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Harris County increases reward

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HOUSTON — Authorities have increased to \$75,000 the reward for information to a Texas murder.

Officials are seeking information leading to an arrest in the slaying last year of a family of four, including two children, in their suburban Houston home.

Harris County Sheriff Adrian Garcia on Monday announced the reward has been increased from the \$70,000 officials announced last summer.

Crime Stoppers is offering the reward for information on the deaths of 50-year-old Maoye Sun, his 49-year-old wife Mei Xie and their 7- and 9-year-old sons.

Authorities have said a motive in the killings remains unclear.

Deputies discovered the bodies Jan. 30, 2014.

Investigators say the husband was last seen alive leaving work on Jan. 24.

Insurance sign-ups spike on final day

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN ANTONIO — Despite drizzling weather, people seeking health insurance under the Affordable Care Act streamed into some Texas enrollment centers Sunday, the final day they could sign up this year.

Enrollment SA, a coalition of San Antonio health professionals, nonprofits and government agencies, kept three centers open to help people navigate the exchanges and find insurance. By mid-afternoon, the centers had attended to some 70 families, with more still expected, though organizers said they were unlikely to see the long lines of 2014.

"It's definitely less than last year that we are helping in person," said Joe A. Ibarra, a South Texas regional organizer for Enroll America. "But enrollment numbers across the board are up."

He said that the coalition anticipates that about 46,000 new consumers will have signed up for insurance during this enrollment period, which means that more than 100,000 people in and around Bexar County will have received insurance through the Affordable Care Act. Ibarra estimates the number of uninsured in Bexar County, which includes San Antonio, at between 200,000 and 300,000.

Latinos have been intensely targeted by the coalition through Spanish-language newspaper ads along with radio and TV spots. More than 75 percent of uninsured people in Bexar County are Latino, said Andrea Guajardo, director of community health at Christus Santa Rosa Health System. Latinos here suffer high rates of chronic illnesses, including diabetes and heart disease. When these are left untreated, health care costs can skyrocket as drastic

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KEVIN FREEMAN | LARIAT PHOTOGRAPHER

Baylor strings get ridiculous

Silsbee sophomore Laura Cowlishaw plays the cello during the Baylor University Campus Orchestra's performance, titled "From The Sublime, To The Ridiculous!" on Monday in the Jones Concert Hall. The concert consisted of a Beethoven piece and a John Williams piece for the sublime, and ended with a Kabalevsky suite for the ridiculous.

Sunday vigil remembers slain students

By BRESHA PIERCE REPORTER

Baylor students gathered to mourn the loss of three University of North Carolina students for a candlelight service at 8 p.m. Sunday at the Bill Daniel Student Center.

Almost a week earlier, two women called 911 at approximately 5 p.m. Tuesday to report multiple gunshots and screams in an apartment complex near the University of North Carolina, according to a University of North Carolina press release. The three students, Deah Barakat, Yusor Abu-Salha, and Razan Abu-Salha, were dead at the scene, police reported.

Even though Baylor students were not at the incident, they wanted to remember the three students with a candlelight vigil.

"I wanted people to come together and know that there are things going on in the world but at the same time we need to keep in mind that we have a commitment and responsibility to remember that every life matters," said Plano senior Raayan Islam.

About 50 Baylor students came together Sunday evening and showed respect, through prayer and moments of silence, to the lives that were lost.

"We want Baylor University to be a place of peace and love," Islam said. "Where we can go about our day with full comfort and confidence of being who we naturally are, regardless of religion, race, ethnicity, socioeconomic background or political views."

The victims' families described the murders as hate crime. The University of North Carolina Police Department stated in a press release that it is still investigating the incident.

"What we witnessed in Chapel Hill was a tragedy," Islam said. "It's disheartening to see and hear about what just happened and so I think as students we have a responsibility especially being at a university to commemorate what they stood for. At the end of the day we mourn for their death and we gather tonight to remember their loss."

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Let's Talk sees growth despite stigma

By AMANDA HAYES REPORTER

Following a campaign to engage students in the minority community and break stigmas associated with counseling, the counseling center's Let's Talk program has seen a dramatic increase in the number of students who use its services, said Monique Marsh-Bell, a psychologist at the center.

This comes after an initiative by the center last semester to increase awareness about the programs on campus and let students know they do not have to be dealing with huge issues to come talk

to counselors, Marsh-Bell said.

A number of surveys were sent to students last semester, which Marsh-Bell said confirmed there is a negative stigma attached to counseling that makes students cautious to go to the counseling center, as previously reported by the Lariat.

"There's a misconception that students can only come to the counseling center if there is something significantly wrong with them," Marsh-Bell said. "The counseling center is available to discuss anything the students wants to talk about, whether it's changing their major or a roommate issue."



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Monique Marsh-Bell, a psychologist at Baylor "Let's Talk" center, is helping to redefine the negative stigmas against counseling.

Let's Talk is a service designed by the counseling center for students who need quick advice and

don't want the traditional weekly counseling session, Marsh-Bell said. The program is free, there

is no appointment necessary and anything discussed with a consultant remains confidential. The first-come, first-served meetings take place from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. on Wednesdays on the third floor Multicultural Affairs conference room in the Bill Daniel Student Center.

The Multicultural Affairs department partnered with the development of this program, Marsh-Bell said, because they see a need for students of minorities or disabilities that don't feel as comfortable to receive help.

In some cultures, it is seen as

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Egypt requests more aid against IS

By HAMZA HENDAWI AND MAGGIE MICHAEL ASSOCIATED PRESS

CAIRO — Egypt bombed Islamic State militants in neighboring Libya on Monday and called on the United States and Europe to join an international military intervention in the chaotic North African state after extremists beheaded a group of Egyptian Christians.

The airstrikes bring Egypt overtly into Libya's turmoil, a reflection of Cairo's increasing alarm. Egypt now faces threats on two fronts — a growing stronghold of radicals on its western border and a militant insurgency of Islamic State allies on its eastern flank in the Sinai Peninsula — as well as its own internal challenges.

Islamic State group weapons caches and training camps were

targeted "to avenge the bloodshed and to seek retribution from the killers," a military statement said. "Let those far and near know that Egyptians have a shield to protect and safeguard the security of the country and a sword that cuts off terrorism."

The announcement on state radio represents Egypt's first public acknowledgement of military action in post-Moammar Gadhafi Libya, where there has been almost no government control.

Libya is where the Islamic State group has built up its strongest presence outside Syria and Iraq. Egyptian President Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi is lobbying Europe and the United States for a coordinated international response similar to the coalition air campaign in those countries.

"What is happening in Libya is a threat to international peace and security," said El-Sissi.

El-Sissi spoke with France's

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A man mourns Monday over Egyptian Coptic Christians who were captured in Libya and killed by militants affiliated with the Islamic State group, inside the Virgin Mary Church in the village of el-Aour.



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Rings in the spring

Fort Worth junior Alicia Hindman was sized Monday in the Bill Daniels Student Center. The signature Baylor ring was designed by Balfour in 1995. Ring Week lasts from 10 a.m. till 3 p.m. from Monday to Thursday in the SUB.

Study abroad for true cultural immersion

Editorial

Everyday we see the fruits of education through technology, increases in the standard of living and most importantly, social change. Former South African President and revolutionary Nelson Mandela once said that “education is the most powerful tool you can use to change the world.”

Sitting in a classroom and absorbing instruction from professors and textbooks has its place, but there is something to be said for experience. This is certainly true for those who have chosen to study languages, cultures and religions.

Studying abroad can offer the valuable experience needed to attain a well-rounded education. But if students do choose to study abroad, they should ask themselves one thing: “Is studying in Western Europe or another popular spot really the best place to attain a well-rounded education?”

The Lariat published an article last week stating that roughly 70 percent of Baylor undergraduates who study abroad choose to do so in Western Europe. Because of the region’s esteemed reputation for art, food and music, the region appeals to students wanting to study internationally.

American and Western Europe, however, have many cultural similarities and can sometimes cause students not to get the most out of their study abroad experiences. Many of the countries in Europe speak English and have some of the same social customs as we do in America. And despite the fact that it is often advertised as such, Western Europe is not always the best place to broaden horizons in an area of study.

Students studying business for example, often neglect to remember that China and Eastern Asia have some of the fastest-growing economies in the world. Even those who study art and architecture have various options throughout Africa and the Middle East, which contain some of the original wonders of the ancient world.

Language is often a barrier students are not keen on facing when it comes to studying and traveling abroad. But several studies have shown that studying abroad is actually one of the best ways to learn a language because travelers are forced to adapt.

And because Baylor requires students to take four semesters of a language before graduating, this could be a great way to reinforce what’s been learned in class. And even if you are unfa-

miliar with the language, don’t worry. Those at the Tower of Babel managed — you can too.

The good thing about studying abroad at the university is that financial aid is available to those who otherwise may not be able to afford. Endowed scholarships such as Glennis McCrary Goodrich Scholarship are often based on academic merit and financial need, and give generous scholarships to those who qualify and are selected.

For students choosing to study abroad in the fall or spring semester, financial aid from the university can be applied to study abroad programs. Before deciding you can’t afford it, be sure to explore your options.

Several students who have gone on study abroad trips during their undergraduate career say that doing so helped them in unimaginable ways. And wherever they decide to study internationally, they will undoubtedly benefit from this endeavor.

Students should carefully decide whether studying abroad at all is a good decision. While it can be an amazing experience, studying abroad is not for everyone. Class credit is a major part — if not the most important part — of studying abroad.

Overall, immersion into new cultures is the best way to learn about the world. It’s worth it.



ASHER FREEMAN

Be the standard; don't conform

“Be the standard.”

All throughout society we aim for perfection. We aim to not only to succeed, but to triumph. Hardly ever does anyone just want to be standard. These short words that carry no value to others, inspire, encourage and drive Baylor as a whole.

To many other schools that do not quite understand Baylor and its traditions or methods, most people would read that phrase and question why Baylor has a motto that does not seem to hold much weight.

However, in the eyes of the Bears and their football team, this simple phrase is a constant reminder of how high the bar has been set. Back-to-back Big 12 Championships are now the baseline for the players and their goals must now extend beyond just winning the Big 12 Championship.

In academics, Baylor has also grown, much like the football program. After having the largest incoming freshman class in school history, more than 4,000 students, Baylor is obviously reaching new heights and setting new standards.

However, multiple dorms are being revamped and are possibly going co-ed all across the nation. Under-age drinking is present on almost all college universities and considered normal now. Young college students are now paying money to go see movies like “Fifty Shades of Grey” that seem to feature primarily sex and abuse.

This world has definitely changed and it seems that Baylor is making similar changes to conform.

Romans 12:2 states, “Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.”

Just the other day, I cheered at one of the home Baylor men’s basketball games, I heard two young freshman boys at the top of their lungs yell the “F” word.

It didn’t astound me that it was hollered



Dane Chronister
Reporter

just one time, but it was habitually thrown from their mouths like a new chant.

As a yell “leader” at Baylor, I turned around and asked them to politely not use this word in public at a game where children and families came to watch their Baylor team triumph, and one boldly questioned, “Why?”

I am not sure where my fury had spouted from, but in that instant I fired back, “Because we are Baylor. We have class. We do not yell curse words across the court or field. That is not who we are.”

We are called to be different. We are called to stand out before peers and other universities to be the “faith-based forerunner” of other institutions. We are to be the standard, set an example and live it out.

As students of a Christian university, we are called to do the same. As this earth changes and rules flex, we must remain firm in the grounds of our beliefs to stand fast in God’s calling. We are to “be the standard,” set an example and live it out.

Christ was scorned by almost everyone during his lifetime. He befriended lepers and prostitutes.

He learned to love those that hated him and refrain from sin because He was doing as God has called us as people to do.

He did many things to show the love of God and to glorify Him by walking in a path of righteousness. He was the standard. He set an example and we must live it out.

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Penland Crossroads’ desserts are the day’s best sweetener

Penland Crossroads is wonderful. It feels too big though. What’s the other side of the room, opposite to the dessert station even being used for? Some people tell me the bathrooms are over there, but I don’t really know because I’ve never had time to check. Why would I go to where the dessert station is not?

Every day I can walk into Penland Crossroads and, right as I pass the counter where they swipe you in, I turn the corner and there they are — stacks upon stacks of pastries and desserts of all sorts. They’ve got brownies, cake, cookies, ice cream ... it’s amazing. The dessert station is great, but I feel bad for those people that aren’t interested in eating dessert for breakfast lunch and dinner every day.

Goodness gracious. It would be a crying shame for people to be wasting their swipes if they wanted actual meals at Penland Crossroads. I honestly have no idea why anyone would complain about a food court only offering desserts. Which is why the word “Crossroads” is a little confusing to me. What else is being crossed other than desserts? That’s all they’ve got in there, other than drinks of course.

The confusion regarding the bathroom’s location and overall existence



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is a little more serious than you may think. My friends keep telling me they wish there was a bathroom at Penland Crossroads, but I’m almost positive the rumors about a bathroom being in there are true.

I think if the Penland staff stacked the brownies to a measly height of 3 feet, rather than the 7-foot peak they usually reach, students may start noticing the pathway to the alleged bathroom. I simply can’t see it from the dessert station, though, and once I’ve got my Blue Bell and cookies, my focus is nowhere else. Unfortunately, there are some people who don’t have as much focus as I do on the baked goodness at Crossroads.

Penland just needs to settle the issue once and for all. Answer the question of whether or not there’s a bathroom in there and we can finally just be happy

and eat dessert with the apparently much-needed assurance of a bathroom being in the vicinity. The bathroom dispute and the name of Penland Crossroads are really my only problems with the dining hall.

I’m glad Penland doesn’t have any other sections. The other dining halls should do the same. Sure, we’ll be less healthy, I guess, but you can just not get a meal plan and not have to worry about it. Subway is just a couple yards away from Penland anyway.

Memorial’s food court has way too much other food. In fact, there just shouldn’t be any other food. Why are they still serving flying saucers? They closed Collins for a reason. It’s way too much to ask the food court to be making “real food” when they’re already busy making the desserts around the clock. What else do you need? I’ll answer that for you. Nothing.

Crossroads is so good that it should be the example the other on-campus food courts follow.

Hopefully we can get to that point one day.

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A pedestrian passes anti-austerity graffiti Monday in Athens. Greece's radical left government and its European creditors are heading into new talks on the country's bailout program, despite low expectations for a deal.

European creditors arrive at final offer for Greek bailout

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BRUSSELS — European creditors issued Greece with an ultimatum Monday, saying the country must accept a key condition in bailout talks by the end of the week or face having to meet its debt commitments on its own — a prospect that many in the financial markets think would leave Greece little option but to leave the euro.

After a meeting of the 19 finance ministers of the eurozone over how to make Greece's debts sustainable broke down in seeming-acrimony after barely more than three hours, Greece was told it has to ask for an extension to its bailout program before further negotiations on the country's future financing and economic course can take place.

"We simply need more time and the best way for that at this point is extend the current program, which would allow a number of months for us to work on

future arrangements," said Jeroen Dijsselbloem, the head of the so-called eurogroup.

Without some sort of financing arrangements in place after the current bailout ends after Feb. 28, Greece would face real difficulties meeting its obligations, such as debt repayments, over the coming months. Bankruptcy and a potential exit from the euro would loom for Greece once again.

That's why investors grew increasingly concerned Monday that a deal may not emerge in time to avoid a so-called "Grexit" from the euro — the main stock market in Greece fell 3.8 percent while the euro slipped.

Investors are worried that the two sides are poles apart especially as a cornerstone of the election campaign of Greece's new left-wing government was to scrap the bailout program. In return for 240 billion euros (\$275 billion) of rescue money from 2010 onwards, successive Greek governments have had to implement a wide ar-

ray of austerity measures such as deep cuts to spending and pensions.

The new Syriza government, in power for barely three weeks, blames those measures for the country's economic ills — the Greek economy is around a quarter smaller than in 2008, despite a recent modest return to growth while unemployment and poverty have swelled.

"It would be an act of subterfuge to promise to our partners to complete successfully a program we challenged the logic of," Greece's finance minister, Yanis Varoufakis, said.

And despite the talk of deadlines, Varoufakis insisted a deal between the two sides was achievable and that visible progress could still be made within the next 48 hours despite Monday's swift breakdown in discussions.

"We are ready and willing to do whatever it takes to reach an agreement over the next two days," he said.

Texas' biennial Legislature is more than just 'part time'

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ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUSTIN — Texas is proud of its part-time Legislature, where many lawmakers make non-political livings and only pass laws on the side. That's why their annual pay is only \$7,200 plus expenses, and sessions come just once every two years.

But the 140-day session is so long that Texas often doesn't even rank in the top 10 nationally for least legislative days worked over two-year periods, a list that includes nine states where legislatures convene annually. Those are long hours for a deeply conservative state obsessed with small government, yet not enough to avoid a parade of special sessions that have become a staple over the last decade and a half.

Proponents of moving Texas to annual sessions criticize having to hammer out multibillion-dollar two-year budgets that are projected so far into the future that accuracy can suffer. In addition, the other legislatures that meet biennially— Nevada, Montana and North Dakota — are in sparsely populated states that face different challenges than a place as large as Texas.

Still, little support exists to change a part-time tradition in place since the Texas Legislature first convened in 1846.

"It makes us look less like Washington," said Sen. Donna Campbell, a New Braunfels Republican who's also an emergency room doctor.

Legislative work could go faster, but the Texas Constitution prohibits lawmakers from passing or even having floor debates on most bills during the session's first two months. That time is meant to al-



Sen. Donna Campbell, R-New Braunfels, wears her medical scrubs as she speaks to an anti-abortion group July 1, 2013, outside the Texas Capitol, in Austin. Campell is also an emergency room doctor.

low deliberation on would-be laws before lawmakers vote on them.

"The first 60 days is like two-a-days for legislators," said first-term Republican Rep. Cecil Bell of Magnolia, referring to the opening of football training camp when teams practice twice daily, but actual games are still weeks away.

Rather than weeding out bills early, the result is usually a scramble to get everything done late. And often there is extra work pending after session ends: Gov. Rick Perry called 12 special sessions during his 14-year tenure that ended last month.

Every-other-year sessions also mean living with the consequences longer. In 2011, lawmakers passed a last-minute transportation code that mistakenly eliminated fines for driving without front and back license plates — and couldn't fix it until 2013.

Laredo Democratic Rep. Richard Pena Raymond has long filed bills to have the Legislature meet in off-years, but only to discuss state budget bills.

Raymond says many colleagues privately applaud his proposal since it would ease budget-writing headaches. "But politically, you'll

have a lot of members that are afraid of somebody saying, 'Oh no, they're going to be in session every year, they're going to have more laws,'" he said.

Legislative Budget Board spokesman R.J. DeSilva said there's no recent estimate on the cost of the 140-day legislative session beyond \$150 daily per diems paid to lawmakers. But Texas keeps costs in check by keeping lawmakers' salaries so low, explaining why so many have other full-time careers.

Relying on other income sources can create conflicts of interests, like in 2011 when a Houston lawmaker passionately decried stricter regulation of payday loans because they would hurt his own payday loan businesses. The practice is common nationwide, though, since few states pay their legislators salaries high enough to make comfortable livings.

Campbell sometimes works nights and weekends at an Austin clinic to avoid a 60-mile drive home. She said that during her first session in 2013 "there were times that I would get off my shift at 7 a.m. and be in the Senate at 9."

"I am blessed that I don't require much sleep," Campbell said.

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Designer Zac Posen and model Naomi Campbell greet the crowd after his Fall 2015 collection is modeled during Fashion Week on Monday in New York. The annual event showcases fashion trends to come.

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interventions such as amputations or vascular surgery may be needed.

"The more people we can get access to regular care," said Guajardo, "the less will be their need to come into the emergency rooms when they are in crisis."

But prevention is not always an easy sell. Camilo Ramos, a 48-year-old construction worker, needed to be convinced that he, his wife and their 19-year-old son would benefit from signing up for a plan cost-

ing them \$22 a month.

"It's super affordable," said Cynthia Delapena, who was helping sign them up at an enrollment center northeast of San Antonio. "But it was like I practically had to sell them a new car."

Others were happy to help navigating the intricacies of the plans and their pricing. At San Antonio College, 29-year-old Daniel Urrutia, who works a part-time job sorting packages for UPS, said that

he had tried signing up on his own but had shaved about \$100 from his monthly rate with the help of a coalition member. "This is actually the first time I've ever had insurance," he said.

Urrutia works part-time bringing Boy Scouts of America programs to schools in poor neighborhoods. She had recently suffered a severe sore throat and, without insurance, could not afford to see a doctor.

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taboo to discuss one's problems with anyone outside the family, Marsh-Bell said. The counseling center and Multicultural Affairs work together to understand cultural differences and to earn the trust of students.

"Students here are generally driven and independent," Marsh-Bell said. "They don't want to ask for help, as they see asking for help as a failure."

Sharyl Loeung, resource specialist for Multicultural Affairs, said other schools were doing this

successfully, so Baylor counselors thought the program would be a good idea.

The spring semester can bring tremendous stress to students, but with a student body full of achievers, Loeung said, students might avoid seeking help.

Incoming students take the Clifton StrengthsFinder test, which identifies their top five strengths in order to reveal the areas in which they have the most potential to grow and thrive. At Baylor, Loeung said the no. one strength found in

Baylor students is achiever.

With this mentality, Loeung said students generally want to be the best at everything they do and feel embarrassed to seek help.

Marsh-Bell said she hopes students will give the service a try and realize the importance of taking care of oneself both physically and emotionally.

"Seeking counseling doesn't mean you're in crisis, but could prevent you from reaching that point," Loeung said.

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Islam and Waco junior Hasan Waqar spoke to the gathering. Waqar read a speech given by Barakat's sister the day after the incident.

"We are out here paying our respects to the students who lost their lives," Waqar said. "It is very sad and we just want to keep them in our prayers and know we care for them and support their families."

Islam said he may host more events in the future regarding this

incident.

"They stood as an ideal to strive for, representing the virtues of putting others needs before their own, extraordinary work ethic, and a continuous love for members of their community with smiles and laughs. Our thoughts and prayers go out to their loved ones and the Chapel Hill community," Islam said.

The Associated Press contributed to this story.

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president and Italy's prime minister Monday about Libya, and sent his foreign minister, Sameh Shukri, to New York to consult at the United Nations ahead of a terrorism conference opening Wednesday in Washington.

The bombs were dropped by U.S.-made F-16 fighter jets that left Egyptian bases for targets in the eastern Libyan city of Darna, according to Egyptian and Libyan security officials who spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to talk to the press.

The strikes came hours after the Islamic State group issued a grisly video of the beheadings of 21 Egyptian Christians, mainly young men from impoverished families who were kidnapped after traveling to Libya for work. The video shows them being marched onto what is purported to be a Libyan beach before masked militants with knives carve off their heads.

Thirteen of the 21 came from Egypt's tiny Christian-majority village of el-Aour, where relatives wept in church and shouted the names of the dead on Monday.

Babawi Walham, his eyes swollen from crying and barely able to speak, said his brother Samuel, a 30-year-old plumber, was in the video his family saw on the news Sunday night.

"Our life has been turned upside down," he told The Associated Press. "I watched the video. I saw my brother. My heart stopped beating. I felt what he felt."

Libyan extremists loyal to the Islamic State and some 400 fighters from Yemen and Tunisia have seized control of Darna and the central city of Sirte and have built up a powerful presence in the capital, Tripoli, as well as the second-

largest city, Benghazi. Libya's internationally recognized government has been driven into the country's far eastern corner.

Without publicly acknowledging it, Egypt and the United Arab Emirates carried out airstrikes against Islamist-allied militias last year, according to U.S. officials.

"We will not fight there on the ground on behalf of anyone, but we will not allow the danger to come any closer to us," said one Egyptian security official, who claimed that intelligence recently gathered in Libya suggests advanced preparations by Islamic State militants to cross the border into Egypt. He did not elaborate.

For now, any foreign intervention should be limited to air strikes, with political and material support from the U.S.-led coalition staging airstrikes in Iraq and Syria, the Egyptian official said. Egypt already has been amassing intelligence on extremists in Libya in a joint effort with the Libyan armed forces and West European nations, including France.

Insurgents in Egypt's strategic Sinai Peninsula who recently declared their allegiance to the Islamic State rely heavily on arms smuggled from Libya, which has slid into chaos since the 2011 uprising that toppled Gadhafi's 41-year rule.

France, a lead player in the campaign to oust Gadhafi, has campaigned for months for some kind of international action in Libya, and announced a deal Monday to sell fighter jets to Egypt. French troops are already in place near Libya's southern border in Niger as part of a counterterrorism force.

French President Francois Hollande's office said he and al-Sissi both "stressed the importance that the Security Council meets."

Southern states receive first slap of winter weather

By ADAM BEAM
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FRANKFORT, Ky. — It's the South's turn to suffer from the snow, freezing rain and sleet in a storm that brought back memories of one from the same time a year ago.

After weeks of snow in the Northeast, winter weather had moved through Arkansas and Kentucky and was headed east. While even small amounts of frozen precipitation can bring the region to halt, the worst was yet to come: temperatures in the single digits in areas where electricity was threatened by coatings of ice on power lines.

This February storm arrived on Presidents Day, when many schools and businesses were already closed. But the day isn't a state holiday in North Carolina so schools let out early Monday and by the afternoon officials were canceling classes Tuesday. College campuses, including from Appalachian State University in the western part of the state and University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, canceled afternoon classes Monday.

In central Kentucky, home to much of the state's signature thoroughbred industry, horses kept warm by galloping through the deep snow, pausing occasionally to shake it off from their thick winter coats. Ned Toffey, general manager of Spendthrift Farm in Lexington, said the horses enjoy running in the snow because it gives them a nice cushion as opposed to the harder, packed earth.

Still, some weren't quite ready for the winter blast.

RL Doss said he had already used his 1987 GMC Suburban — which can haul up to three-quarters of a ton with ropes and chains — to rescue several people and their cars on the hills surround-



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A motorist passes a fence atop Signal Mountain where icicles are forming as rain and freezing temperatures make their way Monday into the Tennessee Valley near Chattanooga.

ing Frankfort. Cars were fishtailing and sliding off the slick roads.

"I look at it this way. Everybody is trying to get out, to get their last bit of food and stuff, getting home from work and people leaving for work and stuff, and it happens," he said, shivering in a pair of tan overalls pulled over a hooded sweat shirt.

Roads were brined and parking lots salted as officials tried to avoid a disastrous repeat of last year's February storm, when rush-hour traffic and a thin coating of ice combined to leave people either stuck in their cars or their cars abandoned in roads as they walked home in Atlanta and Raleigh, North Carolina. That storm dumped as much as 22 inches of snow in the North Carolina mountains and pelted the eastern part of the state with ice, much as was expected with the 2015 version.

North Carolina Gov. Pat McCrory on Monday shut down all non-mandatory state government operations in Wake County in the early afternoon before any precipitation had fallen. He also

declared a state of emergency and issued executive orders designed to streamline any storm cleanup. He encouraged supervisors elsewhere in the state to use their discretion in sending employees home.

"Let's hope that we're over-prepared and underwhelmed by this storm," McCrory said Monday.

On Monday night, he said the forecast had worsened with more snow and ice expected in the central part of the state. The National Weather Service said the storm could be crippling.

States such as Mississippi, Kentucky, Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia were unlikely to get much sympathy from states in the Northeast, which has been slammed by seemingly endless snow. New York City came close to breaking a 127-year-old record when the temperature in Central Park hit 3 degrees, just 2 degrees above the record set in 1888, said Jeffrey Tongue, a National Weather Service meteorologist.

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'SNL' recalls 40 years of laughter, smiles

By FRAZIER MOORE
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NEW YORK — "Saturday Night Live" celebrated its 40th season on Sunday with a three-hour gala of stars, laughs and memories.

It aired live from New York's Studio 8H at NBC, which has been "SNL" HQ since premiering on a Saturday night in October 1975. The black-tie event was so jammed with "SNL" alumni and other celebs it fueled an hour-long red carpet event before the big show even began.

It started with a medley of catch-phrases, music and characters performed by Jimmy Fallon and Justin Timberlake that concluded, inevitably, with their pronouncement, "Live from New York, it's Saturday Night!"

Who was the rightful host? Steve Martin stepped up first, but was joined one by one by stars including Peyton Manning, Tom Hanks, Alec Baldwin, Billy Crystal, Melissa McCarthy, Paul McCartney and Paul Simon to dispute his selection.

Among the night's many tributes, Jack Nicholson noted that "when 'SNL' started, the last helicopter had just flown out of Vietnam, Watergate was still fresh in everyone's minds, and New York was broke."

The night's big hitch: Eddie Murphy was greeted like returning royalty, with an introductory tribute from Chris Rock that lasted much longer than Murphy's actual appearance. Murphy said little more than thanks.

Robert De Niro marveled that, 40

years later, "SNL" is "still at it. Forty years! That's like back when TV was still watched on TV."

Jerry Seinfeld took goofy questions from the VIP audience, including Michael Douglas, James Franco, Dakota Johnson and Sarah Palin, who asked, "How much do you think Lorne Michaels would pay me to run in 2016?" "Run for president?" Seinfeld replied. "I don't think there's a number too big."

But it wasn't all live. The first clip: John Belushi and Michael O'Donoghue in the language-less sketch with which the very first "SNL" episode opened.

A remarkable montage of audition tapes from prospective "SNL" cast members included one notable wash-out: Jim Carrey.

New York was honored with clips and comic sketches capturing the love-it-hate-it spirit of the Big Apple through the decades, as well as a pivotal moment from the first "SNL" episode to air after 9-11 when then Mayor Rudolf Giuliani told "SNL" creator Michaels "that 'Saturday Night Live' is one our great New York City institutions, and that's why it's important for you to do your show tonight."

"Can we be funny?" asked Michaels, to which Giuliani replied with impeccable timing, "Why start now?"

Another group of clips focused on sports-related skits. Another gathered moments from filmed comedy segments (including a nod to hapless Mr. Bill).

And yet another sample reel traced the show's legacy of political humor.



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Bill Murray (left), Laraine Newman and Buck Henry perform in a skit from "Saturday Night Live" on May 24, 1980, in New York. The comedy series celebrated its 40th anniversary with a three-hour special that aired Sunday.

On a serious note, an in memoriam segment remembered the members of the "SNL" troupe who have passed, and not just the on-camera stars (and The Voice, Don Pardo), but departed members of the behind-the-scenes company and crew.

But it wasn't all taped. A classic commercial parody was encored live: Super Bass-o-Matic, with pitchman Dan Aykroyd and Laraine Newman repeating their performances from 1976. An all-star soap-spoof "The Californians" was revived, including Taylor Swift, Bradley Cooper and Betty White. Dana Carvey and Mike Myers re-teamed for "Wayne's World."

And a super anchor team was gathered for "Weekend Update": Tina Fey, Amy Poehler and Jane Curtin. Their top story, of course, was the "SNL" anniversary.

"Viewers of 'Saturday Night Live' span several generations," Fey reported, "from the Baby Boomers to Generation X all the way to whatever you call the little dummies who are live-tweeting this right now instead of watching it."

As a guest commentator, the classic character Roseanne Rosannadanna was revived by Emma Stone. Edward Norton did a turn as Bill Hader's clubs correspondent Stefan. McCarthy did the late Chris Farley's motivational speaker Matt Foley.

Before the show, former cast member Will Ferrell expressed what many would say on stage: It was an epic night for many.

"I think I knew about it like a year ago and I was being told like, 'Make sure you keep this date clear no matter what, so, yeah, I wouldn't have missed this for anything.'"

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>> All-University Sing

Thursday - Saturday, 6:30 p.m.
Waco Hall

The highly anticipated annual event featuring Baylor fraternities and sororities in the spotlight starts this week. The show runs until Feb. 28, when the winning acts will be announced. Tickets can be purchased online at www.baylor.edu/studentactivities/ticketoffice.

>> CBA All For One Soiree

Friday, 7:30 p.m.
Cashion Conference Room

The Coalition of Black Ambassadors' second annual semi-formal event benefiting local schools will include light refreshments, a DJ and live entertainment. Free admission with a school supply donation.

>> Seryn concert

Saturday, 8 p.m.
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- "Thank God" day: Abbr.
- Swedish autos
- Borden mascot
- Cereal grain
- Come from behind
- Teen's budding facial hair, informally
- Place for a perm
- One of many in a Lipton bag
- Home buyer's debt: Abbr.
- Ceases
- Sister of Rachel
- Distributes by shares
- Group nickname for Ringwald, Sheedy, Lowe, Estevez et al.
- "Let's go!"
- Name of 18 French kings
- "Toto, ___?": Dorothy
- Caviar, e.g.
- Country-drive view
- Jam holder
- Nonprofit URL ending
- Carpentry bit
- Uncommon
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- Pool legend Minnesota ___
- Natural aptitude
- Wrinkle-resistant synthetic
- Author Leonard
- Bubbly plum-flavored drink
- Online market for handmade crafts
- Dumb mistake
- Penitent sort
- Like a woodworker's rasp
- Seoul native
- Toy block brand
- Humorist Mort who wrote jokes for Kennedy
- To the third power
- Colorful post-cloudburst phenomenon
- Hockey mask wearer
- Alcopop brand
- Hurricanes, e.g.
- Spiny desert plants
- Gulf War missile
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Baylor opens season with sweep of No. 13 Cal Poly

By JEFFREY SWINDOLL
SPORTS WRITER

The weather was perfect and the results followed suit as Baylor baseball opened its season with a three-game opening weekend sweep over No. 13 Cal Poly at Baylor Ballpark.

Last season spelled distinct difficulty on offense for the Bears. Baylor looked to change its fortunes at the plate this season. The Bears got off to swinging the bats effectively and frequently on opening weekend. Baylor scored at least six runs in all three games against Cal Poly, combining to outscore the Mustangs 22-12 over the weekend.

Early leads helped Baylor in each game, putting the pressure on Cal Poly's pitching staff all weekend long from the get-go. Sophomore designated hitter Darryn Sheppard smacked a double off the center field wall on the first pitch of the first game of the series. Sheppard's lead-off hit set the tone for what the rest of the series would contain.

Senior outfielder Logan Brown added to Sheppard's success with plenty of fortune at the bat over the weekend. Brown hit 4-for-8 with two runs, one double, one triple,

six RBI and five walks.

The Bears worked with what they were dealt by the pitchers. In all three games, the Bears scored just about as many runs as the hits they earned.

"Our guys, even guys on the bench, are doing the right things," junior infielder West Tunnell said. "You can go up there thinking, 'I'm going to hit the ball real well.' Well, the game's asking you to hit a groundball to second base. The first night we had like four runs with four hits and the other team's scraping together four runs with 12 hits. If you do it the way the game asks you, it's pretty easy."

Former closer Josh Michalec surpassed Baylor's all-time saves record last season, leaving big shoes to fill for Baylor's current pitchers. However, senior closer Sean Spicer stepped into that role over the weekend and showed no drop-off from Michalec's stellar form in 2014. Spicer posted a 0.00 ERA in his first two save attempts on Friday and Saturday on the way to being named Big 12 Co-Pitcher of the Week.

Baylor had a couple veteran players out of the lineup over the weekend, forcing Baylor head coach Steve Smith to place some players on the field for the first

time in their careers.

Development of the ball club's depth and versatility were tested over the weekend, Smith said. Players like freshman pitcher Theron Kay and sophomore pitcher Troy Montemayor aided the Bears' culmination of the young and old contributed over the weekend.

"We had a freshman and sophomore on the mound [Sunday], with Kay making his debut," Smith said. "Troy doesn't lack for confidence. I don't know if all of our pitchers turn around and look at the radar gun but Troy does - he was motivated by it - but he pitched well. I like a lot of what he does, he's got a little bit of moxie about him, and when he got out there and was successful, I think he energized the whole club."

Overall, the series was thrilling to watch, Smith said, attributing many big plays on offense and defense that kept fans entertained and involved in the games from start to finish.

Moving forward, the Bears have a lot to hang their hats on from the series against Cal Poly. The Bears faced challenging times on Friday and Saturday. Both of those games hung in the balance until the final frame.

A sample of the Bears' finishing



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Sophomore designated hitter Darryn Sheppard swings the bat during Baylor's season-opening win over No. 13 Cal Poly. Sheppard accumulated four hits and scored four runs during the Bears' season-opening sweep.

ability was under the microscope specifically on Saturday when Baylor gave up a two-run home run, eventually leading to Cal Poly taking a 6-5 lead on the back of five unanswered runs from the Mustangs. Baylor's pitching and hitting contributed to the three-run push

to seal the series with an 8-6 win on Saturday.

In addition to Baylor's poise in pressurized situations, the Bears showed their struggles at-bat over the past two years may very well be a thing of the past. There is still a long season ahead, but the op-

timism in the ball club is evident after a successful opening weekend in front of the home fans and a sweep over a ranked opponent, Tunnell said.

The Bears get right back to playing at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday against Dallas Baptist.



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Sophomore forward Ieshia Small dribbles by a West Virginia defender during Baylor's 79-51 win on Sunday. The Lady Bears have now won 23-straight games.

Davis leads BU past WVU

By JEFFREY SWINDOLL
SPORTS WRITER

The No. 3 Lady Bears kept their undefeated record and 23-game winning streak alive after decimating West Virginia 79-51 on Sunday at the Ferrell Center. Baylor (24-1, 13-0) completed another season sweep over a Big 12 team with Sunday's win over West Virginia.

A 12-0 run to begin the game sent a message to West Virginia loud and clear. The Lady Bears controlled the game from start to finish and the Mountaineers had nothing they could do to overcome Baylor. Baylor got out to a 47-28 score at halftime. Much like the Oklahoma game, it was over before the second half even began.

Sophomore forward Nina Davis scored a game-high 22 points in 25 minutes on Sunday. In her first game against West Virginia this season, Davis scored just 10 points.

Junior guard Niya Johnson added to her longtime account of performances with

double-digit assists. Johnson dished out 13 assists, committing three turnovers in 30 minutes of play.

Every player on head coach Kim Mulkey's roster scored a basket from open play. Among the better performances from the reserve players was freshman post Dekeiya Cohen's outing. Cohen scored 10 points, shooting 5-11. Though she is a backup for Mulkey, Cohen's post play was effective even against some of West Virginia's starters.

Production from Baylor's bench was so rampant that Mulkey said after the game she doesn't like referring to her substitutes as "the bench." Rather, Mulkey deservedly referred to them as "the players that didn't start" in the post-game press conference. Baylor's bench players accounted for 31 of the team's 79 points on Sunday.

The Lady Bears dominated in the paint, scoring 58 points compared to West Virginia's 24 points in the paint. Moreover, the Lady Bears won the rebound-battle 50-21 over West Virginia.



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No. 10 men's tennis falls to OU in ITA National Indoor Semis

By CODY SOTO
SPORTS WRITER

No. 10 Baylor men's tennis made a remarkable run in the ITA National Indoor Championships last weekend, knocking off two ranked opponents and advancing to the National Semifinals.

But all good things came to an end when the Bears ran straight into No. 2-seed and Big 12 foe Oklahoma, dropping

a close 4-2 decision on Sunday afternoon in Chicago.

"The biggest thing for us is we had opportunities in those matches," head coach Matt Knoll said. "We really feel like we got a lot out of it and learned a lot about ourselves. There are things we could do better."

The Bears looked dominant against their conference opponent during doubles play with two quick wins at the No. 2 and No. 3 position. Junior Felipe Rios and

sophomore Vince Schneider took a 6-1 win while junior Julian Lenz and senior Diego Galeano topped OU 6-2 for the early 1-0 Baylor lead.

"I think our doubles play is a product of the unity and team spirit that we have," Knoll said. "The guys are really enjoying being out there and you see that in the way they are playing."

The Bears struggled in singles play quickly after that. Baylor only took two

first set wins against the Sooners, and the points kept getting away from them.

No. 27-ranked senior Tony Lupieri dropped a 6-4, 6-0 loss to No. 31-ranked Dane Webb on court three while No. 67-ranked Max Tchoutakian lost 6-4, 6-4 on court two.

The Bears looked hopeful as Rios picked up a win on court six, but senior Mate Zsiga's three-set loss on court five gave the Sooners the 4-2 win.

To get to the semifinals, Baylor knocked off No. 6 Duke and No. 3 Virginia earlier in the weekend. The Bears got the 4-3 upset over the Cavaliers with Zsiga's third set win on Saturday.

Baylor returns home for a four-match home streak, beginning with No. 51 Purdue on Friday afternoon at the Hurd Tennis Center. Match time is set for 3 p.m. in Waco.

Baylor women's tennis squeaks by No. 14 Clemson; win streak up to 10

By CODY SOTO
SPORTS WRITER

No. 6 Baylor women's tennis has not seen a lot of close matches recently, but the Lady Bears had to dig deep as they hosted No. 14 Clemson on Sunday afternoon.

Just like their season opener against then-No. 5 Georgia, Baylor had to power through adversity as it faced its first loss of the season. Despite a lot of pressure with a tie, freshman Theresa Van Zyl took a match-clinching 6-4, 7-5 win on court six to hand the Lady Bears a 4-3 win over the Tigers.

"Clemson is really good," head coach Joey Scrivano said. "We knew they were going to be extremely tough, and they were. The win should give the girls a lot of confidence, and we'll build from there."

The match got off to a slow start

for Baylor as it lost the doubles point for the second time this season, dropping matches on courts one and two. Clemson added another point on the board for an early 2-0 lead after No. 86-ranked junior Rachael James-Baker lost 6-4, 6-1 on court five.

"I'm a big believer that it's all about getting four points any way you can do it, and I don't want our team to rely on the doubles point," Scrivano said. "It doesn't mean that we want to put ourselves in these positions, but when we are in these positions we have to know that we can come back and win the match. We've done that twice."

Baylor took wins on courts one and two as senior Ema Burgic and sophomore Blair Shankle took down their ranked opponents in two and freshman Kelley Anderson shook off a second set loss to win and push Baylor in front 3-2.

Clemson would ultimately knot things up after No. 119 Beatrice Gumulya defeated junior Kiah Generette 7-6 (7-4), 7-6 (7-4) on court three, tying the score at 3-3. The final match win for Van Zyl is the second time the team has relied on a freshman player to bring home the final point.

"Both sides, [Clemson player Yuilynn Maio] was playing very well," Van Zyl said. "She didn't give up a lot of errors, and I had to work for the point. I knew it was going to come down to me, so I just had to stay focused and keep playing."

With the win, the Lady Bears (10-0) have jumped out to the most successful start since Scrivano and their best start since 2000 (12-0).

The 10-match winning streak gets put to the test as BU hits the road for four straight matches, first traveling to face No. 15 Michigan at 5 p.m. on Friday afternoon.