

Street Eats

The food truck craze sweeps across Waco

By RAE JEFFERSON
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Courtesy photo

The Mix

Located on the corner of University Parks and Franklin, The Mix is a mobile unit of the permanent Mix Cafe located at 803 N. Hewitt Drive.

The truck offers greener and leafier options than traditional food trucks, employee and Baylor alum Alex Parnell said. The eatery's most popular options include stuffed avocados and chicken salad sandwiches.

"Our truck fits the healthy niche," he said.

Parnell said one of his favorite features of the truck is its large, screened service window that allows customers to see clearly into the vehicle.

"Our truck is quite transparent," he said. "People can see what's going on with the food."

Although the mix is usually stationed on Franklin for lunch hours, the truck does occasionally travel around town for catering events and concerts, and will move near McLane Stadium on game days.

Follow the mix @themixstreeteats on Instagram for updates.

Dave's Burger Barn

Dave's is a quick-service truck located at University Parks and Franklin that offers traditional American cuisine such as burgers, sandwiches and hotdogs. Dave's Burger Barn is the mobile unit of a restaurant of the same name, located at 600 Patricia.

Restaurant owner Tim Quiroz said his truck's most popular item is the cheeseburger. The truck's appeal comes from the quality of food offered to customers, Quiroz said.

"We do everything fresh," he said.

A Baylor alum, Quiroz said on Mondays and Tuesdays he offers Baylor students a \$2 discount on any basket, or a side and drink combo, with a valid student I.D.

Follow Dave's @DavesBurgerBarn on Twitter to find its location.



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Xristo's Cafe

A fusion of Mediterranean and Lebanese cuisine, Xristo's Café offers customers a taste unlike the tex-mex or barbeque establishments traditionally found in Waco. The truck is located at University Parks and Franklin, and offers a host of unique menu items including lamb burgers and avocado hummus.

Owner Chris Garmon and wife Stephanie opened the truck March 7. Garmon said the fusion of cultures was the result of his and his wife's cultural backgrounds.

Customers are drawn to the eatery because Garmon offers foods made from scratch, he said.

"Everything is 100 percent made here," he said. "It's fresh. We use Angus beef and grass fed lamb."

Although the truck is generally stationed in the same location, Garmon said customers should like Xristo's Café on Facebook for notifications of location changes.

Like Xristo's Café on facebook for updates.



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Club Sandwich

Club Sandwich is located on Austin Avenue in front of Dichotomy Coffee & Spirits, and offers a fresh take on Asian and Mexican cuisine. The truck features Korean dishes served in tacos and rice bowls, said owner Young Dae Moon.

A Baylor alum, Moon said inspiration for the truck came during his days as a bear. Moon and his roommates desired a restaurant that offered more authentic Korean cuisine, which they felt the city lacked at the time.

"Whenever I would go home, I'd bring food back with me and eat it," he said.

Moon said his truck brings a new menu to the food truck scene in Waco.

"It's something different that Waco hasn't had before," he said.

The business opened at the end of this past semester on May 12. Moon said he is excited to see how the return of college students will impact his business, but he also appreciated the opportunity to build a relationship with the Waco community over the summer.

"You can't survive on Baylor kids alone," he said. "It gave me a chance to connect to the Waco community."

Follow Club Sandwich @sandwichd on Twitter and Instagram.



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Phillip Phillips headlining McLane traditions rally

By REUBIN TURNER & PAULA SOLIS
ASSISTANT CITY EDITOR, CITY EDITOR

American Idol winner and multi-platinum singer Phillip Phillips will perform at the inaugural event of McLane Stadium which the Baylor Bears will now call home.

Phillips will perform at the university's annual traditions rally at approximately 8:15 p.m. on Aug. 28 at the new stadium. The doors to the free event will open at 5:30 p.m. with a pep rally at 7:30 p.m.

Fireworks over the Brazos River will conclude the event.

According to a press release by the University, the event is meant to kickoff the upcoming football season. The first game will be held Sunday, Aug. 30 against Southern

Methodist University at 6:30 p.m.

Matt Burchett, director of student activities, said the decision to bring Phillips was a joint decision between Student Activities and organizations such as Student Government. However, students not involved with campus organization were also informally polled for feedback.

Burchett said this season in music entertainment will prove to be an exciting one because when the university makes calls to acts or their managers, people are excited to come to Baylor.

"We had students walking around the SUB and other eating areas just asking student to offer their opinion about who they would like to see," Burchett said.

Dominic Edwards, student body president, said he agreed

with Burchett that this story was a joint effort by members of the student body and Student Activities and that this type of open communication guarantees results students will want.

"With Phillip Phillips, we knew he would be a great choice because you want someone who is going to excite the student body."

Edwards also said he believes Baylor's rising profile allowed them to secure an artist like Phillips for the event.

"I think Baylor's profile is rigging to the extent that we now have more opportunities to bring acts to campus, not just McLane, that will be exciting for our students," said Edwards.



COURTESY PHOTO

American Idol winner Phillip Phillips will perform at McLane Stadium for Baylor's annual traditions rally at 8:15 Thursday.



Freshii is now open in the Student Union Building.
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The serving line at Freshii has a variety of toppings to choose from.
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Review

Freshii is open for business in SUB

By HAYLEY LEONARD
CONTRIBUTOR

Freshii is a new healthy eating franchise that promotes the motto "Eat. Energize." Now open in the Student Union Building at Baylor, the eatery originally opened its first location in Toronto, Canada. The company aims to help people live healthier and longer lives through its fresh and nutritious meal options that include salads and wraps, burritos, soups, juices, smoothies, frozen yogurt and a number of breakfast foods.

The most popular food options are the Baja and Bangkok burritos.

I opted for the Baja burrito since it had a gold star, indicating it was the most popular burrito.

I added chicken as a protein source and ordered my burrito with a collard green wrap and no red onions.

The atmosphere was very crisp and sleek, with Freshii's green and white color scheme and silver stations behind the counter.

The food is visible while you are ordering, so

it is similar to Subway in its transparency.

Because of the fresh, new feel of the place I would rate the atmosphere 3 forks.

The staff was courteous enough, however what I ordered and what I received did not match.

The red onions were still there and ingredients that were listed in the burrito's description, such as the salsa, pico de gallo and avocado, were missing.

Seeing how my order turned out was somewhat disappointing considering there were maybe five people ahead of me.

It makes me wonder how the staff will handle the lunch-time rush once school begins.

Because of these factors, I would rate the service 2.5 forks.

Finally, we get to the food. As I mentioned previously, my food had its mistakes, but I knew I could overlook that fault if the food was tasty.

Because of the onions, I had to pick apart the green wrap about half way through eating it. Tasting each of the components separately and

then as a whole, I realized there was not a lot of flavor to be found.

The colors of the burrito had a nice contrast between the green of the wrap, the red of the onions and the white quinoa and cabbage, but the taste was bland.

Also, adding the chicken caused my total to be about \$9, which seemed a bit overpriced considering the size of the burrito.

Because of the lack of flavor in an otherwise brightly colored, yet somewhat expensive wrap, I would rate the food 2 forks.

Taking an average of the three scores for atmosphere, service, food the overall forks score for Freshii is 2.5.

Would I go back to Freshii? Perhaps, but I would try a different option.

Would I recommend Freshii to a friend based on this experience? Probably not.

Is Freshii comparable to the other staple places in the SUB? That's for you to decide.

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Never fear, the cheer is here

Two masked heroines arrived at Founders Mall Thursday to cheer on President and Chancellor Ken Starr as he took the Ice Bucket Challenge in front of the Judge Baylor statue.

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Baylor President and Chancellor Ken Starr participates in the Ice Bucket Challenge on Move-In Day 2014. The challenge was created to raise awareness and funds for amyotrophic lateral sclerosis research. To date, nearly \$42 million has been raised to support research for the disease.

ALS Challenge freezes top officials

BY DARLENE SUPERVILLE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

The ice bucket may stop with Obama, but Baylor President and Chancellor Ken Starr accepted the challenge to help support Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis.

Starr participated in the challenge during Move2BU last Thursday.

Instead of pouring cold water over his head, however, President Barack Obama has poured it on the idea of becoming the highest-profile participant of the ice bucket challenge, a dare sweeping the nation that has raised nearly \$42 million to support research into Lou Gehrig's disease.

The disease, also called amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, or ALS,

attacks nerve cells and can lead to complete paralysis and death. Average life expectancy is two to five years after diagnosis, according to the ALS Association.

The challenge calls on people to post videos on social media of themselves dumping a bucket of ice water on their heads — or having someone else handle the chilly chore. They also have to publicly name others to do the same thing within 24 hours or donate \$100 to the ALS Association. Many people do both.

Other well-known participants include former President George W. Bush, New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie and Ethel Kennedy. The 86-year-old Kennedy family matriarch tagged Obama to participate after recently dousing her-

self at her family's Massachusetts estate, knowing that the president would be nearby on vacation.

Obama participated financially by donating an undisclosed sum, the White House said.

"This is all about awareness. We appreciate him donating to the cause," ALS Association spokeswoman Carrie Munk said.

Singer Justin Bieber also nominated Obama to take the challenge, which has been a boon to the advocacy group. The association said it had received \$41.8 million in donations as of Thursday, compared with \$2.1 million between July 29 and Aug. 21 last year.

Obama isn't the only U.S. government official who is unlikely to participate.

The State Department has banned participation by U.S. ambassadors and other high-profile foreign service officers. Department lawyers say participation would violate federal ethics rules barring officials from using public office for private gain "no matter how worthy the cause," according to an unclassified cable sent earlier this week that was obtained Thursday by The Associated Press.

Vice President Joe Biden also donated an undisclosed amount to the cause, his office said Thursday, after he was challenged by actress Julia Louis-Dreyfus, who plays a U.S. vice president on the HBO TV series "Veep."

The Baylor Lariat contributed reporting.

Love app Tinder adds pet profiles

By LAURA MOSS
MOTHER NATURE NETWORK

Users of the matchmaking app Tinder have a greater chance of finding puppy love now that shelter dogs have made their way to the dating app.

Ten dogs from Social Tees Animal Rescue, a no-kill shelter in New York, now have Tinder dating profiles.

Interns at the Bartle Bogle Hegarty advertising agency came up with the idea as a way to increase pet adoptions.

"People strictly go to Tinder to find love, go there to find relationships and companionship," intern Alexis Mood told Ad Week. "These dogs have something to give."

When the dogs' profiles were posted on the matchmaking app, they received 2,700 matches in

less than a week, according to Mood.

On Tinder, users swipe right on photos of other users they like. If both users swipe right, a match is made and they can text each other within the app.

When a user swipes on a pooch's profile, they get a message from the animal shelter with information about adopting the dog. Those not interested in long-term canine companionship can opt to walk shelter dogs or even foster them.

The team behind the doggy dating profiles didn't collaborate with Tinder on the project, but Tinder hasn't removed the profiles.

Pet matchmaking isn't new to smartphones. BarkBuddy is an app similar to Tinder except it matches people with adoptable dogs in their area.



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Users of the dating app Tinder looking for puppy love, can now help shelter dogs find a home.

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On a new grind

Common Grounds is finding its place on the other side of I-35 in a portable trailer unit



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The popular coffee shop and hangout spot, Common Grounds, is opening a new location in Downtown Waco, located on Franklin Avenue and South Six Street. The food trailer will offer a similar menu as the on-campus coffee shop, with the exception of frozen coffee drinks and smoothies, placing an emphasis on espresso and good pour-over coffee.

By RAE JEFFERSON
A&E EDITOR

Caffeine addicts and music junkies who have developed a love for all things Common Grounds will be pleased to know the coffee shop has found new roots on the other side of the highway. The quintessentially hipster chain is jumping on the food truck bandwagon with a trailer unit called the CG Container stationed at 6th Street and Franklin.

Although the unit is not drivable like a food truck, it can be hitched to a vehicle and towed to other areas of town, said Container

manager Josh Kulak.

Kulak said Common Grounds was hoping to offer customers on the downtown-side of I-35 access to Common Grounds coffee without the hassle of going under the freeway. However, the location could change in the future.

"We're currently stationed downtown, but that's just our temporary permanent location," Kulak said.

Customers can expect to find all of the same products offered at the permanent Common Grounds location, with the exception of frozen coffee drinks, smoothies and a few of the candy bar flavored drinks, Kulak said.

"There are two reasons for that," he said. "One - space, and two - we do want to focus more on the coffee in the Container. We want to try to push good espresso and good pour-over coffee."

Waco sophomore Erin Copeland said she began visiting the Container when she worked downtown during the summer. The missing menu options have a negative impact on her visits.

"I definitely think they have enough on their menu," she said. "It's reasonable for that location. Most people in that area would probably just want a cup of coffee."

Kulak said the new location has fared well since it opened.

"We're really looking forward to all the students being back to see what that does to it," he said.

The Container can be used for reasons beyond just selling products.

"We want to use it as a training space for our baristas in a controlled environment," he said.

Kulak said the new location allows the coffee shop to reach a new market.

"People come into the Container and didn't even know that this place existed," he said, referring to the original location near campus. "We're reaching a different clientele."

A native Wacoan, Copeland

said she likes the idea of Waco becoming more central to Common Grounds culture.

"It allows it to not just be a Baylor thing," she said. "It bursts the Baylor bubble. Even though there's no seating or the atmosphere of the Baylor CG, it's just nice to have it there."

The owners of Common Grounds hope to try out other areas of town in the future, Kulak said. There are even talks of regaining a presence at the farmers market, although it will most likely occur without the movable unit.

"As we've worked with this, we've realized it's not quite as mobile as we would've liked it to have

been," Kulak said. "It's not something that's super easy to move every Saturday to the farmer's market, but we are looking to get a presence back at the farmer's market in the next few months, if only selling kombucha and our black and blue coffee."

In the end, Kulak said he hopes to see the business continue to expand beyond the Baylor campus and into the surrounding Waco communities.

"We want to see Common Grounds thrive in multiple locations in Waco," he said. "We have a great relationship with Baylor, but it's bigger than Baylor. It's a Waco thing."



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Local steakhouse beefs up dinner menu

By RAE JEFFERSON
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Waco fine dining is even finer, thanks to a host of renovations and new menu items rolled out by DiamondBack's steakhouse.

The restaurant, which is located at the Riversquare Center near Ninfa's and Spice Village, is a popular high-end establishment in the Waco community, and is often the site of wedding parties and corporate gatherings.

DiamondBack's proprietor Michael Kornman said the restaurant underwent a "soft remodel" to make the dining experience more enjoyable for customers.

The restaurant's newest appetizers are the sesame-seared tuna tostada and the chophouse onion ring tower, served with a side of ranch and ketchup. The tenderloin trio, chicken-fried venison and slow-braised short rib with fresh pasta are the three newest entrée dishes to grace the menu.

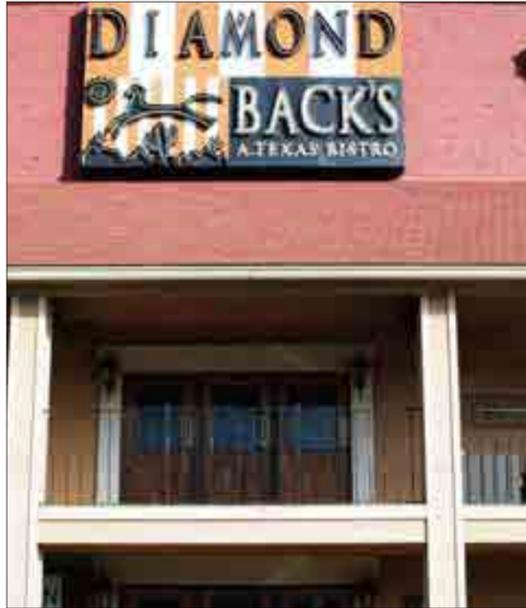
Recent changes to the restaurant go beyond the menu and also include new artwork framed with reclaimed wood and light fixtures made from repurposed chicken feeders, Kornman said. Black and white photographs from local artist Lauren Logan hang high on the walls above patrons' heads in the main dining area.

"She took some great photos of the landscape around Waco and outside Austin," he said. "We're really excited about the redecoration - it was a pretty big project."

Kornman said he has also opened a new banquet hall next door to DiamondBack's that is being marketed separately from the traditional DiamondBack's name. The hall is located in the space once occupied by Gratziano's, an Italian restaurant that was also owned by Kornman.

The banquet hall, called The Hall at Riversquare Center, seats up to 250 people for as low as \$20 per person, which is less than some meals from the DiamondBack's menu.

"We're really excited about the hall," Kornman said. "We wanted to make this a little more approachable and affordable."



DiamondBack's Steakhouse recently underwent a series of renovations and additions to their menu, making this already recommended establishment even more popular and welcoming.

Unlike other Diamondback's banquet rooms that charge a room fee on top of dining fees, the hall will not charge a room usage fee. The hall features in-house catering because it provides a better value to customers, Kornman said.

"What you get for what you'd pay to have a cater come in - it's not very good," he said. "If you've got a big party and you come to

us, it's a great value."

Although new items are being offered on the Diamondback's menu, Kornman said the existing menu features items customers have loved since the restaurant opened.

"Everything's made from scratch here," Kornman said. "If you saw the sheer number of ingredients in the back of the house - it's mind boggling."

Kornman said at one point he made the mistake of removing staple items like the chocolate sack dessert off the menu, but quickly reversed the decision because he wanted to keep his customers happy.

"Some of them were fairly close to becoming physically violent," he said jokingly.

Kornman said Diamondback's newest items are currently available for the public to purchase.

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Charlotte Russe now open to Waco fashionistas

By RAE JEFFERSON
A&E EDITOR

Baylor's shopaholics between ages 15 and 35 are now free to peruse the treasures of a new Waco store - Charlotte Russe.

The newest addition to the renovations being made to Richland Mall, Charlotte Russe targets teenage girls and young women with apparel and accessories that are "soft, fluid and feminine," according to the store's online directory. The store is open from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and from noon to 6 p.m. Sundays.

Kandice Menning, Richland Mall's general manager, said the decision to bring in Charlotte Russe was natural.

"They're just a hot retailer right now with our demographic," she said. "Our store has been received very well."

The store seeks to offer fashion

at affordable prices, and seems to have succeeded so far, manager Rochelle Harrison said.

"I feel that our customers are satisfied with the store," she said. "We definitely contribute to their happiness when they leave."

Missouri City junior Maryann Wanjau said she supports the decision to bring Charlotte Russe to Waco. "They'll definitely get customers who are also Baylor students," she said.

Despite the store's claim to cater to young adults, Wanjau said she feels the store does not always target college-aged women.

"Charlotte Russe sometimes caters more so to pre-teen or teenage customers, but I can still find some items that I like," she said. "Their shoes are also very cute and well priced."

Wanjau said although she usually shops online, she could see herself at Charlotte Russe in the

future.

"I may stop by the Charlotte Russe in the Richland Mall if I'm looking for a specific low priced item, or just need something quickly."

Menning said the mall might continue to expand. "We're talking to a lot of different potential retailers, but we never disclose a deal until it's finished," she said.

Current mall renovations should be completed by Nov. 7, Menning said.

Changes include new flooring, lighting, paint and lounge furniture, as well as remodeled entrances.

"Our last renovations were in 1996," she said. "We're doing a lot of updates. It's part of what's in fashion in Waco right now. There's a lot of new building, a lot of new construction, a lot of activity going on. I think our renovations are coming at the right time."



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Charlotte Russe is one of the latest additions to Richland Mall, which is currently undergoing renovations to be completed by Nov. 7.

Unpredictable Emmy season in store for viewers

By NEAL JUSTIN
STAR TRIBUNE (MINNEAPOLIS)

In what's shaping up to be one of the wildest, most unpredictable Emmy Awards presentations in years, there is only one slam-dunk guarantee: "Fargo" will not go home empty-handed.

The Minnesota-set project is a heavy favorite Monday to be named best TV miniseries, skirting competition from "True Detective," which opted to compete in the drama category. The only minor scare for "Fargo" is "American Horror Story: Coven," which lacked the spookiness of past seasons.

"Fargo" might even collect the most victories of any show, especially if out-of-nowhere Allison Tolman can upset heavyweights Julia Roberts and Kathy Bates in the supporting-actress race.

But miniseries accolades will almost certainly take a back seat to what should be

an emotional tribute to the late Robin Williams and more high-profile contests featuring some of Hollywood's biggest names. Here's a cheat sheet:

Best drama

Nominees: "Breaking Bad," "Downton Abbey," "Game of Thrones," "House of Cards," "Mad Men," "True Detective."

Will and should win: It's good to be "Bad." It had only eight episodes - but a short run didn't stop the series from "Heisenberging" its rivals last year.

Best comedy

Nominees: "The Big Bang Theory," "Louie," "Modern Family," "Orange Is the New Black," "Silicon Valley," "Veep."

Will win: "Modern" love may be harder to come by this year, but there should be enough for the series to tie "Frasier" with five wins in a row.

Should win: Some believe "Louie" has gotten too dark, especially when the lead character appeared to be on the brink of

date rape. But it is TV's most daring and innovative series, the kind of out-on-a-limb effort that needs support.

Best TV movie

Nominees: "Killing Kennedy," "Muhammad Ali's Greatest Fight," "The Normal Heart," "The Trip to Bountiful," "Sherlock: His Last Vow."

Will and should win: The emotionally wrenching "The Normal Heart," about the early years of AIDS in America, is catnip in Hollywood.

Best actress, comedy

Nominees: Lena Dunham, "Girls"; Edie Falco, "Nurse Jackie"; Julia Louis-Dreyfus, "Veep"; Melissa McCarthy, "Mike and Molly"; Amy Poehler, "Parks and Recreation"; Taylor Schilling, "Orange Is the New Black."

Will and should win: The orchestra should have the Beatles' "Julia" down pat for the actress' fifth victory march.

Best actor, comedy

Nominees: Don Cheadle, "House of Lies"; Louis C.K., "Louie"; Ricky Gervais, "Derek"; Matt LeBlanc, "Episodes"; William H. Macy, "Shameless"; Jim Parsons, "The Big Bang Theory."

Will win: This category has featured upsets in recent years, with improbable wins for Jeff Daniels and Kyle Chandler, but the safe money is on Parsons picking up his fourth Emmy.

Should win: Gervais showed surprising range by putting aside his caustic persona and playing a sympathetic nursing-home employee. How sweet it is.

Best actress, drama

Nominees: Claire Danes, "Homeland"; Julianna Margulies, "The Good Wife"; Robin Wright, "House of Cards"; Kerry Washington, "Scandal"; Michelle Dockery, "Downton Abbey"; Lizzy Caplan, "Masters of Sex."

Will win: Wright was the front-runner here - until voters neglected to nominate

"Good Wife" for best drama. The backlash will work in Margulies' favor.

Should win: Caplan, formerly known for her comedic chops, proved to be a master of another domain.

Best actor, drama

Nominees: Bryan Cranston, "Breaking Bad"; Jon Hamm, "Mad Men"; Jeff Daniels, "The Newsroom"; Matthew McConaughey and Woody Harrelson, "True Detective"; Kevin Spacey, "House of Cards."

Will win: Toughest call of the night with everyone but Harrelson having a serious shot. We'll give a slight edge to McConaughey, who may still have one more "Alright, alright, alright" in him.

Should win: Yes, Cranston has won three times, but it's impossible to think about sharing the wealth after seeing his explosive performance in "Bad's" final episodes.

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Tejano musician to perform, return to fan base in Waco

By RAE JEFFERSON
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

Known for its upbeat rhythms and brass instruments, Tejano music has long been a staple of Texan culture.

Popular among Hispanic communities, the art form reflecting the fusion of Mexican and American cultures will be celebrated in Waco at the Pre-Labor Day Tejano Explosion Concert.

The event, hosted by Waco Missions Club, is scheduled from 7 p.m. to midnight Sunday at 3316 J J Flewellen Road and will feature popular Tejano musician Ruben Ramos. Musician Raulito Navaira will be featured as a special guest. Tickets are \$12 each.

"It's especially for people who love Tejano music and who love music made by Ruben," Frank DeLeon, the club's activity promotions chairman said.

The festival will be held on a 12-acre plot of land normally used by Waco Missions Club. The site, which borders the Brazos River, includes a stage for concerts, a playground area and baseball field.

DeLeon said the group was started in 1956 as part of a baseball team at Saint Francis on the Brazos, a local church in Waco.

"In '57 we reorganized as an independent group and have been going ever since," he said.

Waco Missions Club is a local organization focused on building up the community, DeLeon said. The "volunteer-driven" club has held events such as Easter-egg hunts, meals and fundraisers for members of the community, he said.

"We just had an event on memorial day to honor service men," DeLeon said. "We do a lot for the community."

The club also desires to celebrate Hispanic culture, DeLeon said.

"We're trying to reach the Hispanic students here at Baylor," he said.

DeLeon said Ramos' performance is eagerly awaited.

"He's a Tejano legend," he said. "He's a great entertainer, and he's won a lot of Tejano music awards."

DeLeon said Tejano music inspires him in a way other genres cannot.

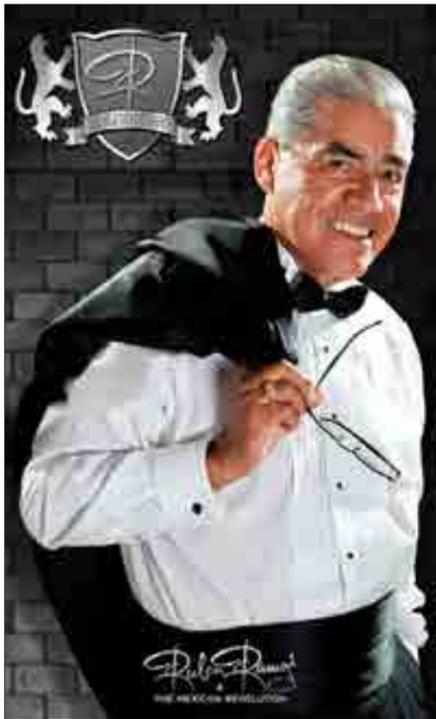
"Tejano music hits me in the heart because of the rhythm and the sound and the words," he said. "Ruben's sound is unique because there aren't many bands these days that have a horn section."

Ramos, who lives in Austin, first performed at the age of 17. Growing up in a musical family inspired his 53-year-long career, he said.

"It's in the blood," he said. "My whole family is musicians. My sisters, my brothers, all my cousins — everyone."

Although he performs Tejano music, Ramos said it is not necessarily his favorite genre.

"I wouldn't say that I enjoy Tejano more than other genres," he said. "My first language, as far as music, was English — rock 'n' roll, James Brown, Ray Charles. But I love both of them."



Ruben Ramos is a popular musician. He will perform at the Pre-Labor Day Tejano Explosion Concert.

Ramos does not perform rock 'n' roll because he does not think it would be received as eagerly as his Tejano performances.

"I've got to give the public what they want," he said. "I cannot just go play the music that I want to play. I've got to play what the public wants. If I do, then I'll have gigs — a place to play."

Waco is not new territory for Ramos. His first performance in the city was in 1973.

Ramos said he decided to play at the Pre-Labor Day Tejano Explosion Concert because he has a strong following in the city.

"I have a lot of friends in Waco," he said. "It's always a great time and performance."

Ramos said although he is getting older, he does not have intentions of putting his career behind him anytime soon.

"Thank God that I still have the energy and desire to keep on going," he said. "I have a couple of friends I went to school with, and they tell me I'm too old to be on stage, but I'm enjoying myself. It's still fun."

DeLeon said he hopes attendees leave the festival happy and pleased with the performances.

"People are looking for an event they can go to," he said. "They're looking for a place where they can enjoy themselves with their families."



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In this April 5 file photo, singer Miley Cyrus performs at the Barclays Center in New York. The Dominican Republic government commission that oversees public performances says it is banning a Sept. 13 concert by Miley Cyrus on morality grounds. The commission said, it took the action because Cyrus often "undertakes acts that go against morals and customs, which are punishable by Dominican law."

Dominican Republic bans Miley Cyrus show

ASSOCIATED PRESS

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The commission said in a statement Thursday that it took the action because Cyrus often "undertakes acts that go against morals and customs, which are punishable by Dominican law."

Tickets ranging from \$27 to \$370 for the concert in the capital have been on sale since July.

Some critics have declared Cyrus' onstage antics, including twerking and crotch-grabbing, as vulgar.

A representative for Cyrus did not immediately respond to a request for comment. Concert organizers in the Dominican Republic did not comment on the ban.

The commission in the past has banned songs it considers vulgar from the airwaves, including some by Calle 13 of Puerto Rico.



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House of Heroes to shake up Common Grounds



By RAE JEFFERSON
A&E EDITOR

Music fans and coffee lovers, rejoice – the first live show of the semester at Common Grounds will headline Ohio band House of Heroes and feature Chiefly Palomino. The show is scheduled for 8 p.m. Saturday, and tickets may be purchased online or at the coffee shop for \$5 each.

Venue manager Taylor Torregrossa said this will be the band's second time to play at Common Grounds.

"They were here just about a year ago," she said. "It was just a really great show."

House of Heroes is a deviation from the kinds of acts Common Grounds management usually books, Torregrossa said.

"It's kind of a different feel than what we have a lot of the time," she said. "We always have fun switching it up."

Torregrossa said she understands customers who enjoy genres of music outside the coffee shop's more folky or indie selections.

"I know I'm a way bigger fan of rock music, so I'm always excited when we get rock bands in," she said.

In the end, Torregrossa said she hopes guests have a good experience at the con-

cert.

"Our number one goal is for every show at Common Grounds to be a great show," Torregrossa said. "We just hope they enjoy it, they have a great time and that the music is great."

Day: Saturday
Time: 8 p.m.
Tickets: Online
or at Common Grounds
Price: \$5 each



Vegas Buffet

Restaurant Review

By JAJA CHEN
CONTRIBUTOR

As a lover of all foods Asian, it is often disappointing to return to Waco from the summer to limited Asian restaurant options. However, this past summer, I was excited to see a new restaurant called Vegas Buffet open near Michael's on 505 N. Valley Mills in the Westview Village shopping area. At first, I did not realize that Vegas Buffet was an Asian restaurant. I was pleasantly surprised, however, to see warm lighting and Asian decor when walking through their doors.

The venue of Vegas Buffet is spacious and open-aired, providing plenty of space for groups and families. I doubt there will ever be issues with seating and space. Another perk of bringing groups to Vegas Buffet is their large selection of food. I recommend trying the in-house sushi and sashimi bar, along with the Mongolian grill. The Mongolian grill options are fresh, and the teriyaki sauce is delicious. Mix the teriyaki sauce and garlic sauce for a tasty beef marinade. Try the salmon sashimi on rice and wakame seaweed salad with a little wasabi and pickled ginger on the side for a glimpse of Japanese cuisine!

Other food highlights are the hot and sour soup and seafood options, which include cocktail shrimp, salmon, crayfish and oysters. Crab legs are also available on the weekends during dinnertime. Some unique menu options are fried frog legs – which taste like chicken – and kimchi. For the less adventurous, Vegas Buffet offers comfort foods such as

chicken nuggets, french fries, buffalo wings and roast beef. Dessert options include fruit, nuts, cookies, ice cream, cake, pudding and gelatin.

For the late night dinner eaters, Vegas Buffet is open 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Sundays. For \$10.99 (\$11.99 on weekends) per adult, there is a no better Asian buffet option in Waco. I suggest trying out Vegas Buffet if you are looking for an array of options and desire to venture out of your usual restaurants. Overall, I rate Vegas Buffet with 3.5 out of 5 stars for the selection and quality of food, along with venue itself. Shout-out to Vegas Buffet for expanding Asian options in Waco. Next thing Waco needs is a Japanese Sushi Bar.

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Greek archaeology site sparks intense interest

By NICHOLAS PAPHITIS
AND COSTAS KANTOURIS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Archaeologists excavating a large burial mound in northern Greece that has captivated the public's imagination have asked politicians and others seeking guided tours of the site to leave them in peace.

The Culture Ministry appealed Thursday for "understanding" while the Amphipolis excavation proceeds.

The partially uncovered tomb from the end of Greek warrior-king Alexander the Great's reign, which was found inside the mound, has sparked intense media interest amid wild speculation that it may contain

rich treasures or the bones of an ancient celebrity.

Alexander inherited the throne of Macedonia, in northern Greece, from where he set off to conquer a vast empire reaching India. He died in 323 B.C. at age 33 and was buried in Egypt — although the precise location of his grave is one of the enduring mysteries of archaeology.

Greek Prime Minister Antonis Samaras has already visited the Amphipolis excavation and state TV daily leads news bulletins with incremental developments about the dig.

So far, archaeologists have uncovered part of the late 4th-century B.C. tomb's entrance, which has two large marble sphinxes placed on a

lintel just under the barrel-vaulted roof. Underneath lies the doorway, still covered in earth, with traces of painted plaster decoration.

"It's astonishing, the biggest tomb we have found in Greece so far," said archaeologist Chryssoula Paliadelli, an expert on the period who is not involved in the excavation. "It clearly shows the wealth that allowed construction of what was, at the time, a hugely costly monument."

But the tomb may well have been looted hundreds and hundreds of years ago.

Part of a stone wall that blocked off the subterranean entrance is missing, while the sphinxes — originally two meters (6 feet) high — lack heads and wings. Near the sphinxes, excavators have found fragments of a large marble lion that originally capped the mound, which indicates the site was severely damaged and dug up in later antiquity.

Nobody knows yet who the mound was built for.

Alexander's mother, widow, son, brother and sister-in-law were all murdered in separate attacks in the Amphipolis area during the brutal power struggles that followed his death. However, Macedonian royals were traditionally buried at Aegae, further to the west, where rich, unlooted graves excavated in the late 1970s have been identified as those of Alexander's father, Philip II, and a slain son.

Older research has tentatively linked the lion statue, which was removed during Roman times and discovered a century ago some 5 kilometers (3 miles) away, with Laomedon, one of Alexander's military commanders; his admiral, Nearchos, was a citizen of Amphipolis.

"It's all speculation until we see the inside (of the tomb)" said Michalis Tiverios, a professor of archaeology at the University of Thessaloniki.

The excavation is expected to last at least another few weeks.



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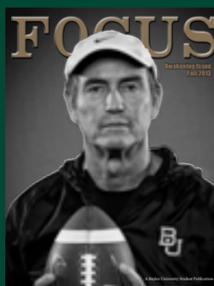
This 4th century BC marble Lion of Amphipolis, some 5 kilometers from a large funeral mound is currently under excavation by Greek archaeologists that Prime Minister Antonis Samaras visited Aug. 1. Excavators of the mound, which is believed to contain a significant grave dating to the end of Alexander the Great's reign, believe this lion originally formed part of a tomb monument that crowned the artificial hill. In the past, the lion, that was discovered a century ago, has been associated with Laomedon of Mytilene, one of Alexander's military commanders who, after the king's death in 323 B.C., became governor of Syria.



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A worker uses a crane remove one of the large stone blocks from a wall originally sealing the entrance to an ancient tomb under excavation at Amphipolis in northern Greece. Archaeologists excavating the large grave mound on Thursday asked politicians and others seeking guided tours of the site to leave them in peace until the dig is completed. The partially uncovered tomb, from the end of Greek warrior-king Alexander the Great's reign, has captivated the public imagination, fueling wild speculation that it may contain rich treasure and the bones of an ancient celebrity.

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Oregon man scrabbles to victory, cash prize



Conrad Bassett-Bouchard of Portland, national Scrabble champion, draws a game piece during the 25th National Scrabble Championship.

By Carolyn Thompson
Associated Press

BUFFALO, N.Y. — Conrad Bassett-Bouchard started his championship Scrabble game Wednesday with the word "zilch" and finished with the opposite — the \$10,000 prize and the title of national Scrabble champion.

The 24-year-old player, from Portland, Oregon, beat 29-year-old Jason Li, of Montreal, in the final round of the five-day 25th National Scrabble Championships played at the Buffalo Niagara Convention Center.

Bassett-Bouchard, the tournament's second seed, said he knew luck was with him when he drew a wild-card blank tile and an "s" on his first seven-tile rack. He led for most of the match, winning by a score of 477-350.

Li, the 18th seed, said, "I was

playing catch-up right to the end." Li had the letters to play an obscure but potentially high-scoring word but didn't see it, creating a buzz among experienced onlookers.

"He's going to be kicking himself for missing 'gramarye,'" tournament director John Chew said after the play.

Chew, co-president of the North American Scrabble Players Association, the event's sponsor, called Li's presence in the final round the biggest surprise in the tournament, which saw an emerging group of younger players edge out the old guard.

Six of the top 10 finishers are in their 20s, and one, Mack Meller, from Bedford, is 14.

Tournament favorite and five-time champion Nigel Richards, 47, described by one competitor as the Michael Jordan of the game, fin-

ished a surprising 16th.

"All these younger players are avid online players," said Will Anderson, 29, trying to explain the success of the tournament's 20-somethings at an old-fashioned board game.

"These guys have all played thousands of games on the Internet to hone their skills and meet each other before they've ever met in person," said Anderson, of Croton-on-Hudson, who finished fifth in Buffalo after placing third last year.

The final game saw Bassett-Bouchard and Li at a white-linen-draped table while a tournament representative live-tweeted their every move.

Although it was just one of dozens of games taking place inside the cavernous meeting room, the muffled clattering of tiles as players shook and drew from cloth drawstring bags was virtually the only

sound. The winning board contained the words florigen, trooz, venerate, contuse and barf.

Bassett-Bouchard said his win seemed imminent when Li played "jug," giving him room on the board to spell "docents" and pull further ahead.

"From that point on," he said, "it was going to be pretty hard for me to lose."

The tournament began days after the announcement that 5,000 new words had been added to "The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary," but players won't be able to use those entries — including much-anticipated two-letter words da, gi and po, along with selfie, hashtag and bromance — until after this year's championship.

The 25th National Scrabble Championships drew 525 players from 11 countries.

Art project comes to life in London

By Sylvia Hui
Associated Press

LONDON — Calling all London tourists: Peter Pan, Sherlock Holmes and Queen Victoria wait to have a word with you.

A new interactive arts project is giving a voice to dozens of statues of historical and fictional characters in London, allowing them to tell their stories and entertain curious visitors and weary commuters as they pass by.

"Every city everywhere has stat-

ues that go ignored," Colette Hiller, creative director of arts producers Sing London, said Tuesday at the project's launch. "So we thought about how we could work with the writers, the actors, the comedians from that city to bring them to life."

To get an instant "call" from one of the statues — say from one depicting Isaac Newton at the British Library — people can swipe their smartphones on a plaque to scan a digital code, or type in a web address. They can then listen to a monologue from the character,

played by actors including Patrick Stewart and Hugh Bonneville, famous from the British TV series "Downton Abbey."

Stewart voices the Unknown Soldier at Paddington station, while Bonneville speaks for Isambard Kingdom Brunel, the engineer best known for building many of England's most important railways and tunnels.

In total, 35 statues in London and Manchester are featured. The choices are eclectic: Along with Holmes, who laments the absence

of Dr. Watson by his side at Baker Street station, there's author Samuel Johnson's cat Hodge and an unnamed couple on a bench. Some educate with a bit of history, but most come with a dose of humor.

Queen Victoria's starts: "Thank you for calling me on this strange machine. I have become very bored sitting here all day holding an extremely heavy scepter and orb."

The statues will talk for a year, and organizers hope to bring them to other cities.



London is now home to interactive statues of historical and fictional characters that tell users about their lives.

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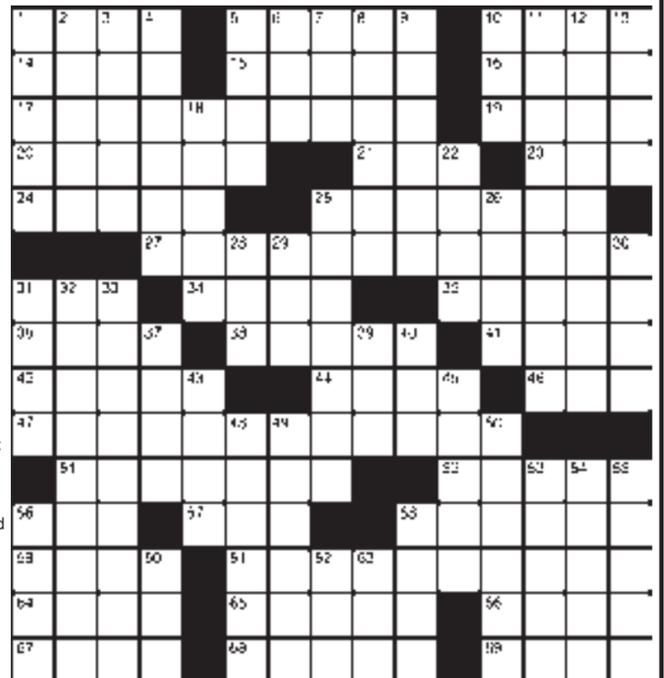
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- Across**
 1 "Around the World in 80 Days" navigator Phileas
 5 Lou of soul music
 10 Immediately, in memos
 14 Folk singer Guthrie
 15 "Such a tease!"
 16 Lecture location
 17 Schoolroom cutup
 19 Concerning
 20 Often sculpted anatomy parts
 21 Campus email suffix
 23 Logician's abbr.
 24 First African-American major-league coach Buck
 25 Condé Nast fashion monthly
 27 Pachyderm in stereotypical hallucinations
 31 Yale student
 34 Membership fees
 35 Ravi Shankar's instrument
 36 French peak
 38 Volga region native
 41 Two times tetra-
 42 Nickname for Wrigley Field hero Ernie Banks
 44 Condo division
 46 The Beatles' "___ Jude"
 47 PDF file creation program
 51 System for blind readers
 52 Peeled
 56 Leb. neighbor
 57 Actress Peeples
 58 "Marry me!"
 59 Dunked cookie
 61 Performances in a big tent, where you'd see the ends of 17-, 27- and 47-Across
 64 One often lost in the laundry
 65 "That's it for me"
 66 Vichyssoise veggie
 67 Pantry pests
 68 So far
 69 Misses the mark

- Down**
 1 Ex post __: retroactively
 2 Lightweight synthetic
 3 Blinding light
 4 Talk around the water cooler
 5 Giant birds of myth
 6 Minor league rink org.



- 7 St. in which most of Yellowstone is located
 8 Poet Amy
 9 Cherry-topped treat
 10 "Now I get it!"
 11 Bigfoot's other name
 12 Take turns
 13 Walk heavily
 18 State of matter
 22 Calls the game
 25 Fist pump or high-five, e.g.
 26 Cleveland's state
 28 Cashew or pecan
 29 Mauna __
 30 Waiter's carrier
 31 Actress Stone of "The Help"
 32 "She Walks in Beauty" poet
 33 Wrong
 37 Brass band bass
 39 2014, por ejemplo
 40 "Spare" cut of meat
 43 '60s hippie gathering
 45 VCR inserts
 48 "The Good Wife" attorney Florrick
 49 Says assuredly
 50 Mexican food in a corn-husk wrap
 53 Potato press
 54 "Come on in!"
 55 Many talk show hosts sit at them
 56 Slugger Sammy
 58 Cigar remains
 60 Brief approvals
 62 Cowboy Rogers
 63 Signal to an actor

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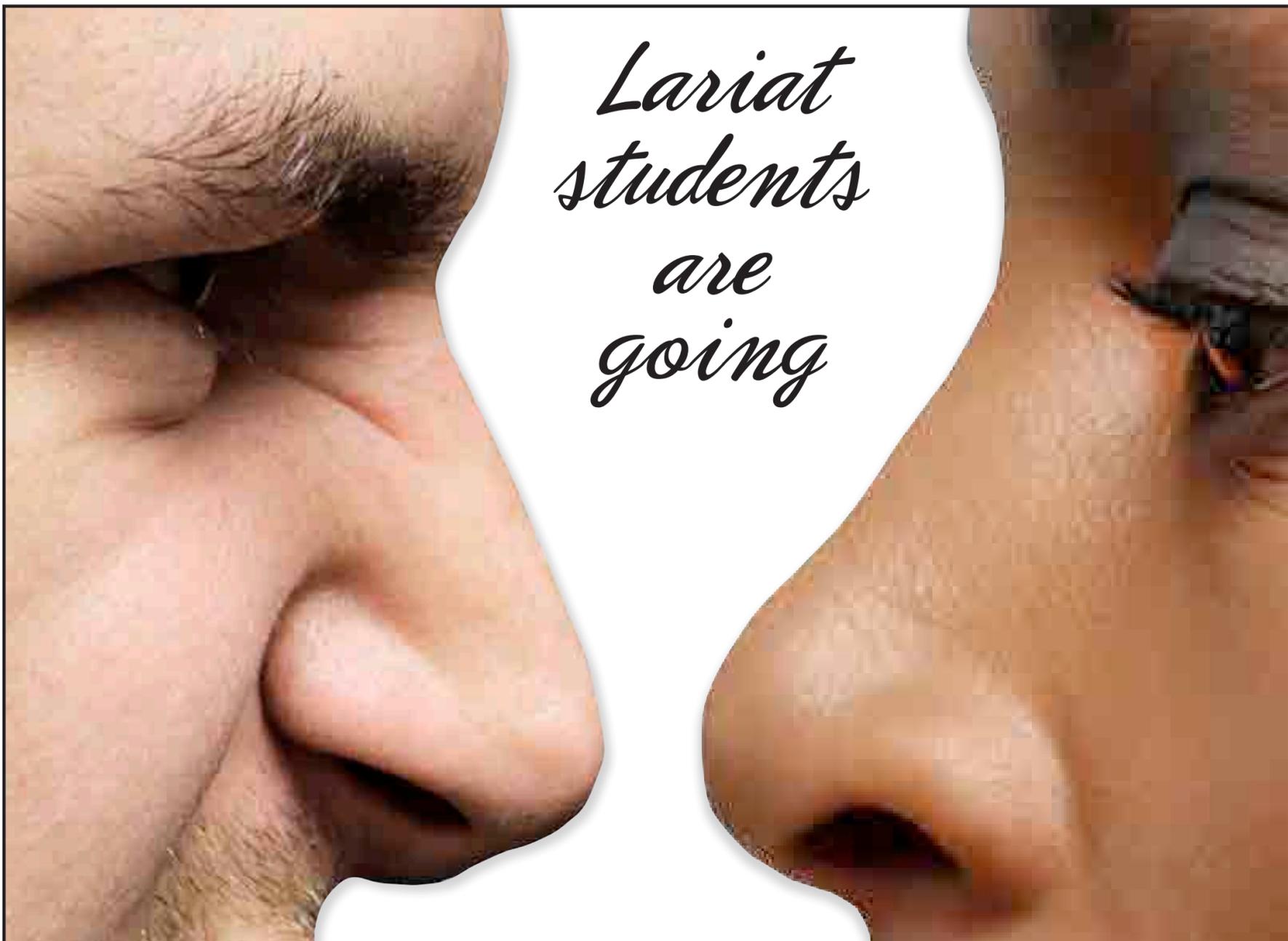
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