.” Our culture is very reactive when the women and children are the first line of that task — it’s quite an achievement,” Rothenbush said.


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New birth control law is a good step

At the beginning of April, California enacted legislation that allow the sale of over-the-counter birth control, both in California and nationwide. This new law removes the need for patients to get contraceptives pills, patches, and rings from a pharmacy without a doctor’s prescription. Instead, patients can visit a local pharmacy at any time, complete a questionnaire with a pharmacist, get a pharmacist’s prescription, and then receive birth control.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services reports that birth control is used by more than 77% of women of reproductive age in the U.S. Despite the prevalence of contraceptives, birth control is not as easy to get in most states as it could be. For this reason, over-the-counter birth control should be available in all states.

On the simplest level, the new law means to make available, out of the current process of getting birth control, especially for those who have been on contraceptives for some time, getting birth control prescription involves contacting a doctor, waiting for an appointment and then going to the doctor's office to talk with the doctor about options. While this is helpful for patients who are using birth control for the first time or are trying a new one, a process that is just meant to renew a prescription once their cycles are through.

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Over-the-counter birth control also has the potential to be cheaper than using a doctor. Many patients have to pay some of the cost when they visit a doctor, as well as another fee to actually get birth control from the pharmacy. At some pharmacies there isn’t a prescription and if a patient’s insurance covers contraceptives, the cost could be lower than a copay in addition to the cost of birth control.

Finally, the new system would make birth control more available, especially in areas where it is needed most. In places it isn’t available, single, impoverished women may not be able to afford contraceptives that their wealthier counterparts, that their needs would likely be validated by half, according to a study done by the Brookings Institution. That isn’t is not just a woman’s or man’s life, they just need to renew a prescription once their cycles are through.

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Opinion

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Photographer

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Suicide bomber hits Turkey

Thursday, April 28, 2016

Associated Press

Bursa, said Turkey’s health minister, Selahattin Demirtas, on Wednesday, wounding 13 people, according to officials. Some Cruz allies praised Fiorina’s selection but privately said it would be a “disaster” — to serve as running mate.

TURKEY — Over and over again, Carly Fiorina — a woman he’s been mathematically eliminated from the runoff in November — is the man to lead that fight, the head of the Republican Party has repeatedly “shattered the glass ceilings” — to serve as his running mate.

INDIANAPOLIS — In need of momentum after a five-state rout, Republican presidential candidate Ted Cruz on Wednesday tapped former technology executive Carly Fiorina — a woman he said has repeatedly “shattered glass ceilings” — to serve as his running mate.

Indianapolis Star

In Need of Momentum

Cruz praised Fiorina’s path to the Republican presidential nomination before his party’s national convention in July. “Carly isn’t intimated by bullies,” he declared at an Indianapolis rally, adding, “Over and over again, Carly has shattered glass ceilings.”

The 51-year-old Fiorina, a former executive of Hewlett-Packard, has been a prominent Cruz ally since shortly after abandoning her own presidential bid earlier this year. She was the only woman in the Republican Party’s crowded 2016 field.

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Cruz’ Pick Makes Sense

“The death occurred a day after the United States issued a new warning about “credible indications” of terrorist threats against tourist areas in Turkey. There has been a steady flow of Islamic State fighters into Turkey from Syria in recent weeks, but there have been no Islamic State suicide attacks on Turkish soil.

Cruz was soundly defeated by GOP front-runner Donald Trump in all five primaries before his party’s national convention, an unusual move to reverse his downward trajectory. Cruz praised Fiorina’s path from computer to CEO and her past willingness to challenge Google’s boss to reform the Republican Party.

The State senator announced his pick for vice president nearly three months before his party’s national convention, a move that reflects the increasing urgency for the party to conserve its dwindling resources.

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Chapel encourages campus reflection

ASHLEY THOMPSON

As the semester comes to a close, Chapel leaders Ryan Rothenbush and Christine Richardson took the opportunity to reflect on the life at Baylor thus far at this year’s final Chapel. Students in the audience were asked to imagine that they were part of section of the auditorium and engaged in conversation with the two, answering questions about their overall experience at a Chapel.

The team began by noting that they had led questions and prayer services of course of this year and felt full in total across the three Chapel times offered. Rothenbush laughed when the audience clapped at being last their Chapel. “You are about to reach Cliff Chapel to be ever lost,” Rothenbush said.

The first question was posed as a scenario to students traveling home over the weekend. Richardson asked what students would report to friends who wanted to know what it was like to go to a Christian university. It took several minutes for anyone to respond. Richardson said that Rothenbush named Jamie eventually stood up to answer.

“I would emphasize that there are communities within the community,” Jamie said. “For a big school, I’ve found a community within my department; my dorm; my major.”

The second question was posed for Baylor’s required chapel services, as well as their non-religious classes.

Rothenbush asked if students could see a faith aspect in their non-religious classes. He students who answered had differing opinions. Some students said they had attended classes who had prayed before tests or influenced their faith in class, while others said they never felt pushed towards something they didn’t believe.

“Cultivating in students from Georgia, I was genuinely scared that religion would be shoved down my throat,” one student said. “But after my freshman year, I realized that I had forced to believe something I didn’t faith.”

What we have to consider is what happens about the Baylor experiences, but the audience was still unclear.

Rothenbush said that his freshman year came from Fort Worth, and he found that it was important to believe a faith activity left on campus.

He asked from TCU’s church, and he figured out the name. His school actually would never be Christian,” Jamie said. “But this really is a very positive, faith-based and accepting place.”

One science major noted that she was reminded when her professors talked about religion, while a second science major dislikes his experience bringing his experience has been that professors never talked about their faith in class.

One student, who had moved to America two years ago from Syria, said he found inviting and accepting. He said that although he is not a Christian, he has had positive experiences with other Christians at Baylor. “I know the Muslim community lives when Baylor. He thought that recently, he was referencing a small, tight-knit belief to Muslims after presidential elections. And what Professor Smith said he would the Muslims from him that at the end, we are more similar than we are different.”

Richardson closed with a note about the Baptist culture being particularly welcoming and accepting of all definitions and religions. “That’s the way to be able to practice my faith in an open way. I have to be willing to let those around me practice their spirituality,” Richardson said.

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What to come to this? It’s kind of a Ranger mascot, a Ranger symbol.”

In 2016, the American Civil Liberties Union conducted a study and reported that 75 percent of sexual assaults on college campuses go unreported. In 2014, the White House Task Force to Protect Students from Sexual Assaults has one in five female students experience sexual violence during their college career.

Sexual assault is a significant problem and the memories...
Baylor Dance Company
A photo story by Penelope Shirey

The Baylor Dance Company poses after performing their competition contemporary piece at their 2016 Spring Showcase on April 16 in Jones Theatre. The piece won first runner-up at American Dance and Drill Nationals in Denton this year.

Woodlands junior Maggie O’Brien, Baylor Dance Company president, rehearses the showcase opening piece that she choreographed.

Lexington freshman Kristen Elam (left), Vista, Calif., freshman Ashlynn Gallacher (middle), and Austin freshman Danielle Ripple rehearse days before the showcase.

Columbia, Md., freshman Danielle Moss performs her self-choreographed solo to a cover of Eminem’s “Lose Yourself” by Andrea Day.

Peoria, Ill., sophomore Annie Wild performs a trio dance to the song “Simple Bliss” choreographed by Baylor Dance Company member Angela Zuniga.

Monrovia, Calif., junior and Baylor Dance Company officer Kevin Vogel performs a solo that he choreographed to the song “Out of Hiding” by Steffany Gretzinger.

Magnolia freshman Morgan Prejean performs her solo that she choreographed to the song “Last Love Song” by ZZ Ward.
On-the-Go Happenings:

Friday

3:30-6 p.m. — Buttoned Pop-Up Shop at LL Sams Clubhouse. Free.
6:30 p.m. — Waco Civic Theatre presents "Grease" Sing-along at Waco Hippodrome. $5 for students, $8 for general audiences.
7 p.m. — Crawfish for CASA at Heritage Square. $10 in advance, $15 at door.
8 p.m. — Baylor Swing Dance Society presents An Evening on the River at Cameron Park Clubhouse. Free.
8 p.m. — Shane Smith and the Saints at The Backyard Bar, Stage and Grill. $15 in advance, $20 day of.
3:30-5 p.m. — "The Story of a Marriage" at Mabee Theatre. $20.
8:30 p.m. — Cameron Park Clubhouse. Dance Society presents "The Story of a Marriage" — $10 in advance, $15 at the door.
7 p.m. — Hooper at Dichotomy. Musician Larry

Today's Puzzles

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Week in Waco:

Happenings:

Honors students get creative with final thesis projects

JACQUELYN KELLAR

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ON THE GO

He is now mentoring several students for the upcoming year, as she has become a popular resource for her unique and interdisciplinary style. Nichols originally began a thesis in accounting, his major area of study. The project was cut short, however, when his mentor moved away unexpectedly. Nichols had to decide whether to continue with a thesis he didn't feel passionate about or move on to a new one he found interesting to.

In honor of her parents’ love story, Lill chose to incorporate themes that will broaden their thinking, instead of boring them into topics related to ballet music. Austin senior Avery Lill chose to write her thesis in the form of a children's book with subtle philosophical themes, and Dallas senior Andy Nichols wrote the book for an average musical, complete with a script and lyrics. Although neither studies children's literature or musical theater, the two chose subjects that excited their minds and piqued their interest.

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He’s the time of year again when honors students must present and defend their theses. These papers have the reputation of thick stacks of paper, academic research and heavy syllabuses. However, that’s not always the case. An honors thesis at Baylor can be about anything the student takes an interest in, even if it’s outside his or her area of study. The thesis doesn’t even have to be in paper. In fact, honors and University Scholars students are encouraged to choose those topics that still broaden their thinking, instead of boring them into topics related to their majors.

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Bears snag win with walk-off ninth inning hit

**Dream finish**

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**Ben Everett**

Sports Writer

Baylor laced defeated Incarnate Word on Wednesday night on a walk-off hit in the ninth inning. The Bears (19-22) overcame a early lead by the Cardinals (11-30) to win 9-5.

The Bears went ahead in the bottom of the second on a hit by freshman Richard Cunningham, but the Cardinals tied the game a hit from Austin Hoffman to make it 1-1. Hoffman continued to struggle, giving up a single and walking a player to load the bases.

As a result, Robertson was replaced by sophomore (for Heineman. Heineman proceeded to give up a grand slam to Hoffman to make it a 7-1 game. Robertson continued to struggle, giving up a single and walking a player to load the bases.

In the bottom of the second, Cardinals pitcher Denson Hull struggled, allowing zero hits in the first two innings. He allowed five walks in the first two innings.

In the bottom of the second, outelder Richard Cunningham hit singles, and Bissonette walked three of four batters before third baseman Steven McLean drove a single to left field to score two runs and give the Bears a 2-1 lead.

The Bears retook the lead 3-2.

In the fourth, shortstop Josh Rodriguez slapped a hit to right field line and scored a run on a single by Bissonette to make it a 4-2 game.

In the fifth, shortstop Josh Rodriguez slapped a hit to right field to score two runs and tie the game, but we were able to get hits in the end. “We were very consistent offensively, scoring a lot of runs,” Baylor head coach Steve Rodriguez said. “We got punched in the face a little bit with the grand slam, but we were able to get hits in the end.”

Senior reliever Kody Hessemer made his first start of the season and started off strong, allowing zero runs in the first two innings.

In the bottom of the third, outelder Aaron Dodson walked, and Sheppard scored after a hit by catcher Matt Morris went through the legs of the in elder as the Bears went up 2-1.

To start the fourth, junior Nick Lewis replaced Hessemer on the mound. Hessemer finished the day having given up two hits and two runs in 3.0 IP.

In the fourth, shortstop Josh Rodriguez was walked at the first but Bissonette stole his way to third before outfielder Kamerin Evertz hit a single to bring in Bissonette and make it a 5-2 game.

Junior and second baseman Jutinn Arrington walked to start the 4th, and a single by Bissonette scored Menard to bring the Baylor lead to 6-2.

Sheppard launched a single to left field in the sixth while Dodson also hit a single to left field. Menard popped a sacrifice fly to allow Sheppard to come home, putting the Bears up 7-2.

Junior John Robertson replaced Lewis at the mound in the seventh. Lewis finished with 3.0 IP, giving up two hits and zero runs.

“Hey, been great the past couple outings,” Rodriguez said of Lewis. “I really like what we’re seeing out of him right now.”

In the bottom of the seventh, Bissonette and outfielder Richard Cunningham hit singles, and Bissonette scored when McLean launched a hit to right field, giving Baylor a 7-3 advantage.

To start the eighth for the Cardinals, Ashley Sullivan drove in a run on a hit from Hoffman to take the game 8-7 for the Bears.

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Robertson continued to struggle, giving up a single and walking a player to load the bases.

As a result, Robertson was replaced by sophomore (for Heineman. Heineman proceeded to give up a grand slam to Matt Morris as the Cardinals tied the game up 8-7.

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“Try not put too much pressure on myself and understand the situation,” McLean said. “I was able to get the pitch and put it down.”

The Bears look to keep the momentum going as they hit the road this weekend to take on West Virginia in a three game conference series.
Red, White & Rio
Griner among 12 named to Olympic team

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Former Baylor Lady Bears basketball player Brittney Griner’s latest achievement came Wednesday when the USA Basketball Women’s National Team Player Selection Committee, chaired by Carol Callan selected Griner to be a member of the 2016 Olympic team.

Before the Phoenix Mercury and USA Olympic team, Griner was a standout athlete at Baylor. During her time at Baylor, Griner was a three-time All-American and two-time Wade Trophy winner. Griner holds the all-time NCAA Division I career record for blocked shots at 748.

Also adding to her achievements, Griner and her team earned the 2012 NCAA title while going 40-0 on the season, and captured three Big 12 regular season and tournament titles while at Baylor.

Joining Griner on the 12-person roster are Seimone Augustus from the Minnesota Lynx, Sue Bird from the Seattle Storm, Tamika Catchings from the Indiana Fever, Tina Charles from the New York Liberty, Elena Delle Donne from the Chicago Sky, Sylvia Fowles from the Minnesota Lynx, Angel McCoughtry from the Atlanta Dream, Maya Moore from the Minnesota Lynx, Breanna Stewart from the University of Connecticut, Diana Taurasi from the Phoenix Mercury and Lindsay Whalen from the Minnesota Lynx.

“l think it’s going to be great,” Catchings said. “You look at the talent they have individually—Elena as the (WNBA) MVP, Brittney Griner [as a] rookie, Breanna Stewart coming off such an amazing collegiate career and looking at the future of what she’ll bring to USA Basketball—I’m just excited because they’re such great people.”

MVP, Brittney Griner

While the US team looks to extend its Olympic gold medal streak to six, it will have to first get past Senegal to get things started on either August sixth or seventh.

Chancellor of Connecticut coach Geno Auriemma will be leading the Olympic team and will be assisted by Doug Bruno from DePaul, Cheryl Reeve from the Minnesota Lynx and Dawn Staley from South Carolina.