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## Diversity on the rise for BU

### Baylor professor links diversity with retention rates as both increase

By SHANNON BARBOUR  
REPORTER

The university achieved an unprecedented 96.2 percent retention rate last semester, passing a previous retention record set in the spring of 2014. In addition to rising retention rates, diversity rates have also increased among the undergraduate population to 35.5 percent, according to the Baylor Institutional Research and Testing.

According to the Baylor Institutional Research and Testing, Baylor's growing rate of diversity increased to a record of a record 35.5 percent in fall 2014 and is expected to rise this spring.

Diversity rates are calculated using racial, ethnic, gender and religious minority enrollments, while retention rates are based

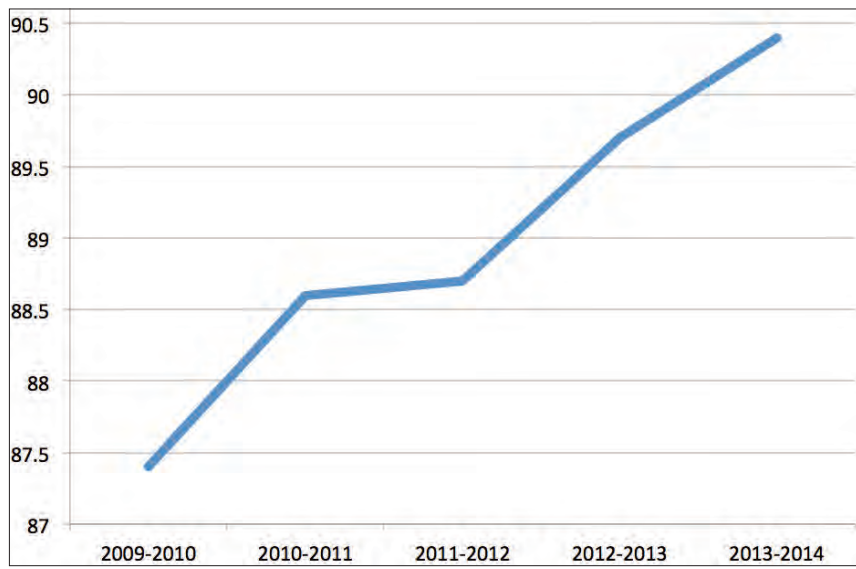
on the number of students who choose to return to Baylor each semester and year.

One of the biggest causes of the increase in retention are programs started by the university to help minorities feel more connected to campus, said Courtney Pace Lyons, assistant director of student success.

Programs and events like Kaleidoscope help students feel socially connected and make them aware of Baylor's resources, Lyons said.

"Kaleidoscope is purposefully designed to attract students who are in minority groups," said Lyons. "And it's very intentional. There's a lot of encouragement to connect with parents at the event too, to help them understand the college process."

In addition to making the student body more diverse, Lyons said Baylor intends to



make faculty and staff more reflective of the student body.

"That is something Baylor is very com-

mitted to," said Lyons. "Is providing a di-

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## StuGov celebrates 100 years

By MADISON MILLER  
REPORTER

Student government will commemorate 100 years as the voice of the Baylor student body beginning at 6 p.m. Saturday at McLane Stadium.

Arlington senior Dominic Edwards, student body president, said he plans to look toward the future by celebrating the past. To do so, they are bringing in past student government members and will discuss ways to improve student government as a whole.

"Are we where we want to be right now? Sure," Edwards said. "Could we do more to really achieve optimum point of student voice and optimum point of shared governance? Yes, but everything that they've done has been so helpful for me specifically this year."

The mission of the student government is to represent the student body, with respect to the Christian commitment and the ideals of Baylor University.

The association was founded on December 17, 1914, and recognized as an official student organization a few weeks later in 1915.

"Just because of logistics and that sort of thing, we decided to host the celebration for the centennial year in February 2015," Edwards said.

Several generations of student government are attending the celebration Saturday not only to commemorate and pay homage to predecessors, but also to look toward the future to continue the tradition of leadership and service, Edwards said.

Although Austin junior Catherine Booth cannot attend the events on Saturday because of All-University Sing, she said student government is always building on the past.

"We take what worked and what didn't and use that to help us improve campus," said Booth, who is class president of the junior class.

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### Let's do the time warp, again

Members of Pi Kappa Phi shows what they're made of during a performance of "A Wrinkle In Pi Kapp Time" in All-University Sing on Thursday at Waco Hall. Their act included shiny suits from the future, ninjas, cowboys, cavemen and a dinosaur.

## New tactics bring in big BU recruits

By SHEHAN JEYARAJAH  
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It was Jan. 8, 2014, one of the biggest days in the young life of Davion Hall. The sun was only just coming out, but the Hall family was already hard at work ensuring Davion was fully packed and ready for the next step in his journey.

He tweeted: "Got everything packed & ready to GGGOOO!!!! #OMW," and began the long drive to his new home.

Little did he know, he had started a firestorm.

Davion Hall was just like

any other high school kid excited to travel for his first day of college, but with one key exception: he was a five-star football recruit, high school All-American and had offers from such schools as Alabama, Texas A&M and a whole host of others.

While he tweeted his jubilation and sped to his destination, Baylor and Texas A&M fans argued about where he was going. Some pointed to Hall signing financial aid agreement at both schools, an unusual yet not unheard of situation that gives recruits a

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## Auction for alum raises funds, hope

By RACHEL LELAND  
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Baylor alumna Julie Prater discovered unexpectedly she was pregnant with her second child in the summer of 2014. Eight weeks into her pregnancy, Prater had her first full-body seizure while tending to her screaming son.

Family and friends are hosting an auction to raise money for Julie Prater, who was diagnosed with a stage four brain tumor last summer.

At the Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital in Dallas, where she worked as a labor and delivery nurse, doctors alerted Prater that she had a brain tumor in her

motor strip, the part of the brain where movement is controlled, and would need additional tests at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center. At the medical center, Ms. Prater was diagnosed with a grade four brain tumor, which has a median survival time of 14 months.

Prater and her husband Luke Prater, who is also a Baylor alumnus, had to take time off of work and Julie is now on disability.

"Because they had to take so much time unpaid, I was over at her house one day and I said maybe we could do a fundraiser with her church," said Prater's sister-in-law Ashley Judd.

Judd spoke with Prater's obstet-



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Julie Prater and her family celebrate Christmas in 2014 at their home in Dallas, following the birth of their second son.

trician-gynecologist nurse about creating an auction to raise money for Prater and her husband.

"Instead of doing a church auction it grew to an online auction," Judd said "It's been amazing how people have reached out to help them financially afford her care."

Prater was a Chi Omega and a member of the Baylor Riding

Association, where she met her husband Luke. The couple dated while at Baylor and married in 2007.

"It was such a poor diagnosis, it made things become pretty clear for us...we didn't have a lot of choices when they said 'she needs surgery now,'" Mr. Prater said.

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## Turkey, US to help Syria train for war against IS

By DESMOND BUTLER  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ISTANBUL — Turkey and the United States signed an agreement Thursday to train and arm Syrian rebels fighting the Islamic State group, said the U.S. Embassy in Ankara.

The two countries have been in talks about such a pact for several months. The deal was signed Thursday evening by U.S. Ambassador John Bass and Turkish Foreign Ministry undersecretary Feridun Sinirlioglu, said Embassy spokesman Joe Wierichs. He gave no further details.

Sinirlioglu called the deal "an important step" in the strategic partnership between Turkey and

the United States, according to Turkish state-run Anadolu Agency.

The Turkish government has said the training by U.S. and Turkish soldiers could begin as early as next month at a base in the central Anatolian city of Kirsehir, and involve hundreds of Syrian fighters in the first year. The U.S. has said the goal is to go after the Islamic State group, but Turkish officials have suggested that the trained rebels could also target the Syrian government of President Bashar Assad.

With its 750 mile border on Syria, Turkey is a key part of the U.S.-led coalition against the Islamic State group. But negotiations with the U.S. over what to do about the

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**Pet:** Obidiah Blue

**Owner:** Linda Wilkins, Lariat Editor-in-chief

**Fact:** Obi will be 14 years old in June. He doesn't like his sweater.



**Pets:** Milo & Bella Freeman

**Owner:** Julie Freeman, Lariat Asst. Media Adviser

**Fact:** Milo is currently afraid of his food bowl. Bella was born by cesarean section on Halloween.



## Microfinance has macro-potential

### Editorial

Poverty is a global epidemic. According to the most recent World Bank estimates, 17 percent of people in the developing world live on less than \$1.25 a day, which adds up to over a billion people.

Economic theory often brings into question whether charity works. It can be considered a short-term solution to long-term issues. This is especially true in the developing world, where individual contributions oftentimes fail to make a sustainable economic impact.

For most small businesses to succeed, they need the ability to take on credit. However, in developing countries, most multinational banks are unwilling to give small loans to encourage small business growth, as the risk outweighs the minimal financial reward for banks.

However, encouraging microfinance and microcredit is one of the best ways that people in the developed world can advance those in the developing.

To quote microcredit giant Kiva: "Microfinance is a general

term to describe financial services to low-income individuals or to those who do not have access to typical banking services."

In practice, microfinance is investing in the productivity of individuals rather than being bound by the financial. Contrary to many other forms of foreign investment, microfinance provides the ability to be held accountable for funding instead of simply receiving money.

People can use money for whatever reason they propose; it could be anything from investment in a business to home improvement. However, the idea is that they are able to better their situation and eventually repay the loan with a small interest.

Perhaps the most legitimate complaint of the program is that you could create a debt bubble in already destabilized areas. However, this is where the charity portion of microfinance comes into play. Rather than destroying the economic future of a disadvantaged person, the debt can simply hurt their ability to borrow again.

In addition, when investing in these programs, take a hard

look at business plans and true profitability of an endeavor in a given area is vital to ensuring the optimal situation for success. While selling trinkets may seem like a good idea on the surface, don't underestimate the level of economic development in a given area.

As with any form of charity, there does need to be an understanding that money does sometimes get wasted and there will be individuals who run away with the funds. However, don't be turned off from a beneficial idea by the minority.

Baylor has a wonderful tradition of charity to the needy, but there is question about how successful simply giving basic supplies is to attacking the root of issues.

However, acclimating people to the global economic condition is not only a way to invest in the present, but create adults who can teach their children about how to succeed in the future.

That's something the entire global market can get behind.

## 'Secret Knowledge' drives our lives

I call it the Secret Knowledge.

Meaning that body of information not everyone has, that body known only to those few people who had the good sense to go off the beaten path and seek it. It is information you'll never see in your "newspapers" or "network news" or any other place overly concerned with verifiable "facts" and reliable "sources." It will not come to you through a university "study," peer-reviewed "article," renowned "expert," government "agency" or any other such traditional bastion of authority.

No, the Secret Knowledge is the truth behind the truth, the real facts behind the facts "they" want you to believe. It unveils the conspiracies beneath the facade suckers mistake for real life. Not incidentally, the Secret Knowledge will always confirm your worst fears.

I don't know when the mania for Secret Knowledge began. Maybe it was when King and the Kennedys were killed and some of us could not shake a gnawing suspicion that the stories we were told were not the whole truth. Maybe it was when a man walked on the moon and it was so amazing some of us refused to believe it had happened. Maybe it was when Watergate shattered public trust. Maybe it was when "The X-Files" fed a shivering unease that we inhabited a world of lies within lies.

But if we can't say for certain when the mania began, the fact that it's here is beyond dispute. Indeed, it has spread like, well ... measles.

Ay, there's the rub. Also the scratching. As you have no doubt heard, that highly contagious and sometimes deadly disease, which this country declared eradicated 15

years ago, has returned. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, there were fewer than 50 cases in 2002, there were 644 last year. Already this year, there have been over 100 cases.

Authorities say much of this resurgence is due to the refusal of a growing number of parents to vaccinate their kids. The parents think the shots are dangerous, citing a 1998 study by a British doctor who claimed to have found a link between vaccinations and autism. As it turns out, that study was debunked and retracted, and the doctor lost his license. But the alleged link lives on, fueled by Jenny McCarthy, who has become a front woman of sorts for the anti-vaccination movement.

Bad enough the Secret Knowledge drives our politics (Barack Obama is a Muslim from Kenya), our perception of controversy (Trayvon Martin was a 32-year-old tough with tattoos on his neck), our understanding of environmental crisis (there is no scientific consensus on global warming) and our comprehension of tragedy (9/11 was an inside job). Apparently, it now drives healthcare, too.

So a onetime Playboy model who says she was schooled at "the University of Google" holds more sway with some of us than, say, the CDC. It is an Internet Age paradox: We have



Leonard Pitts  
Columnist

more information than ever before and yet, seem to know less. Indeed, in the Internet Age, it can be fairly said that nothing is ever truly, finally knowable, authoritative testimony always subject to contradiction by some blogger grinding axes, some graduate

of Google U, somebody who heard from somebody who heard from somebody who heard.

And let us pause here to cast shame on would-be presidents Chris Christie and Rand Paul, who both said last week that vaccinations should be a matter of parental choice, a particularly craven bit of pandering that ignores a simple principle you'd think we'd all support: your right to make irresponsible decisions about your child ends at my right to safeguard my child's health. But in an era of designer facts and homemade truth, maybe there are no simple principles any more.

As a disease once thought over and done with comes back like some '90s boy band, this much seems obvious: The Secret Knowledge is just ignorance by another name.

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Former Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton speaks Dec. 3, 2014, at Georgetown University in Washington. The Clinton Foundation has been raising money in recent months with a \$250 million goal.

## Clinton charity defends fundraising practices

By KENT THOMAS  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The charity founded by former President Bill Clinton defended its financial support from foreign governments on Thursday and said it would continue “appropriate” policies and practices if former Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton runs for president again.

The foundation run by the Clintons and their daughter, Chelsea Clinton, has come under scrutiny for its practices of raising money from foreign governments as Hillary Clinton considers a presidential campaign in 2016.

The Wall Street Journal reported the foundation received money in 2014 from the United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia and Oman. The Washington Post found the foundation had raised nearly \$2 billion since the former president launched it in 2001. About one-third of the foundation’s donations of \$1 million or more came from foreign governments or entities based outside the United States, the Post analysis found.

The Clinton Foundation said in a statement Thursday it receives support from “individuals, organizations and governments from all over the world” and that its programs improve the lives of millions of people.

“Should Secretary Clinton decide to run for office, we will continue to ensure the foundation’s policies and practices regarding support from international partners are appropriate, just as we did when she served as secretary of state,” the foundation said.

The foundation stopped raising money from foreign governments in 2009 when Hillary Clinton became President Barack Obama’s secretary of state amid concerns the foundation’s dealings with foreign entities might present a conflict of interest. The foundation resumed fundraising among foreign governments in 2013, after she left the administration.

The foundation also agreed to disclose its donors online and noted in the statement that it has a “record of transparency that goes above what is required of U.S. charities.”

## Campus Kitchen Project receives grant to help support hunger relief initiative

By DANE CHRONISTER  
REPORTER

The Campus Kitchens Project announced that director and kitchen manager Alexandria Woo and Baylor University’s Campus Kitchens Project was one of 10 universities selected to receive a grant for their efforts in reducing the problem of food insecurity on Wednesday.

The American Association of Retired Persons gave Baylor \$3,000 to help the university alleviate local hunger. A three-year budget from AARP, which invested \$625,000 in the Campus Kitchens Project, will be spread among schools to help their local Campus Kitchens reduce hunger. Ten schools were selected nationwide to receive aid to go towards ending hunger in local areas for the next three years.

The Community Engagement and Services also helps fund the Baylor program.

“The whole purpose of the Campus Kitchen Project is to empower student volunteers to fight hunger in their communities,” said Erica Teti-Zilinskas, associate director of communications for the Campus Kitchens Project.

The Campus Kitchens Project is a nonprofit foundation that was established in 2001 and is run primarily by students who make use of their entrepreneurship and leadership skills to feed the hungry in their cities. The project has extended to 42 Campus Kitchens nationwide.

Aramark partners with Baylor’s Campus Kitchens Project to help collect food from the dining halls and provide the Waco area with meals.

“Every community, we know, is unique and different, and rural ar-



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Students volunteer Jan. 21, 2013, at the Urban Training Farm in East Waco. The Campus Kitchens Project partnered up with the Heart of Texas Urban Gardening Coalition to make lunches for the volunteers.

reas have different challenges than certain urban areas, which require access to fresh products and grocery stores,” Teti-Zilinskas said.

The executive committee consists of 12 members and numerous volunteers that the project relies on to help their cause.

As far as Baylor’s Campus Kitchens Project goes, students stockpile a surplus of groceries and ingredients from on-campus cafeterias, food at the faculty dining halls, local gardens and restaurants.

“Everything that we pick up from the dining halls is what they are serving that day,” Woo said.

“We take it straight to Salvation Army, where they can repurpose it

or put it straight on their line.”

Started by the nonprofit organization D.C. Central Kitchen, located in Washington, D.C., The Campus Kitchens Project is considered a sister organization to the D.C. Central Kitchen.

With the same plan as the D.C. Central Kitchen in mind, the Campus Kitchens Project recovers unused foods from farms, wholesalers and other area supporters. The ingredients from these sources are used to create 5,000 meals for local residents.

“One of my main experiences that has shaped and molded me in the nutrition field is Campus Kitchens, which has been awesome because food service is a

huge part of the nutrition industry,” Woo said.

The Campus Kitchens Project has a simple three-part mission: strengthen bodies, empower minds and build communities.

According to its website, the Campus Kitchens Project hopes for students to take pride in the improvement of their city’s food insecurity efforts. The site states, “If we give young people the ability to use the existing resources of their schools then they can create an effective national network of cooperative and adaptive anti-hunger programs, and in the process, develop as leaders for social change.”

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Caracas Mayor Antonio Ledezma, left, attends a meeting Oct. 27, 2009 in senate chambers, in Brazilia, Brazil. Opposition leaders in Venezuela are reporting that Ledezma was arrested Thursday.

## Venezuelan opposition mayor suspected to have been arrested

By FABIOLA SANCHEZ AND HANNAH DREIER  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CARACAS, Venezuela — Men in camouflage uniforms smashed into the office of Caracas Mayor Antonio Ledezma on Thursday and carried the opposition figure away. An aide said some of the officers wore the uniform of the national intelligence service police.

Reports of the arrest set off protests around the city, where people spontaneously banged pots from their windows or tapped rhythms on their car horns amid rush hour traffic. Hundreds gathered in front of the headquarters of the intelligence service police to vent their anger.

The government did not respond to calls seeking confirmation of the arrest and it was unclear what the mayor would be charged with. Last week, President Nicolas

Maduro named Ledezma among a laundry list of government critics and Western powers he accused of plotting a coup to bring down the South American country's socialist government.

Tensions have been running high in Venezuela this week, with the one-year anniversary of anti-government street protests that rocked the country and resulted in more than 40 deaths. The government arrested several other mayors and former mayors during last year's unrest, including Leopoldo Lopez, who is considered by human rights groups as Latin America's most high-profile political prisoner.

Ledezma has long opposed the socialist leadership and a hunger strike he staged after federal authorities stripped his office of most duties made him a symbol for what the opposition calls the government's efforts to punish

elect officials who do not fall in line.

His arrest was captured on surveillance video. Men in black and gray camouflage can be seen pushing the middle-aged politician from the building.

A member of Ledezma's security team, who was not authorized to give his name, said 10 men wearing the uniform of Venezuela's national intelligence service entered the building carrying guns and a hatchet. They used their weapons to break the door to Ledezma's office, and then a dozen other men, wearing masks, came in and dragged the mayor away, he said.

Hector Urgelles, a spokesman for Ledezma's party, the Fearless People's Alliance, told The Associated Press that the uniformed men did not identify themselves or give a reason for the arrest.

## Professor searches to discover link between seizures, autism

By AMANDA YARGER  
REPORTER

Dr. Joaquin Lugo, Jr., assistant professor of psychology and neuroscience, received news late January that he earned a prestigious grant from the National Institutes of Health to study the neurological mechanisms that might connect developmental seizures and autism.

The \$415,000 award, spanning three years, will help Lugo's research team in discovering the effects of seizures on the mammalian target of rapamycin (mTOR) pathway — a neurological pathway involved with regulation and communication between neurons, Lugo said.

The National Institutes of Health presents awards to research proposals that demonstrate projects of high scientific caliber. Lugo's research proposal had to provide the questions his study would cover and the process his team would use to identify the link between developmental seizures and autism.

"I think there's a lot in the epilepsy community that can benefit the autism community and vice versa," Lugo said. "I think they're looking at them in isolation and I think they should look at them together. People can see the link, but they haven't put them together."

Lugo has studied epilepsy and autism during his graduate and post-doctoral work. He said the link between the two has not been fully researched and he hopes to clarify the link.

"Maybe we should think about this in the epilepsy field," he said. "I think by this study if someone has a child who is epileptic and they're very young, they might want to monitor to see if there's autistic behaviors, to see if that's



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Dr. Joaquin N. Lugo, Jr., professor of psychology and neuroscience, studies the link between seizures and autism Thursday in a lab.

something that happens."

Although Lugo's study will be performed on mice, the results of the study can eventually be translated to humans. Discovering how the research can impact real patients often intrigues students to join the research team.

"It's fine to look at it in mice, but does it give them new ideas on how to think about patients?" he said. "Is this something that we're seeing there? Should we be watching for it? Maybe there is a better connection than we thought there was."

Lugo will lead a team of researchers that includes graduate and undergraduate students. Because he teaches upper-level neuroscience courses, his pool of candidates generally includes juniors and seniors who have a dedication to the neuroscience field and who are willing to have a time commitment to the lab — including summer vacations and school days.

"If they can come in and dedicate the time, they might be a good choice," he said. "If they're a hard worker and willing to do the work, I'm likely to choose them."

Houston senior Tileena Smith is one of the undergraduate lab assistants in Lugo's lab. She said she

joined his team in fall 2014 because he was her favorite professor and she had a personal connection to Lugo's research subject.

"I had a friend named Mary and she had a son who was a functioning autistic," Smith said. "There are a lot of people who have connections to this."

She said she enjoys assisting Lugo because of his calm demeanor in the classroom and lab, as well as the fact Lugo allows students to explore their interests in the lab while working side by side on his projects.

"He's so calm and doesn't get mad when we do something wrong," she said. "He explains why it was wrong and how to improve."

Waco senior Conner Reynolds said he joined Lugo's research team last June because of a personal connection as well.

"My sister has Asperger's Syndrome," he said. "At first I thought I was just getting into a lab that would help me out and show me the ropes, but what's really made me stay is [Lugo's] unparalleled mentorship. He doesn't just want you to come in and work in the lab. He wants you to come in and be a collaborator."

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In this Feb. 10 file photo, Lee Anderson adds to the pile of snow beside the sidewalk in front of his house in Somerville, Mass.

## Weather breaks heat records despite snow

By SETH BORENSTEIN  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — It may be hard to believe for a country that's shivering from Maine to Miami, but 2015 has gotten off to a rather toasty start.

Last month was the second warmest January on record globally, behind 2007, with temperatures 1.4 degrees above the average for the 20th century, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Meteorologists calculated that the United States in January was 2.9 degrees warmer than normal, making it the 24th warmest January since 1880.

In America, January and the entire winter so far has been a tale of two nations: record hot in the West, bone-chilling cold to the East. While Boston is buried in more than 8 feet of snow, parts of Pacific Northwest that depend on winter snow have gotten next to nothing.

California is having its warm-

est winter on record for a second consecutive year. And for the first time, San Francisco had no rain in January.

What's happened is that high pressure — nicknamed the ridiculously resilient ridge — has parked just west of California with unusually warm ocean water, preventing storms and cold from sneaking into the West, according to NOAA climatologist Jake Crouch.

Then the jet stream dips south from Canada, bringing the cold to the Midwest and East and the cold in the East combines with the warm water of the Atlantic to provide big snow in the Northeast, he said.

And while it had been chilly in the East and Midwest, up until this week it hadn't been too record breaking, especially compared to what's been going on out West, Crouch said.

There were 3,499 daily warm temperature records broken in January, compared to 775 cold ones.

## Global LLC to move, change name

By SHANNON BARBOUR  
REPORTER

Next fall, North Russell Residence Hall will open its doors to both women and men who wish to live in the new Baylor and Beyond Living-Learning Center.

The Baylor and Beyond LLC will replace the Global Community LLC housed in Brooks Flats, and will require upper-level students who live in the Global Community LLC to move to North Russell.

The revamped residential hall will be separated into wings for women and men, just as Brooks Flats is.

"We decided to transform global community from being solely focused on all things international to more of a freshman specific hall, because North Russell is going to be 90 percent freshman and 10 percent upperclassmen," Holly Joyner, program director, said.

This new program is focused towards freshman and students who are interested in the topics the LLC is devoted to: studying abroad, international students, different cultures, civic engagement and social justice issues.

"There's a community of people who have similar interests right from the beginning and the program supports the interaction of that community," said Jennifer Good, current faculty-in-residence at the Global LLC.

World cinema, international sports, global politics and events and languages are some of the focuses of Baylor and Beyond LLC.

"I've learned to have a global outlook on life, and to realize that there are people and cultures beyond where I'm at now, which is something that is said to you often, but you never quite understand it," said McKinney sophomore Jasmine Moss, a Global LLC resident.



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE GLOBAL LLC  
Members of the Global Community LLC carry the flags they walked with in the Homecoming Parade Saturday, Nov. 1, 2014.

Joyner described the new LLC as suites divided into themed "neighborhoods." Romantic languages will be one of the neighborhoods encompassing French, Italian, Portuguese and Spanish.

Joyner said Baylor and Beyond will focus on getting freshmen connected to Baylor and encouraging them to look beyond Baylor for their education and future.

"The beyond piece would be pushing our students to think about study abroad and different cultures," Joyner said.

Because the new LLC will be located in North Russell, it will be cheaper than Brooks Flats for incoming freshmen, as well as the few upper-level students who choose to make the move and visiting international students.

While the new LLC still emphasizes global issues, it takes some of the focus away to concentrate on first-year experiences of freshmen.

In addition to the few upper-level students, the current faculty-in-residence, Good, will also follow the LLC to North Russell.

Good has been involved with the Global LLC since the beginning stages, where she helped propose having an LLC that focuses on different cultures and the community.

"As a language teacher, I know how important language and culture are, regardless of your major," Good said.

To help students afford the new LLC, scholarships of up to \$3,000 are available to students based on

financial need and merit, such as fluency in specific languages and experience abroad.

"Because there's an application process, it attracts those students that really want to be involved in it," said Moss. "You have people signing up to participate and give back to their community, their Baylor community, their global community and the outside community outside of the Baylor Bubble."

Baylor and Beyond will help freshmen and international students with the transition into college life and help connect them to the campus and opportunities abroad, Joyner said.

"We're not leaving it behind. We're taking it to a new place," Good said.

## Lawyer asks to move Boston bombing trial

By DENISE LAVOIE  
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BOSTON — A lawyer for Boston Marathon bombing suspect Dzhokhar Tsarnaev pressed a federal appeals court Thursday to move his trial out of Massachusetts, citing "saturation publicity" about the case and the large number of people in the state who were personally affected by the deadly attack.

In arguments before the 1st U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, federal public defender Judith Mizner said the local jury pool is "connected to the case in many ways" and cannot be counted on to be fair and impartial.

"This attack was viewed as an attack on the marathon itself... and an attack on the city of Boston," Mizner told a three-judge panel of the appeals court.

Mizner said media coverage

of the marathon continues unabated — nearly two years after the bombings — as news organizations cover the recovery of the victims. Three people were killed and more than 260 were injured when twin bombs exploded near the marathon finish line. Tsarnaev could face the death penalty if convicted.

Mizner said many of the prospective jurors who have been questioned individually by U.S. District Court Judge George O'Toole Jr. have cited close personal ties to the case, including a man who said his wife is a nurse who treated victims the day of the bombings.

If the trial is moved out of state, "people won't come to it with the same set of emotions and feelings," she said.



Tsarnaev

But Assistant U.S. Attorney William Weinreb said the judge has been conducting thorough questioning of prospective jurors to weed out people who have formed opinions on Tsarnaev's guilt. During that process, known as voir dire, the judge has provisionally qualified 61 people he believes are capable of being fair and impartial jurors. They will move on to the next stage of jury selection.

Judge Juan Torruella, the only judge on the three-judge appeals court panel to grant Tsarnaev's request for a hearing on the change-of-venue motion, peppered Weinreb with questions about the defense's claim that a large percentage of the 1,373 people called for jury duty in the case believe

Tsarnaev is guilty.

Torruella quoted excerpts from juror questionnaires, including one from a prospective juror who wrote, "Why waste time on this guy? You know he's guilty." Another juror suggested a "public execution" of Tsarnaev by a bomb at the marathon, Torruella noted.

Weinreb said those excerpts, culled by Tsarnaev's lawyers, are not representative of the jury pool overall. He said that during individual questioning, prospective jurors who have strong opinions have "unhesitatingly admitted" them, allowing the judge to rule them out as jurors.

Chief Judge Sandra Lynch noted that prosecutors have argued that asking the appeals court to intervene now and order the trial relocated would be an "extraordinary" move and that typically the trial location issue is raised on appeal after a trial.

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# Baylor mourns passing of respected law professor

By CARLY LAUCELLA  
STAFF WRITER

Renowned Baylor Law School professor, lawyer and beloved family man Matt Dawson died Tuesday. He was 98 years old.

Born March 20, 1916, in Waco, Dawson was tied to Baylor and the city of Waco from the very beginning. His father, Baylor alum J.M. Dawson, was the pastor at Waco's First Baptist Church for 32 years.

Dawson's mother, Willy Turner Dawson, devoted her time in Waco to make sure girls attending Baylor had an acceptable place to live. She is the namesake for Dawson Residence Hall.

Dawson grew up on Fifth Street, attended Waco High School and later graduated from Baylor University and Baylor Law School. After moving to Longview

post-graduation with a fellow Baylor Law School graduate to start up a law practice, Dawson eventually returned to Waco and Baylor.

After another break from practicing law during a stint in the Navy, Dawson returned to Texas and worked as a trial attorney at his brother's law firm. He became known around Texas as an extremely dedicated and effective lawyer.

"His career in the courtroom also was a testimony to the wisdom of our jury system when a passionate and talented lawyer is the steward and protector of it as an advocate," said Brad Toben, dean of Baylor Law School.

After 35 years working in the Texas legal system, Dawson took his love for law and became a professor at Baylor Law School. It was at this time he earned the nick-



Baylor Law Professor Matt Dawson stands with current law students. Dawson was the director of Baylor Law's top-ranked Practice Court program for 13 years.

name of "Mad Dog," attributed to his drive and passion. As a faculty

member at the law school, his involvement with Baylor Law's Prac-

tice Court program and his mock trial teams earned the school many accolades. Dawson is known by his peers as a man blessed with craft of practicing law.

"I admired him deeply for who he was, how he lived his life, and for the example he set for all of us in the profession," Toben said. "The likes of him will not pass this way again."

After retiring from teaching in 1983, he continued as a trial attorney for 20 more years. He received many titles and honors, including the Texas Bar Foundation's Outstanding 50-Year Lawyer award, and was named one of Texas Lawyer's 100 Lawyer Legends of the 20th Century. As a tribute to Dawson's work and dedication to Baylor, a life-sized statue was built in his honor outside a Practice Court classroom at the Sheila and Walter

Umphrey Law Center in 2009. Gerald Powell, director of the Practice Court program and professor at Baylor Law School, described Dawson's most memorable trait as his fearlessness.

Dawson's wife of 60 years, Princess Louise, died in 1999. He is survived by his five children and their spouses: Donna and Dr. Robert Fisher; Rebecca and Jon Brumley; Mark Dawson; Carol Dawson; and John and Allie Dawson.

He also is survived by many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, relatives and friends.

When asked about his fondest memory of Dawson, Powell said, "watching him testify as an expert witness for a case I tried in Dallas. He did a beautiful job. He was very impressive."

Services are at 2 p.m. today at First Baptist Church in Waco.

# Netherlands' tolerant traditions tested after terror attacks

By MIKE CORDER  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

AMSTERDAM — As Rotterdam's mayor and a former government minister, Ahmed Aboutaleb is a voice of mainstream liberal Dutch values.

As a Muslim immigrant from Morocco, he is also a prominent member of a community that many Europeans increasingly see as being in conflict with those values.

So when Aboutaleb spoke up after last month's Paris terror attacks — telling Muslims who can't stand humorists to "Get lost!" — it was a shout heard 'round the world. The Netherlands has deep traditions of tolerance, which long extended even to the intolerant.

Accepting people who don't share your values was seen as a badge of a true democratic society.

But many of the Dutch are questioning whether it makes sense to embrace all viewpoints and all ways of life.

The fact that a prominent Dutch Muslim repudiated that view in the wake of the Charlie Hebdo attacks made waves as a powerful expression of this shift in the Netherlands and throughout Europe, from a live-and-let-live society to one in which new arrivals are pushed to embrace Western customs and values.

Aboutaleb is among a group of European mayors visiting Washington this week to take part in a White House-sponsored conference on countering radicalization.

He has won an international audience by going to the heart of a key question Europe is grappling with: whether to continue embracing multicultural traditions long espoused by Britain, Germany and

the Netherlands, or turn sharply toward the French way, insisting that newcomers assimilate.

In the Netherlands, changes in attitude began with the 2004 murder of filmmaker Theo van Gogh — who was shot and stabbed to death in broad daylight by a Muslim fanatic angered by a film that criticized Islam.

The slaying prompted many in famously liberal Holland to declare that the age of tolerating intolerance must come to an end. Many Dutch today see striking similarities between the slain cartoonists of weekly magazine Charlie Hebdo and Van Gogh. Both thrived on hard edged provocation, breaking taboos and challenging sacred cows in a way that could make even supporters uncomfortable.

The Charlie Hebdo cartoonists depicted the Prophet Muhammad in lewd poses; Van Gogh's movie

"Submission" featured scenes of near-naked women with Quranic texts on their flesh. And both were ultimately mourned as champions of free expression whose lives were cut short by extremist forces.

The terror in France has made the Dutch again look at their policies of integration, causing leaders to promise fast-tracking a package of measures aimed at curbing Muslim youth radicalization.

Among the moves are plans to strip people who go to fight overseas of their Dutch nationality, and do more to prevent them leaving in the first place; block jihadi propaganda from the Internet; and provide more support for families, schools and other organizations that deal with vulnerable youngsters.

Leen Jongejan, a 68-year-old pensioner in The Hague, has seen Dutch tolerance ebb in recent years



Vice President Joe Biden shakes hands with Rotterdam Mayor Ahmed Aboutaleb as Biden arrives to speak at the White House Summit on countering violent extremism Tuesday.

and supports the shift.

Immigrants "used to come here and be pampered," he said. "If you look at attacks happening overseas,

I don't think it is strange that attitudes are changing. If it could help to prevent an attack here, it's a good thing."

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# Same-sex couple marries in Texas

By EVA RUTH MORAVEC  
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AUSTIN — Defying Texas' longstanding ban on gay marriage, a lesbian couple wed in Austin immediately after being granted a marriage license on Thursday under a one-time court order because one of the women has cancer.

Texas' attorney general immediately appealed to the state Supreme Court, which later agreed to block other gay couples from obtaining marriage licenses, but didn't address the Austin marriage of Suzanne Bryant and Sarah Goodfriend.

Attorney General Ken Paxton said he considers their marriage void, but a court hasn't ruled on that issue. Travis County Clerk Dana DeBeauvoir, whose office issued the license, said she still considers the marriage valid.

The women were granted a license in the liberal-leaning county after basing their request on a ruling issued earlier this week by a local judge who deemed the ban unconstitutional in an unrelated estate case.

Bryant said Thursday that being legally married to Goodfriend, who has ovarian cancer, would ensure inheritance and allow them to make medical decisions for

each other should one of them become critically ill.

"Financially, now we're intertwined, and we will have community property that we will share," Bryant said shortly after the marriage ceremony outside the county clerk's office, where the couple was flanked by a rabbi, friends and their two teenage daughters, whom they both legally adopted years ago.

State District Judge David Wahlberg sided with the couple Thursday, directing DeBeauvoir to stop relying on "the unconstitutional Texas prohibitions against same-sex marriage as a basis for not issuing a marriage license."

Courts in Indiana made a similar exception for a lesbian couple in April because one of the women was dying of cancer and wanted her partner's name on her death certificate. A federal appeals court overturned Indiana's ban in September.

Paxton, a Republican who took office in January, said the emergency stay was needed to "to make clear to all county clerks that Texas marriage law remains enforceable until there has been final appellate resolution." A federal judge last year overturned the ban, which was overwhelmingly approved by voters in the fiercely con-



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Suzanne Bryant shows off her wedding license certificate as she walks out the Travis County clerk's office with Sarah Goodfriend on Thursday in Austin. Travis County spokeswoman Ginny Ballard said the marriage occurred Thursday, though it wasn't immediately clear if the license has legal standing.

servative state in 2005, but the judge put the ruling on hold while the state appeals to the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

"We are all waiting for a final decision on marriage equality," Debeauvoir said. "However, this couple may not get the chance to hear the outcome of this issue because one person's health."

Goodfriend, policy director for state

Rep. Celia Israel, said during a news conference that her last chemotherapy treatment was four and a half months ago. She added: "All of us wonder if the cancer grows back along with the hair growing back."

Before the state Supreme Court ruling, two same-sex couples had inquired about getting a marriage license in Travis

County, chief deputy clerk Ronald Morgan Jr. said.

But after the ruling, some gay rights activists predicted that couples wouldn't flood courts with similar requests for exemptions. Equality Texas Executive Director Chuck Smith said "it would seem that the window for that has again temporarily closed."

# Half-million of Wal-Mart's US workers to get raises

By ANNE D'INNOCENZIO  
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BENTONVILLE, Ark. — Wal-Mart Stores Inc. is hoping its decision to boost workers' paychecks will help it boost its bottom line.

The nation's largest private employer announced on Thursday that it's giving a raise to about half-million U.S. workers as part of a \$1 billion investment that includes changes that Wal-Mart says are aimed at giving workers more opportunities for advancement and more consistent schedules.

The changes come as the company has faced increased pressure to pay its hourly employees more. But Wal-Mart, which has been criticized for its messy stores and poor customer service, says it's also focusing on recruiting and retaining better workers so that it can improve its business.

The company has struggled with disappointing sales for most of the past two years, even though it posted better-than-expected results during the most recent holiday season. Wal-Mart hopes that taking better care of its workers will lead to better-run stores, more satisfied customers and an increase in sales and profits.

"What's driving us is we want to create a great store experience for customers and do that by investing in our own people," Doug McMillon, Wal-Mart's CEO, told The Associated Press during an interview two days ahead of the wage announcement at the company's headquarters in Bentonville, Arkansas. "A better store experience results in happier customers, resulting in stronger sales."

Wal-Mart's changes indicate that it is moving beyond relying on its hallmark everyday low prices to make it stand out in an increasingly crowded and competitive retail landscape and moving toward investing in its workers. The company had previously cut back on staffing in stores two years ago in an effort to be more efficient.

But the moves have backfired. Morale among workers was hurt at stores, employees weren't able to quickly restock items on shelves and shoppers came to expect unkempt stores. Wal-Mart's U.S. business, which accounts for 60 percent of its annual net sales of \$482 billion, had declines or little growth for eight straight quarters before the latest holiday period. And an annual survey by the American Customer Satisfaction



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In this Sept. 19, 2013 file photo, customers walk outside of a Wal-Mart store in San Jose, Calif. Wal-Mart Stores Inc. reported quarterly financial results before the market opened Thursday.

Index, which polled 70,000 customers, found that Wal-Mart's customer satisfaction fell to the lowest level since 2007.

"The stores are understaffed,"

said Anthony Rodriguez, who has been pulled to do different jobs from being a bike assembler to sales floor associate at the Wal-Mart Rosemead, California, be-

cause of low staffing. "Often, there is nobody in a department. A lot of customers get upset."

McMillon, whose first job at Wal-Mart was an hourly position loading trucks during college, acknowledged that some measures the company took to cut staff and other moves to increase productivity may have gone "too far." But he says Wal-Mart has learned from its mistakes.

"We want to make it really clear that working at Wal-Mart is a great opportunity," he said. "Time will tell what the significance of the decisions will be."

In focusing on investing in workers, Wal-Mart follows other big retailers that have announced plans to increase pay recently as the national debate over raising the federal minimum wage has reached a crescendo. Swedish home furnishings retailer Ikea this year gave thousands of workers at its U.S. division a 17 percent average raise to \$10.76 an hour. And clothing chain Gap Inc. raised its minimum hourly wage to \$9 last year and to \$10 this year.

But Wal-Mart's changes are likely to have a bigger impact because it employs 1.3 million U.S. workers. Among the changes, Wal-

Mart is raising entry level wages to at least \$9 an hour in April and to at least \$10 an hour by February of next year. That includes the less than 6,000 workers who make the federal minimum wage.

With the changes, the average full-time wage at Wal-Mart stores will be \$13 an hour, up from \$12.85. For part-time workers, the hourly wage will be \$10, up from \$9.48.

In addition to raises, Wal-Mart is also doing things like offering hands-on training for new workers in areas including teamwork, merchandising, retail fundamentals and communications. It's also rolling out a program that offers some workers fixed schedules so they can be able to choose the same hours each week. The program is being tested in Wichita, Kansas.

Some industry watchers say that Wal-Mart's move to treat workers better will lead to sales growth. "There's a nice connection to highly satisfied customers and happy employees," said David VanAmburg, managing director of the American Customer Satisfaction Index. "Employees who are better paid and treated better by management tend to go the extra mile for the customer."

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Student senators discuss campus surveillance and security at a meeting Thursday. They unanimously approved a bill to increase the number of cameras on campus.

## Student Senate bill approved to add security cameras on campus

By RACHEL LELAND  
STAFF WRITER

Student Senate unanimously approved a bill to increase the number of security cameras on Baylor's campus on Thursday.

The bill was introduced by McKinney freshman Senator Jessica Porter at last week's senate meeting.

Currently there are approximately 600 cameras on Baylor's campus.

Porter won a senate seat her first semester and has already introduced her first bill called "Security Cameras."

"This was something I was really passionate about and one of the things I came into student government and wanted to get done," Porter said.

Porter, who lives close to Eighth Street, said she noticed there weren't any surveillance cameras in the parking lots near there.

"I started thinking I see a lot of girls in sororities who are going to the Stacey Riddle Forum, and I was like 'That's not safe!'" Porter said. "I think as college students we can be sometimes a little naive and we are not thinking about our safety all the time."

Students in sororities are also concerned for their safety when walking to the Stacey Riddle Forum at night.

"It's definitely a place we are encouraged to study at and it's unsettling to walk there at night and I'm glad it's being addressed," said Dallas freshmen Alison Gage, who is member of Alpha Chi Omega.

Some of the buildings don't have surveillance that is up-to-date, Porter said.

"I think campus safety is an important issue, especially to young women here. We have to watch out for each other and as Baylor students, we have to have each other's back," Porter said.

Faculty and members of staff

will also benefit from more security cameras, especially staff, who often work late at night.

"Some of the members of staff who clean the residence halls, they get off pretty late and I see them waiting for their ride and someone could do something to them, too," Porter said. "Once you're here you have to think about other people and not just yourself and kind of be selfless in that way."

Porter met twice with Vice President of Campus Safety and Security Mark Childers to discuss increasing the number of security cameras on campus.

Childers indicated that Baylor wanted to increase the security on Baylor's campus by doubling the number of security cameras to 1,200, Porter said.

While Childers couldn't give Porter a definitive date for when the project would be completed, Porter hopes the cameras will be installed within two years.

## Colorado residents file suit to close marijuana industry

By KRISTEN WYATT  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DENVER — Colorado already is being sued by two neighboring states for legalizing marijuana. Now, the state faces groundbreaking lawsuits from its own residents, who are asking a federal judge to order the new recreational industry to close.

The owners of a mountain hotel and a southern Colorado horse farm argue in a pair of lawsuits filed Thursday in U.S. District Court in Denver that the 2012 marijuana-legalization measure has hurt their property and that the marijuana industry is stinky and attracts unsavory visitors.

The lawsuits are the first in a state that has legalized recreational or medical marijuana in which its own residents are appealing to the federal government to block pot laws.

"It is a bedrock principle of the United States Constitution that federal law is the supreme law of the land," said David Thompson, a lawyer representing the plaintiffs.

The lawsuits are also the first to claim that federal racketeering laws allow them to win damages from pot businesses that flout federal law. The plaintiffs have not specified amounts they would seek. Experts say the racketeering approach is a new one.

"If these lawsuits are successful, it could be devastating for the industry," said Sam Kamin, a University of Denver law professor who helped craft Colorado's pot regulations. "But it will be very difficult for the plaintiffs to prove damages directly attributable to the marijuana industry."

Colorado Attorney General Cynthia Coffman released a statement saying she would "defend the state's marijuana laws and our citizens"



Colorado Rep. Jonathan Singer speaks Thursday during a news conference in Denver in reaction to the announcement that a lawsuit is being filed to shut down the state's \$800-million-a-year marijuana industry.

ents" if the lawsuits go to trial.

Marijuana legalization supporters say that states are free to stop enforcing certain drug laws, as long as they don't try to overrule the federal Controlled Substances Act.

"Colorado has every right to stop punishing adults for using marijuana," said Mason Tvert, who ran Colorado's legalization campaign and joined about a dozen other legalization supporters who marched to the state Capitol on Thursday. They carried signs saying, "Regulation Works!"

One legalization backer, Democratic state Rep. Jonathan Singer, said the pot industry has boosted tax coffers and hurt the black market.

"The sky hasn't fallen. We're doing the right thing," Singer said.

Technically, federal law making pot illegal for any purpose remains in effect in the 23 states that have authorized its use for people with certain medical conditions. However, it's not clear how far the federal government can go to compel states to enforce drug laws.

For nearly 20 years, the U.S. Department of Justice has said that marijuana is illegal and that the federal government can enforce even small-possession crimes. However, U.S. authorities have left most enforcement to the states, saying they focus on larger drug crimes.

One of the lawsuits came from the owner of a Pueblo County horse farm, Hope Reilly, who said Thursday that she's "been horrified" to see a marijuana cultivation facility go up next door.

"This land means a great deal to me," said Reilly, who says the pot facility mars "spectacular views" of the Rocky Mountains.

Also suing is the owner of a Holiday Inn, who argues that a pot shop opening nearby is keeping away families.

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# 'Superbug' outbreak raises questions about procedures

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LOS ANGELES — A "superbug" outbreak suspected in the deaths of two Los Angeles hospital patients is raising disturbing questions about the design of a hard-to-clean medical instrument used on more than half a million people in the U.S. every year.

At least seven people — two of whom died — have been infected with a potentially lethal, antibiotic-resistant strain of bacteria after undergoing endoscopic procedures at Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center between October and January. More than 170 other patients may also have been exposed, university officials said.

The infections may have been transmitted through at least two contaminated endoscopes that were used to diagnose and treat pancreatic and bile-duct problems. The instruments were found to have "embedded" infections even though they had been sterilized according to manufacturer instructions, said Dr. Robert Cherry, UCLA Health System's chief medical and quality officer. Five other devices were cleared.

Hospital officials said they immediately removed contaminated medical devices blamed for the outbreak and adopted more stringent sterilization techniques.

At a news conference Thursday afternoon, health officials sought to reassure the public that there is no broad danger.

"This outbreak is not a threat to public health," said Dr. Benjamin Schwartz, deputy director of acute communicable disease control and prevention for the LA County Department of Public Health.

Infections of carbapenem-resistant Enterobacteriaceae, or CRE, have been reported at hospitals around the country, and some have been linked to a type the endoscopes at UCLA. The duodenoscope is a

thin, flexible fiber-optic tube that is inserted down the throat to enable a doctor to examine an organ. It typically has a light and a miniature camera.

Doctors first discovered the problem in mid-December when a patient underwent an endoscopic procedure and developed an infection that couldn't be treated with antibiotics.



Rubin

An investigation was launched and doctors employed high-tech techniques to find other cases — a process that took several weeks, said Dr. Zachary Rubin, medical director of clinical epidemiology and infection prevention.

It was determined that CRE infections had been passed on from one "source case" patient between Oct. 3 and Jan. 28, Rubin said.

The hospital has notified potentially exposed patients through letters and phone calls and is offering free testing and treatment options.

Attorney Kevin Boyle said Thursday that one of his clients, an 18-year-old student, was among those infected after he entered the hospital for a procedure that involved using an endoscope to examine his pancreas.

"After he had the procedure he was released. Then he came down with his illness, and when they studied him and noticed he had the CRE bacteria in him they quickly put two and two together," he said.

Boyle declined to release the teenager's name or say where he attends school but said he spent 83 days in the hospital at one point and was released but recently relapsed and is currently hospitalized. He said the family doesn't blame UCLA but is considering suing the endoscope's manufacturer.

Health inspectors visited UCLA after being notified and found "no breaks and no breaches" in its disinfection process, said Dr. Benjamin Schwartz of the county health department.

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about the Islamic militants have been fraught with disagreement — with Turkey insisting that the coalition needs to also target the Assad government.

On Tuesday, Turkish Foreign Minister Mevlut Cavusoglu said in a press conference that Turkey expected that the trained rebels will also fight the Syrian regime. Turkey is already training Kurdish Peshmerga fighters in Northern Iraq, who have been battling Islamic State militants.

It is not clear who will decide which rebels will

receive the training. U.S. and Turkish officials have not always been in agreement about which of the disparate rebel groups in Syria should be considered moderate.

On Wednesday, the U.S. Defense Department said that the U.S. has screened about 1,200 moderate Syrian rebels to participate in training in Turkey, Saudi Arabia and Qatar. The U.S. Congress passed legislation authorizing the training and providing \$500 million for training about 5,000 rebels over the next year.

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verse faculty and staff to better serve a diverse student body."

Dr. James Sorelle, history professor and co-chair of the Campus Diversity Committee, said the committee is devoted to promoting diversity once students and faculty are members of the Baylor community.

Sorelle said the committee does so by organizing and funding events and organizations that relate to promoting and continuing diversity. One of the events that the committee organizes is the Cultural Connections Banquet held every spring.

Sorelle said he has seen Baylor's diversity improve from when he first came to Baylor.

"When I came here, I bet [the

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Edwards is expecting about 50 alumni to return to the celebration. All events will take place in McLane Stadium.

"After rolling up the sleeves a little bit, we will head up to the president's suite in McLane Stadium," Edwards said. "And then we will go to the Lady Bears game and cheer them on as they hopefully beat TCU."

Some of the notable attendees include Justice Don Willett and Russ Sullivan, the 1982 student body president.

"The past is such a good indication of where we can go in terms of the relational authority that student government has," Ed-

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Julie Prater did not want to terminate the pregnancy and chose to carry her daughter to term.

"We are of the Baptist faith and we felt there was no reason to terminate the pregnancy," Luke Prater said.

Because Prater was concerned chemotherapy and radiation therapy, which are recommended to stop tumors from growing, could hurt her baby, she declined radiation therapy until 8 weeks before her delivery date. Two weeks after she gave birth to her

daughter, June Lane, Julie Prater began the most aggressive type of chemotherapy possible.

Julie struggles daily with the cancer she found out she had less than a year ago. In addition to using a walker, Julie has one to two seizures every day. Friends and family help take care of her children and monitor her seizures.

Local Dallas businesses and friends have contributed items to the auction, which Judd hopes will bring more than \$20,000 to pay for the family's expenses.

The auction, which can be

wards said. "I sit in my role today standing on the shoulders of so many past presidents because of what they've done."

Edwards looks to his predecessors for places to build and go forward. The website states that the essence of the mission of the student government would not be present without the hundreds of influencers and decision makers who spent time in student government.

"I am looking forward to a more engaged alumni base," Edwards said. "As we look toward this idea of commitment at the university, it is all about getting them in front of current students,

in their families to go to college. Lyons said the goal of this new program is to encourage new students to feel connected to campus through academic and personal success, which will help improve retention rates.

This program will be held during this summer's second session with a 50 percent tuition discount. The session will offer variety of classes including introductory courses in religion, sociology and speech.

"First-generation students are a higher percent minority than the traditional Baylor student," said Lyons. "I do think that it will help us improve our diversity on some level."

it is all about connecting them."

Edwards said he believes that by having the alumni back on campus for this event, they can impact the lives, hearts and mind of the alumni.

"People don't realize the impact of student government," Edwards said. "It is by design, not by default."

Booth said she loves the people involved in student government.

"They are so dedicated to serving the student body and there is so much heart in all of them," Booth said.

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backup plan. Others pointed to an Aggie mouth guard that he wore while practicing for the U.S. Army All-American game.

Everything is on the table. Even insiders such as 247Sports Texas A&M recruiting analyst Taylor Hamm added fuel to the fire. On the same day that Hall said he was leaving, Hamm claimed that Hall still hadn't made a decision yet between Baylor and Texas A&M.

When looking back, Hall couldn't help but show his amusement at the circus.

"I mean it was mostly all rumors," Hall said. "I kind of considered Texas A&M later in the process, but I wanted to stay through with my commitment. Obviously it worked out."

The recruiting world has changed. \*\*\*

For years, only coaches and boosters had extended access to the top recruits in the country. Perhaps a transcendent high school star such as Marcus Dupree or Eric Dickerson's recruitment would be covered by mass media, but most high school kids arrived on campus with only some mention by their local newspapers.

Since the arrival of recruiting sites such

as Scout and Rivals, high school recruiting has taken a big step into the public eye. Now, elite players are getting attention from colleges before ever setting foot in a high school, and the world is watching.

"Recruiting was a lot of fun, but I kind of wanted to get it over with because it did get tiresome," junior left tackle Spencer Drango said. His top schools were Baylor, Stanford and Texas.

The Austin native picked up added interest from Texas late in the process, which added pressure from many people around him.

"It was right in my backyard and all my friends were UT fans," Drango said. "[Former Texas fullback] Chet Moss graduated from my high school, he brought a bunch of players by to see me."

Social media is also changing the game. "Fans are tweeting at them all day, it plays in their head," Baylor Scout recruiting analyst Kevin Barrera said. "Kids are getting caught up in the spotlight. You saw with Gilmer cornerback Kris Boyd, he changed his top five several times between Christmas and signing day."

"It's a hassle because you don't know

who's telling you the truth and who's trying to manipulate you," sophomore wide receiver Corey Coleman said. "After a while, I talked to my high school coach and said I don't want to talk to any other schools, tried to keep it honest. I had to make my decision based on me."

Drango also said it is important to blocking out distractions throughout the recruiting process.

"My parents helped a lot with that," he said. "If it was letters or phone calls, they screened them. Everyone tried to give me their opinion."

For many top athletes, the opportunity to build and be a trailblazer is an attractive position. Drango said the other contenders for his services were Texas and Stanford, but Baylor provided a unique challenge.

"Baylor was just starting to build, and I wanted to build, not jump on," he said.

Hall said he agreed that the opportunity to build into the future outweighed what a school has done in the past.

"I really didn't look too much at history," Hall said. "I just wanted to grow at a school that's coming up, that's starting from the bottom, which Baylor was. We're trying to prove a point." \*\*\*

During the summer of 2014, Baylor held a camp to work with many high school athletes hoping to pick up an offer. In the middle of the camp, Baylor picked up a commitment from Silsbee offensive tackle Patrick Hudson, already a five-star prospect.

Soon afterward, word came out Baylor had offered and picked up a commitment from an unknown prospect named Tren'Davian Dickson. The Navasota wide receiver was not rated by any scouting group and held zero collegiate offers.

Since then, Dickson has blown up. The high school junior caught 90 passes for over 2,100 yards and broke a national record with 39 touchdown receptions on the way to leading his Navasota Rattlers to the 4A-D1 state championship.

Now, he has offers from 11 schools, including Texas, LSU, TCU and Texas A&M. He is also now rated Scout's No. 3 wide receiver in the nation and No. 21 overall nationally. He eventually opened back up his recruitment, but Baylor is still considered to have an excellent shot at signing him.

What has made Baylor's recruiting and coaching staff among the best in the coun-



LARIAT FILE PHOTO

Head coach Art Briles flashes a smile on Aug. 21 during pre-season practice. Briles' leadership guided the Bears to their second Big 12 championship in 2014. His commitment to recruiting top-notch athletes allows the Bears to compete on a national level.

try is the Bears' ability to evaluate talent early in the process.

"The star rankings don't mean anything to us," Baylor offensive coordinator Kendal Briles said. "We want to get him in camp and put him through our drills. We can teach them and talk to them one-on-one to see how coachable they are."

After find an elite football recruit, building connections is the key.

"I think the first thing is relationships, try and get to know the kid," Kendal Briles said. "We have to figure out their goals and aspirations, so that we can figure out and present the best way for them to accomplish that."

Before coaching at the college level, Art Briles was one of the most heralded high school coaches in Texas history, winning four state championships during an 11-year tenure at Stephenville High School. Kendal Briles attributes the staff's trust among high school coaches and administrators to his dad's background in Texas high school football.

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Evaluating talent and building positive relationships can only get a program so far. To reach the next step, the message is very clear: win.

"We can only start talking about these top recruits when we start winning foot-

ball games," Kendal Briles said. "You're not going to get recruits if you don't win, they won't believe in what you're doing."

Since Robert Griffin III won the Heisman Trophy in 2011, things have taken off. Baylor football has become only the second team to win back-to-back Big 12 Championships and were only votes away from being included in the first College Football Playoff.

"When we walked into a high school in 2008 with a Baylor shirt, we didn't get many looks. It's just completely different now," Kendal Briles said.

With the changes has come new life for Baylor football. The two-time defending Big 12 champions has never been a "location," but head coach Art Briles is changing the game.

Baylor is already off to a quick start to the 2016 class. The Bears have five commitments, four of whom are in either in Scout or ESPN's Top 300 athletes.

"It's all different. It's different because of McLane Stadium. It's different because of the proactivity of Baylor University and because of Waco as a city," Art Briles said. "And you can't forget the production on the football field. All this a feel; you feel that as a parent and a student-athlete. That makes a huge difference."



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No. 1 sophomore wide receiver Corey Coleman plays against Oklahoma on Nov. 8 in Norman, Okla. The Bears defeated the Sooners 48-14 for their first win in Norman.

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