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Documentary explores the history of Waco

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Staff Writer

Baylor graduate Chris Charles Scott has won awards this year for directing a documentary on the history of Shreveport, La. Now he has set his sights on the history of Waco.

Scott and his crew started filming "What About Waco" in mid-July and hope to finish filming in January.

Scott plans to have at least four parts to the series. He wants the episodes to focus on the 1953 Waco tornado, the Waco Suspension Bridge, the three-year period from 1916-1918 and Camp MacArthur.

When he decided he wanted to make a documentary series about Waco, Scott reached out to some fellow Baylor alumni and other members of the Baylor community.

Dr. Stephen Sloan, a co-producer of "What About Waco," an associate professor of history, director of the Institute for Oral History and president of the Board of Directors of the Historic Waco Foundation, was intrigued and excited about the project as soon as Scott approached him with the idea.

"History is what makes people unique," Sloan said. "I am excited that Chris is telling stories in a new, creative way. History helps people understand the community they live in, and there are few things more important than that."

Sloan acknowledged that there have been films made about Waco in the past, but he believes this documentary excels in creativity at the hands of an award-winning director.

"You can't call a place truly home without a deep appreciation of its history," Sloan said. "I hope this film gives students and members of the Waco community a greater appreciation and understanding of the depth of Waco and its history."

Hobby Howell was also immediately interested in the project when Scott shared the idea. Howell is L.L. Sams' great-grandson and considers Waco history to be intertwined with his family history.

"It is important to tell Waco's history, the good and the bad, because, as members of this community, it is our responsibility to know where we came from," Howell said. "Once we know who we are and where we've been, we can evaluate. We can be proud of the accomplishments of the past, and we can look at how much we still have to accomplish."

Howell is extremely invested in the Waco community and hopes the film encourages students to step out of the Baylor Bubble and get invested in the community too.

Matthew McLeod, another executive producer for the film, is disappointed in the negative press Waco receives and the negative connotation even some of Waco's residents carry about the city.

"I hope this documentary helps restore pride within the Waco community," McLeod said. "I want people to be excited about Waco and excited that they live here. I want Baylor students to watch the film and think 'Holy cow! There's so much in Waco I did know about. I can't wait to check it out.' I want people to love Waco like I love Waco."

McLeod believes "What About Waco" is different from previous films made about Waco because of the perspective Scott brings as the director.

"These films will get positive conversations started about Waco and that excites me," McLeod said.

Scott's goal is to have the documentary series available to the public in the winter of 2017.



Timothy Hong | Lariat Photographer

ON THE BALLOT Baylor University students register to vote at the NAACP campuswide voter registration block party Monday afternoon on Fountain Mall. This election will be a chance for them to voice their diverse opinions.

Choosing Sides

Students weigh in on candidate preferences

CHRISTINA SOTO
Broadcast Reporter

This November, Baylor University students will join millions of Americans to vote in the 2016 presidential election.

Although Baylor is located in the predominately red state of Texas, there is still diversity evident in students' political opinions.

Palm Springs, Calif., junior Hannah Bogue believes Hillary Clinton should be the next president of the United States for a variety of reasons.

"Not just because I am a woman, but that as well. I think it's super empowering," Bogue said.

On the other hand, Anaheim Hills, Calif., sophomore Lili Gonzalez will not be voting for the Democratic nominee.

"I don't trust the Democratic Party at the moment," Gonzalez said. "Someone who has come under FBI investigation should not be able to stand there as a major party's nominee running for president."

This election has become highly partisan, with people on both extreme sides of the political spectrum vying for the spotlight amid strong opinions and campaign scandals.

"I think it's a big overcorrection from

this current administration," Gonzalez said. "Both parties are not happy with the way this administration went, so both try to over correct that, and I think it went in very extreme directions."

Due to the radical natures of the Democratic and Republican candidates, many moderates have been left feeling indecisive. Some even feel wary to vote

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in this election at all, and this is true for Paramount, Calif., junior Ejay Mallard.

"My current stance is kind of wavering. Not wavering in the sense of saying, like, I don't know who to vote for, but in the sense of am I voting, period," Mallard said.

According to the Pew Research Center website, over 57.6 million people voted in the Republican and Democratic presidential primary elections. However, with 2016 even fewer options for candidates on the ballot than in the primaries, some are turning to alternative options and choosing to vote outside the two part system, such as Libertarian candidate Gary Johnson.

"Once the two candidates came down to who I considered to be a demagogue and one who is completely untrustworthy with us, Johnson just became the defacto choice for me," Stevens Point, Wis. junior Sean Cordy said.

Because a lot of citizens are on the fence about who to vote for president, especially the millennial generation, Baylor NAACP felt the need to make voter registration a priority. This Monday, NAACP hosted a campuswide voter registration block party event. Students were presented with a convenient way to register to vote in McLennan County as the event took place on Fountain Mall. NAACP provided free food, music, the Pokey O's truck and inflatables for students to enjoy while also being active citizens planning to voice their opinions

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Overturned 18-wheeler leads to oil spill near Baylor campus

RAE JEFFERSON
News Editor

Monday afternoon, an overturned 18-wheeler caused a moderate oil spill at the intersection of La Salle and University Parks Drive.

The driver, a 30- to 40-year-old male, made a sharp right-hand turn from University Parks Drive onto La Salle when the vehicle, transporting sand at the time of the accident, tipped over, said Patrick Kerwin, assistant chief of the Waco Fire Department. The exact cause of the accident is unknown.

The driver suffered from a fractured femur and several abrasions on his hand but was conscious and alert before being transported

to Baylor Scott and White Medical Center – Hillcrest, Kerwin said. No one else was injured.

"One of our firefighters rode in on the ambulance with him to help provide patient care on the way to the hospital," Kerwin said. "Anytime you have a broken femur, it's considered a severe injury and has the potential for arteries and other blood vessels to be damaged."

The truck is owned by Pipeline Carriers Inc., stationed in California, and was transporting sand for construction when the accident occurred. Two fire engines and a hazmat unit were dispatched because of a large oil and Freon spill that came from the truck as



Liesje Powers | Photo Editor

WRECKED An 18-wheeler overturned at the intersection of La Salle and University Parks Drive Monday afternoon, leading to an oil spill.

a result of of the accident. able to use the sand from the dam that prevented further spreading of the spill. Emergency responders were overturned truck to create a

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COLUMN

Experiencing nature through national parks

JESSICA HUBBLE
Photographer

I have been going camping since I was 5-years-old. It is second nature to me to pitch a tent or cook over a fire, and some of my fondest memories growing up are from family- and friend-filled campouts. I looked forward to these excursions months in advance, and once I was there, I always felt relaxed and at peace. I thought that this was a normal vacation or family activity growing up, but as I grew older, I realized not everyone had the opportunity to camp or see the wonders of nature like I did.



Island National Park, the nests in Dry Tortugas are left to hatch on their own. They are also evaluated by park rangers, and some turtles are tagged to monitor their location.

All NPS parks have what they call a junior ranger program. The program has a checklist of things for kids to do to become a junior ranger, which include spotting a native tree, plant or animal in the park. The program guides can be found online to print before going to the park and are unique to every park. The program is a great way to get kids out into the world to learn about the natural world around them.

My family and I have made a trip to the Padre Island National Seashore every summer since I was a baby. The first time I sat up when I was a baby was at the Padre Island National Seashore. Every summer for me is filled with memories from there. I remember fondly doing all their junior ranger program activities, chasing crabs, learning about the different seabirds and finding sand dollars out in the ocean. I always feel at peace when I am out there.

The Padre Island National Seashore is one place that has never changed in all the years my family has been going there. There are no new buildings or resorts. You don't even get cell service out there. It is 70 miles of untouched, preserved beach paradise.

The animals and their habitats are not the only ones who benefit from the National Park Service. A study by the Scandinavian Journal of Forest Research found that spending time in nature relieves stress. In another study by Environmental Health and Preventative Medicine it was found that spending time in nature can boost the immune system. Visiting the national historical sites educates people on the past and the history of the United States.

This year is the National Parks Service's centennial year. For 100 years, it has been preserving some of the greatest wonders in the United States. I would recommend going if you haven't been. If not for the camping, because I know that is not everyone's cup of tea, for the educational value, the health benefits and the pure awe that nature can evoke in someone.

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EDITORIAL

Much ado about dog doo

Baylor has an absolutely gorgeous campus. Here, students enjoy lush green grass, resolute red brick buildings and perfectly manicured gardens and hedges that are always brimming with color. While we enjoy all of the perks that come along with the campus aesthetic (cute Instagram photos, scenic views and lots of space to run), we do not enjoy being accosted by the smell and appearance of dog poop.

Owning a dog in college seems to be a growing trend in recent years, and along with that comes the chance of a leaving a mess. Letting your dog roam free is all well and good, but simply leaving the droppings around campus for students to walk through is annoying and irresponsible. Not only does it leave a pungent smell, but it also is an inconvenience to pedestrians and bikers who are heading to class. Nobody wants dog poop on the bottom of their shoe or stuck in their bike treads.

Implementing "cleanup stations" around campus would quickly solve these problems. These stations would provide doggie bags and trash cans in one convenient package for students to use when walking their dogs. Terra



Joshua Kim | Cartoonist

Bound Solutions produces a Sentry Dog Waste Station, a stand that is planted in the ground and includes an easy-pull doggie bag dispenser and an attached trash can specifically meant for dog droppings. On their website, the customizable station is sold for \$198, which may vary depending on the additions you choose to apply to your purchase. We suggest that Baylor looks into purchasing several of these containers for students so their pooches don't leave less-than-desirable 'presents' for people to step in.

Some may argue that the cost of purchase and placing the stations will be disproportionate to the problem at hand. Our argument is that students pay around \$50,000 a year to attend Baylor

university, and Baylor is in the process of further beautifying our campus with new facilities. If Baylor can afford to build a \$250 million football stadium and a \$99 million business school, allocating a few hundred dollars of miscellaneous funds to reduce and possibly eliminate the dog poop problem is not impossible.

Others may wonder if putting these stands will actually encourage students to clean up after their pets. Bringing these inventions to Baylor may not completely end the dog poop problem, but having this option will at least bring awareness to the issue, and could help dog owners or other students make this campus cleaner with a few simple steps.

As Baylor students, it is our responsibility to make sure our campus stays clean and beautiful. With the school's implementation of dog waste stations, dogs and dog owners can walk through campus freed from the guilt of not having a proper waste receptacle for doggie doo and students can feel they've made Baylor a prettier (and better smelling) place to be.

COLUMN

In defense of Pumpkin Spice Lattes

LINDSEY MCLEMORE
Reporter

Pumpkin Spice Lattes have a weird way of dividing people during the fall. Love the Pumpkin Spice Lattes or hate them, there doesn't seem to be a comfortable place on the spectrum for anyone to be indifferent to them.

I've thought about the great pumpkin spice debate, and I haven't figured out why there are suddenly so many pumpkin spice-phobic people in the world. However, with the help of the internet, I finally understand the real issue: it's not what's in a person's morning coffee, but who's drinking it.

The voice of the critic is always louder than that of the fan, and that's created a very vocal community of people flat-out against Pumpkin Spice Lattes. Fans of the drink are left feeling the need to justify their own reasons for liking it or give in to the stereotypes associated with it, and that only gives value to their critics' claims.

A message of misogyny hides behind the culture of dislike for the Pumpkin Spice Latte and sheds light on an important stigma towards a large portion of its enthusiasts: women.

The Pumpkin Spice Latte is considered a feminine drink. Pumpkin Spice Lattes are sweet, complex enough that the average person couldn't make one in their home and just rare enough for people to get excited about when

they come around.

Fans of the drink are depicted as women wearing Uggs, leggings and large sweaters and having a passion for falling leaves, and Starbucks is well aware. This year's ad campaign features just that. The trend has become self-aware in a way that may not be good for its fans.

What's really important here is reception. I mean, it's weird when food develops a fandom, right? It happened with bacon a few years ago; a person could find just about anything in bacon flavor - ice cream, monthly subscription clubs... I've even encountered bacon scented T-Shirts. Most of the same exists for lovers of pumpkin spice (pumpkin spice Pringles, anyone?).

What sets the bacon trend apart from the pumpkin spice trend is the community involved. More men jumped on the bacon bandwagon than women, and while it was recognized in many circles as being a bizarre trend, it didn't receive much actual backlash. A Google search of "Bacon Meme" and "Pumpkin Spice Meme" give alarmingly different results considering they're both food, with the bacon memes being full of admiration and praise and the pumpkin spice memes being demeaning and slightly offensive to women.

So, while bashing the decidedly feminine Pumpkin Spice Latte may feed a fading masculinity complex, it ultimately just adds shame to another pop-culture commodity commonly enjoyed by women and discourages men

from taking part.

The Pumpkin Spice Latte hate trend is a prime example of the casual put-downs or "microaggressions" that women face in everyday conversation. Microaggressions are small phrases or actions usually said in passing with no intention of harm, but when built upon, they paint a bigger picture of misogyny.

It's like last weekend when my dad told me I needed to take my boyfriend with me somewhere because I was going to a "bad part of town." I wasn't going to a bad part of town, but telling me to be careful would have been enough to get the point across.

My dad wasn't trying to insult or offend me, which makes it easy to understand why a lot of times the people saying microaggressions don't realize they're hurtful or offensive. But calling the pumpkin spice latte a woman's drink has snowballed into a trend of bashing an entire community of people every fall, and for some reason, people have just accepted that.

It's because microaggressions go largely unnoticed in social circles. They've become commonplace. Pumpkin spice critics had a large platform to stand on from the start, labeling the women who drink them as vapid white girls and other insulting generalizations. In some respects, the stereotypes of people who drink them are actually more notable than the drink itself.

Your choice of morning brew can say a lot about your personality, but I definitely don't think your Starbucks drink should represent your value as a human being.

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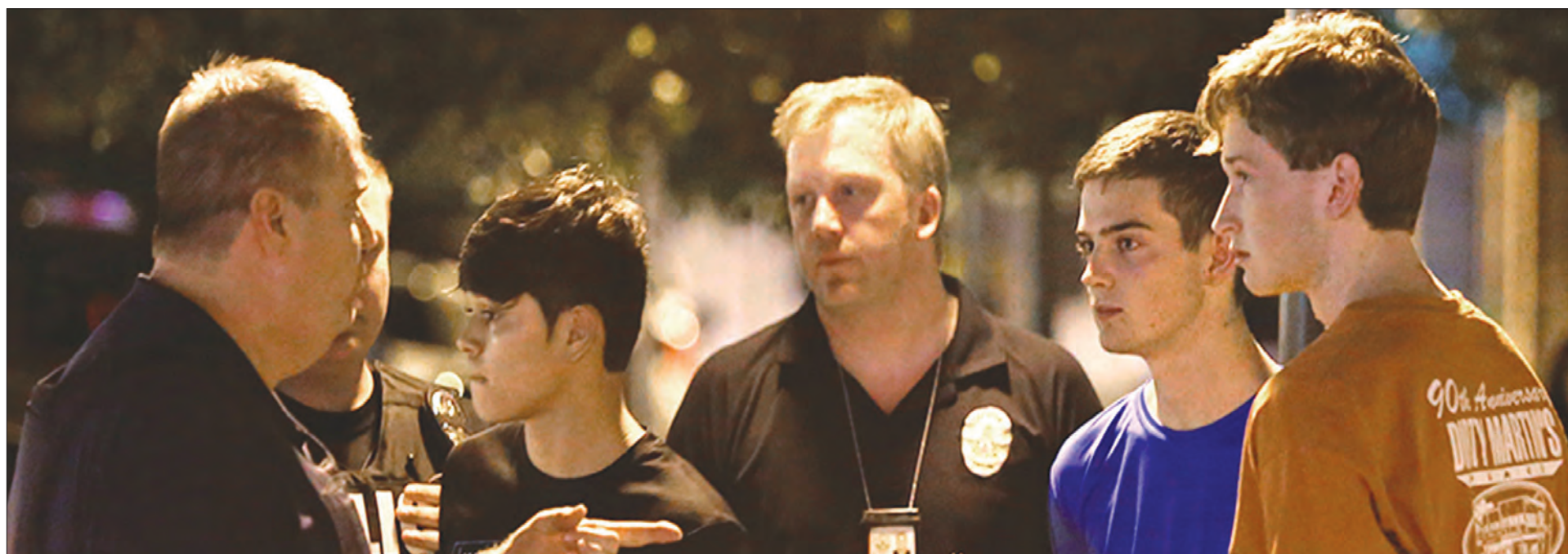
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WEEKEND TROUBLES Daniel Hamilton Magee, second left, stands with Austin Police Department officers after being arrested late Sunday night. Magee, who isn't a UT student, was charged with aggravated assault after a security guard was injured in a shooting at the Sigma Chi fraternity house.

Teen arrested at fraternity party shooting

ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUSTIN — An 18-year-old man who admitted to shooting a security guard in the foot after being kicked out of a party at a University of Texas fraternity house over the weekend has been arrested, police said Monday.

Daniel Hamilton Magee, who isn't a UT student, was charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon in the shooting early Sunday morning at the Sigma Chi fraternity, which is located off-campus. An

arrest warrant affidavit says Magee had expressed interest in joining the fraternity.

Assistant Chief Troy Gay said Magee admitted to shooting the unarmed security guard in the foot after being kicked out of the fraternity party. "He was not happy that he had to leave the party," said Gay, who added that the teen was heavily intoxicated and had taken Xanax.

The affidavit said fraternity members asked a man working as a security guard for their party, Edward

Earls, to kick Magee out for causing problems. The affidavit says Earls had to physically remove Magee and when Magee got to the house's front gate he made verbal threats to return and "shoot up the place."

Gay said that when Magee returned to the fraternity house about 45 minutes later he was accompanied by his two roommates. He said the roommates did not know that Magee had a gun with him.

Gay said Magee and his roommates lived nearby, but none of

them are UT students.

When officials searched Magee's home and a vehicle, an AK-47 and a .40-caliber weapon were found, but neither was the weapon used to shoot Earls, Gay said. He said it's believed that Magee, who did not have a license to carry a weapon, discarded the weapon used to shoot Earls as he left the scene, and it has not yet been found. Police believe it was a small-caliber weapon.

Peter Scheets, assistant chief for the UT police, said it's up to

the discretion of fraternities and sororities whether to employ security guards for their events, but that typically they do hire them.

The affidavit said that witnesses said that after expressing interest in joining the fraternity, Magee had left his name and telephone numbers with Sigma Chi members, which is how police tracked him down.

Gay said Earls was treated at a hospital and has been released.

Magee was jailed on \$50,000 bond. Jail records do not list his attorney.

Mosque where Orlando gunman worshipped set on fire

TERRY SPENCER

Associated Press

FORT PIERCE, Fla. — The mosque that Orlando nightclub gunman Omar Mateen attended was heavily damaged in an arson fire that Muslim leaders said was the latest incident in an escalating campaign of harassment and violence against the house of worship and its members.

Given the timing — Sunday's 15th anniversary of 9/11 and the start of the Muslim holiday Eid al-Adha — investigators believe the blaze that broke out shortly before midnight Sunday at the Islamic Center of Fort Pierce may have been a hate crime, St. Lucie County sheriff's spokesman Maj. David Thompson said.

No one was injured. The fire burned a 10-by-10-foot (3-by-3-meter) hole in the roof at the back of the mosque's main building and blackened its eaves with soot.

A surveillance video from the mosque showed a man on a motorcycle approaching the building with a bottle of liquid and some papers, then leaving

when there was a flash and shaking his hand as though he may have burned it, Thompson said.

The arsonist "is terrorizing our community because we don't know where he is at and we don't know what he is capable of doing," said Wilfredo Amr Ruiz, a Florida spokesman for the Council on American-Islamic Relations.

Mateen was killed by police after opening fire at the Pulse nightclub June 12 in a rampage that left 49 victims dead and 53 wounded. He professed allegiance to the Islamic State group. His father is among roughly 100 people who attend the mosque.

Ruiz said the mosque and its worshippers have been harassed since the massacre.

"First there were threatening voicemails," he said. "Then drivers would splash water on the parishioners leaving on Fridays, and then a member got beat up in the parking lot when he came to the mosque



Associated Press

CALMING DOWN THE FIRES In this photo provided by the St. Lucie Sheriff's Office, firefighters work at the scene of a fire at the Islamic Center of Fort Pierce on Monday in Fort Pierce, Fla.

for early morning prayers, and now the mosque has been set on fire."

The mosque has received more threats since the nightclub shooting than it did in its previous 20 years of existence, assistant imam

Hamaad Rahman said.

"For this to happen to us on the morning of our biggest celebration of the year has made everyone saddened and scared, but our community is bigger than a building. We are stronger than that," he said. "I

feel we will be able to pull together from this, and as time goes by we will be able to rebuild."

The FBI and the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives joined the investigation into the fire. Sheriff's officials released the video and asked for the public's help in identifying the arsonist.

Ariana Borrás stopped by the mosque with her 2-year-old son to pay respects Monday morning. Borrás said she is Hispanic and not a Muslim but is sometimes asked if she is Muslim because of the color of her skin.

The fire "makes me scared for my son. It makes me scared for my skin color," she said. "There have been a lot of racial issues going on, and there's so much hate in the world right now."

Michael Parsons, 22, was standing outside his parents' home, directly across the street from the mosque. He said that since the Orlando

shooting, "a lot of people have been driving by hollering and yelling expletives at the church or mosque or whatever they call it."

Parsons, a gutter installer with "trust no one" tattooed on his chest, said his mother's cancer doctor attends the mosque.

"America was founded so people can believe what they want to believe and do what they want to do," he said. "These guys flying the American flag on their trucks don't really know what the freedom is they're fighting for."

On July 2, a man was beaten outside the mosque. CAIR said the victim was a Muslim and the attacker hurled slurs. A suspect was arrested. CAIR said that earlier that day, a man in a truck stopped outside the mosque and said, "You Muslims need to get back to your country."

On Monday morning, a truck with a "Don't Tread on Me" bumper sticker rolled past the mosque. The driver revved his engine and raised his index finger in the air as if making the gesture for No. 1.

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ID cards make resources accessible



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WAITING GAME In this Jan. 12, 2015, photo, people waited in line to apply for municipal ID cards on the first day they were available at the Bronx Library Center, in the Bronx borough of New York. ID cards were issued by a growing number of U.S. cities, including Detroit, making it easier for immigrants living in the country illegally to open bank accounts and access social services.

**JEFF KAROUB
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Associated Press

DETROIT — The decade-old municipal identification card program, now being implemented in more U.S. cities, helps immigrants and poor people not only open bank accounts and access social services, but also access items ranging from pharmacy discounts to free museum memberships.

And there's hope they can make immigrants feel more at home amid the unwelcoming rhetoric of this presidential campaign season.

Pushed by immigrant advocates and others, the ID cards were first introduced almost a decade ago in New Haven, Connecticut. San Francisco followed and expanded what the cards could do. New York City launched the country's most ambitious program last year.

Detroit will soon become the latest city with a municipal IDs program.

"I think for me it's important to emphasize it's not about immigration. It's about building inclusive democracies and removing barriers in our communities," said Detroit City Councilwoman Raquel Castaneda-Lopez, who helped lead the effort in her city.

Such programs accept many different types of documents, making it easier for immigrants, homeless people, ex-prisoners and others who might lack birth certificates or proof of residency to get IDs. Many are based on point systems allowing applicants to submit a combination of documents or cards. Those include U.S. or foreign passports, documents denoting service in the military, attendance at schools, and completion of a prison sentence or community service program.

Detroit's IDs program, set to launch this month, follow the U.S. Supreme Court's recent deadlock on a decision effectively blocking an Obama administration plan to shield millions of immigrants living in the country illegally from deportation.

Nadia Tonova, director of the National

Network of Arab American Communities, said using the program "sends a really strong statement" about welcoming "the most vulnerable" residents.

"I certainly think that those types of messages are needed this year more than ever," said Tonova, whose network has 25 member organizations in 12 states.

About 10 municipalities have ID programs and at least 12 more are seeking them, according to nonprofit advocacy groups.

Backlash also has come from people and groups that don't think public money should be spent to help immigrants who are in the country illegally. But people involved in pushing municipal ID efforts argue that the broadening benefits add to the cards' value and attract more people to use them, even those with traditional forms of ID. New York City Councilman Carlos Menchaca, author and co-sponsor of that city's ID legislation, said the city has tied several benefits to the cards to make them more attractive, which has helped ensure their success.

Professors say online ratings often inaccurate

CLARISSA ANDERSON
Reporter

Many students use online professor ratings from websites such as Rate My Professors and BUBooks.com to determine which professor's class to register. Ratings on these sites are anonymous reviews by fellow students who previously took the class. The websites have listings of the highest- and lowest-rated professors with scores based on various factors such as workload, helpfulness or availability. However, student biases and unreliability have caused controversy over professor ratings. Extreme ratings are either unhelpful or irrelevant.

"I do not have a class with this prof, but he is the sexiest religion prof I've ever seen. But he sucks on the Xbox," said one review of a Baylor professor on Rate My Professors.

Professors have found that the online ratings are not representative of the curriculum, have little context given for comments and are based on personal views of the students. Dr. Beth Allison Barr, associate professor and graduate program director in the history department, said that she used to read online professor ratings when she first began teaching, but she no longer does because she realized that the reviews tended to be written only by students who really liked or disliked her.

"I don't think it has much to do with teaching ability and more to do with student perception," Barr said.

Dr. Tamara J. Lawrence, senior lecturer in the department of psychology and neuroscience, said professor reviews tend to stick to the extremes.

"Sometimes I wonder if the people who write those reviews are the students who have been really successful or who had a really bad experience," Lawrence said.

Reviews tend to feed upon

one another, Barr said. If a student sees low ratings, they enter the class with these expectations and are more likely to give low ratings in return at the end of the semester.

Students may review a professor's teaching style, personality, physical looks or workload. Low ratings may be linked to students having negative emotional responses to their interactions with a professor.

"This was a challenging course that was made more difficult by an unhelpful and cynical professor," one review on Rate My Professors said. "Intentionally makes students feel stupid. Made me feel like I would fail on the first day. I got a B but thought I was getting an F due to his attitude."

Students may leave negative reviews when they feel that the professor's teaching style did not help them learn, which may be linked with student performance or with a professor's teaching ability.

"I spent my time in class reading the textbook," one Rate My Professors review said. "He lectures for a solid 80 minutes but doesn't say anything. If you don't have a good SI [supplemental instruction] person, you're in trouble. I made it out with a B+ and a stomach ulcer."

Some positive reviews have less to do with the professor and more to do with the coursework assigned and the ease of passing the class overall. As a result high ratings may not be indicative of learning and effective teaching.

Many positive reviews focus on the personality and teaching style of a professor. They may exaggerate to demonstrate how much they liked the professor and, like negative reviews, they generalize their experiences to the audience.

"He is my favorite teacher of all time," said one BUBooks review. "Seriously, this guy knows his stuff. He includes all of his students in his class. He

will always talk with you after class and is a great guy. You just have to do a few essays, and he will even help you with it if you have questions or concerns."

Reviews tend to focus on personal experiences and how students responded to their interaction with a professor rather than pursuing a more objective approach.

"Student evaluations tell more about the students than the teaching abilities of the professors," Barr said.

There may be pros and cons to professors reading online ratings, particularly for new professors who are trying to determine their teaching style.

"[The reviews] can be very brutal, and that can hurt your feelings," Lawrence said. "But on the other side, if maybe you have a tough skin, that would represent something that the faculty member could work on. If they are, maybe, insensitive or - I don't know - go too fast, speak too softly, maybe that could have some valuable insight."

Every semester, students submit university-wide course evaluations to help professors learn what they have been doing right in the classroom and potential areas of improvement. However, students write university course evaluations differently than when rating professors online.

"It seems like these online ratings forms sometimes get a little personal, like maybe insulting or offensive whereas you don't see that quite as much in the faculty evaluations," Lawrence said. "They might be harsh but maybe not comment on their physical appearance or something of that nature, which you sometimes see in BUBooks."

Baylor course evaluations can be correlated with students' GPA, Lawrence said, and when class grades are poor, course evaluations tend to be as well.

"At least when we do the evaluations we have that, so we can kind of tell where those comments are coming from," Lawrence said. "But as opposed to these online things, we don't have that grounding point to know if it's due to grades or just perhaps a bitter student."

Instead of using online professor ratings, Barr and Lawrence suggested students ask for a copy of a previous semester's syllabus, to speak with the professor or to speak directly with other students who have taken a professor's class before instead of relying on online statements that do not provide much of the circumstances leading to a given student's evaluation.

"Get more firsthand knowledge instead of very second- and third-hand knowledge," Barr said.

Baylor Lacrosse kicks off practice



Liesje Powers | Photo Editor

LOVE OF THE GAME Baylor Lacrosse players practice on the BSB fields Monday evening. The team holds practice three days a week during their off-season and plan to play a few pick-up games throughout the semester.

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in the upcoming general election.

Although this event offered a simple method of registering to vote, some students would rather register in their hometown in order to have more of an effect electorally in their state. Both Bogue and Gonzalez did not register in Texas and will be voting in their home state of California in hopes of making a difference in the state electorally.

For some Baylor students, this will be the first presidential election they are eligible to vote in. However, the polarized nature of this election has raised questions about voter turnout this November.

As the election cycle continues to progress, citizens will have an opportunity to voice their opinions through November's ballot. However, with the constant press coverage of the election, the political conversation will likely continue on the Baylor campus.



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CIVIC DUTY These Baylor students registered to vote in McLennan County, while other students will apply for absentee ballots.

Syria enters cease-fire

PHILIP ISSA AND BASSEM MROUE
Associated Press

BEIRUT — A cease-fire came into effect in Syria at sunset Monday in the latest attempt led by the United States and Russia to bring some quiet in the 5 1/2-year civil war.

Residents and observers reported quiet in most of the country hours after the truce came into effect, though activists said airstrikes took place on contested areas around the northern city of Aleppo.

But the most powerful rebel groups have shown deep misgivings over the cease-fire deal, which was crafted without their input last weekend in Geneva between the top U.S. and Russian diplomats. Hours after it came into force, a coalition of rebel factions put out a statement that stopped short of committing to the cease-fire, a reflection of their distrust of the government.

The first week of the truce will be crucial. During that time, all fighting between the military of President Bashar Assad and rebels is to stop. But, Assad's forces can continue air strikes against the Islamic State group and al-Qaida-linked insurgents from the group once known as the Nusra Front.

However, the al-Qaida linked insurgents are closely allied to many rebel factions and are a powerful force in the defense of Aleppo in particular. That raises the danger that continued airstrikes will draw rebels into retaliation, eventually leading to the cease-fire's collapse, much as previous attempts earlier this year fell apart.

Compounding the situation, a group of 21 rebel factions issued a statement Friday in which they warned against targeting al-Qaida-linked militants. The statement was non-committal about whether the groups would abide by the cease-fire.

After a week, however, the conflict would potentially enter a dramatically different stage. A new U.S.-Russia coalition will step in to target former Nusra Front militants, and Assad's forces will no longer be permitted to. That will effectively remove Assad's pretext for war on opposition areas, which he calls a war on terror. Government forces will be allowed to fight defensively, target the Islamic State group and, in some designated areas, go after Nusra forces.

Russia's Deputy Foreign Minister Mikhail Bogdanov said peace talks between opposition groups and the government could resume as early as next month.

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Old Chicago new to Waco

MORGAN PETTIS
Staff Writer

The Old Chicago Pizza & Taproom will be having its Waco grand opening on 11 a.m. today.

In 1976, Old Chicago opened the doors to its first restaurant in Boulder, Colo., and they have opened over 100 locations since then. The Waco location will be its 105th restaurant nationwide and their seventh in Texas.

"We came to Waco because it is a great opportunity. We like the area, and it's a great fit with Baylor," said Dominique Romero, Old Chicago field marketing manager.

Old Chicago specializes in Chicago-style deep dish pizzas. They also host a tour which gives guests the opportunity to try 110 unique beverages from around the globe with added prizes along the way. As part of their opening, Old Chicago will also be offering the first 100 guests free pizza for a year.

The restaurant is a short drive from campus, and is located in the Central Texas Marketplace across from Cabela's. Starting today, the restaurant will be open from 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. seven days a

week.

"Old Chicago is the place for friends and family to gather round and connect, to raise a glass and celebrate things in their life. We cater to everybody, and we're serious about craft beers and good food," Romero said.

As a way of giving back to the Waco community, Old Chicago partnered up with the Humane Society of Central Texas to help provide



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GIVE IN TO TEMPTATION Old Chicago Pizza & Taproom will be having their grand opening on Sept. 13. This is the 105th location overall and the seventh in Texas. It is located on 4701 Jack Kultgen Fwy.

charitable contributions that go toward helping the homeless animals of Waco get off the streets and into loving homes. The donations will help with their renovations to

expand their adoption center in order to maintain their no-kill status.

"This fiscal year has had a 90 percent live exit rate. I am glad to be living in a

community that wants to support animals and the shelter," said Don Bland, executive director.

A part of the partnership between the Humane Society and Old Chicago is the charitable contributions Old Chicago is offering throughout their opening. 100 percent of the proceeds from the pre-opening events will go to the humane society. For the first two weeks, once the restaurant opens, one

dollar from every Chicago 7 pizza will go to charity. The Chicago 7 is Old Chicago's most popular dish, it includes pepperoni, Italian sausage, red onions, black olives, green peppers and sliced mushrooms.

"The Humane Society is a great organization. Any time you can eat pizza and save an animal is great," Romero said.

Old Chicago hopes for a successful opening day and welcomes all of Waco.

This week in Waco:

>> Today

11 a.m. — Old Chicago Pizza & Taproom Grand Opening
6-8 p.m. — Sigma Phi Lambda interest meeting. Baines room of the Student Union Building
6:30 p.m. — Santa's Workshop interest meeting, Martin House
8 p.m. — Forlorn Strangers performs. Common Grounds

>> Wednesday

6:30-9:30 p.m. — Bobby Dean and Timeless Country perform. Don Carlos
Noon-4 p.m. — Career and Professional Development STEM Job Fair. Baylor Club Ballroom of the McLane Stadium

>> Thursday

7:30 p.m. — Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble. Jones Concert Hall in the Glennis McCrary Music Building

>> Friday

5 p.m. — Family Weekend Choral Concert. Jones Concert Hall in the Glennis McCrary Music Building
8 a.m. — 2nd Annual Charity Dove Hunt & Concert

>> Saturday

6 p.m. — The Heart of Texas Airshow. Texas State Technical College
7 a.m. - 10 p.m. — Live Music at Pappa Rollo's Pizza

Majka tells stories of loss in new book

MCKENNA MIDDLETON
Page One Editor

Freed from the bondage of essays and classic literature, I took a trip to the public library at the beginning of the summer. On the new arrivals shelf sat a book with a charmingly simple cover illustration and a title that immediately caught my attention: "Cities I've Never Lived In."

"Cities I've Never Lived In," written by Sara Majka, is a collection of loosely connected short stories. The frame tale is narrated by a

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young New England woman who has gone through a divorce and recounts cities she has lived in, towns she has visited and places she's only imagined. She tries to make sense of her new life as a single woman and human life as a whole.

The book includes 14 stories. Most of them are about the young woman's past and are told out of chronological order, from her childhood to life with her ex-husband and after her divorce.

This book is about being lost. Majka's stories are where real human emotion and experience meets a touch of fantasy, haunting in their relatability.

The main character has an affinity for stories of lost people, making the foundation of this interest clear in the telling of her own stories of loss. She writes about people lost to society, living on the poverty line or

removed from society on New England's islands. From lost people to lost love, from lost places to lost things, Majka's stories find beautifully tragic endings and heartbreaking realities.

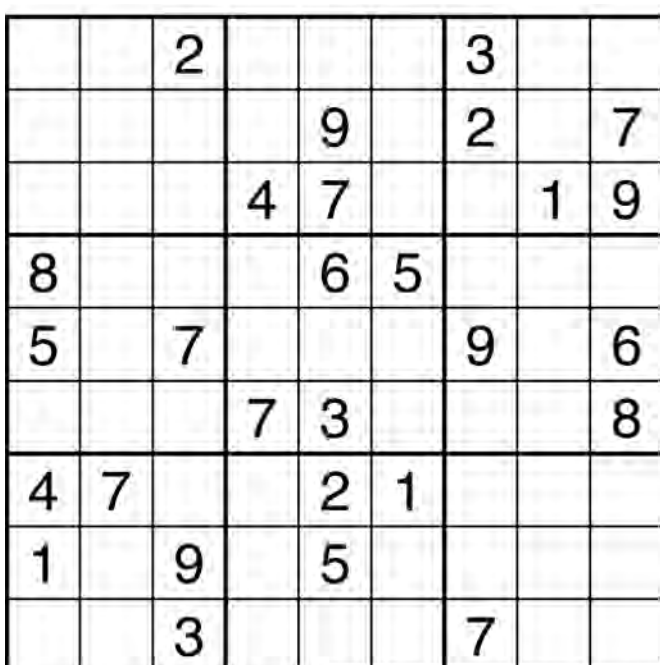
Majka tells another story of a boy who is sent off his island home to live in a mental hospital because of a suicide attempt. When he attempts to return home years later, he finds the island has mysteriously disappeared. Haunting stories like this and tales of doppelgangers and unsolved mysteries leave the reader hungry for more.

Majka demonstrates

a mastery for subtle yet poignant observations of the human condition.

"We fall out of love only to fall in love with a duplicate of what we've left, never understanding that we love what we love and that it doesn't change," she writes amid detailed imagery.

The complex themes and stand-alone nature of Majka's stories makes this a slow read as it warrants reflection and even introspection. Engaging and heartbreaking, "Cities I've Never Lived In" is artistic, but not to the point of being inaccessible. This is Majka's first and only book to date.



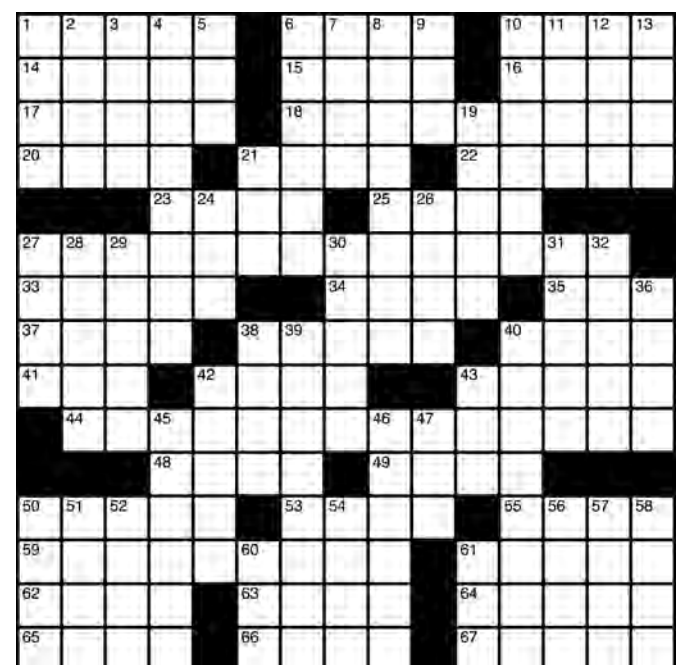
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Today's Puzzles

- Across**
- 1 Oodles and oodles
 - 6 Airport idlers
 - 10 Poetic foot
 - 14 Kemper of "Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt"
 - 15 Wintry coating
 - 16 Tennis court surface
 - 17 Work with a loom
 - 18 How some sloganed T-shirts should be washed
 - 20 Toddler's taboo
 - 21 Ocho minus cinco
 - 22 More than rotund
 - 23 Baltic Sea capital
 - 25 RC or Pepsi
 - 27 1998 Bullock/Kidman film involving witchcraft
 - 33 Metal-rich deposits
 - 34 Chicken chow
 - 35 Catch
 - 37 Dollar competitor
 - 38 High in the sky
 - 40 Flag Day month
 - 41 Maiden name intro
 - 42 Clicker's target
 - 43 Not at all excited
 - 44 Going to the grocery store, the bank, etc.
 - 48 Word on a shoppe sign
 - 49 Data set average
 - 50 "Gone With the Wind" family name
 - 53 Uno card
 - 55 Knight's weapon
 - 59 Sportsmanlike behavior
 - 61 Divided island of Southeast Asia
 - 62 Twistable cookie
 - 63 Ritz-Carlton rival
 - 64 Scent
 - 65 Chestnut horse
 - 66 "And away ___!"
 - 67 Some speeches open with them ... as do this puzzle's four longest entries
- Down**
- 1 Mended using stitches, with "up"



- 2 Elizabeth Taylor role, informally
- 3 Economist Greenspan
- 4 Acts like Elizabeth Taylor?
- 5 "Understand?"
- 6 Former French president Jacques
- 7 Top-notch
- 8 Symbol for the lower piano music part
- 9 ___ Lanka
- 10 Swelling reducer
- 11 Medicinal houseplant
- 12 Rodent in a German lab
- 13 Data unit
- 19 Ken or Daria of financial journalism
- 21 ___ Friday's
- 24 "___ all good"
- 26 Leave out
- 27 Word after floor or flight
- 28 Mars explorer
- 29 "So long!" along the Seine
- 30 In the middle of
- 31 Preserve, as ashes
- 32 Did some wickerwork
- 36 Hotel count
- 38 Corrosive liquid
- 39 In need of a friend
- 40 Surrealist painter from Barcelona
- 42 Subsurface woodwork decoration
- 43 Bikini top
- 45 Name in antivirus software
- 46 Estevez of "The Breakfast Club"
- 47 Hollywood agent
- 50 Scent
- 51 "Big Hero 6" hero
- 52 Neck of the woods
- 54 Classic arcade game Donkey ___
- 56 Every which way
- 57 Obedience school command
- 58 Historic periods
- 60 Comics punch sound
- 61 ___ Mahal

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STELLAR DEFENSE Senior safety Orion Stewart tackles Mustang player in route to a 40-13 win Saturday at McLane Stadium. The Bears dominated from the defensive end as the offense struggled to get things going early on.

Bears' defense key in win over SMU

NATHAN KEIL
Sports Writer

Although Baylor's defense was not tested much a week ago against Northwestern State, SMU was up for the challenge. The Mustang's offense was able to flip the script on Baylor Saturday and find success by spreading the field and putting their athletes in space. However, the Bears defense aided them to take the win, 40-13.

Despite allowing more than 200 yards of offense in the first quarter and a half, the Baylor defense consistently stepped up on third down and forced the Mustangs to settle for field goals inside the red zone.

On a day where Baylor's usually high speed, potent offense struggled to get going in the first half, Baylor needed the defense to make some

plays in order to buy senior quarterback Seth Russell and the offense some time to make the adjustments needed to be successful.

"We are just a team. We don't really get upset," senior nickelback Patrick Levels said. "We just go out there and try to make plays to get our offense going because sometimes they don't always come out hot. Defense has to step it up; that's what we did today."

Russell gave SMU's defense all the credit for their first-half offensive struggles.

"Give it to SMU. They were flying around on defense," Russell said. "They've got some really good players. They're going to do a real great job in their conference. They're going to be a tough team to beat."

The Baylor defense did more than promised to help out the struggling offense.

After sophomore cornerback Jordan Wyatt intercepted Russell and returned it inside the Baylor 20, senior cornerback Orion Stewart returned the favor and picked off Mustang senior Matt Davis' pass in the end zone. Russell would then lead the Bears on a 19 play, 80-yard drive that resulted in a turnover in the end zone.

Immediately following the fumble in the end zone, the Bears' defense forced a fumble and Levels recovered it at the SMU 25, putting Russell and company back in business offensively. That drive would result in a 38 yard field goal by junior kicker Chris Callahan, tying the game at 6 at the half.

After Russell led the offense on a 10 play, 79-yard drive capped off by a 31-yard touchdown strike to redshirt freshman inside wide receiver

Blake Lynch on the opening drive of the second half, the defense only got stronger.

After a second interception by Russell and the defense with their backs up against the wall, junior deep safety Davion Hall intercepted Davis' pass in the end zone and returned it 62 yards to the SMU 38. The Mustangs' third turnover of the game would lead to a 19-yard touchdown scamper by Russell.

"Those were huge. The defense kept us in the ball game," Russell said. "They won the game for us."

Orion Stewart would keep the defensive motor going by picking off his second pass of the game and returning it 33 yards for the Baylor score, increasing their lead to 26-6.

"We just wanted to wait until our offense got rolling because eventually you can't

stop them all day," Levels said. "Keep going out there, keep getting three and outs, not letting them get touchdowns and force them to field goals, and eventually Seth Russell going to get it going."

The Baylor offense eventually found their groove in the second half, as Russell found junior wide receiver KD Cannon for a score early in the fourth quarter. Baylor also added some late insurance thanks to a four-yard touchdown run by redshirt freshman running back JaMycal Hasty.

Ultimately, defense won the game. Phil Bennett's squad, even though they surrendered 405 total yards offensively, held the Mustangs to just 166 in the second half, forcing four turnovers and recording one sack.

"The defense stepped

up. They bowed their neck," Russell said. "It shows how hard they've been working. They've got a chip on their shoulder. They're going to go into every game with that chip for sure."

Regardless of the struggles offensively by Baylor, the Bears came out on top, keeping their dreams of a trip to the College Football Playoff alive. That was enough to keep acting head coach Jim Grobe happy.

"We knew we were going to have a challenge," Grobe said. "We knew they were going to be ready to play, but this was a great win. I think some of the best wins you have are when you're challenged and you find a way to get it done."

Baylor will look to get the offense back on track and keep the defense motivated as they head to Houston to take on Rice 7 p.m. Friday.

Volleyball's Staiger awarded Big 12 Athlete of the Week

JORDAN SMITH
Sports Writer

Baylor volleyball junior outside hitter Katie Staiger not only has climbed her way to the top of the national kills-per-set stat list, but also has received the Big 12 Player of the Week Award after her performance in the Seminole Tournament held at Florida State University this past

weekend.

Staiger was able to accumulate 66 kills over the span of 11 sets she played in over the weekend, totaling an average of six kills per set. During the contest against Florida State University alone, Staiger was able to accumulate 28 kills. In that match, she also set the second-highest attack percentage at .262.

During a press conference last

week, Staiger said Baylor needed to work on something big in order to do well at the Seminole tournament they participated in this past weekend. Her words became reality when the Bears closed out the tournament with two sweeps against Little Rock and Florida A&M.

"I think just executing for us. I think the positive I would take for us just really is that we can beat teams

that are playing at a high level if we are all meshing, all playing together well," Staiger said.

Head coach Ryan McGuyre said he learned a lot from their trip to California.

"You know, the California trip, we learned quite a bit. One, we know there's areas that were a bit focused on that we haven't reached some of these benchmarks yet: serving, serves

received, side out," McGuyre said. "We recognize rotations that we've just got to make better decisions in, and I thought we did that in the third match."

The Bears will be back on the road as they head to Baton Rouge to take on Louisiana State University at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Pete Maravich Assembly Center.

Baylor soccer struggles on the road

NATHAN KEIL
Sports Writer

Unlike their recent road trip to Chicago, late-game heroics evaded the Baylor soccer team as they suffered two tough 1-0 losses over the weekend, the first one coming Friday night against Samford in double overtime and again on Sunday against Auburn.

In Friday's effort against Samford, the Bears found themselves in battle with the Bulldogs for 106 minutes before true freshman midfielder Allie Lourie's shot deflected off the goal post and past junior goalkeeper Sara Martinson, ending the hopes for another late-goal victory.

Baylor had two more opportunities on goal than the Bulldogs did, but junior goalkeeper Anna Maddox kept the Bears out of the net.

"We had two games last week where we were able to put one away at the end," said head coach Paul Jobson in a Baylor University press release. "Tonight we didn't. That's the game of soccer."

Despite failing to score, the Bears' defense continued its trademark aggressive style and made the Bulldogs work for every shot.

"They are extremely well-coached," said head coach Todd Yelton in a press release on Samford University's athletic website. "I think the one thing you have to tip your hat to Baylor is that they worked so hard. They made it very difficult to score."

Unfortunately for Baylor, Sunday was not any easier. Not only did they have to face the Tigers on a short turnaround from Friday, but they were also forced to deal with the havoc of mother nature, forcing the Bears to sit and wait out two and a half hours for delays due to lightning.

After play resumed, the Bears came out and got down to business, putting the pressure on the Tigers' defense, tallying 13 shots, including eight on goal. However, similarly to Friday's match, the Bears were unable to put one past redshirt sophomore goalkeeper Sarah Le Beau.

Baylor was also caught having to watch sophomore forward Taylor Troutman net the game's only goal in the 70th minute.

"We played a great Baylor team," said Auburn head coach Karen Hoppa in a press release on Auburn's athletic website. "They play a different style, and they're tough to play against."

Despite the loss, Jobson was still



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RIISING TO THE OCCASION Sophomore defender Kylie Ross throws the ball in against Purdue on Aug. 26 in route to a 5-1 win.

pleased with the effort he saw put forth.

"It was a great match, and I am proud of our girls," Jobson said. "We have to get back at it again this week because Washington is another great team. We are ready to be home."

The loss drops Baylor to 5-3-0 on the season but brings an end to the Bears' recent four-game road trip. Baylor will begin the first of three home matches at 7 p.m. Friday when they host the Washington Huskies, the 30th ranked team in the country, at Betty Lou Mays Field.

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NFL season may end early for RG3

Broken bone in shoulder forces Browns QB to injured reserved list

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BEREA, Ohio — Robert Griffin III's comeback cracked.

Cleveland's quarterback curse strikes again.

Griffin broke a bone in his left shoulder during the fourth quarter of Sunday's 29-10 loss at Philadelphia and will miss at least eight games - and potentially the season - with an injury that leaves the Browns' muddled QB situation as jumbled as ever.

The franchise's 25th starting quarterback since 1999, Griffin, who signed with the Browns as a free agent in March in hopes of reviving a career that fizzled in Washington, got hurt while trying to run out of bounds.

Griffin was nearing the sideline when he was struck by Eagles rookie defensive back Jalen Mills, who delivered a blow to the QB's chest area.

"It's football and these things happen," Browns first-year coach Hue Jackson said. "It's unfortunate, but it does happen in this sport."

But it seems to happen at an inordinate rate to the Browns, who have been unable to find any stability at the game's most important position for nearly two decades.

Griffin stayed in the game, but an MRI on Monday revealed that he broke the coracoid bone in his shoulder.

Griffin, who sustained a serious knee injury at the end of his rookie season with the Redskins, does not need surgery at this time and will be evaluated in 3 to 4 weeks.

The Browns placed Griffin on injured reserve - under new NFL rules he can be brought off the list - and he could return at some point in 2016.

But there's no guarantee that will happen, and the 26-year-old has sustained another setback to a career filled with promise when he burst into the NFL as a dual-threat QB in 2012.

"He's been through a lot," Jackson



Associated Press

TRUE FIGHTER Cleveland Browns quarterback Robert Griffin III throws a pass against the Green Bay Packers in the first half of an NFL preseason football game in Green Bay, Wis., on Aug. 12, 2016.

said. "He gets it. He understands it's unfortunate that it happened. He worked extremely hard. But he also understands that there's a bigger plan."

"Sometimes he's not in control of everything, and it was unfortunate that it happened. But I think he's seen enough situations and been in enough in this league to understand that things happen in due time and that you've got to work through this and be prepared when the next opportunity comes."

Jackson didn't accuse Mills of a dirty hit and said the timing was such that Griffin, who was also slightly pushed from cornerback Ron Brooks, couldn't avoid contact.

"I don't think the guy was trying to hurt Robert," Jackson said.

"The guy was out of bounds himself and I think he reacted to this player running at him and at the last minute, I think they both seen each other and that was the reaction."

Despite being injured and in

obvious pain, Griffin, who was checked by Cleveland's medical staff when he got to the sideline, returned to the field for the final series. While favoring his left arm, Griffin only handed the ball off.

"He wanted to be out there with his teammates," Jackson said. "I don't think anybody knew to the extent of the injury. We're all tough guys, we go out there and play and we want to stay out there with our teammates and finish the game. That's a credit to

Robert."

With Griffin out, veteran Josh McCown will start this week's home opener against Baltimore. McCown, who coincidentally sustained a concussion on the opening drive in his debut with Cleveland last season, went 1-7 in eight starts but passed for 457 yards in a victory over the Ravens.

McCown was the subject of trade talks during the offseason, but the Browns are glad they hung on to him.

"That's why we kept Josh here, because he knows how to play and he's been in this league and understands our offense and what we're trying to accomplish," Jackson said.

"It's unfortunate that this happened to Robert, but it is comforting to know that we have a guy that's played in NFL games and knows how to manage games."

McCown is excited by his new chance, but not at the expense of seeing Griffin get hurt.

"It's just heartbreaking because I know how much he wants to be out there with his guys fighting for his team," McCown said.

The nearly constant turnover at quarterback has hindered the Browns from winning or developing any stability. The injuries haven't helped.

"It's been pretty bad luck," McCown said. "It hasn't gone well. For whatever reason, it's just not gotten right."

Adding insult to injury, the Browns were beaten Sunday by Eagles rookie quarterback Carson Wentz, who shined in his debut.

The Browns passed on a chance to take Wentz and traded the No. 2 overall pick to Philadelphia, but Jackson said the team isn't second-guessing that decision.

"That was one game, and he played well," Jackson said. "We'll look back and see where he is over a period of time, but the Browns got to get better."

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