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Join the Baylor football coaches and players this Thursday for Baylor's annual Traditions Rally, featuring free food and live music. The first rally will be held at 6:30 pm Thursday in the SUB Bowl and Fountain Mall

Lights, Camera...

The Fall 2011 Texas Independent Film Series will hold weekly screenings followed by a Q&A session, featuring one or more guests from the film's production. The first film of the season, "Echotone" will run at 7:00 pm on Thursday in room 101 Castellaw Communications Center.



BU, eFollett block UBS Bookstore

BY DANIEL C. HOUSTON STAFF WRITER

The UBS Bookstore, an offcampus company that sells new and used textbooks to Baylor students, has been blocked from accessing the Baylor bookstore's website, and the store manager is crying foul.

Follett Corp., which hosts and manages the website for Baylor's bookstore, has for years restricted website access to potential customers for personal use only; its website policy states "[a]ny commercial use ... or use for data collection and/or profit is not allowed." But this policy, combined with the nature of Follett's contractual relationship with Baylor, makes it difficult for competing bookstores to find out which textbooks are required material for a given class.

Scott Eggers, store manager for UBS Bookstore and the affiliated UBS Spirit Shop, believes this policy gives the Baylor bookstore an "unfair competition advantage" in identifying which books to put on the shelves each

"While I respect [the management of Baylor's bookstore] an awful lot," Eggers said, "I think that we have just as much a right to be able to have that information so that we can sell the student the book ... as they do."

If Baylor students want to know what books they need to purchase for an upcoming semester, they can access a link through Bearweb that will take them to the Follett site with a full list of their required materials. UBS, on the other hand, cannot access this information, according to Eggers, requiring him to consult with each academic department and sometimes each professor individually in order to know what textbooks to order.

But Follett's director of campus relations, Elio DiStaola, said his company has to go through the same channels as UBS in order to compile book lists. While being Baylor's contractual part-



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ner gives eFollett an advantage because professors are required to submit their materials to the Baylor bookstore, DiStaola said eFollett still has to invest resources to compile this information, which the company has an interest in

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MATT HELLMAN I LARIAT PHOTO EDITOR

Extreme drought in Waco this summer threatens the water supply in the Wetlands, located upstream of the lake just east of the North Bosque River as it enters Lake Waco

Drought affects Waco wetlands

By Daniel C. Houston STAFF WRITER

If the current drought continues and Lake Waco drops another 3'-4', the Lake Waco Wetlands could be out of water.

Dr. Robert Doyle, chair of the biology department said he was not fazed at all by this possibility, however. Doyle, who has been at Baylor for seven years, and involved with the wetlands for nearly the same length of time, sees the effect of the drought on the wetlands as simply a part of

the ebb and flow of nature. "At that point we have no water in the wetland," Doyle said. "That's not really a problem because most natural wetlands in the world are dry right now any-

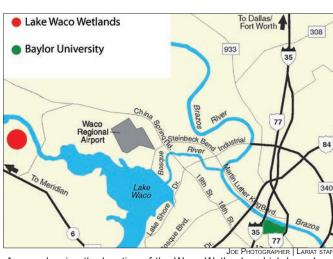
way." The Lake Waco Wetlands are actually located upstream of the lake just east of the North Bosque River as it enters Lake Waco. Only about 2 to 5 percent of the river's water is redirected into the wetlands before a synthetic pipeline returns the water to its original

course into the lake. "Wetlands are often called nature's kidneys. kidneys remove impurities blood," Doyle said. "For centuries we've known that if we dump dirty water in one side of a wetland, clean water comes

out the other side."

Some of the research that has come out of studying wetlands includes the process for treating wastewater in water treatment plants. Scientists studied how wetlands filtered water, and engi-

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A map showing the location of the Waco Wetlands, which have been severely affected by the drought this summer.

Baylor no longer 'LGBT unfriendly'

University previously ranked No. 11 on list

By Jade Mardirosian STAFF WRITER

Baylor is no longer ranked on the Princeton Review's list of "LGBT-Unfriendly" colleges, after holding the No. 11 spot in both 2010 and 2009. LGBT stands for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender

The list is published in the company's annual "Best 376 Colleges" book. Baylor held the No.2 spot on this list in both 2007 and 2005.

Fort Collins, Colo., sophomore Adam Short believes that Baylor being left off the list of "LGBT-Unfriendly" schools is more representative of the university.

"I think it's a really good sign. I haven't had a single issue with anybody on campus ever and that was even after I was outed in the New York Times," Short said. "I haven't had a single person say anything derogatory toward me or a single issue with

Short is the president and one of the founding members of the Sexual Identity Forum, an unofficial organization at Baylor whose purpose is to start dialogue concerning gender sexuality issues among all students, not just LGBT students, in the context of being at Baylor and in Texas and in the world. The organization was denied a charter to become an officially recognized student organization at Baylor, but Short said that the organization is reapplying for a charter this year. He said he believes that by clarifying that the organization is not an advocacy group, it will help the Sexual Identity Forum gain a charter.

Lori Fogleman, director of media communications and university spokesperson, provided Baylor's official stance on the issue last semester.

"Having healthy and responsible dialogue is best established through established and professionally facilitated programs," Fogleman told the Lariat. "It's the university's opinion that a chartered student organization is not the most viable medium through which to pursue

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Waco economy slowly climbing

By David McLain STAFF WRITER

The economy of the greater Waco area experienced a brief surge this July during a year noting a general decrease economic

Local business owners gathered together at the First National Bank of Central Texas on Wednesday, Aug. 24 to discuss the fluctuating economic condition of the city of Waco.

The July Greater Waco Economic Index is an economic analysis of Waco and the surrounding area measured by Amarillo-based economist Karr Ingham.

The overall index for July 2011 was measured at 102.4, a 1.5 percent decrease from last year's July index of 104.0. The decrease indicates a drop in economic ac-

The economy is given a number, or score, using a formula that includes a variety of influential factors. This score is compared to the score of an earlier date, known as the base year. The base year is used as a reference point so as to compare the current economic rating and determine whether the economy is improv-

ing or decreasing. In 2000, the base measurement was 100.6, and the index for each subsequent year is a comparison to that base year.

"It gives a constant measure to see how the economy is doing," Sarah Roberts of the Greater Waco Chamber of Commerce

said of the Index.

The Index focuses on patterns of changes in three areas, namely: spending, jobs and construction.

The early 2000s recorded numbers decreasing until a substantial rise between 2003 and mid-2007. Then the city faced two years of steady decline, and in 2009 the Index fallen additional 6 percent below the base year.

However, the index did see some improvement from June to July this year. That improvement is largely attributed to Waco's housing and construction sectors. Existing home sales and av-

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SARAH ROBERTS GREATER WACO ECONOMIC INDEX

erage home sale prices have both improved over 4 percent from last month, which have helped the overall numbers move in the right direction, Roberts said.

"The number of new housing construction permits issued in Waco in July was almost three times higher than the year-ago total," Ingham said. "July represents at least a temporary surge in activity in what has been a generally down year in housing construction."

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Archaeology Professor awarded research grant

By David McLain STAFF WRITER

A Baylor study, funded by a research grant from the National Geographic Society, will seek to disprove a common theory held by researchers on the origins of domesticated horses in the Near

Researchers have long believed that domesticated horses were first brought to the Near East from Central Asia, in the modern regions of Kazakhstan and Mongolia.

However, new evidence and research being collected by the Baylor researchers indicates that horses could have been domesticated within the Near East in Turkey.

Leading the research project is Dr. Benjamin Arbuckle, assistant professor for archaeology at Baylor. Arbuckle's study will focus on three key sites in Turkey where horse bones have been

Arbuckle worked at two of the three sites this summer, and his findings illustrate a close connection humans had with wild horses.

"They understand how these animals are functioning, and they know how to raise other animals," Arbuckle said. "The question is, when did they cross the line and start to breed hors-

Along with bones, ceramics have also been discovered, showing humans chasing foals and horses with arrows in hand.

"Now we have wild horses in the northern edge of the Near East. We know horses came from the mountainous regions. The earliest texts on horses in Mesopotamia call them the 'donkeys of the mountains," Arbuckle said. "They're coming from the mountains, so the mountains from the north are

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Traveling Italy with spontaneity brings challenges

known our eight-day trip through Italy would be less than ordinary.

For as long as I can remember, traveling with the Mardirosian family reflected Murphy's Law, yet somehow we always managed to leave said vacation spot with lots of great memories.

Why are our trips so chaotic and confused at times? Most families plan every detail of their vacation months and months in advance. Not my mom. She is a much more of a 'go with the flow' type of traveler, it is always an adventure with her, and Italy was no different.

Our excursion began in Madrid, where I had just finished a five-week study abroad program with Baylor. I was more than excited for my mom to arrive so I could show her around my favorite spots in Madrid before taking off for Rome.

When we departed for Rome the only thing we had secured were flights and a hotel in Rome for three of our eight nights in the

Despite our lack of an itinerary

or basic grasp of Italian, we were optimistic and enthusiastic.

The chaos of our trip started before we even departed from Spain. Instead of boarding the plane the American way, we descended stairs from the loading

through the entire airport weaving our way around idle planes along the tarmac.

We finally arrived at a plane so far out on the tarmac I could barely make out the airport, and everyone began to board the steep stairs up to the aircraft. Little did I know this was just a sampling of what was in store for us over the

Once we arrived in Rome, it wasn't long before we realized everyone was speaking to us in Spanish. Weird, I thought. I could have sworn I just left Spain. But I went with it since my mom and I knew absolutely no Italian (aside from "gelato"), and my mom is fluent in Spanish.

At least I thought she was before this trip.

My mom and I quickly became confused with all the different languages we were trying and sometimes failing to speak: Italian, Spanish, English. We had such a hard time trying to keep them straight my mom would often mistakenly throw a "merci" out there whenever she was trying to thank someone.

After exploring the Eternal City, we decided to head for Milan. Why not, right? We went to the train station and bought tickets for an overnight train, thinking we could maximize our time by spending one night in transit.

My mom explained she had heard nothing but "good things" about traveling through Europe on trains, and she assured me we would be more than safe.

Oh, how wrong she was. We climbed the stairs to the

train, and I almost fainted at the smell lurking aboard. Surely I was not going to spend the next seven hours smelling sweaty body odor



Jade Mardirosian | Staff writer

mixed with rotten eggs and salami sandwiches. The smell was just the beginning of my problems. The passengers onboard this overnight train looked like they had all just been released from the Italian equivalent of a state penitentiary. We finally found our car, which thankfully had two normal Australian passengers who were equally as terrified as we were. This was not the type of crowd

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you want to be stuck with in a foreign

We arrived in Milan in one and piece from there set out for Venice. was smooth sailing (on

the gondobridge and took a 15-minute ride las) in Venice, and I was amazed at how perfect our trip had be-

> It turned out my mom and I had not quite learned our lesson from the first overnight train experience. Our last stop on our excursion through Italy was set to be the picturesque Amalfi Coast. We quickly scanned the options of trains heading to the coast and decided on the town of Salerno, since the Australian passengers had recommended a great hotel there to stay at.

> We realized our train would be arriving at 3 a.m. local time once we were already about on board.

> We arrived in Salerno unsure of which direction we should walk in order to find a place to sleep other than outside on the ground. When we stopped to ask a nice Italian cop in a gelato shop "dónde está un hotel" (yes, we were still trying to speak Spanish), he shrugged us away, only interested in his dessert.

> Merci, thanks for your help. We somehow managed to find the nicest hotel in the town (finally some good luck), and not much else went awry for the rest of our vacation.

> It was quite the experience traveling somewhat like backpackers through Italy with my mom, and it was the best vacation we've had so far.

> We didn't learn any lessons about planning or itineraries, which means when we go back to Italy with the rest of my family we will have even more ridiculous stories, though I desperately hope none concern overnight trains.

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SERIOUSLY? A DAY OF PRAYER??

Day of prayer doesn't give reason to criticize Perry

Every morning across the United States, children say "one nation under God" as they recite the Pledge of Allegiance aloud in public school classes. Every day, students buy items from the vending machines using U.S. \$1 bills, which say, "In God we trust." On Aug. 9, Rick Perry declared a day of prayer

Are one of these things really not like the other?

Some Americans say yes, arguing the naitonal day of prayer violates separation of church and state, further claiming the event is a publicity device for Perry's 2012 GOP nomination. The question then is, what makes a day of prayer unconstitutional, but swearing on a Bible in a United States courtroom acceptable?

The answer is simple when we realize the issue really lies in politics. The progressive advocacy group, People For the American Way, called the event "inappropriate" while the American Family Association, a conservative Christian group that funded the event, said the day was meant to foster "acceptance."

Billed as a day of prayer and fasting, the Perry leading prayers asking for an end to affairs of men." Franklin continued. "I there-should never be unconstitutional.

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the drought and decline of America, among other things.

It's easy to see why a Christian prayer summit would drum up feelings of alienation from non-Christian groups. Perry, however, insisted the day was open to all faiths. What makes Perry's day of prayer different than requiring a sworn oath to one's God at the presidential inauguration? Will anyone object to Perry's right hand on the Bible if he happens to be standing on the Capitol steps on Jan. 20, 2013?

The question of whether Perry's day of prayer was from the heart or politically motivated could be discussed forever. In the midst of the criticism, though, it is important to note that historically, leaders have come before God in times of trial or need.

During the drafting of the Constitution in 1787, Benjamin Franklin asked the framers to join together and pray for direction, saying, "I have lived, Sir, a long time, and the longer I live, the more convincing proofs I

fore beg leave to move - that henceforth prayers imploring the assistance of Heaven, and its blessings on our deliberations, be held in this Assembly every morning before we proceed to business." It seems as though Mr. Franklin would have found himself in Perry's boat if alive today.

In Perry's proclamation of Aug. 6 as a day of prayer, he refers to Franklin D. Roosevelt's prayer during World War II asking for "thy help to our efforts" while our troops were "locked in battle on the beaches of France" on June 6, 1944. Is a president's prayer in wartime anymore a violation of church and state than a governor's prayer during a famine?

Of course critics questioning Perry's possible political motivation will point out the biggest difference between Roosevelt and Perry - one man was President and the other isn't. Even reports like one from the New York Times, which said Perry envisioned the prayer day last December, won't be good enough to spurn the accusations.

Now Americans on both sides are left asking where we draw the line in the sand. For now, the answer remains to be had. However, Aug. 6 event drew some 30,000 people, with see of this truth - that God Governs in the perhaps what we can agree on is acceptance

Free airwaves crucial to U.S. technology

McClatchy Tribune

Policymakers in Washington agree more airwaves should be made available for wireless services, but they clash over some important details - for example, how to make the most efficient use of the prime airwaves occupied by TV broadcasters. There's also a philosophical split over whether to set aside some of these additional airwaves for unlicensed uses, rather than selling them all to the highest bidders. Lawmakers should heed the lessons of history on that front. The experience with Wi-Fi shows making spectrum available for wireless spurs innovation and broad public benefits, although it's impossible to predict what that innovation will look like or what those benefits will be.

The demand for spectrum is being driven by the phenomenal popularity of smartphones and mobile applications. The Federal Communications Commission has called on Congress to free up more frequencies by offering television broadcasters this deal: If they give up at least part of their channels' airwaves,

which they use for free, they'll receive a portion of the proceeds when those frequencies are auctioned. Such incentive auctions could clear a considerable amount of spectrum for mobile wireless uses.

Competing bills to create the auctions have been introduced in the Senate and the House, and they take sharply different approaches to unlicensed spectrum. The version approved in June by the Senate Commerce Committee (S 911) would let the commission set aside frequencies for unlicensed use after a sizable amount of TV bandwidth had been recaptured for licensed uses. The draft bill by Rep. Greg Waldman, R-Ore., chairman of the House Energy and Commerce telecommunications subcommittee, would require companies that want unlicensed frequencies to join forces and outbid everyone else for those airwaves.

The advantage to auctions is they take politics and favoritism by the commission out of the equation. They're also brutally efficient, favoring uses that the public is willing to pay for over those that are purely speculative. But they're a poor way to judge the value of unli-

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censed spectrum. That's because the best use of those airwaves isn't likely to emerge for years, so it can't be quantified today.

Just look at Wi-Fi, which uses the 2.4 Ghz band previously reserved for scientific, medical and industrial uses (think microwave ovens). The FCC opened those airwaves for unlicensed devices in 1985, more than a decade before a standard for Wi-Fi emerged and the technology started bringing computer networks to the average home.

Granted, giant technology companies such as Microsoft, Dell and Google have visions for how a new unlicensed band could be used. But it's unrealistic to expect such fierce competitors to pool together and buy airwaves - there's no business model to support that. Nor do they have an interest in creating fertile ground for upstarts with new technology. The public, on the other hand, does. The goal of reclaiming spectrum shouldn't be just to amass the largest possible amount of cash for the Treasury. It should be to advance the public interest, including its real but unquantifiable interest in innovation.

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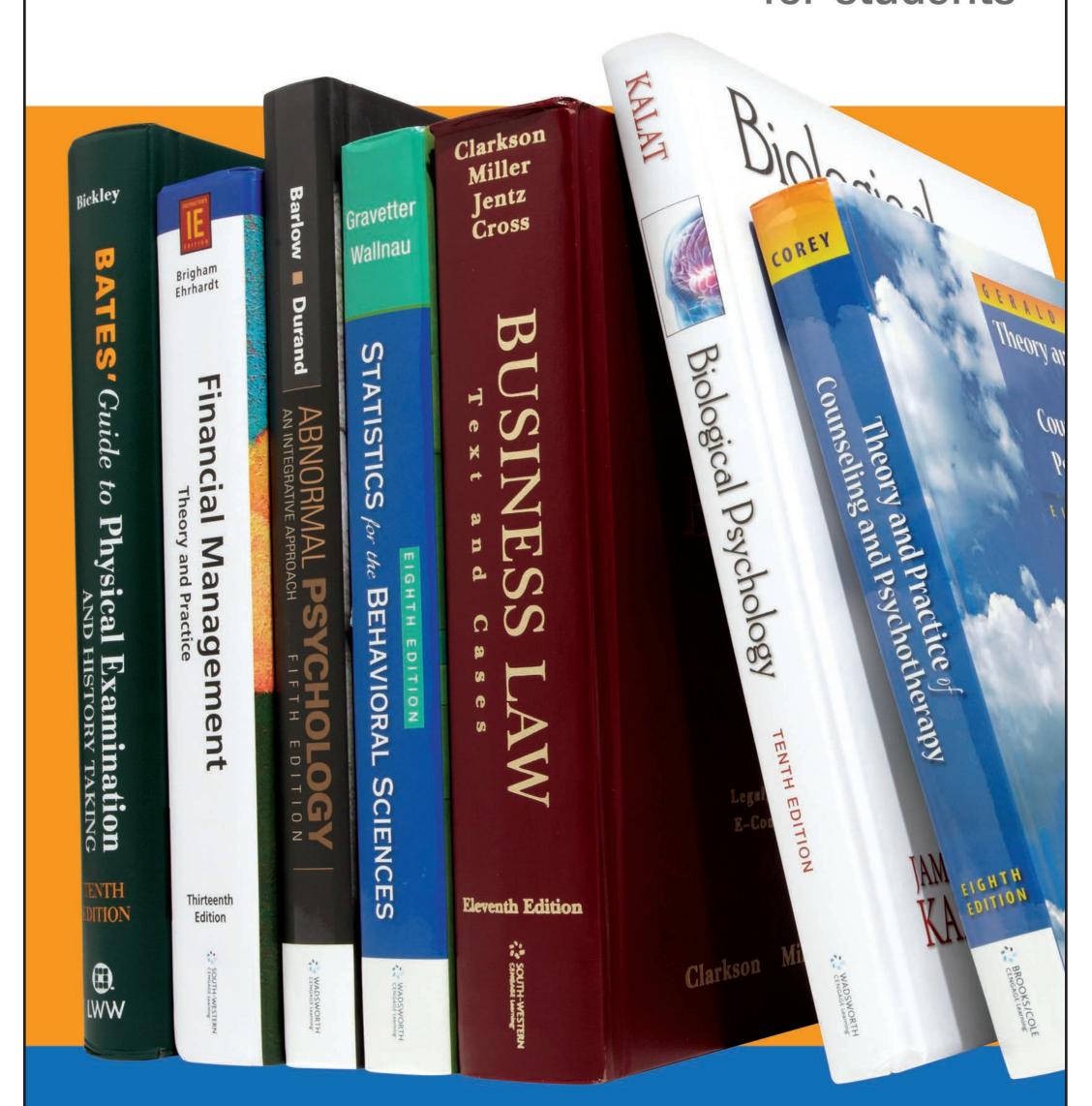
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Local festival celebrates country music, Mexican heritage

By Jessica Foreman REPORTER

There is no better way to kick off a Texas hot summer than with the best salsa, guacamole and queso that Central Texas restaurants, vendors, and residents have to offer. The 16th annual Margarita & Salsa Festival, held Saturday at the Extraco Events Center, brought in more than 9,400 cowboy-boot clad visitors looking for a spicy bite, a quality country concert and a cool

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beverage to bring it all together.

Stoney LaRue, The Eli Young Band and Gary Allan headlined the festival. Avid fans came from as far as New York City. At least that was the case for University of Texas graduate Zoe Wilson. Having luckily avoided Hurricane Irene because of her desire to see Gary Allan perform at the Margarita & Salsa Festival, Wilson has followed



Featured musicians and artists, including the Eli Young Band, performed Saturday in the 16th annual Margarita & Salsa Festival at the Extraco Events Center. The festival began at 6 p.m. and hosted a variety of events, including Waco's annual salsa contest.

the country singer from Atlantic City to Philadelphia to Waco, and kept all ticket stubs collected along

"I've seen [Gary] at least 20 to 25 times," Wilson said. "I have a framed Gary Allan signed picture; I've kept all of my ticket stubs from concerts. I'm a Gary super-fan."

At the flicker of stage lights and a scratch of the DJ music, Gary Allan met the loud crowd cheers with a strong opening song, "Right Where I Need To Be." Arguably the most anticipated artist of the event, Allan performed old and new hits, and did not leave the enthusiastic crowd disappointed.

The Eli Young Band had everyone dancing with their hands in the air, especially during the obvious crowd favorite, "When it Rains." Lead singer Mike Eli kept up crowd hype with his banter and commentary in between songs most enjoyed by the two-stepping couples kicking up dust, tipping cowboy hats and showing off their best moves.

Even though the Eli Young Band has an especially strong following in Waco, as they are regular performers in the area at venues such as Wild West, Waco school teacher Nicole Cardenas was more impressed with opening performer, Stoney LaRue.

Stoney LaRue opened the event at the start of sunset when people were sprawling out on picnic benches with jumbo corn dogs and fresh squeezed-lemonade.

"Stoney LaRue had better vocals than the Eli Young Band," Cardenas said. "I am now a fan of Stoney when I wasn't really before. This is as good as it gets in Waco."

While many came for the concert, the main contest was held in the Exhibits Building at the Events Center, where contestants soaked in the air conditioning while serv-



Jeff Halterman and his wife are the creators of Garlic Head Cowboy Salsa, one of the many contest entries in the Salsafest competition held Saturday at the Extraco Events Center during the 16th annual Margarita and Salsa

ing samples of their entries.

El Chico took home the firstplace award for best salsa. Other

"This is as good as it gets in Waco."

Nicole Cardenas | Waco school teacher

Waco favorites that won awards included Elite Grill, which took home second place, and Don Carlos Mexican Restaurant took home the first-place guacamole and the third-place award for best queso

Navy pilot and salsa contestant Jessica DeWoody of Fort Worth, didn't place this year, but said she will be more competitive in future

years after receiving such positive feedback for her green salsa, "Better Than Yours," and her margarita salsa made with corn, black beans and actual margarita ingredients.

DeWoody, who is the pilot of a C-40 aircraft when she's not competing in salsa competitions, convinced me to sample her two salsas out of the contest-required four gallon containers - both of which took six hours to prepare. I am sure Waco's traditional festival will be seeing her name again in the top categories next year.

"It's kind of sweet, kind of smoky and spicy on the back-end," DeWoody said when describing "Better Than Yours. "All I can say is the underdog always comes back."

The Margarita & Salsa Festival has come a long way since its beginnings in the Ninfa's Mexican Restaurants, parking lot 16 years ago. All proceeds from this event benefit the Arthritis Foundation and the Scholarship Program at the Heart O' Texas Fair & Rodeo.

Overall, all of the artists' performances were great and the crowd participation and cheers proved that true. It was exciting to have well-known names in Waco. As Cardenas said, this is as good as it gets in Waco.

The only thing I would change Texas weather for you.

to lariat@baylor.edu.

Piled Higher & Deeper continues

By Joshua Madden A&E EDITOR

duction to Piled Higher & Deeper

As part of our continued intro-

(PhD), we have included several issues of the comic in today's paper. These strips highlight Jorge Cham's unique sense of humor and begin to bring in a female perspective.

I hope that you're enjoying this new addition to the Lariat. Let us know what you think about PhD's inclusion in the Lariat by emailing us at lariat@baylor.edu.



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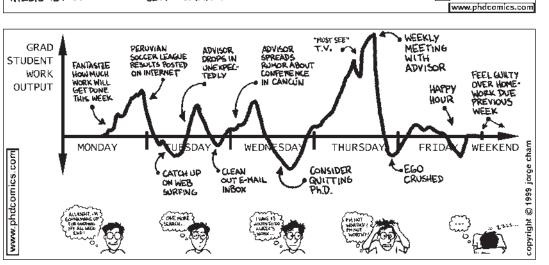


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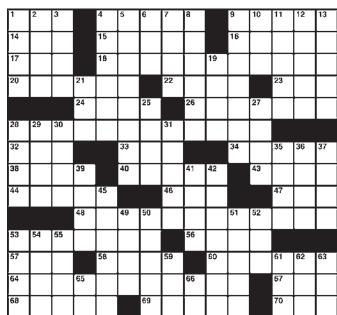
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Sports take: Texans, Chargers look playoff bound; Jets left out

AFC teams adapt to key additions, losses

The NFL lockout scared many fans, myself included, into thinking we might not see a season this

But after the new agreement was signed and we wiped our tears away, we saw an unprecedented and frantic one-week free agency period that had sports fans everywhere constantly checking their cell phones for updates.

The moves some teams made changed the landscape of the NFL. I think we will see some basement-dwellers rise up and take divisions over, as well as see former great teams hit rock bot-

That being said, there are some things that never change, and with that, here are my predictions.

AFC East

Don't expect too much shakeup from last year's standings here. The Patriots are undeniably still the beasts of the East.

Bill Belichick could be just what Albert Haynesworth needs to return to being one of the most-feared defensive tackles in the league.

Also, look for Ochocinco to revive his career in New England; it ought to be fairly easy with that Brady guy throwing to him.

The Jets will not give the Patriots a serious run for their money until Mark Sanchez can become more consistent.

Rex Ryan's bombastic predictions every week and their Hollywood defense will only take them so far. And that will be second place.

Miami comes in with a strong defense, but the question marks on the other side of the ball are far too great.

Buffalo will show flashes of being a respectable team, but their offensive line and inconsistency at quarterback (I see a theme here...) will bury them at the bottom of the division.



AFC North

With two-time Super Bowl winning quarterback Ben Roethlisberger under center for all 16 games this season, the Steelers will prove to be division winners once again.

Even if Roethlisberger and receiver Mike Wallace do not have the mega Pro Bowl seasons I predict, the veteran defense will carry them anyway, which is normal for Pittsburgh.

The Ravens will always be the second-best team in this division until proven otherwise. Although their defense is just as intense and physical as Pittsburgh's, Joe Flacco must transform from a great quarterback to an elite one to knock off the mighty Steelers this year.

The Browns enter the season with lots of promise and hope in young quarterback Colt McCoy, who looks to establish himself

Cleveland has a bright future; it just does not begin this year. With a new head coach, coordinators and a switch to a 4-3 defense, the term "rebuilding" is written all over the Browns this year.

The Cincinnati Bengals have too many rookies at key roles, namely quarterback and wide receiver, to seriously compete this year. The loss of cornerback Jonathan Joseph does not help, either.

AFC South

This is the year for the Texans. They will win the division.

New defensive coordinator Wade Phillips is notorious for drastically improving a team's defense in his first year as the coordinator. The offense has proved to be one of the best in the NFL and proved last year they can beat the Colts when they play their A-

Admittedly, I feel strange not picking a Peyton Manning lead team to win the division. The Colts will still be the Colts and will make the playoffs, but Manning's neck injury and their aging defense are slight causes for concern, which work in the Texans'

Quarterback David Garrard will start the season in Jacksonville, but look for rookie quarterback Blaine Gabbert to be starting by the end of the season after the team gets off to a slow start.

The Titans have current drama with Chris Johnson's holdout and Matt Hasselbeck is not the answer at quarterback. Look for more dismal games in Tennessee this year.

AFC West

The Chargers played the majority of the 2010-11 season without superstar receiver Vincent Jackson, Antonio Gates (arguably the best tight end in the NFL) and up-and-coming running back Ryan Matthews.

Yet they still finished 9-7 and were second in the NFL in points per game and total points. With those weapons back, their offense will carry them to the division

The defending division champion Chiefs will feel the effects of losing Charlie Weis as the oftensive coordinator. They do not have a complement to receiver Dwayne Bowe, either.

The Raiders will make a splash and pull out some surprise wins, but Jason Campbell is still the starter at quarterback. They will not go far with him.

Also, the offseason was not kind to Oakland. They lost their two best players—Zach Miller and Nnamdi Asomugha.

The Broncos will finish last in the division and the Tebow era will officially begin by Week 10 as Kyle Orton will be run out of town by the disgruntled fans in

Wild Card

As I said, I believe the Texans will win the division, but the Colts will take a Wild Card spot.

I just cannot see Peyton Manning sitting at home watching the game come January. He has proved time and time again that he can carry Indianapolis to the postseason, despite a less than stellar defense.

I also picked the Ravens to win a wild card spot. Even if Joe Flacco does not improve, Ray Rice can still help carry the offense, and that defense remains the most stable in the league.

This leaves the Jets out of the postseason. Poor Rex Ryan. Poor Mark Sanchez.

NFC predictions tomorrow...



Sometimes one is all it takes

Freshman forward Natalie Huggins fires in a goal off an assist from junior midfielder Hanna Gilmore. Huggins's goal was the only of the game and led Baylor soccer to a 1-0 victory over California State University Northridge Friday at Betty Lou Mays Field. Baylor remains undefeated on the season with a 3-0-1 record after a 5-1 victory Sunday against UTSA.

Led by Tolbert, team seeks greatness

By Krista Pirtli STAFF WRITER

The word different can sometimes hold a negative connotation, but for the Baylor volleyball team, it holds more of an inspiring chal-

'There's only a few teams that are different, and those are the ones that go above and beyond in everything," head coach Jim Barnes said. "They're above average. I dared them to be different."

The 2011 squad has enforced this motto since day one of practice. Their hard work paid off at their tournament in Indiana this past weekend. After being swept by No. 13 Purdue, they stepped out on the court again with resolve and frustration, sweeping College of Charleston and VCU.

One thing that is different about their strategy of play is the switch from having two setters on the court to only one, allowing for more of an attacking offense.

Senior setter Brittany Ridenour showed her ability to lead the team this season to extraordinary places.

"I've been hitting off her [Ridenour] a couple seasons now, and just having her so calm and confident in herself as a player helps us stay confident," senior middle blocker Briana Tolbert said. "It helps the other seniors on the court lead as well."

Junior middle blocker Torri Campbell excelled last weekend, which was no surprise as she has been named to the preseason All-Big 12

team, finishing last season with a .295 hitting percentage and 199 kills, second for the 2010

Tolbert rose to the occasion this past week-

ing the place of Elizabeth Graham, who graduated last May. "Bri [Tolbert] is a world-class athlete,"

end, stepping up to her role as senior and tak-

Barnes said. "Her and Torri [Campbell] really control the game. Control is great to have on the court, but Barnes admits only having one game plan will

not help this team be different. "We're working this week on getting our other players to pick up their offensive game because when they do that, we're going to be tough to stop," Barnes said. "Our focus this week is to use our option two, our other attackers, to implement them more in our offense so we're a little more balanced."

Barnes is entering his eighth season at Baylor and is 117-106.

Campbell acknowledged Barnes' hard work and the impact he has had on the improvement of the volleyball program. Tolbert echoes Campbell's praises.

"I've known Coach since high school when I was getting recruited," Tolbert said. "He's always been a great coach to play for. Being a senior, I've been trained by him for four years."

Barnes returns the respect he receives from his team.

"When you're a coach and you're inspired by your players, it's great thing," Barnes said. "This group works really hard, the way they do



Freshman Nicole Bardaii practices her spikes

Tuesday at Marrs-McLean Gymnasium.

it and the way the express themselves inspires us coaches so they're a special group."

The Lady Bears acknowledge they need to

Volleyball begins season with success

By Krista Pirtle SPORTS WRITER

It's early in the 2011 Baylor volleyball season, but the Lady Bears already have an idea of what's working and what isn't.

The Lady Bears went 2-1 in their first tournament of the season, last weekend's Mortar Board Premiere at Purdue University, and finished the tournament in second place.

Senior middle blocker Briana Tolbert and junior preseason All-Big 12 selection Torri Campbell earned all-tournament honors.

Baylor's first match, against host Purdue, did not start out the season as planned, with Purdue sweeping the Lady Bears 3-0 (25-14, 25-22, 25-17) and outhitting them .248 (43-15-113) to .101 (31-19-119).

Purdue recorded four service aces on the night, a statistic Baylor head coach Jim Barnes is not proud that they received.

"Purdue is a team that is going to have a great year," Baylor head coach Jim Barnes said. "With that being said, we learned quite a bit tonight on how we need to improve in our serve and servereceive. We needed to serve better to get them out of their offense. ." Campbell powered the offense

with 10 kills, receiving help from senior setter Brittany Ridenour with 25 assists.

The defense was led by senior Allison King at libero with 19 digs. At the net, Campbell and Tol-

bert had three block assists each. In their first game with the team, the freshmen came and represented well.

At utility, Adri Nora had 4 kills and a block assist, outside hitter Nicole Bardaji had two kills and a block assist and defensive specialist Hope Ogden had two digs.

"I like how Adri (Nora) came into the game and was really under control," Barnes said. "She didn't make mistakes and put away a couple kills. She could be that player that definitely makes a difference for us as the season progresses. I think when Nicole (Bardaji) gets through a little bit of the nerves; she will make a big difference. Hope (Ogden) was steady with her passing game [but] will have to work on some things. I think those three gained some valuable experience."

Getting swept out of the gate day one seemed to light a fire under the Lady Bears as they recorded a pair of sweeps over College of Charleston and VCU.

Baylor's first match of the day went by smoothly as the Lady Bears won 3-0 (25-21, 25-15, 25-

Part of that was due to the accuracy and power of the front line. Tolbert recorded 16 kills at .714, Campbell had 9 kills at .385 and senior outside hitter Qian Zhang recorded her first-career doubledouble with 10 kills and 11 assists

The setter, Ridenour, ran the offense superbly, recording 36 assists and adding four kills.

Tolbert and Campbell had two blocks each, leading at the net.

"It was in the game plan to get the ball to Bri (Tolbert) in the middle and Qian (Zhang) on the outside," Barnes said. "We knew that Bri could have a huge game in the middle and that Qian would be able to hit over their setter who was blocking on that side. We just told them to be aggressive and Brittany did a good job of finding them at the right times."

In the second match of the day, the women had to battle from behind to win each of the three sets (25-20, 25-19, 25-18), as VCU scored first each time but never regained the lead.

Baylor defense shined in this game, recording a total of 52 digs and 7 blocks.

"I'm proud of the way our team came out tonight and got the job done, especially serving," Barnes said. "VCU has some great athletes on their side, but we served them tough and only allowed 23 kills. That was amazing to keep a team like them to that low of a number."

King attributed a whopping 19 digs while junior transfer Alyssa Dibbern led the net with 4 blocks.

Campbell led the offense with 11 kills, followed by Adom with 10 and Tolbert with 7.

"We can definitely have a lot of information from this weekend that we can build on going into next weekend at home," Barnes said. "We have a lot of stuff to work on this week in practice."

The Lady Bears will play their first games in the Ferrell Center this weekend as they host the Fairfield Inn North Baylor Classic Sept. 2 through 3 against Mc-Neese State, University of Texas Pan-American and Northern Colorado.

Baylor begins play 2:30 p.m. Friday against McNeese State.







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"We are in the least negative our negative has been," Roberts said of the housing sector. While not content with where existing home sales and average home sale prices sit, Roberts said he was pleased with the direction each was headed.

An increase of large company interests in visiting sites for possible locations in Waco assured the business leaders of a positive economic forecast. The site visit activity this July was recorded as 85 percent higher than the rate for lor, MCC, and TSTC who would all of 2010.

This kind of activity is a good indication of whether new companies are going to come into Waco, Roberts said.

A good number of these companies would bring Information Technology (IT) oriented jobs, a sector of the Waco Economic Index that is improving and has room to continue to improve. Roberts expects the IT sector increase to attract graduates of Bay-

normally leave Waco upon graduation looking for IT-specific jobs.

Local businesses are also becoming more comfortable with spending on advertising. According to Donnis Baggett, publisher of the Waco Tribune Herald says they are finding even with less advertising activity from national and regional companies, the local businesses are stepping into those

New students feeling increased pressure to stay thin in college

By Iordan Hearne REPORTER

A common belief is that when students start college, they gain weight from the university lifestyle. In truth, this idea might actually be contributing to eating disorders across campus.

"Freshman 15 is a complete myth," Dr. Emma Wood, staff psychologist in the Baylor Counseling Center, said. Wood, who specializes in body image problems and eating disorders, is ready to put an end to the rumor that freshman gain 15 pounds within their first year of college. Typically, students don't gain weight at all their freshman year, and if they do, it is on average only seven pounds, she said.

"People come into college so scared of the freshman 15 that they'll start to do things to counter that when they don't even need to," Wood said.

The rumor, along with other factors, contributes to the number of students who suffer from eating disorders.

"Freshmen are more vulnerable to the beginning of disordered eating behavior," Wood said. "Some of the things that we know are associated with the development of eating disorders are stressful life situations. That transition to school might be one of the things that trigger it."

Another factor can be confusion about how to live a healthy lifestyle.

"I think there's a lot of misconceptions about college life, about how to eat and exercise," Wood said. "People will come in thinking 'okay im going to eat less and exercise more', and it becomes a vehicle to become addictive and lead to a full-blown eating disorder."

Dorm life can influence body image problems. Residents see the bodies of their roommates on a daily basis and "begin to compare," Wood said. These elements, combined with the freshman 15 myth, can cause students to favor skinny over healthy.

"You can be skinny and unhealthy," Lori Genous, director of Baylor's department of wellness, said. She said that you cannot tell how much body fat someone has by looking at a person; people considered thin can

have visceral fat surrounding their organs, which can pose a higher risk for disease.

Wood explained that people's body shapes can fall on a bell curve, with the widest part of the curve consisting of averagesized bodies. The smaller ends of the curve can contain naturally small people and naturally large people. Their shapes are determined largely on their genetics and will always stay around the

Eating disorders do not only affect body size. Wood said academic grades could suffer, and according to the National Eating Disorder Association (NEDA), eating disorders can lead to pancreatitis, osteoporosis and kidney failure. Eating disorders are the most fatal of all mental disorders. Warning signs of potential eating disorders are students that suddenly become obsessed with their body and weight and preoccupy themselves with making their bodies smaller.

"Another trend we have seen a lot of is over exercising, sometimes referred to as exercise bulimia," Wood said.

Examples of this would be people exercising for prolonged periods of time, despite injury or illness, and being obsessive about sticking to an exercise routine in order to purge calories.

"Warning signs would be someone excercising for extended periods of time or running while injured," Wood said. "They tend to stick to a routine and have to get their workouts in

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every day."

The most effective and longlasting treatment for an eating disorder is some form of psychotherapy or counseling, the NEDA website states. The Baylor Counseling Center is located in the McLane Student Life Center and has resources to assist recovery. Their website, has online mental health screenings and contact information to schedule an appointment.

Genous recommended oncampus peer nutritionists to help teach students how to eat healthily. Nutritional education can prevent students from falling into dangerous eating habits, especially when they are just beginning to plan their own meals. Wood said that most freshmen grow up in families where parents supervised meals and controlled what was provided.

"You come from a pretty structured environment in terms of food and nutrition to a place where it's all up to you to choose," Wood said.

For students looking for more information on how to maintain a balanced diet, there are on-campus peer nutritionists available. Information on how to schedule an assessment is on the http:// www.baylor.edu/campusrec/fitness/ website under Programs and Services.

More information can be found at the NEDA website, http://www.nationaleatingdisor-

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such dialogue."

When asked for a statement regarding Baylor being left off of this year's "LGBT-Unfriendly" list, Fogleman wrote in an email to the Lariat, "Honestly, there are tons of lists out there that Baylor isn't on. However, we would be more than happy to comment about lists that we are on."

Rankings in the book are based on a survey completed by students about their colleges and campus experiences. Schools are ranked and move up or down on lists according to how students answer survey questions in relation to how students at other universities answered the same questions.

The Princeton Review ranks the top 20 colleges respectively on the "LGBT-Unfriendly" and "LGBT-Friendly" lists based on students' responses to the following question: "Students treat all persons equally, regardless of their sexual orientation and gender identity/expression." This question is answered on a fivepoint scale with students choosing to strongly disagree, disagree, somewhat agree, agree or strongly

Fresno, Calif., freshman ChicAnya Njeh is the liberal outreach chair for the Sexual Identity Forum and describes Baylor being

dismissed from 2011 rankings as a great victory.

"I was one of those people that thought because [Baylor] is a Baptist school in Texas there would be bunch of people who were hostile towards gays and lesbians, but I came here and that didn't happen," Njeh said. "When you are on a list like that it hinders some people who are afraid of being judged from coming [to this school]. So [not being ranked is] probably going to have a really positive effect for LGBT students coming in and it's good for the school in general."

David Soto, senior editor at the Princeton Review said that 122,000 students were surveyed for this year's book and about 375 surveys are completed for each school included in the book. Soto said both students and college administrations use the book beneficially.

"Students can use these lists in conjunction to find the right school, with the right fit for them," Soto said. "Administrations can also use these lists. Perhaps the school has an issue accepting LGBT students. In many cases this list has led to change in campus activities. Administrations have instituted many programs to change that negative sentiment on their campus."

that is typically ranked on the "LGBT-Unfriendly" list. Short feels that Baylor no lon-

Soto said Baylor is a school

ger deserved to be ranked as a college that is unfriendly toward LGBT students.

"Baylor is full of some of the nicest people I have ever met," Short said. "It's a victory on the fact that people realize Baylor is a safe, comfortable place that accepts anyone regardless of their race, religion, orientation, and a big difference from the Baylor of last century that would have been viewed as very hostile toward those things."

Baylor's statement on Human Sexuality says all students are welcomed into a supportive environment in which to discuss human sexuality. It further explains a marriage between a man and a woman is the biblical norm. It also states that it "is thus expected that Baylor students will not participate in advocacy groups which promote understandings of sexuality that are contrary to biblical

Baylor students interested in participating in the Princeton Review survey for the next edition of the book, which will be published in the summer of 2012, can do so at http://survey.review.com.

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the best bet, and that's Turkey."

After the bones are gathered from the site, they are closely studied using radiocarbon dating as well as a new research method, which uses ancient DNA. Researchers will be testing to see if local mares could have been domesticated from wild horse popu-

"We can take horse bones and send them to a paleogenetics lab, and we can actually compare the wild horses that I'm recovering from sites and compare them to later horses that we know are domesticated and see if they are related," Arbuckle said.

The new technique aids in archaeological work when genetic comparison is essential.

"It's totally changing how we do archaeology and how we address these questions" Arbuckle said. "We can actually tell and look into the genome of these animals and trace their lineage and

see where they're coming from. It's amazing."

Final results for the project will likely be available in a year and have the potential to be documented by several media outlets within the National Geographic

Arbuckle was recently contacted on the possibility of his research being included in a documentary on the rise of civilization in the Near East. Significant results could also be chosen for inclusion in National Geographic

magazine. 'Right now, he's at the forefront of his field," Dr. Lori Baker, associate professor in physical anthropology, said. "He's on the cutting edge, and National Geographic is going to be interested

in what he finds." The department of anthropology, forensic science and archaeology at Baylor applauds the accomplishments and continued

research of their fellow colleague. "We're excited. We're excited

for all of us. It always confirms your legitimacy when you get a grant from a national institution, and we all know that National Geographic has a great reputation," Dr. Sara Alexander, anthropology department chair, said. "And hopefully he'll find out something absolutely fantastic."

The concluding results of the study will "add a significant new chapter in this process" of horse domestication in the Near East, Arbuckle said.

"It's important because horses are not just another bit of livestock," Arbuckle said. "They totally transformed how the ancient world functioned - the economy, how politics worked. It was kind of like the Industrial Revolution equivalent for the ancient world, which is why it's a question worth looking at."

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protecting.

"I can tell you that coming up with a book list does not come without hundreds of hours of work on the part of our staff," DiStaola said.

Eggers estimated he could spend about one-third less time on information-gathering activities and more time on managing the store if he had the same access to book lists the Baylor bookstore does, but DiStaola believes providing access to information eFollett has already compiled would give UBS an undeserved advantage.

"Unlike those guys across the street, we actually have a contract with the school," DiStaola said. "This technology wasn't created for data-mining; this technology was created for our customers."

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Elio DiStaola FOLLETT'S DIRECTOR OF CAMPUS RELATIONS

Eggers said in the relatively greater amount of time it takes for him to learn what books professors require, it makes it more likely he must buy new books, rather than used books, from publishers. Eggers said this can affect students' selection of textbooks, and can also drive up the prices

UBS has to charge.

"The only part that we want Baylor to have in this is to allow us access to that information," Eggers said. "When I talk to the bookstore, they're saying, 'well, Baylor makes that information available'; when I talk to Baylor, Baylor says, 'well, the bookstore makes that information available.' Do you see what I'm saying?"

According to Bill Boney, regional manager for Follett, the policy is one of many necessary precautions the company takes to protect its website, which hosts the online presence of more than 2,000 bookstores across the nation, from the interference of web bots and other practices that place a burden on the site's bandwidth.

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neers recreated a similar process.

Baylor has two programs curin the wetlands, the Center for Reservoir and Aquatic Systems Research, or CRASR, along with the Baylor Experimental Aquatic Research facility, or BEAR facility.

"At CRASR, we find these extreme events interesting because it provides an opportunity to study these systems under an extreme event," Doyle said.

Creating the wetlands fulfilled a requirement placed on the City of Waco by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in response to the Waco City Council's decision in 2000 to raise Lake Waco's conservation pool by 7- feet. Raising the conservation pool moved the shoreline of the lake, consequently uprooting a habitat-rich environment. If the city had not

fulfilled the requirement placed on it, it would not have been approved to raise the water level of the lake.

"When we voted to raise the lake in 2000, the state was just getting serious about water planning," City Council Member Toni Herbert wrote in an email to the Lariat. "We didn't know much, but we knew that we would end up being the regional water supplier, and that water scarcity was going to be a huge issue in the future."

The city of Waco enacted Drought Stage 2 of the Drought Contingency Plan on Aug. 22. Drought Stage 2 is labeled a mild water shortage and only places restrictions on the city usage of

"The city will limit its use of

water to activities necessary to maintain public health and safety and monitor excessive watering, issuing notifications to customers," the Waco Water and Utility Services website said.

Waco's drought contingency plan will not affect the water level in the wetlands. However, since water enters the wetlands from a pipe connected to the North Bosque River, in the extreme drought conditions the water level of the river will be too far below the pipe to flow into the wetlands.

Currently, Lake Waco is 5.46 feet below normal elevation, still above the seven-foot mark of the Lake before the year 2000.

"I think everyone's grateful now for the decision that was made 11 years ago," Herbert said. "I know I am."

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