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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-to-building 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 arrested.

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 Sheriff 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 born.

Ragan was born without skin or muscles in her stomach area. She has undergone more than 50 major surgeries in her 23 years of life.

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, Ragan'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 non-profit organization that serves families with sick children.

The organization has partnered with Baylor to help those families.

"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

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MATT HELLMAN | LARIAT PHOTO EDITOR

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-year-old 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 Brooks Flats.

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"

He said that an event like this 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.



COURTESY PHOTO

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

Limit statutes, not victims

LARIAT LETTERS

Rethink, refine finals

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 2007.

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

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 justice.

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 and future crimes.



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

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

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 out.

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

We must fight for a free press

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 mandated writers use "living in or entering a country illegally or without legal permission."

The change affects hundreds of newspapers across the country, as AP Style is the industry standard for journalism.

This is not the first time the AP has tried to enforce political correctness. In 1986, the AP revised the Stylebook to say this: "Use anti-abortion instead of pro-life and abortion rights instead of pro-abortion or pro-choice."

The Associated Press should 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 cause us alarm.

In Britain, the government has also been toying with the idea of regulating the press.

A new proposal would create a "National Press Regulator" (NPR) that could impose fines for poor conduct.

Prompting this new law was the revelation that, in 2006, journalists had hacked phones and bribed policemen to gain informa-



Danny Huizinga | Guest contributor

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tion. Though these abuses are worrisome, the offenders should be held accountable through current laws. Crossing the line of speech

regulation is a step down a dangerous path.

The Economist agrees: "For us, the choice is clear: we believe society gains more from a free press than it loses from the tabloids' occasional abuse of defenceless people."

In the United States, a current controversy reflects the importance of a free press. Jana Winter, a Fox News reporter, could face jail time after refusing to reveal the source of a story about the notebook of James Holmes, the shooter in the Aurora movie theater massacre. In her affidavit to the court, Winter eloquently argues:

"If I am forced to reveal the identities of persons whom I have promised to shield from public exposure, simply put, I will be unable to function effectively in my profession, and my career will be over. As such, my free speech rights, as well as those of my sources, will be chilled."

According to the Pew Research Center's Project for Excellence in Journalism report on the State of the News Media (2013), media organizations are suffering. Cutbacks in staff have resulted in some organizations turning to automated reporting, with technology turning data into news stories.

The average story length has also shrunk, indicating a trend toward shallow overview pieces

rather than in-depth analyses. The report picks up on another important trend, saying,

"At the same time, newsmakers and others with information they want to put into the public arena have become more adept at using digital technology and social media to do so on their own, without any filter by the traditional media."

The Economist echoes the report, recognizing that media organizations are relying more on articles and opinions from outside sources, such as think tanks or guest contributors.

If the purpose of news articles is to be inoffensive and politically correct, then the news organizations should continue accepting the stringent AP guidelines.

These organizations will continue to see their readership decline in the information age, as bloggers and online contributors fill the void of investigative reporting.

If, however, media's role is to expose truth and uncover secrecy, the organizations should resist efforts toward speech regulation and keep fighting for a free press.

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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.

The Lariat regrets the error.

The Baylor Lariat is committed to ensuring fair and accurate reporting and will correct errors of substance on Page 2.

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-Walter L. Bradley, Ph.D., P.E., Distinguished Professor of Mechanical Engineering

Lariat editorial gets F

In response to the April 4 editorial "Comprehensive finals get an F for effectiveness," I would encourage the author of the editorial to dig deeper and consider research about the effectiveness of comprehensive exams. For instance, findings of two recent studies by Natalie Lawrence (2013) and Szpunar, McDermott, and Roediger (2007) indicate that simply preparing 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 "retesting" method discourages cramming 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 retention.

Final exams are stressful, and 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 particular practice doesn't mean that every university needs to.

-Rebecca Flavin, lecturer in the political science department

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Austin next city for ultra-fast Google Fiber

By PAUL J. WEBER
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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 mid-2014.

“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 TV-like service that offers a channel line-up featuring mainstays such as ESPN, Nickelodeon, FOX News and MTV.

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, stan-

dard 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, loading bars.”

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 Internet.”

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 MARTINEZ | 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 fiancée during a home break-in more than 22 years ago.

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 fiancée 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 fiancée, 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 feet away.

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 arm.”

“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.



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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.

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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 pre-medical 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 gaps.”

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 wonderful.”

Penland has a child who has 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 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.

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