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BUILDING COMMUNITY Money raised from the Giving Trees Festival, a Christmas tree decorating competition, will support the Copp family, pictured above.

SWAT team negotiates with man barricaded in shed

GAVIN PUGH
Digital Managing Editor

After several hours of negotiations, a man who barricaded himself inside his shed in the 200 block of Garden Drive peacefully surrendered Wednesday evening and is in police custody. He was in the shed from 2 to 6:45 p.m.

Robert Elmer Evans has been booked in McLennan County Jail and is facing charges for a parole violation. Sgt. W. Patrick Swanton, spokesman for the Waco Police Department, said it was unclear whether or not Evans had a weapon with him.

The Waco Police Department was doing a follow-up with a separate theft incident when they spotted Evans, who had two warrants out for his arrest, Swanton said. A SWAT team was dispatched after the suspect entered the shed.

Evans, in his 50s, has a record of firearms offenses and is named in a burglary of habitation warrant and parole warrant, Swanton said. He is also a member of the Aryan Brotherhood, which is defined by the FBI as a violent, white supremacist gang, Swanton said.

"Our negotiators had been communicating with him for the past several hours," Swanton said. "Obviously he did not want to go to jail. That was his main concern. We walked him through that, and I think he understood that we were limited on our options with him."

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Giving Trees Festival

Christmas tree decorating contest, fundraiser to benefit local family

MEGAN RULE
Staff Writer

Christmas tree decorating will take on a whole new meaning with The Giving Trees Festival on Saturday and Sunday, a new fundraising event that will help differently-abled individuals and families in the Central Texas area live more independently through home modification. This year's fundraiser will benefit the Copp family.

Melissa Copp, event coordinator and mother of two boys who will benefit from this event, said she is working with Heart of Central Texas Independent Living on The Giving Trees Festival. She said the fundraiser came from the need to build her sons a fully wheelchair-accessible home. Through partnering with Heart of

Central Texas Independent Living, a Central Texas nonprofit, they were able to make the event happen. The event will be from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday in the Ranger Room in the Waco Convention Center where people can view and purchase the donated decorated trees.

"The Copp boys have never been able to access all of their home for their own use," Copp said in an email to the Lariat. "Consultants have come inside our home just to tell us it's too much to remodel to make accessible. For the last two years, we have been actively searching for an accessible home to continue to raise the boys in."

Calan and Lawson Copp were

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Liesje Powers | Photo Editor

MERRY AND BRIGHT Christmas trees like this will be decorated for the contest.

Deadline for course evaluations draws near

MCKENNA MIDDLETON
Page One Editor

At the end of every semester, Baylor students receive an email urging them to complete course evaluations. An evaluation for a single course takes about five minutes to complete and asks questions about

the effectiveness of the instructor and the course itself.

Dr. Wesley Null, vice provost for undergraduate education, oversees the administration of the course evaluations.

"Course evaluation feedback is used by instructors as they consider making revisions to their courses,"

Null said. "In addition, course evaluations are used as one of many factors, including peer evaluations, that are taken into consideration as faculty are evaluated each year."

Course evaluations offer students the opportunity to anonymously provide feedback about the classes they have completed that semester.

The survey allows students to respond to statements on a scale from "Strongly Agree" to "Strongly Disagree" and to open-ended questions by writing in an answer.

"Course evaluations are a key opportunity for students to provide feedback to their instructors, feedback that they otherwise might

not have a chance to share," Null said. "The university is very proud of the high-quality instruction that we offer and that course evaluations are an important feedback mechanism that demonstrates to students that their feedback matters."

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Church reaches community through tutoring

MEGAN MCCASLAND
Contributor

To get all the wiggles out, 40 first-through fifth-graders, chatting excitedly with the volunteers who picked them up, walk two blocks every day after school from Dean Highland Elementary School to Highland Baptist Church. Once there, they play on the playground, have snacks, go through a rotation between a Bible story, play games, receive tutoring and finish homework.

This program is called WiN, which stands for "Wisdom and iNstruction from the Lord," and is a mentoring and tutoring program that happens every Monday through Friday after school for three hours in between when the students get released from school and when their parents get off from

work. Jamie Hipp, the Go pastor, or missions pastor, said WiN is a great opportunity that lead pastor John Durham began three years ago when he came to the church.

"It's holistic in the sense of providing for a number of areas for those kids," Hipp said, "but at the same time, it's a time for us to be able to care for them and love on them as they're from a variety of different backgrounds."

Callie Anderson, a volunteer at WiN since September, said she loves being able to show Christ's love to the children.

"Laying the foundation of faith early in these kids can absolutely change the trajectory of their lives," Anderson said.

Another part of the WiN



Liesje Powers | Photo Editor

HIT THE BOOKS Highland Baptist Church, through its WiN program, which stands for "Wisdom and iNstruction from the Lord," partners with students from Dean Highland Elementary School for after-school tutoring.

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COLUMN

Reach out to those in need

BRADI MURPHY
Arts & Life Editor



Throughout the year, many look forward to the Christmas season. It is a holiday that brings smiles and laughs as families gather around luxurious trees and outstanding meals. Christmas

is a cherished holiday with extravagant lights, luminous decorations and magnificent gifts. However, during this season, individuals should take a step back and remember what Christmas is actually meant for.

Christmas is a time for giving to family and friends, but more importantly, Christmas is about giving to others who may not have as much as you. There are many families who are not able to celebrate Christmas due to financial limitations. Some parents may struggle to buy one gift for their children or even display a tree in their living room.

There are many organizations that allow people to give to less fortunate families by donating gifts or helping wrap presents.

The U.S. Marine Corps Reserve hosts the Toys for Tots Program, a foundation that donates toys, books and other gifts to less fortunate families.

Toys for Tots began in 1995 and today has distributed over 512 million toys to over 237 million children. Their mission is to collect new, unwrapped toys during October, November and December each year and distribute those toys as Christmas gifts to children in the community in which the campaign is conducted, their website said.

In high school, my Spanish teacher hosted a Toys for Tots drive at our school during December. She bribed her students to donate by offering extra credit points for every 10 toys students brought in. Knowing I could help my grade just by buying a few toys. I started out by bringing in 10 toys but then was hooked. I loved the cause so much that I went back and bought to more toys.

No matter the size or price, donating could bring big smiles to children as they wake up Christmas morning and see a present of their own under the tree.

I also volunteer at Operation Blue Santa, a nonprofit organization put on by the Austin Police Department. Operation Blue Santa provides families with a holiday meal and toys for each child in their household. The nonprofit began in 1972 and this year will serve over 5,000 families, according to their website.

Through volunteering with them, I have been involved in sorting out donated gifts into age categories, wrapping the toys and packaging the toys with a meal in the warehouse.

While I am not able to see the direct impact that my donating and volunteering will bring families, I enjoy knowing that I am making an impact in someone else's holiday.

During Christmastime, it is easy to forget that there are families who don't have decorations or nice meals to gather around on Christmas day.

Volunteering and donating has made me appreciate all I receive at Christmas. Imagining a little boy's face as he opens his new truck or race car and the parents' looks of relief that they were able to give their child a present makes me want to continue giving.

When volunteering or donating, be sure to research the charity, as there are some that do not give all of the proceeds to the recipients.

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EDITORIAL

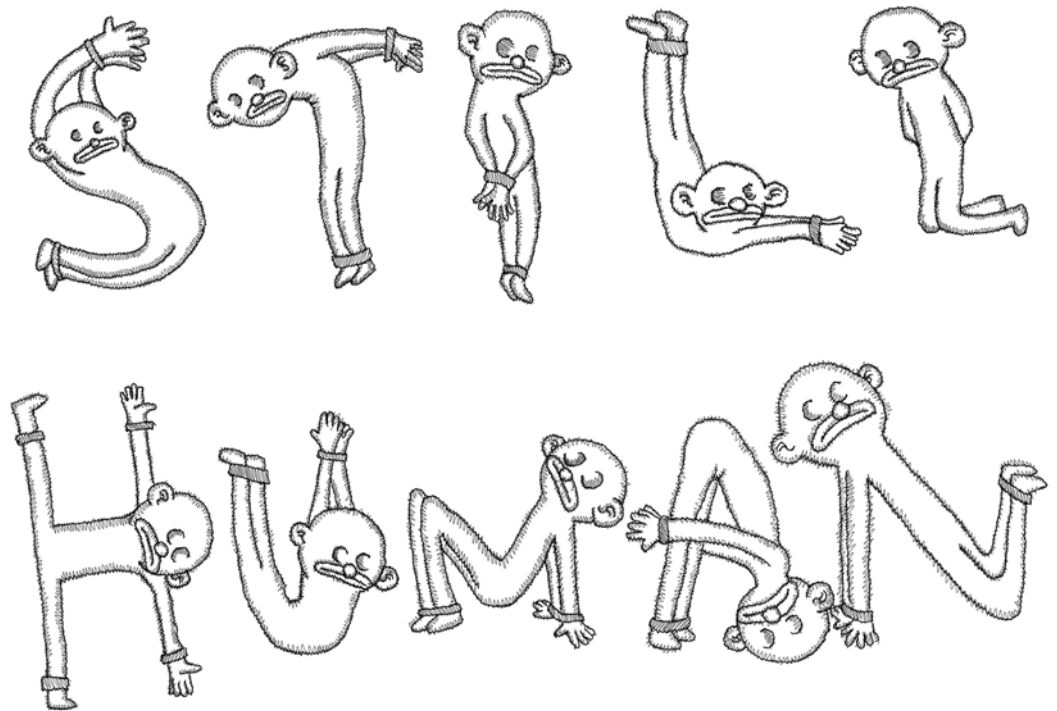
Rise above and stop torture

Plato wrote "To prefer evil to good is not in human nature; and when a man is compelled to choose one of two evils, no one will choose the greater when he might have the less."

The argument of innate human evil stretches back to the early days of the Greek and Roman renaissance. How can humans have the power to be so good and still commit atrocities against their fellow men? Is it in our nature, or are we taught to behave that way? Can we change? All of these questions circle in our heads when we watch the news and hear of bombings, mass shootings and war crimes such as torture. Torture, above all, incites questions of human morality — how can a human physically, mentally and emotionally abuse another person for their personal gain? America has always labeled itself as the "good guys," but up until recently, we did not prove that to be true. The use of torture or "enhanced interrogation techniques" in the United States military is an example of just how hypocritical we can be in our treatment of other humans.

In 2014, a United States Senate report on CIA interrogations swept the country, shocking Americans with the number of grisly acts committed at CIA blacksites and prisons under U.S. control. For most of us, it is impossible to imagine being subject to any of these techniques — our view of torture is usually revolve around waterboarding or people being beaten senseless. This may seem extreme, but the reality is much worse — rectal rehydration, being squeezed into tiny boxes filled with all sorts of crawly creatures, being stripped of all clothing and tied into an unnatural position for days on end — the list goes on and on. Only recently have stories such as the movie "Zero Dark Thirty" revealed what happens behind the scenes, where prisoners have been deprived of humanity, brought to the brink of death and back again, all for the personal gain of American forces.

To some, this can be



Joshua Kim | Cartoonist

rationalized: The people being interrogated are possible terrorists, bad people who have tried to kill American citizens. Since 9/11, we have been on the defensive against Islamic extremists and other faceless monsters who threaten our safety. From our warm, comfortable homes, it is easy to generalize, stereotype, and sweep these dark, depressing topics into a corner for a later day.

The truth is, most Americans will never experience what it is like to be in a torture victim's shoes. We are blessed to live in a place where we hold inalienable rights, and there is nothing wrong with that. What is wrong is forgetting about the humanity of the other side — the fact that these people, whether they have done bad things or not, have families, have homes, have a bed that they dream of going back to. They are people, just like us, and they experience a level of emotional, physical and psychological pain that most could never dream of. The New York Times recently wrote a piece about a retired Navy psychologist assigned to examine and treat prisoners incarcerated for war crimes

in Guantanamo Bay (Gitmo) prison. The story, titled "Where even nightmares are classified: Psychiatric care at Guantanamo Bay," is a case study in the effects of intense torture tactics. Navy Lt. Comdr. Shay Rosencrans tells of the untrustworthy, beaten down, broken patients, who suffered from hallucinations, nightmares, severe anxiety and many other Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) symptoms.

It's a novel concept, isn't it — That a so-called "enemy combatant" could experience the same symptoms that American heroes wounded in battle experience? When you strip away the titles, the hatred and the misunderstandings between sides, each torture victim is human. They hurt, they mourn, they even feel joy. Whether a person is fighting for us or against us, they are still a person: As a society that holds so dearly to inalienable rights and self-evident truths, how can we validate depriving another human of these same rights and truths?

Matthew 5:43-47 says, "You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your

enemy.' But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? And if you greet only your own people, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that?"

While not everyone in America subscribes to Christian values, there is a lesson to be learned from this passage — to be the "good guys" we must extend grace and mercy to those who may not do the same for us. Rise above, and prove that Plato was right when he said that to choose evil is not in our nature. Though the lesser of two evils may be leaving us vulnerable to extremist attacks, our moral and spiritual health will crumble under the weight of the greater. Torture is inhumane, and unless we want to lose the humanity we strip prisoners of, we need to set a precedent of intolerance for abusive interrogation techniques.

COLUMN

We're all just walking each other home

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We live in a society that places an incredibly high value on personal ability. We are taught from a young age to be independent, to control the controllables, to format our lives so that we only truly rely on ourselves. Especially as college students, working anxiously to prepare ourselves for life

post-graduation, we strive to become survivors, men and women who can succeed of our own volition because placing our fate in someone else's hands is a risk.

This isn't necessarily a bad thing. Independence gives us the ability to test our own limits, to learn how capable we truly are. But it's easy to forget that there is also value in community, in standing together, in leaning on others for support and giving yours in return.

At some point, we've begun to societally equate independence with isolation, strength with the ability to need no one outside of

ourselves. We idolize the "self-made man," and we've turned life into a competition of who needs the least help — in classes, at work, in relationships. We look down on those who are handed opportunities and ostracize those who seek extra assistance.

A few weeks ago, one of my closest friends shared with me a quote by author and spiritual leader Ram Dass that read, "We are all just walking each other home." As someone who is fiercely independent myself, I haven't been able to stop thinking about the idea behind these few short words.

We are all just walking each other home. Amid national and global turmoil, amid elections, amid competitions for grades, for jobs, for approval, this quote serves as a reminder that we are all walking the same path. We are traveling through life together, experiencing the same events from myriad perspectives, facing decisions that affect more than simply our own lives.

Given the opportunity, I have always chosen to stand on my own two feet rather than rely on others for help, and this isn't necessarily a bad thing, but leaning on others does not make you weak — it makes you human, and strength can

be found in unity as much as in independence.

We live in a world in turmoil. Monday, a man on an Ohio campus drove his truck into a group of students then ran among them, stabbing 11. Tuesday, the New York Times reported that ISIS has dug another mass grave in Iraq, and even as I write this, the police scanner that sits on the desk beside mine screams news of a girl being held hostage. 2016 has been compared to a dumpster fire where violence, chaos and destruction has become commonplace, and in this time of extreme, global turmoil, it is more important than ever to band together, to unite and lean on one another for support, because we truly have no idea what will come with the next sunrise.

We live in a society that values independence more highly than almost any other ideological tenet, but we've lost sight of the strength and comfort found in togetherness, in sharing suffering, pain and the burden of life. Independence does not have to mean isolation.

After all, at the end of the day, we're all just walking each other home.

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Stein requests recount in third state

DAVID EGGERT
Associated Press

LANSING, Mich. — Green Party presidential nominee Jill Stein on Wednesday requested a full hand recount of Michigan's presidential vote, making it the third state narrowly won by Republican Donald Trump where she wants another look at the results.

Stein previously asked for recounts of the votes in Pennsylvania and Wisconsin.

President-elect Trump defeated Democrat Hillary Clinton by about 10,700 votes out of nearly 4.8 million ballots cast in Michigan, or two-tenths of a percentage point. But Stein alleges that irregularities and the possibility that vote scanning devices could have been hacked call the results into question. Elections officials in all three states have expressed confidence in the results.

Michigan's recount could start as early as Friday, though a challenge to the recount by Trump may delay it.

"We simply won't know if there was hacking or interference in this election unless we look at the votes — every vote systematically, impartially and by hand," Jessica Clarke, a lawyer for the Stein campaign, said during a news conference outside of the Michigan Bureau of Elections.

University of Michigan computer scientist Alex Halderman, who says voting machines and optical scanners that count ballots are prone to errors and outside manipulation, told reporters that the recount will show "for sure" whether cyber-attacks have occurred.

"More importantly, (the recount) will provide a defense in the future and a deterrent to any adversary who might want to try to hack future elections."

Trump's victory is highly unlikely to be reversed in any of the states.

The GOP says a Michigan recount would cost taxpayers far more than the \$973,000 Stein paid when filing her recount petition.

Secretary of State Ruth Johnson, a Republican, called Stein's request "unusual," especially since there is no evidence of fraud or "even a credible allegation of any tampering."

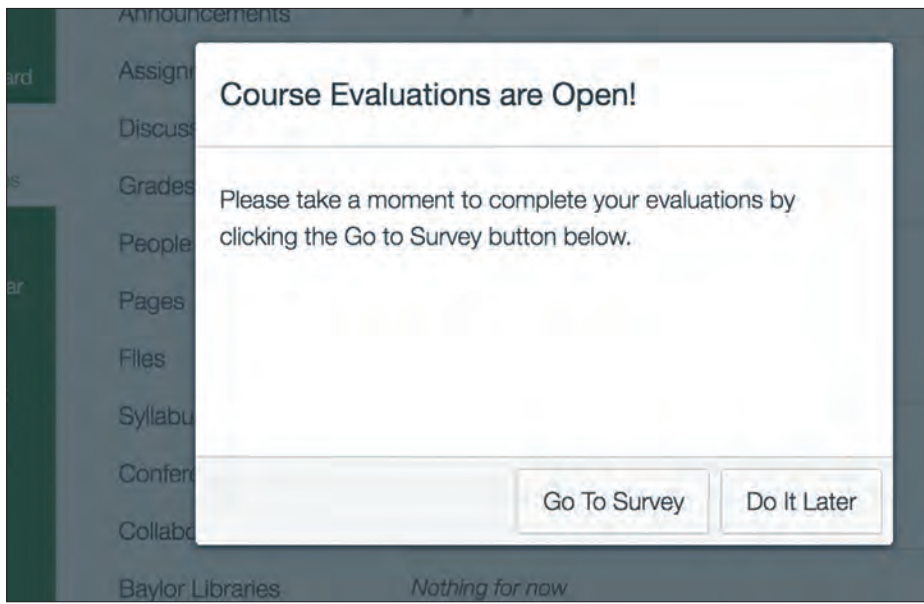
"Nevertheless, county clerks have been gearing up to complete this recount under a very challenging (Dec. 13) deadline," she said. "They'll be working nights and weekends. I know they will do a great job because we have some of the best clerks in the country here in Michigan."

Meanwhile in Wisconsin, where Trump defeated Clinton by roughly 22,000 votes, Stein's campaign said it won't appeal a judge's ruling that Wisconsin's recount can be done without counting every ballot by hand. Most counties plan to do hand recounts anyway. That recount is due to start Thursday.

The Wisconsin Republican Party filed a complaint with the Federal Elections Commission on Wednesday alleging that Stein's recount effort amounts to illegal coordination with Clinton designed to circumvent the law and public scrutiny.

Stein's campaign manager, David Cobb, said in a statement that Stein isn't coordinating with anyone and he dismissed the complaint as a "PR stunt to push a false narrative that will ultimately have no impact on the recount in Wisconsin."

Trump defeated Clinton in Pennsylvania by about 71,000 votes, or about 1 percentage point.



FEEDBACK Course evaluations for the fall semester are available for students to complete until Dec. 8 through Canvas.

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Students can access course evaluations through the emails they receive, which provide three options: the course evaluations page on the Baylor website, Canvas, and the EvaluationKIT application. The online surveys remain open for about a month; this semester they are open from Nov. 14 to Dec. 8.

According to Null, Baylor University has an average response rate of about 63-65 percent. Students who complete course evaluations for all of their classes will have a chance to win a \$20 gift card to Amazon

or the Baylor University Bookstore. Some professors also offer extra credit as an incentive for completed course evaluations.

"I wish more students would complete course evaluations," The Woodlands junior Austin Weynand said. "I know that completing evals seems retroactive since it won't affect our experience, considering we will have completed the course already, but it could affect future classes. And as a university full of forward-thinking students, isn't that a good enough reason on its own?"

What's Happening on Campus?

Hang out with friends and get connected at these fun and free* events

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Thursday, Dec. 1 | Christmas at the Mayborn
4:30 p.m. Enjoy Christmas cookies, a nativity themed photo-op, a visit from Santa, make your own holiday decorations and more at the Mayborn Museum Complex. Admission is free for museum members and Baylor University students.
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Thursday, Dec. 1 | Men for Change
5:30 p.m. Join Men for Change every Thursday in the Bobo Spiritual Life Center Chapel to meet and discuss ideas of spirituality and masculinity in a brave space.
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Thursday, Dec. 1 | Christmas on 5th Street
6 p.m. Celebrate the season at Baylor's annual Christmas on 5th Street! Enjoy a variety of activities including a live nativity, petting zoo, pictures with Santa, Christmas tree lighting on Burleson Quadrangle and the Christmas Marketplace on the 3rd floor of the SUB! For a complete list of activities and schedule of events visit baylor.edu/Christmason5th.
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Thursday, Dec. 1 & Friday, Dec. 2 | A Baylor Christmas
7:30 p.m. Enjoy performances by the combined choirs of Baylor University and the Baylor Symphony Orchestra, conducted by visiting professor of choral music Jerry McCoy at Jones Concert Hall. To purchase tickets, visit baylor.edu/tickets.
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Friday, Dec. 2 | UBreak
10 a.m. Take a break from your busy schedule for a free breakfast, a cup of coffee and community in the SUB, UB Room. Be sure to B.Y.O.M. [bring your own mug]!
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Tuesday, Dec. 6 | Midnight Breakfast
10 p.m. Take a study break and gather with friends for a free breakfast, photo booth, music and more at Penland Crossroads! No card swipe required.
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Wednesday, Dec. 14 – Sunday, Jan. 8 | Christmas Break
All day. Enjoy a safe and merry Christmas with family and friends! See you in 2017, Bears!

"For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given; and
the government shall be
upon his shoulder, and
His name shall be called
Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God, Everlasting
Father, Prince of Peace."

Isaiah 9:6

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Stress is in Full Swing



Timothy Hong | Lariat Photographer

STRESS LESS The Woodlands junior Alli Miller throws paint on a canvas Wednesday afternoon on Fountain Mall to relieve stress. The event was hosted by Active Minds, a club that has partnered with the Baylor Counseling Center to fight stigmas about mental health.

Mayborn Museum hosts holiday event

KALYN STORY
Staff Writer

The Mayborn Museum will host Christmas at the Mayborn from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. today.

The event will bring together staff, students and community members in a special Christmas-themed event at the Mayborn Museum Complex. The event will feature holiday-themed activities.

Activities will include a visit from Santa, a special model train display from the Central Texas Area Model Railroaders, a nativity-themed photo-op and holiday decoration crafting station. There will be Christmas cookies and refreshments as well. "It is a big kickoff party for the

holiday season at the museum," said Rebecca Nall, assistant director of communication at the Mayborn Museum. "We want as many families and people to come by."

Activities and events are included in the price of admission. Admission is free to museum members and Baylor students.

Nall said the museum hosts a Christmas event every year to bring in the holiday season and celebrate with the community.

"We would love for as many Baylor students to stop by and enjoy the museum," Nall said. "It is free for Baylor students and it's a great opportunity for them to come by while they're out for Christmas on Fifth."

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program that can help the children is through the program's use of the third-, fourth- and fifth-graders as tribe leaders for the younger kids. There are six groups, or "tribes," of first- through fifth-graders, and the tribe leaders are in charge of making sure the younger kids in their group are doing what they're supposed to. Audrey Wauson, the director of WiN, said this was a way to keep the older kids participating in the program while teaching them important leadership skills.

"The program is free to [the third- through fifth-graders] as long as they participate as a leader, which means that they have to clean up, keep an eye on the little kids, help with the tutoring and take on all the responsibilities of a regular volunteer," Wauson said. "They're not old enough to be in charge, but ... they do everything that they can do so that the volunteers can supervise and do the things that grown-ups know."

Drew Humphrey, the college pastor at Highland Baptist Church, said putting the older kids into a position of leadership was beneficial because the older kids know what to expect within the program.

"It's also a great way for them to have some ownership and leadership, and it helps them to grow up a little

bit," Humphrey said. "Honestly, a lot of the reasons why they're in [the program] is because sometimes they come from families that don't have a lot of structure and don't have a lot of positive leadership opportunities for them to see or engage in themselves. It's an opportunity for them to lead and grow as young, little, tiny leaders."

LaGrange, Ky., sophomore Heidi Keck, a regular attendee at Highland Baptist Church, said she thinks the WiN program is great for the community and hopes it will continue to develop and grow.

"What the WiN program is doing is providing something that every family wants, which is more opportunities for their kids to get interaction and engagement," Keck said. "The fact that Highland is willing to provide a safe place for kids to go during those couple of hours is something that's good for the parents and the community to hear. It builds trust between the families and the church."

Before the WiN program was launched, the relationship between Highland Baptist Church and the neighborhood was virtually non-existent, and where it did exist, it was not on the best terms. Humphrey said, as of a year ago, the neighborhood

that the church sits in is "the poorest neighborhood in McLennan County."

"I think that WiN was kind of the first move to build some trust in the community," Humphrey said. "To be able to reach into the neighborhood and to open up our doors and go into the school and those things... we're just scratching the surface."

One thing church leadership encourages church members, regular attendees and college students to think about is volunteering with the WiN program.

"If you want to volunteer, there's a variety of ways," Humphrey said.

The first way is by volunteering at the program itself.

When WiN first started, it had 20 children with a lot of volunteers because the strong involvement when something is new dies down after it has been around for a few years, Wauson said.

Now, the program has 40 kids, but there are not enough volunteers to meet the desired number of one adult to every two or three students, which was a goal primarily for the tutoring section of the program. Wauson said she only has two or three volunteers on Wednesdays and Thursdays as opposed to six volunteers on Mondays and Fridays.

"Since it's an official Highland

ministry, one of the ways that they get new volunteers is through the new member class," Humphrey said.

Other ways to recruit volunteers include advertisements during the main service on Sundays, links on the website and Wauson herself going to different Adult Bible Fellowship and Connection Group classes and talking about the program.

"Once you're interested, typically you'll end up talking to [Wauson] and then you do the background check and go through all those kinds of hoops, and then you're assigned," Humphrey said.

People typically sign up to volunteer with the program for one day out of the week, due to the time of day and time commitment required of it.

"As with any program, it is the volunteers that make the program work well," Wauson said.

The second way to become involved with the program is by becoming a WiN Champion. A WiN Champion is someone who sponsors one of the students in the program by providing funds to take care of things that the child needs. Each student requires roughly \$270 each school year to attend WiN.

"That helps pay for a lot of things that aren't even related to WiN,"

Humphrey said. "To go to school they have to wear uniforms, so [the money] pays for their uniforms, and it also helps with school supplies and any of the WiN fees [for snacks and games]."

Humphrey said he would like the college ministry to possibly sponsor a second child next year, along with the child they are currently championing.

"I and the college students sponsor a girl in the first or second grade," Humphrey said. "We raised the money to sponsor her, prayed for her, and we get updates from time to time about her and her family and things like that."

The WiN program, Anderson said, was a way for the church to tell the children and their families that "we hear you, we listen, we love you and we're going to be here for you."

"It's been so great to see the church body at Highland give back to these kids [through championing a child] because they see the impact that this [program] can have," Anderson said.

For more information about the program or how to become a volunteer or a WiN Champion, go to WiN's webpage on the church's website or contact go@highlandbc.org.

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born with a very rare mitochondrial condition that went undiagnosed for six and a half years, Copp said. Their condition requires them to use wheelchairs and walkers all the time due to spastic and low muscle tone in their legs. Cops said there is no cure or prognosis, and the boys require physical, occupational and speech therapy as well as adaptive equipment.

"Imagine your children never being able to access their own backyard, wash their hands in their bathroom or bake cookies in the kitchen with their mom. That is the heartbreaking and unbearable situation our

family is in," Copp said. "We have met with numerous builders and have seen dozens and dozens of homes until we found the one they could call home. The home met all the criteria for us to make accessible. However, we need help raising the funds to make it the dream home our boys need to live in."

The event website describes the event as a "wonderland of inspiring and creative Christmas trees." Local businesses, churches, organizations and individuals have submitted trees to support the event and to be judged and sold at a buy-now price, meaning

the price is set in stone, in the contest. Trees that haven't been sold will be auctioned off after judging on Sunday. The event features guest judges Senator Brian Birdwell and Christi Proctor from TLC's Trading Spaces. According to the event website, funds raised will help aid in the purchase of roll-under bathroom sinks, a roll-under kitchen island, an accessible shower and integrated ramps at the front and back doors of the home.

"I think just the opportunity to bring people together and to celebrate a lot of wonderful lives is important because we're all here to love and serve each

other in the name of our Lord," said Julie Melton, owner and director of Hope and Believe Therapy, a champion sponsor of the event. "Just spreading the message of love and of Jesus is exciting, and it's a great season to do that. It's all about giving and showing love."

Admission is a \$5 donation at the door both Saturday and Sunday. Some of the categories the trees will compete for include Most Valuable Tree (a.k.a. the tree that raises the most money), Best Use of Lighting, Most Colorful Tree and Most Surprising Tree. Companies such as

Hey Sugar! Candy Store, Barefoot Campus Outfitters and Mary Kay will decorate custom trees. A full list of categories, tree decorators and sponsors can be found on the event's website.

"This year, we decided to be a sponsor. We are not decorating a tree; we just contributed a financial donation to be a sponsor. The Copp family is a family we knew, so we wanted to honor them," Melton said. "We just feel really blessed to be in a position to give. With any business there are ups and downs, and for us to be in a position to help support this event is a blessing, and we're very honored."

SWAT from Page 1

Ray Arias, a resident of the neighborhood, said his house was robbed two nights before. He said Christmas presents were stolen from his trailer. It is unclear who the thief was; however, Evans is a current suspect for theft in the area, according to Swanton.

"Our investigation will continue. We are working a follow-up originally here. That individual is, at this point, a person of interest," Swanton said. "He was considered armed and dangerous ... but again, it was a peaceful resolution based on his decision to come out of the home."

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A season for giving



Trey Honeycutt | Lariat File Photo

LIGHT IT UP Fraternity Kappa Omega Tau holds its annual Christmas tree lighting during Baylor's Christmas on Fifth Street on Dec. 3, 2015. Christmas on Fifth will begin at 5:30 p.m. today at the Burleson Quadrangle and throughout the Bill Daniel Student Center.

Kappa Omega Tau gives back with Christmas on Fifth

BEN WOOLLEY
Reporter

Christmas lights have returned to Burleson Quad as Christmas on Fifth Street will finally commence at 5:30 p.m. tonight. Among all of the events, Kappa Omega Tau will hold its annual Christmas tree lighting, which is one of the longest-lasting Christmas traditions on campus.

"Nothing gets me more 'lit' for Christmas than the tree lighting and Christmas on 5th," Woodlands sophomore Connor Weavering said.

In its 51st year, the KOT Christmas tree lighting will have a 34-and-a-half foot tree decorated top to bottom in lights and ornaments.

The tree was reserved in June as the second largest tree on the farm by KOT member Price Peters. The tree came in on a three-day shipment from Maryland.

"The preparation for this

event is a lot of work, especially considering it only lasts three hours. We are named chairs in April and have dozens of meetings and hundreds of calls before we actually even see the tree," said Austin junior Joey Phillips, a KOT Christmas tree lighting chair. "As hard as it is, it's a great feeling knowing we have an opportunity to help so many people through a simple event."

"To see so many people gather to celebrate the season and the birth of Jesus Christ is a really special thing."

Corey Fawcett | Kappa Omega Tau member

This year, all the proceeds from the event will be donated to two

charities, The Last Well and The Jubilee Food Market.

The goal of The Last Well is to make clean water available to every person in Liberia. The charity is partnered with several organizations both in Africa and in the United States to maximize their reach.

Every \$3,000 donated produces another well and another community with access to clean drinking water. KOT has a \$30,000 goal for this organization.

The Jubilee Food Market is part of Mission Waco and is a nonprofit serving an underprivileged area that was without a grocery store within walking distance. These people eat mostly food from gas stations, which is detrimental to their health and overall well-being. The project has already received almost two-thirds of their \$450,000 dollar goal.

Proceeds from T-shirts and tickets sales from Christmas on Fifth will go directly to the two

charities. T-shirts will be \$15. The Comfort Colored T-shirts will be \$15 and will be sold near the tree and at the concert in Waco Hall during Christmas on Fifth.

"I love that this event brings the entire Baylor community together," said Nashville, Tenn. junior Corey Fawcett, who is a KOT member. "To see so many people gather to celebrate the season and the birth of Jesus Christ is a really special thing and is something that only happens at a place like Baylor."

The tree lighting will begin at 8:15 p.m. at the Burleson Quadrangle. There will be a concert to follow featuring Texas country artists Cory Morrow and Prophets and Outlaws beginning at 9 p.m. and ending at 11:15 p.m. in Waco Hall.

Tickets for the concert can be bought at the Bill Daniel Student Building ticket office, at Waco Hall during the event or online at baylor.edu/tickets. Tickets to the concert are free for students.

This week in Waco:

>> Today

4:30 p.m. — Christmas at the Mayborn. Baylor students and museum members can enjoy free Christmas cookies, a nativity-themed photo-op, a visit from Santa and the ability to make their own holiday decorations and more. Mayborn Museum Complex. Free

5:30 p.m. — Men for Change meets to discuss ideas of spirituality and masculinity in a safe space. Bobo Spiritual Life Center

6 p.m. — Christmas on Fifth Street. Enjoy a variety of activities such as a petting zoo, pictures with Santa and a Christmas tree lighting. Burleson Quadrangle and the Christmas Marketplace on the third floor of the Bill Daniel Student Center. More information available at baylor.edu/christmason5th

>> Friday

5 p.m. — Waco Wonderland, a month-long celebration of food, fun and cheer. Events will include various performances, carnival rides, a petting zoo, fireworks and a tree lighting. Heritage Square. Event is free, but certain attractions are \$5.

6:30 p.m. — Dr Pepper Christmas. Tour the museum decorated for the Christmas season. Dr Pepper Museum & Free Enterprise Institute

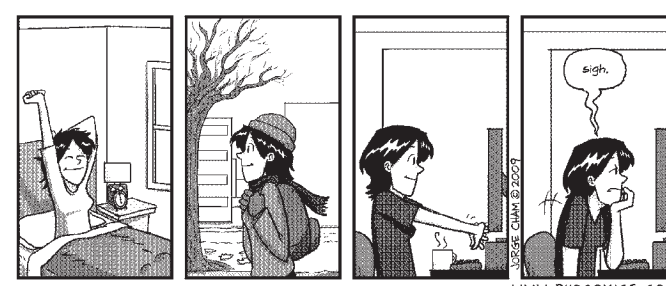
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Today's Puzzles

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 - Words of lament
 - Inventive types?
 - Wild way to run
 - Stock in company producing solar panels, e.g.
 - California rolls and such
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 - Touch-and-go
 - Swell treatment
 - Cato, for one
 - Exonerated by the evidence
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 - Suggested actions
 - Wish for
 - In-flight fig.
 - Jack's value, sometimes
 - Spearheaded
 - Fixture that may have claw feet
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 - Fish that can swim backwards
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 - Standing hospitable offer
 - Five-time Olympic swimming gold medalist
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 - Initial stage
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Who does Baylor hire next?

NATHAN KEIL
Sports Writer

With football's regular season reaching its conclusion on Saturday in Morgantown, W. Va., one question is burning in everyone's mind: Who will be the next head football coach at Baylor?

Acting head coach Jim Grobe reiterated at his weekly press conference on Monday that he will not be the head coach of Baylor football in 2017.

"I told the players and coaches when I came that I was just here to help. I didn't come to restart a career. I really just wanted to help these guys get through a season," Grobe said. "Mack [Rhoades] was very concerned as the season was progressing that we were playing well, that I understood that he was considering me. I wanted him to know early on that it has nothing to do with anything that has happened over the past five games that I was not a candidate, that I was here to help for a season and then I would be out of here, and that he needed to start his search and be focused to find the next best guy for Baylor."

The search for Baylor's next head football coach has been well under way since before Grobe's reiteration on Monday. It had been previously reported that the Bears were



Associated Press

BAYLOR BOUND Southern Methodist University head coach Chad Morris (left) and University of California head coach Sonny Dykes (right) are being discussed as Baylor's next football head coach.

interested in Southern Methodist University's head coach Chad Morris and the University of Houston's head coach Tom Herman. However, Herman was hired on Saturday at the University

of Texas to replace Charlie Strong, and on Tuesday, sources close to Morris say that he told his staff that he would return to the Mustangs next season.

In a 247 sports article from Monday, Travis Haney reported that Baylor was moving on from its negotiations with Morris due to several complications. The first of which was a possible link between Morris and Texas A&M, if the Aggies were to fire Kevin Sumlin after dropping four of their last five games following a 6-0 start. The second was concerning the asking price for Morris, considering the offensive performance Navy displayed against the Mustangs on Saturday.

The sports division of the Dallas Morning News, Sportsday, reports that Morris countered an offer made to him by Baylor with a five-year, \$24.5 million offer, which Baylor rejected. It also reports that the source said that if Morris declined the offer, then Baylor officials would deny any claims that an offer was made.

With Morris' name out of the mix for now, a new name has emerged as the focus of Baylor's search: University of California head coach Sonny Dykes. The Golden Bears are coming off of a disappointing 5-7 season, and after four seasons at Cal, Dykes is 19-30.

Dykes has ties to Texas, being the son of former Texas Tech head coach Spike Dykes. He also runs a high-speed, up-tempo offense that could translate well to Baylor and the offensive system that is in place for the Bears.

Mark Schlabach of ESPN also reports that former San Francisco 49ers coach and former Baylor linebacker Mike Singletary and Arkansas State's Blake Anderson are potential other candidates. Haney reports that North Carolina's Larry Fedora and Colorado's Mike MacIntyre could also be targets for Baylor as well.

There is no timetable for Rhoades in bringing in the next head coach at Baylor. However, with a bowl game looming and an important recruiting season approaching, the quicker the decision, the quicker Baylor can get a fresh start and get back to business.

Cowboys on verge of playoff berth

BARRY WILNER
Associated Press

Here's a measure of just how good things are going in Big D. One team can clinch a playoff berth this weekend: the Cowboys.

Dallas visits Minnesota on tonight. With a victory and either a loss by Washington or a loss/tie by Tampa Bay gets the Cowboys into the postseason parade.

Minnesota's defense should provide a decent challenge for rookie

sensations Ezekiel Elliott, the league's leading rusher, and quarterback Dak Prescott. If the Vikings can get some sort of penetration through the best offensive line in football, they could have a chance.

But they must steer clear of falling behind against Dallas, something most Cowboys opponents haven't avoided.

The Cowboys are ranked atop the AP Pro32 as they go for an 11th straight win since their opening loss to the Giants, who they take on next week.

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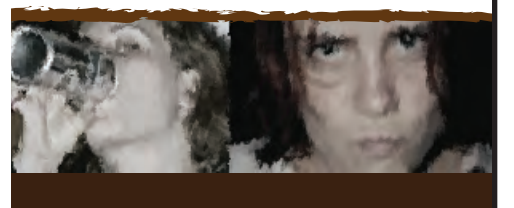
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BLACKOUT REMEMBERING THE THINGS I DRANK TO FORGET

SARAH HEPOLA



A Conversation with Sarah Hepola





Courtesy of Ventura Sports Group

BIG LEAGUES The name and logo for BlueCats, Bellmead's Southwest League of Professional Baseball team, was selected from over 700 different submissions. BlueCats are a nod to the largest species of North American catfish, popular in the Brazos River and Lake Waco.

Play ball, Waco

Waco minor league team unveils name

JORDAN SMITH
Sports Writer

For the first time in 60 years, there will be a professional baseball team playing with the city of Waco's name on their jerseys.

This new independent league team will be called the Waco BlueCats and will be located in Bellmead. This team will be a part of the Southwest League of Professional Baseball, which will debut in the spring of 2018.

The city put up a community vote on what the name of the minor league ball club would be named. Out of the 1,800 submissions that were sent in, the BlueCats came out the winners. BlueCats field manager Stan Hough was happy to see the community be involved with the team already.

"We're thrilled to have the community so engaged in the process of choosing the name after a 60-year absence of professional baseball (in Waco)," Hough said.

The BlueCats are set to play in The Ballpark at Bellmead, which will be an

\$11 million multi-purpose ballpark with a capacity of 2,000 to 4,000 seats. This ballpark will have many features including artificial turf, a children's play area and luxury suites. The Ballpark at Bellmead will also potentially host a multitude of events, including D-II, D-III and junior college baseball, as well as professional soccer matches, rugby, concerts, festivals and high school football.

The winner of the naming contest was Waco resident Steve Fischer. With his winning submission of the BlueCats name, he was awarded with lifetime season tickets for the BlueCats' games. However, this isn't his family's first rodeo in selecting professional ball club names.

Fischer's grandfather, Houston resident Bill Neder, won a contest that named the Colt .45's of Houston in 1962 prior to their name change in 1965 to the current name Houston Astros.

"Naming professional baseball teams must run in my blood," Fischer said.

This is the first team that has been announced to join the Southwest League, a brand new independent league that will host several mid-sized city

teams. SWL president Mark Schuster is excited to bring baseball back to the Waco area for the first time in more than half a decade.

Schuster said he is ecstatic for both the choice that the area has made for the name and look of the new team.

"We love the name and the logo," Schuster said. "The chosen name met all three criteria for selection, including the name having some tie to the Waco market, the nickname being unique to professional baseball team names, and it's a name that kids will embrace."

The last time Waco had a baseball team was in 1956 when the Waco Pirates played their final game in Waco at Katy Park which now is home to a parking lot for Magnolia. The ballpark opened its gates on April 6, 1905, and closed its doors in 1956. A decade later, the ballpark was demolished to make way for a parking lot.

Fans can begin to purchase official BlueCats caps on the team website starting at 9 a.m. Friday at www.wacobluecats.com. Fans can also purchase season tickets at this time by calling (254) 709-2995.

Tiger Woods returns to golf

DOUG FERGUSON
Associate Press

NASSAU, Bahamas - Everyone is watching, everyone is curious, and Jordan Spieth had the perfect view of Tiger Woods for his return to golf.

Spieth was on the 17th green and looked across a narrow pond to the ninth tee at Albany Golf Club where Woods stood over his tee shot during the Wednesday pro-am. He saw the swing, but he lost sight of the ball in the glare of the tropical sun.

"Where did it go?" Spieth said as he tried to gauge where the ball might land. "Not in the fairway."

He looked again. "Whoa! There it is - WAY down there," he said. "Damn."

The shots and the score don't count until Thursday at the Hero World Challenge with an 18-man field, small but strong. Woods is playing for the first time in 465 days. The expectations have rarely been this varied. The interest is as high as ever.

"He's the only person ... in the last 30 years in golf that any expectation you set, he'll somehow prove to you that he can do better," Spieth said. "But I think with this, I just hope that everyone gives him time. I hope he has the time to fall into a rhythm and just get enough tournaments where he can kind of build up that seeing the shots under competition, under the gun."

Woods last played on Aug. 23, 2015, when he closed with a 70 at the Wyndham Championship to fall out of contention and tie for 10th. Two back surgeries followed, leaving



Associated Press

CHAMP IS BACK Tiger Woods walks from the seventh tee during the Pro-Am at the Hero World Challenge golf tournament on Nov. 30 in Nassau, Bahamas.

him so debilitated at times that he wondered if he would ever play.

He tees off at high noon in the Bahamas with Patrick Reed, who idolized his golf so much as a teenager that he wears black pants and a red shirt on Sunday.

Reed is but one example of the golf landscape to which Woods returns, one of seven players in the 18-man field who were not even on tour when Woods last won a major at the 2008 U.S. Open. Another is Russell Knox, who said recently, "My short career will never be over until I play with Tiger Woods."

It was only three years ago that Woods won five times and was PGA Tour player of the year. That still wasn't the dominance he once had over the game, for he finished in the top 10 only 53 percent of the time, his lowest rate in a dozen years.

"I'm going to try to win this thing," Woods said.

Chapecoense soccer club to rebuild after devastating plane crash

MAURICIO SAVARESE
Associated Press

CHAPECO, Brazil - Six players, a handful of support staff and deep sorrow are all that remain of Brazil's Chapecoense soccer club.

They will still try to play again. Because they know that's what their 19 teammates who died when a charter plane ripped into an Andean mountainside would want them to do.

"In the memory of those who died and to honor their families, we will rebuild this club from scratch so it is even stronger," club director and local businessman Cecilio Hans said. "We had material assets and human assets. Now we've lost nearly all of our human assets."

Other clubs in Brazil's top league are offering to loan players to Chapecoense, with a proposal that the modest club in deep southern Brazil is guaranteed to stay in the top division for the next three years.

"The club will rebuild, I am sure," said Walter Feldman, secretary general of the Brazilian Football Confederation. "Eight clubs have already called me to offer concrete, material solidarity. We are studying ways to best help."

Monday's crash occurred as the team was on its way to the two-game final of the Copa Sudamericana - the No. 2 tournament on the continent. Only three players survived, and all are recovering at a hospital in Colombia: defender Hélio Zampier, commonly known as Neto, defender-midfielder Alan Ruschel and goalkeeper Jakson Follmann, whose right leg had to be amputated on Tuesday.

Goalkeeper Marcelo Boeck said he and several players had deals to leave the club new one next year. He said they're reconsidering.

"We know this is a different moment, and we are part of it," he said. "We hope we can help rebuild in the memory of our team."

The rebuilding could start Dec. 11, the date scheduled for the final round of league matches in the top Brazilian league. Games have been called off this weekend for a period of mourning.

Chapecoense's acting President Ivan Tozzo told reporters on Wednesday the club hopes to play that match against Atletico Mineiro using a primarily junior team.

After that match, there is uncertainty over Chapecoense's future. If the team is awarded the Copa Sudamericana title -like its final



Associated Press

TRAGEDY Rescue workers recover a body from the wreckage site of an airplane crash, in La Union, a mountainous area near Medellin, Colombia, on Tuesday.

opponent Atletico Nacional proposed - it would qualify for next year's Copa Libertadores, the Champions League of South America which begins in February.

Data analyst Victor Hugo, one of the key assistants to coach Caio Junior, who died in the crash, said very little remains.

"We have a couple of doctors, two physiotherapists, two locker room staffers, one nurse, one masseur, one goalie coach and me," he said, speaking at Chapecoense's Arena Conda.

Hugo said the staff members and six players not selected for the big match in Colombia - some because of injury, others because of the coach's decision - are trying to cope with the tragedy.

"That disappointment over not being chosen to be there was quickly replaced by that horrible mixture of grief, and with some relief just to be alive," he said. "That will stick with us forever."

Veteran goalkeeper Nivaldo was not selected so he could prepare for his 300th game with the club on Sunday against Atletico Mineiro in the last game of the Brazilian league season.

"My teammates would want us to play that match," a teary and emotional Nivaldo said. "I just don't know how I could stand a full stadium with people calling the name of the players that died. We will have to try, I think. But that is going to be hard."

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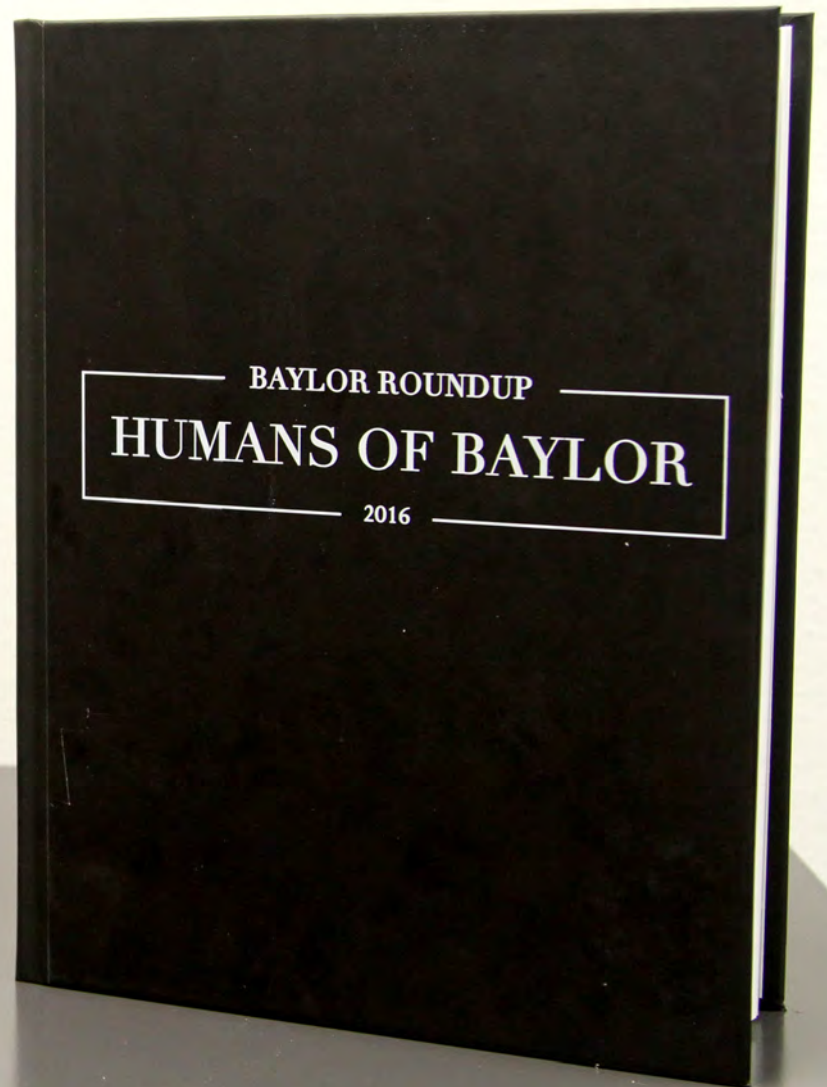
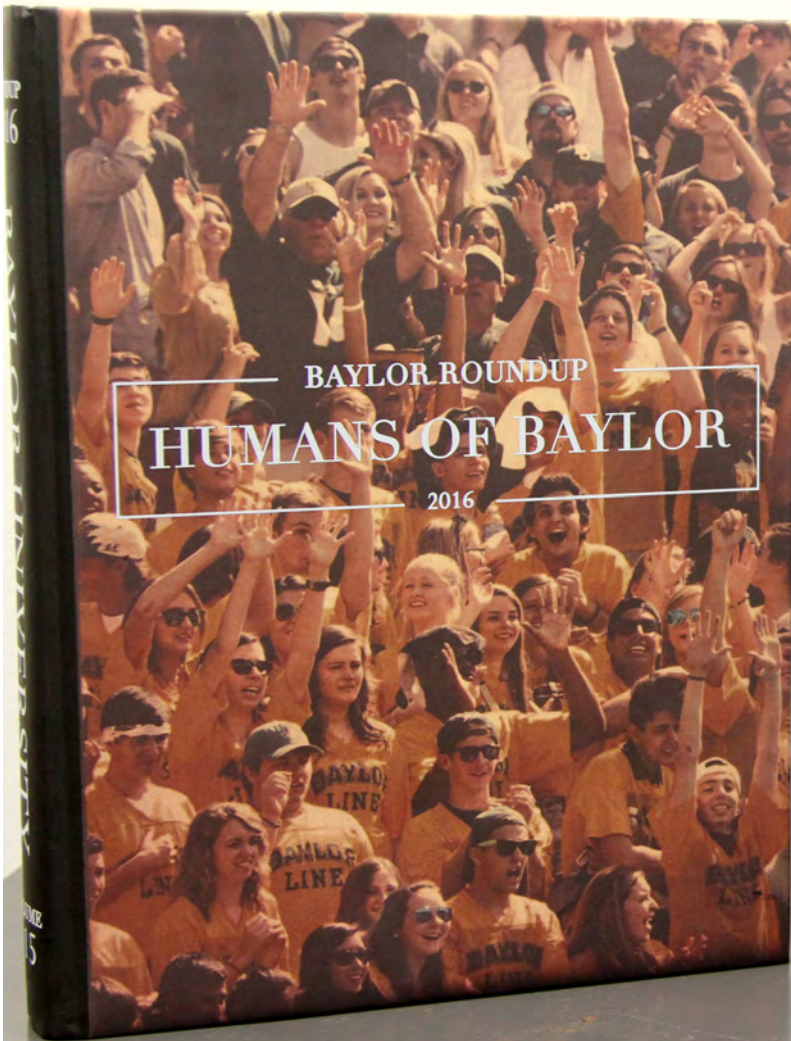
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