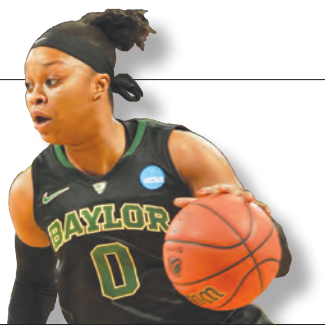


The Lady Bears fall to undefeated Notre Dame 88-69, ending their season.



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Ex-football player seeks retrial in assault case

By PAULA ANN SOLIS
STAFF WRITER

Former Baylor football player Tevin Sherard Elliott, 22, is seeking a retrial after receiving a 20-year conviction on Jan. 23 for two counts of sexual assault.

William A. Bratton III, the defendant's new Dallas-based attorney said in his motion for the retrial that Elliott's former attorney, Jason P. Darling, inadequately represented his client.

Judge Matt Johnson of Waco's 54th State District Court oversaw the original trial and will consider the validity of this claim at 1:30 p.m. Friday.

Elliott attended Baylor in 2009 and joined the football team as a defensive end in 2010. He left Baylor after allegations of sexual assault April 15, 2012, at a party in the Aspen Heights Apartments complex on South Third Street. Three other women came forward after the charges were made and two of them testified El-

liott assaulted them as well.

Bratton said in his motion for a retrial that Darling represented Elliott improperly during his January trial by failing to prepare Elliott for his time on the stand.

According to the motion, Darling met with Elliott once when his family retained his services in 2012 and again two weeks before the trial date.

"The decision to call the Defendant was made known to the Defendant the day of his tes-

timony and he received no preparation for his testimony from Mr. Darling," the motion read.

Darling said he believes Elliott did receive a fair trial and it will ultimately be up to Johnson to decide who is right.

Aside from the lack of proper planning for Elliott's testimony, Bratton also said in his motion Darling did not call, interview or subpoena witnesses from the night of the party who would



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And the thunder rolls

Lightning strikes behind Pat Neff during the severe thunderstorm that rolled through Waco on Friday afternoon. The storm was part of a cluster of severe weather that spread over East Texas, even bringing ping pong ball-sized hail to some areas.

Three students receive honors from Goldwater

By RAE JEFFERSON
STAFF WRITER

Streaks of green and flashes of gold are turning up in competitive arenas across the country, and academics are no different.

Three Baylor students were recognized by the research-based Goldwater Scholarship Program this month, with two receiving scholarships and one earning honorable mention.

"This is a very intense competition," said Elizabeth Vardaman, associate dean for special academic projects. "The students who received Goldwater awards and recognition are amazing, as are their research mentors who are helping them build their research skills."

Allen senior Ian Boys and Allen junior Rebecca Holden were two of this year's 283 scholarship recipients. Houston senior Thomas Gibson received honorable mention.

"I was thrilled," Boys said. "I immediately called Rebecca. It was great."

Dr. Jeffrey Olafsen, associate professor of physics and Baylor's faculty representative in the program, said Baylor has had an average of one student every other year win the program over the past two decades.

"We've had 14 winners, including this year, over the past 24 years, but this was a particularly good year," he said.

Boys and Holden both said receiving recognition from a nationally recognized program helped confirm that she was doing well academically, she said.

"It was nice to have external validation," Holden said. "It'll also look really good on grad school applications, because this is a national pro-

gram. Other schools know about it."

According to the program's website, the federally endowed scholarship program was established by the government in 1989 to encourage students to pursue research-based careers in mathematics, natural sciences and engineering. This year's winners received up to \$7,500 for one or two years to cover educational costs.

"It's very significant," Olafsen said. "It's for the STEM fields - science fields, and it also really takes the best students from across the country and puts them in competition with each other."

As the faculty representative, Olafsen had the responsibility of advertising the scholarship program to Baylor's most accomplished math, science and technology students. The university set an internal deadline in early December for students who were interested in applying for the scholarship program, Olafsen said. About 15 applications were received and then narrowed down to four students by a Baylor committee.

Olafsen also walked alongside students during the final stages of the application process, helping them polish their applications and revise their research project proposal essays.

"Each year we pick out students who we feel will be the best representatives in the competition," he said. "We really try to help those four students go forward with the best material possible."

Although she had to submit a research project proposal with the application, Holden said she has already begun to gain practical expe-

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Parents claim victory as Waco ISD allows opt-out option for STAAR test

By REBECCA FIEDLER
STAFF WRITER

Two Baylor faculty members have been battling authorities in order to opt their fourth grade child out of the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness, or 'STAAR,' standardized test. As of Friday, Kyle and Jennifer Massey have claimed victory.

"In Waco specifically, our major battle was for our rights as parents to be upheld in the sense of having the option of opting

out of the STAAR test," said Kyle Massey, lecturer in civic education and community services at Baylor and former public school teacher.

The victory is a refusal-to-test form for parents to sign that Waco Independent School District has created in response to the Masseys' lobbying.

In the past, the Masseys' son was kept home on testing days in order to abstain from taking the STAAR test. The new refusal-to-test form will be signed by the parents and allow the Masseys' son to attend school

during testing days and receive "meaningful activities" to complete instead.

The Masseys hosted a press conference and open discussion Saturday at their home in Waco.

"This last week of pressure that the media and social media have helped us to provide in terms of sharing our story has really helped put pressure on Waco ISD," Mr. Massey said. "The school has finally come to the realization that we are allowed to do

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Texas faces final health care enrollment push

By RAMIT PLUSHNICK-MASTI
ASSOCIATED PRESS

HOUSTON — In San Antonio, a line of last-minute health care consumers stretched a quarter of the way around the Alamodome. In Houston, the search was on for interpreters to help people enroll for insurance.

Those trained to assist with the rush in Dallas prepared to work well past 11 p.m. And in the Rio Grande Valley, an organizer scurried between stacks of library books trying to help a half-dozen people get health care.

This is what the final day of open enrollment

in President Barack Obama's health insurance marketplace looked like in Texas — the state with the highest rate of uninsured in the nation and one of the most crucial to the program's overall success.

"Texans sometimes have a little bit of a Southern sensibility, so it takes these deadlines to get them to get their enrollment completed," said Mimi Garcia, Texas' director for Enroll America.

But the obstacles abounded Monday as people rushed to either complete their enrollment or at least begin, guaranteeing they could then continue in the coming weeks under an Obama

administration extension. The healthcare.gov website worked sporadically, an 800 number was slower than usual, and it took hours to get an interpreter and a counselor on the phone simultaneously at a center in Houston that helps refugees.

"With everybody showing up the last day it's a little bit rough," said Bob Reed, vice president of patient services at Parkland Hospital in Dallas. By 2 p.m. Monday, the hospital and its outlying clinics had already seen more people than they had been averaging daily, he said.

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With only hours left until the deadline, people line up Monday to enroll for health insurance at the Alamodome in San Antonio.

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Alcoholics: There's an app for that

Editorial

For many people struggling with addiction, temptation can rear its ugly head at a moment's notice. With a new app, recovering alcoholics can be notified when their temptation is nearby with a resounding alarm.

The app nicknamed A-CHESS, short for Addiction Comprehensive Health Enhancement Support System, was created for rehabilitated alcoholics to help them prevent a relapse in binge drinking. The system was created at the Center for Health Enhancement Systems Studies at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and, according to the program's website, it will "improve competence, relatedness and autonomy which will reduce the days

of risky drinking over a 12-month period."

The app has several features, most notably an alert system that notifies users when they are nearby one of their high-risk areas, such as a bar or tavern they used to visit.

While this app seeks to help recovering alcoholics and has had positive results in the past year, much of its concept seems illogical. The alert system notifies users when their favorite bar is nearby, which can often trigger in the recovering alcoholic the need to stop by for a drink. Without the app, the person may not have stopped by, especially if the establishment was out of sight and out of mind but just happened to be in the direction the person was going.

There are, however, some positive features to the app. For example, the app allows users to connect with people



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from their support group or their counselor to find encouragement as they continue on the road to recovery. This more than anything else seems like it would be the most important part to the app's success.

However, much of the app's positive feedback has been based on self-reported results from the alcoholics,

which is bound to have a significant margin of error as many addicts would not want to admit relapsing.

Also, the app has only been tested for one year. An addict's recovery cannot be fully determined in a year's time as many alcoholics relapse several years after their rehabilitation.

Though the app seems to

be making a difference for many people, it's important to remember that the desire to change and make a better life for oneself lies only in the hands of the recovering alcoholic. No app is going to make someone want to stop drinking. That's a decision they have to make all on their own.

The flaws of the 'Triple Package' mentality

Last month, the infamous tiger mom Amy Chua and her husband Jed Reubenfeld released another book that elicited controversy. The Yale Law professors' latest book, "The Triple Package," provides a theory and evidence as to why certain minority groups seem to succeed in the United States.

In summary, the three characteristics that make up this triple package are a superiority complex, insecurity and impulse control. Unfortunately, success does not equal happiness, and an increased emphasis in these characteristics would cause our society to lose a really great thing. The Triple Package is missing one thing: an education in everything else.

Growing up in a Vietnamese household, I was exposed to this triple package mentality. My parents always expected excellence from me. It wasn't this learn-to-read-and-do-calculus from the time I was little, but

As kids, we took pride in being GT students. For every good grade I got, there were several of my other classmates who did better. My parents expected me to do well, but always compared me to my peers or their friends' kids. And that continued through elementary school, middle school and high school.

And finally impulse control. My parents weren't exactly the most permissive. I was banned from sleepovers and only recently began to watch the classic movies such as "The Breakfast Club" and "Grease."

I'm not saying I had a bad childhood. My parents really love me, and they're truly my biggest fans, but looking back, I realized I missed out on a lot of things because I was raised with these triple package mentalities. My childhood wasn't filled with memories of having a best friend whose home became my second home. It wasn't full of adventures with my neighbors or late nights on the phone with my friends. Instead, my classmates and I competed against one another.

I've been asked several times by my friends if I would ever raise my children in the environment my parents raised me in. My cousin, who

was raised in a similar environment, said he would. He was accepted to UT Southwestern Medical School as a third-year college student from out of state. It works. In the past, I was always quick to say I would never subject my children to the environment I grew up in, but now I don't know. I think I would want my children to have a holistic childhood with a lot of different opportunities to make mistakes and understand themselves.



Linda Nguyen | Copy Desk Chief

For me, one of my defining moments was when I left home for the first time in high school to attend a residential high school. With the exception of a couple of weekend retreats, this was the first time I lived away from home, but that's where I found myself. I could go on for hours about the memories I made. For every one memory I had from before I left home, I can name five from the two years I attended that high school. For once, I could actually go out with my friends. I learned there can be compromise between working hard and having fun. I learned that we can work as hard as we can, but sometimes a break is warranted. We're

not going to remember every single grade on every single test, but we will remember the time we pulled an all-nighter because classes got canceled, and we wanted to experience the snow early in the morning. I owe much of my success to my parents and to their parenting, but I had to leave home to find out who I was because while I was at home, I was being put into a triple package mold. One that I didn't fit. I'm never going to be the Asian child my parents can brag about to their friends, but I think I've found a balance, and I believe there can be a medium between the characteristics of the triple package and just enjoying our youth.

It's not a fun feeling to be raised in this environment. It's actually pretty depressing. Chua and Reubenfeld even have statistics in their book to support this. Happiness and life skills are important aspects of development as well.

When I wake up years from now, I want to know that I am more than the career I've chosen. I want to know that I did more than follow steps 1, 2, 3 and so on. I want to be able to look back on my years in college, laugh at my mistakes and smile over my experiences, even if that means I no longer possess the entire triple package.

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Christians have duty to take political action

Christians should get more involved in politics. At the moment, the reputation of Christians in public life is disastrous. Religious people are often seen as fanatical fundamentalists, leading massive hate campaigns complete with picket signs and boycotts.

This projection is not representative of most Christians. Yes, there are those who use religion as a weapon, perceiving a divine backing of their actions though they intend only to attack and insult.

But once you look past these outliers, you discover the true Christians in politics. They are people who hold immense



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amounts of political power or influence while still recognizing a higher power. They don't use their religion as a weapon, but they also don't shove their convictions under the rug on the way to work.

Christians in politics recognize God's transcendence over the matters of this world while not discounting the importance of glorifying him by pursuing virtue and justice. When we do this successfully (though never perfectly), we bring the "service" back to public service.

A Christian that engages in firestorm attacks, offensive insults or unfounded accusations reflects poorly on the whole faith community. We have a duty to glorify God by striving to maintain kindness and understanding in all of our actions.

"We need Christians in politics who believe in conversation and reasoned discourse," Baylor President and Chancellor Ken Starr said. "What we don't need, regardless of faith journey, is people who simply yell at one another or shout the other side down. To my mind, that's not a very Christ-like attitude."

Starr has had an admirable career in public service while remaining a committed Christian. He says we "absolutely" need more Christians in politics, as long as they remain "respectful, kind and compassionate to those with whom they disagree."

Admittedly, that's hard to do sometimes. But Starr reminds us of some guiding principles.

"We need to take seriously the admonition to turn the other cheek. We also need to control our emotions, and we need to be determined to smile a bit more. Keep our voices down, smile and advance an attitude of caring and respect."

Think you can do those things? Then we'd love to have you in the political world.

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I spent most of my childhood working hundreds of extra math problems and doing dozens of reading passages. As a result, I was put in "gifted and talented" classes.

"The Triple Package is missing one thing: an education in everything else."



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11 ancient burial boxes recovered in Israel

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Israeli authorities on Monday unveiled 11 ancient burial boxes dating to around the time of Jesus, recovered by police during a midnight raid on antiquities dealers suspected of stealing the artifacts.

The boxes include a pair of ossuaries believed to contain the remains of two noblemen who lived in Jerusalem some 2,000 years ago.

Some are engraved with designs and even names, giving clues to their origin and contents. The boxes contain bone fragments and remnants of what experts say is pottery buried with the deceased.

Israel's Antiquities Authority said the boxes were recovered Friday, shortly after midnight, when police observed two cars parked suspiciously at a military checkpoint on the outskirts of Jerusalem. When they investigated, they found four people involved in an exchange of the boxes. Once police recovered the items, they alerted the authority.

Police spokesman Micky Rosenfeld said the boxes were "stolen from a cave" near Jerusalem with the intent of being sold to collectors. He said authorities had been tracking the suspects for some time but would not elaborate. The exchange involved an Israeli and a Palestinian seller attempting to make the sale to an Israeli customer, he said.

According to Israeli antiquities law, all antiquities that are discovered are considered property of the state.

Two of the suspects remained in custody on Monday, and the others were under house arrest, according to the authority.

The boxes, known as ossuaries, are believed to date back to the Second Temple Period, a time stretching from roughly 515 B.C. to 70 A.D. that included the reign of King Herod, who built some of the most famous



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A 2,000 year-old Jewish burial box is on display Monday in Jerusalem. The Israeli Antiquities Authority said the boxes were recovered Friday in Jerusalem when police observed a suspicious nighttime transaction involving two cars, four individuals and the 11 boxes.

sites in Jerusalem and the Holy Land, and the time of Jesus.

Not unlike today, the Jerusalem of the time was a place of strong religious divisions, multiple languages and a diverse economy. Visitors made pilgrimages from far and wide, bringing with them commerce and traffic on religious holidays.

According to common Jewish burial practices of the time, the deceased were not buried but laid out in a cave for one year. Afterward, the bones were gathered and stored in the special boxes.

"It's kind of like where the deceased go to retire," said Stephen Pfann, president of the University of the Holy Land. Pfann noted that the use of these burial boxes developed at the time partly to condense the space needed once the corpse had turned to bones and partly because of the difficulty of finding space for a tomb in Jerusalem's hard bedrock.

Some of the newly recovered boxes feature elaborate engravings, indicating wealth and a high social status of the deceased.

"It was an expense to cut a tomb at all,"

said Pfann. "It definitely took a certain amount of wealth."

The boxes are not especially rare. The Antiquities Authority already has in its possession over 1,000 of these ancient boxes. But the authority's deputy director, Eitan Klein, said that each box was significant.

"We can learn from each ossuary about a different aspect of language, art and burial practice," he said. "And we can learn about the soul of the person."

Two were inscribed in Hebrew with names — "Yoezer" and "Ralphine." Klein said that he hoped to learn more about the identity of the deceased through future research.

According to Klein, the boxes held the remains primarily of rabbis, businessmen and aristocrats of the time. The use of ossuaries became popular during the 2nd century B.C., influenced by the individualism of Greek and Roman societies. They fell out of fashion, Klein said, after Roman domination of Jerusalem in 70 A.D.

Klein estimated the value of the boxes to be in the thousands of dollars.

Faith, health care merge during medical retreat

By SHANNON FINDLEY
REPORTER

For the 15th year in row, the Baylor Medical Humanities Department will explore the spiritual side of careers in medicine.

"The point of the retreat is to spend time thinking about the spiritual nature of a profession in health care," said Dr. Lauren Barron, assistant director of the medical humanities program and coordinator of the event.

Barron said all Baylor students are welcome to attend the two-day event, which has a registration fee of \$30 that must be paid online by Monday. The site for registration can be found through the Baylor events calendar. The retreat will take place April 11-12 at Truett Seminary. Retreat-goers will learn about the study of medical humanities and what makes it unique from other medical fields.

"The way I like to think of medical humanities is the best of a liberal arts education with a focus on medicine," Barron said.

She said activities at the retreat include a dessert reception, breakout sessions, a dinner, some worship sessions and a talk by a guest speaker. This year's speaker is Dr. Mike Attas, a cardiologist.

Barron is helping introduce people and host the event, as well as leading a Q&A session with medical students.

Barron said 50 students attended the retreat last year. She is working on getting at least 100 students to attend the retreat this year in hopes that many students' eyes will be opened to the fact that the study of medicine is about more than science.

The Medical Humanities Retreat looks at the study of medicine from a holistic viewpoint, incorporating not only the science and logic behind the study of medicine, but the emotions and the heart behind it too, Barron said.

"There is nothing in my mind where you use your head and your heart and your hands at the same time like in medicine," Barron said.

Walk for awareness

The Second Annual National Eating Disorder Awareness Walk will be held from noon to 2 p.m. Saturday at Fountain Mall. The walk, hosted by The Baylor Body IQ work team, will include food, live music and a silent auction with items worth over \$1,000.

Leadership Summit

The Multicultural Student Leadership Summit will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 12 on the fifth floor of Cashion Academic Center.



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Life off the field

No. 14 senior quarterback Bryce Petty shared his testimony Monday during the Crossroads event held at the Ferrell Center. Many bands and speakers also participated in the event which was open to all students free of charge.

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perience through a pediatric retinal cancer research project with a Baylor professor.

"I find it fascinating," she said, referring to scientific research projects. "There are a lot of interesting problems to try to understand, and they have practical applications."

Boys said he has also done research projects and internships that he believes helped him win the

scholarship.

"I've really applied myself in my classes, worked on research projects, had an internship last summer and made relationships with my professors," he said. "It was doing more than just going to classes."

Olafsen said he has high hopes for Baylor's future presence in the program. He has set two goals for his role as faculty representative

to start seeing at least one Baylor student win a Goldwater Scholarship every year the competition continues to run, and to see all four Baylor-nominated students win in the same year.

"We haven't gotten there yet, but it's a step in the right direction," he said.

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this, and we can refuse the test, and our children do not have to be subjected to these things against our will."

The Masseys said they are morally opposed to the effects they believe standardized testing has on children, and believe parents have the right to keep their child from participating in something that violates their morals.

"No matter what you think about standardized testing, parents should still have the fundamental right of opting their children out of things that are happening in schools that are against their own personal moral and ethical beliefs," Mr. Massey said. "That has been our point. We want to continue this fight and change the system as a whole eventually. For right now, though, we are happy with what we can do in Waco ISD. And hopefully that's going to spread to any other school district in Texas now that it's a precedent."

Waco ISD cannot grant an official exemption legally, school officials said in their written response to the Masseys on Friday. The test of a child opting out must be marked as "scored," even though he will not be taking the test. This is policy controlled by the Texas Education Agency, school officials said, and out of Waco ISD's hands. The Masseys said their son's grade on the STAAR test will be automatically marked as a score of zero. But, Dr. Jennifer Massey said, these STAAR test grades do not affect

his final grades in his classes. The Masseys plan to write a letter to the TEA requesting a change in policy to where tests can have a "no score" option, Mr. Massey said, simply on the basis of principle.

"In many respects, Waco ISD has been pretty courageous in following this policy and new approach," said Dr. Massey, assistant dean for student learning and engagement at Baylor. "It took public pressure, but now at the end of the day we have a precedent in Texas that allows parents to hold more rights to opt out of STAAR testing."

Catherine Wadbrook, certified teacher from Austin and co-administrator of the special interest group Texas Parents Opt Out of State Testing, attended the press conference and discussion at the Masseys' home in Waco. Wadbrook said she is opposed to her child having to stay home during designated test make-up days. Were her son to attend school during make-up days if he stayed home on original testing days, he would be made to take the STAAR test while his classmates receive normal instruction.

"His school district wants to tell me that as soon as he steps foot on the property, they'll make him take the test," Wadbrook said. "And I'm saying no to that. We'll see what happens on Thursday when there is testing. Because I am going to take him to school, and I have indicated that I would like him to go participate in instruction. And

if they arrest me for trespassing or send me away, then we have the next step in our fights. I think Waco ISD understands that isn't an option for schools."

The Masseys said they believe their situation will stand as an example for other districts. Numerous parents are now asking the Masseys how to opt their own children out of STAAR testing, Jennifer Massey said, including parents from Waco ISD, China Spring Independent School District and Midway Independent School District, who requested a refusal letter format from the Masseys to send to their own children's schools.

"It almost certainly will be done in other schools now that it has been done somewhere in Texas," Dr. Massey said. "They're going to have to follow suit."

People have been surprised to learn they can keep their children out of standardized testing, Dr. Massey said.

Wadbrook said she feels parents should not worry about anything negative happening to them or their child should they try to opt out of STAAR testing.

"We're here," she said, addressing parents who would want to opt their child out of the STAAR test. "If you try and opt out and a school attempts to do something punitive to you, and especially to your child, woe be to them."

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have been essential to the case.

"It is believed that each of the individuals would testify that [victim] and the Defendant were dancing suggestively and that [victim] was kissing on the Defendant at the party," Bratton said in his motion.

The motion also mentions Darling's inability to properly address discrepancies in the victim's report from the night of her attack and in her testimony.

Bratton plans to bring into question why two pieces of evidence were not used in the trial that could have cleared his client, according to the motion.

A surveillance recording from the apartment complex showed Elliott leaving the party at 2:02 a.m. alone. A 30-minute segment of the video, 1:08 a.m. to 1:38 a.m., is missing and followed by a 30-minute segment that shows Elliott and the victim entering the pool area together where one assault took place, Bratton said in his motion. This would contradict to the victim's trial statement, he said.

"None of the issues regarding surveillance videos were raised by Mr. Darling on behalf of Tevin Elliott," Bratton's motion read.

The second piece of evidence Bratton said should be reconsidered in a future trial is an audio and video recording Elliott inadvertently made during the time the attack is said to have taken

place. Elliott sent the recording to a family member who kept it on a memory card. The recording was introduced during Elliott's testimony but proper steps to ensure its authenticity were not taken in advance by Darling, according to the motion. The family member who received the file was also never called to the stand as a foundation witness.

Elliott's father, James Rockwell, said during the trial he knew Darling was not representing his son to his fullest abilities and began searching for alternative counsel while the case was in progress.

"I asked him to dismiss himself and he said the judge wouldn't allow him to do that," Rockwell told the Lariat on Monday. "He refused to remove himself."

Rockwell said his son is doing the only thing he can, which is remaining hopeful he will receive a fair trial. Rockwell said his family felt unfairly treated in the courtroom when Johnson warned them they would be held in contempt if they cried out when Elliott's verdict was read but allowed the victims to give what he called taunting final statements.

When the trial ended and one victim gave a final message that she was sorry the sentence would be 20 years and she hoped he would be released early for good behavior, Rockwell said the remorse in her message should have generated concern that her prior testimony claiming he raped her was erroneous.

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For Texas, where one in four people are uninsured, enrollment is crucial, and the state has lagged behind others that face similar obstacles, including powerful politicians that have vocally opposed the program. By March 1, about 295,000 Texans had enrolled, less than half the 629,000 that the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services had projected would enroll by the deadline.

Azeb Yusuf, 45, a program coordinator at the Somali Bantu Community of Greater Houston, has been working since March 8 with a City of Houston navigator to enroll refugees.

By 8:30 a.m. Monday, more than a half-dozen people from Ethiopia, Nepal, Eritrea, Somalia, Iraq, Iran and other war-torn areas waited inside a small room to see the navigator. Many had visited before. On this last day, they took a day off from work, hoping to meet the deadline.

Besides enrollment assistance, they also needed help from interpreters who speak languages such as Amharic and Tigrigna, the latter spoken in Eritrea. Yusuf said it can take hours for an interpreter and an Affordable Care Act counselor to help on the phone simultaneously, and sometimes one drops off the line. She said a client was on hold for so long last week that the interpreter fell asleep.

"And he started snoring," Yusuf added, laughing.

As more people streamed in, Yusuf instructed them on how to start enrolling on their smartphones.

Misrak Tessema, a 31-year-old mother of two who moved to Houston from Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, three years ago, took the day off from her cable assembly job to enroll. Clutching her paperwork, she said she had tried to enroll several times.

"We've been coming back and forth and back

and forth to get an appointment. It was just so overwhelming with the waiting period and I wasn't able to get off from work," Tessema said.

At a nearby City of Houston-run multicultural center, Juana and Alberto Lopez, both 50, sat nervously with a city-hired application counselor waiting to learn whether they qualified for a subsidy. Their 20-year-old daughter, Juanita, was with them.

Alberto Lopez, unemployed and on disability since he became ill with cirrhosis, might qualify for Medicaid, Juanita Lopez said, explaining that her 3-month-old daughter also has Medicaid.

With her 13-year-old sister also at home, Juanita Lopez doesn't believe the family could pay more than \$50 a month for insurance. At the moment their income is about \$1,200 a month between her mother's wages as a housekeeper and her father's disability. Most of that goes to a monthly rent of \$1,000, she said.

But Monday was the first time they tried to apply.

"We weren't sure if we had to do it or not," Juanita Lopez said. "The whole process was so confusing."

At another city-run multicultural center in Houston, Francisco Montano, a 62-year-old who does odd jobs, waited with his wife, Edith, 58. Montano scoffs at the \$50 low-premium plan with the \$12,500 deductible they have been offered and questions why he should pay for insurance, considering the companies "have all the money in the world."

"I first need to know what Obama is trying to impose and whether it's better for me," Montano said. "If it's better for me to pay a penalty than I'd rather give my money to the government than to the insurance."

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Story finally ends for 'How I Met Your Mother'

By RICK BENTLEY
THE FRESNO BEE
VIA MCCLATCHY-TRIBUNE

LOS ANGELES — It took nine years, but the — wait for it — legendary tale of “How I Met Your Mother” comes to an end Monday when the comedy takes a final bow.

Fans of the show have known since the end of last season who Ted (Josh Radnor) would finally settle down with, but it all becomes official with the one-hour finale.

The wild antics of five close friends — played by Radnor, Jason Segel, Cobie Smulders, Neil Patrick Harris and Alyson Hannigan — that’s been wrapped inside the long narration of the story provided by Bob Saget has been one of the big comedy hits for CBS with more episodes than network classics such as “The Mary Tyler Moore Show,” “Rhoda” or “The Dick Van Dyke Show.”

The end of the show will be a big change for Hannigan, who has played Lily in the 208 episodes.

She came to the comedy after a seven-year run of 144 episodes on “Buffy the Vampire Slayer,” which means she’s had a steady job for almost two decades.

After two long-running hits, Hannigan has a little concern for about what will come next.

“Because ‘Buffy’ was my first successful show, I think creatively it will always be by first love. That’s why I was afraid I would not find another great series after ‘Buffy’ ended,” Hannigan says during an interview on the set of “How I Met Your Mother.” “But, I was so blessed that I found this. Now, I’m hoping for a hat trick with a third series.”

One of the reasons she’ll miss “How I Met your Mother” is that each episode was

a surprise.

During its run, the actors have seen their characters bounce through different time periods, break into song, be part of weird fantasies and tell stories from a variety of perspectives.

It rarely adhered to the basic rules of a traditional half-hour TV comedy.

Because of that off-beat perspective, Hannigan describes the scripts for the series as getting a gift every week.

Although CBS stuck with the series from the start, Hannigan wasn’t certain until season three that there were any fans of the show. Because the series doesn’t shoot in front of a studio audience, there was no immediate feedback each week.

It wasn’t until the cast made an appearance in San Diego for Comic-Con — and she saw people waiting in line for hours for their panel — that Hannigan finally appreciated how much the show was liked.

Hannigan hopes her next project is a comedy that’s shot in front of an audience. That way she’ll get immediate feedback.

Segel came to the show after being on two highly touted series — “Freaks and Geeks” and “Undeclared” — that didn’t last a full season. That made him a little cautious about the future of the show.

“I was always ready for the show to be canceled,” Segel says. “And then, the fact that we got along so well made it almost a sure thing to be canceled. It’s just the best gift ever that it stuck around for so long. We lucked out. It’s been like a dream experience.”

Harris — who played the woman-crazy Barney Stinson until the character’s wedding to Robin Scherbatsky (Smulders) this year — wasn’t certain the show was a hit until the fourth season.

That’s when it became available in re-

runs through syndication.

“The first two seasons seemed very on the bubble the entire time, which actually I thought was good for us and for the show. It gave us the opportunity to come up with our own sense of humor, and sometimes when a show is thrust into success right away, then there’s high expectations for them to come up with terrific stuff superfast,” Harris says. “We got to develop a great vocabulary and weird little inside jokes so that by the time fans — Netflix-style and syndication-style — started watching it, it had found its own voice.”

No cast member has been as connected to the show’s specific vocabulary more than Harris. Barney became a walking catch phrase, from “legendary” to “suit up.”

Radnor knew there was something special in the writing that gave the series an edge over other TV comedies.

As soon as he started reading Ted’s lines, what he was saying felt real. And that never changed for him during all nine seasons.

The only major cast change for the show came at the end of the eighth season when Cristin Milioti, who plays the mother that everyone has been waiting for Ted to meet, was cast. The producers had seen her on stage in “Once” and on an episode of “30 Rock.” That was enough to bring her to Hollywood to test with Radnor.

She was a little nervous about joining the show because the core group had been together so long. She had little time to think about joining the show because she ended a two-year run in “Once” and 24 hours later was filming the eighth season finale where fans finally saw her character.

As for how the cast looks at the show, Smulders sums it up best: “This is a good gig. This is a great gig.”



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Cristin Milioti, the actress who plays “the mother” in “How I Met Your Mother,” films an episode for the CBS sitcom. The show came to an end Monday with Ted, the show’s protagonist, meeting Milioti’s character after nine seasons of looking for her.

J.K. Rowling: ‘Harry Potter’ spinoff set for movie trilogy



LINDA EPSTEIN | MCCLATCHY-TRIBUNE

Author J.K. Rowling, creator of the Harry Potter series, confirmed that the spinoff story from “Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them” will be made into three films.

By GINA MCINTYRE
AND NOELENE CLARK
LOS ANGELES TIMES
VIA MCCLATCHY-TRIBUNE

LOS ANGELES — When J.K. Rowling revealed plans for a “Harry Potter” spinoff film adapted from her “Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them,” fans rejoiced at the idea of returning to the wizarding world the author rendered in such detail in her worldwide bestsellers about the Boy Who

Lived.

Turns out, there will be more than just one movie. Warner Bros. has announced its intention to release a planned trilogy of films based on “Fantastic Beasts,” with all three screenplays written by Rowling herself.

Originally published in 2001, “Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them” arrived as a 42-page textbook of sorts, chronicling the adventures of its fictional author and Hufflepuff hero Newt Scamander — Newt is a

magizoologist (one who studies magical creatures, of course).

In a release issued last year when the first film project was originally announced, Rowling specified that the new movies are neither prequels nor sequels to the “Harry Potter” series, but rather “an extension of the wizarding world.”

Newt’s adventures, she said, begin in New York 70 years prior to the events in the first “Harry Potter” novel.

Of her decision to script

“Having lived for so long in my fictional universe, I feel very protective of it.”

J.K. Rowling | author

the film herself, she said in the statement, “The idea of seeing Newt Scamander, the supposed author of ‘Fantastic Beasts,’ re-

alized by another writer was difficult. Having lived for so long in my fictional universe, I feel very protective of it and I already knew a lot about Newt. As hardcore Harry Potter fans will know, I liked him so much that I even married his grandson, Rolf, to one of my favorite characters from the Harry Potter series, Luna Lovegood.”

No casting has been announced for the film series, nor has a start date for the first production been revealed.



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- Harbor long-term resentment
- Portuguese explorer Vasco
- Open court hearing, in law
- News org.
- Construction zone cones
- Earth-orbiting Gagarin
- Birds that symbolize peace
- Right, vis-à-vis left: Abbr.
- Early PC interface
- Glasses, in ads
- More than mono
- Workout facility
- Water, in Juárez
- Amazingly enough
- Creamy confection
- End of a prof’s URL
- Type of vegetable oil
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- Soup scoop
- “Stay put!”
- Partner of vim
- Seventh Greek letter
- Love, to Luciano
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- Sunlamp danger, briefly
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- Sometimes-illegal turns, for short
- Fizzling firecrackers
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Lady Bears fall to undefeated Notre Dame 88-69 in Elite Eight

By JEFFREY SWINDOLL
SPORTS WRITER

The Baylor Lady Bears' phenomenal basketball season came to an end after losing to the undefeated No. 1 seed Notre Dame Fighting Irish 88-69 Monday at the Edmund P. Joyce Center in Notre Dame, Ind. Seniors Odyssey Sims, Makenzie Robertson and Mariah Chandler finish their college careers with a loss, but their Elite Eight season was a success with such a young team.

Notre Dame entered the Baylor match up with an impressive 35-0 record. As a No. 1 seed, Notre Dame hosted the regional games with the luxury and advantage of playing in front of a loud, boisterous home crowd. The atmosphere in South Bend mirrored that of the Lady Bears' own fan base at the Ferrell Center. The stage was set at the University of Notre Dame for an epic clash between two of powerhouse programs for women's basketball.

As most big games play out, the game saw emotions peak and controversy occur for both sides.

Against Kentucky in the previous round, three Baylor starters experienced scares from first half foul trouble. Sims, sophomore guard Niya Johnson and freshman forward Nina Davis each picked up three fouls in the first half of the Kentucky game, and the same thing happened against Notre Dame. Luckily, the Lady Bears addressed those issues against Kentucky and won the game, but against an efficient team like Notre Dame, something has got to give.

The Lady Bears took the lead in the game for a short period of the first half, but Notre Dame gained it back. Baylor came close to Notre Dame on the scoreboard in the first half, but offensive fouls and poor shooting from Baylor crippled the Lady Bears points production. Big three pointers from Sims and freshman forward Imani Wright kept the Lady Bears in the game, but Notre Dame held a 12-point lead over Baylor at halftime.

The glaring problem for Baylor in the first half was fouling. All of Baylor's starters put Baylor head coach Kim Mulkey in a tough position. Mulkey dealt with the decision of whether to keep key players with foul trouble in the game or not for the majority of the game. In an elimination game like this, there are not many second chances. Big games demand players to play big, but they cannot do that if they are on the bench with too many fouls. Mulkey had to gamble with her starters who each had three or more fouls going into the second half.

Transitions buckets made a huge difference for Baylor in the second half. Notre Dame's offense is predicated on guard penetration — strikingly similar to Kentucky in that respect. When Notre Dame would get in the lane and miss, the Lady Bears exploited the Fighting Irish guards because they were out of position. Baylor's post players immediately looked for an outlet pass to Sims or Johnson to punish Notre Dame on the other end with quick breakaways to the basket.

With all the fouls being called on both ends, stoppage in play was

frequent, making Baylor's transitional plays an effective boost of morale and momentum for the Lady Bears in a hostile Notre Dame crowd.

Things started to look up when offensive fouls went in the favor of the Lady Bears, thanks to Robertson's multiple sacrificial plays of standing strong to take the charges from Notre Dame's aggressive guards. Baylor pulled within five points with just over 10 minutes to go in regulation.

Just as Baylor started to see some light in the second half, the Lady Bears suffered a devastating blow — freshman forward Nina Davis fouled out. After a couple controversial offensive foul calls on Davis, she was forced to sit down with seven minutes left in regulation and the Lady Bears were down by 11.

Sims, who just checked out with her fourth foul, came back on the court when Davis had to take a seat. Mulkey was left with only one of her offensive stars with Davis out. In the situation the Lady Bears were in, down by double-digits, Mulkey was seemingly left with no choice but to put Sims back in with four fouls.

The Lady Bears never found themselves back within reach of Notre Dame after that. It was a turning point in the game, and the Fighting Irish had it easy without having to guard Davis the rest of the game.

The final result became evident in the last three minutes. The Lady Bears had no gas left in the tank, and they certainly did not have enough time to rally against

a late double-digit lead. The Fighting Irish took care of business and booked their spot in Nashville, Tenn., for the Final Four.

Baylor ended its season with tears, but hardly anyone, including themselves, would have thought the Lady Bears would be one game away from the Final Four this season. Baylor ended its season with tears, but hardly anyone, including themselves, would have thought the Lady Bears would be one game away from the Final Four.

"With the inexperience with this team, including myself, the fact that we've made it this far is unbelievable and it just shows the fight that we have," Robertson said.

As the only returning starter from last season, Sims had to lead a pack of young Lady Bears players this season, and they were so close to reaching the promised land.

"This team has grown faster than all of us really expected, especially the freshmen who have come a long way and have stepped up to the plate," Sims said.

Mulkey worked with what she had, Sims stepped up to carry the torch one last time and the young players prepared themselves to take that torch from Sims after this season.

The future is bright for Baylor Lady Bears basketball.

"There's never been a moment when I have failed to tell that team how much I enjoyed them and enjoyed coaching them," Mulkey said. "If you could coach a team like that every year, you don't have to get to the Final Four to understand and keep it in perspective. They're just a joy to be around."



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Senior guard Odyssey Sims scored 33 points in Baylor's 88-69 loss to Notre Dame at the Edmund P. Joyce Center on Monday.

Softball sweeps series versus Tech

By SHEHAN JEYARAJAH
SPORTS WRITER

After taking a loss in its first Big 12 Conference game to Texas, No. 12 Baylor softball traveled to Lubbock to play a three-game series on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The Bears handily recovered to sweep a hot Red Raider squad to move to 3-1 in conference play and to a hefty 27-6 on the season.

Baylor's bats came off the bus ready to go as the Bears run-ruled Texas Tech 14-1 in six innings on Friday night in the series opener.

Senior pitcher Whitney Canion and senior reliever Liz Paul combined for six innings of lock down softball, combining for only two hits, one run and one walk allowed. Paul and Canion combined to retire 13 of the last 15 batters. Canion had 12 strikeouts against only 19 batters faced, the 24th such game of her career.

One week after being named Big 12 Pitcher of the Week, Texas Tech sophomore Gretchen Aucoin took the loss after allowing five

earned runs and seven hits in only three innings.

In the second game on Saturday afternoon, Baylor struck first, but the Red Raiders did not go away quite as easily in a tight 6-4 victory for the Bears with sophomore pitcher Heather Stearns on the mound.

Unlike the offensive exhibitions that occurred in the first two games, Sunday afternoon's game turned into a pitcher's duel between Canion and Aucoin. The senior outdueled the sophomore on this day, and Baylor took home a 2-0 victory and series sweep over the Red Raiders.

Aucoin struck out all three batters she faced in the top of the first, and Canion appeared to falter early after allowing a single to sophomore infielder Samantha Camello, the second batter she faced.

From that point on, Canion blanked the Red Raiders. Save a seventh-inning walk allowed, Canion retired every batter she faced, for nine strikeouts and 99 total pitches in the one-hitter.

"I'm very pleased with the performance this whole weekend," softball coach Glenn Moore said. "I thought the team came ready to play this weekend with outstanding pitching performances and back up by enough run support, great run support early on and enough to finish out the weekend with a win today."

The weekend sweep of the Red Raiders was the first three-game road Big 12 conference sweep in Baylor history. The Big 12 began playing three-game series in 2012.

"It's difficult to win a series on the road, much less get a sweep, so I couldn't be happier with the way we performed this weekend," Moore said.

Hosack smashed four home runs to move into a tie for eighth place on Baylor's all-time home run list. The Bears had eight homers in the series. Canion only allowing two hits and one run in 12 innings pitched, striking out 21. Baylor will return home to face Lamar at 6 p.m. today at Getteman Stadium in Waco.

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