

Golden Girls twirl for a cure

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Baylor Golden Girl Caroline Carothers, a San Antonio Freshman, and her fellow twirlers have raised \$3,150 for Twirling For The Cure by making and selling their own rhinestone hairpieces.

With the help of the Golden Girls Instructor Lynn Dell Harrell and online orders, the Golden Girls have sold 286 hairpieces, all over the nation.

"It's just kind of exploded, definitely so much more than we expected, considering our original goal was like 50," Carothers said.

Twirling For The Cure is an organization that travels to national and worldwide twirling competitions and raises funds and awareness

for breast cancer victims, according to its website.

The pink ribbons have even reached into other organizations.

This week, the 16 color guard members in Baylor's Golden Wave Band and the 60 members of Baylor Spirit will also be wearing the hairpieces, but on their uniforms instead.

"They've had to work really hard to get it all done," Harrell said.

Each hairpiece was sold for \$20, and cost \$9 to make. Carothers said her family donated the money for shipping online orders, so more of the profit could go to Twirling For The Cure.

"We did labor and everything for free, and so I was able to share the resources with the other twirlers and they helped make them,"

Carothers said.

Carothers said the twirlers wore pink BUs in their hair last year for breast cancer awareness month. This year, they wear gold BUs, so Carothers and her mother came up with the idea to make a pink ribbon for the other side of the girls' heads.

Carothers and her mother then contacted the founder of Twirling For The Cure, John Mitchell, to get involved with them.

Carothers said what they're doing with the headpieces isn't about the Golden Girls, it's about the cause.

She said they plan on making more of these headpieces throughout the year.

"They've done really well with it, and we're hoping we can continue it a few more months," Harrell said. "Not everybody has one yet, and we're hoping they will."

Twirling For The Cure will also be selling the hairpieces at the national twirling competition this summer, which is open to twirlers of all ages.

"There's always thousands of twirlers there every year," Carothers said.

Thanks to those kinds of competitions, Carothers said when she came to Baylor as a freshman Golden Girl last year, she already knew two of the other girls pretty well. This year, two of the 2014 twirlers remain, and two others have joined.

"We love going to practice and having all that time



Courtesy Photo

ON GAMEDAY, WE WEAR PINK Caroline Carothers, a Baylor Golden Girl, wears a pink rhinestone hairpiece in support of "Twirl for the Cure."



Courtesy Photo

THE GOLDEN GIRLS Carothers said the team has an excellent team dynamic that makes even going to practice fun.

together. We definitely grow close," Carothers said. "We have an awesome team this year. I truly believe that we're one of the main faces of the school and we always have to remember we're representing."

Carothers said colleges like University of Texas and Southern Methodist University only have one twirler, but that Baylor gives the girls a chance

to work as a team.

"We're the Golden Girls during pregame and then halftime we get to be our own feature and do what we like best," Carothers said. "It's really unique and something cool that Baylor can do."

Carothers said three of the four Golden Girls will continue performing in competitions this year. She said it's nice to

have people to practice with or go to the gym with.

"We have such an appreciation for each other and the time and dedication that we've put into it," Carothers said. "We are just here to have fun and perform in front of 45,000 people every single week. College twirling is by far the best part of anybody's twirling career."

Clinton testifies on Benghazi attack

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Associated Press

Hillary Rodham Clinton strove to close the book on the worst episode of her tenure as secretary of state Thursday, battling Republican questions in a marathon hearing that grew contentious but revealed little new about the 2012 attacks in Benghazi, Libya. She firmly defended her record while seeking to avoid any mishap that might damage her presidential campaign.

Pressed about events before and after the deaths of four Americans, Clinton had confrontational exchanges with several GOP lawmakers but also fielded supportive queries from Democrats.

In the end, there were relatively few questions for the Democratic presidential front-runner about the specific events of Sept. 11, 2012, which Clinton said she continues to lose sleep over.

The hearing ended at 9 p.m., some 11 hours after it began, with some of the fiercest arguments of the day as Clinton and the House Benghazi Committee's Republican chairman fought over the private email account she maintained as President Barack Obama's chief diplomat.

"I came here because I said I would," an

exhausted Clinton told Rep. Trey Gowdy of South Carolina, her chief interrogator. "I tried to answer your questions. I cannot do any more than that."

Gowdy declared after the end of the session: "We keep going on."

He portrayed the investigation as a nonpartisan, fact-finding exercise although fellow Republicans recently described it as designed to hurt Clinton's presidential bid. Democrats have pointed out that the probe has now cost U.S. taxpayers more than \$4.5 million and, after 17 months, lasted longer than the 1970s Watergate investigation.

When Gowdy, a former federal prosecutor, said the hearing wasn't a prosecution, Rep. Adam Smith, a Washington Democrat, bluntly disagreed. He told Clinton: "The purpose of this committee is to prosecute you."

The appearance came at a moment of political strength for Clinton.

A day earlier, Vice President Joe Biden announced he would not compete with her in the presidential race. She also is riding the momentum of a solid debate performance last week. For Clinton, the political theater of the hearing offered both opportunity and potential pitfalls. It gave her a high-profile platform to show her self-control and command of foreign policy.

But it also left her vulnerable to claims that she helped politicize the Benghazi tragedy.

In one tense moment, Republican Rep. Jim Jordan of Ohio accused her of deliberately misleading the public by linking the Benghazi violence at first to an Internet video insulting the Muslim Prophet Muhammad.

Clinton, stone-faced for much of the hearing, smiled in bemusement as Jordan cut her off from answering. Offered the chance to comment, she said "some" people had wanted to use the video to justify the attack that killed Ambassador Chris Stevens and three other Americans, and that she rejected that justification.

The argument went to the origins of the Benghazi saga and how Obama and top aides represented the attack in the final weeks of his re-election campaign.

And it reflected the raw emotion the deadly violence still provokes, something Clinton will face over the course of her White House bid even if the Republican-led investigation loses steam.

As the hearing neared its conclusion, Republican questions became increasingly aggressive. Rep. Martha Roby of Alabama, however, drew laughter from Clinton by asking

if she was alone "the whole night" of the attacks after returning home.

Challenged that she didn't care enough about the victims, Clinton choked up while recounting a conversation with a wounded Benghazi guard. "Please do everything you can so that I can go back in the field," Clinton said he asked her. "I told him I would.

He was determined to go back, to protect our diplomats, to protect you when you travel," she said, directing the last part to lawmakers.

Clinton made no gaffes. And she never raised her voice in the manner she did at a Senate hearing on Benghazi in January 2013. Then, she shouted: "What difference, at this point, does it make?" Republicans campaigned off that oft-repeated sound bite, and she was careful to avoid leaving a similarly indelible image Thursday.

She said perfect security can never be achieved, drawing on attacks on U.S. diplomatic and military installations overseas during both Democratic and Republican administrations.

"In Beirut we lost far more Americans, not once but twice within a year," she said of the 1983 attacks in Lebanon that killed more than 250 Americans and dozens of others while Ronald Reagan was president.



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Making room for no-kill

Waco animal shelter expands facilities, services to decrease euthanasia

KATIE GROVATT
Reporter

The city of Waco has new building plans to renovate the Humane Society of Central Texas. The plans are part of the initiative to make Waco a no-kill city, or one that does not need to euthanize animals.

The project is a \$2.5 million job and includes much larger and roomier kennels, a veterinary clinic, a remodeled cat room and an exclusive puppy house.

Boerne sophomore Nicole Cutler used to spend much of her time volunteering at the old shelter. As she began to notice how quickly the shelter would fill up and how many animals never found homes, she left her position at the shelter, she said.

"It's just so hard for me to see them in the shelter and not having homes. It's too much of an emotional toll for me, as pathetic as that sounds," Boerne said.

be a huge success for Waco, said Mayor Malcolm Duncan. They were able to raise much of the money from local foundations, private and county supporters. Duncan said all city council members supported the improvement of animal life throughout the city.

"We are very close, if not there, to being a no-kill city," Duncan said.

Roswell, Ga., junior Peyton Thomas has been actively involved with the Humane Society of Central Texas since she has been enrolled at Baylor. She fostered a dog for almost two months last year and fell in love.

"The time I spent with her was short, but it was probably the best time of my life," Thomas said.

"It's rewarding to know that she has a great home now and that I could provide love for her so that she wouldn't have to be tucked away in a shelter."

Thomas is also very excited about the new shelter, and agrees with the mayor that this is a huge step for Waco. She said she hopes Waco's step forward will encourage other shelters around the country to follow.

"The fact that the people of Waco are concerned about this issue shows a great deal of character and compassion in the city," Thomas said. "The new shelter is going to be wonderful, and I cannot wait to see the impact it has on the population of homeless animals. This type of recognition to the shelter will hopefully increase the number of rehomed pets."

In December 2012, Waco entered into a partnership with the Humane Society of Central Texas to help manage and improve operations. Since the partnership, live-exit rates, or adoptions, of animals have increased to 88 percent. Much of this success is attributed to increased efforts to educate and provide affordable spay and neuter options, especially through the Animal Birth Control Clinic of Waco.

The clinic and the city have worked hand-in-hand to increase live-exit rates.

"The city of Waco felt so strongly about providing an affordable way for people to be compliant with the Pet Responsibility Ordinance, that they funded free spay and neuter microchips for city residents to the tune of \$100,000," said Carrie Kuehl, the executive director of the Animal Birth Control Center. "Last year we did over 1,800 surgeries. This year we did over 2,100 surgeries just with that funding."

The city of Waco has also had success launching an outreach group



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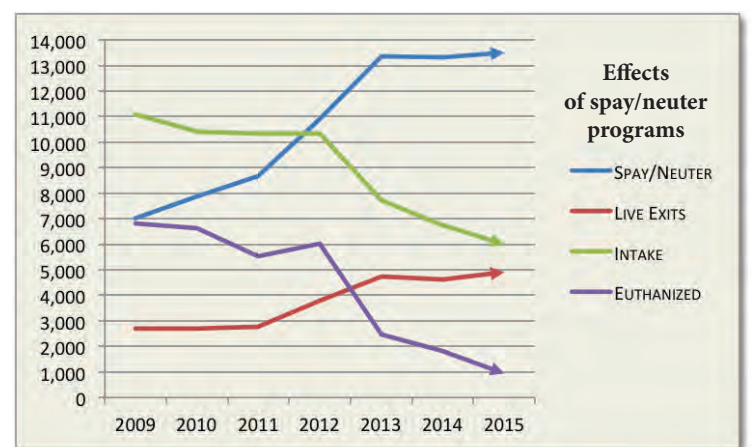
WOOF, AMIRITE? Zeina, a foster dog available for adoption at the Humane Society of Central Texas, plays with a tennis ball in a play area at the shelter. Waco plans to renovate the shelter in effort an to make Waco a no-kill city, foregoing animal euthanasia.

called SpayStreet Waco. The group offers free microchips and low-cost spay and neuter options for low-income citizens of Waco. The outreach group enacted by the city is all part of Waco's continued effort to becoming a no-kill city.

SpayStreet is the middleman between the public and the Animal Birth Control Clinic, Kuehl said. When volunteers for SpayStreet travel door-to-door in the community, many people see the SpayStreet logo and end up calling to ask how to get their animals spayed or neutered. They are then referred to the birth control clinic.

Clinic officials are excited about the advancement towards becoming a no-kill city, the expansion of the shelter and the increased number of animals being spayed or neutered. However, Kuehl said the excitement goes beyond just the statistical depletion of animal deaths and increased adoptions at the shelter. The ultimate joy lies in seeing the improvement of health in the animals, Kuehl said.

"Not only do we want to affect the shelter and the intake and euthanasia over there in a big way, what I love and what not everybody gets to see is the quality of life and the health boost that every dog or cat gets from getting



Courtesy of Animal Birth Control Clinic

IN THE NUMBERS The graph above shows the Animal Birth Control Clinic's results from recent spay and neuter initiatives in Waco. The shelter has since experienced a decrease in the numbers of animals acquired and euthanized, as well as an increase in adoptions.

spayed or neutered," Kuehl said.

The city still needs the public's help if it is going to succeed in its mission. As renovations are being made to the current animal shelter, space for animals will be temporarily limited. The shelter is expected to be under renovations until midway of next year, Arroligas said.

"We need your help. If you can foster a dog or cat and help us through this interim period, it would be really good. We are very short on space in

the interim," Duncan said.

The Animal Birth Control Center could also use volunteers, Kuehl said. Many of the clinic workers are citizen volunteers who spend Saturdays knocking on doors and informing citizens of the benefits of getting their animals spayed or neutered.

"Any time we have volunteers, whether it's one or two or a team of 30, if we can campaign in a neighborhood like that, that leaves a huge impact," Kuehl said.

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SpayStreet Waco on Facebook

Renovations began at the shelter two months ago, said Jose Arroligas, the rescue coordinator at the shelter. Officials are expanding the quarantine center and building a new parking lot.

Within the next couple months, the shelter will begin renovations on its kennels. This will include tearing down the B and C kennels, and replacing them with improved facilities that will hold an estimated 20 more dogs in each section.

"Since we will have more kennel room, we won't have to euthanize as much any more," Arroligas said.

The renovations will also include a new play yard and adoption center.

"We're pretty excited about that. We're hoping, with the increased kennel space and the improved facilities, we will be able to help our adoptions out more and get ourselves out to the public more," Arroligas said.

The new shelter renovations will

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Downtown area seeks grant to enliven, decorate

KATIE GROVATT
Reporter

The Cultural Arts District of Waco is applying for a grant to fund the installation of artistic street signs to decorate and light up the downtown area. Creative Waco is partnering with the city of Waco to make an application possible.

If successful, the grant will allow for five or six pieces of directional street art. These pieces would be distributed on or within a block of Elm Street and Austin Avenue.

"The goal is to transform places in which people do not want to spend time into places that people do want to spend time," Creative Waco executive director Fiona Bond said.

The artistic signs would also include an online component where spectators would be able to access information about the specific destination.

"The online component would bring the stories of these piece to life," Bond said.

These Artistic Wayfinding signs are about creating a sense of place that is not just about directional signs but about public art.

The goal of the signs is to create a common theme that joins all the different signs around downtown Waco but also keeping a distinctive identity, Bond said. This allows people to find their way around town in a unique way than usual and standard street signs.

"Wayfinding and connectivity have been some of the things that have been identified in the Imagine Waco plan, and in the various plans that represent our community," Bond said. "This is a good way to access funding that might not otherwise be available to our community, and to do something that helps to bring to life some of the areas of our downtown."

A big hope for the artistic signs is the connection of the east and west sides of Waco. Creative Waco sees the signs as a potentially good way to join the communities of either side of the river. Waco assistant city manager Cynthia Garcia shares this same vision.

"We really want to connect both sides of the river," Garcia said. "That is something that we have seen in the Imagine Waco plan. We really want to connect them."

The grant is known as OURTOWN and has been utilized in cities like El Paso and on East 7th Street in downtown Austin. The grant requires a partnership between a local government agency and a non-profit art organization. It would include up to \$200,000 in funding for these artistic signs.

If the city is successful, it will be awarded the grant in April 2016. It will begin public meetings and site selections in August 2016. It would then draft a plan in September, share it with the public in October and hold proposals with the community in November. Final decisions will be put into place in December, and the execution would begin from January to August 2017.

"We really want to have the community input to tell us if this is the right location or not," Garcia said. "That is why we have planned so many community meetings, because it could be maybe that's not where everyone wants them; maybe they want them somewhere else."

Though it is following in the footsteps of other cities like Austin by implementing more creative art into the downtown area, the city wants to make it clear the Artistic Wayfinding signs will be completely original.

"We don't want Austin's; we want something that's Waco," Garcia said.



IN THE ART OF WACO

(Above) This rendition of Van Gogh's "Starry Night" stands out against the plain brown brick building it was painted on. The piece doesn't feature the name of an artist.

(Left) This mural is located at on the side of 40 Thieves Hookah Lodge at 7th Street and Franklin Avenue.

(Below) This mural is located on the side of the Shepherd's Heart Food Pantry.



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Texas sues federal government over Obamacare fee

ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUSTIN — The state of Texas sued the federal government Thursday, challenging the legality of a fee associated with the Affordable Care Act.

It was the latest in dozens of lawsuits the state has brought against the Obama administration in recent years.

Attorney General Ken Paxton, joined by his counterparts in Kansas and Louisiana, asked a federal court to reject the law's Health Insurance Providers Fee, paid by insurance companies to underwrite subsidies provided to low-income Americans under the health care

law, colloquially known as Obamacare.

The fee cost Texas \$86 million in 2013 and about \$120 million in subsequent years, Paxton said.

Paxton and his fellow attorneys general said the fee amounts to an "unconstitutional tax" that, if left unpaid, could result in the federal government withholding millions in Medicaid funding.

The U.S. Supreme Court in June for the second time upheld the constitutionality of the health care law, declaring the subsidies were legal even in states that had not established their own exchanges. Now Paxton is trying a new tactic to overturn the law. The state must

reimburse insurers that participate in the Medicaid program.

"This threat to cut Medicaid funding to Texans unless the state continues to pay hundreds of millions in taxes to Washington amounts to the very 'gun to the head' the Supreme Court warned about in earlier rulings on Obamacare," Paxton said in a statement.

He added, "This represents yet another huge overstep of authority for this administration, which once again has demonstrated their willingness to circumvent the Constitution in order to achieve their policy goals."

One in seven, or around 3.7 million, Texans receive Medicaid services, according to the

lawsuit. Medicaid funding accounted for around 28 percent of the state's total biannual budget in 2015.

These federal dollars also fund health care for around 368,000 uninsured children in Texas, the suit states.

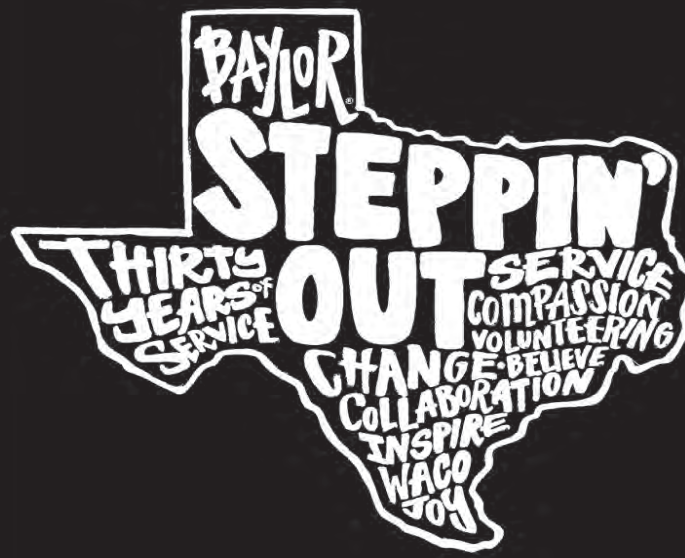
Paxton and his predecessor, Gov. Greg Abbott, have a long history of suing the federal government. As of July, the state had sued Washington 34 times at a cost to taxpayers of around \$5 million, according to the Texas Tribune.

Texas won six of these cases, lost 10, withdrew seven and is waiting on rulings in the remaining 11.

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Drill team takes pride in presenting flags

STEPHANIE REYES
Staff Writer

For members of the Air Force ROTC drill team, presenting the flags at Baylor football games is more than just standing in the middle of the field when the national anthem plays. For members, it gives them the opportunity to display their love for the country and their American pride.

Tucson, Ariz., junior and drill team ceremonies officer and drill team commander Austin MacDonald said he decided to join the drill team because he saw it as an opportunity to become excellent in drill. He added that drill is a large part of the evaluation process at officer training camp, also called field training by members.

"I just really love drill, and it looks super cool when you do it well," MacDonald said. "[Drill] is a way to train cadets in discipline, in following orders and acting on a dime."

To become part of the drill team, members must first be part of the ROTC's drill team and go through an eight-week process, which ends with an evaluation. Throughout the process, members learn how to use a rifle, march and how to do drill team events, among other things. Baylor's drill team currently has 18 members consisting of sophomores, juniors and seniors, MacDonald said.

The drill team duties range anywhere from presenting the flags at football games, doing saber arches at weddings, doing funerals and presenting the colors at various events throughout the Waco community. Four members hold the flags on the field, which includes one member holding the American flag, one holding the Air Force flag and two holding rifles on the side.

"[At Saturday's football game], rain or



Courtesy Photo

PRESENTING THE COLORS Baylor Air Force ROTC's drill team walks the flags out onto the field before Baylor's game against Rice on Sept. 26 at McLane Stadium.

shine, we'll be out there presenting the colors," MacDonald said. "It will be harder for our guys to hold the flags in a rain storm, but they're gonna do it."

MacDonald said holding the flag is important to him because by holding the American flag he is able to show his patriotism to others.

"Being able to hold it and have it above all other flags and just present it to people at the stadium is amazing," MacDonald said. "It just makes me really proud to present the flag."

Vacaville, Calif., sophomore and drill team member Shane Anthony said he decided to join

the drill team because he wanted to get involved within the Air Force ROTC.

"Joining the drill team is a very prestigious organization," Anthony said. "I wanted to get really good at marching."

Anthony said the reason members present the colors is so people have a visual representation of the American flag.

"We want to give [people] something to look to other than the flag that is always there [in the stadium], so that they understand that it is a special occasion that we're doing the presentation of the colors," Anthony said.

Anthony said holding the flags at the football games is important to him because it is a prestigious position and it gives him the opportunity to hold himself to a higher standard.

"It's definitely an honor because I've always held a great respect for the American flag and this country," Anthony said. "Being able to present the colors is definitely an experience. It was a really big deal for me because it was in front of a lot of people, and it was kind of scary at first but then as we were doing it, my butterflies disappeared."

Clyde Hill, Wash., junior and drill team member Katherine Matthews said she decided to join the drill team because it is a great way to show the community that the military has a presence and purpose even within student life at Baylor. Matthews said being part of drill team allows members to build confidence, character and their drill abilities.

"I really like how precise all the drill movements are and everything we do with presenting the colors, or even with the rifles, how we walk and stand, how we wear our uniforms is all very precise," Matthews said.

Matthews said holding the flags is important to her because it is a huge responsibility and it gives members the opportunity to honor the American flag properly. She added that she wants readers to know that its important that when the American flag is being presented its time to remove your hat, put your hand over your heart and stand quietly and respectfully.

"We've had a lot of people tell us that they've never seen the colors presented in that way or they didn't know that's proper flag procedures," Matthews said. "It's neat to be able to show people that and share my knowledge and expertise with them in order to honor the flag."

FBI opens hate crime probe in Indiana attack

ASSOCIATED PRESS

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — The FBI has opened a hate crime investigation into an attack on a Muslim woman in which police say an Indiana University college student shouted racial slurs and tried to remove her headscarf.

FBI Special Agent Wendy Osborne said Thursday that there is no deadline for concluding the investigation into Saturday's incident in Bloomington, Ind. She said the FBI became aware of the incident Monday and started the investigation Tuesday.

"The FBI will collect all available facts and evidence and ensure the investigation is conducted in a fair, thorough and impartial manner," she said. "We will conduct the investigation as expeditiously as possible."

Triceten Bickford, 19, of Fort Wayne, Ind., has been charged with multiple felony charges, including intimidation, strangulation and battery, in the attack on the 47-year-old woman outside a Turkish cafe. Bloomington is 50 miles southwest of Indianapolis.

According to a probable cause affidavit, the Muslim woman was sitting at a table with her 9-year-old daughter when a man later identified as Bickford emerged from a nearby alley shouting "white power," anti-black racial



Associated Press

HATE CRIME This photo provided by Bloomington PD shows Triceten D. Bickford, 19, an Indiana student who faces multiple charges including intimidation, strangulation and battery in the Saturday attack on a Muslim woman in a cafe in Bloomington, Ind.

slurs and "kill the police." Bickford grabbed the woman by the neck and forced her head forward, restricting her breathing as he tried to remove her headscarf, police say.

Indiana University expelled Bickford following reports of the attack. He was released Sunday from Monroe County's jail on \$705 bond and other fees and is scheduled to appear in Monroe County court Friday.

Bickford has said he has no memory of the incident and that a combination of drinking alcohol and not taking his anti-anxiety medication caused him to snap.

Messages seeking comment were left for Bickford's attorneys. He didn't respond to email and phone requests for comment.

The federal statute sets a maximum 10-year prison sentence for a hate crime in most cases.

Steppin' Out sign-up opening

ROLANDO RODRIGUEZ SOTO
Reporter

Steppin' Out, one of Baylor University's longest-running traditions, is celebrating its 30th anniversary this year. Registration day is right around the corner after homecoming from Monday to Thursday.

Steppin' Out is a program where students provide service to the Waco community through volunteer service days that are held once each semester.

Baylor students have the opportunity to serve homeowners, major organizations and businesses in Waco. There will be about 50 sites available, which include Family of Faith Worship Center, Hillcrest PDS Magnet School, North East Riverside Neighborhood Association, Animal Birth Control Clinic, Family Abuse Center, World Hunger Relief and many others.

"A lot of people really like that it's just a one-day commitment where you go and serve," said Jamie Wong, internal director for Steppin' Out. "Even though you may only physically be going out for one day, we want to create relationships that last longer."

Wong said it's important for Baylor students to step out of their bubble and interact with families, business owners and churches in the Waco community.

"It was fun for me to see students of

different majors and classes unite together to achieve a common goal," Paris senior Laynee Fulgham said. "Most of the people I was working with I had never met, but we all got along and helped each other out like we had been doing it for years."

Many students who participate in Steppin' Out are there to represent their organization, club, sorority or fraternity. Individuals are also encouraged to participate. Steppin' Out also encourages organizations to serve together at one site to interact with other groups within Baylor.

"It's a great chance for students at Baylor to interact with the community that makes our time at Baylor so unique," Alvin senior Ryan Gutierrez said. "It also helps students to get out of their comfort zone and learn lessons that can't be taught in the classroom. I would encourage every student to volunteer."

Steppin' Out is Baylor's one big push to participate in the Waco community. It starts Nov. 7 with a kickoff celebration in the morning where students can get prepared for the day and enjoy live entertainment.

"I think people in Waco do know what Steppin' Out is, and a lot of them have appreciated what we've done, but at the same time there is so much room for us to continue to foster relationships and really just not have it be on one day," Wong said.

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Behind the Tradition

Baylor Chamber of Commerce prepares annual homecoming festivities

HALEY MORRISON & ELLA KIMBERLY
Reporters

Baylor Chamber of Commerce has been carrying out Baylor traditions since 1919. Although Chambermen help with and organize many activities on campus, homecoming is their shining moment.

Chamber's mission is to keep the Baylor spirit alive by preserving traditions such as homecoming, Family Weekend and Diadeloso. Chamber also ensures that these events meet the needs and standards of the current Baylor community.

"We are very service oriented, but very humble about it," said San Antonio senior Emily Knaub, the Chamber of Commerce history chair. "We do something very unique."

In February of 1919, Baylor Business Men's Club was put together by students hoping to open a business school, according to the Baylor Chamber of Commerce's website. Knaub said this group of men petitioned to the president at the time, Samuel Palmer Brooks, to organize this club.

"A year later in 1920 it was changed to Baylor Chamber of Commerce. We had ties to actual Chambers of Commerce in Texas, East Texas and Waco," Knaub said. "We don't have those affiliations anymore. Over time they just kind of dwindled away."

Homecoming became Chamber's responsibility in 1937.

"Homecoming is the best time to showcase Baylor in all of its glory while promoting a future existence," Knaub said. "We put our heart and soul into everything we do, but I think even more with homecoming, because we want everybody: alumni, students and future students to really understand what Baylor is, what we stand for, and what we've been."

Homecoming is Chamber's biggest event of the year and, perhaps, what they are most well known for.

"Chamber does the planning and orchestrating the little events that go into the big thing. We work with Student Activities and [Baylor] marketing," San Antonio senior and Chamber President Annelise Ingram, said.

Homecoming events start Thursday, but it is Chamber's job to get students excited before the celebration begins. This includes taking over



Lariat File Photo

GAME READY Members of the Baylor Chamber of Commerce hold back the Baylor Line before Baylor football's 61-58 win over TCU on Oct. 11, 2014 at McLane Stadium. Chamber helps lead chants for the student section during each home football game, along with coordinating the Baylor Line.

chapel on Wednesday to promote the day and surrounding events.

Chamber also helps with ticket sales for Pigskin and is in charge of Freshman Mass Meeting and the Homecoming Court.

The events continue with Friday Night Flashback. Knaub said this occasion allows Chamber members to contribute pieces to the showcase.

"The SUB gets turned into a mini museum of past history, and the Texas Collection opens up a lot of their collection to us so we can showcase it," Knaub said.

Friday's festivities continue with the Extravaganza at the Waco Convention Center. However, due to severe weather forecasts predicted for the weekend, there will be no

bonfire this year.

Baylor also announced that the parade was canceled on Thursday at 10 a.m. While these traditions are not a part of this year's homecoming, the Baylor vs. Iowa State football game is still slated for an 11 a.m. start at McLane Stadium.

For Knaub, one of the best parts of Homecoming is seeing the freshmen run the Baylor Line.

"To see the excitement and smiles on students faces right before they run the Baylor Line, they are so excited for Homecoming, maybe their first time running it, it is just so great," Knaub said. "I love when we have the exclamation point done, and it's like 'we did it!'; we finished it; we completed it; we did our best.

It's really cliché, but its everything that makes it worth it for me."

As Chamber nears its 100 year anniversary, Chambermen have high expectations for the future. Ingram said outreach and working with other organizations are priorities.

Knaub also hopes to see Chamber doing even more for the university.

"I really hope to see it continue to be as service oriented as possible," Knaub said. "Chamber is a great organization and it will continue to be great, but each one of us the reason we are in Chamber is because the first thing we want to do is serve. Whether that be a fellow man, a fellow student [or] a faculty member. We are really driven to do something bigger than ourselves."

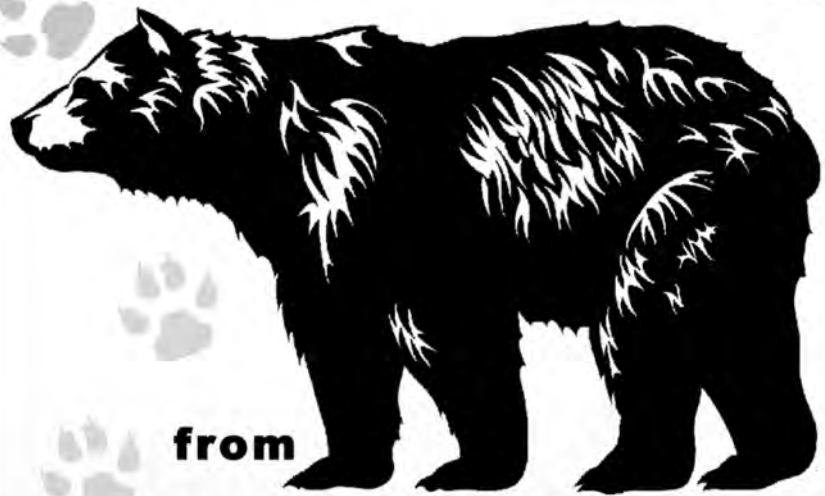
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ONE TRUE CHAMP Bill Keller, editor-in-chief of the Marshall Project; President Barack Obama; Los Angeles Police Department Chief Charlie Beck; and John Walsh, U.S. Attorney, District of Colorado participated in a forum on criminal justice reform Thursday in the Old Executive Office Building on the White House complex in Washington. During the forum, Obama voiced support of the Black Lives Matter movement, urging Americans to take it seriously.

Obama shows support for #BlackLivesMatter

DARLENE SUPERVILLE
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Defending the Black Lives Matter movement, President Barack Obama said Thursday the protests are giving voice to a problem happening only in African-American communities, adding, "It's not just something being politicized. It's real and there's a history behind it and we have to take it seriously," he said.

Obama said the movement, which sprang up after the deaths of unarmed black men in Florida, Missouri and elsewhere, quickly came to be viewed as being opposed to police and suggesting that other people's lives don't matter. Opponents have countered that "all lives matter."

At the conclusion of a White House forum on criminal justice, Obama said he wanted to make a final point about the nexus of race and the criminal justice system

before launching into his defense of the movement.

"I think everybody understands all lives matter," Obama said. "I think the reason that the organizers used the phrase 'Black Lives Matter' was not because they were suggesting nobody else's lives matter. Rather, what they were suggesting was there is a specific problem that's happening in the African-American community that's not happening in other communities."

"And that is a legitimate issue that we've got to address."

Police relations with minority communities and the deaths of unarmed black men have been topics of great interest since the shootings of 17-year-old Trayvon Martin in 2012 in Florida and 18-year-old Michael Brown in 2014 in Ferguson, Mo. Those deaths, and others of black women, have inspired protests around the country under the "Black Lives Matter" moniker.

Obama paired his defense of

the Black Lives Matter movement with praise for police and other law enforcement officials. Some police groups have been unhappy with Obama's response to the deaths of the unarmed black men. The president lately seems to be making the extra effort to publicly praise police officers for willingly taking on a dangerous assignment.

He did so while participating in a forum on drug abuse Wednesday in Charleston, W. Va., and next week he's scheduled to address the International Association of Chiefs of Police.

The president said people should also "understand the overwhelming majority of law enforcement's doing the right thing and wants to do the right thing" and "recognize that police officers have a really tough job and we're sending them into really tough neighborhoods that sometimes are really dangerous and they've got to make split-second decisions."

Police records say Lamar Odom likely overdosed in brothel

CHRISTOPHER WEBER
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Lamar Odom is believed to have overdosed on cocaine and other drugs before he was found unconscious in a Nevada brothel, according to search warrant records.

The court document includes testimony to a Nevada state judge from Michael Eisenloffel, a Nye County sheriff's detective, on Oct. 13 after the former NBA star was found at the Love Ranch in Crystal.

"I believe that Mr. Odom may be — or may have been — under the influence of a controlled substance," Eisenloffel told Fifth Judicial District Judge Robert Lane.

The document was obtained Thursday by The Associated Press.

Odom was hospitalized in Las Vegas and transferred to Los Angeles, where his family said Thursday he was undergoing therapy and is showing improvement.

"He is beginning to gradually flourish both mentally and physically," said a statement from Alvina Alston, publicist for Odom's aunt JaNean Mercer. "His use of speech has increased, and he's more cognitively responsive."

Alston called Odom's therapy regimen "aggressive" but did not elaborate.

On Wednesday, Odom and reality star Khloe Kardashian filed a court petition dismissing a divorce filing from December 2013. A clerk granted the request in such a way that the divorce papers can be refiled at a later

date.

Kardashian has been by Odom's side since he was found in extremely critical condition at the brothel.

Brothel officials have said workers saw Odom drink alcohol and take supplements sold as "herbal Viagra" but no employees saw him take illegal drugs. The Food and Drug Administration issued a warning in 2013 against one brand of supplement they said he took, Reload, after it was found to contain sildenafil, the active ingredient in prescription Viagra.



Odom

A six-page transcript of the detective's request for the search warrant said Odom was seen by witnesses and on security video taking an unidentified pill from an unmarked plastic bag in his pocket, and two prostitutes told police they had "vague knowledge" that Odom was using illicit narcotics.

The court document said the women told police they believed Odom snorted cocaine in a bathroom while they were in the adjacent bedroom.

Love Ranch owner Dennis Hof has said Odom arrived Oct. 10 for a four-day stay and spent \$75,000 on two women who accompanied him in a VIP suite.

The Nevada judge issued a search warrant authorizing police to obtain a blood sample from Odom after he was taken to the Las Vegas hospital but test results are pending.

Authorities have not ruled out the possibility of taking action against the brothel or Odom.

Odom spent most of his 14-year NBA career in Los Angeles with the Lakers and Clippers.

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