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## **Kick back and relax**

Student Activities invites student, faculty and staff to gather tonight for a showing of the hit movie "Pitch Perfect." The film will be shown at 7 p.m. in the Bill Daniel Student Center Barfield Drawing Room. Snacks, popcorn and drinks will be on sale for \$1 each.

## The next step

Representatives from seminaries and theological schools will be on hand from noon to 4 p.m. today in the Bobo Spiritual Life Center to advise and assist students in learning what the different schools have to offer. This day, sponsored by the religion department, is for students interested in seminary, divinity and theology school.

# 14 injured; student charged in stabbing

## Two in critical care after attack at Cypress college campus

By Juan A. Lozano And Ramit Plushnick-Masti ASSOCIATED PRESS

CYPRESS - A 20-year-old student went on a building-tobuilding stabbing attack at a Texas community college Tuesday, wounding at least 14 people many in the face and neck — before being subdued and arrested, authorities said Tuesday.

The Harris County Sheriff's Office said in a statement that Dylan Quick had been planning the attack at the Lone Star College System's campus in Cypress for some time and had fantasies



At least 14 people were wounded when a suspect went building-to-building in an apparent stabbing attack Tuesday at Lone Star Community College in Cypress

of stabbing people to death since he was in elementary school.

A piece of the blade that was thought to be used was found in at least one victim, the sheriff's office said. Broken blade pieces also

were found in the area where the stabbing occurred, and the handle was discovered in a backpack that Quick was carrying when he was

Authorities were seen entering

Quick's parents' home in a middle-class neighborhood of Houston on Tuesday night. No one answered the door or the phone at the red brick home, where two vehicles were parked in the driveway, including a Honda Accord with a license plate that said "DYLAN." It was not immediately known if Quick had an attorney.

The attack happened at 11:20 a.m. and sent at least 12 people to hospitals, while several others refused treatment at the scene, according to Cy-Fair Volunteer Fire Department spokesman Robert Rasa. Two people remained in critical condition Tuesday evening at Memorial Hermann Texas Trauma Institute, spokeswoman Alex Rodriguez said.

Diante Cotton, 20, said he was sitting in a cafeteria with some friends when a girl clutching her neck walked in, yelling: "He's stabbing people! He's stabbing people!

Cotton said he could not see the girl's injuries, but when he and his friends went outside, they

saw a half-dozen people with injuries to their faces and necks being loaded into ambulances and medical helicopters.

Harris County Sherriff Adrian Garcia said that when emergency calls came into the department, there were indications that "students or faculty were actively responding to work to subdue this individual?

"So we're proud of those folks, but we're glad no one else is injured any more severely than they are," Garcia said.

Michelle Alvarez told the Houston Chronicle she saw the attacker running toward other students and tried to back away. She said she didn't even feel it as he swiped at her.

"He came running and swinging at my neck, as I tried to get out of the way," she said.

The attack came three months after a different Lone Star campus was the site of a shooting in which two people were hurt. The suspected gunman in that incident is charged with aggravated assault.

# BU partners with Ragan's HOPE to support severely ill kids, families

By Kara Blomquist REPORTER

Ragan Bedinger was not expected to survive the day she was

Ragan was born without skin or muscles in her stomach area. major surgeries in her 23 years of

She had a close call in second grade when an infection landed her in the ICU for months, according to a video online, "The Ragan's HOPE Story."

During this time, the doctors told Ragan's parents that their daughter would die within a few hours, said Delena Stuart-Watson, Regan's mother and founder and missions director of Ragan's HOPE. After hearing this, Delena said she sat down and prayed.

"At that point, it was as if I could just hear his voice," she said in the video. "God said, 'Do you get it? I didn't give Ragan to you because you were strong. I gave you Ragan to make you stronger. What are you going to do with it now? What are you going to do that will glorify me?'

Delena said this is why she

created Ragan's HOPE.

"I'm happy to say that's why we have Ragan's HOPE today, is to bring him glory and to know that that's what we need to be doing to support and help other families endure what they're going through," she said in the documentary.

Delena founded Ragan's HOPE in October 2010. After going through the experience of raising a child with serious medical problems, she said she saw a need for long-term support for families with children who have severe medical issues.

Ragan's HOPE stands for Helping Other Parents Endure & embrace the future. It is a nonprofit organization that serves families with sick children.

The organization has partnered with Baylor to help those

"Ragan's HOPE is committed to helping parents of children with catastrophic illnesses or injuries endure the initial impact and embrace the future by providing financial, emotional and spiritual support, in the name of

SEE HOPE, page 3



## Roll on

Austin's Carve Skate Shop owner Zac Sharp competes in Gnarathon, a longboard racing competition, on Sunday in Cameron Park. He came in second place for the finals heat behind Dallas 20-yearold Kavon Zamanian.

# Alumna to speak on sexual assault, hopes to open eyes

By Sanmai Gbandi REPORTER

An alumna hopes to bring awareness to sexual assault by telling her own story of being assaulted when she was a Baylor student. The event will be at 8 p.m. Thursday in the lobby of

This event, which is happening during Sexual Assault Awareness Month, will focus on the current attitudes toward rape and try to encourage students who may have experienced sexual assault to report it.

According to the National Center on Domestic and Sexual Violence, 74 percent of completed and attempted sexual assaults against women were not reported to the police. According to the New York State Coalition Against Sexual Assault, at least 1 in 4 college women will be the victim of sexual assault before her academic career is over.

Dr. Jonathan Tran, who has been an associate professor in the religion department since 2006, approached the former Baylor student about speaking about her experiences. Her name was not released due to the sensitive nature of the topic.

He said the event will focus on ways to promote change in the current rape culture.

"Usually with sexual assault the emphasis is put on women and how they can protect themselves, putting all the responsibility on them," Tran said. "Whereas the emphasis should be put on men learning respect."

at Baylor is "monumentally important" because it puts things in perspective for the Baylor community. He said it is important for other students to know that sexual assault does happen here and people at Baylor should be able to talk about it.

There will be a discussion about ways to promote learning a culture of respect, how potential victims can protect themselves, and encourage reporting the assault to the police if it happens.

Baylor Wellness resources will be on hand for those who need them. Brochures about sexual assault, information about scheduling an appointment with the counseling center and a counselor will be on hand at the event.



Delena Stuart-Watson, Ragan's HOPE founder, offers long-term support to kids with serious illnesses and their families.

LARIAT LETTERS

Rethink, refine finals

effectiveness," published April 4,

based on my 19 years of experience

as a student and 43 years of experi-

ence as a professor of mechanical

engineering. When I was a stu-

dent, my most challenging study

was done for comprehensive final

exams, which most in engineer-

ing are. I am certain that my most

significant learning took place

putting the whole course together,

and this capstone learning experi-

ence was when the concepts were

known of any professor who en-

couraged students to study merely

to pass exams (though apparently

this is a problem at University of

North Florida). The amount of

long-term learning that takes

places during studying for exams

depends entirely on whether the

exams test the students' under-

standing of important concepts or

just asks for regurgitation of insig-

nificant facts using multiple choice

career that students learn what

you inspect, not what you expect.

If it were not so, we could dis-

pense with all exams. And trust

me, making and grading a quality

comprehensive final exam is the

most time-consuming thing that

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ing for it will be the students' most

valuable learning experience. Do

you really think that professors

who do this carefully do it primar-

gued with considerable merit that

students' learning and assessment

is better served in some courses by

a term project or paper (Amen!)

and that final exams where ap-

propriate should be designed to

encourage the development of

understanding of important con-

cepts and provide an accurate assessment of how well students

achieved this understanding.

Some improvements are warrant-

Distinguished Professor of Mechan-

Lariat editorial gets F

In response to the April 4 edito-

rial "Comprehensive finals get an F

for effectiveness," I would encour-

age the author of the editorial to

dig deeper and consider research

about the effectiveness of com-

prehensive exams. For instance,

findings of two recent studies by

Natalie Lawrence (2013) and Sz

punar, McDermott, and Roediger

(2007) indicate that simply prepar-

ing for cumulative finals results in

improved retention of material,

especially if students have already

been tested on that material in a

midterm examination earlier in

the semester. Indeed, this "retest-

ing" method discourages cram-

ming for a one-time "brain dump"

because the student knows that he

or she will see the material again

on a cumulative exam. Moreover,

the repetition improves long-term

I doubt you will find any student

who says he or she likes taking

them. However, just because you

don't like something doesn't mean

it isn't effective, and just because

Harvard has done away with a par-

ticular practice doesn't mean that

- Rebecca Flavin, lecturer in the

every university needs to.

political science department

Final exams are stressful, and

ical Engineering

-Walter L. Bradley, Ph.D., P.E.,

The Lariat staff could have ar-

ily to determine grades?

I learned early in my teaching

or fill-in-the-blank questions.

As a professor, I have never

finally tattooed onto my brain.

I am writing to comment on "Comprehensive finals get an F for

# Limit statutes, not victims

## **Editorial**

Texas has made a good start in terms of the statutes of limitations as it relates to sexual assault, aggravated sexual assault and continuous sexual abuse of a young child. In Texas, these crimes are treated the same as murder.

Texas has a total of eight crimes that have no statutes of limitations: murder and manslaughter, sexual assault or aggravated sexual assault, sexual assault if DNA is collected, continuous sexual abuse of a young child, indecency with a child, leaving the scene of an accident that results in the death of a person, trafficking of persons, and continuous trafficking of persons.

These are crimes we recognize as heinous, and offenders do not deserve to avoid prosecution for their crimes due to some arbitrary legal time limit.

The elimination of the criminal statutes of limitations for sexual assault or aggravated sexual assault, continuous sexual abuse of a young child, and indecency with a child is a relatively recent change made in

Prior to that, it was 10 years from the date of the occurrence (if the victim was under 18, it was 10 years from his or her 18th birthday).

On the other hand, for civil cases, victims have five years from the date of the offense to bring a civil suit against their offender. If the victim is under the age of 18, the five-year period doesn't begin until their 18th birthday.

Outside of Texas, there are numerous states where the statutes of limitations are so prohibitive that victims are unable to see justice

Last week, the Associated Press

deserved the criticism it received

when it adapted the official AP

Stylebook to exclude the phrase

"illegal immigrant." Arguing the

world "illegal" can only describe

an action, the AP instead mandat-

ed writers use "living in or entering

a country illegally or without legal

newspapers across the country, as

AP Style is the industry standard

has tried to enforce political cor-

rectness. In 1986, the AP revised

the Stylebook to say this: "Use

anti-abortion instead of pro-life

and abortion rights instead of pro-

not serve as the arbiter of truth

and acceptable speech. Though AP

Style can ensure professionalism

and clarity in articles, this trend

toward speech regulation should

also been toying with the idea of

"National Press Regulator" (NPR)

that could impose fines for poor

In Britain, the government has

A new proposal would create a

Prompting this new law was

the revelation that, in 2006, jour-

nalists had hacked phones and

bribed policemen to gain informa-

The Associated Press should

abortion or pro-choice."

The change affects hundreds of

This is not the first time the AP

permission."

for journalism.

cause us alarm.

regulating the press.

served because they come forward after the statutes of limitations have expired.

Victims of sexual abuse should be legally permitted to pursue justice and legal recourse on their own recovery time schedule and not an arbitrary limit provided by law.

It can be decades before a victim is able to come forward and reveal the sexual abuse that the suffered as a child or rape they suffered decades earlier.

Any civil and criminal statutes of limitations related to sexual abuse and sexual assault only serve to re-victimize the victim and cause needless emotional and psychological harm to the victims.

These statutes of limitations protect the offenders of sexual abuse and assault from prosecution and being held accountable for their crimes.

There are arguments against this position.

We recognize that it can be difficult to find reliable evidence. However, issues of evidence should be left to the judicial system to address and not used to prevent victims from seeking justice.

An added wrinkle is a Supreme Court ruling that prosecution of a crime under a law extending the criminal statute of limitations after the existing limitations period has expired is unconstitutional. As a result, if the statutes of limitations had run out for a victim to seek justice and that statute of limitation is later extended or eliminated, a victim can't go back and seek

We find this court ruling to be particularly distressing because it serves to re-victimize the victims and prevents them from seeking justice that they deserve. Thus, any change to the criminal statutes of limitations will only apply to recent

Danny Huizinga | Guest contributor

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held accountable through current

laws. Crossing the line of speech

We must fight for a free press



ASHER FREEMAN (MURPHY)

We believe that there are several complementary solutions that need to be enacted at the state and federal levels.

We believe that in Texas, all sexual crimes regardless of gender and age should have no statutes of limitations. This sends a clear message to victims that Texas supports those who are victims of these heinous crimes. It also sends a clear message to the offenders: If you commit a sexual abuse or sexual assault crime in Texas, you will be held accountable no matter how

regulation is a step down a danger-

"For us, the choice is clear: we

In the United States, a current

believe society gains more from

a free press than it loses from the

tabloids' occasional abuse of de-

controversy reflects the impor-

tance of a free press. Jana Winter,

a Fox News reporter, could face

iail time after refusing to reveal the

source of a story about the note-

book of James Holmes, the shooter

in the Aurora movie theater mas-

sacre. In her affidavit to the court,

identities of persons whom I have

promised to shield from public ex-

posure, simply put, I will be unable

to function effectively in my pro-

fession, and my career will be over.

As such, my free speech rights, as

well as those of my sources, will be

Center's Project for Excellence in

Journalism report on the State of

the News Media (2013), media or-

ganizations are suffering. Cutbacks

in staff have resulted in some or-

ganizations turning to automated

reporting, with technology turning

also shrunk, indicating a trend

toward shallow overview pieces

The average story length has

data into news stories.

According to the Pew Research

"If I am forced to reveal the

Winter eloquently argues:

The Economist agrees:

fenceless people."

much time passes.

We also believe that the legislature should open a temporary window in which victims can bring civil lawsuits against their offender, even if the civil statute of limitations has already expired.

We call on all states to enact legislation that eliminates the statutes of limitations for sexual abuse and sexual assault crimes, as well as open temporary windows under which victims can bring civil lawsuits for past crimes.

Finally, we call on Congress to

rather than in-depth analyses. The

report picks up on another impor-

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want to put into the public arena

have become more adept at using

digital technology and social me-

dia to do so on their own, without

any filter by the traditional media."

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bloggers and online contributors

fill the void of investigative report-

expose truth and uncover secrecy,

the organizations should resist ef-

forts toward speech regulation and

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keep fighting for a free press.

If, however, media's role is to

These organizations will con-

the stringent AP guidelines.

If the purpose of news articles

The Economist echoes the re-

"At the same time, newsmakers

tant trend, saying,

guest contributors.

adopt a federal "no statutes of limitations clause" for sexual abuse and sexual assault.

Due to the Supreme Court ruling, we believe that Congress needs to evaluate the necessity of a constitutional amendment to allow the retroactive application of the statutes of limitations to crimes where the statutes of limitations has run

Our legislatures need to rethink extension or elimination of the statutes of limitations for these

#### **Corrections**

"Film provokes talk about global education, inequality," an article which ran April 9, incorrectly reported that the Thursday screening of the documentary "Girl Rising" would take place at 9 a.m. It will take place at 9 p.m.

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Corrections can be submit-

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# Austin next city for ultra-fast Google Fiber

By PAUL J. WEBER ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUSTIN — Google Inc. picked tech-savvy Austin on Tuesday as the next city where the search giant will wire homes with ultra-fast Internet connections, but did not say how much customers will pay or when the fiber-optic experiment might expand elsewhere in the U.S.

Austin and Kansas City are the only places to get Google Fiber — a broadband service 100 times faster than the competition and an alternative to cable or satellite TV providers.

The rollout is an expensive undertaking and gamble for Google, which must first build costly new broadband pipelines that can handle "gigabit" speeds. Google hopes the rollout will drive innovation and pressure phone and cable companies to improve its networks, since Google benefits when people spend more time online.

Google expects Austin homes to begin receiving Google Fiber in

"Equipping them with a gigabit network will allow them to build new kinds of applications and services that will help write the next chapter in the story of the Internet," said Milo Medin, Google's vice president of Access Services who heads up Google Fiber.

What Austin residents will pay is not yet known. Medlin said the prices will likely be "roughly" similar to what Google charges in Kansas City, where customers pay \$70 a month for a gigabit connection. For another \$50, customers there can also receive a cable TVlike service that offers a channel line-up featuring mainstays such as ESPN, Nickelodeon, FOX News

Some popular channels remain unavailable on Google Fiber, including HBO and AMC.

Medin would not say when Google might announce another city to receive its sought-after network. Google says more than 1,100 cities applied starting in 2010, and some used gimmicks or elaborate videos in hopes of outshining the competition. Topeka even informally renamed itself to "Google, Kansas."

Kansas City wound up prevailing, and Google began signing up residents there last year. By the end of 2013, Google expects that 180 neighborhoods that were selected for service based on demand will be completed.

The \$70 fee in Kansas City is more than what cable or phone companies charge for basic Internet service, but the service is also much faster. "Gigabit" speeds, or 1,000 megabits per second, are generally unavailable from other companies. One exception is the city-owned electric utility in Chattanooga, Tenn., which has pulled its own fiber and sells gigabit service for \$350 per month.

However, it's expensive to pull optical fiber compared with using existing phone and cable lines to provide Internet service. Verizon Communications Inc. is the only major U.S. telecommunications company to have connected homes directly to fiber. Some Wall Street analysts have estimated that project, which has cost \$23 billion, is not paying off.

Kansas City residents can sign up with Google for a slower, standard Internet connection at no monthly fee for a one-time cost of \$300. Medlin said Austin homeowners will also be offered free standard broadband.

Google made the announcement in a sleek and trendy downtown warehouse building, where a giant video board greeted guests with "Hello, Austin. Goodbye,

Gigabit customers are unlikely to notice substantial difference with basic activities, such as Web surfing or email. Higher speeds are most desirable for uploading, creating online backups and playing video that doesn't buffer - what Google calls "instantaneous Inter-

Google has not revealed how much the company is spending to build gigabit networks. A report this week from analysts at Bernstein Research put the cost at \$84 million for Google to pass through 149,000 homes in Kansas City.

The authors of that report were skeptical that Google Fiber made financial sense to be expanded to a large portion of the U.S.

"In the end the effort would have limited impact on the global trajectory of the business," the Bernstein report concluded.



ALBERTO MARTÍNEZ | ASSOCIATED PRESS

Milo Medin, Google's vice president of access services, speaks at a news conference Tuesday in Austin, announcing that Google will bring its fiber Internet service to Austin. Austin and Kansas City are the only places to get Google Fiber, a broadband service 100 times faster than the competition.

# Texas executes convict for 1990 fatal shooting, rape

By Michael Graczyk ASSOCIATED PRESS

HUNTSVILLE— A Texas convict with a lengthy criminal history was executed Tuesday evening for fatally shooting a man and raping the slain man's fiancee during a home break-in more than 22 years

Rickey Lynn Lewis already had been in and out of prison five times in less than seven years when he was arrested three days after the killing of 45-year-old George Newman and attack on Newman's fiancee in 1990 at their home in a rural area of Smith County, about 90 miles east of Dallas.

Lewis, 50, acknowledged the rape, but not the killing.

"If I hadn't raped you, you wouldn't have lived," he told Newman's fiancee, Connie Hilton, in the moments before the single lethal dose of pentobarbital was administered. "I didn't kill Mr. Newman and I didn't rob your house.

"I was just there. ... I'm sorry for what you've gone through. It wasn't me that harmed and stole all of your stuff," he said to Hilton, who stood behind a glass window a few

Lewis said the two people responsible for Newman's killing are still alive. He didn't identify them.

He told Hilton he watched her

flee the house to get help. "When I saw you in the truck driving away, I could have killed you, but I didn't," he said. "I'm not a killer."

Lewis thanked his friends who watched through a nearby window "for the love you gave me."

"I thank the Lord for the man I am today. I have done all I can to better myself, to learn to read and write," he said, appearing to choke back tears. "Take me to my king."

As the drug began taking effect, he said he could feel it "burning my

"I feel it in my throat. I'm getting dizzy," Lewis said before he started to snore and, seconds later, lost consciousness

# Circus elephant harmed in drive-by shooting in Miss.

ASSOCIATED PRESS

TUPELO, Miss. — Authorities say a Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus elephant was hit by a bullet in a drive-by shooting in Tupelo, Miss.

Circus spokeswoman Melinda Hartline says the elephant was not seriously hurt Tuesday. She says no other animals were harmed.

The elephant, Carol, is part of a circus in town for a series of performances. The Asian elephant was in an outside area of the Tupelo BancorpSouth Arena.

Police Chief Tony Carleton says a vehicle drove past the arena about 2 a.m. and fired into the area. Police are investigating.

People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals says in a news release that it is offering a \$5,000 reward for information leading to the conviction of those responsible. A \$250 reward had already been offered.



Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey show elephant and performers ride down Third Street in front of the U.S. Capitol to the Verizon Center on March 19 in Washington to promote the show coming to town



MATT HELLMAN | LARIAT PHOTO EDITOR

## Tumble to the top

The Acrobatics & Tumbling team performs in a competition against Oregon on Saturday at the Ferrell Center. The Lady Bears lost to the Ducks 266.28 - 281.35 in Baylor's last home meet of the 2013 season.

#### HOPE from Page 1

Christ," according to the organization's website.

Ragan's HOPE is forming partnerships with more organizations as it expands across the nation, Jason Penland, fundraising coordinator of Ragan's HOPE, said.

Part of the reason the nonprofit contacted Baylor is because both institutions share a similar faith background, he said.

"We're a Christian-based foundation as well," Penland said, "So it's great when we have that in common. We're serving others in the name of Christ."

This is the first time Ragan's HOPE has partnered with a university, said Erin Payseur, associate director for community-based learning in the Office of Community Engagement and Service.

"We're not really sure what opportunities will be there, but we are obviously very supportive of their mission and the ministry that they do," she said.

Randall Fowler, AmeriCorps Volunteers in Service to America

member for community development, said he thinks the large premedical student population at Baylor would especially benefit from volunteering with Ragan's HOPE. AmeriCorps VISTAs are people employed by the government to fight poverty.

"This is really a great opportunity for them to really get a better view of the human side of practicing medicine and understanding what these families are going through," he said. "I think that could really be a beneficial aspect for them in particular."

Penland said Ragan's HOPE works to support families even when other communities have forgotten about them.

"After a surgery or two people have their lives," Penland said. "They have to get on with things. They're not going to call every day. They're not going to bring you a meal every day, and that's where Ragan's HOPE kind of fills in those

Penland said a lot of the volun-

teers are families who have a child with a serious medical condition but who aren't in a time of need.

"It's really inspiring to see families who go through so much to come out on the other side and become volunteers themselves," he said. "It's very rewarding. It's won-

undergone 16 surgeries. He said Ragan's HOPE has done a lot for his family and now he and his wife volunteer for the organization. Penland said Ragan's HOPE

Penland has a child who has

walks with the families on their journey with their child's illness.

"We're unique in that we don't just provide meals or a prayer chain," he said. "We do all those things, but there's more. It's really catered to what each family needs."

Students can learn more about the nonprofit and what they can do as volunteers at an interest session at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at Martin House. Students who plan on attending should RSVP to Randall\_ Fowler@baylor.edu.



## Folk music takes center stage at end-of-season concert

By Connor Yearsley CONTRIBUTOR

The Waco Symphony Orchestra will be joined by guest violinist Jolente de Maeyer in its last concert of the season. The orchestra will perform three pieces all rooted in folk music.

The program will begin at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in Waco Hall. Tickets are \$7 for students and start at \$20 for general admission.

First, the orchestra will perform Austrian composer Franz Joseph Haydn's Symphony No. 88, composed in 1787

Stephen Heyde, conductor of the Waco Symphony Orchestra, said Haydn's 88th is one of his most frequently performed symphonies. In total, Haydn wrote more than 100 symphonies.

Heyde said he thinks the 88th is sprightly and melodic, and has a "rustic village, peasant kind of feel." He compared it to a comfortable old shoe and said the piece has enormous energy.

He also said there is a section in the third movement that is dancelike and emulates the sound of bagpipes.

"This is music of the people. This is not music of the court or the refined classes or the elite," Heyde

He said the symphony is reflective of a more tranquil, less hectic

Heyde said certain things make this symphony challenging. He said it's hard to get the 18th century style right. He also said the fact that the piece was written for smaller halls and not the cavernous acoustics of Waco Hall makes it challenging.

The program will continue with Hungarian composer Zoltán Kodály's (pronounced Ko-die-ee) "Dances of Galanta," which was composed in 1933.

Kodály grew up in Galanta, which used to be in northern Hungary but is now part of Slovakia, where he heard the gypsy music that inspired the piece.

"It's really fun. It's a really exciting piece," Heyde said.

Heyde said the piece is inspired by the kinds of songs that were used to recruit people into the army, a genre of Hungarian music called verbunkos.

He said one of the interesting things about the piece is that it emulates the sounds of gypsy instruments using a traditional symphony orchestra.

"It's tremendously removed from our culture," he said, describing it as "very Slavic."

He also said the piece features virtuosic clarinet cadenzas (soloistic passages), which will be played by Dr. Jun Qian, assistant professor of clarinet at Baylor.

"He's an artist of the first rank," Heyde said of Qian.

Heyde said the piece is challenging because it's fast and hasseveral tempo changes and odd key signatures. He also said it makes prevalent use of short-long-short rhythms.

The program will conclude with Russian composer Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky's Violin Concerto which was composed in 1878. The entire piece was composed in less than a month and is considered one of the greatest violin concertos in the repertoire.

Acclaimed Belgian violinist Jolente de Maeyer will be featured at the concert.

"She's very impressive. She's a big talent. She's already wellknown in Europe but this will be her American premiere," Heyde

Heyde said the concerto is an absolutely spectacular piece based on Russian folk songs. "It's just a big, fat Romantic piece. It's great," Heyde said.

He also said it's fiendishly difficult for the violinist. It requires playing double stops (playing two notes simultaneously), leaps (large intervals), fast runs up and down the instrument, using the high registers of the instrument, awkward key signatures and difficult

Heyde said one of the challenges of playing violin concertos in general is getting the balance right, so the orchestra doesn't overpower the soloist. Also, the orchestra has to be able to keep up with the lightning speed of the soloist.

Heyde said people should come hear an exceptional artist play such virtuosic music so effortlessly. "It's inspiring," he said.

He said he's looking forward to the concert. "I love all three pieces," he said.

He also said there will be a surprise for the audience during the

The Speight Parking Facility is available for the concert. There is no dress code for the performance.

Tickets can be purchased online at www.wacosymphony.com or at the door, depending on avail-



Jolente de Maeyer will be playing Tchaikovsky's Violin Concerto with the Waco Symphony Orchestra at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in Waco Hall

# Childhood characters get adult trouble: accusations of misconduct

By Ula Ilnytzky ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK - Cookie Monster stands accused of shoving a 2-year-old. Super Mario was charged with groping a woman. And Elmo was booked for berating tourists with anti-Semitic slurs.

Times Square is crawling with entrepreneurs who dress up as pop-culture characters and try to make a few bucks posing for photos with visitors to the big city. But some of these characters are unlike anything you've seen on "Sesame Street" or at Disney World.

They smoke, they use foul language, and they can be aggressive. At least three of them have been arrested in the past seven months.

"He was using words that were really bad," said Parmita Kurada of Stamford, Conn., who told police she got into a dispute this week with a man in a Cookie Monster costume who demanded \$2 for posing with her 2-year-old son,

Kurada said that when she told the Cookie Monster that her husband needed to get cash, the shaggy blue creature pushed the boy and began calling her and the child obscene names.

"It was very scary for us, and I was crying. I didn't want to provoke him, so I said, 'We'll give you the money, but stop yelling!" she

Osvaldo Quiroz-Lopez, 33, was



An Elmo character, left, uses a woman's camera to photograph her with a Cookie Monster character Tuesday in New York's Times Square. A string of arrests in the last few months has brought unwelcome attention to the growing number of people, mostly poor immigrants, who make a living by donning character outfits, roaming Times Square and charging tourists a few dollars to pose with them in photos.

charged with assault, child endangerment and aggressive begging. return a call for comment

Asked by a WNBC-TV reporter why he no longer likes the character he sees on "Sesame Street," little Samay said: "Because Cookie Monster give me boo-boo."

In the wake of the latest arrest, the bustling "Crossroads of the World" was filled Tuesday with

performers, including multiple \$2 and \$5 a photo as long as they versions of Mickey and Minnie don't block traffic, sell merchandise His lawyer did not immediately Mouse, Hello Kitty, a Transformer or demand payment, police say. robot, Lady Liberty, Super Mario That's a ticketable offense that can and Elmo.

Many of them are immigrants trying to eke out a living in what appear to be knockoff costumes.

As street performers protected by the First Amendment, they are free to roam Times Square and work for tips that average between cost about \$60.

"I don't think they should charge, but if they're unemployed or homeless, and this is the only way they can make money, it's OK," said Lauren Larcara of Oakland, N.J., who posed with a torch-carrying Statue of Liberty.

Laura Vanegas, a 45-year-old native of Ecuador, changes into her Liberty robes and applies coppergreen face paint behind the Times Square military recruiting station. She said she picks up \$30 to \$50 on her eight-hour shift.

Steve Crass, dressed as a robot in fluorescent red and white plastic panels, said he has made as much as \$280 during his six-hour stint in front of Toys R Us. He acknowledged: "Some of the characters are a little too aggressive."

Police spokesman Paul Browne said in an email that the department has had "occasional issues with the 'faux paws' in Times Square, but they're nominal."

The case against the Super Mario charged with groping is still pending. The Elmo accused of an anti-Semitic rant pleaded guilty in September to disorderly conduct and was sentenced to two days of community service.

City Council Speaker Christine Quinn called the Cookie Monster case "just horrible" and said lawmakers have been looking into how to regulate the characters. But she noted the issue is, well, fuzzy.

"It's very challenging legally because dressing up in a costume and walking around Times Square is, we believe, a First Amendmentprotected activity," said Quinn, a candidate to be New York's next mayor.

Similar cases of misbehavior by costumed performers have been reported in Hollywood.

Disney did not respond to a request for comment, while the Sesame Workshop, the organization behind "Sesame Street," said it has not authorized such uses of any its characters in any city and is looking into what actions it can take.

Anthony Elia, a New York lawyer in the intellectual-property field, said the entertainment groups probably have a case for trademark infringement, but "the challenge probably would be getting a bunch of self-employed entrepreneurial individuals to stop."

It's not the easiest way to make a living. On a day when temperatures pushed 80, they sweated in their outfits, coming out from under their oversized costume heads only to grab a hot dog or a smoke. When one posed for a photo, two or three others dashed over and joined in.

"Want to take a picture?" a furry red Elmo asked a tourist. Moments later, he declined to speak to a reporter, saying through his costume, "I no speak English."

A Minnie Mouse offered a toddler in a stroller her hand and positioned herself at the handlebar. A Super Mario rushed over to join

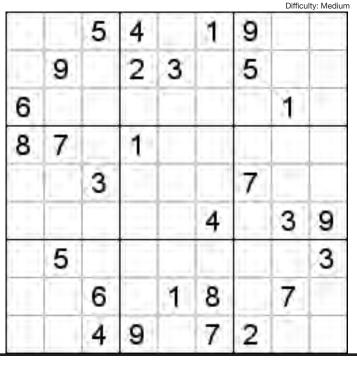
"She said, 'Can you give us money?" said the child's mother, Melanie Somogyi of Hamilton, Ontario. "And they grabbed the stroller!'

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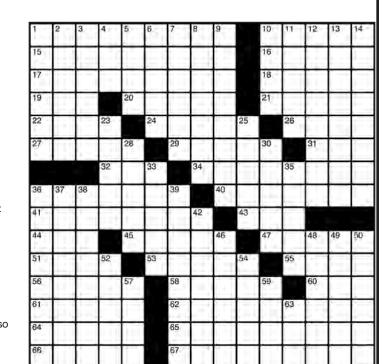




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# Baylor Bears trounce UT Arlington Mavericks 14-4

By Daniel Hili SPORTS WRITER

The Baylor Bears defeated UT Arlington on Tuesday night 14-4 at Baylor Ballpark. The win gives the Bears a winning record of 17-16.

Offensively, the Bears racked up 21 hits as a team and capitalized on a seven-run sixth inning to go on to win by the 10-run rule. The Bears were held scoreless before the offense suddenly caught fire in the sixth, seventh and eighth in-

Baylor went with sophomore right-handed pitcher Sean Spicer on the mound to start the game. Spicer went two innings for Baylor and yielded a three-run home run to UT Arlington before head coach Steve Smith went to the bullpen to start the second inning.

Junior left-handed pitcher Doug Ashby threw two scoreless frames for the Bears, and then junior right-handed pitcher Josh Michalec followed up by throwing three scoreless innings and striking out seven batters.

In the top of the eighth, the Bears regular starting shortstop, senior Jake Miller, took the mound to pitch for the first time since high school. Miller only gave up two hits

and one run in his only inning of work. Miller also had a productive game at the plate by going 4-5 with three RBIs and three runs scored.

"Miller just kept fouling them off until he hit the gap out there," Smith said. "It was a really, really good at-bat. He's seeing it well. He looks like he's comfortable at the plate. He played good shortstop and we've been throwing him in bullpens, looking for the opportunity to do what we did tonight and he's got a good arm and he's got good life on the ball."

The Bears earned their first run on the night when junior left fielder Grayson Porter singled to left field to score senior right fielder Nathan Orf. Miller followed up with a three-run double that cleared the bases, then senior third basemen Cal Towey doubled to left to score Miller from second. The hits kept coming as Orf roped a single to left field to bring in two more runs and give the Bears a sudden 7-3 lead.

"I felt like we were knocking on the door long before the sixth inning," Miller said. "I know we grounded into at least two double plays that ended the inning."

In the bottom of the seventh, the Bears increased the lead to 12-3 after senior first basemen Steve DalPorto bunted and the first basemen dropped the ball. One run scored on the play, and then Miller singled to center to bring in another Baylor run. With the bases loaded, Towey drew a walk to score another, and then Orf singled to left to bring in two more.

In the eighth inning, the Bears took a 14-4 lead which ended the game by the 10-run rule. Sophomore outfielder Logan Brown hit a sacrifice fly to score one run. Orf then singled and the Mavericks' third baseman made a throwing error to bring in the final winning run for Baylor.

Orf was 5-5 on the night with 4 RBIs and one run. Porter went 3-4. Towey and Brown both went 2-4.

It was a team win for the Bears and they look to carry the momentum to this weekend when they host Oklahoma for a three-game

Baylor has a winning record at 17-16 for the first time since it was 7-6 twenty games ago.

"I guess it's good, we wish our record was way better than [17-16], but we really don't pay much attention to that," Orf said. "We're just looking forward to the weekend and hopefully we stay on this side of the winning column."



Junior right-handed pitcher Josh Michalec delivers a pitch Tuesday against UT Arlington. Baylor won the game 14-4 and Michalec earned the win on the mound

# UConn defeats Louisville to win National Championship

By Brett Martel ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW ORLEANS — Shoni Schimmel tried to fling a long, hard bounce pass to Jude Schimmel along the right sideline — the kind of crowd-pleasing play the sisters often pull off — only to have Connecticut's Bria Hartley pick it off and break the other way.

Soon after, Jude Schimmel appeared to be in tears as she went to the Louisville bench with three fouls in the middle of the first half, watching helplessly while her older sister's deep jump shots kept rattling off the rim and the Cardinals fell farther and farther behind.

Against mighty Connecticut, Shoni and Jude Schimmel's "rez ball" repertoire of flashy passes and shots produced about as many misses and turnovers as points and the Cardinals' stirring run of NCAA tournament upsets came to an end. UConn's 93-60 win Tuesday night was the biggest blowout ever in a women's NCAA title

"You have to give credit to UConn. They're a great team. They shot the ball very well and they have an awesome coach," Jude Schimmel said. "I don't know, it just went really well for them."

With their eighth national title — tying Tennessee for most all time — the Huskies and coach Geno Auriemma prevented Louisville from joining UConn (2004) as the only school to win national titles in both men's and women's basketball in the same season.

"I don't think anybody can argue that unfortunately we just came up one game short, but I'm proud of my players," Louisville coach Jeff Walz said.

Louisville men's coach Rick Pitino made the trip to watch the game, one day after his team won the NCAA championship against Michigan, and gave the women's team a pre-game pep talk. And there was a buzz back home in the Bluegrass State as fans wondered if there would be two titles to celebrate instead of just one.

After all, the women had knocked off Baylor in the tournament's biggest upset in history, then added Tennessee to their list

of victims before becoming the first No. 5 seed to reach the title game by beating Cal.

Even Auriemma had said he wondered going into the game if UConn playing not just against Louisville, but some sort of karma.

"The only team that was better than us the last month was the University of Louisville," Auriemma said. "They did something I haven't seen done in the NCAA tournament."

Even after the loss, Walz made it clear he hadn't lost sight of his team's accomplishment.

"It's without a doubt going to go down as one of the greatest runs in women's basketball," Walz said. "The run that we went on I think is remarkable and it's something I'll always remember. And I told our players, when we walk out of this place, we're walking out with our head high."

Louisville looked ready to give UConn a touch game during the opening eight minutes, but the Huskies took control with a 19-0 first-half run and never looked back, stifling the Cardinals at every

Sara Hammond was the only Louisville player to reach double figures with 15 points. Shoni Schimmel finished with 9.

Even if the sisters had pulled off another rendition of "rez ball," the free-wheeling style of play they developed growing up on a Native American reservation in Oregon, it might not have been enough to

prevent Connecticut from completing another chapter of postseason dominance.

Antonita Slaughter struggled to hit 3-pointers as she had, hitting only one after making six in the NCAA semifinal against Cali-

Bria Smith's dribble drives were met with a stout wall of defenders. She hit the floor hard several times, and wound up with seven points, one game after scoring 17.

Walz had said leading up to the game that his team would have to play its best game of the season, even better than it did when knocking off defending champion Baylor and its 6-foot-8 star Brittney Griner.

# Houston Rockets clinch playoff birth

## Houston is headed to the playoffs for the first time since 2009

By Chis Duncan ASSOCIATED PRESS

HOUSTON Jermaine O'Neal was called for goaltending on James Harden's last-second 3-point shot and the Houston Rockets defeated the Phoenix Suns 101-98 on Tuesday night.

Harden scored 33 points and Omer Asik tied his career high with 22 rebounds for the Rockets, who clinched a playoff berth later when the Jazz lost to Oklahoma

On the final play, Harden dribbled down the clock with P.J. Tucker guarding him and launched a 3 from the wing. It bounced high off the rim and O'Neal and Houston's Patrick Beverley jumped for the rebound. O'Neal tipped it after it came down, just after the buzzer sounded.

Referees huddled on the court, then reviewed the play and ruled it the winning basket, setting off a wild celebration.

Luis Scola scored 28 to lead the Suns, who have now lost 10 games in a row.

Jeremy Lin had 13 points and six assists and Francisco Garcia scored 15 for Houston.

Both teams were sloppy much of the night and combined for 37 turnovers. The Suns went 9 for 23 from the field in the third quarter, but trailed only 78-74.

The Rockets could never shake the Suns, a team they beat by 30 on March 13.

Lin sank a pull-up jumper in the lane to put the Rockets up 96-95, but Scola calmly sank another hook shot with 1:39 to go and Phoenix moved back ahead.

O'Neal blocked an Asik shot, and Scola's free throw with 53.5 seconds left in the game made the score 98-96

O'Neal fouled Lin on a drive with 35 seconds left, and Lin sank the free throws to tie it again. Scola missed a finger roll, the Rockets rebounded and called time out to set up the final play.

The Rockets went 6 for 30 from 3-point range and Harden's shot



Rockets center Greg Smith dunks near former teammates Luis Scola and Marcus Morris to help Houston defeat the Suns 101-98 Tuesday.

looked like it was going to miss,

It counted, though, and Houston is back in the playoffs for the first time since 2009.

Houston led most of the game, and Garcia sank consecutive 3-pointers and Houston opened an early eight-point lead.

Garcia was starting for Chandler Parsons, who sat out for the third straight game with a right calf strain.

The Suns missed 14 of 20 shots in the first quarter. O'Neal, back after missing the Suns' last game with a bruised shin, started 0 for 5 from the field.

Jared Dudley started the second quarter with a 3-pointer, then got whistled for a technical foul for shoving Beverley as the fought for a loose ball. Houston's shooting slipped in the second quarter, and Scola flipped in a hook shot to cut the deficit to 38-36.

The Rockets went 6 minutes without a field goal until Greg Smith broke free inside for a dunk.

But Wesley Johnson sank a deep jumper and Scola hit a midrange shot to put Phoenix up 49-47 with just over a minute left in the half.

The Suns led 53-51 at the break after the Rockets went 7 for 17

from the field and gave away seven turnovers in the second quarter.

Both teams coughed up sloppy turnovers that led to easy baskets early in the third quarter.

The Rockets managed to build an eight-point lead after Smith made an acrobatic move to score on an alley-oop pass from Lin. Markieff Morris sank a 3-point-

er and Scola converted a threepoint play to keep Phoenix close.

The Rockets will next take on the Memphis Grizzlies at the Toyota Center in Houston as they try to catch the Golden State Warriors for the sixth seed in the Western Conference.

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