Up to 7,700 possibly exposed to hepatitis A at Cheddar's Aug. 31 to Sept. 8 customers at risk

By TYLER MYATT STAFF WRITER

A food worker infected with the hepatitis A virus may have exposed as many as 7,700 people who frequented Cheddar's in Lubbock, according to a Lubbock Health Department estimate.

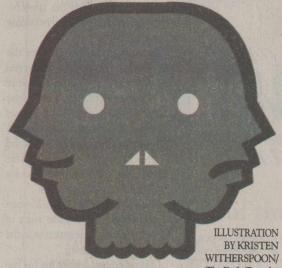
Anyone who ate at Cheddar's from Aug. 31 to Sept. 8 could have been exposed to the virus and may be infected, Bridget Faulkenberry, Health Department director, said.

"No one has reported ill yet except the food worker, and so we don't think it's very likely," she said. "We just want people to be aware so that they can look for these symptoms and get to their doctors if they need to."

Those symptoms include fever, tiredness, loss of appetite, nausea, vomiting and general abdominal discomfort, Faulkenberry said, and the average incubation period of the virus is 28 days.

The hepatitis A virus is not spread through coughing, sneezing or casual contact, according to the Health Department's press release, but rather transmitted through fecal or oral routes most typically occurring with the consumption of food and drink.

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Effects of depression in college may be more than what meets eye

Rates higher than expected

By MORGAN CRUMP STAFF WRITER

Depression is a treatable illness affecting the way a person thinks, feels, behaves and functions, according to the Anxiety Disorders Association of America

"Although the majority of college students do not suffer from depression, it is still a problem and depression rates are higher than most people expect," Stephen Cook, an associate professor of psychology at Tech, said.

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RED RAIDERS HEAD TO ALBUQUERQUE **FOR FIRST ROAD GAME OF SEASON**



FILE PHOTO/The Daily Toreador

TEXAS TECH RECEIVER Austin Zouzalik returns a kickoff for a touchdown during Texas Tech's 52-17 victory against New Mexico last season at University Stadium in Albuquerque, N.M.

By JOSE RODRIGUEZ MANAGING EDITOR

A 0-2 team that has been outscored 66-13 entering Week 3 of the college football season typically wouldn't concern future opponents.

The New Mexico Lobos are this team, having lost to Colorado State by four points and to No. 14 Arkansas by 49 to start their 2011 campaign.

But Texas Tech coach Tommy Tuberville does not believe his Red Raiders are good enough to overlook any opponent, despite its state, this early in the year.

"We can't really worry about where we're playing or who we're playing," Tuberville said during Monday's media luncheon. "We're not to that point yet. We've just got to go worry about playing better ourselves, preparing and playing the first half."

Tech (1-0) begins its attempt at a second win when it takes on New Mexico (0-2) at 2:30 p.m. CDT on Saturday in Albuquerque, N.M.

Saturday marks the second consecutive year in which the Red Raiders played against the Lobos on the road. New Mexico last played against Tech in Lubbock in 2009.

Home-field advantage made no difference for the Lobos last season, though, as Tech pulled away late for a 52-17 victory Sept. 11.

Additionally, New Mexico plays host to a grass field, something Tech is not completely used to playing on during games.

A little bit of rain in Lubbock this week helped the Red Raiders shake off any potential worries when it comes to playing on the Lobos' grass.

Tech's practice area includes two separate fields one turf, one grass.

"Their grass over there is a winter grass," Tuberville said following Wednesday's practice. "It's kind of a little bit more slippery — a lot slicker — than we have here. With a little rain on the ground today, it was good (preparation)."

Eric Stephens may be fond of New Mexico's grass. Stephens, Tech's starting running back, turned four kickoff returns into 175 total yards, one going for 93 yards and paced the Red Raiders to their 52-17 victory against the Lobos last season.

Stephens' efforts on special teams were acknowledged by the Big 12 Conference the following Monday as he was named the Big 12 Player of the Week for special teams.

Stephens also gained 46 rushing yards and a touchdown on 10 carries in that win.

The junior's first start against Texas State on Sept. 3 did not always look like it would end up being overly productive.

What started sluggish ultimately became 21 carries, 118 yards and two scores for Stephens, who said he felt like he was trying too hard during the slower portion of his performance against the Bobcats.

"Well, one side of me wants to blame it on first-game jitters," Stephens said Monday, "but all I have to do personally is try not to press. I told you after the game I felt like I pressed a lot and tried to make things happen instead of just letting them happen."

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Locksley: Game is 'great gauge' for UNM Lobos

STAFF WRITER

The identity of the New Mexico football team remains

Hosting Texas Tech, a team New Mexico coach Mike Locksley praised as a top team in the Big 12 Conference as well as a national competitor, could change that.

"We've got (Tech) at home and I think this game will be a great gauge for us as to what type of team we are and where we're going to be,"

Locksley said. The Lobos have not had a stellar start to the 2011 season. In their season opener, UNM dropped a close conference game 14-10 to Colorado State. They followed the loss up Saturday with a 52-3 drubbing by No. 14 Arkansas.

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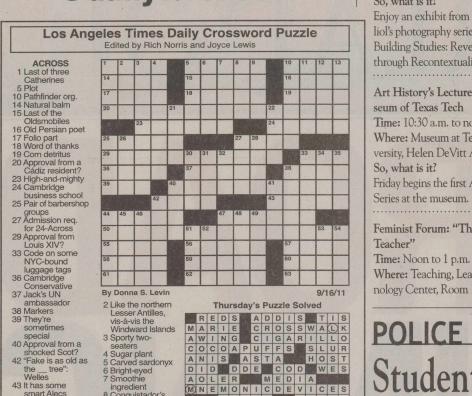
Correction

Because of a reporting error, in Thursday's edition of The Daily Toreador, the website listed in "Tech student set up fund to help

mother," should have read http:// www.giveforward.com/neverloseheartfund/.

The DT regrets the error.

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Community Calendar

TODAY

David Schalliol Time: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Where: Landmark Art at the Tech School of Art So, what is it?

Enjoy an exhibit from David Schalliol's photography series, "Isolated Building Studies: Revealing Meaning through Recontextualization."

Art History's Lecture Series, Museum of Texas Tech Time: 10:30 a.m. to noon

Where: Museum at Texas Tech University, Helen DeVitt Auditorium So, what is it? Friday begins the first Art History

Feminist Forum: "The Feminist Teacher"

Time: Noon to 1 p.m. Where: Teaching, Learning and Technology Center, Room 153

So, what is it? Enjoy the forum hosted by The Women's Studies Program.

Fiestas Patrias 2011 Time: 7 p.m. Where: Guadalupe Park, 1st Street and Avenue P

So, what is it? Celebrate Mexican Independence from Spain. Enjoy the "Cry for Freedom" ceremony in which Irene Ramonez will portray a wealthy woman who stood against the Spanish government.

SATURDAY

Cars for Canines Time: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Where: PetSmart, Marsha Sharp So, what is it?

Support six local animal rescue organizations, including the Humane Society of West Texas. Events throughout the day will include a car show, dog fashion

contest, one mile dog walk, shot clinic, pet adoption, barbeque, Police K9 demo, free dog training mini lessons, Frisbee contest, an obstacle course, and

Annual Art Faculty Exhibit Time: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Where: Landmark Arts Gallery, School of Art building So, what is it? Enjoy the recent work by the School of Art faculty.

Saturday at the Museum: "Dragonflies" with Jerry Hatfield Time: 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Where: Museum of Texas Tech So, what is it?

Enjoy the presentation and the handson activities that follow.

Viva Fazioli Time: 8 p.m. Where: Hemmle Recital Hall So, what is it?

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the College of Visual and Performing Arts' new Fazioli concert grand piano. Jeremy Steding Time: 10 p.m. Where: Wild West So, what is it?

music artist.

SUNDAY

Enjoy live music from this country

Steel Magnolias Time: 2 p.m. Where: Lubbock Community Theatre

So, what is it? Enjoy a live presentation of this award winning film.

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POLICE BLOTTER

Student arrested for public intoxication, taken to jail

September 7

11:00 a.m. - A Texas Tech officer documented a medical emergency inside the bank at the Student Union Building. A student had passed out and hit her head on the floor. The student was taken to the University Medical Center emergency room.

September 8

1:59 a.m. - A Tech officer issued five students and four non-students citations for consumption of alcohol

by a minor in Gates Hall following a complaint about a loud party. One of the non-students was also arrested for possession of marijuana and taken to the Lubbock County Jail.

Saturday

5:05 a.m. - A Tech officer investigated damaged property in the Z-5 parking lot. A piece of rebar had caught a vehicle's bumper.

> Sunday 10:15 p.m. - A Tech officer

investigated an assault at the Carpenter-Wells complex. A student had grabbed another student but caused no injuries. The student was charged with assault and was then

Monday

2:20 a.m. - A Tech officer arrested a student for public intoxication and possession of a fake driver's license. The student had been found lying unconscious outside of Coleman Hall. The student was taken

3:12 p.m. - A Tech officer investigated credit card abuse at the Student Union Building.

Tuesday

1:13 a.m. - A Tech officer arrested a non-student for possession of marijuana following a bicycle stop on 15th Street. The man was taken to jail and his bicycle was stored at the police department for safekeeping.

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Defying orders, hero Marine saved other troops

WASHINGTON (AP) — Defying orders and tempting fate, Marine corporal Dakota Meyer charged five times in a Humvee into heavy gunfire in the darkness of an Afghanistan val-

ley to rescue comrades under attack from Taliban insurgents.

On Thursday, Meyer was presented with the Medal of Honor, the nation's

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Barack Obama.

Meyer's courage during the six-hour ambush and firefight saved the lives of

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highest military award, by President 36 people, both Americans and Afghans. He killed at least eight Taliban insurgents. Firing from a gun turret on top of the Humvee driven by a fellow Marine, he provided cover for his team, allowing many to escape likely death. He was defying orders from his

> back. The kill zone, they said, was too dangerous. But the young corporal, just 21 years old at the time, knew his friends were trapped that early morning in September 2009.

commanders, who told him to stay

"In Sgt. Dakota Meyer, we see the best of a generation that has served with distinction through a decade of war," Obama said during a ceremony in the East Room of the White House.

Meyer, later promoted to sergeant and now out of the Marines, is the third living recipient and the first Marine to be awarded the Medal of Honor for actions in Iraq or Afghanistan.

The modest, soft-spoken 23-yearold now lives in his home state of Kentucky, working construction in the tiny town of Greensburg.

Obama praised Meyer for his humility and work ethic. When the White House tried to reach him in the middle of a workday to tell him his medal had been approved, he worried about whether he could take a call while on the job. So the White House arranged for the president to call during Meyer's lunch break. With a smile, Obama thanked him for taking the call.

On the eve of the Medal of Honor ceremony, Obama and Meyer met in person, chatting on a patio near the White House Rose Garden, over a beer.

Despite Meyer's heroism, four Americans died in the ambush: 1st Lt. Michael Johnson, a 25-year-old from Virginia Beach; Staff Sgt. Aaron Kenefick, 30, of Roswell, Ga.; Corpsman James Layton, 22, of Riverbank, Calif.; and Edwin Wayne Johnson Jr., a 31-year-old gunnery sergeant from Columbus, Ga. A fifth man, Army Sgt. Kenneth W. Westbrook, 41, of Shiprock, N.M., later died from his wounds.

Meyer says he has struggled with the national attention, with being recognized for the worst day of his life. He requested that memorial services for those who died that day be held in their hometowns at the same time he received the Medal of Honor.

The president assured Meyer that he had let no one down.

"Dakota, I know you've grappled with the grief of that day, that you said your efforts were somehow a failure because your teammates didn't come home," the president said. "But as your commander in chief and on behalf of everyone here today and all Americans, I want you to know it's quite the opposite."



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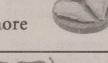
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JAZIM AGUILAR, A freshman mechanical engineering major from Lubbock, and Aaron Young, a mechanical engineering major from Lubbock, share an umbrella while walking to class in the rain Thursday.

US Supreme Court asked to halt Texas execution

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) cess, undermines the reliability Attorneys for a black man set to die Thursday evening for a double slaying in Houston 16 years ago appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court and Texas Gov. Rick Perry to block the execution because a question about race was asked during the punishment phase of his capital murder trial.

Duane Buck, 48, faced lethal injection for fatally shooting his ex-girlfriend and a man in her apartment. In an appeal to the Supreme Court on Thursday and a letter to Perry, Buck's lawyers said a psychologist testified that black people were more likely to commit violence.

'The State of Texas should not condone any form of racial discrimination in the courtroom," attorney Katherine Black wrote Perry, urging the governor to use his authority to issue a one-time 30-day reprieve for Buck. "The use of race in sentencing poisons the legal proand fairness of the sentence, and breeds cynicism in the community toward the very institution entrusted with protecting the rights of all persons equally."

Buck's case is one of six convictions that then-Texas Attorney General John Cornyn — a political ally of Perry who is now a Republican U.S. senator — reviewed in 2000 and said needed to be reopened because of the racial reference.

In the other five cases, new punishment hearings were held and each convict again was sentenced to die. State attorneys contend Buck's case was different from the others and that the racial reference was a small part of larger testimony about prison populations.

Perry is a capital punishment supporter and as frontrunner for the Republican presidential nomination his actions now are coming under closer scrutiny. During his 11 years in office, 235 convicted killers in Texas have been put to death. His office said he has chosen to halt just four executions, including one for a woman who later was executed.

Buck, 48, was convicted of gunning down ex-girlfriend Debra Gardner, 32, and Kenneth Butler, 33, outside Houston on July, 30, 1995, a week after Buck and Gardner broke up. Buck's guilt is not being questioned, but his lawyers say the jury was unfairly influenced and that he should receive a new sentencing

A third person, Buck's stepsister, Phyllis Taylor, also was wounded, though she has since forgiven Buck and sought for his death sentence to be commuted to life in prison.

Gardner's 14-year-old daughter and 11-year-old son were among those who witnessed the shootings. Officers testified that Buck was laughing during and after his arrest, saying Gardner deserved what she got.

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1 The ADAA website also said at any point in time 3-5 percent of people suffer from major depression, and the lifetime risk of suffering from it is about 17 percent.

Depression can be caused by stressful events, trauma and bad coping strategies, Cook said. When people have a problem, they sometimes become more depressed because they do not know how to handle it, and they adopt maladaptive thinking styles.

"Major life stressors like the loss of a friend or family member, or the break-up of partners in a close relationship might trigger a depressive episode or response," Gregory Mumma, a clinical psychologist, said. "Once depression is triggered, it can be maintained by negative beliefs and thoughts of hopelessness about the future."

The more doctors learn about people, the more they start to understand how genetics can play a role in depression and contribute to vulnerability, said Sybil Hart, assistant professor in human development and family studies. If someone has a genetic predisposition, they must be cautious and think twice about things like relationships, careers and other factors, she said.

"Symptoms of depression may include uncontrollable crying, decreased motivation, lack of interest in things that used to be fun, or sleep and appetite changes," Cook said. "Thoughts of being worthless or a sense of hopelessness may result in thoughts of suicide."

Hart said depression is a problem for some students because college is a time in their lives when they must make difficult decisions.

"I've felt somewhat depressed at times," Collier Campbell, a sophomore business major from Plano, said. "I came to Tech not really knowing anyone, so that was hard, and then I switched my major from architecture to business. After I dropped architecture, I didn't really know what I was going to do or have a plan anymore. I felt really on my own."

Anxiety and depression are Depression the most prevalent behavioral and mental health issues in young adults, Mumma said, and he thinks it is important these issues are addressed.

Campbell said he thinks depression is a problem affecting a lot of people who often do not show

"I think stress contributes to depression in students because it makes their situation seem worse than it is," Campbell said. "It can really make you feel like you're

"I always see people walking around with their friends, smiling and laughing. To me, everyone seems happy, but (it's) hard to really know.

Gabriela Valencia, a freshman psychology and sociology double major from Petersburg, revealed some of the stressors she has faced as a freshman thus far.

"Class size is somewhat stressful for me because I came from a small high school and graduated with only 21 people," Valencia said. "Tests can be stressful, too, because I kind of have test anxiety."

Valencia said she thinks freshmen often see themselves as on their own and can get a little bit depressed because coming to college is a big transition from high school. Being away from family and

living on one's own adds to this stress, she said.

"I think, as college students, we will all suffer from some kind of depression, whether it is big or small," she said. "If someone is depressed, I think they should either talk to a counselor or friend and just open up to others."

There are a lot of helpful resources at Tech for students suffering from depression, if they are willing to take advantage of them, Hart said. She said some people think taking anti-depressants will be enough to see positive results, but most studies find it is actually a combination of therapy and medicine that causes noticeable improvement.

There are many medical services offered at Tech many students do not know about, Cook said.

"The best place on campus to receive help is probably the Student Counseling Center," he said. "Students are already paying for this service and can get free individual or group therapy sessions. The best and most common initial route for severe depression would probably be individual counseling."

Mumma said someone suffering from depression could go to the psychology clinic and request to speak with someone or visit one of the community clinics in Lubbock.

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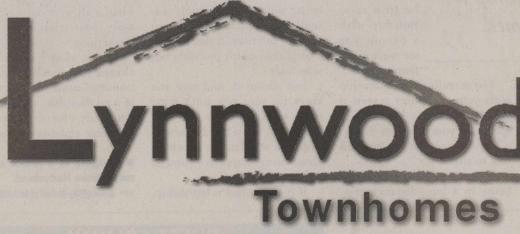
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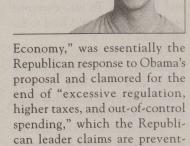
ast week, President Barack Obama announced the details of his much-anticipated American Jobs Act, a \$447 billion program that would cut payroll taxes, fund unemployment insurance and help create an infrastructure bank.

This Monday, the President followed up with his plan on how to fund the proposal. Obama outlined a list of tax deductions and corporate subsidies — mostly to oil companies — he wanted to eliminate in order to raise \$470 billion, roughly \$20 billion more than he needed to fully fund the project.

The Jobs Act predictably raised criticism from conservatives as they claimed it was terrible for all of the usual reasons conservatives cite, even though more than half of the price of the program comes in the form of tax cuts to small businesses and individuals.

Somewhat slightly less predictable was John Boehner's speech to the Economic Club of Washington this Thursday. The speech, "Liberating America's

country.



ing economic growth in this

Boehner's office released an outline of the speech including familiar tag lines such as "Get Government Out of the Way" and "Tax Increases ... Are Not an Option," and warned of the lurking danger of more "jobdestroying downgrades."

Living in this time and hearing the quality of the pubic debate over the problems that ill America makes me feel much how I imagine Roman citizens would feel in the 5th century as they witnessed tribes such as the Vandals sack their advanced

barity and ushering in the next thousand-year period referred to as The Middle Ages.

Indeed, the 5th century saw the decline in Roman central

government as well as the retrenchment of ... this situation is urbanization, infrastructure, not about a trading netwinning works, literacy and overall hu-Republican or man advancement. Many Democratic of the marvels invented by ideology. In fact, the Romans, such as init's not about door plumbing and concrete ideology at all. among many others, were

lost until being "reinvented" millennia later. Here in the 21st century, we

forgotten and

have strong conservative resurgences hoping to dramatically reduce and even eliminate our form of central government. These movements advocate

civilization, reducing it to bar- "choking the beast" even as we level is the lowest it has been stantially lower tax rates and witness declining urban infrastructure, stagnating prosperity and the negligence of public education and literacy, illustrated best by the recent news that

> average SAT scores in this country have fallen to record

Essentially, this situation is not about a winning Reideology. In fact, it's not about ideology at all. This is about a rational assessment of our current and previous

situation and a logical approach to dig our way out, regardless of whether or not you gain your economic views from a fictional

Let's pivot and talk about taxes for a moment. As a percentage

since the 1950s. Our current tax rates are lower than they were during the 1990s, a time host to tremendous economic growth.

Officially, there are 33 "developed countries" recognized by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development. Out of these 33 countries, there are only three nations with lower tax-rate ratios than the United States, namely Turkey, Chile and Mexico.

On the opposite end of the publican or scale, Denmark and Sweden are Democratic the highest tax-GDP countries. Interestingly, Denmark had an unemployment level of 4.1 percent this February while Sweden enjoyed 7.3 percent GDP growth in the fourth quarter of last year.

Clearly, taxes are not this country's problem. It is completely absurd to claim these current tax rates are ruining our economy. If anything, they need to be strategically improved after the next few years so we can address our deficit.

Current standard congressional procedures are to pass of the GDP, this country's tax national budgets, seek sub-

then act surprised and outraged the government doesn't have enough revenue to pay for the expenditures they have already agreed to pay.

While the current public debate on how to fix our country is more misinformed than not, and as it continues to head in the wrong direction, we can at least look forward to the fact that if our country continues to decline, we will probably not experience another global "dark age."

Even if our country fails to do the right thing and doesn't make the necessary investments for our future, our Asian and North European counterparts (who are taking steps in the right direction) will, to an extent, buoy the global economy.

In the end, we need to be sure that government is not always the answer, and it is not always the problem, either.

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Fall brings month of break-ups, end of summer flings

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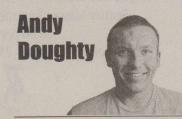
doomed.

The atmosphere has shifted. The Earth has rotated its axis and we are heading into fall, kissing summer goodbye. With this comes the end to summer

The film "Grease" got it right in creating one of the most clichéd songs reproduced in karaoke bars. Summer lovin' is officially over, ladies and gentlemen.

This week alone, my Facebook news feed has been bombarded by update changes from "in a relationship" to the everdreaded "single." It's as if Facebook needs relationship statuses that say, "I hate my life," "You're a tool" and "I'm joining a convent."

Thank goodness for Facebook keeping me in the know with what's going on with everyone's relationships. I feel like I could write a weekly gossip col-



umn on the low-down between every break-up, citing Facebook as my credible source.

This month, I have noticed the events occurring at an alarming rate. What could be the reason?

I have a couple of theories. My first theory is if you start dating in May, the relationship is doomed. Add dating a person from your hometown to this equation while you are away at college, and the break-up is sure to come around September.

Think about it. It's all fun and games over summer. You're home working at the local pool getting tan lines and vacationgreat mood to take on the woes the inevitable break-up comes.

back at school

in five different organi zations and already sleepdeprived. You have three tests this week and six different papers due. Add to your roster stage-four

clinger" you have only been dating for three months. You officially have a situation on your hands — and that is not a "Jersey Shore"

You have to account for every hour of your day and tell

ing at the beach for the week- are going out. It's exhausting. end, so of course you are in a So, by September, of course,

My second theory is if your Now, it's fall and you're significant other lives over four hours away and

> you didn't start My first theory is if dating before you moved, you start dating in eventually it will come to an end. Distance sucks. How can you be in a relafour months?

> > You're really in a relationship with your computer screen if you think about it. You have to spend all your time on Skype, iChat or Facetime just to even talk to them.

There is nothing wrong with the other person every time you being in a long-distance rela-

tionship, but just know unless there's a ring on that finger, there is no guarantee. All I am saying is don't be surprised when your significant other of two years calls you one day and says, "Oh, I think we should see other people." A phone call to break up after two years of dating definitely warrants a dollar in the douchebag jar.

My final theory is you should take every break-up as a learning experience. Yeah, it sucks being dumped, but what was tionship with really behind the break-up? a person you Most of the time, if there is not a good reason, it's probably not your fault.

Just accept it, and now you know for sure you don't want to be with a person like that again. If it was a good relationship, just stay friends — which almost never happens — and go on about your business.

If it was a bad relationship,

take note of all those bad things and make sure the next person has none of those qualities. And if it was a summer fling, don't come to me with your woes. We all knew it was coming. Enjoy it while it lasts.

All week, every person I have seen break-up over Facebook has immediately started posting pictures of all the fun things they have been doing without the other person. I think to myself, "Where were these pictures when y'all were dating?" Obviously, your relationship wasn't too serious.

Here's what I think. Don't change your status to "in a relationship" until you are, in fact, in a relationship, not just some temporary situation. It will save vou some embarrassment.

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Palestinian peace process does not have to end

By NADER HASAN THE ORACLE (U. SOUTH FLORIDA)

With the excessive changes in the Middle East, the heat is on for Israel.

With rising discontent in the region, shaken foundations between Israel and Turkey and the Palestinians' potential declaration of statehood later this month, there must be significant changes in the worldwide Middle Eastern policy. The significant changes and new

challenges in the Middle East are sending a clear and direct message to the state of Israel — the days of violating international law are over. Turkey has been the leading icon for change in Israel, beginning with the walkout during the World Economic Forum Summit in summer 2009 in protest of Israeli President Shimon Peres' change of narrative on the

Israeli-Palestinian issue, according to Al-Jazeera. Relations were further smeared after Israeli commandos raided the Turkish vessel Mavi Marmara in 2010.

But perhaps the most symbolic challenge to Israel's policy is the Palestinians declaration to pursue the Israeli-Palestinian case before the United Nations later this month. The word "symbolic" should be stressed, as the U.N. Security Council's actual approval of a potential Palestinian state shouldn't be anticipated.

What should be apparent, however, is this is a message is sent toward Israel — there will be no more embarrassing concessions, such as those apparent in the infamous Palestinian Papers. Though there are still differences between the various parties in the West Bank and Gaza, the Palestinian cause will be unquestionably legitimized. The ments, for that matter — as an honest likely acceptance of a two-thirds majority vote in the General Assembly will lead to the categorization of Palestine as an "observer state" — or further, bring Israel to the International Criminal Court for the various violations of international law such as the illegal blockade of Gaza, the construction of an illegal barrier, construction of illegal settlements and other violations.

The Western governments must also be aware of the position of their strategic ally. The United States has the impressive resume of vetoing more than 100 resolutions critical of Israel since 1972 and supplying it with around \$3 billion annually, according to Amnesty International. A more balanced foreign policy must be redesigned to accept America — and other Western governpartner for peace.

It is absolutely critical that the Israeli and Arab youth within the region and abroad have a thorough understanding of the current situation in the Middle East. In understanding the complexities in the region, youths can surely work toward a peaceful and progressive model.

According to Al-Jazeera, the Young Mizrahis — Jews of Middle Eastern and North African origins — is one Israeli group saluting the current uprisings in the Middle East. In an open letter, the Mizrahis state, "We have faith in intra-regional dialogue ... as a catalyst towards renewing the Andalusian model of Muslim-Jewish-Christian partnership, God willing, inshallah." And I reaffirm, Inshallah.

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GUEST COLUMN

Voter law will harm students

By AMBER HASTINGS

nless the U.S. Department of Justice intervenes, voter ID laws in Texas will take effect in January. This means a person will have to present a valid form of identification before heading to the polls.

While there are many groups one could claim this policy disenfranchises, I argue college students will bear the brunt of voter ID disenfranchisement.

A person must have a form of identification with their address on it. But because students are by nature poor and migratory, their current addresses - whichever city their school is located and where they live at least nine months out of the year in - will not match the address they have as a permanent residence. This means they are unable to establish proper residency requirements even though they may live, work, pay bills, pay taxes and go to school in the community.

Students move often. How many people do you know who have lived at the same address for four straight years? A Texas driver's license costs \$25 and lasts for six years. Per the Department of Public Safety, a person can only change their address online if their license expires within one year. Even then, all you are doing is renewing the license, and you still have to pay the \$25 fee.

Based on these new laws, the only practical way most students could vote is by an absentee ballot. However, this is also incredibly difficult.

A person must request an absentee ballot from the Office of Elections in their home county. They must know the dates to submit requests and the due dates for ballots. Thankfully, this can be done online. But what we have to keep in mind is each person must request his or her own absentee ballot.

The turnout among young people is already extremely low. In the state of Texas, only 16.1 percent of people aged 18-29 voted in the 2010 midterm election. Making it nearly impossible to register students in large groups, voter ID laws will make campus registration drives a thing of the past.

Since we already have dismal voter participation among the age group most students belong to, this will only drive down the ability of students to make a difference in our society. When we aren't able to vote, then education gets cut, tuition rises and it gets harder for new graduates to get jobs. It is imperative we try to circumvent the problems these new voter ID laws will cause.

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Exposed ←

The hepatitis A virus is very fragile, said Ron Warner, a physician with the Department of Family and Community Medicine at the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center. While it is unlikely the virus will be transmitted en masse, it is not impossible, he said.

"The person worked in the kitchen. That means that there's a potential that the person contaminated food items," Warner said.

What types of food the person handled while working in the kitchen will be the main area of concern, Warner said, because cooking food generally destroys the fragile virus.

Danielle Jacques is a Tech student who often eats at Cheddar's with her friends and was a little apprehensive when she first heard the news, but was less so after doing some research.

"I did a little research about what the trends are, what it af- does have some cause for concern, fects and what

the basic treatments are for it," the junior philosophy major from Lubbock said. "It's annoying, more than anything. However,

Warner conservatively estimated 40 percent of the people who dined at Cheddar's might be at risk.

The virus does not travel as quickly among adults,

Warner said, and many children are now vaccinated for the virus.

One segment of the population

"If you're a toddler, you're The person very likely not going to show worked in the the symptoms that an adult kitchen. That does," Warner said. means that there's Toddlers a potential that

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food items.

spread the virus more quickly because they are not able to take precautions such as washing their hands without help, he said,

as they do not

worry about

such things. Every time she eats at Cheddar's, Jacques said, it is always full of people.

NEWS

There were quite a few people, and not only Tech students," she said. "The place was packed."

People do not need to panic about the transmission of this virus as long as they were not exposed and take necessary precautions, Warner said.

This is not something that can be contracted by being in the zone of somebody's sneeze or cough," he said. "You shouldn't shun people. You shouldn't make a wide berth when you go down the sidewalk."

The Lubbock Health Department will be offering vaccinations at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center Sept. 16-19, according to its press release.

There will be no immunizations or STD treatment at the Health Department that Friday and Monday due to the creation of the hepatitis A clinic, the release

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NC stepmom gets up to 18 years in girl's murder

NEWTON, N.C. (AP) - ANorth Carolina woman will spend up to 18 years in prison after pleading guilty Thursday to murdering her disabled 10-year-old stepdaughter, nearly a year after freckle-faced Zahra Baker's disappearance and death shocked communities here and in her native Australia.

Elisa Baker, 43, entered the courtroom wearing a hot-pink jail jumpsuit and handcuffs. She sat between two defense attorneys and teared up before pleading guilty to second-degree murder, with aggravating factors that included desecrating the body of Zahra Baker, who used a prosthetic leg and hearing aids after a struggle with bone cancer.

Elisa Baker also pleaded guilty to obstruction of justice in the case, and to charges unrelated to Zahra's death, including obtaining property by false pretenses, financial identity fraud and

Adam Baker, Zahra's father and Elisa's husband, was present in the courtroom in Newton, about 60 miles northwest of Charlotte. Adam Baker, who came to the U.S. with his daughter after meeting Elisa online, faces multiple criminal charges of his own, although none are related to his daughter's death.

Zahra's biological mother, Emily Dietrich, flew in from Australia for the hearing. She cried when she heard details of her daughter's gruesome death.

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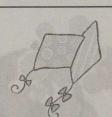
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SIERRA GRANGE, A sophomore anthropology major from White Deer attempts to knock America Saucedo, a freshman chemical engineering major from El Paso, out of the game during Quidditch practice on Wednesday at the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreational Center.

Women's Studies Program to host feminist forums

By PAIGE SKINNER STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech's Women's Studies Program will host three feminist forums throughout this semester on the main floor of the library in the Teaching, Learning and Technology Center.

This is the third year for the forums, and the program has added on an additional forum this year.

Tricia Earl, coordinator for the Women's Studies Program, said men are welcome to the forums as well.

"That's the unique thing about the word 'feminism," she said. "It is inclusive to all, and even though the three presenters are women, my hope is that they will talk about how they are feminist teachers

to the whole types of classes they teach. out necessarily being female." The classes they teach have men and women in the classroom."

The first forum, "The Feminist Teacher," is from noon to 1 p.m. today in the

Linda Kaye Larrabee, a visiting instructor of sociology, Aretha Marbley, professor of education, and Trenia Walker, associate professor of social studies education, are all speaking about what it means to teach from a feminist standpoint.

"The Feminist Teacher' title was actually the title of a class I did the first summer semester I was at Tech," Walker said. "So, I talked about feminist pedagogy and what that means for not just female teachers, but for people who can have a feminist perspective in a classroom with-

Walker said she thinks some people were turned off by the title of the class and that it is not what most people think.

"I think people were afraid to sign up for the class because they thought it was just going to be a lot of women just sitting and talking about women's issues or something - whatever that is. And it's really not," she said. "It's about how you teach as much as it is thinking about gender justice and all that."

Larrabee said she believes Tech's student body's views of the word "feminist" are generally negative in connotation.

"I teach lower-level sociology classes, so I'm planning on speaking at the forum mostly about the response to the word 'feminist' from our students," she said.

When Larrabee asks her students think they are feminists, she said.

rid of that negative connotation and make be feminists also.'

Earl said over 80 affiliated faculty members approach the women studies program wanting to support it.

The forums are a place to meet other people with the same interests, she said.

"Well, one thing that I have noticed that has been happening out of the forums is that new collaborations seem to form with student organizations or faculty and students," she said. "I believe the main intent is for faculty, staff and students to realize that there are others on the campus that potentially might be able to be an outlet as a resource for events or collaborations for future classes to maybe

The second forum, "Risk Perceptions and Innovation in Academia," is from

The third forum, "Social Networks in Overdrive," is from noon to 1 p.m. on Nov. 18, also in the TLTC.

Today's

mainly females — about one of out 100

"It has such a negative connotation," she said. "So, I spend my time trying to get them understand that boys and men can

take with faculty.

"So, in a way, it's a place to gather to realize there are other people on this campus that are going down the road of education from a feminist perspective."

noon to 1 p.m. on Oct. 14 in the TLTC.

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Organizations celebrate Mexican Independence

By ASHLYN TUBBS STAFF WRITER

Those who gathered on Thursday at the Student Union Building Ballroom came to celebrate the actions a Catholic priest made 201 years ago.

There were students, faculty, staff and community members present at the free event, "El Grito," which honors Mexico's independence and Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla, the priest who initiated the call for Mexican independence from Spain.

The Texas Tech Cross-Cultural Academic Advancement Center, or CCAAC, has hosted this cultural and traditional celebration on campus for three vears now.

"Two years ago, in 2009, one of our staff members who was a graduate student at the time, along with other students, wanted a celebration on campus, and we were expecting about 30 people to attend, but, instead, over 100 people came," said Leticia De Larrosa, unit coordinator for the CCAAC. "Last year, we decided to do it again, and over 300 (people) came. Now it is our third year, and we decided to do it once more."

Lubbock is among many cities around the nation that pay tribute to the cultural event, along with Mexico, De Larrosa said.

At 11:00 p.m., everyone at the event shouted the "Grito" to honor Hidalgo, which is a Mexican tradition.

"The reason it is so late is because we do it in the same format as the Mexico celebration," De Larrosa said. "We even show live scenes of the actual celebration there."

A Mariachi band and Ballet Folklórico dancers entertained guests. Those in attendance received free pozole as well.

Jorge Zamora, associate professor of the Department of Classical & Modern Languages & Literatures, served as the guest speaker.

"This year's guest speaker has actually worked with us before in various programs that we've done," De Larrosa said. "He is actually having some students help him out with it — that way

he can get them involved. He wants to make it more interactive because he wants to let people to know the history of Mexico's independence and the significance of this day."

De Larrosa said one of her favorite parts of the celebration is seeing how it unites student organizations.

'There are numerous student organizations that come out and represent their organization each year we've done this," she said. "They like the event because they get to socialize with each other. They like to come together."

One student organization that attends is the Saddle Tramps, De Larrosa said.

"Last year, we took out Bangin' Bertha (a Saddle Tramps bell) and rang it during a certain moment in the celebration, but we can't do that this year because it's being moved inside because of the rain," said Zach Dominguez, a senior advertising major from Arlington. "We're still going to take our individual bells, though, and just be in attendance."

Dominguez said the Saddle Tramps enjoy supporting events like this outside of athletics.

"It's really neat to have a taste of other cultures and how they celebrate different events at different times," he said. "I like that they brought this event to our school. It's different, but it's cool seeing Bangin' Bertha somewhere besides the football field."

Jessica Rodriguez, a senior biology and Spanish major from Lubbock and president of Kappa Delta Chi, said attending the event gives people a better understanding of diverse

"I went last year, and I thought it was a really good way for other people to experience Mexican culture," she said. "It teaches people what happened and all of the traditions that go on in Mexico this time of year."

Those who missed this year's celebration can count on another next year, De Larrosa said.

The reason we decided to do it again this year is because it unifies the students," she said. "It gives them an opportunity to work together throughout the year in an environment that is welcoming to all students. The students like to come together with faculty, staff and the

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Dr. Oz accused of fear-mongering on apple juice

Arsenic in apple juice! Fed to babies! And it probably came from China! Television's Dr. Mehmet Oz is under fire from the FDA and others for sounding what they say is a false alarm about the dangers of apple juice.

Oz, one of TV's most popular medical experts, said on his Fox show Wednesday that testing by a New Jersey lab had found what he suggested were troubling levels of arsenic in many brands of juice. The Food and Drug Administra-

tion said its own tests show no such thing, even on one of the same juice batches Oz cited. "There is no evidence of any public

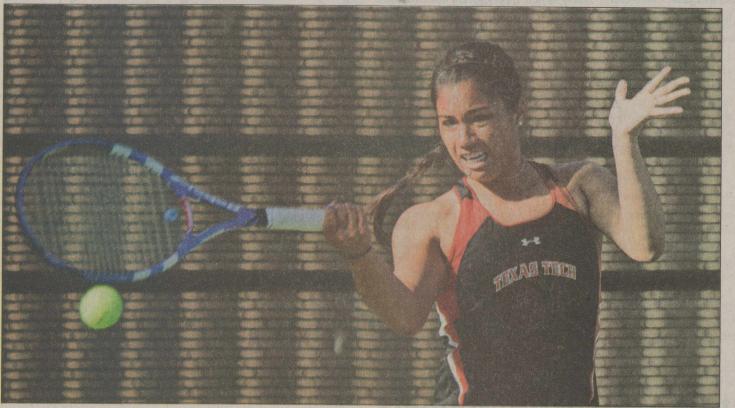
health risk from drinking these juices. And FDA has been testing them for years," the agency said in a statement.

The flap escalated Thursday, when Oz's former medical school classmate Dr. Richard Besser lambasted him on ABC's "Good Morning America" show for what Besser called an "extremely irresponsible" report that was akin to "yelling 'Fire!' in a movie theater.'

Besser was acting head of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention before joining ABC news as health and medical editor several vears ago. Arsenic is naturally present in wa-

ter, air, food and soil in two forms - organic and inorganic. According to the FDA, organic arsenic passes through the body quickly and is essentially harmless. Inorganic arsenic — the type found in pesticides — can be toxic and may pose a cancer risk if consumed at high levels or over a long period.

SPORTS



TEXAS TECH'S NIKKI Sanders returns the ball to an Iowa State player during a match last season.

FILE PHOTO/The Daily Toreado

Teams set for trip to Midland

By EVAN JANSA STAFF WRITER

The short road trip to Midland has become a bit of a tradition for the Texas Tech tennis teams.

Both the men's and women's teams will make the 120-mile stroll south to compete in the Racquet Club Collegiate Invitational today. Depending on the player's performances, the tournament could extend to Sunday.

The women's draw is stacked with teams from all over the country. Head women's coach Todd Petty said the opportunity to play teams from others, is a solid starting point for his team.

"There are so many different teams," Petty, the reigning Big 12 Conference Coach of the Year, said. "It's good to kind of size yourself up, get some competition and get some good play early in the season to kind of see what we need

Sanders and Kenna Kilgo will be competing in the tournament for the Lady Raiders. This will be the first action for freshman Kilgo at Tech. Petty said he has been impressed with the camaraderie of this group, especially this early in the season.

"We haven't really been working very long," Petty said. "We've really only been together for about a week, so it's kind of hard to see how things are going to shake out at this point. I do see a lot of chemistry. It's probably the closest team that I've ever been able to be around this early."

Even with the success of last year's team, the West Coast and Big Ten Conference, among Petty has made sure his team has wiped the slate clean with his message:

> "Never be satisfied with what you did the year before," he said. "Don't rest on that. I think they've done a really good job early on of taking that to heart and really trying to push



FILE PHOTO/The Daily Toreador RAONY CARVHALO WILL try and lead the Red Raiders to another winning season. The team will

Tech baseball team kicks off fall practices



FILE PHOTO/The Daily Toreador TEXAS TECH PITCHER Daniel Coulombe throws the ball during the Brooks Wallace Memorial Classic last season at Dan Law Field. The Red

By CHOIS WOODMAN STAFF WRITER

Raiders opened fall practice Thursday.

The Texas Tech baseball team opened fall practice Thursday afternoon at Dan Law Field.

Coach Dan Spencer said this year's squad has him excited to get practice started this fall.

"I don't think we're in a rebuild or refashion mode at all," Spencer said. "I think we're going to plug a couple of holes and be good. We have a good combination of returners that have done something in Division I baseball and young guys fighting for jobs."

The Red Raiders won 33 games in the 2011 season, the most wins Tech has had since 2005.

tion for the Big 12 Conference title at the end of the year, Spencer said.

"For the first time, we can legitimately say that we can be in that picture based on who we have and if everybody stays healthy and gets healthy," he said. "To win the league, you can have a bad weekend, but you can't have two if you're going to win the league. And if you win our league, you're a contender to win a national championship. So those are the goals, and that's where we're trying to get to."

Spencer has led the Red Raiders to the Big 12 Championships all three seasons he has been at the helm at Tech.

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Mizzou leader: Big 12 future rests with Sooners

head of the Big 12 board of directors says the future of the embattled league largely rests with Oklahoma.

Missouri chancellor Brady Deaton, president of the Big 12 board, told The Associated Press that he and other university leaders "are working every day to hold the Big 12 together" but the next move is largely dependent on the Sooners.

Oklahoma president David Boren said earlier this month that the school was in contact with multiple conferences and expected to decide soon whether to remain in the Big 12. Oklahoma regents are scheduled to meet Monday and conference affiliation -- including the legal ramifications of a switch -- is on the agenda.

One possible destination: the Pac-12, which lured Colorado away over the summer and unsuccessfully courted other Big 12 schools a year ago. Pac-12 Commissioner Larry Scott says his conference isn't

COLUMBIA, Mo. (AP) — The actively pursuing expansion but said that decision would be up to of anonymity because the session also won't sit by if the conference landscape is altered again.

Neither will Missouri, which had hoped last year to join the Big Ten

before that league added Nebraska. While Deaton professed conference unity, he also noted that "every member of the board's primary commitment is to their own institution."

Without prompting, he suggested that Missouri would have no trouble finding a BCS conference home should the Big 12 disintegrate. He declined to discuss possible destinations, nor reveal schools under consideration to join the Big 12 should the remaining members choose to fight for survival.

Texas A&M has announced that it intends to leave by next July and the Southeastern Conference has voted to accept the Aggies if there are no legal entanglements in the way.

Several Big 12 schools have not waived that right, a potential hurdle in Texas A&M's departure. Deaton

Missouri's governing board, but the curators "have certainly not" made that decision, nor talked about it.

"I'm very proud of the University of Missouri and its brand, the high esteem by which we're held in the nation," he said. "Our (Association of American Universities) status is very important, our athletic competitiveness is very important. That combination gives us a sense of comfort."

"There's real virtue in patience these days," he added. "It's changing all the time ... Our position is we're waiting to see what the rest of the conference does, particularly Oklahoma."

On Thursday, Deaton and Missouri athletic director Mike Alden met with a 20-member campus athletics oversight committee whose members include faculty, staff, students and alumni. The meeting was closed to reporters.

"Alden just said it's up in the air," according to a participant in the meeting, who spoke on condition was supposed to be private "That we're waiting on Oklahoma. There weren't even any questions. I was kind of surprised.'

Even with Texas A&M's looming departure, it was Boren's comments that have shaken the Big 12.

Oklahoma was offered chances to join both the Pac-10 and the SEC last year but decided to stay in the Big 12 despite the losses of Nebraska and Colorado. Boren said he tried to prevent Texas A&M from leaving and "there's nothing that says the conference will collapse at nine" -- but he also said he would feel better about the league if it had 12 members.

"I do not know with certainty or perhaps even can't hazard a totally intelligent guess as to what our final decision will be," Boren said then. "But we are carefully looking over all of the options. There is no school in the Big 12 more active than we are right now.'

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Cross-country hosts Red Raider Open, Murray Hospitalized

By MIKE GUTIERREZ STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech cross-country teams will have their only opportunity to perform in front of a home crowd this year as they host their fourth annual Texas Tech Red Raider Open today.

Head track and field coach Wes Kittley said cross-country coach Jon Murray will not be able to be at the open today. Kittley said Murray was hospitalized after suddenly fainting while he was visiting Samuel Breshong, a junior cross-country runner, at the hospital.

"Sam Breshong had been injured. He got hit by a car," Kittley said. "So, Coach Murray went to the hospital to check on him. He got in a room, got really hot and dizzy and passed out. He hit his head very hard and cracked his skull, so he's going to be in the hospital for a while."

Kittley said he and other coaches will take over for Murray this weekend.

"(Murray's incident) is very bizarre, very unfortunate, unbelievable, but we'll be taking over," Kittley said. "Coach (Diane) Wholey will set up the course and get it all ready. We'll just see how Jon does, and I'll probably take over coaching if he can't be here next

week for the team. We'll just play that by ear and see how that goes."

The Lady Raiders will compete against 13 schools and the Red Raiders will run against 12 schools.

Among the schools the Red Raiders will compete against are Angelo State, South Plains, Tarleton State, Lubbock Christian and Incarnate Word.

"We have a really good field," Kittley said. "It's our only time to run at home. Our kids enjoy running in front of the home crowd. They're excited about it."

Kittley said he expects the Lady Raiders to do well and hopes the Red Raiders can have one of their best meets

"Our women's team has always been strong," Kittley said. "I'm anxious to see how well they keep improving. On the men's side, we don't really have any one person that's standing out, but we've got to try to create an atmosphere with the men's team where everybody runs together. Hopefully, they can improve this meet from the Ruidoso meet and have a chance of winning the meet."

The runners will compete at Meadowbrook Golf Course. The women's 5k event will begin at 5:30 p.m. and will be followed by the men's 8k event.

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Texas Associate AD Bryant fired

AUSTIN (AP) — Cleve Bryant, Texas' associate athletics director for football operations and a former assistant under Longhorns football coach Mack Brown, was fired earlier this year after an internal investigation determined he sexually harassed a female administrative assistant over a two-year period, according to documents obtained by ESPN.

A University of Texas investigator determined that Bryant made repeated unwanted sexual advances toward the woman and "the harassment was likely both verbal and physical."

ESPN's "Outside the Lines" pro-

gram obtained documents from the university's investigation, which was prompted by a sexual harassment complaint filed by a football department staffer who graduated from Texas a few vears ago. She told investigators that Bryant

pulled down her dress and fondled her breast after she asked about receiving a raise; that he repeatedly told her or sent text messages that he wanted to kiss her; and that he kissed her neck after blocking a doorway once, documents said. Two other women who work in the office allege that Bryant inappropriately kissed them in the past.

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TEXAS TECH'S NIKKI Sanders and the rest of the Lady Raider's tennis team will compete in its first tournament this weekend in Midland.

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The Red Raiders have continued to stay hungry as well after the spring season. With a slew of proven players, men's head coach Tim Siegel said conditioning has been a focal point this fall.

"We are working so hard at getting in the best possible shape we've ever been in," Siegel said.

Competing for the Red Raiders this weekend will be Rafael Garcia, Raphael Phister and Jeff Bryan.

Garcia and Phister are proven commodities for the Red Raiders and Bryan will be vying to replace last season's lone senior, David Gonzales, on a doubles team. The Red Raiders will also add Chase Curry, a top Texas and national prospect, in January.

With the team taking its commitment to fitness up a notch, Siegel said this Red Raiders squad could eclipse any other he has had.

"We're going to be in the best shape that these guys have ever been in because we have the opportunity this year to have the best team we've ever had at Texas Tech," Siegel said. "We finished No. 21 in the country last year, and when you return everyone from last year's team and you're bringing in a very good player, you have an opportunity to be better than you were in the past."

The Red Raiders have three seniors and three juniors who will all be major contributors this season. Even though the Red Raiders have a wealth of experience, Siegel said part of being a good team is having multiple leaders.

"Not just the captains, but the entire team needs to take on a more important role as far as leadership is concerned," Siegel said. "I'm very optimistic that our team is going to have a great year, but what we do this fall will determine how well we play in the spring."

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Dan Law Field is going through an extensive upgrade as new seats, press boxes, an updated concourse and other renovations are taking place during the offseason. However, Dan Law Field will not affect the

team's practices. "We're not going to miss a day's practice. We're not going be able to not do something we thought we were supposed. to," he said. "As important as it is to build our stadium, it's as important for us to make sure we this year." practice on a regular schedule and structure."

Barnes said he is excited about the future and the current team's potential.

fall. Last year, we came up a here and plays for. No one comes game shy," Barnes said. "We had out here to play for themselves," a good year, but not what we he said. "It's a team sport, and wanted because we didn't make you can't do anything on your the regionals, so this year there is own. You have to do things for a lot of pressure on us. We should the team. There's nine of us." come out, work hard and do what

we did last fall."

Barnes, a two-time All-Big 12 player, has 24 home runs and 91 RBIs while hitting .316 in his first two years at Tech.

The team cannot worry about any pressures this year because of the potential downfall of the Big 12, Barnes said.

"Enjoy the moment because Spencer said the renovations at this is a blessing. It's a great opportunity to play in the Big 12 because we don't know how long the Big 12 is going to be here anymore," he said. "So, we're really going to take advantage of that and just enjoy ourselves and bond as a team and play hard. Hopefully we will be successful

Barnes said he does not have any personal goals. He just wants Junior center fielder Barrett the team to succeed as a group.

'I just want to make it to the regionals and make a run for that College World Series trip, and "This is a pretty important that's what everyone comes out >>> cwoodman@dailytoreador.com

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On Monday, Tech starting quarterback Seth Doege pointed out what be believes is a mismatch with his receivers versus the Lobos secondary advantaging the Red Raiders.

Doege pointed out New Mexico's front seven as being a talented unit that could cause some trouble for the Tech offense.

Overshadowed by the 52-3 loss at Arkansas, however, is the New Mexico offense's improvement.

In their 14-10 loss to Colorado State, the Lobos allowed 10 sacks on starting quarterback

Tarean Austin and lost three fumbles.

The Lobos allowed no sacks and committed zero turnovers against the No. 14 Razorbacks last week.

Aware of a continually improving team, Doege said Tech must avoid looking past Saturday's game if it wants to leave New Mexico undefeated.

"It's not like we're going to (Texas) A&M," Doege said. "It's a little different than going to A&M or something like that. So, it's not going to be terrible. But at the same time, you have to respect these guys because they're for sure not scared of us."

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TEXAS TECH'S JONATHAN Brydon blocks a punt from New Mexico's Ben Skaer during Tech's 52-17 win last season in Albuquerque, N.M.

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Regardless of those outcomes, the Lobos (0-2) are undeterred by their shortcomings.

In Little Rock, Ark., against the Razorbacks (2-0), New Mexico amassed 297 total yards. There was no shortage of progress for the Lobos, who are 2-24 in two-plus seasons under Locksley.

New Mexico advanced the ball inside the Arkansas 40-yard line five times, but failed to capitalize 80 percent of the time. The math is simple, but solving the complexities of their inability to punctuate their offensive drives with touchdowns is something the Lobos addressed in preparation for the Red Raiders (1-0).

"We've had some drives, but the key is to be able to finish," Locksley said. "That's something we've really stressed this week — the execution part of it, and doing all the little things when we get the ball down in the red zone area and not turn it over, and try to come up with some points."

In opponent territory, wide receiver Ty Kirk is a weapon. His six-foot-two frame makes him an option for New Mexico, and he led the team in receiving the past two seasons. Thus far, the

Arlington Heights, Ill., native has caught nine passes and is confident about the offense.

"We can drive down the field, and when we get to the red zone, we just have to finish," Kirk said.

Those sustained drives — although peppered with scoring slip-ups — have proved one thing to the junior: The Lobos' offense is capable.

"We learned that we can drive the ball on one of the top defenses in the country," Kirk, who also triple jumps for the track team, said. "We know what we can do. We just have to execute and put some points on the board."

Albuquerque, N.M., he racked up a career-high of 119 yards.

Using Kirk more frequently in the offense is something Locksley said is key, considering his lack of big gains for New Mexico so far this year.

"We've been limited with the amount of explosion plays," Locksley said. "We need to find a way to get Ty the ball in the open field in order to make a play."

Quarterback Tarean Austin will be in charge of making these plays happen in his first full season at the helm. The sophomore can make plays with his feet, something the Red Raiders were given fits by in their season-opening

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50-10 win over Texas State.

In the loss, Bobcats quarterback Shaun Rutherford gained 82 yards on 12 carries. Locksley said Austin's talent as a runner could be a factor.

"There's no doubt about it that the quarterback run element with Tarean's ability is definitely a viable part of our offense," Locksley said. "If they decide to take it away, we're going to take what the defense gives us.'

The Lobos' defense will have to improve on defending the big play against Tech.

"The important part, which we learned last week, is we've got to find a way to get 11 hats to the ball and do In last year's 52-17 loss to Tech in a great job tackling and running to the football on defense," Locksley said.

> The leading tackler for the Lobos is linebacker Dallas Bollema. He said he knows what kind of athletes the Red Raiders have on offense, including Darrin Moore, who had 221 receiving yards in the opener.

"We know they're going to be a fast team," Bollema said. "We know they're going to be throwing the ball a lot, so we have to get some pressure and communicate effectively."

Along with Tech's aerial attack, the New Mexico defense also will have to contain running back Eric Stephens. The junior sprang loose for 118 yards and two touchdowns against Texas State.

But Bollema said the Lobos' 4-2-5 defensive is schemed primarily to stymie the ground game.

"It's always run-first for us," Bollema said. "That's what we're going to do stop the run, and they can throw the ball."

Having been outscored 100-45 in the past two meetings between the teams, slowing the Red Raiders offense will be crucial for New Mexico in their pursuit for their first win of the season.

"We've got a great challenge, but I know we're excited and looking forward to the opportunity to find out what type of team we're going to be," Locksley said.

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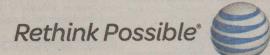
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