

# Gillispie out on indefinite medical leave

# Tolbert: 'I don't want to play for him if he comes back.'

### **By ZACH DISCHIANO** STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech men's basketball coach Billy Gillispie took an official leave of absence Monday because of poor health condition, The Associated Press reported.

Gillispie was hospitalized for six days battling a high-blood pressure problem according to released from the University Medical Center on Thursday.

Gillispie's position at Tech is under review as Tech Athletic Director Kirby Hocutt and staff continue to investigate allegations against him mistreating Tech basketball players.

Jordan Tolbert, Tech's leading an ESPN.com report, and was scorer last season, told ESPN. com on Monday he does not want to play for Gillispie if he is tempts to to remain at Tech.

"I don't," Tolbert told ESPN. com. "I don't. Maybe I would for via phone the assistants. I haven't put that much thought into it. There is successful and no calls were a big sense of urgency. I don't returned.

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Phone calls to Hocutt and Blayne Beal, Tech associate athletic director, were not returned as well.

Among the accusations are that Gillispie forced injured players to stay in team facilities for excessive amounts of time.

The second-year coach also was said to practice players well past the NCAA-approved time limit, going as long as eight hours

in a day. The NCAA permits up to four hours of practice in one day and no more than 20 hours in one week.

"Those inquiries were investigated and submitted, and those sanctions have been served already by our program," Hocutt said Wednesday at a news conference.

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# Interm vice president for research replacement named

Lawrence Schovanec, Texas Tech's interim president, announced Friday that Michael San Francisco had been appointed as the interim vice president for research.

predecessor, will begin his new interim vice president for research,

San Francisco said he was honored to receive the interim position.

"First and foremost, I'd like to thank Dr. Eighmy for setting the stage for our future," he said in Taylor Eighmy, San Francisco's a statement. "And as for me, as



role as vice chancellor for research I will make sure we maintain the momentum

at the University of Tennessee system on Oct. 2.

San Francisco was formerly an associate vice president for research at Tech. He has more than 20 years of experience at Tech, 15 of which have been spent in an administrative capacity, Schovanec said in a news release.

"It is my pleasure to appoint Dr. Michael San Francisco as interim vice president for research,' he said. "He is a respected faculty member

with a strong record of teaching and research. I look forward to working with Dr. San Francisco on the crucial initiatives that are part of our research enterprise and ensuring that Texas Tech maintains its momentum moving forward.'

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> full professor in 2004, according to the release. He also is a professor at the Health Sciences Center in the Department of Microbiology and Immunology.

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San Francisco will begin his

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MICHAELA RED CHERRIES, a sophomore history major from Edgewood, is Texas' youngest delegate and recently returned from the Republican National Convention in Tampa, Fla.

# Tech sophomore is youngest delegate at Republican National Convention

### By TORI O'HARA STAFF WRITER

For even the most politically active students, being elected as a delegate for the Republic National Convention is a lofty goal, indeed. But for Michaela Red Cherries, who has been involved in the political arena since she was in fifth grade, it was simply the next logical step.

Red Cherries, a sophomore history major from Edgewood, said her involvement in politics started with a childhood dream.

"When I was nine, I really wanted to be an Air Force pilot," she said. "My parents and I started towards getting a congressional appointment, so we got heavily involved

with our local politicians and their groups. As I got older, I did not want to be a pilot anymore, but I enjoyed helping out my state representatives and congressmen."

Red Cherries has spoken at several Republican clubs, Tea Party events and is a member of the Texas Tech chapter of the Young Conservatives of Texas.

Red Cherries acted as a magnet for their group, drawing everyone to speak with her.

"She is just so knowledgeable," Meyers said. "She has a phenomenal work ethic. Michaela is a political animal, if you can believe that."

Meyers said it is refreshing to have a young adult like Red Cherries so heavily involved in politics.

"With the state of our country now, we are in a re-

ally bad place," he said. "Your age group is going so fast, everything is going on for you all, that you do not take the time to look around you. If your age group does not get engaged, you are going to lose your country. And Michaela knows this.'

Red Cherries said being appointed as a delegate at Ray Meyers, president of Kaufman Tea Party, said such a young age comes with a considerable amount of pressure.

> "It is not animosity I feel as much as people wondering what I have to offer," she said. "These are people who have been so involved in politics for much longer than I have. There was another young delegate there with me, and we felt so much pressure to prove ourselves.

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# Community Caléndar

# **F**day

Toddler Tuesday at the Museum of Texas Tech Time: 10 a.m. to 11 a.m Where: Museum of Texas Tech So, what is it? Come bring your toddler to the Museum of Texas Tech for a day full of fun. \$1 per child; space is limited.

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ing 11 social media experts. Tuesdays at the Art Factory Time: 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Where: Lubbock Municipal Garden and Arts Center So, what is it?

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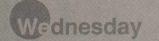
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Time: 6:30 p.m. to 9

So, what is it? Come out and enjoy John Sprott as he plays classic rock, blues, country and more.

Andy and Andy Time: 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. Where: La Diosa Cellars So, what is it? Come out and enjoy live music at La Diosa Cellars. The music is folk and traditional.

### **Open Mic Night** Time: 8 p.m. Where: Jack and Dianne's So, what is it? Every Tuesday come out and participate in an open mic night. Bring your guitar and friends.



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### Tech PR Time: 6 p.m. Where: Media and Communication building 3rd floor student lounge area So, what is it? Come learn about Tech PR in its first meeting of the semester. Free food will be available.

Scrabble Club Time: 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Where: Market Street So, what is it? Come out and compete with Lubbock's Scrabble Club. All levels of competition are welcome.

### West Coast Swing Group Class Time: 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. Where: Dance With Me So, what is it?

Come out and learn some dance

moves at Dance With Me studio. The swing group class is every Wednesday.

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Seven Fold Duet Time: 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. Where: La Diosa Cellars So, what is it? Come out and enjoy live music at La Diosa Cellars. The music is rock and acoustic.

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Brew Co. Honors College to offer application online Buck uesday The Texas Tech Honors College is expected to offer its college application for the first time online Saturday. Heather Medley, director of admissions for the Honors College, said while **BURGERS & FRIES** the college has been a part of Tech for 13 years, this will be the first time it has for \$10 every Tuesday with Tech ID offered an online application. "The Honors College is really excited about our new online application," Medley said. "Students are able to apply to the university through applytexas.org, and then come right over and apply to the Honors College."

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# The Honors College is considered to

all the honors programs offered at Tech go through the college, she said. Typically at other universities, each individual program offers its own honors classes.

Medley said the benefits of being a part of the college are numerous. The college offers a closely-knit network and community, smaller classes that allow students to develop more personal relationships with their professors and a book club, which offers scholarship opportunities.

Celeste Flood, a human development and family studies major from

be general or centralized, which means Fritch, said a student in the Honors College can take a variety of different classes that aren't part of the regular curriculum, but still count the same as regular credits.

> 'We offer classes like 'Sherlock Holmes,' there's a 'Frankenstein' class, a 'Joan of Arc' class, a women's studies class and a zombies class - that's always a real popular one," the sophomore said. "In the spring time, we offer a superheroes class, too."

> According to the Honors College website, classes such as "Sherlock Holmes" and "Joan of Arc" can fulfill

three hours of the core curriculum humanities requirement, and the zombie culture class can fulfill three hours of a visual and performing arts requirement.

Prospective students need to have at least a 1200 SAT score, letters of recommendation, community service experience and good leadership skills, Medley said. Any current Tech student interested in applying, and has at least a 3.4 GPA, is encouraged to apply.

"It's only enhanced my experience," Flood said. "A centralized Honors College prepares you for the real world." >>>> atrbula@dailytoreador.com

# Debate surrounds annual \$60M cost of 9/11 memorial

NEW YORK (AP) — A debate over balancing the need to honor the memory of Sept. 11 with the enormous costs of running a memorial and museum at ground zero has been reawakened on the eve of the attacks' 11th anniversary, as officials faced questions Monday over the project's expected \$60 million-a-year operating budget.

The number comes on top of the \$700 million construction cost of the National Sept. 11 Memorial and Museum. A report Sunday by The Associated Press noted that \$12 million a year would be spent on security, more than the entire operating budgets of Gettysburg National Military Park and the monument that includes the USS Arizona Memorial at Pearl Harbor.

Mayor Michael Bloomberg, who leads the nonprofit foundation's board, on Monday called the Sept. 11 memorial's operating cost a necessity or security and other costs unique to hosting millions of visitors a year on to keep alive the memory of what the reborn site of two terror attacks, in 1993 and 2001.

operating cost, while a Republican senator reiterated his opposition. Even some victims' family members are divided over whether the annual price tag represents the price of paying tribute to the nearly 3,000 lives lost or the cost of unnecessary grandeur.

At ground zero, several visitors Monday to the memorial plaza were surprised — but not put off — by the \$60 million-a-year figure.

"Really?" said Pat Lee, 57, a Walmart manager from Atlanta. But, she said, "I don't think the money is too much. Because it's important

the fallen towers' footprints, and a mostly underground museum that is to house such artifacts as the staircase workers used to escape the attacks.

The plaza opened last year and has drawn 4.5 million visitors so far. The museum was to have been finished by Tuesday, but progress has stopped amid a construction-costs fight between the memorial foundation and the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, the agency that owns the trade center site. The Port Authority has claimed the Sept. 11 memorial foundation owed it \$300 million for infrastructure and revised

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happened."

The centerpiece of the rebuilt Some congressional Democrats World Trade Center site, the memounderscored their efforts to help get rial includes both a serene, solemn federal money to cover some of the memorial plaza, where waterfalls fill

project costs; the foundation has argued it's owed money because of project delays.

Both Bloomberg and New York Gov. Mario Cuomo said Monday they hoped to resolve the dispute.

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# **POLICE BLOTTER** Officer detains 5 students in Weymouth Residence Hall

### Thursday

11:17 a.m. — A Texas Tech officer documented a medical emergency, which occurred at the Student Union Building. A nonstudent had an asthma attack and was transported to University Medical Center by Emergency Medical Services.

11:36 a.m. — A Tech officer documented an odor of burnt marijuana, which occurred in Weymouth Residence Hall.

12:14 p.m. — A Tech officer investigated a theft, which occurred at the Bledsoe Residence Hall bicycle racks. A Specialized bicycle was taken.

1:44 p.m. — A Tech officer investigated a theft, which occurred at the Bledsoe Residence Hall bicycle racks. A secured bicycle was taken.

2:28 p.m. — A Tech officer investigated a traffic accident, without injuries, which occurred in the R-5 parking lot. A university vehicle was involved in the traffic accident.

6:05 p.m. - A Tech officer investigated a traffic accident, without injuries, and duty on striking an unattended vehicle in the C-16 parking lot.

7:42 p.m. - A Tech officer investigated a traffic accident, without injuries, which occurred in the Zone 5B parking lot. Friday

3:41 p.m. — A Tech officer investigated criminal mischief, which occurred in the C1 parking lot. A vehicle's passenger side door had been keyed.

arrested a student for an instan- the Z4P parking lot, following a tered Lubbock County citation traffic stop. The student was isfor consumption of alcohol by a minor, which occurred in Wall Residence Hall. The student was transported to the Lubbock County Jail.

arrested a non-student for an instantered Lubbock County citation for consumption of alcohol by a minor, which occurred in Wall Residence Hall. The nonstudent was transported to the Lubbock County Jail.

4:42 a.m. — A Tech officer detained a student for consumption of alcohol by a minor, which occurred in the Z4P parking lot. The student was issued a Lubbock County citation, which he signed and was released. Saturday

12:04 a.m. — A Tech officer released. detained five students for consumption of alcohol by a minor in Weymouth Residence Hall, following an investigation of a loud party. The students were issued a Lubbock County citation for consumption of alcohol by a minor, which they signed, and

were released. detained two students for consumption of alcohol by a minor in the 1600 block of Akron Ave., following a welfare check. The students were issued a Lubbock County citation for consumption of alcohol by a minor, which were signed, and they were released. 2:35 a.m. — A Tech officer

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5:04 a.m. — A Tech officer detained a student for consumption of alcohol by a minor in the Boston Avenue Residence Hall. The student was issued a Lubbock County citation for consumption of alcohol by a minor, which was signed, and the student was

### Sunday

9:26 p.m. - A Tech officer detained a non-student in the 900 block of Texas Tech Parkway following a welfare check on a passenger in a motor vehicle. The non-student was released pending the filing of charges for possession of drug paraphernalia 2:31 a.m. — A Tech officer and public intoxication. The non-student was transported to the Lubbock County Jail, where the jail refused to accept the non-student. The non-student was transported from the jail to the University Medical Center Emergency Room by Emergency Medical Services.

Information provided by B.J. Watson with the Texas Tech Police

# Signatures

- Required alcohol purchase and/or consumption Forced labor • Physical harm •Calisthenics
- Did you know?

- Kidnapping
- Errands for active members

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- Introductions
- Forced physical

activity Sleep deprivation

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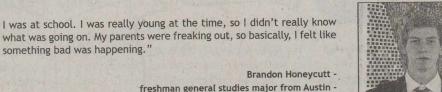
- Anyone can be hazed, including active members.
- The entire organization is responsible even if alumni are the individuals who are hazing students.
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- Students and student organizations who commit hazing offenses are subject to legal action and/or prosecution.
- Students and student organizations are required to comply with the regulations and/or standards set forth in the Student Handbook, and are subject to university disciplinary action accordingly.

# Don't Be Confused: If you have to ask if it's hazing, then it probably is!



"I was at class, in my third grade classroom. I didn't hear about it actually until after school. I was just surprised that something like that could ever happen to the United States.

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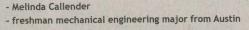
I was probably in fifth grade, I think. They played it in our elementary class on TV. I didn't know what was going on. The teacher turned off the TV and told us to go to lunch."

> Carlton Ellison junior graphic design major from Corsicana -

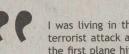




"I think I was watching TV with my little brother in our living room. I didn't really understand what was going on. I was really little.







I was living in the Middle East. My dad called and said there was a terrorist attack and to turn on the TV. So we turned it on right after the first plane hit and we saw the second plane hit and we were just astounded.'





"I was actually taking my daughter to kindergarten. All that I heard was that a plane had hit the World Trade Center, but they didn't have any other exact things. I remember I was on church staff, so we spent literally the rest of the day watching the news. It was pretty much unbelievable.

senior art history major from Midland -

Leigh Hardesty -



Jeff Kennon **Baptist Student Ministries director** 

I was in class. I didn't understand what was happening. I didn't know why class had suddenly stopped or why everyone was crying."

sophomore studying pre-nursing from San Antonio -

Compiled by Katie McKee/The Daily Toreador

# Congress returns for short pre-election session

WASHINGTON (AP) -Congress returned to Washington six-month spending bill that. on Monday for an abbreviated pre-election session in which it appears likely to do the bare minimum: making sure that the government doesn't shut down.

Almost everything else of consequence, most notably a set of automatic, economy-rattling spending cuts and tax increases that have been dubbed a "fiscal cliff," will get put off until a postelection lame duck session — and maybe beyond.

would finance the government's day-to-day operations until next March to give the next Congress and whoever occupied the White House time to work out a final solution on more than \$1 trillion in annual spending for the Pentagon and other Cabinet departments.

Typically such temporary funding bills, known in Washington parlance as continuing resolutions, or CRs, freeze spending at current levels. But the government.

Top lawmakers unveiled a the measure released Monday actually allows for a 0.6 percent increase to every program to keep pace with a slight increase in spending permitted by "caps" set by last summer's hard-fought budget and debt accord.

> The 2012 budget year ends on Sept. 30. But not a single one of the 12 annual agency appropriations bills has become law, requiring lawmakers to step in with the stopgap funding measure to avoid a disastrous partial shutdown of

# Have questions? Want to find out more? We can help!

Texas Tech University is required to distribute a summary of the Texas Education Code hazing provisions (Chapter 37, Section 151) and provide a list of organizations that have been disciplined or convicted of hazing on- or off-campus during the last three years (Chapter 51, Section 936).

The following registered student organizations have been found responsible for hazing within the last three years:

> Sigma Alpha Epsilon (Fall 2010) Beta Theta Pi (Fall 2010) Sigma Chi (Spring 2012) Theta Chi (Spring 2012)

The Center for Campus Life (806-742-5433) and the Office of Student Conduct (806-742-1714) are available to assist with hazing education and reporting. Students and student organizations are encouraged to act with integrity.

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Monalisa Villalpando -

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**Two-party political system needs change** 

Since the presidential election of 1948, no political party in the United States besides the Democratic Party and the Republican Party has received' a single electoral vote.

This decline in strong third parties has led to an unfortunate situation in American politics where voters are almost forced to choose between either the center-left or center-right parties and hope that they properly represent most of their interests. This trend of choosing between two lesser evils is what many have come to call "lesser-evilism" in political commentary.

It seems to me that this "lesser-evilism" has been more prevalent in this election season than in past seasons. I can't count how many times I've seen



ers on cars and bulletin boards. I see political cartoons daily in my Facebook feed depicting ers, members voters choosing between one of the workof two political parties that are too wrapped up in their own political games to work for the voters' interests.

As humorous as they may be, whenever I see one of these stickers or cartoons, it makes me wonder why voters resort to. choosing between one of two dysfunctional political parties. Why even vote?

When I first took an interest "Cthulhu 2012: Why vote for vin politics my freshman year the lesser evil?" satirical stick- of high school, I was amazed and puzzled by the success of do not pretend to know. Regard-Republicans essentially duping less, the fact remains that these certain demographics of vot-

against their own interests. These demograph ics - public school teaching class, minorities, college students choose to vote for those politicians actively screwing them over by pushing inces-

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the "lesser" of two evils. The only logical explanation I could come up with for this was that they had, in fact, been tricked somehow into thinking the GOP represents their in-

Don't get me wrong; I'm not saying that

have vastly differing views from Whether or not this phenom- their center-right counterparts

they've done little to show it in anything except a handful of social issues.

Despite what this media outlet or that media outlet will tell you, both parties in power in America are almost the same. They both support the same capitalist system that favors the rich and nobody else. They both have corporate sponsors. They both talk a mean game, but compromise their ideals and their constituents' interests for political gain in a shameless attempt to accrue more votes.

The working-class, college, students and public sector workers comprise the vast majority of American voters. What I don't understand is why these voters, both conservative and liberal, tolerate the "lesser-evilism" that plagues American politics.

If you are not content with

their platform, but in truth, your elected leadership and you don't see a satisfactory alternative that truly represents your views, then why not make one? Is that not part of the very reason our nation was founded?

The United States is long past due for a shift in political dominance away from the center-right and center-left parties which don't truly serve most Americans. Complacency and whining about the dysfunction of the two parties are pointless.

It won't be easy, but until we - the majority of Americans realize these things and either organize our own or provide unified support to a party that actively represent our interests, the "lesser-evilism" of American politics will never change.

**Reynolds is a junior music major** from Lubbock.

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# Freshman year scary, tun

am ready to indulge in the life of a biology and psychology major, my mind filled with numbers, chemical equations, psychology terms and the notorious OWL site.

Following graduation, summer vacation and last goodbyes to friends, I am on board an American Airlines plane en route to Lubbock. Everyone tells you this will be a clean new slate, a new beginning and a new chapter in your life. Honestly, it did not occur to me that time would go by so fast.

By the time August came around, my friends and I started getting ready to leave for college. I was not ready to leave Virginia and fly more than 1,000 miles from home, the thought of which just made me want to cry. Moving to Texas would be something very positive, offering me a chance to explore a different culture. It meant a completely different place, a new lifestyle, new traditions and



the infamous freshmen 15 and bought a much-needed Ethernet cable. Of course, it had to be a 25-foot Ethernet cable, so I can watch Netflix in the comfort of my own bed.

The days went by and I realized that the first day of classes would be approaching soon. I immediately thought about what I should wear on the first day, but then I remembered during orientation when one of the counselors said, "Don't dress up on the first day of classes because we will know that you're freshmen." I guess no to the heels, then.

I decided to just wear some shorts. and a somewhat nice shirt, trying



a state with too many people and towns.

As I landed at Preston Smith International Airport in Lubbock, I got chills because I was finally here and heading toward my so-called "new chapter." Everyone treats you like the baby, a "freshman" the upper-classmen call it. I feel like I am in high school again trying to make new friends, getting used to my class schedule and meeting my professors.

Everything is new and I feel like high school definitely does not prepare you for college. As I run into Knapp Hall to rent my moving cart, I stop at the entrance and just gaze at the residence hall, amazed. I have finally made to this place, but what now?

As the week of Aug. 20 begins, there are many events planned to welcome the entire freshmen class and the general student population back to school. I feel so lost and not knowing anyone makes me feel even worse. I came to Texas Tech completely on my own, ready for a fresh new start. I initially dreaded the idea of coming to a place so far from family and friends, but ultimately decided it was the best choice for me.

As the week went by, people were still moving in. I tried to get more acquainted with my roommate. We went to Target eight times during a span of seven days, spent more than \$500, bought food that will definitely add to

hard to just blend with the rest of the students. As I walked out of my residence hall, I realized that all the girls are wearing long, loose shirts and Nike shorts. I ask myself, "Is that what every girl should wear?" I just laugh at myself.

Everyone throughout the week was really nice and helpful. I downloaded the Texas Tech app on my iPhone and found it very useful for finding my classes. With all the test dates and assignments I receive, my calendar will be full in no time. Of course, I already have 40 assignments due by the end of the week for chemistry and I ask myself why I decided to become a biology and psychology major with a minor in chemistry.

Being a freshman has no definite meaning, no clear job description. It means you do your own laundry, put an end to procrastinating, get used to the idea that you are not the only smart kid in your class and restrain yourself from going out every night just because you are now in college.

Being a freshman does not classify my personality or anything else about me; it just means that I have to work harder than before and not let the upper-classmen intimidate me.

### Montano is a freshman biology and psychology major from Arlington, VA.

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## By OKLAHOMA DAILY **EDITORIAL BOARD** OKLAHOMA DAILY (U. OKLAHOMA)

Today is World Suicide Prevention Day, part of National Suicide Prevention Week. Suicide among high school students has been a high-profile issue lately, but college students actually are more at risk than adolescents. Learning a few simple signs and familiarizing yourself with campus resources could save the life of yourself or a friend.

If you've never had personal experiences with suicide, it may be difficult to understand how anyone could take their own life. But the numbers are clear: On average, a person commits suicide in the U.S. every 15 minutes, according to data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

While suicide is the 10th leading cause of death in the nation homicide is number 15 — it is the third most common cause of death among people ages 15-24. And the suicides peak around ages 20-24.

The CDC also reports that among that age group, more young people die from suicide than from all diseases combined. At the time of their suicides, 90 percent of those young people are suffering from a diagnosable and treatable mental illness.

Students at OU are particularly

nation for suicides. And while the college age group is particularly at risk, those who actually attend college are even more so, with 9 percent of college students seriously considering suicide, according to data from the American College Health Association.

With such a high risk for OU students and their peers, all Sooners should make it a priority to learn the warning signs and know about the local resources that can help.

The American Association of Suicidology has developed a mnemonic to help you remember the warning signs of suicidal behavior: IS PATH WARM.

Ideation — talking about or threatening to hurt or kill oneself, or gathering the tools to do so

Substance Abuse - an increased reliance on drugs or alcohol Purposelessness - lacking purpose or direction

Anxiety — anxious or agitated behavior; the inability to sleep or a need to sleep all the time

Trapped — feeling like there's no way out of a situation

Hopelessness — feeling like a situation never can improve or never will end

Withdrawal - isolation from friends and family, or anti-social behavior

Anger — uncontrolled feelings

Recklessness - acting recklessly or engaging in unusually dangerous behavior

at risk. Oklahoma ranks 12th in the of rage or revenge-seeking behavior 8 p.m. to 4 a.m. on the

Mood Changes - Swift, dramatic shifts in mood, seemingly without provocation

If you recognize any of those signs in yourself or your loved ones, consider seeking help.

Get involved with your loved one and make your time available. Show interest and support.

Ask directly if he or she is thinking about suicide. Talk openly about it.

Listen. Accept any emotions vour loved one expresses. Don't tell him or her the feelings are wrong. Don't debate and don't lecture.

Don't ask why or act shocked. That will only create distance and breed defensiveness.

Be empathetic, not sympathetic. Don't offer glib reassurance or pity. Assure your loved one you understand what it is like to feel helpless, anxious, etc.

No matter what your loved one makes you promise, don't keep this a secret.

Take action. Seek out help from local resources, encourage your loved one to seek help themselves and try to remove any easy means your loved one may have to harm him- or herself.

For emergencies, you can contact a counselor confidentially from

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Number Nyne Crisis Hotline, 405-325-NYNE, or 24/7 on the national hotline, 1-800-273-TALK.

If the situation is less dire, you can sign up for a counseling session with Goddard Health Center counseling services. Sooners can call 405-325-2911 to schedule an appointment.

All services through Goddard Health Center are confidential and affordable. The center even has a discrete side entrance for counseling services.

If there is an immediate medical emergency or a serious threat, never hesitate to call 911.

If you are unsure if your or your loved one's symptoms warrant counseling, ULifeline (an online resource library of mental health information for college students) has created a self-evaluation tool. This simple online quiz indicates whether your symptoms indicate a potential mental health problem. You can access the test on OU-Daily.com.

In the end, knowing the facts is only half the battle. It may be difficult to tell a friend he or she needs help or to admit you need help yourself, but breaking the silence and stigma surrounding suicide and mental health issues is the only way to ensure you or a loved one don't become part of these dire statistics.

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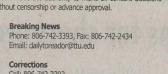
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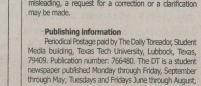
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# Students use different modes getting to, from classes

### **By KATELIN KELLY** STAFF WRITER

Racing fast on a downhill, wind in their hair, smiles on their faces and all inhibitions freed, no one would guess it is Monday and students are making their way to 8 a.m. classes.

Whether students prefer grinding their way to class on their longboard, taking a leisurely stroll on foot, rolling their pant legs up and pedaling their way there, or taking a seat on the bus Texas Tech students have a variety of options when choosing modes of transportation to get to and from class.

The Tech Longboarding Club meeting took place 6 p.m. Thursday at the amphitheatre of the Student Union Building. President and founder of the club, Jason Miller, a junior exercise and sports sciences major from Sugarland, said he was stoked to get the club organized.

"Just to get a way to meet fellow longboarders and then a way for longboarders to get together," Miller said, "so, we can all meet and get together and skate and be friends and stuff. Just another way to meet people with the same interests, I guess."

About 23 students showed up for the first club meeting, four of which were women.

"Last year we probably had maybe half the people show up," Miller said. "Sadly, not many people who came out last year showed up, but we obviously picked up a bunch of new members. But, I'm definitely happy with the turnout and hope we can get more people."

Miller has been longboarding for about three years and prefers longboarding not only to and from school, but also for fun.

"It's just fun, it's easy, I recommend trying it," Miller said. "It can be real, like I guess, freeing just to do. It's a lot less stressful than having to pick your bike up if you're just talking about transportation."

For Jessica Davis, an art history graduate student from Colleyville, riding her bike to and from class is her favorite style of transportation.

"It's just more convenient for me," Davis said. "I just don't want to have to drive every day if it's only a mile away and plus I'd have to pay for a parking pass."

There may be pros and cons for every form of transportation, but there are rules and regulations for everyone. Rules which Kenny Evans;

Tech Police Department assistant chief of police, strives to enforce

and maintain.

"If you're going to be on the roadway, then it has to be registered license vehicle," Evans said. "If bicycles are on the roadway, they must abide by the traffic laws."

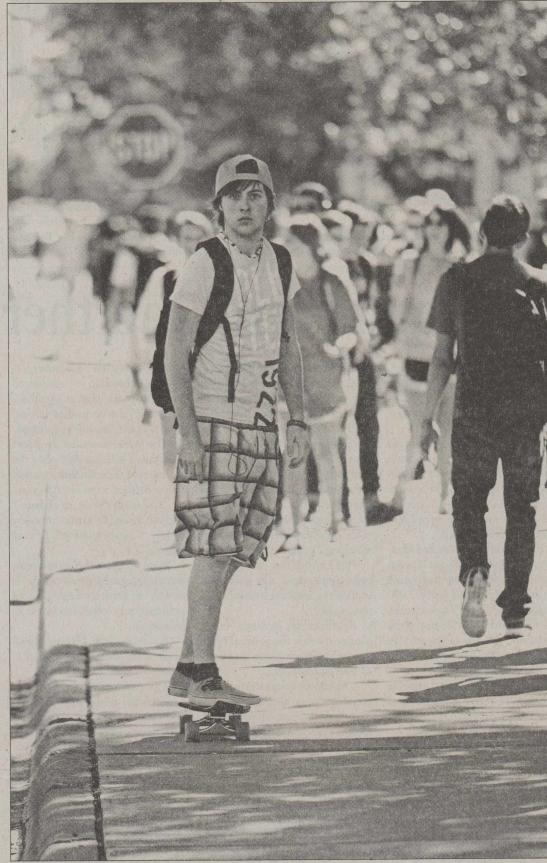
According to the Tech traffic and parking regulations, bicycles are allowed only on shared-use pathways and must yield right of way to pedestrians and operate at a safe speed and in a manner consistent with public safety.

Davis said she is not aware of the rules and regulations for bikes on campus, but sticks to the bike trails to stay on the safe side.

Some forms of transportation prohibited on campus are four wheelers and golf carts, unless operated by officers of Tech PD when necessary to fulfill their lawful duties, Evans said.

The document states that no person may skate or use a skateboard on or in any Tech building, structure, stairway, elevated sidewalk, access ramp, step, retaining wall, handrail, mall, bench, fountain area or other architectural element areas.

Miller said he does a lot of tricks on campus and on his way to class, and even though at times he may wipe out, you just have to pick up your board and move on. »>kkelly@dailytoreador.com



# Baseball coach gets help with cancer fight

AUSTIN (AP) — As a minor (http://bit.ly/NjyWrj) reports Rose, had spread to his lungs, liver, spleen and league baseball coach, Brian Rose has always been a competitor and has tried to imbue his team's players with that same fire.

Now, the bench coach of the Wichita (Kan.) Wingnuts of the independent American Association is fighting for his life, diagnosed with stage 4 melanoma.

The suburban Austin resident participation in a clinical trial, but it these stories in the news where somewouldn't have happened if not for the help of a pair of foundations and an

Austin businessman.

who lacked medical insurance, got help from the Lance Armstrong Foundation's Cancer Navigation Center and the Patient Advocate Foundation. Then Austin businessman and philanthropist Milton Verret pledged \$35,000 and issued a community challenge to raise the rest.

"It was absolutely unbelievable," recently won a battle to pay for his Rose told the newspaper. "You hear body steps up to help, but that's just another world to me.

The Austin American-Statesman with cancer that, by the end of the year, a new drug earlier this year.

brain. Rose had no medical insurance and was having no luck getting any because of the pre-existing condition.

"It was like, 'I have melanoma all over my body, but if I get the flu you'll take care of me? Thanks," he said.

The Patient Advocate Foundation, which helps people grapple with insurance problems, and Armstrong's foundation helped him access coverage through the federally funded Pre-Existing Condition Insurance Plan. But the insurance company refused to pay when

PHOTO BY DAVID VAUGHN/The Daily Toreador

AUSTIN NETTLETON, A junior public relations major from Queen City heads to his public relations class on his longboard Monday outside the Media and Communication building.

# Chicago teachers strike in bitter contract dispute

Rose was diagnosed in April 2010 Rose tried to get into a clinical trial for

CHICAGO (AP) — For the first time in a quarter century, Chicago teachers walked out of the classroom Monday, taking a bitter contract dispute over evaluations and job security to the streets of the nation's third-largest city — and to a national audience — less than a week after most schools opened for fall.

The walkout forced hundreds of thousands of parents to scramble for a place to send idle children and created an unwelcome political distraction for Mayor Rahm Emanuel. In a year when labor unions have been losing ground nationwide, the implications were sure to extend far beyond Chicago, particularly for districts engaged in similar debates.

"This is a long-term battle that everyone's going to watch," said Eric Hanuskek, a senior fellow in education at the Hoover Institution of Stanford University. "Other teachers unions in the United States are wondering if they should follow suit."

The union had vowed to strike Monday if there was no agreement on a new contract, even though the district had offered a 16 percent raise over four years and the two sides had essentially agreed on a longer school day. With an average annual salary of \$76,000, Chicago teachers are among the highest-paid in the nation, according to the National Council on Teacher Quality.

But negotiators were still divided on job security measures and a system for evaluating teachers that hinged in part on students' standardized test scores.

The strike in a district where the vast majority of students are poor and minority put Chicago at the epicenter of a struggle between big cities and teachers unions for control of schools.

Emanuel, who has sought major reforms while also confronting the district's \$700 million budget shortfall, acknowledged his own fight with the union, even as he urged a

quick resolution.

"Don't take it out on the kids of Chicago if you have a problem with me," he told reporters Monday.

As negotiators resumed talks, thousands of teachers and their supporters took over several downtown streets during the Monday evening rush. Police secured several blocks around district headquarters as the crowds marched and chanted.

The protesters planned to rally through the evening at an event that resembled a family street fair. Balloons, American flags and homemade signs hung above the crowd.

Teacher Kimberly Crawford said she was most concerned about issues such as class size and the lack of air conditioning.

two years."

The strike quickly became part of the presidential campaign. Republican candidate Mitt Romney said teachers were turning their backs on students and Obama was siding with the striking teachers in his hometown.

Obama's top spokesman said the president has not taken sides but is urging both the sides to settle quickly.

Emanuel, who just agreed to take a larger role in fundraising for Obama's re-election, dismissed Romney's comments as "lip service." But one labor expert said that a

major strike unfolding in the shadow of the November election could only "It's not just about the raise," she hurt a president who desperately

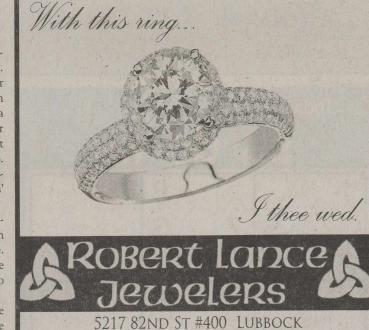
said. "I've worked without a raise for needs the votes of workers, including teachers, in battleground states.

"I can't imagine this is good for the president and something he can afford to have go on for more than a week," said Robert Bruno, a professor of labor and employment relations at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

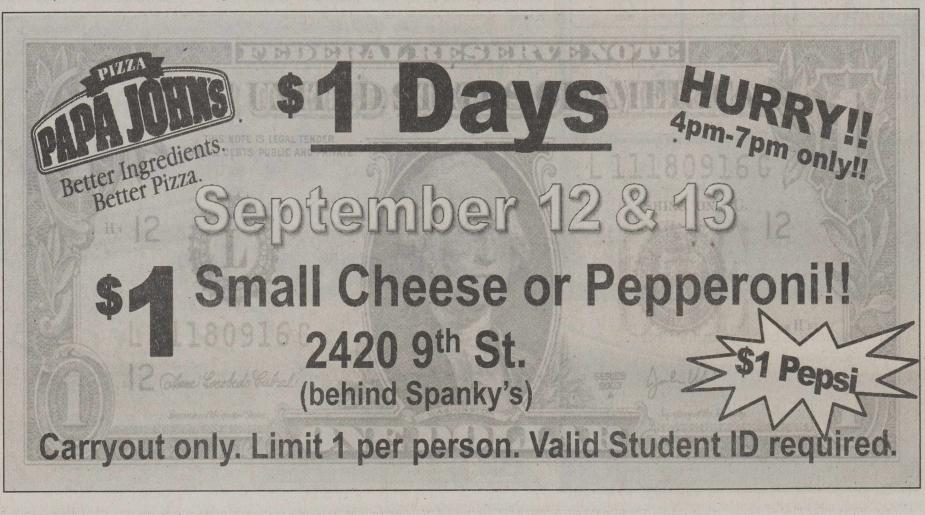
For two decades, contract agreements have slowly eroded teachers' voices, Bruno said.

"But this signals to other collective bargaining units that the erosion of teachers' rights isn't inevitable. They (the union members) are telling them, 'You don't have to roll over."

The union has done so in large part by making the most of one of the biggest sources of friction: teacher evaluations.



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**STATUE SKETCH** 

PHOTO BY LAUREN PAPE/The Daily Toreador JORDAN FLINDERS, A junior communication design major from Clarkston, Wash., sketches the Tornado of Ideas statue for a drawing class Monday outside the Student Union Building.

# **Delegate**

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"Though, a lot of the speakers, there really encourage more youth to pursue political involvement," Red Cherries said, "That was really refreshing – that they wanted more youth to speak up and have their voices heard."

As a delegate, Red Cherries said she votes on the party platform at the Republican National Convention

She represents her senatorial district at these conventions.

Mike Slaton, who works with the Dallas Republican Party, was a delegate along with Red Cherries at the National Convention in Tampa Bay, Fla. He said Red Cherries was very popular at the convention.

"The news media there really wanted to hear from her," Slaton said. "They wanted to know what a young, motivated and intelligent young woman like Michaela had to say. She so strongly supports her beliefs, and she knows what is best for her and for her country. It was wonderful to have someone like her there."

Slaton said he wants more students to focus on what is best for them politically:

"Students really need to not be swept up in the emotionalism that surrounds politics," he said. "They need to find the facts - to pull them out and analyze them and see what is truly best for them. Not to just regurgitate all of the mumbo-jumbo they have heard from everyone."

Red Cherries said she has never had a problem balancing her political involvement with her schooling. "Whenever I go and give speeches and attend events, it is always during breaks," Red Cherries said.

Meyers said Red Cherries, on top of her studies and political involvement is also involved in the Patriot Academy. The Patriot Academy is a six-day-long opportunity allowing students ages 16 to 25 to work in Austin, performing the same duties

our state representatives perform - debating bills, passing laws, running for office and floor sessions. Six out of the eight freshmen state representatives are from the Patriot Academy, Meyers said.

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Meyers, Slaton and Red Cherries unanimously support the younger generations becoming more active politically.

"I think the youth has an advantage," Red Cherries said. "They are able to have more of a say because they are so fresh and new. Their views give a new perspective to whatever is being talked about."

Red Cherries said the easiest way to get involved is to start on a local level. Tech sponsors not only the Young Conservatives of Texas, but also the Tech Student Democrats.

"Don't ever think that you can not make a difference," Meyers said. "Find something - anything - to get you going. Get involved; it is so meaningful for you and your country."

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# At ground zero, can there be a politics-free 9/11?

11 anniversary ceremony at ground zero has been stripped of politicians this year. But can it ever be stripped of politics?

For the first time, elected officials won't speak Tuesday at an occasion that has allowed them a solemn turn in the spotlight. The change was made in the name of sidelining politics, but some have rapped it as a political move in itself.

It's a sign of the entrenched sensitivity of the politics of Sept. 11, even after a decade of commemorating the attacks that killed nearly 3,000 people at the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and a Pennsylvania field. From the first anniversary in 2002, the date has been limned with questions about how - or even whether --- to try to separate the Sept. 11 that is about personal loss from the 9/11 that reverberates through public life.

The answers are complicated for Debra Burlingame, whose brother Charles was the pilot of the hijacked plane that crashed into the Pentagon. She feels politicians' involve- 11 Memorial and Museum - led

NEW YORK (AP) — The Sept. ment can lend gravity to the remembrances, but she empathizes with the reasons for silencing officeholders at the New York ceremony this year.

"It is the one day, out of 365 days a year, where, when we invoke the term '9/11,' we mean the people who died and the events that happened," rather than the political and cultural layers the phrase has accumulated, said Burlingame, who's on the board of the organization that announced the change in plans this year.

"So I think the idea that it's even controversial that politicians wouldn't be speaking is really rather remarkable.

Remarkable, perhaps, but a glimpse through the political prism that splits so much surrounding Sept. 11 into different lights.

Officeholders from the mayor to presidents have been heard at the New York ceremony, reading texts ranging from parts of the Declaration of Independence and the Gettysburg Address to poems by John Donne and Langston Hughes.

But in July, the National Sept.

by Mayor Michael Bloomberg as to give the memorial a financial and its board chairman — announced that this year's version would include only relatives reading victims' names. Politicians still may attend.

The point, memorial President Joe Daniels said, was "honoring the victims and their families in a way free of politics" in an election year.

'You always want to change," Bloomberg said in a radio interview in July, "... and I think it'll be very moving."

Some victims' relatives and commentators praised the decision. "It is time" to extricate Sept. 11 from politics, the Boston Globe wrote in an editorial.

But others said keeping politicians off the rostrum smacked of ... politics.

The move came amid friction between the memorial foundation and the governors of New York and New Jersey over progress on the memorial museum. New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo, a Democrat, and New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie, a Republican, have signaled their displeasure by calling on federal officials

technical hand.

Some victims' relatives see the no-politicians anniversary ceremony as retaliation. Both states' governors have traditionally been invited to participate.

"Banning the governors of New York and New Jersey from speaking is the ultimate political decision," said one relatives' group, led by retired Deputy Fire Chief Jim Riches. His firefighter son and namesake was killed responding to the burning World Trade Center.

To Riches, political leaders' presence shows a nation's respect and recognizes their role in passing laws that aided victims' families and people sickened by working at ground zero.

With politicians excluded, "the 9/11 families are having to turn their backs on the people who helped us so much," he said.

Spokesmen for Christie and Cuomo said the governors were fine with the memorial organizers' decision.

George Pataki, the change ends a 10-year experience that was deeply personal even as it reflected his political role. He was governor at the time of the attacks.

"As the names are read out, I just listen' and have great memories of people who I knew very well who were on that list of names. It was very emotional," Pataki reflected by phone last week. Among his friends who were killed was Neil Levin, the executive director of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey. But Pataki supports the decision not to have government figures speak.

"It's time to take the next step, which is simply to continue to pay tribute," said Pataki, who expects he'll continue to attend.

Of course, it's difficult to remember 9/11 without remembering its impact on the nation's political narrative. As both an event and a symbol, it's "seared into the American social and political psyche, with profound consequences," says Baruch College political science For former New York Gov. professor Douglas Muzzio.

And from the start, the anniversary has been a flashpoint for accusations of playing politics with Sept. 11.

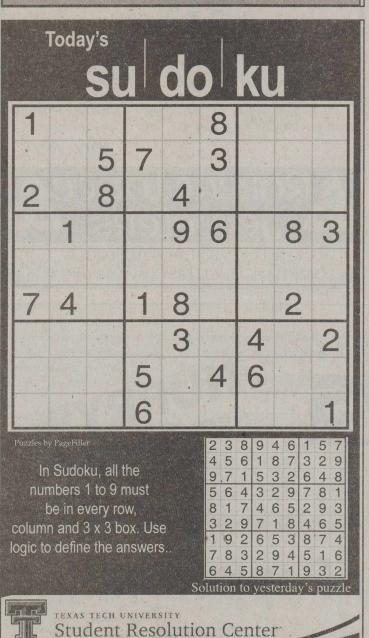
The first anniversary engendered political flaps from New York to Pikeville, Ky. New York Republicans said a Democratic television ad featuring the Gettysburg Address was aimed at upstaging Pataki's ground zero reading from the same text. In Pikeville, a judicial candidate complained when the incumbent was tapped to sing at the Sept. 11 ceremony in the town of roughly 7,000; organizers let the judge perform, anyway.

When Republicans scheduled their 2004 national convention in New York City less than two weeks before the anniversary, some victims' relatives accused the GOP of using Sept. 11 as a political backdrop. And some family members and firefighters objected that former Mayor Rudy Giuliani would bring politics into the ceremony by participating in 2007, when he was a Republican presidential candidate. Giuliani ultimately made brief remarks.



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# Jury awards casino mogul \$20M in slander case

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A over the head with a shovel and jury on Monday awarded casino mogul Steve Wynn \$20 million in his slander case against "Girls Gone Wild" founder Joe Francis, who claimed the creator of some of Las Vegas' most upscale resorts threatened to kill him over a gambling debt.

Witnesses disputed Francis' claims during a four-day trial, including Grammy winning record producer Quincy Jones, ' who Francis said told him about Wynn's threats and showed him a stack of emails that contained them.

Wynn vehemently denied that.

In siding with Wynn, the jury determined that there was clear and convincing evidence that Francis slandered the casino mogul and knew his allegations were false when he made them. Francis had claimed Wynn threatened to hit him peal due to judicial error.

have him buried in the desert.

Neither Wynn nor Francis was present in court Monday morning when the verdict was read.

Wynn's attorney on Friday had asked the panel to award the billionaire \$12 million plus punitive damages to send a message that false statements that travel far in the Internet age will not be tolerated. A second phase of the trial to decide punitive damages will begin on Tuesday.

Wynn's attorney, Barry Langberg, said after the verdict was read that the jury clearly saw the harm in Francis' remarks.

"The evidence was clear that there was falsity and there was damage," Langberg said.

Francis said he expects the verdict to be overturned on ap-

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"I'm startled by the jury's said after arguments concluded verdict because it's totally unfounded and the evidence does not support it," Francis said in a phone interview.

He said the judge erred by allowing Wynn's attorneys to allow jurors to consider a new claim of slander based on an interview Francis did with "Good Morning America" after the trial started. The panel awarded Wynn \$11 million in damages on that claim alone.

'California law is very clear. You can't add a cause of action at the end of trial about something that had nothing to do with the trial," Francis said. "Therefore we are 100 percent confident this jury verdict will be reversed on appeal."

The CEO of Wynn resorts and designer of signature Las Vegas casinos such as The Mirage, Bellagio, Wynn and Encore attended the trial. Wynn

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on Friday that he would donate any winnings, minus his attorney's fees, to charities.

Francis, who testified, has built a business empire based on videos of young women flashing their breasts for video cameras. His attorney argued that both men may be telling the truth and that Francis may have been misled by Jones. Francis claims he heard about the threats from the Grammywinner, who is his neighbor, but Jones denies hearing Wynn utter any threats.

Langberg accused Francis of lying about the threats, pointing out that there was no evidence of any email Wynn had sent and multiple witnesses corroborating the casino mogul's story. He argued that Francis was malicious because he repeated the threats in the "Good Morning America" interview.

Francis had previously said at a court hearing that Wynn threatened him over a \$2 million gambling debt Francis incurred at Wynn's hotel. Celebrity news website TMZ reported on the hearing and Francis confirmed his allegations to a reporter from the site afterward.

"He committed character assassination," Langberg said. "He did it for a simple reason - he didn't want to pay his debt.'

"I made a statement in a courtroom seeking a restraining order against Steve Wynn, which is 100 percent privileged," Francis said. "I was afraid for my life and I only made that statement when I was ordered by a judge to do so."

Superior Court Judge Joanne O'Donnell ruled that Francis' attorney could not argue that the statement was protected because it was made in a courtroom, since it was made during a proceeding over the debt and there were no indications Francis sought a restraining order.

# SPORTS

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# **Cowboys back to routine with Seahawks next**

IRVING (AP) — Jerry Jones is well aware of the 24-hour rule. He knows it makes sense. He believes in it. But sometimes, there has to be an exception.

Cowboys coach Jason Garrett tells his team to celebrate successes for 24 hours, then move on. But for Jones, one of those exceptions came this past week after his team opened the season Wednesday with a 24-17 road victory over the defending Super Bowl champion New York Giants.

The Cowboys had 11 days between the opener and second game Sunday in Seattle. So what to do?

"It's an eternity when you lose and to some degree, you just want to get that taste out of your mouth," Jones said. "On the other hand, when you have something as satisfying as we had in New York, you don't want that taste to ever leave. So you just drag it out by the minute, or drag it

out by the hour." Five days after the victory — and after a two-day weekend break for the players — Jones was clearly still relishing the successful start. The 24 hours had stretched into more than 100.

continues to have pleasant memories of the victory, he also is excited about the challenge of the next 15 games. "There's enough that we have to

do as we look ahead to keep you from sitting around smiling," Jones said.

High on the to-do list is getting as many repetitions as possible between quarterback Tony Romo and backup centers Ryan Cook and David Arkin. Starting center Phil Costa, who has a lower back strain, said Monday that he will not be able to play against the Seahawks.

Costa played only three downs But Jones also said that while he against the Giants. Arkin had not

been on the active roster, so the job fell to Cook, a seven-year veteran the Cowboys acquired on Aug. 31 from Miami for a future draft pick.

Cook was not error-free, but he not only survived the experience, Romo did, too. The Cowboys had 433 yards of total offense, so the offensive line was doing something right.

"Being thrown in those situations, it's important to respond and I thought I responded fairly well," Cook said. "But I know I've got things to work on."

The Cowboys' defense also excelled against the Giants, limiting nemesis Eli Manning to 213 yards passing and one touchdown.

Seattle starts rookie Russell Wilson, who threw for only 153 yards and had one touchdown and one pass intercepted in a loss Sunday at Arizona. The Cowboys are taking nothing for granted.

"He's a rookie quarterback but he has a lot of savvy," Dallas cornerback Brandon Carr said. "Just looking at film, you couldn't tell he's a rookie. He handles himself well in the pocket. When he gets out of the pocket, he keeps his poise and gets the ball down the field."

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The Seahawks have one of the top home advantages in the league. Garrett said that during practices this week, the Cowboys will pump additional noise over the loudspeakers during practice to assimilate conditions during the game.

That will help focus the Cowboys on the task ahead.

"It's always a challenge to move on," Garrett said. "But we continue to preach it. It's a good philosophy for football players and it's a good philosophy for life. The players were off over the weekend and now we're focused on Seattle."

Big 12 teams embracing run game

(AP) — Big 12 teams are piling up the goal is simply to take what defenses crazy stats again, just like they do every September.

The difference this year? The numbers are not all through the air.

Kansas State, Oklahoma State and Oklahoma all rank in the top 10 nationally in rushing yards, led by the Wildcats with 612. Through the first two weeks of the season, all but one of the Big 12's 10 teams are averaging more than five yards a run.

The Big 12 had just four teams (and current member TCU) that averaged at least five yards per carry in 2011 — and Missouri and Texas A&M aren't even in the league anymore.

It is only mid-September and Big 12 teams so far have been playing weaker competition, so balanced offenses are more noticeable in a league known the past several years for prolific passing. Still, coaches know what's at stake.

"When you look at who is winning national championships, it's been teams that can run the ball and be balanced, but also play great defense against the run," Texas coach Mack Brown said. "I do think that people are trying to run the ball more.'

The face of Kansas State's running game has been bruising senior quarterback Collin Klein, who has 125 yards rushing and three touchdowns in two games. But junior running back John Hubert has been superb so far with 258 yards — one shy of Oklahoma newcomer Damien Williams for the league lead.

give them. So far, Kansas State has run the ball 50 times a game while throwing just 20 passes — and the Wildcats are 2-0 after blasting Miami 52-13.

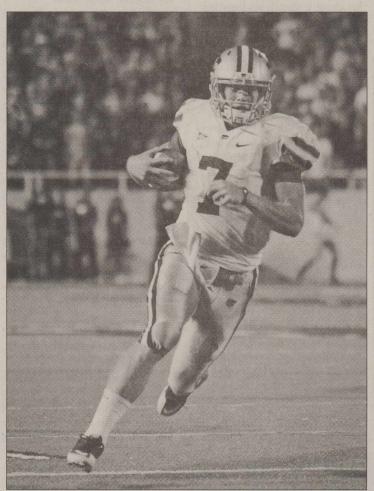
"The bottom line is simply that you want to avoid creating tendencies that give a defensive football team an advantage," Snyder said.

Williams, a junior college transfer from Arizona Western, rushed for 156 yards and four touchdowns on just 10 carries as Oklahoma shook off a shaky debut and routed Florida A&M 69-13 to move to 2-0.

The Sooners finished in the middle of the pack, 50th overall, in rushing offense in 2011, one spot ahead of rival Oklahoma State. But Williams has quickly earned the trust of coach Bob Stoops and appears set to be a major factor for the Sooners in 2012.

"Williams is a big, strong fast guy that's really performing well and has had some big plays for us. But he's been doing the little things too," he said. "Taking care of the football, and not a little thing but a big thing: pass protection. Stepping up and picking up blitzes. He's been very good."

Oklahoma State has some issues on defense and with penalties after giving up a staggering 59 points in a threetouchdown loss at Arizona. But the Cowboys haven't had any trouble running the ball. They ran for 200 yards against the Wildcats, with star Joseph Randle gaining 123 yards and Jeremy Smith adding 77 on just eight carries. Coach Mike Gundy is hopeful that a healthy rushing attack will help make life easier for freshman quarterback Wes Lunt



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# Dallas Mavericks introduce five new veteran players

DALLAS (AP) — There was no secret about the Dallas Mavericks' plans going into free agency and their heavy pursuit of Deron Williams.

Things obviously turned out much differently.

More than two months after All-Star guard Williams opted to stay with the Nets for their move to Brooklyn rather than come home to play, the Mavericks formally introduced the five veteran players they were able to add instead.

"We went on the option for the big free agent. That didn't work out. Honestly, that wasn't my first choice," owner Mark Cuban said Monday. "Sometimes the best deals are the ones you don't do and they lead to better things. And I think that's what happened now."

Dallas got Elton Brand on a waiver claim from Philadelphia, signed free agents Chris Kaman and O.J. Mayo, and acquired Darren Collison and Dahntay Jones in a trade from Indiana. All those

moves were made in July.

The newcomers sat with Cuban and coach Rick Carlisle at a long table set up on a podium on the main floor of the team's home arena.

Season ticket holders were invited to attend, and a couple of hundred of them sat in the stands munching on free popcorn. A few even got to ask questions during the hour-long session, which came just less than three weeks before the start of training camp Sept. 29.

Add the three rookies drafted in June, and the Mavericks' current 15-player roster has only seven players back from last season. Only four players remain from their NBA title team the year before that, including perennial All-Star Dirk Nowitzki, who is going into his 14th season.

"Definitely, we want to keep Dirk's window open as long as possible to win another championship," Brand said. "We're hungry because we don't have champion-

ships and he does. Hopefully, we make just job a lot easier.<sup>3</sup>

Philadelphia used its onetime amnesty provision in the new CBA to let Brand go, and the Mavs won the waiver claim. The 33-year-old twotime All-Star who will make \$18.1 million the final season of a five-year contract that will be paid mostly by the 76ers.

"I've still got a lot left in the tank," Brand said. "I feel great."

Kaman, a 7-foot center, spent last season in New Orleans after eight years with the Los Angeles Clippers, spending five of those with Brand. Kaman has also been on the German national team with Nowitzki.

Mayo played the first four seasons of his career in Memphis, averaging 15.2 points in 301 games. The 6-foot-4 guard has already been in Dallas about a month acclimating himself to the organization and the area.

"It's going to be fun," said Mayo, the former USC star who was the third overall pick in the 2008 draft.

"I think he can be a star," Cuban said. "I think O.J. knows this is his make-or-break who am I going to really be in this league. Coach is going to him that opportunity.'

Dallas sent Ian Mahinmi to the Pacers in July to get Collison, the guard is going into his fourth season, and Jones, a guard-forward who has played for four different teams in his nine seasons.

Jason Kidd, their 39-year-old point guard whose 1,315 career regular-season games are more than any other active player, and Jason Terry were among the free agents that left Dallas this summer after the Mavericks had the league's oldest team last season.

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Tech penalized its program by removing 12 hours and 20 minutes from available practice

time this season, according to an Associated Press report. This was twice the number

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gather facts," Hocutt said then, "and we will continue to move forward with the NCAA rules component as well as the personnel component as expeditiously as possible."

A total of six players from last year's team transferred out of the Tech program. All attempts of contacting these players have been unsuccessful

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# Crane says Clemens may pitch for Astros this year

Clemens' comeback might be headed to Houston. Well, Astros owner Jim Crane isn't ruling it out, at least.

Crane said Monday there's a possibility the 50-year-old righthander could pitch this season for the majors' worst team.

"We haven't heard from Roger, so that's still up in the air," Crane said.

The last-place Astros begin a weeklong homestand on Monday that includes three games against the Cubs and four against the Phillies. Their only remaining home games after this stretch are against the Pirates and the Cardinals — two teams in postseason contention.

Crane said he would not pitch the seven-time Cy Young Award winner against a contender, which leaves this week as the only option.

He wouldn't say whether the team will reach out and try to entice Clemens to return to the majors for the first time since pitching for the Yankees in 2007.

"We're just going to sit tight," Crane said. "We'll wait and see if he calls us, but we might call him, who knows?"

Clemens pitched 3 1-3 scoreless innings in his first start for Sugar Land of the independent Atlantic league, and didn't allow a run in 4 2-3 innings in his second start Friday.

HOUSTON (AP) — Roger Houston this season, Clemens said be fun for a lot of people, but it Friday he didn't see it happening because of the time it took him to recover from his first start.

> The Astros sent a scout to watch both of his outings. General manager leff Luhnow said he didn't have any new information on the subject.

> "Right now we have a six-man rotation and we've lined up that rotation for the rest of the year, so I'm not expecting any changes," he said. "The words that I've heard Roger say suggest that that's not front and center in his mind. At this point I'm not expecting it."

Clemens earned \$160 million and won 354 games in a 24-year career with the Red Sox, Yankees, Blue Jays and Astros. His 4,672 strikeouts are third-most and he was selected for 11 All-Star games.

Clemens had two great seasons with the Astros after he turned 40, going 18-4 with a 2.98 ERA in 2004 to win his record seventh Cy Young Award. He was 13-8 with a career-low 1.87 ERA in 2005.

The Rocket's fastball was clocked at as high as 88 mph, and he also threw curves and splitters in his starts for the Skeeters.

But it seems he isn't sure if his stuff is major league ready at this point.

"I don't think I could make an impact," Clemens said last week when asked about pitching When asked about pitching for for the Astros. "I think it would

would take a lot of work to do and to perform the way I would want to perform. My mind says yes. My body says no."

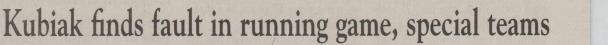
Clemens' re-emergence with the Skeeters is the first time he has been in the spotlight since he was acquitted of charges he lied to Congress when he denied using performance-enhancing drugs.

Clemens was accused by former personal trainer Brian McNamee in the Mitchell Report on drugs in baseball of using steroids and HGH, allegations Clemens denied before Congress. The Justice Department began an investigation concerning whether Clemens had lied under oath, and in 2010 a grand jury indicted him on two counts of perjury, three counts of making false statements and one count of obstructing Congress.

He was acquitted of all the charges on June 19 after a 10-week trial and had largely stayed out of the public spotlight until signing with the Skeeters on Aug. 20.

Also Monday, Crane said the Astros are beginning the process of hiring a new manager to replace the fired Brad Mills. Crane said they have narrowed down their list to about six candidates and will begin interviews this week.

He would not name any of the candidates, but said interim manager Tony DeFrancesco would be considered.



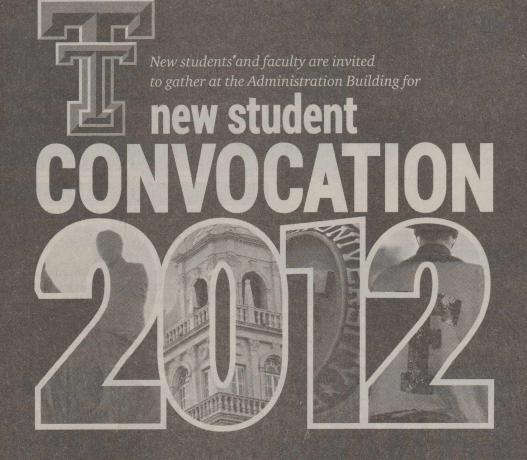
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Houston also had issues on special teams. Trindon Holliday,

who made the team after returning

three kicks for touchdowns in the

preseason, bobbled a kickoff and gained only 61 total yards on four

kick returns. Marcus Thigpen ran a

punt back 72 yards for a touchdown

that," Kubiak said. "We did not play

well on special teams — we didn't

Linebackers Mister Alexander

cover well, we didn't return well."

and Whitney Mercilus among the

action on the coverage and return

teams in the preseason as normally

would, so Kubiak could look at

preseason, we did protect some of

those guys, when we were looking

at young players," Kubiak said.

"It showed a little bit (Sunday). I

don't think some of the key guys

on special teams were on top of

their game. We didn't come out of

this game feeling very good about

how we played. But we made the

corrections and hopefully, we're a

cause a lot of other things went

over ratio last season and scored

119 points off 27 takeaways. They

picked up where they left off in

Houston still won easily, be-

The Texans were plus-7 in turn-

lot better next week."

right.

"Throughout the course of the

"We had to start (Monday) with

for Miami.

other reserves.

HOUSTON (AP) — Gary Ku- about right or left." biak sounded pretty dissatisfied for a coach whose team won its season opener by three touchdowns.

Yes, the Texans beat Miami 30-10, the defense overwhelmed rookie Ryan Tannehill and Matt Schaub and Andre Johnson looked as healthy as ever.

But Kubiak found plenty to pick apart heading into this week's game at Jacksonville, starting with the running game. Arian Foster rushed for 79 vards, and Houston finished with just 83 rushing yards overall. The Texans rushed for only 26 yards in the second half after building a 24-3 halftime lead.

"That's the mark of a good team you've got to run it and finish the game," Kubiak said Monday. "We didn't do that."

The Texans ranked second in rushing offense last season (153 yards per game), then lost right tackle Eric Winston and right guard Mike Brisiel in the offseason. Derek Newton made his first NFL start at right tackle and Antoine Caldwell moved in at right guard after only 13 total starts in the previous three years, but Kubiak didn't single out those two for the faulty ground attack.

"I'm looking at the big picture," Kubiak said. "We didn't run the ball well, whether we ran it right, left or up the middle. When I'm talking to them (the linemen), I'm talking to all five of them. I'm not talking



2011, turning four Miami turnovers into points in the second quarter. Johnathan Joseph's interception set up Shayne Graham's first field goal before the Texans claimed turnovers on three straight Miami snaps. Defensive end J.J. Watt swatted Tannehill's next two passes at the line, leading to interceptions and Danieal Manning recovered Daniel Thomas' fumble.

"Once we got the turnover, I think we scored six out of seven possessions," Kubiak said, "so that's a darn good thing."

Schaub completed 20 of 31 regulars who didn't see as much passes for 266 yards and looked comfortable in his first game since fracturing his right Lisfranc joint in Week 10 last season. And Schaub headed off any potential off-thefield distraction on Saturday when he signed a 4-year contract extension.

> "I'm happy for him. It's good for the organization. It's good for the football team," Kubiak said. "We've got a fine player and we got him locked up for a while. I'm happy for Matt and his family. He wanted to be here. He wants to play here, so that's a very positive step."

> Tight end Owen Daniels also had a solid opener, with four catches for 87 yards. Johnson caught eight passes for 119 yards, including a touchdown, and proved that he and Schaub have their chemistry back.

"Andre, the last 10 days of camp, has really looked like the Andre I remember from four or five years ago," Kubiak said. "I'm talking about from a work standpoint at practice. Andre is a guy that needs to do it in practice to do it in a game. That's the way he is. He had an excellent week last week and it showed in the game."

Kubiak said the five-time Pro Bowl receiver was on the field for 49 plays, and he and receivers coach Larry Kirksey may limit Johnson's play count in upcoming games to "keep him fresh."

Linebacker Tim Dobbins, who left the opener with a neck injury, ran with the team on Monday and is expected to return to practice on Wednesday.