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Two council districts in Waco, District 1 and 3, have corted city council races this election year.

The City of Waco general election is May 7. Early voting is from April 25 through May 4. The candidates for council District 1 are: Wilbert Austin and Mark Stephen Shaw. For council District 3 are: Dustin Weins and John Kinnaird.

Austin is currently a city councilman for District 1 and has held the position since May 2006. He graduated from A.H. Moore High School in Waco and attended Galadipity Seminar in 1990. He is the pastor of Beulah Baptist Church in Waco. Austin said he thinks Waco citizens should vote for him because of the work he has already done. He said when he became a city councilman, Waco was hardly anything. Just years after he became a councilman, Elm Street is back up, there are three medical clinics and two live stations, he said. Austin also said citizens must drop in.

“It’s just amazing what has happened in the 10 years that I have been on city council,” Austin said. “I just want to finish what I am doing.”

Mark Stephen Shaw is running against Austin for a city council seat in district one. He is a general manager and said he is over qualified as a candidate for city council because he is a businessman. Businessmen are multi-faceted, and as a social volunteer in a non-paying position, there needs to be business leaders, Shaw said.

Shaw said that he feels like Waco needs stronger leadership and someone to bring the community together for a cause. Shaw said he believes he would do a good job. Shaw does not like the political entities in Waco and wants East Waco to be integrated into the community. Shaw said he wants East Waco citizens to feel the pride and ownership of the city. While Baylor and Waco have grown, few have left his team to search for her. Sato was working as assistant fire chief. On Thursday, he began helping with the reconstruction effort in Kesennuma. He brought picture-books for the schools and nurseries. The students were very much helped. “But if you don’t really know what it is like,” Sato said.

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Sato lost his wife in Japan’s tsunami and earthquake in March 2011 while he was working as an assistant fire chief. On Thursday, he is coming to Baylor to talk about his loss.

Sato is speaking at 6 p.m. in SCIT D106. His speech is sponsored by Linda and Kenji Hasegawa and supported by the Baylor University diversity enrichment grant and department of Modern Languages and Cultures.

Sato lost his wife, who was directing teams of firefighters to put out the massive fires that were taking over the city of Kesennuma. He was notified that his wife was missing but could not leave his team to search for her. Sato was notified two days later that she did not survive. “After the tragedy, he struggled with guilt for surviving,” according to the department of Modern Languages and Cultures website. “At the same time, he felt fortunate that, although his wife did not survive, he was able to recover his body, as thousands of people were never found.”

Sato now devotes his time to the Baylor in Japan program. He has lost his wife, but now he has a new opportunity to face the tragedy he faced. He wants to continue helping with the reconstruction effort in Japan. The Baylor in Japan program began helping with the reconstruction efforts in 2012. Vicky Perfumo, program director and senior lecturer in Japanese said she did not plan for the program to go this far. Someone who was in the area was devastated. It is a six-week program in the summer that Baylor offers.

“Tsunami survivor to visit campus

“I think many people living overseas, including myself, felt helpless, an emotion we wanted to do something,” said Perfumo. “But if you don’t go there when there is a problem you don’t really know what it is like.”

Perfumo got in contact with a non-profit in the area, and the program spent those days making schools and nurseries. The students brought picture-books for the children and schools, and read to the children as well.

“The most powerful take away for me was getting to meet people because you hear about it and see it on the news, but we actually get to experience the city and meet people,” Richardson said.

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When faced with a choice, a pet, consider adopting

THERESA TROTTER

When people think of getting a pet, many often think about adopting from a shelter, because they want to do something kind. However, it’s important to know that some shelters are not the best options. There are many good options, but it’s important to do your research and find the right one for you.

One of the most common reasons people choose to adopt a pet is because they are looking for a companion. Many people choose to adopt a pet because they are looking to add a sense of purpose to their life. It’s important to remember that adopting a pet is a commitment to care for them for the rest of their lives.

It’s important to consider what you can do for your pet, and then choose the right pet for you. For example, if you are looking for a dog, you should consider how much exercise you can give them, how much time you can dedicate to them, and how much money you can spend on them. If you are looking for a cat, you should consider how much time you can dedicate to them, how much space you have, and how much money you can spend on them.

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What do the Louvre, National Geographic, the Travel Channel, Samaritan’s Purse and the Global Poverty Project have in common? They have all featured the work of 2008 Baylor graduate Austin Mann. It was while Mann was at Baylor that his passion for photography and storytelling began, although it wasn’t through academics that he found his passion.

Mann’s father was a photographer, and though he had grown up around photography his whole life, he had never really discovered it for himself. He began really exploring photography walking around Baylor’s campus, often late at night, taking pictures of anything and everything. Mann’s mentor, a chaplain at Baylor, encouraged him to go on a mission trip to Africa. Although he didn’t want to go at first, Mann went, and it became a defining moment in his life. Africa is where his love for travel, overseas work and photography was born.

Shortly after graduating from Baylor, Mann got the idea for an orphanage project. He pitched the idea to several companies until someone saw the vision he had and hired him to travel to nine countries and take pictures of orphanages. Mann did humanitarian storytelling and development work overseas for the next five years. “I love telling stories, and one of the best ways that I know how,” Mann said.

Mann has developed a reputation for getting into places no one else can and getting the shot no one else is able to get. “I love to talk to people. I’m very good at making friends with everyone I meet, and sometimes they help me out and I can get that impossible shot,” Mann said.

Another one of Mann’s creations is WELD. WELD is, “a coworking community of designers, photographers, illustrators, writers, musicians, and more who believe that we create better together,” according to its website. Currently, there is a WELD space in Dallas and Nashville. In Dallas, there is a community of about 60 people, and in Nashville, about 100. Creators of all types can apply to join WELD by sending in work, sharing what they’re passionate about and showing their belief in community. WELD does not advertise or recruit members — all of its information goes out by word of mouth, with its goal being to create a tight-knit, motivated community.

“With WELD, I want to bring people together to do what they love and make a difference in this world,” Mann said. “Artists influence culture, and together I believe we can be a powerful agent of change.”

Mann hopes to continue to live a nimble and fluid lifestyle that allows him to change his path as he moves along. “My main goal is to illuminate darkness by bringing glory to God. I have a light and power and the ability to create, “ Mann said. “Darkness hides at the speed of light. My purpose is to spread light to the darkness and create something beautiful. As long as I am doing that, I am happy.”
1. Elephante, an EDM artist performed for Baylor students on Fountain Mall for Diadeloso.

2. Students crowd around the stage during Elephante’s evening performance.

3. Honest Men, a local band, performs as the opener to Elephante.

4. Camels were available for rides all day.

5. Baylor students skate on Fifth Street, one of the festivities of Dia Del Oso.

6. Members of Baylor Crew struggle in a tug-o-war competition on Fountain Mall.

7. Bear Park was a field of arrows as students participated in archery tag throughout the day.

8. Waco sophomore Grifter and Petersburg, Virginia junior Benjamin Kloeker battle on Fountain Mall.
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Kinnaird also said he would like to see development along the river and increased funding for the streets, which Kinnaird said are becoming an issue for the growth of the city.

“We can’t be complacent with what we have, and I want to keep serving the citizens of Waco,” Kinnaird said. “Hopefully they think I’m doing a good job and want to keep me around.”

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Early voting rates at the McLennan County Elections Administration Office Records Building on Elm Street in Suite 308. Additional early voting sites this year are the First United Methodist Church on 870 Bosque Blvd. and Bellmead City Hall on 1501 Boswell Drive Sample ballots can be found in the city’s website.

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Kinnaird said these projects include “Prosper,” the Waco community-wide initiative to alleviate poverty and a number of large infrastructure projects to help set the city up for its expected growth.

“Delays in development play a role here,” Kinnaird said. “However, we need to keep serving the citizens of Waco.” Kinnaird said. “Hopefully the people think I’m doing a good job and want to keep me around.”

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Rob Askins graduated from Baylor with a degree in theater in 2004 and went on to be a New York playwright. Literally. Last year, Askins told a big city story of how he “flipped to God,” which features a demented lifestyle. Last year, Askins’ toil in the big city paid off when his play “Hand to God,” a demented lifestyle. Last year, Askins’ toil in the big city paid off when his play “Hand to God,” which features a demented lifestyle.

For today’s puzzle results, please go to BaylorLariat.com.
BRAUNA MARKS

The Baylor Invitational was held Saturday at the Clyde Hart Track and Field Stadium, where a total of 70 Baylor athletes were listed to compete among 13 other schools from across the nation, also including former Baylor athletes Trayvon Bromell and Jeremy Wariner.

The day started off rainy and cold, but as the rain wore off, fans electrified the stadium as Baylor racked up 14 event titles and three second-place finishes.

In the 3,000-meter steeplechase, junior Madison Zimmerman led early and created space to win with a time of 10:56.95 while junior Peyton Thomas won the 3,000-meter with a time of 9:41.10.

All-American junior Maggie Montoya won the 1500-meter with a time of 4:48.24 while junior Rhys Phillips ran the 110-meter hurdles to capture the title while already ranking 13th in the NCAA with a time of 13.80 seconds.

In field events, both the men’s and women’s triple-jump highlighted the show. Returning senior Felix Obi was welcomed back with large applause as he leaped to 51-9.75 to gain the ninth-best jump in school history and the NCAA. Freshman Rachel Toliver grabbed the women’s title with a jump of 40-2.25.

Junior Annie Rhodes also earned recognition, clearing 14-2-5.25 in pole vault. This clearance set a new stadium record and is second-best in school history.

Freshman Wil London put on a show in the 400-meter dash to capture the event title while running in the lane next to Olympic gold-medalist and former Baylor athlete Jeremy Wariner. Wariner checked in at 45.79 with London right behind him at 45.76, the third-best time in the NCAA.

“[Jeremy] practices with us and he taught me a lot of good things that I have to work on and good things that I did,” London said. “It was a good experience.”

Another former Baylor athlete, Trayvon Bromell, competed this weekend in the 200-meter dash as he glided to the finish line with a time of 20.31 claiming the fourth-fastest time in the world.

On the women’s side of the 200-meter, freshman Taylor Bennett set records of her own, checking in at 22.73, which is second-best in the NCAA and third-best in school history. Bennett also claimed the 100-meter event title with a time of 11.89, currently 138-best in the NCAA. These times also set new stadium records.

Freshman Haiya Horton and senior Jenoth Thyatin joined Bennett in breaking the stadium record while running 23.71 and 23.74 respectively.

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The team will return to Clyde Hart Track and Field for the Michael Johnson Invitational on April 23.