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Waco pursues housing-first model for less fortunate

By JORDAN CORONA
STAFF WRITER

The city is rethinking conventional methods of helping the chronically homeless.

Almost Home Waco is a housing-first program from the Department of Housing and Community Development that officially kicks-off with a public meeting at 9 a.m. today at the City's Operations Building on Fourth Street.

Jennifer Caballero of the Department of Housing and Community Development said the idea is to provide permanent housing to some of the city's most vulnerable.

"The idea is that you put chronically homeless people into a house before any mental health or substance abuse treatment," Caballero said. "A lot of times a person would have to be completely healed before being put into transitional housing. Housing first switches that up a bit."

Caballero leads the Community Management Information System, which maintains aggregate

statistics about the city's homeless population. A special survey called a Point in Time Count updates the system periodically to ensure accuracy and more ground level perspective from the data about poverty in Waco.

Social work graduate student Aaron Mize helped the department administer the survey in January. This year, the Point in Time Count helped prepare the department for the new program by indexing more personal levels of need with an extension to the survey.

"Every year, Waco does a Point in Time Count," Mize said. "This year, we attached the vulnerability index."

The index concerns elements of need that the information system doesn't typically track — personal health issues, special needs, even addiction. Those individuals with particularly chronic levels of need were documented and given priority on a list for housing.

"The client isn't living rent

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Cameron Park assault suspect issued citation

By RAE JEFFERSON
STAFF WRITER

Waco police issued a citation to a suspect in an assault at Cameron Park in January.

Natalio Jimenez Rubio, 21, was identified in a line-up as the man who inappropriately touched a female jogger near Jacob's Ladder at noon on Jan. 28, Waco police Sgt. Patrick Swanton said Monday.

Police issued a Class "C" Assault, or Physical Contact, citation, as well as advised Rubio away from the Cameron Park area with

a criminal trespass warning.

A second incident occurred on Jan. 29 when another female jogger encountered a man with his hands in his pants, gesturing for the woman to follow him.

The men in both incidents fit the same description, but Rubio was only identified in the first.

Rubio was listed as a person of interest on Jan. 29 after the second incident, and was stopped by police before noon a few blocks away from Cameron Park after they received a call about that same day's incident.



TRAVIS TAYLOR | PHOTO EDITOR

Up in smoke

Firefighters and Baylor police responded to a car fire Monday on South Second Street and Daughtrey Avenue. Baylor Police who were on patrol in the area, responded to the blaze just before firefighters arrived by 4:56 p.m. No one was injured in the car fire. Firefighters controlled the blaze in about five minutes, fire officials said. A Baylor police officer said the owner of the vehicle was driving on Daughtrey when smoke wafted from beneath the hood. After pulling into the parking, the car caught on fire. The fire did not damage any other property.

Heart of the matter

Grad's nonprofit gives back to Iraqi children

By EMILY BALLARD
REPORTER



COURTESY PHOTO

Preemptive Love Coalition seeks to address ailing children in Iraq and offers heart surgery.

Nothing — not even the dangers of war — could stop Truett Seminary graduate Jeremy Courtney from moving to Iraq in 2007. Co-founder and executive director of the nonprofit organization Preemptive Love Coalition, Courtney's life changed course while visiting a friend in Iraq during the middle of the war.

One day, while Courtney was sitting in a cafe he frequented while visiting the country, an Iraqi man approached him and asked if there was anything Courtney could do for a little girl who had a hole in her heart, Courtney said at Baylor's Chapel service this past week.

"No, there's nothing I can do for you," he told the Iraqi man.

Courtney said the Iraqi man replied, "No one comes to Iraq in the middle of war with his wife and daughter to say 'no' to people."

Courtney said seeing the 6-year-old girl with big brown eyes pushed him to action.

"All I saw was my little girl walking into that café," he said. "Was there anything I wouldn't do to save my little girl?"

Courtney said he promised the Iraqi man he would try to help, even though he had no knowledge of heart surgery, almost no money and limited knowledge of Iraq, Courtney said.

Soon after their encounter, Courtney made a trip to the local bazaar and bought shoes that local Iraqis had been making with the same technology for 3,000 years. He brought the shoes back to the U.S. to sell in hopes of raising enough money for the young girl's heart surgery, Courtney said. When Courtney's shoe business raised enough money for the girl's surgery, word of the life-saving help the little girl received spread quickly in Iraq.

"Soon the list was thousands of kids long, waiting for heart surgeries," he said.

Preemptive Love Coalition part-

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Defense Secretary says US military must shrink to face new era

By ROBERT BURNS
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WASHINGTON — Looking beyond America's post-9/11 wars, Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel on Monday proposed shrinking the Army to its smallest size in 74 years, closing bases and reshaping forces to confront a "more volatile, more unpredictable" world with a more nimble military.

The nation can afford a smaller military so long as it retains a technological edge and the agility to respond on short notice to crises anywhere on the globe, Hagel said. He said the priorities he outlined reflect a consensus view among America's military leaders, but Republicans in Congress were quick to criticize some proposed changes.

In a speech at the one-year mark

of his tenure as Pentagon chief, Hagel revealed many details of the defense spending plan that will be part of the 2015 budget that President Barack Obama will submit to Congress next week. Hagel described it as the first Pentagon budget to fully reflect the nation's transition from 13 years of war.

At the core of his plan is the notion that after wars in Iraq and Af-

ghanistan that proved longer and more costly than foreseen, the U.S. military will no longer be sized to conduct large and protracted ground wars. It will put more emphasis on versatile, agile forces that can project power over great distances, including in Asia.

Hagel stressed that such changes entail risk. He said, "We are entering an era where American dominance

on the seas, in the skies and in space can no longer be taken for granted."

However, budget constraints demand that spending be managed differently from the past, with an eye to cutting costs across a wide front, including in areas certain to draw opposition in the Congress, he said.

He proposed, for example, a va-

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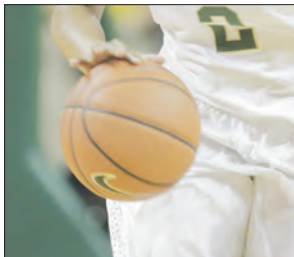


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Nuclear power good for US

Editorial

The United States has 104 nuclear reactors. Thanks to the United States government, two more will be built in Georgia.

Nuclear energy has its benefits, namely reduced emissions via clean energy and economic benefits. There are also a number of drawbacks to nuclear energy, with safety being the primary worry. However, all things considered, the positives of nuclear energy outweigh the negatives.

Nuclear reactors supply roughly 20 percent of America's energy. Nuclear energy's output in the United States is only out-produced by coal.

Given that coal has a number of detriments and is the primary source of energy in the United States, it makes sense that Energy Secretary Ernest Moniz announced that the United States will back loans to build two nuclear reactors in Georgia. The United States is guaranteeing \$6.5 billion in loans to Georgia Power and Oglethorpe Power.

At face value, \$6.5 billion in backed loans sounds dangerous and risky — especially when taxpayers are on the hook for every penny. However, nuclear energy is a sound investment for the United States government. Not only does nuclear energy bolster the economy in numerous avenues, but it also helps promote effective clean energy.

Nine years ago, Congress passed the 2005 Energy Policy Act, a \$17.5 billion program of nuclear loan guarantees. This announcement to commit \$6.5 billion to nuclear energy is a process that has already been vetted by Congress.

One central benefit of nuclear energy is that it provides low-cost energy at a stable price. Nuclear energy is reliable because it is predictable. Unlike other energy sources such as coal, petroleum, natural gas or hydroelectric energy, nuclear energy is not reliant on the natural weather or climate conditions. Nuclear energy also is not affected by fluctuations in cost.

Another positive for nuclear energy is that it is a domestic energy source. This creates more jobs at home in America, as opposed to America's massive importation of crude oil.

Nuclear energy is also environmentally friendly. Nuclear energy has a microscopic ecological footprint. Essentially, nuclear energy is an emission-free energy source. Given its lack of emissions, nuclear energy produces the most electricity in an environmentally conscious way.



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Therefore, nuclear energy has the best bang for the buck both economically and environmentally. The water that is emitted from a nuclear energy plant is simply water. Water is used to cool machinery and never comes into contact with radioactive materials.

Because water is emitted from them, areas surrounding nuclear energy plants often become a haven for wildlife.

Nuclear energy is not perfect, though. There have been accidents in the past, namely the 1979 Three Mile Island accident in Pennsylvania, Ukraine's 1986 Chernobyl disaster and most recently, the Fukushima disaster of 2011 in Japan.

In all three cases, mismanagement, lack of foresight, human error and old technology played major roles.

Since 1990, there has only been one fatality at a nuclear power plant in the United States.

That tragedy happened in Arkansas on March 31, 2013, when a worker was killed as part of a generator fell as it was being transported.

Sadly, accidents will happen when the use of heavy machinery is involved. Considering the advancements in technology and the expansion of nuclear energy in America, it is reassuring that there has only been one fatality in the last 24 years.

The United States government is making a wise decision to continue to push for the innovation and growth of nuclear energy. Nuclear energy is efficient, cost-effective, powerful, environmentally friendly, safe and it serves as a means to bolster the economy.

A nuclear disaster is very unlikely with the best technology under the proper supervision. The only thing melting down will be our dependence on foreign oil.

Remove your social media mask

We're becoming a culture of zombies without guts. We mindlessly wander through life hoping to run across something to stimulate us. We shy away from responsibility, yet we still feed ourselves with a constant bombardment of trivial social media posts, celebrity stories and the latest fashions.

Excuse the zombie reference — I'm taking the "Zombie Apocalypse and Christian History" course — but if you take a minute to consider what I'm saying, you may find that I'm right.

The other day I was skimming through tweets from Baylor students about All-University Sing. Some of them were funny, some of them were shout-outs to friends who performed and others were downright nasty.

Some people tweeted hurtful and terrible remarks about other performers. While some people might actually say these things to someone's face in real life, I began to wonder whether most would actually have the guts to do so.

My conclusion? Nope. Most people, myself included, have used social media as a mask to write things to others that they'd never actually say in person.

It doesn't stop there.

Some people use social media as a way to be someone they actually aren't. I'm not talking about making fake profiles, but rather exaggerating our reality to be something more, something we believe others would be jealous of.

Thomas White, a blogger for the Huffington Post, wrote about the "Social Media Mask" and how people have come to use it as a way to make themselves into something they really aren't. He even writes that the image of ourselves we create on social media is oftentimes unattainable in reality.

What I find interesting is that this idea is the foundation of the 2009 movie "Surrogates" starring Bruce Willis. People stay at home, hooked to a machine that allows them to control a robot or their "surrogate." The surrogates are physically attractive, capable of anything except actually thinking. People do not interact with one another except through their surrogates and rarely, if ever, leave their homes.

Facebook and Twitter are our surrogates. We live vicariously through these outlets. We update our statuses in the hopes we get numerous likes or shares on them. The comparison to the Willis action film gets stronger when we recognize that the surrogates are capable of doing what humans can't — or won't — do in real life. With the fear of getting hurt physically or emotionally, these people are stuck in their homes.

Likewise, we're stuck on our phones. If we aren't ranting about something on Facebook, we're reading someone else's rant.

We hide behind tweets and status updates because it seems safer that way. We can't get seriously hurt or actually hurt anyone else if we're only on social media, right?

Wrong. Words, whether expressed in writing or aloud, can be painful to digest.

In the movie, it takes Willis' surrogate to malfunction for him to realize how horrible the world has become. And, spoiler alert, he takes down the corrupt society. In the end, people leave their homes, trying to figure out what happened to their surrogates. They actually meet each other in person. It's like in "Wall-E" when the computer breaks for one of the people floating along in her chair. She suddenly realizes how beautiful space is and she bonds with another human.

While I acknowledge that our society will continue to rely on social media, I do encourage people to be more real with the image of themselves they portray using statuses and tweets. In addition, realizing that social media should not be used as an outlet to hurt someone else could just make us a little more human. Authenticity is lacking in our culture.

If we continue like we have been, then we're going to allow social media to perpetuate the mask and we'll continue to descend into mindless use of technology. We'll hide in the shadows of our laptops and phones.

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Linda Wilkins | City Editor

Lariat Letters

Davis also strong candidate for governor

Gubernatorial candidate Greg Abbott shouldn't load the confetti cannons quite yet. Sen. Wendy Davis should be seen as a legitimate challenger for governor.

Danny Huizinga's Feb 2 column titled "Abbott best for Texas," quotes Abbott when he says "I bring a complete different style and perception that will connect differently with the changing Texas that we live in."

But in order to connect with this changing Texas, Abbott needs to adjust more than just his style, although that could use some work as well.

He goes on to say that "all we need to do is do a better job of communicating that the Republican Party stands for conservative values that are really embraced by an overwhelming majority of the Hispanic community."

Everyone is aware what the Republican Party stands for. That is not the weakness that will lose him

the race; Abbott doesn't work for the issues that Texans face.

For instance, On Abbott's website, a forefront issue he is dedicated to fighting for is Voter ID laws.

He states "...we need to enact strong Voter ID laws in Texas to prevent cheating at the ballot box and ensure integrity in the electoral system."

These voter ID laws discriminate against women, who are more likely to vote than men. Voter ID laws require individuals to provide a photo ID featuring their legally recognized name to vote, disproportionately suppressing women and transgendered individuals, who often change their name.

Thirty-four percent of voting-age women lack a document that has their current legal name, and so do 41 percent of transgendered people.

This is of course due to the fact that women who get married or di-

vorced change their name, and the current 12 step process in Texas for transgendered people to change their names. This is an issue that may cause Abbott to lose the female vote.

Davis, however, appeals to women on this issue, as well as abortion and education.

Abbott claims that he stands to protect the children of Texas. This is obviously not well aligned with his ally Ted Nugent, who has admitted to sleeping with underage girls. Abbott has affiliated himself with this individual who vehemently undermines the issue that Abbott himself says he cares about.

But Davis has worked hard for children, filibustering a \$5 billion cut from education funding.

Lastly, Abbott is "committed to fighting and repealing" ObamaCare.

This stance simply doesn't reflect the needs of the 33 percent of adults

and 17 percent of children who are uninsured in Texas.

So with these discrepancies in mind, Davis is an appropriate opponent who understands and works for the changing state of Texas.

The last paragraph of the column states "Texas should look forward to an inspirational governor that will bring the state to greater heights while understanding the importance of each and every viewpoint."

Wendy Davis epitomizes this governor.

Texans value hard work and dedication, both of which Davis has shown through her success after working from the age of 14 to help support her single mother, and then striving to create a more prosperous life for her own daughter while being the first person in her family to get her degree.

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Bearathon to change in difficulty, technology

By MADISON ADAMS
REPORTER

This year's Bearathon marks the 12th year of the half-marathon and 5K presented by Student Foundation.

The half-marathon on March 22 will continue its legacy of being one of the toughest half-marathons

in Texas, but will also welcome some changes and celebrate the life of Daniel Jones, the student who died while running the race last year.

Student Foundation reports it is on pace to meet its goal of raising \$110,000 through the event that will boast roughly 2,600 participants. The event is the main fun-

draising effort of Student Foundation, which will disperse the funds in the form of scholarships to Baylor students.

Fort Worth senior Sydney Shields said Student Foundation and Jones' fraternity brothers in Kappa Omega Tau plan on using the Bearathon as a memorial and celebration of Jones' life and the impact he had on the Baylor community.

"We are in the process of planning a silent mile between miles one and two where people who did and even people who did not know Daniel will be able to have a time of reflection to remember and celebrate his life," Shields said.

Last year, Jones collapsed near the finish line. He was treated on scene and then transported to a Waco hospital where he later died. Jones was involved on campus in Greek Life and was a former Student Foundation member.

Student Foundation is also working to have finishing tape draped across the finish line, which will be customized with Jones' name to honor his life. The Bearathon winner will then be able to dedicate their win to the memory of Jones.

Another change taking place this year will be the Bearathon's

presentation of the half-marathon and 5k as different courses. Shields said they altered the course because of construction in Cameron Park and worked with U.S. Track and Field to ensure the new course was certified. This entails a having an official measurement of the course taken to ensure it is exactly 13.1 miles. This year's course will be different but nonetheless challenging with the notorious Cameron Park hills still being part of the scenic run.

"Instead of having three big hills, now there is only one big hill and roughly five or six small hills," Shields said. "The course is definitely different but should be just as challenging for runners."

Going green has been a goal of the race in years past, but this year Arkansas senior Haley Hamlin said the goal of the Bearathon is to be a race that is environmentally conscious yet still allows runners who are trained to race or hydrate a certain way not to be hindered by their sustainability efforts.

"We will still have some cups for those that prefer the traditional method; however, we are implementing a technology called HydraPour High-Speed Dispensers and HydraPouches that will allow for runners to quickly fill the bot-



FILE PHOTO

Though the race is considered one of the toughest in the state, the half-marathon and 5K races are popular with adults and children alike.

tlers or containers that they bring to use in the race," Hamlin said.

The mission of Baylor Student Foundation is to be an organization that exists to build leaders, recruit

new members, raise scholarship funds, and strengthen bonds and benevolence among alumni and students.



FILE PHOTO

Elite runners from across the United States come to Waco to compete in the "Toughest Half-marathon in Texas."

Eating disorders exposed

Baylor Body IQ promotes body awareness, good eating habits through conversations

By ANJA ROSALES
REPORTER

Monday marked the beginning of National Eating Disorder Awareness Week, and the Baylor Body IQ team is taking action.

During this week, the Body IQ team, consisting of professional Baylor staff, will hold conversations on various body image topics until March 1.

Dr. Emma Wood is a psychologist at Baylor and serves as the chair of the Body IQ team. Wood said the theme of the week will be "I had no idea." She said how most people do not realize they have an eating disorder until professionals bring it to their attention.

"Our goal is to bring awareness and hopefully assist with helping those who need it," Wood said. "The Body IQ team will facilitate conversational discussions for anyone and everyone who wants to participate."

There will be four conversations during the week.

Monday's conversation covered women of color and body image. At noon today in the Bobo Spiritual Life Center, the Body IQ team will facilitate the conversation of men and body image. The benefits of exercise and nutrition will be discussed at 7:30 p.m. in the Sid Richardson

Building basement level commons. At 8 p.m. Wednesday in the North Russell Commons, social media and body image will wrap up the conversations for the week.

Megan Patterson is a member of the Body IQ team and said one thing that is different about this year's National Eating Disorder Awareness week is the approach the team is taking to bring awareness.

"Eating disorders have the highest fatality rate when it comes to mental illnesses."

Dr. Emma Wood |
Baylor psychologist

"We are using conversations to provide a safe environment where students feel comfortable to talk about these issues," Patterson said. "Using a conversational model will help students respond the best."

Kat Evans, the assistant director for professional development, is also part of the Body IQ team. She said she agrees with Patterson on the approach taken for the cause and said it has the potential to benefit everyone.

"We hope that students will

provide feedback on these topics and gain awareness on body image and learn more about the NEDA focus around eating disorders," Evans said.

Patterson said they want to make the experience more personal by trying to change the way people think and see themselves since they can't change media.

"We want to break down why we are always trying to look and be the best based on media's expectations," Patterson said.

Patterson said the Body IQ team would spend a great deal of money bringing in special guests.

"This is really the first year where we aren't going over the top," Patterson said. "However, I think a smaller conversational model will be more effective."

Wood said she hopes the conversations this week will help with prevention of eating disorders and issues with body image.

The Body IQ team works as a group to help with eating disorders as well as body image as they work to provide a way for students to be OK with their body image; not looking to please the media and society.

"Eating disorders have the highest fatality rate when it comes to mental illnesses," Wood said. "It is important that we try to prevent it if we catch it soon enough."



A conversation on Christianity

The Baylor Society for Early Christianity will host Dr. Peter Leithart as he argues that Constantine provides "a model for Christian political practice." The event will be held 4-5:30 p.m. Friday in Kayser Auditorium. For more information, contact Andrew_Selbey@baylor.edu.

Safety Education Classes

Campus Recreation will be offering certification classes in CPR, first aid and lifeguarding, as well as instructor training. Fees for the classes are \$25, \$35, \$160 and \$75, respectively. For additional information, contact Ben_Robert@baylor.edu.

Food on the Move, CitySquare provide meals for children

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Churches, recreation centers and other organizations in Waco are providing local children with the only food they may eat between lunch at school and the next day's breakfast.

In a program called Food on the Move, a free meal after school is offered to children of the community, along with tutoring and activities.

Food on the Move meals are sponsored by CitySquare, a federally funded nonprofit out of Dallas. Seventeen locations in the Waco area are provided with food to serve to children, courtesy of CitySquare. These locations serve dinner most weekdays to children up to the age of 18.

Aericka Ridge is the customer service representative with the Dewey Community Center, one of the 17 local locations for Food on the Move.

"Before the meals provided with Food on the Move, we would

normally just buy snacks for kids after school," Ridge said. "So Food on the Move kind of fills that void for us because it brings us meals every day."

Through the program, organizations are provided with prepared meals to distribute for free to children within the community. Organizations also provide physical activities for children alongside the meals, as well as tutoring and help with homework.

The Dewey Community Center feeds 40 to 55 children each day they offer a meal, Ridge said.

"There are a lot of kids who don't get meals when they get home, and parents don't have time to prepare meals," Ridge said. "I think it just helps kids to have a nutritional meal before bedtime."

Stephanie Mallgren is the youth and family director at the Waco Family YMCA, which also participates in Food on the Move.

"A lot of these kids don't have food," Mallgren said. "The last meal for a lot of them when they come in was at 11:30 a.m., and

they otherwise wouldn't be eating again until breakfast at 7:30 the next morning. The meal helps them focus on their studies, if they have a full belly and don't have to worry about where their next meal is coming from."

Between Jan. 13, when the organization began participating in Food on the Move, and Jan. 31, Mallgren said 850 meals were served at the Waco Family YMCA.

Previously this YMCA served snacks provided by Waco Independent School District to children enrolled in the afterschool program at the YMCA, but now any child in the community can come to receive a meal for free, Mallgren said.

"When the kids come in and eat and visit with us, it's kind of a community," she said. "They enjoy it and come back."

The McLennan County Hunger Coalition's website, www.mclennanhunger.org, is currently seeking volunteers to help with Food on the Move.




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Houston senior Catherine Cotton works on a project on Feb. 11 in the Mary Gibbs Jones Family and Consumer Sciences Building. Cotton plans to bring together her faith and belief in celebrating all body types with a career in apparel merchandising.

Student to merge faith, fashion

By JESSICA ABBEY
REPORTER

One Baylor student, who began selling her own fashion products in high school, has big plans to use faith in her future fashion career.

Houston senior Catherine Cotton, an apparel design major, has loved fashion since her mother taught her how to sew when she was 8 years old. Now Cotton's products are sold at Harts 'N Crafts through her business called Pure Cotton.

She began her fashion career her junior year of high school when she started her own business selling shirts to her friends and on Etsy her senior year. These are some of the same products that she now sells on campus. Before coming to college, Cotton watched a lot of "What Not to Wear," which inspired her to pursue a major in apparel design. She said she loved the transformation she saw on both the exterior and interior of people on the show.

"I got inspired by how clothing could change someone's outlook," Cotton said.

Cotton said she experienced this firsthand when she worked at Anthropologie over the summer as a sales associate. She said she could see the way she helped people with their self-esteem when she found an outfit that looked great on them.

Cotton said she wants to make everyone feel important and beautiful in their skin through their fashion choices.

Jayne Fader, senior lecturer in the department of family and consumer sciences, said Cotton's strength is in creating clothing products. She said she believes Cotton will continue to be successful.

"I know she will do well wherever she goes because she works well with people," Fader said.

After Baylor, Cotton said she would like to own a store where she can sell her designs and teach others how to sew.

She said she comes from an entrepreneurial family, so her dream of owning a store will fit right in. Her mother sold hand-painted crafts, her father does woodworking on the side and her older twin brothers have created a business around their viral YouTube account, Dude Perfect.

Littleton, Colo., senior Claire Briggs has known Cotton for 19 years and has seen her grow and transform fashion skills throughout high school and college.

"The most influential thing I see in Catherine is the way she loves on people," said Briggs. "She uses the gifts she is given to glorify God," Briggs said.

This is exactly what Cotton plans to do. She said she wants to combine fashion and her faith.

Cotton said she is well aware of the stigma fashion has for making women feel inferior to the Photoshopped ads and thin models.

"By being a part of the fashion industry I can be a tool to change those opinions," Cotton said.

Cotton said she believes by creating clothing for all types of people, she can alter the stereotype that all women need to look a certain way.

"She has learned to use her skills and gifts to really impact those around her," Briggs said.

She wants to help women dress to their body so they will focus more on their assets instead of their problems, like what happens on "What Not to Wear."

"We are God's masterpiece," Cotton said.

She said she believes through fashion people can honor the body God gave them and boost their confidence at the same time.

"My desire to make women feel beautiful is to make them realize how much God loves

them and how he wants us to honor and respect our bodies and be thankful for the body He has given us," said Cotton.

Over the summer Cotton is going to Philadelphia to help pursue her dream of being in the fashion industry as an intern at Anthropologie by working specifically with their wedding collection, BHLDN. Anthropologie is a part of the same company that heads Urban Outfitters.

The main page for the BHLDN brand states, "We're confident that our assortment has something for every bride."

This idea aligns with Catherine's belief in dressing for any body type. She said Anthropologie has always been one of her favorite companies.

"It's very unique, and they think outside the box," Cotton said. "I love their creativity and I think I can learn a lot about what I want to do in the future for my career."

Cotton said Anthropologie's style inspires her creativity in her own work. Cotton said she likes the way the company's designs combine modern trends with a vintage style.

"It feels like you're going into a really cool antique store with one-of-a-kind pieces," Cotton said.

Cotton's own designs use unique textures and detailed embellishments to create something she thinks is original.

Briggs said she thinks the internship will be a springboard for Cotton's career.

"My hope for her is that it will encourage her to be bold and be confident," Briggs said.

Overall, Briggs said she sees bright things in Cotton's immediate future.

"Whether it's fashion or something else, I want to follow [God] the rest of my life," Cotton said.

Buzzfeed quizzes go viral, connect people online

By MEGHAN BARR
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — For a compulsive online quiz-taker like Christy Noh, the temptation was too great to resist: "Which sandwich are you?"

After answering a series of unscientific, seemingly unrelated questions, which included selecting her favorite doughnut from a lineup of frosted pastries, she had her answer (grilled cheese, for the record). And she's not the only one who's comparing herself to sandwiches lately. Go on, admit it: Chances are, you've been doing it, too.

A recent explosion of silly online personality quizzes, most of them created by the young social media mavens at BuzzFeed.com, has everybody talking about which state they really ought to be living in and which Harry Potter character they really are. BuzzFeed says the quizzes are smashing traffic records and generating more Facebook comment threads than any viral posts in the site's history.

Experts say the phenomenon isn't surprising given the age-old fascination with that central question — "Who AM I?" — and a desire to compare ourselves with others in a social media-obsessed society.

On a recent snowy day, the 37-year-old Noh, who lives in New York City, admitted that she and several friends spent the afternoon taking quizzes and texting each other screen shots of the results.

"It turned into an all-day group text message fest, where it was just picture after picture of, oh, what rapper are you?" she says, laughing. "What career should you actually have? Which sandwich are you? Which member of One Direction should you marry?"

Personality quizzes have been around for decades, gracing the covers of women's and teen magazines with questions designed to lure us in. Nor are they new to the Internet, where online quizzes can be found aplenty on sites like Zimbio.com, among others.

But the recent wave of quiz popularity can be traced directly to BuzzFeed's New York City headquarters, where a team of about 100 content creators have been producing one to five quizzes every single day for the past two months.

The most popular quiz — "Which State Do You Actually Belong In?" — has generated about 41 million page views.

"For our most viral quizzes, the results have to be meaningful in some way," says Summer Burton, BuzzFeed's managing editorial director. "It's not that they are scientific. It's just that what they say means something to people as far as their own identity."

A scroll through the "QUIZZES" page on BuzzFeed.com reveals a bewildering assortment, many infused with pop culture references. Which celebrity cat are you? Which pop diva? Which "Girls" character? What career should you actually have? Which generation do you actually belong in? What kind of dog would you be?

What makes these online quizzes so alluring is that they can be instantaneously shared with hundreds of friends on Facebook for instant feedback, says Denise Friedman, who teaches psychology at Roanoke College in Salem, Va.

"In our age, we're constantly reflecting on who we are, and technology has really changed the way we interact," Friedman says. "I think we are constantly engaging in social comparison and thinking about where we stand."

Ultimately, the quizzes offer a superficial way to connect with distant friends and allow people to share personal information without compromising their own privacy, says Gwendolyn Seidman, an assistant professor of psychology at Albright College in Reading, Pa. In other words, taking a BuzzFeed quiz is like driving through a fast-food drive-thru on the Internet.

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- Yodeler's feedback
- Landed
- "Laughing" critter
- Teensy bit
- A hop, skip and jump away
- Savanna antelope
- "Powerful stratum of society
- In high spirits
- Spread out, as one's fingers
- New Guinea
- Large seaweed
- Mixed in a glass
- Travel book inserts
- Bard's nightfall
- Take care of
- Game with Wild Draw Four cards
- Continue with the fun, and a hint to each part of the answers to starred clues
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- Rinsed the soap from, as a car
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- "When brandy may be served
- __ and crossbones
- Innovator's spark
- Additional
- Studio stand
- Line in blue cheese
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- Popeye's Olive
- "Picturesque spot for a warm drink
- Actress Paquin of "True Blood"
- British noblewoman
- TV educator Bill in a lab coat
- Didn't go out
- Vessel on a mantel
- Bat first
- Each
- Angled pipes
- Adept
- Cologne scent
- Not pro
- "Place for changing out of a wet suit
- To the __ degree
- Traps for the unwary
- Big mouth, informally
- John of London?
- Armored superhero
- One who was born there
- Yellowfin tuna
- Noise from a sleeper
- Otherworldly
- Deep anxiety
- Capitalizes on
- Three-handed card game
- Blissful place
- Senator Harry of Nevada
- Aykroyd and Quayle
- Moon lander, for short

Lady Bears cruise past Sooners 96-89

By JEFFREY SWINDOLL
SPORTS WRITER

The No. 6 Lady Bears defeated the Oklahoma Sooners 96-89 Monday at the Ferrell Center. Baylor nearly blew a sizable lead at halftime, but held on in the end to continue to be in the top spot for the Big 12 title.

Defense was not very strong for either team. It was the offense that dictated the pace of the first and second half. Both teams got the looks at the basket they wanted in the first half, but it came down to who made shots. Baylor did generally well, shooting 55 percent from the field in the first half. Oklahoma made 31.3 percent of its shots from open play.

The Sooners' converted at a rate of 90 percent from the free throw line. In a physical first half that saw both teams into the bonus with minutes to play before halftime, Oklahoma's strong percentage in free throws helped the Sooners stay close in a game that looked like it was already a blowout in the first half. The Lady Bears led 53-31 after 20 minutes of play.

It was one of the Lady Bears' best offensive halves all season, but one of their worst second halves of the season followed.

"As good as it was the first half, it was just as pathetic in the second half," Baylor head coach Kim Mulkey said. "I keep it in perspective, though. We did win the game, and we're playing for a Big 12 championship on Sunday."

The Lady Bears extended their commanding lead to 32 points just five minutes into the second half, but the Sooners did not give up.

As the Sooners pulled closer to Baylor on the scoreboard, Mulkey and the Lady Bears were noticeably frustrated that they gave up such a massive lead.

"I think a lot of it was they were pushing the ball really well, and

we didn't get back in transition," senior guard Makenzie Robertson said. "They were making baskets, and we were kind of playing lackadaisical."

Senior guard Odyssey Sims drew almost all four of her personal fouls driving in the lane on offense. She scored 38 points in the game, but Sims was not converting shots in this game like she has in the past. Sims shot 4-for-12 from downtown and 12-for-27 from the field.

Freshman forward Nina Davis continues to excel on the offensive end.

Monday was one of her best nights all season. She scored the most points she has ever scored against a Big 12 team, and tied her career-high with 28 points. Davis completed several buckets through contact and drew fouls that sparked the Lady Bears to regroup and refocus in a hectic second half.

"Nina has pretty much been consistent all year," Mulkey said. "She's the freshman no one knew about. I kind of expect it every night now."

Sims and Davis combined for 66 of Baylor's 96 points on Monday.

Oklahoma guard Aaryn Ellenberg scored 29 against the Lady Bears. Baylor had not seen that many points scored by a player or team against the Lady Bears in a long time.

Mulkey kept starting junior post Sune Agbuke on the bench in the second half.

Mulkey did not think it would be an issue because the Lady Bears started with a big lead in the second half, but later on she said it completely changed the complexion of the game.

The Lady Bears really missed Agbuke's presence on defense, but Mulkey did not justify her team's poor defensive effort in the second half.

"There's going to be plenty of teaching things after this one," Mulkey said. "I didn't walk into the locker room celebrating. I'll celebrate on Sunday if we win the Big 12 championship."

The Sooners made it close at the end. Oklahoma pulled within two possessions or six points in the final minute of regulation.

Fans and players on both sides were shocked at how the game unfolded with the Lady Bears handing away the lead and Oklahoma battling back to make the game competitive. In the end, Baylor turned out to be too formidable for the Sooners.

Foul trouble wrought serious trouble for Oklahoma in the last meeting against Baylor. Oklahoma's three big starters fouled out of the game with the majority of the second half left in the previous meeting.

This game had plenty of fouls both ways, but neither team's star players had to check out of the game early because of fouls. The game quickly got chippy between the two Big 12 rivals.

"It's hard to stay focused, aggressive and do all those things defensively when you just come up empty possession after possession on the offensive end," Oklahoma head coach Sherri Coale said. "It becomes a weight after a bit, especially against a really, really good team like Baylor."

It might not have been pretty, but Baylor closed out the game with the win, and the Bears are now in position to win another Big 12 championship on Sunday.

The Lady Bears face West Virginia at 1:30 p.m. Sunday for the last home game of the season at the Ferrell Center. The game will be televised on Fox Sports 1.

If the Lady Bears win, it would mark the program's fourth consecutive Big 12 regular season championship.



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Freshman guard Imani Wright brings the ball up the court in Baylor's 96-89 win over Oklahoma on Monday at the Ferrell Center. With a win against West Virginia on Sunday, the Lady Bears would clinch the Big 12 title.

Bears eye NCAA after four-game win streak

By SHEHAN JEYARAJAH
SPORTS WRITER

After seemingly being on pace to fall out of even the National Invitational Tournament conversation, let alone the NCAA Tournament, Baylor basketball has raced back into the postseason picture after a four-game Big 12 Conference winning streak.

Baylor (18-9, 6-8) capped off the streak by exploding to a decisive 88-75 win over West Virginia (15-12, 7-7) in Morgantown on Saturday.

Baylor allowed West Virginia to score nine unanswered points to get out to a 17-9 lead. Baylor responded with a run of its own to pull the deficit to within one, 21-20, after a dunk from sophomore forward Rico Gathers.

Baylor tied up the game at 33-33 on a three-pointer from junior forward Royce O'Neale with 4:28 left in the first half. With 21 seconds left in the half, freshman forward Nathan Adrian hit a three to push West Virginia's lead to 42-36 at half.

Baylor hung around and tied the game at 47-47 on a three from senior power forward Cory Jefferson. Baylor tied up the game again at 54-54, and O'Neale took over from there.

O'Neale scored 10 points over the final 9:38 of the game, including two three-pointers. He added two assists; one to senior guard Brady Heslip for a three and the other to junior point guard Kenny Chery for a dunk to boost Baylor to an impressive 88-75 victory in Morgantown.

"Overall, it was a big win, and I am very pleased with our team's performance," Baylor head coach Scott Drew said. "Defensively, we were much better in the second half. Now we just need to keep going because the Big 12 is a grind!"

O'Neale finished his career-night with 22 points on perfect 8-for-8 shooting from the field, 4-for-4 from the three-point line and 2-for-2 from the free-throw line. He added six points and six assists with no turnovers in only 29 minutes.

"You always try to see the best in your players, but you know they normally are not going to go eight-for-eight and perfect from both three and the free throw line," Drew said.

Austin added 19 points and seven blocks in the win. Chery added 13 points and seven assists. Heslip nailed four threes for 12 points.

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Scott Drew | head coach

West Virginia guard Juwan Staten was limited to 16 points on 16 shots by Baylor's defense, including 2-for-8 in the second half. The Mountaineers shot only 32.1 in the second half. Guard Eron Harris scored 32 points on 6-for-9 from three, but it was not enough to overcome Baylor's momentum.

West Virginia shot 32.3 percent from two-point range for the game, including only 12 points in the paint to Baylor's 38. The Bears played disciplined basketball and

committed only four turnovers, and out-blocked West Virginia 10-2 behind Austin's seven blocks.

"They didn't let a bunch of our guys through," West Virginia coach Bob Huggins said. "We just missed shots. It's tough to get to the basket when they do what they did."

Baylor's frontcourt has re-emerged as elite to propel Baylor to a four-game winning streak in the Big 12.

Over the four-game winning streak, Austin is averaging 15.8 points and 6.3 blocks per game. Jefferson was named Big 12 Player of the Week after averaging 17.8 points, 10.8 rebounds and 1.8 blocks per game on 53.3 percent from the field in the four wins.

As it currently stands, Baylor is playing its way back into the NCAA Tournament. ESPN's Bracketology by Joe Lunardi has Baylor in the tournament as a 10-seed and playing New Mexico in the first round.

The selection committee tends to look at what you have done recently more than what has happened in the past. The selection committee also looks at a team's biggest wins. With wins against No. 3 Kentucky, No. 8 Oklahoma State and a close loss against now No. 8 Syracuse, Baylor has the type of quality wins to get into the big dance that is March Madness.

Baylor has four games remaining: No. 24 Texas, No. 15 Iowa State, Kansas State on the road and Texas Tech at home. If Baylor can split those four and finish with a record of 20-11, including 6-2 in the final Big 12 games, that could earn the team a berth in the tournament after a year's hiatus.

Baylor basketball will travel to Austin at 8 p.m. Wednesday to play No. 24 University of Texas. The game will be nationally broadcast on ESPN.

Baseball sweeps series; Smith gets 700th win

By JEFFREY SWINDOLL
SPORTS WRITER

Baylor baseball earned its first series sweep of the season against defending Ohio Valley Conference champ Austin Peay State University after winning 4-2 Friday, 15-1 Saturday and 12-1 Sunday. All three games exposed APSU's weaknesses.

The win on Sunday marked Baylor head coach Steve Smith's 700th career win. Only 35 other active coaches in college baseball have reached that prestigious milestone. Smith did not really make it known to his players he was on the verge of such an accomplishment, as some of them confessed they did not even know it was the 700th win until the announcer at Baylor Ballpark said so on the public address system at the end of the game.

Smith was all business this weekend, and his only response about achieving such a special

thing was a smile as he said, "I just wish we would have gotten [the wins] sooner."

In game one, senior right-handed pitcher Dillon Newman struck out the side twice, surpassing his former career high of eight strikeouts in one game. Newman single-handedly took care of most of Baylor's defense and was relieved of his duties in the seventh. Senior pitchers Doug Ashby and Josh Michalec added four to Newman's nine strikeouts. Michalec earned his third save of the season in game one.

"Early on in the game, I really didn't have complete control of my fastball," Newman said. "As the game went on, I really settled in though."

The pivotal moment of the series came from senior DH Grayson Porter. Porter launched Hall's last pitch past the left field wall for a go-ahead two run homer. Kacy Kemmer took over for Hall imme-

diately after the Bears took the 4-2 lead, and Baylor sustained the lead to win game one.

"I knew I didn't get quite all of [the pitch on the sweet spot]," Porter said. "I was still feeling out the box, but I knew I got [the pitch] pretty well. I just let it fly."

After Porter's game-winning home run, APSU never found its way back into the series.

Newman took care of business on Friday, and the rest of the pitching staff followed suit. In game two, junior pitcher Brad Kuntz struck out seven batters and gave up two hits in six innings. Junior pitcher Austin Stone earned five strikeouts in game three.

Smith said it was overall a great response from Baylor's starting pitchers after the rough season opening series against Arizona State.

Baylor returns to the diamond against Incarnate Word at 6:30 p.m. today at Baylor Ballpark.

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ners with a number of American medical groups to recruit volunteers to make trips to Iraq to train the local medical staff. For Hearts and Souls, a San Antonio company, offers diagnosis and heart catheterization tools and development ideas, while The International Children's Heart Foundation sends doctors and nurses to carry out the heart surgery training, said Matt Willingham, press secretary for Preemptive Love Coalition.

Willingham joined Courtney's team in Iraq in 2011. He met Courtney at Woodway Baptist Church in Waco while studying finance at Baylor as an undergraduate.

The massive number of children in need of heart surgery in Iraq — around 11,000 added to the list each year — puzzled Courtney and after some research, he began to unravel the source of the problem. PreemptiveLove.org outlines the three main suspects.

The primary suspect is Saddam Hussein's use of mustard gas on Iraqis. Over the past 20 years, he led an alleged 40 chemical attacks on his own people, and the chemicals ingested by the survivors were passed down and led to birth defects — one being holes in the heart.

Secondly, weapons used by U.S. and U.K. forces in the First Gulf War contained depleted uranium that left toxic chemicals that caused mutations in the offspring of Iraqis living during the First Gulf War.

The third suspected cause is U.N. sanctions on Iraq in 1990. The sanctions limited medical attention in Iraq and hundreds of thousands of Iraqis became malnourished.

Malnourished pregnant women are much more likely to give birth to children with congenital birth defects. When the organization began doing surgeries, children were sent to Turkey and Israel for their surgeries.

"But we realized we're not really benefiting Iraqi nurses and doctors," Willingham said.

As of August 2010, all surgeries provided by Preemptive Love Coalition for children with heart defects have been performed in Iraq.

"Other cities heard about it and asked if we would please, please come," Willingham said.

Instead of insisting Iraqi healthcare facilities accept the training of American doctors and nurses, Preemptive Love Coalition waits for them to contact the organization at their own will, Willingham said.

Dr. Munaf Ahmed is a cardiac surgeon from Basrah, Iraq who was trained by American doctors who came to Iraq to train through International Children's Heart Foundation. Once he realized the shortage of cardiac surgeons in Iraq, he switched gears



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Preemptive Love Coalition, co-founded by Baylor grad Jeremy Courtney, seeks to give care and provide surgery to Iraqi children in need of care.

from orthopedics to the heart and has been performing pediatric cardiac surgeries since November 2011.

"I found the field of cardiac is more interesting to deal with people's hearts. I mean it's beautiful to treat the love center of the human being," he wrote in an e-mail to the Lariat.

Doctors, nurses and Preemptive Love Coalition employees work hard to help Iraqi children and must constantly overcome obstacles to deliver quality medical care, Courtney, Willingham and Ahmed said.

Preemptive Love Coalition is headquartered in Sulaymaniyah, a predominately Kurdish region in northern Iraq. Willingham said the region is fairly safe, as is their location in Bosra in southern Iraq.

The danger and violence of Central Iraq make that region the most in need of help but the most difficult to deliver help. Preemptive Love Coalition's program in Fallujah, for example, has been put on hold.

"Ironically, the city that needs it the most isn't getting attention," he said.

During training, sometimes the operating staff runs into sticky situations like disputes between the Iraqi surgeons and nurses about the technicalities of surgery, Willingham said.

"The reality is with the training we do, we're going to have mortalities," he said.

The organization also faces the possibility of being kicked out of a region because the region must cut expenses, Willingham said. He expressed his frustration with being kicked out a particular region after learning that area's dialect.

PreemptiveLove.org states that Courtney and his team have been

confronted with death threats, imprisonments and bombings.

Willingham explained how the strong-man mentality of Saddam Hussein trickled down into the healthcare system. He said one man often feels he must run the hospital, trying to manage bills and scheduling on top of surgeries.

The socialized Iraqi medical system keeps doctors and nurses from being fired, keeps their salaries unsubstantial, and many nurses only have a middle school education, Willingham said, which all contribute to them having little incentive to do their job well.

"How do you get a fire under them?" Willingham said. "It's just tough."

Ahmed undoubtedly has that fire under him. He said despite the long, grueling hours of surgery and post-operation care and low salary, helping give the children normal lives and seeing the grateful faces of their families gives him great pleasure.

"It's amazing to put an end to the miseries of those kids," he said.

The hurdles of the organization are matched by the rewards of their dedication to the people of Iraq.

Ahmed said Iraqi families have welcomed the organization with mutual respect and admiration. Local doctors and Preemptive Love Coalition workers even share meals and gifts sometimes, he said.

In Courtney's speech at Baylor's Chapel service, he said he has witnessed the coming together of many diametrically opposed groups of people.

Sunni and Shia Muslims, Kurds and Arabs and Muslims and Christians have joined forces to help save children's lives, he

said.

Willingham explained how Preemptive Love Coalition's work serves as a peacemaking opportunity between Americans and Iraqis.

"We show up in a village and they say, 'You're the first Americans we've seen without guns.'"

After Ahmed met Willingham at the Basrah cardiac center, they began a good friendship and Ahmed helped him get familiar with the demographics of different Iraqi regions, Ahmed said.

"The most important thing for us is Iraqis treating their compatriots," Willingham said. "Iraq is not self-sufficient in a lot of areas, one of them being healthcare. We want them to be able to stand on their own feet."

Ahmed now works in Amarah, Iraq alongside Preemptive Love Coalition, establishing a health center and giving back the training to the locals that he received from American surgeons.

"I worked hard for three different cities and thank God I accomplished two centers and the third one on the way," he said. "Sometimes hard working keeps me for along time away, but I am sure that saving those kids makes my family proud of me."

Courtney explained to Baylor students the meaning of preemptive love.

"We jump forward to love our enemies before they hurt us," he said. Courtney said with preemptive loves comes a willingness to lay your life on the line for someone else.

"Preemptive Love Coalition means to me the slit in the wall shining a lot of light," Ahmed said. "They are few in number but their effect covers [the] whole Iraq. They are full of hope and love."

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riety of changes in military compensation, including smaller pay raises, a slowdown in the growth of tax-free housing allowances and a requirement that retirees and some families of active-duty service members pay a little more in health insurance deductibles and co-pays.

"Although these recommendations do not cut anyone's pay, I realize they will be controversial," Hagel said, adding that the nation cannot afford the escalating cost of military pay and benefit packages that were enacted during the war years.

"If we continue on the current course without making these modest adjustments now, the choices will only grow more difficult and painful down the road," he said.

Although Congress has agreed on an overall number for the military budget in fiscal 2015 — just under \$500 billion — there are still major decisions to be made on how that money should be spent to best protect the nation.

Early reaction from Republicans in Congress was negative.

"I am concerned that we are on a path to repeat the mistakes we've made during past attempts to cash in on expected peace dividends that never materialized," said Sen. Marco Rubio of Florida, a possible presidential contender in 2016.

"What we're trying to do is solve our financial problems on the backs of our military, and that

can't be done," said Rep. Howard "Buck" McKeon of California, chairman of the House Armed Services Committee.

Another proposal likely to draw fire on Capitol Hill is Hagel's call for a new round of domestic military base closings in 2017. In the years following the last round, in 2005, members of Congress fought to protect bases in their home districts and states, arguing that the process does not yield as much savings as advertised.

Among other changes Hagel proposed:

— The active-duty Army would shrink from today's 522,000 soldiers to between 440,000 and 450,000 — the smallest number since 1940 when the nation was gearing up to enter World War II. The Army currently is scheduled to be reduced to 490,000.

The Army's post-World War II low was 480,000 in 2001, according to figures provided by the service. In 1940 the Army had just 267,000 active-duty members, but that number surged to 1.46 million the following year as America prepared for war in Europe and the Pacific.

— The Army National Guard would drop from 355,000 soldiers to 335,000 by 2017, and the Army Reserve would drop by 10,000, to 195,000. The National Guard also would send its Apache attack helicopters to the active-duty Army in exchange for Black Hawk heli-

copters more suitable for domestic disaster relief missions.

— The Marine Corps would shrink from 190,000 to 182,000.

— The Navy would keep its 11 aircraft carriers but "lay up," or temporarily remove from active service, 11 of its 22 cruisers while they are modernized. The Navy would reduce from 52 to 32 its purchase of littoral combat ships, which are smaller vessels designed to operate closer to shore.

— The Air Force would retire its fleet of A-10 "Warthog" tank-killer planes for an estimated savings of \$3.5 billion over five years. It also would retire the venerable U-2 spy plane, which debuted early in the Cold War as a stalwart of U.S. intelligence.

Hagel built his case on what he called a foundation of realism. He quoted one of his predecessors, the World War II-era secretary of war, Henry Stimson, as saying Americans must "act in the world as it is, and not in the world as we wish it were."

"This is a time for reality," Hagel said. He emphasized that the period of explosive growth in defense budgets was over, making it more important to preserve a technological edge as other nations modernize their militaries. He made no direct mention of China or Russia, but both are investing heavily in their military capabilities.

"Budget reductions inevitably

Yanukovich not actively Ukraine head, Obama says

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WASHINGTON — The Obama administration signaled Monday it no longer recognizes Viktor Yanukovich as Ukraine's president. The shift of support for opposition leaders in Kiev came even as U.S. officials sought to assure Russia that it does not have to be shut out of a future relationship with a new Ukrainian government.

Yanukovich was widely seen as a puppet of Moscow against Ukraine protesters who demanded stronger ties with the European Union to boost the faltering economy of the onetime Soviet state. His whereabouts were unknown after he fled the capital Kiev in the wake of deadly protests seeking his ouster.

U.S. officials said the International Monetary Fund was considering an aid package as high as \$15 billion to help stabilize a new, transitional government in Kiev. White House spokesman Jay Carney said the U.S. would provide additional aid to complement the IMF, aimed at fostering Ukrainian economic stability, but it was not immediately clear how much money it would provide. Officials later said any U.S. assistance would seek to help Ukraine through political reforms, in part through investing more in health and education.

"Yanukovich left Kiev. He took his furniture, packed his bags, and

we don't have more information on his whereabouts," State Department spokeswoman Jen Psaki told reporters. "So there are officials who have stepped in and are acting in response to that leadership gap at the moment."

Carney said that although Yanukovich "was a democratically elected leader, his actions have undermined his legitimacy, and he is not actively leading the country at present."

Senior U.S. officials, including Deputy Secretary of State William Burns and Treasury Secretary Jack Lew, are scheduled to meet with political, business and civil society leaders during a series of meetings in Kiev over the next two days. Top European Union officials are already there.

Psaki said Congress must approve any U.S. aid package, and several lawmakers on Monday called for a quick show of support for Ukraine's new leaders.

"Now more than ever, the Ukrainian people need the continued support of their friends," Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., said in a statement. "The path of reform will be difficult, but if the new Ukrainian government is prepared to make these tough — and, at times, unpopular — decisions, it will need significant assistance from the IMF and the European Union. The United States must be ready to provide additional assistance as well."

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free," Caballero said.

Almost Home Waco coordinates each individual with a case-worker to help transition into non-street living. The client agrees to pay 30 percent of his income to their landlord once he has a job.

Caballero said Almost Home Waco is working with preexisting resources and agencies partnered with the department.

Almost Home Waco was designed after a national model already in play in cities such as San Diego, Philadelphia and New York. The campaign called 100,000 Homes reports an 85 percent success rate with its practice.

"Housing-first is where everything is going," Mize said. "It's proven to work when it's combined with case management. Some people just won't find a lot of success without a home."

The initiative represents the city in its final phase of the former may-

or's 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness, which began in 2005.

"When you're charged with leading the city, you represent everyone," said Virginia Dupuy, former mayor of Waco.

Dupuy and the Housing and Community Development Department began intentionally working on solutions for the city's homelessness issue in 2005. The 10-year plan targeted chronic homelessness from several perspectives and pooled community institutions to collaborate.

"To be honest, when I first heard 'eliminate homelessness,' I thought that was a tall order," Dupuy said.

The Waco Department of Housing and Community Development hopes to have everyone in chronic need of housing according to this year's Point in Time Count, assigned to permanent living by 2015.

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