



Long evening

Rangers, Red Sox play deep into the night
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COMING SUNDAY

Flooding at Lake Belton and Stillhouse Hollow Lake has had a ripple effect on local business



Deadly weather

18 dead in floods as severe weather hits West Virginia
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Today's Outlook

High: 93
Low: 74
Partly cloudy



TEXAS VETERANS AFFAIRS

A waste of funds

Review finds funds wasted on \$3.6M MRI at Waco VA

BY JEREMY SCHWARTZ
AUSTIN AMERICAN-STATESMAN

AUSTIN — The \$3.6 million machine was supposed to revolutionize our understanding of traumatic brain injury and other war injuries by studying the brains of Fort Hood troops before and after deployments to Iraq.

The Austin American-Statesman reported that never happened.

Nearly a decade after the Department of Veterans Affairs bought the once cutting-edge, mobile MRI system, internal investigators have concluded that research efforts at the VA Waco Center of Excellence represented “a waste of taxpayers’ funds” and were an example of “poor stewardship.”

In a report released Thursday, the VA’s Office of Inspector General detailed years of research inactivity at the Waco center, where officials spent more than \$200,000 in annual maintenance while the MRI machine largely sat unused.

The internal inspectors’ report confirmed the findings of a 2014 American-Statesman investigation, which found the VA had squandered a historic opportunity for combat-related research by purchasing the mobile scanner without a clear plan for success, failing to recruit enough brain imaging experts to make it work and allowing internal squabbles to paralyze the project.

VA inspectors found the agency spent about \$1.1 million on maintenance for the nearly five and a half years that the machine went unused between 2008 and 2015.

Inspectors confirmed that the scanner had not contributed to any published research studies as of 2015.

The report, however, didn’t assign blame to any specific VA employees for the debacle. The VA has since hired new leadership at the center and in

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TEMPLE SUMMER RECREATION



Josh Quinn/Telegram

Miranda Hutson 2, of Temple participates in swimming lessons Friday with her dad, Arie Hutson, along with several others during a World’s Largest Swimming Lesson organization event held at Lions Junction Family Water Park in Temple. More than 700 aquatic facilities across the globe registered to participate in the event, which was held to build awareness about the importance of teaching children to swim and to help prevent drowning

World’s largest swimming lesson

Event aims to promote importance of pool safety

BY SALLY GRACE HOLTGRIEVE
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Lions Junction Family Water Park held a free swim class Friday morning — along with more than 700 other pools around the world — as part of the world’s largest swimming lesson.

The seventh annual world-wide swim lesson is designed to build awareness about the importance of teaching children to swim and to help prevent drowning — the leading cause of unintended, injury-related death for U.S. children ages 1 through 4 and the second leading cause for children younger than 14, according to the World’s Largest Swimming Lesson organization.

The 30-minute swim lesson was taught by Temple Aquatics Coordinator Keith Dawson

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Josh Quinn/Telegram

Swimmers participate Friday in a World’s Largest Swimming Lesson organization event held at Lions Junction Water Park in Temple.

REGION BUSINESS

Temple company awarded \$1.4 million government contract

BY SALLY GRACE HOLTGRIEVE
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A federal contract for \$1.46 million was awarded to Acadia Protective Services LLC in Temple. They will be providing security guard services for the U.S. Department of Energy’s Western Area Power.

Acadia Protective Services is a joint venture between Temple-based Kerberos International and a company called the Whitestone Group based in Columbus, Ohio. The purpose of the joint venture is to provide security guard services to U.S. federal facilities, Dawn Cole, Kerberos founder, said.

Kerberos International, a small, independent business with three staff members, has been in Temple for five years and is located at 19 N. Main St., Suite 2711. Their main business is radio and telecommunications systems and integration, Cole said.

“Our largest customer right now is Fort Hood Family Housing,” Cole said. “We’re installing an outdoor wireless network across the base.”

Other customers include the U.S. Department of Treasury, the Air Force, the Marine Corps and the city of Waco.

“For most of those we’re doing telecommunications projects,” Cole said. “For the Army and Air Force we’re doing radio frequency research and development.”

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CENTRAL TEXAS GUN OWNERSHIP

Gun shops see mixed reactions in wake of Orlando nightclub shooting

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In the wake of the Orlando, Fla., shooting that left 49 people dead and increased talk of nationwide gun control, local gun shops are seeing mixed results when it comes to an uptick in sales.

More women in Central Texas are inquiring about buying a gun and learning to shoot, TammyJo McCleney, a Belton Police officer and a firearms instructor, said.

“Anytime there is a mass shooting, it strikes at people’s fears. I see increases in the desire for handgun training. Women are calling about a league where they can learn to shoot,” McCleney, also the owner and

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Josh Bachman/FME News Service

Jameson Parker, a salesman at Par Guns in Copperas Cove, hangs an M1A1 carbine recently on a rack behind the counter at the store.



TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

“In my Father’s house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go there to prepare a place for you.” — John 14:2



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