Wish granted

Law school receives financial aid to give legal help to local veterans

By Rebecca F. Flowers
Martin Winn

Thousands of veterans in Texas are unable to access legal aid to help them with their legal issues, but the volunteers at the Baylor Law School are giving local veterans a fighting chance to obtain justice.

The school has received a $25,000 grant from the Texas Access to Justice Foundation to aid in the innovative veterans assistance clinic.

Dr. Bridget Fuselier, professor of law in the Baylor Law School, said they coordinate monthly clinics for Waco-area veterans who need legal assistance and are unable to receive it because of the low income.

“We only coordinate the clinics for those who need legal assistance but are below the income level that would prevent them from doing so by them- selves,” said Fuselier.

The veterans who come to the clinic for aid are required to be at the 250 percent or lower poverty level.

According to the Texas Access to Justice Foundation website, to be eligible for aid, and the annual income of a veteran can be no more than $45,600 per year. Fuselier said 60 percent of the veterans they help come from McLennan County.

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“We went from helping a handful to help thousands,” said Torres. The nonprofit assists the elderly and disabled by helping them remain independent over thousands, “Russell said. They recently worked with an elderly woman who had no family, paying heavy on her heart.

Through connections, they were able to get five different legal services to the women. The clinic’s goal is to match people in need with those who can help them,” said Russell.

This month, the law school was able to serve 25 years of serving the elderly and disabled.

Dr. Ke Kang, research professor and the director of the new laboratory, said about half of the $1 million cost is covered by the institute, whose mission is to attract and expand the state’s research capabilities and create high-quality new jobs in Texas.

“This facility will allow us to make molecular faster and more efficiently” said Kang. “Some of our eminence has been to make the CCRC a large-scale entity.”

BU to house new cancer research laboratory

A new laboratory is being set up in the chemistry department to facilitate cancer drug research and spur economic development in Texas.

The chemical synthesis laboratory, which is partly funded by the Cancer Prevention Research Institute of Texas, will provide the first chemical synthesis screening facility in Texas, and Dr. John Wood, professor in the department of chemistry, said the work the law school is doing is unlike any other they’ve awarded grants for.

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The nonprofit assists the elderly and disabled by helping them remain independent as long as they can, said Russell. They also help care of people who cannot care for themselves through various programs that include topics like financial exploitation, legal guardianship and independent living.

“It isn’t rocket science, it’s one person at a time finding out what people need,” Russell said.

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An elderly woman looks on as Friends for Life celebrates its 25th anniversary. Friends for Life helps the elderly and disabled community of Waco.

“Seminaries should incorporate required classes into their curricula,” she said. “Starting them early is key.”

Hamas, Islamic State group share creed, Netanyahu says

By David M. Levinson
Managing Photographer

The Israeli Premier Benjamin Netanyahu spoke Monday during the 69th session of the United Nations General Assembly at U.N. headquarters.

United Nations — In a blistering speech at the United Nations, Israeli Prime Minister Ben-jamin Netanyahu warned on Mon-day that Hamas and the Islamic State group are “branches of the same poisonous tree” that has brought world domination through terror, just as the Nazis did.

The premier also lashed back at President Mahmoud Abbas, who accused Israel last week of carrying out war crimes and waging a “war of genocide” during the fighting in Gaza. Na-ternet said Hamas committed “the real war crimes” in Gaza by using Palestinian civilians as hu-man shields.

Addressing the U.N. General Assembly’s annual ministerial meeting, the Israeli leader argued that Israel’s fight against Hamas and the U.S. military campaign against the Islamic State are part of the same cause — the defeat of extremism.

Netanyahu ruled against world leaders for simultaneously con-demning the Jewish state for its war with Hamas and praising Presi-dent Barack Obama for attacking

Islamic State militants and other terrorists in Syria and Iraq.

“They evidently don’t under-stand that ISIS and Hamas are branches of the same poisonous tree,” the prime minister said, re-ferring to the Islamic State group by one of its acronyms. He added: “When it comes to its ultimate goals, Hamas is ISIS, and ISIS is Hamas.”

Netanyahu said ISIS and Hamas as well as other Muslim extremist movements, from al-Qaida and Nigeria’s Boko Haram to Somalia’s al-Shabab and Luba-
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Focus on offshoots of Al Qaida, not IS

The Middle East has always been a problem for America. Whether you think it recent history or look through the lens of today's news, our countries have a history of conflict. The United States has had to deal with a variety of issues that need to be handled. The most pressing are not only coming from the United States and its allies, but also the rest of the world. The region continues to be a major area of conflict throughout the world.

The most evident region in the Middle East is the Islamic State. The Islamic State (IS, also known as ISIS) is a global terrorist organization. It has the ability to start wars in the region and the power to overthrow governments in the Middle East.

Though it is known for its terrorist attacks, IS is a threat to national security. It is also an organization that is being fought in many countries. The United States, the United Kingdom, and the Islamic State group are fighting against each other in this war. The United States and IS have been involved in the conflict from the beginning of the war and continue to be major players in the region.

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The Diabolical Doctor Seven waits for applause at his illusionist show at Ink Life Tour which was held at Waco Convention Center on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The event showcased various tattoo artists from around the country, featured live bands and held contests for attendees to show off their own tattoos.

Puppet works on detailing a woman’s tattoo of a lady with an ornate mask.

“We’ve become family and it doesn’t matter where we come from. We come together and pick up right where we left off. We’re all here to support each other. Ink Life Tour has been great for everybody. They’re very tattoo artist friendly.”

Silvia de Aztlan | Owner of Aztlan Arts

Check out the full slideshow of Ink Life Tour online at baylorlariat.com.
Airshow features variety of planes, acrobatic displays

By Abigail Loop
Staff Writer

Families and students gathered at the Heart of Texas Air Show this weekend at TSTC Waco Airport. The event featured planes from 1940 andplanes from all over the country.

Adam Baker, another acrobat plane, flew an Extra 330, which Abbott said was great for highlighting acrobatic moves. “The crowd cheered as Baker flew into the sky, turned off his engine and twirled toward the ground before turning his engine on again and shooting back up to the sky,” Baker said. “They think you’re a crazy guy but you’re really just an airplane nerd.”

Davis accuses Abbott of incentive fund cover-up

By Paul J. Weber
Associated Press

AUSTIN — Attorney General Greg Abbott, a candidate for governor of Texas,明天 will defend Monday on the campaign trail his state’s incentive fund and more recent decisions that keep tight reins on Texas Enterprise money to woo businesses.

The criticism has the Republican, the favorite to win the state’s gubernatorial contest, on the defensive. In recent TV ads, Abbott compared the “attacks” on Abbott — even though Tesla had already made its choice. Abbott spokesman Jerry Strickland said Monday that the ruling followed the law, which only takes into account the circumstances at the time the request was originally filed. He also more broadly defended Abbott’s earlier rulings surrounding the Texas Enterprise Fund.

“The State Auditor’s Office conducted a thorough audit into the TEF and the State Auditor found absolutely no wrongdoing by the Attorney General,” Strickland said in a statement. “State auditors identified Voight Aircraft, which received $35 million, among 20 enterprise recipi- ents that never submitted a for- mal application, while lawmakers didn’t begin requiring until 2013. Abbott’s office has previously de- manding open records requests to re- ceived the company’s award, but Monday released a 2004 letter from Voight that the company de- scribed as its “application.”

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The only veterans clinic is in a law school where we fund," Torres said. "The fact that Baylor was starting a program to benefit veterans in this specific model was not appealing to us."

Fauci said the law school centers is an encouragement to receive the grant. "The foundation has a small number of grants to give out," Fauci said. "So it speaks to us that they believe in our program. The work we provide for the veterans." Torres said the continued funding to Baylor is unique for the foundation. "It is a big deal," Torres said. "We've had diminishing resources so we've had to make difficult choices in where to put our dollars and for three years we've decided to give Baylor the $22,000."

Baylor Law’s website describes the pro bono program as educational as well as a boost. "Each monthly clinic begins with a 30-minute educational topic ranging from landlord/tenant relationship issues to veteran benefits to the operation of 'tech walk' according to the law school's website. "Following the 30-minute session, veterans who have current legal problems can meet with a law student and volunteer attorney for a brief advice and counsel session." Torres said law schools are one of the most targeted avenues for the grants because of the opportunities they foster for law students. "Law school is where you start educating young professionals about the services they can provide, give them opportunities to serve and have them help veterans like the one at Baylor," Torres said. "It's a perfect place to provide funding."

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He searched Iran itself of meaning terrorist attacks all around the world, and lumped the country in with Islamic extremist movements. "To say that Iran doesn't practice terrorism is like saying Derek Jeter never played shortstop for the New York Yankees," he said.

Netanyahu criticized the efforts of six world powers to reach a nuclear deal with Iran, saying "To defeat ISIS and leave Iran as a threshold nuclear power is to win the battle and lose the war." He also lauded a nuke-threating Israel for criticism of Iran. "Turning to another regional enmity, Netanyahu added the gravest threat to the world today is not Iran obtaining nuclear weapons. "It's one thing to confront militant Islamists on policy issues, armed with Kalashnikovs or 800 another thing to confront militant Islamic armed with weapons of mass destruction," he said.

Netanyahu said Iranian President Hassan Rouhani's condemnation of the group of terrorists last week amounted to "one of history's greatest displays of doubletalk."
Threadbear Alum’s love for textiles, designing married in personal fashion line

By Elly Spencer

A woman pacing at the front of the room at the Baylor Apparel Professionals meeting were a drop-in silhouette, dresses. The dresses hand-painted and sewn by wearer, contained nothing but natural elements. The royal blue fabric was missing synthetic dyes, hazardous chemicals and processed rayons. Kate dePara is a Baylor fashion merchandising alumnus and holder of a Master of Fine Arts in fiber design from Savannah College of Arts and Design. She is also the face behind her own all-natural clothing line, Evens.

DePara’s most shocking quality is that she graduated from Baylor in December 2007 and has owned her own company for two years already. “Kate was a positive presence in my class day,” said Lorynn Divita, associate professor of family and consumer sciences. “I was lucky to have her.”

DePara marveled her favorite career in the most unli- kely way: as an historian major. “I couldn’t have had a better education for the rest of my life, and I didn’t want to solely focus on getting published,” dePara said, laughing. “That’s where I changed to fashion merchandising.”

DePara interacted throughout the fashion department, jumping from design to merchandising and back again. After graduating early and landing a job in New York City, dePara decided the world was not what she had imagined.

“We sold so well, and I was working 65-70 hours a week. DePara said, “I just want for work.”

At this point, dePara decided her best option was to invent to the medium field and earned a degree in fibers. Since her company, Evens, was born.

“Evens is a clothing line dePara has based on her love of textiles and design, marrying the two. She uses all-natural fabrics and carries out a theme of sustainability in her line.”

“People don’t think about what happens to their synthetic clothing,” dePara said. “You can’t recycle those.”

The year, dePara was also nominated for and in a f- nally to the national Martha Stewart’s American Made competition. The competition, which includes Stewart, selects small American businesses and entre- preneurs and awards the top product to the winner. After the panel chooses their favorite business and retail, the competition gives it to the public, where voting determines the final winner.

“It’s a really easy way to be kind and get people to see.” dePara said. “It’s been really fun.”

DePara found success with an entrepreneurial side and make it changes, but she credits most of her tal- ent and prosperity to the skills Baylor taught her. “Baylor definitely gave me great organizational, language, writing skills,” dePara said. “I learned how to be a problem solver and a leader.”

Divita said what students gain from their Baylor education is related to the work they put in, as well as the opportunities they take hold of.

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Baylor volleyball started conference play with a five-set win over Kansas State on Saturday night in Manhattan, Kan.

The Bears (10-3, 0-1 Big 12) used a strong effort in the final two sets to overcome falling behind in the first three.

Baylor won 14-25, 25-18, 25-20, 25-23,

and 15-12 without junior outside hitter Andie Malloy. Baylor's win snapped the Wildcats' 11-game home win streak.

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For her performance, Staiger was named Big 12 Rookie of the Week.

Baylor fell behind once more in the third set, but Petty threw more than normal on the road, and he would have thrown closer to 60 passes if he played the rest of the game.

Petty received a major boost from the return of sophomore wide receiver Corey Coleman and senior All-American Antwan Goodley.

Coleman set a career high with 12 receptions and led the team with 154 yards.

Junior middle hitter Adrien Finley added 114 yards.

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Senior quarterback Bryce Petty lead all passers with a .152 hitting effort in the five-set win. 

Baylor's 53 kills helped the Bears to a .315 hitting effort in the five-set win.

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Petty also contributed 12 digs for her fourth double-double this season.

Senior setter Sayde Petry led over Iowa State defenders in Baylor's game against the Cyclones on Saturday night in Ames, Iowa. The Bears passed their first conference test with a convincing 24-28 set win over ISU.

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Baylor's defense was dominant. Iowa State had only 20 rushing yards between 20 carries from its running backs, a paltry 1.4 yards per carry.

Despite the win, Baylor stayed ready at No. 7 in the Associated Press poll and No. 6 in the Amway Coaches Poll. The Bears will prepare to play the University of Texas on Saturday. Baylor players don't see this being a big game for their season.

“Putting on the green and gold is what makes it big. Being here is where I’m supposed to be, so I’m just where I want to be,” Petty said. “If I wanted to be somewhere else there would be two. I take a lot of pride in being on my Baylor colors, and I say that with a lot of pride because of what these guys do day in and day out. That’s what makes the prides come out of me is being around those guys.”

In the last matchup between these two teams, the Baylor Bears beat Texas 30-10 to win their first ever Big 12 Championship and qualify for the Fiesta Bowl.

No other game this week” athletes received Corey Coleman said. “We’re not worrying about what has happened in the past. We’re going in with the mindset that they are good and preparing like it’s a big game for them.”

No. 7 Baylor plays Texas at 3:30 p.m. Saturday at Darrell K. Royal- Texas Memorial in Austin. The game will be televised on ABC.
No. 4 Baylor equestrian took its sixth straight Willis Invitational title after shutting out Oklahoma State on Oct. 18. The meet was held at the Willis Family Equestrian Center.

"When coaches put a lot of pressure on us to uphold the Willis trophy for our sponsors, but we have been practicing hard and preparing for this meet since the start of the season," head coach Ellen White said. "I definitely felt like we were really prepared, and it’s great to come home with a gold." (Brown)

Baylor (9-0) won all previous season openers for the past six years as part of the Willis Invitational. Although the team was a heavy favorite throughout the weekend, the Bears still needed to prove themselves to uphold the tradition, junior Mary Brown said.

"We know we won a better team than all of us, so we just have to prove it. We still have to do it," Brown said.

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