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Get the breakdown on Saturday's Buffalo vs. Baylor match-up



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MICHAEL BAIN | LARIAT PHOTOGRAPHER

## Tossing colors in the wind

Students cover each other in paint at the Alpha Chi Omega Paint Crush on Thursday on Fountain Mall. The women of Alpha Chi Omega invite dates to be "crushed by paint" during this annual event.

## 'The Case' welcomes all bottles of water

By MALEESA JOHNSON  
STAFF WRITER

Water is more welcome than ever this coming weekend as the Bears turn up the heat at Floyd Casey Stadium.

Any water bottle, disposable or reusable, will be allowed at the game against Buffalo this weekend.

As reported by the Lariat on Wednesday, many students were confused by the water bottle policy at last week's game against Wofford. Attendants were to allow two water bottles per person but were not sure about the type of bottles to permit.

Nick Joos, executive associate athletics director for external affairs, said miscommunication of the policy was the reason for plastic or reusable bottles being thrown away.

Students are allowed to take in reusable water bottles as well as disposable. The only restrictions are on the size and number of water bottles. Bottles must not be more than a gallon in size and, in congruence with the rule last week, each person may have two bottles.

"That was the original intent of the policy, but again, whenever you change something and other people are at the gates working and administering, there are opportunities where miscommunications can happen," Joos said. "There was some miscommunication among the staffers who work for us on game day as to what was allowed in and what was allowed out."

As long as the water bottles fall within these guidelines and contain only water, they will be allowed into the stadium, regardless of how full



or empty they are at the time of entry. Should a bag checker or event staff suspect that a bottle contains alcohol, law enforcement personnel at the gate will be notified.

"We've had better education with our staff that will be at those gates,

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## Minuses added to grading policy

### Administration doesn't anticipate dramatic GPA changes

By MALEESA JOHNSON  
STAFF WRITER

Starting next summer, a new grading policy will be implemented campuswide that establishes minus grades.

While the idea of a new grading system has caused some controversy, Dr. Wesley Null, vice provost for undergraduate education, assures students that the change will not negatively affect them.

"There is no data to indicate that GPAs will go down," Null said. "We anticipate that the change will mostly result in a wash, if you will, as far as there will be just as many faculty who will decide to go up to an A- from a B+ as those who will assign an A- instead of an A. We don't anticipate a dramatic change in GPA."

Currently, the grading scale has plus grades for higher B's and C's. These grades will still be in effect with the addition of A, B and C minuses.

*"We cannot find another institution that uses our current system of awarding plus grades but no minus grades."*

Dr. Wesley Null | Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education

George W. Truett Theological Seminary, Baylor Law School and other graduate programs will have the new scale by spring.

In a letter sent to Baylor faculty, Dr. Elizabeth Davis, executive vice president and provost, wrote the scale will provide greater consistency throughout the university since both undergraduate and graduate programs will be graded on the same scale. She said it will also give faculty more flexibility in assigning grades.

This past month marked two years since the University Undergraduate Curriculum Committee started exploring the possibility of adding minus grades to the scale.

According to the letter from Davis, the undergraduate curriculum committee's exploration of the issue led them to recommend an implementation of minus grades to Davis and to the Faculty Senate. The Graduate Cur-

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## Brazos Riverwalk set for makeover

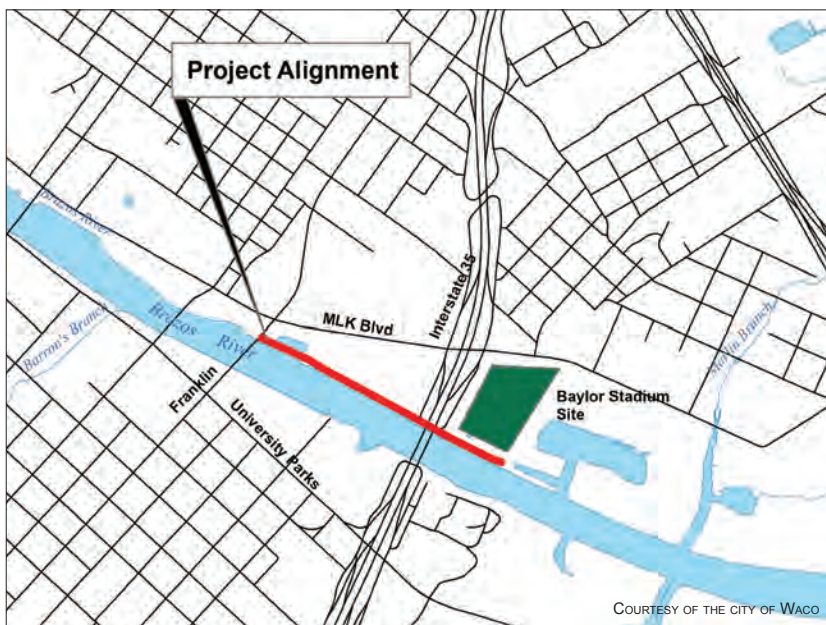
By REBECCA FIEDLER  
STAFF WRITER

It will be easier for pedestrians to get around Waco as Waco city officials begin plans to extend the Brazos Riverwalk.

The city of Waco has recently received money from the federally funded program called the Transportation Enhancement Program, said a staff member of the Texas Department of Transportation who did not wish to be identified. Money is given under the Transportation Enhancement Program to support local projects that have a strong link to transportation.

"It was created to provide funds for projects that do a little above and beyond what the department's used to doing," the staff member said.

Waco was selected in July by the Texas Department of Transportation to receive \$2.7 million of a \$3.3 million project to extend the Brazos Riverwalk area, the



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staff member said.

"Projects should go above and beyond standard transportation activities and be integrated into the surrounding environment in a sensitive and creative manner that contributes to the livelihood of the communities, promotes the quality of our environment and enhances the aesthetics of our roadways," the Texas Department of Transportation's website states about the Transportation Enhancement Program.

Trails running through Waco are currently well-connected, but they don't go as

far as they need to, said Chris Evilia, director of the Waco Metropolitan Planning Organization. They are expensive to create, so the city of Waco can only construct one section at a time, he said. Evilia said he anticipates having a good network of paths. The trail that is under development currently stops by Martin Luther King Jr. Park and Franklin Avenue, and will be extended to the new Baylor Stadium. The exact path that this trail will take, however, is yet to be determined, Evilia said.

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## Alumni Network works to unite Baylor family

By ADA ZHANG  
STAFF WRITER

The Baylor Alumni Network aims to bring the Baylor community together and, to do so, the network relies heavily on volunteers.

The alumni network is a part of the Baylor Division of Constituent Engagement, which oversees many of Baylor's outreach programs. According to the mission statement, the goal of the alumni network is to create opportunities for Baylor alumni, parents and other constituents to come together and build meaningful relationships.

Last year, the alumni network hosted 845 events in 140 cities across 26 states and in Washington, D.C.

Tommye Lou Davis, Baylor vice president for constituent engagement, said the network gathered about 36,000 Baylor Bears at these events.

"We do not attend every event," Davis said in regards to the constituent engagement staff. "We have over 600 volunteers that help us in all these various locations. We rely on our volunteers that love to celebrate Baylor and help host these various

events. Our model is volunteer driven, staff supported."

The alumni network is made up of multiple interest groups. Each interest group serves a different purpose and plans events according to their own agenda.

"There's a place for everybody in the network," Davis said.

There are currently seven networks: Business, Global, Parents, Sports, Special Events, Women and Young Grads.

Judy Maggard, director of the Baylor Parents Network, said the parents network works with more than 200 volunteers on an annual basis to reach parent constituents.

"Last year we had 79 send-off parties," Maggard said. "We're still getting our numbers in, but I would say more than 3,000 students, family members, alumni

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Davis

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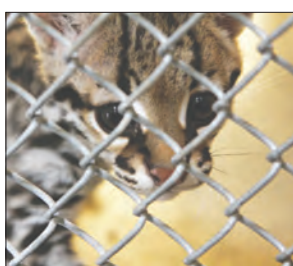
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Cameron Park Zoo shows off its miracle baby, Aztec, a 3-month-old ocelot.



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## Neither option adequate for alumni association

### Editorial

The future of Baylor alumni relations depends on how members of the Baylor Alumni Association Transition Agreement vote Saturday. Baylor has started a "Baylor Forward" campaign encouraging members to vote "yes," but others are hoping for the contrary.

The alumni deserve an independent voice. However, we are not endorsing either a "yes" or "no" vote because we feel that neither adequately accomplishes this.

An independent voice is important for the alumni. In 2008, Baylor President John Lilley proposed changes that would have removed the interlocking BU logo from the Baylor image. It was the roar of independent voices, alumni included, that prevented this from happening.

Our university is doing very well for itself right now, but there is no guarantee that this will continue. Independent voices are part of what helped Baylor stay on course to reach the high plateau upon which it currently sits. The alumni need their independent voice.

If the vote comes through as "yes," then Baylor will give the alumni representative a spot on the Baylor Board of Regents, which is a movement in the right direc-

tion. However this does not go far enough. The problem is two fold.

First of all, the alumni regent would not be allowed to vote and the regents are sworn not to reveal what goes on in the meetings. Without the ability to relay information back to the constituents or the ability to vote, the alumni regent is little more than a nice gesture from Baylor.

Second, the process for selecting the alumni regent is less than democratic.

The alumni-elected Baylor Alumni Advisory Board selects the candidates, but both Baylor and the Baylor Board of Regents make the final selection. If the board chooses, it can kick back all of the candidates. This sort of filter is not fair to the alumni.

The Baylor Line Magazine will undergo changes if the vote turns out to be "yes," but it would still be given editorial independence. We applaud Baylor for allowing this to happen.

Our only concern is that it will lose strength because it wouldn't have a group, such as the BAA, backing it. Baylor publishes its own magazine, appropriately titled Baylor Magazine, which serves a similar purpose.

The issue is that Baylor Magazine answers to Baylor administrators and the readers whereas the Baylor Line magazine answers only

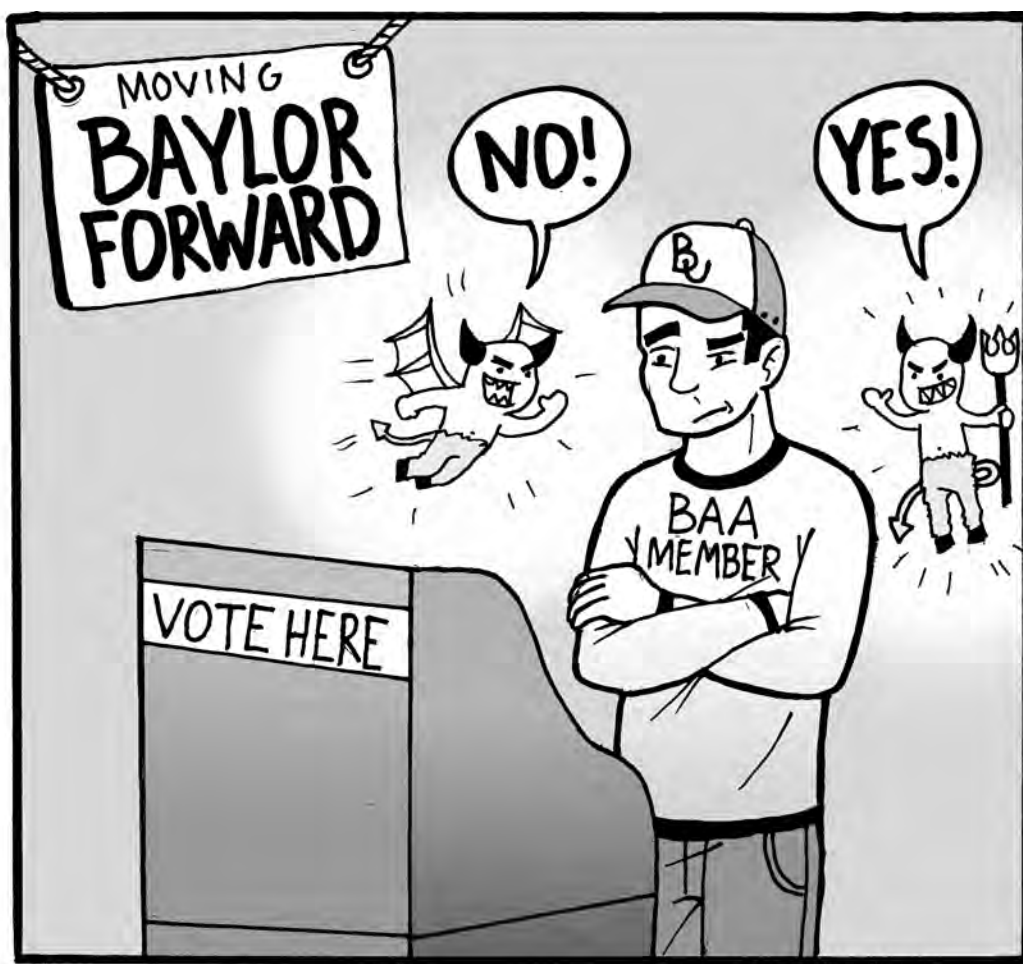
to its readers. The problem with Baylor Magazine is that the content that readers want and the content that Baylor wishes to publish can be very different.

Baylor Magazine does an excellent job of publishing positive material about Baylor, and there is certainly a place for praise, but an independent watchdog is the best source for news that readers want. Baylor Magazine may try to serve two masters, what the alumni need to know and what the Baylor administrators want to tell them. But Baylor should know that the Gospel of Matthew says, "No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other."

If something were to happen to the Baylor Line magazine, readers would have to settle for second-best, a magazine that only carries the voice of the administration.

The Lariat cannot support a "no" vote in an attempt to preserve the old independent alumni group, the BAA. Strange bylaws, such as forcing BAA voting members to be present at Waco Hall in order to vote, show that it is not an adequate independent voice. Parties from both sides have hinted at the seemingly inevitable lawsuit that would follow a "no" vote, which is less than favorable.

Neither a "yes" vote nor a "no"



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vote will accomplish what we believe is the best course of action. What is a voting member of the BAA to do on Saturday? Author

Ray Bradbury talked about this sort of voting dilemma in "Fahrenheit 451" when he wrote, "If you want people happy politically, don't

give them two sides of a question to worry about; give them one. Better yet, give them none."

### "Yes" vote good for students, alumni

What does "Baylor Forward" mean for us as students? It means that, finally, students will be included in a unified alumni network that reflects the unity of our student body.

For years, there has been a tense conflict between the administration and the Baylor Alumni Association. As a current student, I want to ensure that my friends and I will be included in a global network that cares about every one of us.

The outcome of the vote on Saturday will surely affect our parents who graduated 30 years ago. But, most importantly, it will affect us. In just a few years, all of us will be Baylor alumni looking to stay informed about campus developments, network with fellow alums and interact with our school.

I, for one, have never been invited to a single BAA event. On the other hand, I have been to send-offs, football watch parties and prayer groups all the way up in Chicago thanks to the Baylor Alumni Network.

In fact, it actually costs money

to become a BAA member. Of the close to 70,000 alumni in the last



Danny Huizinga | Guest Columnist

20 years, the BAA only includes roughly 3,400 as members.

I want an alumni group that will serve me no matter where I live and that won't charge me to support the school I love. I have been blessed by Baylor, and I hope Saturday will mark a day when we agree on this compromise and move forward as one unified community.

Remarkable leaders from Bay-

lor Nation agree. Regent Emeritus and Baylor alumnus Drayton McLane (who made the lead gift for the new Baylor Stadium, the McLane Student Life Center and more) have voiced their support. President Ken Starr says the agreement would convey a "commitment to a shared sense of purpose and a context of amity and respect."

Collin Cox, president of the BAA, says the proposal "makes sense for the Baylor Alumni Association and the university as we move ahead in a new era."

I look forward to this new era, an era where all Baylor alumni can network and support each other without paying dues or arguing about who is more important. A "yes" vote will ensure that we all get the most out of our degrees after we graduate.

A "yes" vote is a vote for students. In the words of Robert Griffin III, "Baylor we are, and Baylor we'll always be."

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### BAA members should vote "no"

Everyone has seen the billboards that say "#BaylorForward - Vote 'Yes' on September 7th" and received numerous emails from Baylor about a big vote.

President Ken Starr sent out an email, containing a video of himself, to all the students telling them how important traditions are to the country and the university. In that video, Starr erroneously compares the transition agreement between Baylor and the Baylor Alumni Association with the writing of the United States Constitution.

"We have to listen to everybody with respect, and compromise, compromise is not a bad word, it is a good word because it shows respect for the other person," Starr said.

The question being brought up by many is, "what compromise?" Baylor has given no answer, only feel-good responses implying that if you are against this agreement, you are against Baylor University.

Who hates Baylor? Instead of fighting the BAA, why doesn't Baylor try to work with the 154-year-old institution for the sake of unity?

A lot of students nowadays graduate with a debt of \$50,000 to \$100,000; a degree that costs \$200,000 is only affordable to the upper class and those fortunate enough to attain large scholarships. Recently, the Baylor Board of Regents approved a 5.8 percent increase in tuition — a consistent financial theme with Baylor over the last several years.

The board of regents is unaccountable to the Baylor family. So if not for the BAA, who or what group of people will be asking the tough questions to the board of regents about the high cost of a Baylor education and finding ways to reduce it?

The BAA stood with the faculty in the 2000s when academic freedom was assaulted by the administration and the board of regents.

What Baylor wants is control. Not just control over the university, but of any independent voice on or off campus.

BAA life member Stan Schluter argued that what former Baylor presidents Abner McCall and Herb Reynolds knew is still true: a self-perpetuating, self-sustaining (good ol' boy) board that operates in total silence cannot be trusted to do what is in the best interest of graduates and students.

Baylor's use of bully tactics to silence the only independent voice of the university is a clear sign that the leadership of Baylor does not want anyone with clout questioning its authority.

Baylor is not arguing on the merits of the BAA.

You cannot express 154 years of Baylor pride in 400 words, on a billboard or in a Facebook profile picture.

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# A Little Baby Miracle



By LINDA NGUYEN  
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The National Zoo might have a baby panda, but Cameron Park Zoo has Aztec, the miracle baby ocelot.

Aztec was born on May 31 at Cameron Park Zoo, and is considered a miracle baby because of the extraordinary circumstances surrounding his birth.

Cameron Park zookeeper John Abernathy said part of the reason Aztec was a miracle was because his mother Maya was so old when she had her first child.

"This was her first birth," Abernathy said. "She was 13 years old when she gave birth to Aztec on May 31. She turned 14 two days later."

Abernathy said ocelots reach sexual maturity at 2 to 3 years old. He said they tried for two years to mate Maya with Gustavo, the zoo's male ocelot. They also tried artificial insemination by a team of veterinary specialists from the Center for Conservation and Research for Endangered Wildlife (CREW).

"Last year we had an artificial insemination group called CREW come in and do an artificial insemination using his sperm and assessed her and used hormone injections to try to increase her chances, but it didn't take," Abernathy said. "So the fact that a year later, she had

a baby even after that is quite a miracle."

He said one possible explanation for Aztec's birth is the hormone injections Maya was given in preparation for the artificial insemination could have kicked her system in gear and facilitated breeding.

"But possibly, it was just a miracle," Abernathy said.

Abernathy said the zoo keepers and staff members were surprised by Aztec's birth.

"We come in and weigh our animals monthly and her weight had stayed the same, a constant 19 to 20 pounds, and we didn't see any alteration in her physical appearance or behavior," Abernathy said. "The day before the birth, she had stopped eating and was acting a little strange, so we decided to keep her inside, off of the exhibit. The next day, our curator came in and found our miracle baby in the stall with her."

Terri Cox, curator of programs and exhibits at Cameron Park Zoo, said she found baby Aztec while she was leading some new staff members on a behind-the-scenes tour.

"I came in and Maya, what I thought was Maya, was making this funny little noise and I thought, Maya, I have never seen you make that noise before and lo and behold it was the squeaking of the baby ocelot," Cox said. "I think more excit-

ing was the look on John and Rachel [his zookeepers]'s faces when they walked in and saw this."

Aztec is off the exhibit until he grows large enough to safely be out in the public's view.

"Aztec, at this point, we've assessed that he's a little bit too small," Abernathy said. "There is a running stream, as well as the mesh on the top of the exhibit that is a little larger. There are certain spots where he could get stuck in."

Abernathy added when the time comes for Aztec to enter the public view in the exhibit, the zoo will send out a press release.

Abernathy said Aztec's growth has been consistent with normal baby ocelots.

"He's been growing like a champ," Abernathy said. "At about two months, he started eating food on his own and stopped nursing."

He added Aztec has a playful and inquisitive personality and enjoys playing with new toys.

"Since he's a young ocelot, he has a lot of energy," Abernathy said. "He's growing and exploring. He's got his muscles, so he can walk around. His mother is letting him have more free roam. Anything we give him, he pounces on, plays with. He just recently started climbing his fence to get higher; all cats like to get high up. He's been pestering his mom, playing with his mom's tail.

Even though she's so old, she's very patient with him."

Abernathy said while Maya is still taking care of Aztec, at between 6 months and

his eyes were open for the first time."

Abernathy said that males do not normally help parent the baby ocelot in the wild, so Aztec and his father Gustavo are kept in separate cages.

"He's very curious about his dad," Abernathy said. "He's separated from his father because in the wild, they don't interact the young because it's a potential danger. It's not in his instincts to be parental. He's very inquisitive of him. They try to see each other through the fence."

Cox said Aztec was named through a vote by the administrative staff.

"We had the keepers submit some names and administrative staff voted on them," Cox said. "Our general director and curator submitted the name Aztec and more votes went for that one. They joked they were going to override whatever name was picked anyway because they never get to name the animals. That was how he got it."

Aztec's name was also related to the area where ocelots range.

"It was based on where they're found and where they're prevalent now," Cox said. "They used to range all the way up through Central Texas but now they're almost extinct except for in small pockets in South Texas and Arizona and New Mexico. They're primarily found in South and Central America where the Aztecs and Mayans lived."

Cameron Park Zoo is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday.

Admission is \$9 for adults, \$6 for children, \$8 for senior citizens and children under 3 years old are free.



Despite a failed artificial insemination, baby ocelot Aztec was born on May 31. His birth was considered a miracle. Check out [www.baylorlariat.com](http://www.baylorlariat.com) for our feature video on Aztec.



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## >>> in review 'You're Next'



### New horror flick gets axed

By TAYLOR GRIFFIN  
A&E EDITOR

Just as I started to have faith in the art of horror films again, this load of trite guff happens. Reeking of apathy and lacking continuity, "You're Next," released on Aug. 23, is a bloody awful time that's less of a suspense quencher and more of a sadistic "Home Alone."

The plot follows the Davison clan gathering together at their parents' new house in the woods. Catty comments and trivial squabbling around the dinner table is abruptly cut short when assassins invade their home, killing them off one by one. While it's certainly the typical slice-'em-up flick, the last seven minutes or so offer a compelling twist to the norm.

This movie was so embarrassing it made the '90s era horror flicks seem like "Rosemary's Baby." On top of which, it's rather difficult to take an intruder wearing a lamb mask seriously.

Severe déjà vu ensues from the start. Imitation may be the highest form or flattery, but it's a downright slap in the kisser to have little or no deviance from other slashers. Didn't we see

this with "The Strangers" in 2008 or even this summer's "The Purge"?

At face value, the plot appears to encompass a strategic yet mindless group of crossbow assassins targeting a well-to-do family with petty problems, and from the start, it is. The momentum that stalemates through much of the running time revs up a bit in the last seven minutes or so, at or around the time Erin prepares a brain-matter smoothie still in the guy's noggin.

Senseless mayhem ensues yet drastically subsides in inappropriate times. At one point, Erin stands bloodied after bumping off one of the perps, has a nonchalant dialogue with the young-est brother and never acknowledges the mangled dead sister-in-law flopped out the window. That's a head scratcher.

With a formulated plot that's expected of a horror flick, its relatively-green director Adam Wingard doesn't seem to have a clue on how to execute anything more than textbook scare tactics. The film becomes so cookie-cutter, it's practically insulting to watch.

The film loses much more than credibility and believability when one of the killers yells, "Would you just die already?" whilst knifing his own brother.

As a movie born in the throes of house invasion horror, a genre that's grown moldy in the past few years, "You're Next" is mostly tepid and never boils over into anything more than a formulated scary movie plot. While it's a long-overdue break from the beaten dead horse that is the occult genre, this less-than-impressive spooker's popularity will be as swift as a crossbow arrow's shot.

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### >> Baylor School of Music Guest/ Faculty Recital

3 p.m. on Sunday  
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Sept. 10-Nov. 14  
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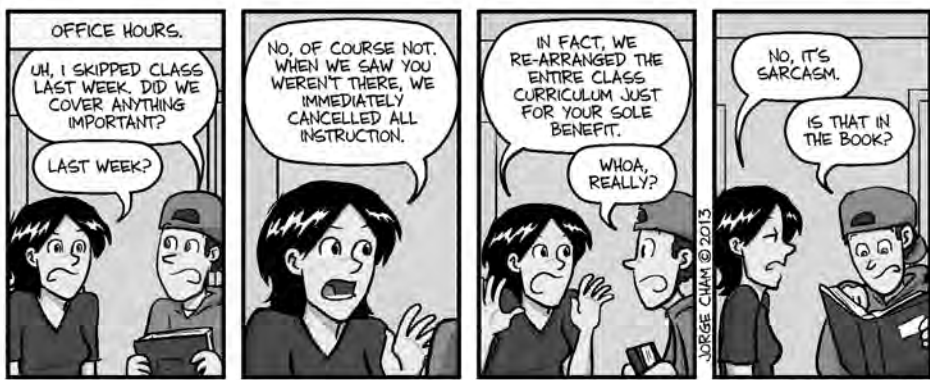
"Ansel Adams: Distance and Detail" exhibition will display iconic black and white photography.

### >> The Digital Age in concert

Sept. 26  
University Baptist Church

Formerly The David Crowder Band, The Digital Age will perform songs from its debut album, "Evening:Morning," released on Aug. 13. Also featuring Bellarive. Tickets now on sale.

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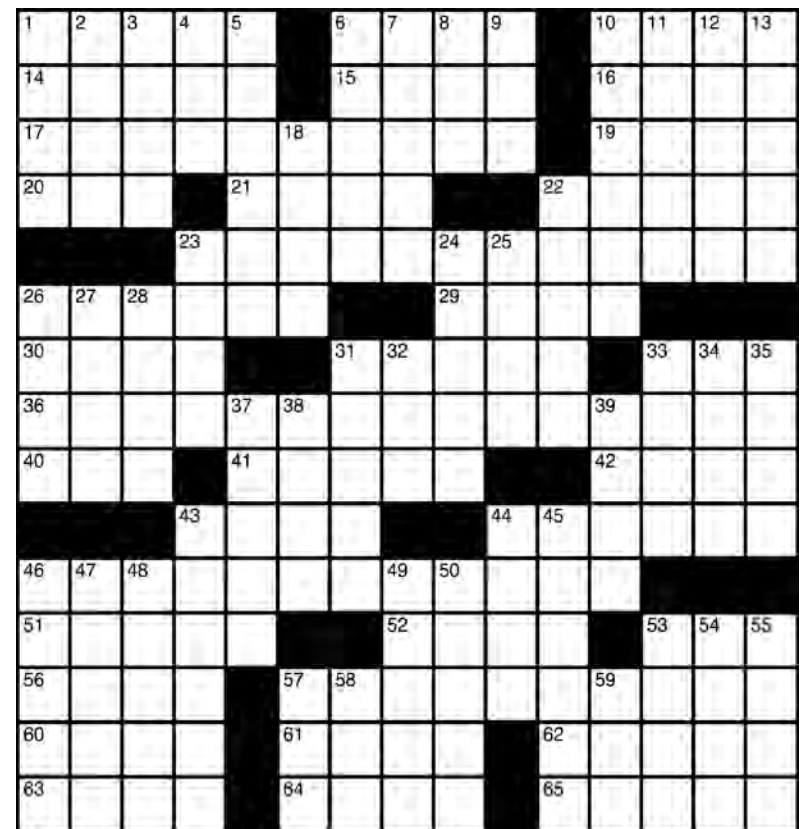


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1 Saw point  
6 Etching fluid  
10 Touches affectionately  
14 Prenatal exam, for short  
15 Body part that smells  
16 Jump in a skater's short program  
17 Legend with an ax  
19 Actress Hayworth  
20 Dinner pair?  
21 Like cough syrup  
22 Indigenous New Zealander  
23 Legend with a clarinet  
26 Alcove  
29 Not at all well-done  
30 "Let's Get \_\_\_": Marvin Gaye hit  
31 Udder parts  
33 Jamaican genre  
36 Legend with a vine  
40 Animal on Michigan's state flag  
41 Coffee shop cupful  
42 Fishing tool  
43 "Your Majesty"  
44 It includes a bit of France  
46 Legend with a bat  
51 Betting every last chip  
52 Hat-borne parasites  
53 Toward the rudder  
56 Charlatan, e.g.  
57 Legend with a bathrobe  
60 Sour  
61 Actor Morales  
62 Dutch pianist Egon who taught Victor Borge  
63 Lime beverages  
64 Holiday song  
65 Important word for 17-, 23-, 36-, 46- and 57-Across
- Down  
1 Packer's need  
2 Arab League member  
3 Burden  
4 Up to, briefly  
5 Bindle carriers  
6 Former U.N. chief  
7 How some flirt  
8 Life-cabaret link  
9 Place to relax  
10 Where to see floats



- 11 Self-evident truth  
12 Flashy tank swimmer  
13 Like many characters in Shakespeare's dramas  
18 Catering hall dispensers  
22 Dashing inventor?  
23 1885 Motorwagen maker  
24 Reduce to small pieces  
25 Inauguration Day pledge  
26 Customary observance  
27 Reference list abbr.  
28 Bulletin board material  
31 Icon on a pole  
32 Immature newt  
33 Goad  
34 "Felicity" star Russell  
35 Like the Flying Dutchman  
37 "In space no one can hear you scream" film  
38 Not, quaintly  
39 On the safer side  
43 Bypasses  
44 Chickenpox symptom  
45 Expletive replacements  
46 Sicily neighbor  
47 Epic that ends with Hector's funeral  
48 County on the River Shannon  
49 Pond plants  
50 Zero, to Nero  
53 Prefix with war or hero  
54 Forest floor flora  
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## Baylor football ready to host Buffalo

By SHEHAN JEYARAJAH  
SPORTS WRITER

The No. 23 Baylor Bears (1-0) are coming off of a 69-3 thrashing against FCS opponent Wofford last Saturday. The Bears scored the most points in a game since 1924. They also posted the third most yards in program history with a total of 692.

This Saturday will bring more of a test with FBS opponent University of Buffalo coming down to Waco after a 40-20 loss at Ohio State last Saturday.

"It is a step up in competition," head football coach Art Briles said. "It's going to be a good matchup for us from the standpoint that they're more up-tempo and they're going to throw the ball more and it's more conducive to what we'll see on down the line."

Compared to Wofford, Buffalo has a more balanced attack. The Bulls offense is led by senior wide receiver Alex Neutz. Neutz finished as a 1,000 yard receiver last season for Buffalo and caught 11 touchdowns. Against Ohio State's defense, he had nine receptions for 98 yards and a touchdown.

Sophomore quarterback Joe Licata threw for 185 yards, two touchdowns and one interception.

The Buffalo running game is spearheaded by senior running back Branden Oliver. His sophomore year, Oliver set a single season school record with 1,395 rushing yards. Against Ohio State, Oliver struggled and finished with 73 yards rushing on 26 attempts.

No preview of the Buffalo Bulls would be complete without talk-

ing about Buffalo linebacker Khalil Mack. Mack is a 6-foot-3 outside linebacker who has been projected by many draft sources as a first-round pick in the 2014 NFL Draft. CBS Sports has him listed as the 23rd pick in the first round in their most recent mock draft.

Mack has been All-MAC First Team each of the past two seasons. Last year, he finished with 94 tackles, 21.0 of them for loss, 8.0 sacks and four forced fumbles.

"He's good. He's real good," Briles said. "All the talk he's generating for himself, he certainly deserves. If I had to compare him to somebody, I would say Von Miller. He's explosive, he's dynamic, he's quick, he's long, he's vicious and he's a multi-position guy."

Ohio State coach Urban Meyer got a chance to see Mack firsthand in their game against Buffalo last week and gave rave reviews.

"Mack is a fantastic football player. He could play anywhere at any school in America, that kid for Buffalo."

In the game against the Buckeyes, Mack did it all. He finished with nine tackles, seven of them solo, 2.5 for loss and 2.5 sacks. The highlight of the day was a 45-yard interception return for a touchdown. Mack jumped the passing lane and got the interception after beating his blocker. He then outran running back Dontre Wilson and quarterback Braxton Miller for the touchdown.

For his performance, CBS Sports named Mack the National Defensive Player of the Week.

Baylor has an excellent offensive line, especially on the blind side with sophomore left tackle

Spencer Drango and senior left guard Cyril Richardson. Senior quarterback Bryce Petty will need to keep his eye on Mack at all times.

Mack has displayed an uncanny ability to disrupt the offense. Time and time again, he penetrates into the backfield and he had no problem doing so against the No. 3 Ohio State Buckeyes.

Buffalo defended the pass well against a good Ohio State team last week, holding Heisman hopeful Braxton Miller to only 178 yards passing.

Perhaps the best sign for Baylor fans is that the Bulls defense struggled against the run, allowing 261 rushing yards on 5.8 yards a carry. Starting Ohio State running back Jordan Hall had 159 yards on 7.6 yards per carry and two touchdowns.

Heading into Saturday's action, Buffalo's defense should provide a new challenge for Baylor's offense. Petty will get constant pressure from an NFL-quality outside linebacker, which should aid in Petty's preparation to face Big 12 talent. The Bulls secondary will also be tested with the incredible receiver depth Baylor displays.

"They are coming out with a balanced defense," senior inside receiver Tevin Reese said. "They run the ball a lot, and their offense is good and their defense is good. I think it will be a real good matchup for us this week."

Baylor's running game should pose all kinds of problems for Buffalo. While Mack can create havoc, junior running back Lache Seastrunk is one of the best in football at evading the tackler. Once a running back gets past Mack, the



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Junior Lache Seastrunk carries the ball downfield against Wofford on Aug. 31. The Bears won the game 69-3 as Seastrunk rushed for 112 yards on 11 carries with two touchdowns.

Bears should find running room in the secondary.

Baylor's defense may actually be more comfortable playing a passing team like Buffalo instead of a team that ran a gimmicky offense like Wofford's triple-option running attack.

Baylor's defensive experience lies in the secondary, especially with senior safety Ahmad Dixon and three senior cornerbacks: Joe Williams, Demetri Goodson and K.J. Morton.

"We know it will be a fun game," Dixon said. "It'll be what we

are used to seeing each and every day, week in and week out. Now we are back to our old selves. Back to our old rhythm."

The No. 23 Bears are prepared to face the Bulls at 2:30 p.m. Saturday at Floyd Casey Stadium.

## Undefeated soccer faces daunting weekend schedule

By PARMIDA SCHAHHOSSEINI  
SPORTS WRITER

It's going to be a tough task for No. 7 Baylor soccer to continue on an undefeated path this weekend as they travel to a hostile environment to take on Missouri and Texas A&M in College Station.

The Bears (4-0-0) will begin with a game against Missouri at 4 p.m. today and then face Texas A&M at 7 p.m. Sunday.

"I love coming up to weekends like this," senior defender Kat Ludlow. "This is going to be one of the hardest weekends that we will have this season. They are two tough

competitors and we've never beaten A&M, so it's always great competition against them."

*"This is going to be one of the hardest weekends that we will have this season."*

Kat Ludlow | Senior defender

Baylor has losing records against both teams, but this is a new Baylor team that is sure to turn up the heat as it continues to

improve.

"We have some good players, but our team has always been built on a team, it hasn't been built on a few individuals," Baylor co-head coach Marci Jobson said. "We still have so much room to grow and so much room to continue to get better. I think we are still just at the beginning of where we could be."

It's the first time in program history that Baylor started the season with four straight shutouts. The defense only allowed 28 shot attempts as opposed to the 84 shots the Baylor offense has attempted.

Freshman midfielder Ashley York has been productive for the

Bears. York leads the team with four goals and also has one assist. Sophomore Bri Campos has two goals and two assists.

Despite the great play from the defense, Baylor could have had a goal scored against them after SMU was awarded a penalty shot. Fortunately, junior goalkeeper Michelle Kloss blocked the shot.

"I'm happy with how we aren't giving up a ton of shots each game," Jobson said. "Kloss is doing what she needs to be doing to make the saves that she needs to make, but I'm happy with our team defense overall."

Missouri (4-1-0) has been off to

a strong start with its lone loss occurring in overtime. The Tiger offense has been productive, scoring 17 goals in five games. The defense has also picked up as of late with back-to-back shutouts.

"Missouri, we haven't faced them since the Big 12 Tournament a couple of years ago so everybody is really excited," Ludlow said. "We are always excited for every game. This is one weekend for the books because it is Mizzou and Texas A&M."

The Tigers have had consistency on offense with eight different players scoring goals, which is the most in the Southeastern Con-

ference. The Tigers also have four players that have scored two or more goals in junior forward Taylor Grant, junior midfielder Kaysie Clark, sophomore forward Reagan Russel and freshman midfielder Lauren Selaiden.

Texas A&M (2-2-0) has had success against Baylor (4-0-0) in the past, but this is a new Baylor team that is used to winning.

The Bears' defense against the Aggie offense will be a matchup to watch as Baylor continues to limit opponent's shots.

Baylor will be fighting for two crucial road wins this weekend to try to stay undefeated.

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**NETWORK** from Page 1

and friends attended those events.”  
Sendoff parties are hosted every summer by parent network chapters across the country.  
Maggard said the send-off parties last year stretched from Burlington, Vt., to Seattle to Minneapolis down to South Texas.

The main purpose of a send-off party is for incoming freshman and their parents to become acquainted with other Baylor students and parents.

“They’re typically held in a private home of a parent volunteer, sometimes at churches, or community center, but by and large, they’re in private homes,” Maggard said.

The send-off party is an opportunity for parents to mingle, make connections and ask questions.

Parents who meet at a send-off party can communicate with one another and gather together for fellowship, Maggard said.

“The groups meet monthly to pray for students and the university,” Maggard said. “They do Bear Care packaging parties to send goodie boxes to students usually around finals time.”

Maggard said it is due to the generosity of volunteers that the alumni network is able to have an amazing program for parents.

Mary Ann Hill, president of Baylor University Women’s Council of Dallas, is on the volunteer side of the network.

Hill is a Baylor alumna and comes from a big Baylor family. Of her family members, 20 have attended Baylor, she said.



Hill said the Dallas chapter of the Baylor Women’s Network hosts two big events annually and these events vary from year to year.

Past events include luncheons, fashion shows, guest speakers and musical performances. Hill said 250 to 400 people usually attend.

“These events are a time to socialize and promote Baylor connections,” Hill said. “We invite all Dallas Baylor women.”

The Dallas women’s chapter is hosting an event on Sept. 19 called, “An Evening of Green and Gold.” The event will include a silent auction followed by dinner. The 2013 Woman of Distinction award will also be presented that evening to honor a member who has done exceptional work.

Lastly, the assistant athletic director John Morris, commonly known as “the Voice of the Bears,” will conduct an interview with

Nick Florence, the 2012 Baylor quarterback. The event costs \$45 per person.

Aside from hosting social events, the women’s network also raises money for student scholarships.

“Our scholarship effort is called the Barnabas Circle,” Hill said. “We invite our members to make contributions to our endowed scholarship fund. People can contribute any amount.”

If members contribute \$1,000 or more, they become a part of the Barnabas Circle. Once they are a member, they must pay \$250 every year to renew their membership. All contributions go towards student scholarships.

The Dallas women’s chapter provides a scholarship for five students each year. Last year, members raised \$65,000 through this scholarship initiative.

“We take great pride in that and it makes us feel we are in touch with Baylor students because we have a part in their education,” Hill said.

While Davis said volunteers are crucial to the functioning of the network, Hill said volunteers could not do all that they do without the help of Baylor’s constituent engagement division.

“The network is so helpful to those of us who work away from Baylor,” Hill said. “They give us lots of guidance and help.”

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we will go over that again at the meeting that our staff has with those folks on site at game day, and we’ve also gotten the release

**MINUS** from Page 1

riculum Committee and Student Senate also looked over the new grading scale proposal.

The study of this grading scale has been under way since August 2011. It was not until Feb. 9, 2012, that the undergraduate curriculum committee submitted a report on its studies. In addition to this submission to Null, the committee also offered a recommendation that the grading scale undergo a change.

The scale change was approved when presented to Faculty Senate the following November. In January, the Student Senate voted to support the change as well. Five days after, on Jan. 30, the Graduated Curriculum and Program Committee voted to have graduate courses follow the altered grading scale.

“The balance we were looking for and engaging with as faculty and students was seeing the value of our education when we graduate and the value of our diplomas and comparing that to how it would really affect our students on campus that are getting these grades,” Student Body President Wesley Hodges said.

The Student Senate debated about the minus grades and agreed that if a minus system was implemented, an A- should not be included as it is not balanced by an A+.

“The real honest debate here of why people voted in favor of implementing minus grades is that it is an effort to create additional value to our diplomas when we graduated,” Hodges said.

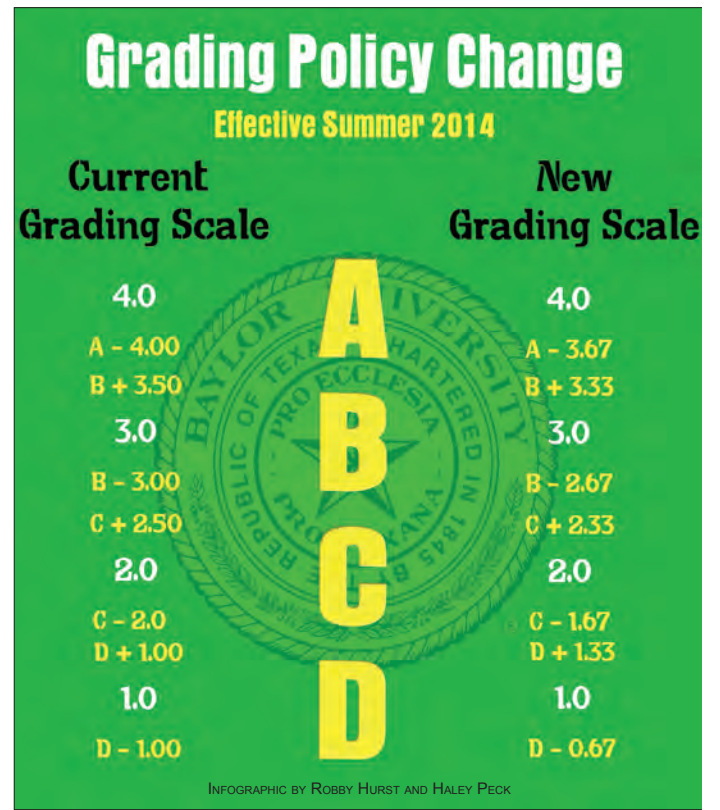
This new grading scale will put Baylor in line with grading scales used by other schools in the Big 12. More than half of the universities in the conference have minus grades in their policy. Baylor is the only school with the current grading scale.

“We cannot find another insti-

out to the media to get the word out,” Joos said. “Hopefully this will make it a little more clear.”

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elBak bladders or other backpack-style water receptacles are not permitted in the stadium. As always, glass is also not allowed.



tution that uses our current system of awarding plus grades but no minus grades,” Null said.

A team, led by Null, met on March 26 to devise a new grading scale.

According to the registrar office’s website, professors will not be required to implement the new grading policy. The use of minuses will be left to the instructor’s discretion and students are advised to refer to class syllabi for the grading scale.

While many people support the initiative, some students such as Austin junior Brielle Boomer see negative impacts from the minus system.

“I think the new grading scale will hurt a lot of people’s grades and will make a lot of people mad,” Boomer said.

Null said he doesn’t believe the change will have a big impact on

GPA’s.

“I don’t think there’s going to be a dramatic impact,” Null said.

“We’ve looked at other places that have made similar changes and have not seen a dramatic impact. I suspect that some students would have liked to have seen an A+ in addition to the A-. The problem with that is that an A+ goes above a 4.0 and the various committees that looked at this change decided that having a grade above a 4.0 would not be the best way to go.”

Should a student receive a C-, he or she will be allowed to retake the course without permission from a dean. The current policy states that students can only retake courses if they receive a D or F. If a student wants to retake the course after receiving a grade higher than D, he or she must have permission from a dean.

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“We’ve been working on various segments of the riverwalk really over the last 20 years, and we’ve been funding it piecemeal one at a time, and this was kind of the next logical extension of that river walk,” Evilia said. “And right now we’re about, from what I understand, getting close to construction on the segment that would go from Herring Avenue to Brazos Park East, which is across the river from Cameron Park.”

There are wetlands along the river corridor that the city will have to take into consideration when building the new trail, Evilia said. He said he anticipates that the trail will have to be elevated in this area, and that there will be an inability to fill in the wetlands.

“The U.S. (Army) Corps of Engineers steps in at that point, and there are very strict regulations about the filling in of wetlands or the filling of any kind of waterways at all,” Evilia said. “And so it would not surprise me if a substantial portion of this trail is elevated, or basically a bridge - which is probably why this is a very expensive project.”

Evilia said he projects that it

will take a year to draw engineering plans for the new trail. Based on how long it’s taken to construct other sections, he said it could then take a year to 18 months to construct.

Other segments of already existing trails, such as a section spanning from Herring Avenue to Martin Luther King Jr. Park and one section going through Baylor campus, are examples of trails previously funded through the Transportation Enhancement Program, Evilia said. The trail that is now to be developed was the next logical step, he said.

“Eventually, once the entire system is complete, basically it provides a multipurpose connection, really, on both sides of the river from LaSalle, all the way through Cameron Park and really ultimately all the way to the Lake Waco Dam,” Evilia said. “So if someone wanted to, you wouldn’t necessarily need to have automobiles to get to all the sites along those trails; everywhere from Baylor University, through downtown, through Cameron Park, out towards McLennan Community College and even up to the Lake

Waco Dam.”

Baylor is building a connection from campus to the stadium that will include a bridge across the Brazos River, Evilia said. This path will connect with the Brazos Riverwalk.

“On the campus side, the trail already exists,” Evilia said. “On the stadium side, they’re just going to build the portion that’s adjacent to the stadium.”

Evilia said the Brazos Riverwalk is not a part of the Brazos Riverfront project. As the Lariat previously reported, the Brazos Riverfront project is a development plan for the “use of public space, residential space, retail and restaurants” along the Brazos riverfront area, and is funded separately from the Brazos Riverwalk Project.

“I think the timing is all related,” Evilia said. “I don’t think the city would’ve asked for bids if we didn’t have the stadium going up and the river walk also taking place, so it’s all related, but they are physically separate projects, and they’re being funded through separate mechanisms.”

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