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# The Baylor Lariat

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## App made to detect possible eye disease

By REBECCA FLANNERY  
STAFF WRITER

Want to test for retinoblastoma, Coats' disease and cataracts? There's an app for that.

A team of Baylor professors and an alumnus have come together to create an iPhone app, White Eye Detector, that will aid in early detection of eye diseases which may lead to death and blindness.

Dr. Bryan Shaw, assistant professor in Baylor's chemistry and biochemistry department, said after the diagnosis of retinoblastoma in his son, he began researching the disease intensely.

"Retinoblastoma is an exclusively pediatric cancer in the eye," Shaw said. "Pediatricians are supposed to screen for the disease and look for the presence of white reflection in the

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### Shedding light on an issue

Wills Point sophomore Rachel Stewart acts out a voice-over of a story person's struggle to obtain clean water. The dramatization of various water crises was presented by the Wells Project, a national group of students who advocate for clean water in places without it.

## Waco teen sets example, walks for Crohn's cure

By ABIGAIL LOOP  
STAFF WRITER

Dominique Lewis was 6 years old when he was diagnosed with Crohn's disease. Now, 12 years later he is an encouragement to others fighting the disease.

Lewis will be the "Hero of the Walk" during the Take Steps for Crohn's and Colitis walk in Waco, which supports those who have inflammatory bowel diseases during ulcerative colitis awareness month.

Check-in and registration for the walk will begin at 3 p.m. Nov. 15 at Cameron Park's Redwood Shelter.

The event is sponsored nationally by the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America. Interested participants can register as part of a team or as individuals for free online at the Take Steps for Crohn's and Colitis website, [ccfa.org](http://ccfa.org), or

register during the event. While the walk is free to the public, the organization requests a \$25 donation.

The funds raised will be used for further medical research, according to the foundation's website.

Derek Dodson, walk coordinator, said the event has happened in Waco for the past three years and is a chance for people to come together and break through the loneliness this disease can bring upon people.

"The walk is really family oriented, there's a sense of camaraderie in it," Dodson said. "Many patients who suffer from these diseases are isolated and feel uncomfortable talking about it. The community comes together to show support and show that they're not alone."

Dodson said the walk has received a good outcome each year and has volunteers from student

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The Take Steps for Crohn's and Colitis walk in Waco will take place Nov. 15 at Cameron Park. Dominique Lewis will be featured as the "Hero of the Walk."

## Student takes on task of intercession

By HANNAH NEUMANN  
STAFF WRITER

Georgetown freshman Audrey Hamin is channeling her heartbreak for persecuted Christians around the world to unite students on campus through prayer.

Hamin, along with other Baylor students, will launch a new prayer circle this week that will meet at 3:30 p.m. every Friday in the Bobo Spiritual Life Center.

"I realized there wasn't really a place for me to pray about this specifically," she said. "I know the Bible says that when two or three of us gather together that the Spirit is there, and I knew that I wasn't the only one that felt at a loss for what to do."

Hamin said it wasn't until she came to Baylor that she felt such a strong desire to help in this specific way.

After attending a panel discussion that highlighted the persecuted church and a Chapel session on the same subject, Hamin said she became captivated by the issue.

"I became increasingly aware of everything going on in the world around me in ways that I hadn't been before," she said. "I really became acquainted with what is happening in the church, especially in the Middle East and I just felt so broken-hearted about it because I felt so out

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## Last Chicago ballot cast at 3 a.m.

By JASON KEYSER  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHICAGO — Illinois' experiment with allowing people to register and vote on Election Day ran into bottlenecks in Chicago, leading to lines of hundreds, including at one polling site where the last voter didn't cast a ballot until after 3 a.m. and others just gave up.

Crowds kept entertained with cracking jokes, dancing, placing pizza orders and live-tweeting their travails. One voter pulled out a ukulele and played for hours to entertain the crowd.

But despite a jovial atmosphere, some wondered how a process that's been done in other states for decades could have gone so badly.

"For so many people to have

had to leave yesterday because they didn't have the time to wait eight or nine hours in line, it really broke my heart," said Lauren Scott, a 26-year-old software engineer. "I felt like we were failing as a democratic system."

State lawmakers passed legislation in the spring to allow same-day registration as a trial that could be made permanent if things went smoothly. Last-minute registrations are allowed in Washington, D.C., and 10 states.

Rather than encourage people to procrastinate, the measures are intended for those who have recently changed addresses or who did not realize their registration information was not up to date. Proponents say it also increases turnout.

But the Chicago election board said the extra procedures were cumbersome.

"No matter what the changes, if it's related to elections, the rollout is likely to be a little bit bumpy," said Wendy Underhill, program manager for elections at the National Conference of State Legislatures.

Officials in Chicago were also caught off guard by how many showed up at five designated sites. Suburban Cook County, which has about the same population, decided to set up 18 sites and encountered few delays; the longest wait was two hours in Evanston.

Rockford authorities also had difficulty keeping up, with about

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Lauren Scott and Keith Mazanec react after casting their ballot early Wednesday morning at one of Chicago's same-day registration polling locations.



ASHER FREEMAN

## Public figures should think before tweeting

### Editorial

Almost everyone who has ever applied to colleges, been on a job hunt or seeking an internship knows the impact social media can make on a person's image.

Even more so, politicians and those in the public eye know well how tweets, though they can be deleted, may never truly disappear. Houston Mayor Annise Parker seems to have forgotten that fact after a recent incident with the Department of Public Safety.

Parker's daughter was denied the chance to take a driving test to get her license. The mayor claimed it was because the documents presented to the DPS indicated her daughter has two mothers. Parker married Kathy Hubbard in California this year and is one of the first openly gay mayors in the U.S. She wrote the following tweet in re-

sponse to the incident.

"Daughter needs drivers test. Has all docs, some in MomK name, some MomK, but w/ birth cert showing both. DPS says can only be from 1 mom!"

DPS officials responded, saying Parker's daughter was denied, not because of her parents' marital status, but because she failed to prove Texas residency through her documents.

Parker is not the first person to be turned away from the DPS without accomplishing a task on the first attempt. Even with the required documents listed online, it is still difficult to provide everything when trying to get a driver's license. This is not new. What is relatively new is the public shaming of an agency via a mayor's Twitter. While the process can be undeniably frustrating, her response was unprofessional.

Furthermore, her public, inaccurate claim that the refusal was at

all related to marital status could be seen as exploitation of her sexual orientation. By relating the issue to the fact that Parker is a lesbian, she was drawing unnecessary attention to being openly gay, a fact that is already widely publicized.

However, if the DPS did make it difficult for the child of gay parents to obtain a license for marital status reasons, the issue should be remedied. This was not the case for Parker's daughter. If it was, Parker would have substantial reason to complain. A child should not have to suffer from the consequences of their parents' actions by being denied a driver's license.

In the future, Parker should check her facts before causing a national scene with the DPS or any other agency. It did not reflect well on her, just as similar outbursts reflect poorly on others. In this generation, a new mantra should be made: "Think before you tweet."

## Waves can't wash away the sacrifice of WWII vets

I realized I know nothing. Nothing about sacrifice. Nothing about patriotism.

Standing next to 16 World War II veterans on Omaha Beach for the 70th Anniversary of D-Day, I never felt more inadequate in my life.

When I took a semester off from Baylor, I never imagined I would end up here – the beaches in Normandy, France – leading a group of World War II veterans who would change my life. I accompanied these brave soldiers back to the battlegrounds where they laid down their lives. Where they watched their friends fall. Where they suffered. Where they rejoiced. Where they transformed from boys into men.

The moment we stepped onto Omaha Beach, chills ran down my spine as the wind pierced the back of my neck. I imagined a peaceful reunion on a sunny beach – I was wrong. Veterans I know and love fell to their knees. A man I now call Gramps stopped in his tracks as tears rolled down his cheeks – pale as if he saw a ghost. Is it possible for a group of elderly men to emanate such raw emotion?

A heavy fog blurred the line where the sand turned into the sea. Over a mile of beach stretched before us. The 90-year-old men standing next to me today were only my age – no, younger – when they landed here. Twenty-year-olds. Young. Scared. Afraid.

Omaha beach slowly transformed into a battlefield with every step I took. Where the waves broke on the shore, I saw destroyer ships carrying soldiers. When



Taylor McNamara | Senior

I glanced at the clouds, I saw B12 airplanes deploying paratroopers. Where the seashells rested in the sand, I saw fallen teenagers with entire lives ahead of them. What would it be like to run straight into enemy gunfire? At age 20, my biggest concern was finding a date and a dress for a sorority function. Their biggest concern was dodging bullets and bombs in order to survive. I know nothing. Nothing about hardship. Nothing about fear.

Who knows how many times I studied World War II in school. Who knows how little of that information I retained. All I know is that wars always translated as mere stories in my mind. The harrowing brutality and the painstaking reality of those horrific years in history never registered within me until that day, standing next to these heroes, these friends of mine.

Would I ever choose to exchange my comfort for my country? Trade my home, family and vibrant youth for a uniform, gun and looming death? I question if I have the courage to do what these men did. This breathtaking beach seized thousands of innocent lives, and those lives provided me with the liberty I once took for granted. The 16 veterans I served on this trip represent the value of life and the cost of freedom. The footprints I left in the sand that day may have faded away, but Omaha Beach imprinted the sacrifice of generations before me in my heart forever.

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COURTESY OF TAYLOR McNAMARA

After traveling from Bastogne to Normandy, World War II vets and their guide, Taylor McNamara, prepare to attend the 70th Anniversary of D-Day Celebration featuring world leaders President Barack Obama, Russian President Vladimir Putin and French President Francois Hollande. The veterans are members of the organization Daughters of WWII, which is a nonprofit based out of Dallas.

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### Corrections

The Nov. 5 article "McLennan stays red" incorrectly attributes a quote to Mary Duty, the party chair for the McLennan County Democrats, when it should have been Karen Matkin, who was the Democratic candidate for McLennan County District Clerk.

The Baylor Lariat apologizes for the error. The Lariat strives for accuracy. If a correction is needed, email [Lariat\\_Letters@baylor.edu](mailto:Lariat_Letters@baylor.edu).

### From the Lariat blog



"However, when it comes to making new friends — as well as other social situations — I'd rather peel off my fingernails."

-Tyler senior Taylor Griffin  
Lariat blogger

### Opinion

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## Jeb Bush is a good choice for GOP

With Election Day coming to a close Tuesday, the media's endless attention towards the U.S. Senate race will now shift to the most important race of all – the race for party supremacy in the White House.

For the moment, energy is high in the GOP – after a record-breaking donation spree in their efforts to take the Senate, the Republican Party now has the enthusiasm to look forward to the 2016 presidential race.

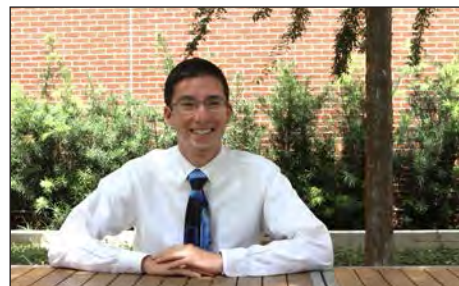
Before that can happen, though, the divided Republicans will have to nominate someone for a match-up against a strong opponent from the unified Democratic camp.

The names of many possible contenders have been thrown around the media over the past couple months. Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas, Sen. Rand Paul, R-Ky., Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Fla., and even former GOP Presidential nominee Mitt Romney have all been named as possible contenders to the title.

With so many candidates vying for the position, it is no wonder that so many voters are unsure who they would support.

In all the media frenzy, however, it seems as though most have forgotten about former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, who may very well be the "dark horse" candidate the GOP has been looking for.

In a sense, Bush is the perfect man for the job. As the former governor of a powerful swing state, Bush has metaphorically "earned his stripes" by passing a variety of important reforms in a state almost divided 50/50 politically. This kind of experience is incredibly useful for any candidate hoping to one day live and work in the White House.



Bush also has the support of his party. Unlike Cruz and Paul, who are both considered Tea Party favorites for the presidency, Bush has little affiliation with the grassroots movement. Instead, Bush has stayed mostly above the political fray since his time as governor and has instead focused on bipartisan initiatives, such as education reform in public schools. This allows Bush to be considered a strong member of the party without evoking controversy in the way Cruz and Paul do.

Most importantly, though, Bush's politics are mixed, making him likeable to liberal swing voters without alienating his conservative base.

As governor, Bush cut the size of the state government by over 6 percent and advocated standardized testing in public schools very similar to his brother George's initiative while governor of Texas. These policies are distinctly conservative and appeal to the average Republican voter. Bush has also been engaged in a variety of GOP fund raising campaigns since his time as governor, which only helps to improve and solidify his base within the

Republican Party.

On the other hand, Bush has also proposed immigration and education reforms that are much more liberal in nature. In April 2013, Bush called for a "welcoming immigration policy", taking a step in the opposite direction from the traditional Republican stance of increased border security over immigration reform. This, of course, makes Bush much more appealing to middle-of-the-road and liberal-leaning moderates, most of whom voted for President Barack Obama in both the 2008 and 2012 presidential elections, but at the expense of losing a good amount of the Tea Party vote.

That isn't to say that Bush's road to the White House would be an easy one. One glaring problem Bush will have to face is the continued frustration over former President George W. Bush, who many still place responsibility upon for the 2008 economic recession that is still having repercussions in the economy today.

If the GOP is serious about controlling the White House, they must find a candidate that will bridge the gap between conservatives and moderate liberals as well as between traditional Conservatives and members of the Tea Party movement. The only way to do this is to have a candidate with a mix of policies that can stand a chance against a solid Democratic voting base, and Jeb Bush is an appealing choice for those hoping for a GOP victory in 2016.

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# Virgin Galactic looks to resume tests in 2015

By SUSAN MONTOYA BRYAN  
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ALBUQUERQUE — Virgin Galactic could resume test flights as early as next summer if it can finish building a replacement craft, its CEO said Wednesday.

The space tourism company suffered a tragic setback when its experimental rocket-powered spaceship broke apart over the California desert.

The sleek composite shell and tail section of the new craft are sitting inside the company's manufacturing facility in Mojave, Calif.

After more than two years of work, it's beginning to look like a spaceship, but Virgin Galactic CEO George Whitesides said there's much more to be done,

from relatively simple things such as installing windows to the more complex fitting of flight controls and other wiring.

The ship — dubbed SpaceShipTwo Serial No. 2 — will replace one that was destroyed last week after its feathering system that controls descent deployed prematurely and aerodynamic forces ripped it apart, killing the co-pilot and seriously injuring the pilot. In the wake of the accident, workers have focused on the new ship.

"That's provided some solace to all of us, and I think there's sort of a therapeutic benefit to folks to be able to put their energies into constructive work," Whitesides told The Associated Press in a telephone interview.

He said the company will be

able to continue flying its mother ship — the much larger jet-powered plane that launches the rocket ship at high altitudes — while federal investigators look into the cause of the deadly crash with the cooperation of the company.

It's possible that test flights for the next spaceship could begin within six months, before the investigation is expected to conclude, Whitesides said. Scaled Composites, which is developing the spacecraft for Virgin Galactic, has an experimental permit to test the crafts.

Just last month, the company had received approval from the agency to resume rocket-powered flights.

When the new ship is ready next year, the FAA said it will con-



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In this October 2014 photo provided by Virgin Galactic, a new SpaceShip2, designated Serial No. 2, takes shape at the company's assembly facility in Mojave, Calif.

duct a more extensive review to ensure whatever caused last week's mishap has been addressed before allowing test flights to resume.

Speculation continues about how far the accident will push back the day when Virgin Galactic's pay-

ing customers can routinely rocket dozens of miles from a \$219 million spaceport in the New Mexico desert toward the edge of space for a fleeting feeling of weightlessness and a breathtaking view.

Whitesides said the accident

has been tough on many levels, but he refused to see it as a roadblock and said the company does not have to start from scratch.

"There was no question it was a tragic setback, but it's one from which we can recover," he said.

# Survey finds people text and drive knowing dangers

By BARBARA ORTUTAY  
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SAN FRANCISCO — Nearly everyone agrees that texting and driving is dangerous. Many people do it anyway.

In an AT&T-sponsored survey of frequent drivers who text daily — regardless of where they are — 98 percent said they were aware of the dangers of texting behind the wheel. Nonetheless, three-quarters of them admitted to texting while driving, despite broad public-service campaigns and laws against it in some states.

Two-thirds said they have read text messages while stopped at a red light or stop sign, while more than a quarter said they have sent

texts while driving. More than a quarter of those who texted while driving believed they "can easily do several things at once, even while driving."

AT&T Inc. released the survey Wednesday as part of an anti-texting-and-driving campaign. AT&T designed the survey with David Greenfield, founder of The Center for Internet and Technology Addiction and a professor at the University of Connecticut's School of Medicine.

The survey came as AT&T expanded availability of a free app that silences text message alerts and activates automatically when a person is moving 15 miles per hour or faster. The DriveMode app is coming to iPhones after being



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In this Feb. 26, 2013 file photo, a man uses his cell phone as he drives through traffic in Dallas.

previously available on Android and BlackBerry phones for AT&T

users only. The study in May was of cell-

phone owners ages 16 to 65 who drive almost every day and text at least once a day. It has a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 3.1 percentage points.

Greenfield said the survey is the latest to show a discrepancy between people's attitudes and behaviors.

It found a broad range of reasons why drivers text. Forty-three percent of the texting drivers said they want to "stay connected" to friends, family and work. Nearly a third did it out of habit.

Reggie Shaw was 19 in 2006 when he caused a car accident while texting, killing two people. Today, he speaks out against texting and driving.

"It's something I struggle with

every day," he said. "I know that I need to go out and talk to others about it. I don't want others to make the same mistake I did."

Shaw does not remember what he was texting about right before the accident. Back then, he said, "being on my phone when I drove was something I did all the time. It was just driving to me. I guess you'd call it ignorance but I never understood that it was dangerous. How could me being on the phone cause a car accident?"

Today, his phone is off when he's driving. Never in the past eight years since the accident, he says, has he gotten a phone call or text message that was so important that it couldn't wait until he stopped the car.

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**BORDER BANDITS**

The Texas State Historical Association's Handbook of Texas Online says that the "regular Rangers," along with hundreds of special Rangers appointed by Texas governors, killed approximately 5,000 Tejanos (Mexican-Americans) and Mexicans between 1914 and 1919.

Written/Directed/Produced by  
**Kirby Warnock**  
Baylor Alumnus

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with Kirby Warnock,  
the filmmaker and grandson of a witness to two of the killings.

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**Tuesday, November 18, 2014**  
**7 p.m. at Waco Hall**  
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The Tuohys are the subject of Michael Lewis' book *The Blind Side: Evolution of a Game*, which tells the story of how the family adopted future University of Mississippi and Tennessee Titans offensive lineman Michael Oher while he was in high school. The book's film adaptation — *The Blind Side*, directed by Baylor alumnus John Lee Hancock — starred Tim McGraw and Sandra Bullock, who won Best Actress honors at the 82nd Academy Awards for her portrayal of Leigh Anne Touhy. The film also was a Best Picture nominee.

The Tuohys also established the Making it Happen Foundation, a charity that promotes awareness, provides hope and improves living standards for troubled children.

**Admission is free and requires a ticket.**  
Pick up your ticket at the Bill Daniel Student Center Ticket Office 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday – Friday beginning Nov. 3. Available tickets will be distributed through the ticket office on a first-come, first-served basis through November 17. Any remaining tickets will be available at the Waco Hall Ticket Office on the day of the event beginning at 2 p.m.

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eye in every checkup after the birth of the child."

However, Shaw said studies suggest pediatricians don't detect "white eye" as soon as they should. "White eye" is an indication of leukocoria, and can be a symptom of early-stage retinoblastoma. Oftentimes, parents are the first to detect the disease through observing the eye's white appearance through pictures of the child, he said.

"My son was diagnosed about five hours after my wife told our pediatrician about the white eye pictures we had of him," Shaw said. "The pediatrician looked in the eye and didn't like what she saw, and sent us immediately to the eye doctor. There, he was diagnosed with retinoblastoma."

The app, which launched Oct. 22, aims to scan for white eyes in two different ways, said Dr. Greg Hamerly, associate professor of computer science, who helped Shaw in research leading up to the app's creation. The software, Computer Assisted Detector of Leukocoria (CRADLE), was created by the team to scan through all images on the user's Apple device

for instances of white eye. In another feature, the user can hold up the device with the flashlight feature on, and the software will detect a white eye as the camera hovers near the face of the subject.

"If there are any images detected with white eye, they will appear to the user with a warning that the detection may be concerning," Hamerly said.

From there, it's up to the user to determine what to do, Shaw said.

The bulk of coding for the app was done by Ryan Henning, a recent Baylor master's graduate who worked under Hamerly. Henning said he began coding the app on March 27 and finished Aug. 18. About two days later, the team submitted the app to Apple, who took about a month to accept the app with a few minor changes.

"Now we're just trying to increase accuracy through machine learning," Henning said.

Machine learning is a technique used to develop the software to work more efficiently. Their team of researchers are using images affected by retinoblastoma as well as images of unaffected eyes to train the app to

distinguish between unhealthy and healthy eyes, Hamerly said.

The app has been downloaded in every region of the world, Shaw said. According to the search results on Apple's app store, it's the only software of its kind. Because of those statistics, the team is in need of people who can translate the app's instructions to several different languages, including German, Mandarin, Cantonese, Russian and Farsi, Shaw said.

Shaw said after showing the app to a few practicing doctors, he's only heard positive feedback.

"I have been getting feedback from my son's doctors," Shaw said. "When I pulled out the phone and showed the app to his doctor, a world class ophthalmologist, he loved it. He's interested."

Shaw said the survival rate of retinoblastoma in America is 95 percent. That percentage is significantly less in developing countries where Shaw said he hopes this app will be used.

"The software could be the doctor for the little girl who doesn't have one," Shaw said.



The app, as scene on the phone screen, scans for white eyes in photos. White eye is an indication of leukocoria and retinoblastoma.

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of control."

Hamin said people in these parts of the world need increased funding, but prayers are also a source of aid that should not be forgotten. She learned that fear of abandonment by God is widespread in areas of strife, and encouragement can do good from across the world.

When Hamin met Mobile, Ala., freshmen Nicole and Alexandra Dawood, the idea grew into a plan for action through prayer.

With parents who each grew up in countries where Christians were persecuted, Nicole said she and her sister prayed often for the church.

"Audrey approached me saying she had it on her heart to start this prayer group and I just told her I thought it would be wonderful and I shared with her stories of my family and my friends who are persecuted Christians," Nicole said. "I knew in that moment that this was something I wanted to do and to put into practice what the Bible says of remembering those who are in bonds and being bound with them."

Alexandra said after the panel discussion and their conversation with Hamin, she felt peace in her heart because the purpose of this group expands beyond meeting to pray but spreading awareness about religious persecution.

Dr. Burt Bursleson, university chaplain, said he believed Hamin received an impression from the Spirit to do something for these suffering Christians throughout the world.

"She decided to take this a step further in terms of her own prayer life, and I think there's something important about that," Bursleson said. "You never know when one student's idea or conviction is something that will move beyond just one person."

After speaking with her, Bursleson introduced Hamin to Carlos Colón, Baylor's coordinator for worship initiatives. Colón

**Persecution Around the World**

- An average of 180 Christians are killed each month for their faith.
- Christians in more than 60 countries are persecuted because of their beliefs.
- In 40 of the 51 worst countries, Christians are being persecuted by Islamic extremists.

Source: Open Doors USA, U.S. Department of State

said that Hamin's idea really moved him and he was inspired to help.

"What is moving for me is her understanding that the church is more than just us in here," Colón said. "She seems to understand at a young age that the church is universal and that when the body of Christ is suffering in a place like Iraq, Syria and other places, we all should be concerned."

Bursleson said he hopes students join

Hamin and the Dawoods for the prayer group, and emphasizes the importance of prayer.

"We live in a world that is haunted with the divide and we are connected through God to all things," he said. "When we pray we really do have the capacity to impact things, by giving something of ourselves to God that God is able to use."

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50 still in line to register when polls closed, said Ken Harper, executive director of the City of Rockford Board of Election Commissioners. But the longest wait was about 45 minutes.

"It was a long, trying day," Harper said. "Usually, by the afternoon on Election Day, we'd be winding up, preparing to bring our judges back from the polling places, but we were at the counter all day, registering people to vote."

The State Board of Elections said it was unaware of any same-day registration problems elsewhere.

Chicago also ran into problems with a shortage of election judges after bogus automated telephone calls dissuaded a few thousand of them from turning up at the polls. The calls, which falsely told judges they needed to attend additional training sessions, are under investigation.

At the Welles Park polling station in the North Side neighborhood of

Ravenswood, hundreds seeking last-minute registration filled a gymnasium and a line snaked outside.

The handful of poll workers couldn't keep up. A displeased Mayor Rahm Emanuel stopped by to encourage people to stick it out.

He called for a review and lauded those who waited as an example of "what makes this city and country so great."

But some gave up, including a woman who climbed out a ground-floor window rather than work her way back through the crowd.

"Everybody was being really jovial, but there was still a lot of tension, a lot of frustration, like 'Why on earth is this happening?'" said Scott, who needed to update her registration after moving from Eau Claire, Wisconsin.

After more than eight hours she finally voted, at about 1 a.m., and tweeted a photo of herself pumping her arm in the air.

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groups such as Baylor's Medical Service Organization.

"Eighty cents of every dollar goes directly to research and patient care," Dodson said. "Last year we raised \$11,000 and this year our goal is \$13,000. We're always hopeful for a good outcome."

Lewis' participation as the "Hero of the Walk" serves a reminder that Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis is most commonly diagnosed between the ages of 13 and 15, according to the organization's website. It is very rare for anyone under the age of 8 to be diagnosed.

Lewis' mother, Stacy Lewis, said watching her son go through Crohn's disease was heartbreaking and but she is looking forward to his participation in this event where he will serve as a reminder of the disease's effect on the young.

"A lot of people aren't aware of Crohn's disease and how debilitating it is," she said. "This walk is a wonderful thing to support each other and it's awesome to be able to have a support team."

More information about the walk can be found by contacting Dodson at ddodson@ccfa.org or visiting ccfa.org.

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## Rockefeller Plaza receives free tree

By MICHAEL D. RUBINKAM  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BLOOMSBURG, Pa. — An 85-foot Norway spruce that belonged to a central Pennsylvania family of “Christmas elves” will serve as Rockefeller Center’s Christmas tree this year.

Workers cut down the 13-ton tree and a crane hoisted it onto a trailer Wednesday morning for the 155-mile journey to midtown Manhattan. It’ll be illuminated for the first time on Dec. 3 in a ceremony that’s been held since 1933.

The tree was donated by Dan Sigafoos, 38, and Rachel Drosdick-Sigafoos, 29, who live in a century-old farmhouse about three hours west of New York City. They begin their holiday season early by starting to play Christmas music in August or September.

“I am a big Christmas elf. My whole family are Christmas elves,” said Drosdick-Sigafoos, a diving coach at Susquehanna University who also works part-time at a hospital. “So for me, this is just literally beyond my wildest dreams.”

Erik Pauze, the head gardener at Rockefeller Center, was driving on Interstate 80 several years ago when he spied the tree from the highway.

“I said, ‘Whoa! Check that out,’” Pauze recalled.

He got off the highway and took pictures. But the tree wasn’t quite ready, and the owner of the home didn’t want to part with it.

When the Sigafooses purchased the farmhouse two years ago, the former owner’s real estate agent mentioned that Rockefeller Center had been interested in the massive 90-year-old spruce next to the barn.

Once it’s hoisted into place at 30 Rockefeller Plaza, the tree will be decorated with more than 45,000 LED lights and a 9½-foot-wide Swarovski star.

The annual tree-lighting event at Rockefeller Center attracts tens of thousands of people and is watched by millions more on television.

After Christmas, the tree will return to Pennsylvania and its wood will be used to build homes for Habitat for Humanity, Drosdick-Sigafoos said.



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Workers cut down an 85-foot Norway spruce tree that was donated to Rockefeller Center by a Pennsylvania couple.



TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

“Get The Killer down on take right and we’ll make millions,” said longtime rock ‘n’ roll artist Jerry Lee Lewis in a grovel at the beginning of “The Knox Phillips Sessions: The Unreleased Recordings,” one of his two most recent albums.

## Lewis’ music is still on fire

By JON PLATT  
REPORTER

I remember watching a TV special on Jerry Lee Lewis as a kid.

“Just look at him go on that piano,” said my dad as he grinned and slapped his recliner to the beat. “He’ll play till he’s dead.”

And that seems to be the case.

### MUSIC REVIEW

The 79-year-old Lewis, known as “The Killer” by friends and fans, has released three original albums in the past nine years. In addition, he released an extensive box set; several albums of unreleased and remastered songs; a live recording from Austin; and a live performance DVD. Lewis has also maintained a regular number of tour appearances.

Lewis’ latest two albums, “Rock & Roll Time” (Shangri-La) and “The Knox Phillips Sessions: The Unreleased Recordings” (Saguaro Road Records), were released in the past two months.

“Rock & Roll Time” is a completely original album for Lewis. It features the voices of many other great musicians, like his previous works “Last Man Standing” (Shangri-La, 2006) and “Mean Old Man” (Shangri-La Roots, 2010).

Rock ‘n’ roll artists Neil Young, Keith Richards and Ronnie Wood are some of those singing with Lewis on this new album.

Of the two albums, my favorite is “Knox Phillips Sessions.” It carries the distinctly authentic tone Lewis is famous for by including the kind of lines one expects to hear from an artist known as rock ‘n’ roll’s first great wild man.

“Mattress full of dollar bills to tickle my feet,” Lewis sings in track number two “Ragged But Right.” “I meet ‘em. I cheat ‘em. I love ‘em. I leave ‘em. I break ‘em in right. Tell ya, boys, The Killer’s rugged but he’s right.”

Track one of “Knox Phillips Session” is a very candid performance of “Bad, Bad Leroy Brown” by Lewis. It’s this sincere nature that makes Lewis’ music memorable.

Even on Lewis’ modern “Rock & Roll Time,” the overarching theme seems to be that

he has made mistakes and will again in the future, but he’s pushing through to come out on top.

“Little mistake by The Killer on piano, but I’ll be alright,” Lewis said after slipping up on the bridge of “Bad, Bad Leroy Brown.”

On “Knox Phillips Sessions,” Lewis also includes his rendition of “Room Full of Roses,” which is a slower, sad love ballad. Lewis’ first cousin Mickey Gilley gained popularity in 1974 when he covered the song.

Based on this recording, Lewis’ version trumps Gilley’s. The reason for this could be that Lewis is attempting to parody Gilley. However, this is not a stretch for him, as the two have very similar yet distinct vocal and piano techniques.

“Have you ever heard anybody build their self up, tear their self down, build their self up and then bring it out?” Lewis said at the end of “Bad, Bad Leroy Brown.”

Lewis grew in popularity alongside Johnny Cash, Carl Perkins and Elvis Presley. All of these artists have since died, leaving Lewis both the first great wild man of rock ‘n’ roll and the last great man of rock ‘n’ roll standing.

## What’s coming up?

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#### Friends of the Library 52nd annual book sale

Extraco Events Center, Creative Arts and General Exhibits Building  
10 a.m. - 9 p.m. today and Friday; 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Saturday; Noon - 6 p.m. Sunday

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#### Border Bandit movie screening and Q&A

101 Mars McLean Science  
6 - 8 p.m., screening will be followed by a Q&A with the film’s director and Baylor alumnus Kirby Warnock

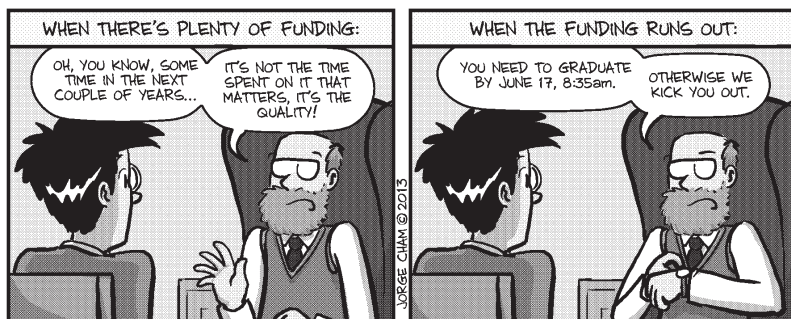
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### DAILY PUZZLES

Answers at [www.baylorlariat.com](http://www.baylorlariat.com)

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- Desert partly in northern China
- Allergic reaction
- Make overly dry
- Air or Mini
- Capital on a fjord
- Union Pacific Railroad headquarters
- Acidic
- Laser
- Up to this point
- “The Sound of Music” heroine
- Ho Chi Minh City, once
- Tribute in verse
- Part of ETA: Abbr.
- Fresno-to-L.A. direction
- Altar oath
- Conk on the head
- Common Italian restaurant fixture
- Construction site sight
- “Nagila”
- ’50s vice president
- Snow Queen in “Frozen”
- Unsuitable
- Completely in vain
- Remains in a tray
- Row-making tool
- Photo lab blowup: Abbr.
- Had a meal
- According to
- Appeared
- Breakfast serving, and a hint to this puzzle’s circled letters
- Soap vamp \_\_\_ Kane
- Novelist Turgenev
- Laryngitis sound
- Handled bags
- Insect eggs
- Hockey great Phil, familiarly
- Stimulate
- Swiss abstractionist
- Former Russian autocrat

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- “Amrcray!”
- Locka, Florida
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- Moravian or Czech
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- Like some specialized research, for short
- Luigi’s love
- Nadal of tennis, familiarly
- Become overly dry
- Angelic strings
- Activist Parks
- Show assent
- Old Kia model
- Koreans, e.g.
- Party-planning site
- All-\_\_\_ printer
- One of two talking animals in the Old Testament
- Like some training
- Rang out
- Ray gun sound
- Outer: Pref.
- Get ready to drag
- Drivel
- 1994 Jim Carrey movie
- “Break \_\_\_!”
- Planet, poetically
- Hoosier hoopster
- Blue heron kin
- Tennis divisions
- Field goal?
- Grammy winner Coolidge
- Sausage serving
- Like some movie twins
- Historian’s tidbit
- Fancy tub
- ESP neighbor, to the IOC

## Baylor upsets OSU 1-0 in Big 12 Tournament

By JEFFREY SWINDOLL  
SPORTS WRITER

Not much was expected of No. 7 Baylor soccer at the Big 12 Tournament in Kansas City, Kan. this week, but the Bears did the unexpected. Baylor beat Oklahoma State, the top-seeded team in their bracket, 1-0 Wednesday night.

The one-goal score line does not quite tell the story of this soccer match. Despite just one goal being scored in 90 minutes of play, the game had energy from the players and excitement from the fans all the way through.

Controversially, two Baylor goals were called off in the first half. Oklahoma State even hit the crossbar in the second half. Both goalkeepers were tested. The Bears fired off 11 shots and four were on goal. The Cowgirls cranked out 23 shots, also with four on goal.

Baylor thought they broke the deadlock very early in the match. Freshman forward Precious Akanyirige got her head on the end of a free kick from senior forward Justine Hovden on the left sideline. Akanyirige's header fizzed toward the goalie, who parried the ball down but did not get full possession of the ball in her grasp. Junior midfielder Bri Campos stuck her foot in when she saw the ball loose under the goalie. The ball crossed the goal line on Campos' stab. The Bears began to celebrate, but the head official called off the goal, saying Campos' goal was a violation of the goalie's possession of the ball within the six-yard box.

Baylor continued to knock on the door in the first half, mostly from set pieces. Senior midfielder Alexa

Wilde drove a ball with her head toward the upper corner of the goal from Hovden's corner kick. OSU's goalkeeper made a great diving save to deny Baylor the go-ahead goal.

The Bears' persistent pressure in the first half suffocated the Cowgirls' defense. Eventually the goal came on a set piece – something the Bears have made a distinct advantage for themselves in conference play this season.

Junior defender Katie Daigle notched yet another assist. For the most part, Daigle earns her assists with her long leg on free kicks. This time, Daigle got the assist with a throw-in. Daigle flung the ball into the goal box, the ball glided over an OSU defender and the ball fell to sophomore substitute Jordan Hatler. Her one shot of the game found the back of the net. It ended up being the difference, but the Bears still had to weather the second half storm from the Cowgirls.

The Bears nearly went up by two in the first half. For the second time, Bri Campos was disallowed a goal she scored. On this occasion, she was offside. The Cowgirls came storming back with some decent chances in the second half, including the aforementioned shot of theirs that hit the post. Baylor goalkeeper Michelle Kloss made four saves in her shutout performance.

"We've had a ton of adversity this year – broken legs, ACLs – a lot of injuries," Baylor co-head coach Marci Jobson said. "But I'm so proud of these girls. Every team in this conference is fabulous. So, right now, it's about our players being able to recover, get our bodies back underneath us and get ready for the next match."



CARLYE THORNTON | LARIAT PHOTO EDITOR

Sophomore forward Jordan Hatler dribbles past two defender's during Baylor's 0-0 draw with Oral Roberts on Sept. 21. Hatler scored the lone goal in Baylor's 1-0 upset victory over Oklahoma State.

Baylor's upset over Oklahoma State was the second match in a row that saw the lower-seeded team win the match. On the other side of the bracket, No. 5 Texas clinched a semi-final spot after a tight match with No. 4 Texas Tech that ended 1-1 after 90 minutes of play. The Longhorns sealed the deal with a 2-1 win in the shoot out after two 10-minute overtime periods.

"It's a hard way to win or lose a match, in dramatic fashion," Texas head coach Angela Kelly said. "I'm just really proud of our team and the battle, in how far they've come, how much they've grown and how much they believe in one another. That's how you ultimately win championships, is in believing. Happy to see our team see it through and to see all our players smile."

No. 1 West Virginia took care of business against TCU with a decisive 2-1 win. TCU's only goal of

the match came from a penalty kick awarded to the Horned Frogs late in the second half. Other than the penalty kick, the Mountaineers dominated the match with their athleticism and tactical superiority.

"This is a huge win," said Mountaineer coach Nikki Izzo-Brown. "Again, we had to play a frustrating five-back system, but the girls displayed tremendous patience and broke TCU down. It wasn't easy to do what we did, so I'm very proud of this team's resiliency. We found a way to win."

The Bears will face the No. 6-seed Sooners at 8 p.m. Friday night in one of the tournament's semi-final matches. The Sooners are coming off a 2-1 victory over the No. 3-seed (nationally ranked No. 18) Kansas Jayhawks.



KEVIN FREEMAN | LARIAT PHOTOGRAPHER

Freshman libero Jana Brusek returns a volley during Baylor's 3-1 loss to WVU on Oct. 22. The Bears fell to KU on Wednesday to move to 3-7 in conference.

## Baylor falls in straight sets to Kansas

By CODY SOTO  
SPORTS WRITER

Things did not go as planned for Baylor volleyball on Wednesday.

The Bears fell to Big 12 opponent Kansas 25-10, 25-14, 25-23 in disappointing road loss in Lawrence, Kan.

The Bears (13-12, 3-7 Big 12) came into the match with two conference wins over Iowa State and Texas Tech and were looking for their third-straight win. The loss was the second straight sweep suffered in Lawrence and pushes the Bears back in conference standings.

Offensively, Baylor didn't click like it wanted to and finished the match with a .068 hitting percentage on 103 attempts. The defense couldn't pick up the slack and only

returned Kansas' (17-7, 5-5 Big 12) .351 attack percentage with 36 digs in the three-set loss.

Junior outside hitter Andie Malloy led the Bears with nine kills and eight digs against the Jayhawks. Sophomore outside hitter Sam Hill added four kills on a .400 hitting effort, and junior outside hitter Adrien Richburg added three. Senior outside hitters Tori Cox and Nicole Bardaji and freshman hitter Katie Staiger had two kills in the sweep.

Kansas dominated Baylor's serve-receive rotation and took six aces in the match. Eight service errors crippled any momentum for the Bears. Freshman libero Jana Brusek led Baylor with 14 digs in the match, followed by junior setter Any Rosenbaum with four. Rosen-

baum had 21 assists in the loss after posting over 50 assists in last week's four-set win in Lubbock.

The opening set was disastrous for the Bears. Bardaji scored the first of two kills for Baylor in the first set, but the Jayhawks' .480 hitting percentage buried the Bears and forced the team to call a timeout with a 9-1 deficit early. The Bears only tallied eight digs and hit a disappointing -.185 attack percentage to quickly drop the first set.

Baylor came out stronger in the beginning of the second set but let a two-point deficit grow into a 14-9 lead for Kansas. Coming out the timeout, the Bears only scored five more points before giving up 11 points. The Jayhawks took the second set and Baylor headed into the locker room with a 2-0 deficit in

Lawrence.

The Bears came out of the locker room and fought back, tying the game at 10-10, 14-14, and 17-17 in the third set. The Jayhawks used two kills by outside hitter Chelsea Albers to take the lead for the rest of the set and forced another Baylor timeout. Hill contributed three kills in the final stretch to erase a match point for Kansas, but the team couldn't rally with their .209 hitting effort and dropped the set 25-23.

The loss was only the second time a Big 12 team swept Baylor this season, the only other team being No. 5 Texas (17-1, 9-1 Big 12) last month.

The Bears will look for a rebound win as they play host to No. 25 Oklahoma on Saturday at the Ferrell Center. Game time is set for 7 p.m.



### Don't Feed the Bears

The Baylor Lariat Sports Desk looks forward to Baylor football's key matchup with Oklahoma this Saturday and dives into Bryce Petty's comments about being #ReadyForOU. Jeffrey gives us a preview of the Big 12 soccer championship and Cody explains the resurgence of Baylor volleyball.

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