

Tech officials discuss university policies in case of bomb threat

Reporter with The Daily Texan, LSU professor weigh in on what universities went through

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By MEGAN KETTERER STAFF WRITER

Since Friday four bomb threats have been made at universities in Texas, North Dakota, Ohio and Louisiana.

Chris Cook, managing director

in the Office of Communications and Marketing at Texas Tech, said Tech has been researching the responses of universities, which had bomb threats to evaluate Tech's plan in such a scenario.

"It's a constant evaluation process," he said. "No one has the perfect plan. All plans can be Policy and Procedure 76.06, once tweaked."

Cook said it is important to verify the legitimacy of the call, so students, faculty and staff can be informed.

take the information very seriously at that point," he said. "You have to do your best to verify it."

According to Tech's Operating

a bomb threat is received, the person receiving the call should notify the Tech Police Department immediately.

The Tech Police Department "Once a threat is called in, you communications officer would dispatch officers to the location of the threat and perform a search, according to the policy.

The policy states, if necessary,

the police department would coordinate with the Office of Communications and Marketing regarding the dissemination of information to the Tech community.

Kenny Evans, assistant chief of police at the Tech PD, said once the call is made and the police department is notified the operating policy is put into action.

He said there also is a bomb

threat information check sheet for the Tech employee answering the phone call.

"It has some basic check boxes and fill-in-the-blank that the employee receiving the threat can use as a refresher or pointer to ascertain some information that can be used later on in investigations," he said.

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Texas Tech ranks 165th in US News and World **Report Best Colleges List**

By NICOLE MOLTER STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech was one of five colleges ranked 165th in U.S.

Best Colleges list.

into account issues including peer assessment, graduation and retention rates, faculty resources, financial resources and alumni donations. Lawrence News and World Report's annual Schovanec, interim president of Tech, said.

The colleges tied with Tech are San Diego State University, University of Idaho, University of La Verne and West Virginia University, according to National University Rankings on the U.S. News and World Report's website.

"Although it's a large school, with more than 28,000 students pursuing 150 degree programs in 11 colleges, Texas Tech prides itself in maintaining the feeling of a smaller liberal arts institution," according to the website.

The ranking process takes

Tech ranks 165th in the National Universities category, he said. There are more than 200 institutions in the National University class. Tech also ranks 90th in the Top Public Schools category and in the top 30 nationally in students graduating with the least debt.

Many schools in the rankings are tier-one schools, Schovanec said, but tier-one does not necessarily affect rank.

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PHOTO BY EMILY MCCARTHY/The Daily Toreador

THE BENTLY MASSEY Band covers different country songs during the Military and Veteran Program kick-off Tuesday in the Student Union Building ballroom.

Military, Veterans program kicks off new school year with event

Several streets closed for Hub City BBQ Cook-off

Starting this morning, several Lubbock roads will be closed off for three days, for the 11th annual Hub City BBO Cook-off.

Vice president of the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce, Robin Raney, said the streets will be closed from 6 a.m. Wednesday until 8 a.m. Friday.

The following streets will be closed during that time: Broadway Avenue from Ave. N. to Ave. K, Ave. L. between Broadway Avenue and Main Street, and Ave. K between Broadway Avenue and Main Street, according to a Lubbock Chamber of Commerce news release.

People are encouraged to find alternative routes. However, it should not pose much of an issue to citizens and students in their daily commutes, Raney said.

"Typically," she said, "it's not been

any difficulty to find alternative routes."

The barbeque cook-off will be on from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, according to the news release. Texas Tech students with a valid ID can purchase tickets for the cook-off at the gate for \$15. The price for general admission is \$25, and children 5 years old and younger get in free.

The barbeque is a community-wide street event, Raney said, in which more than 100 teams will be grilling barbeque, including brisket, ribs and other meats, and other food, such as side dishes and desserts that are available to the public.

According to the release, Granger Smith will perform at the event, along with guests Jason Nutt and Highway 70, and Mariachi Carino.

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By KATIE MCKEE STAFF WRITER

The Military and Veterans Programs kicked off the year with the Bentley Massey Band, free dinner and informational booths at 7 p.m. Tuesday.

Non-veteran students were welcome to the event along with veteran's families, Ryan Van Dusen, assistant director of Military and Veterans Programs said.

The program, which serves approximately 1,500 students, Van Dusen said, hosts events such as this to let veteran students know about the resources available to them, such as the Veteran's Association at Texas Tech.

Connectivity is one of the main benefits of attending veteran events, Matthew Maher, a sophomore civil engineering major from Anchorage, Alaska said.

The kickoff was Maher's first event to attend, and he said he plans to attend more.

"I think this is a really neat thing to put on for support," he said. "Especially with a big campus like this, it can be overwhelming and going through the transition from basically being institutionalized to the civilian world can be a little tough at times."

Along with connectivity, junior mechanical engineering major from Friendswood, Kyle Huss said veteran events promote camaraderie veterans miss from the military.

"I really enjoy getting together and talking with other veterans," he said. "I know there's a lot of commonality, a lot of things we can talk about that I can't talk about with other students. "

As a non-traditional student, age and military knowledge are some of the qualities Huss said he shares with other veterans.

"I'm finding people that are in my classes that I didn't know they were veterans like me, so it's kind of a good way to get everyone out of the closet," Huss said.

Maher said the VA at Tech encouraged him to attend the kickoff, while Huss said the association is the reason he enrolled at Tech.

Huss said he was in Iraq when he applied to Tech and received scholarships before returning home. Because of this he said he has great loyalty to the university for the way they treat veterans.

"They really took care of me and none of the other schools (I applied to) did that," he said.

Huss said he encourages other veterans to attend MVP events to help with a smoother transition between military life and student life.

This transition, Van Dusen said, is the goal of the MVP.

"Our primary mission is to process people's educational benefits, Azlewood, GI Bill, that type of stuff," he said. "On top of that we want to help our students succeed."

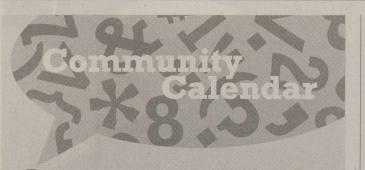
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Library Services Fair Time: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Where: Library So, what is it? Come meet your personal librarian, tour the new Crossroads Recording Studio and more.

Studio 360: Beginning Drawing for Adults Time: 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. So, what is it? No previous experience is required for this drawing class. For ages 18 years old and older.

Cara Kizer, horn Time: 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. Where: Hemmle Recital Hall So, what is it? Come out and listen to guest artist Cara Kizer on the horn. Admission is free.

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

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Hub City BBQ Cook-off Time: 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Where: Library So, what is it? Come out and enjoy West Texas barbeque, live music and more. Tickets with a student ID Gary Nix and West! Texas are \$10.

Art History Lecture: Dr. Brian Steele Time: 5:30 p.m

Where: School of Art So, what is it? Come listen to Dr. Brian Jazz Jam Steele and his presentation Time: 9 p.m. to midnight of "Giovanni Bellini's Frari Where: Crossroads Triptych: Wisdom, Cosmos, Salvation."

"The Immigrant Experience," a talk by Carlos Eire Time: 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Where: International Cultural Center Hall of Nations So, what is it? Author of the award winning at La Diosa.

Jenni Dale Lord Live in Stella's Lounge

Time: 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Where: Stella's Restaurant So, what is it? Come out for happy hour and live entertainment.

Thursday Nights at the Art Factory Time: 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Where: Lubbock Municipal Garden and Arts Center So, what is it? Come participate in a challenge Where: Museum of Texas Tech and new fine arts project. \$20 each week.

Glenn Beck Unelectable 2012 Live

Time: 7 p.m. Where: Cinemark Movies 16 So, what is it? Come out and watch Glenn Beck and Brian Sack participate in a mock presidential debate. Jack Helmuth and Matt Fisher will moderate the debate.

Lubbock Evening CBS Time: 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Where: Oakwood Baptist Church

So, what is it? Come join this non-denominational Bible study. Classes are offered for men, women. couples and children.

Brad Ethridge

Time: 7 p.m. Where: Triple J Chophouse and Brew Co. So, what is it? Come out to listen to some rock 'n' roll music.

Time: 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Where: Lubbock Senior Center So, what is it? Come out to the Lubbock Seniors dance. No alcohol and no smoking.

So, what is it? Come out to the jazz jam and open mic.

Alma Trio Time: 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. Where: La Diosa Cellars So, what is it? Come out and enjoy live music

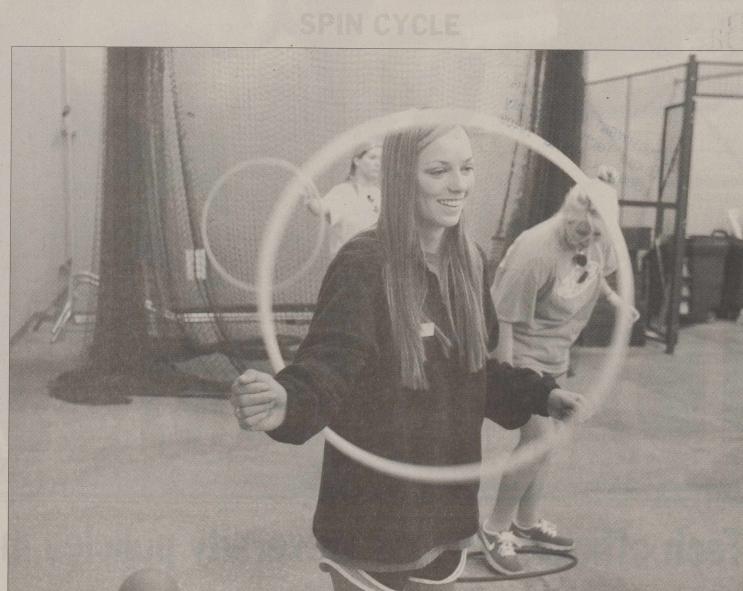


PHOTO BY LAUREN PAPE/The Daily Toreador

BETHANNE WALIOR, A sophomore early childhood education major from San Antonio, spins a hula hoop around her arm during a health and physical education for children class Tuesday in the Multi-Purpose Facility of the Exercise and Sports Sciences building.

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The University of Texas received a bomb threat Friday morning that is still under investigation.

Bobby Blanchard, senior reporter at the University of Texas' newspaper, The Daily Texan, said students learned to evacuate UT campus buildings at 9:53 a.m. Friday via text messages.

He said he called the police department at UT at about 10 a.m. to learn why the campus had

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'What's important is typically

to evacuate.

Blanchard, a sophomore journalism major from Pearland, said once he discovered there was a campus bomb threat, he spent the rest of the day tweeting information.

"On that day, I gained over 100 followers on Twitter because I was tweeting out information," he said. "A Washington Post reporter was following me for information on the bomb threat."

Blanchard said the initial statement made regarding the threat

those characteristics. They don't have large research programs, but they are high quality undergraduate institutions."

To Tech, tier one has been de-

light Middle Eastern accent.

Louisiana State University also received a bomb threat Monday morning. Students, faculty and staff were notified at about 11:30 am

Josh Grimm, an assistant professor of journalism at LSU, said he was teaching a class when students, faculty and staff were notified of the threat.

He said the message appeared on his computer screen and said to calmly evacuate campus.

"It stunned us for a second, but was that the caller claimed he was it was pretty straight-forward, so affiliated with al-Qaeda and had a we walked out of the building and

> Schovanec said. Where Tech needs to improve contain areas of faculty and financial resources, which include class sizes and student-tofaculty ratio.

left," he said.

He is still learning more about the threats, but he believes LSU is handling the situation as well as they can, he said.

Grimm said because the previous four threats have been hoaxes, he worries students will not take future ones seriously.

"I relate it to when I was a student in the dorms and every weekend the fire alarm would get pulled, and I would sleep through the alarm," he said. "I worry that people may become a little numb to it and not take it as seriously." >>> mketterer@dailytoreador.com

"Those rankings don't capture what makes Texas Tech a special place and that is the experience that students have when they're here," he said. "It's hard to measure that,

book "Waiting for Snow in Havana," Carlos Eire, will publicly speak at the International Cultural Center.

Arianna String Quartet Time: 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Where: Legacy Event Center So, what is it? Come out and listen to the St. Louis-based quartet.

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Events will be published either the day or the day before they take place. Submissions must be sent in by 4 p.m. on the preceding publication date.

when you think of a tier-one institution — you think of a school that does hundreds of millions of dollars of funded research," he said. "They have very distinguished faculty.

"They have high quality students. They produce a lot of doctoral graduates. There are many schools in the U.S. News and World Report that rank above us that don't have

fined in reaching a certain level, said Chris Cook, managing director of the Office of Communications and Marketing, but there are many different definitions. The U.S. News and World Report list has specific qualifications.

Tech's strengths include areas of peer assessment, graduate and retention rate, and student selectivity,

"So, it's a priority for us to hire more faculty and to invest more resources into our faculty and into our students, because those things do appear in these rankings," he said.

Tech has characteristics that meet requirements for the magazine's rankings, but also qualities not mentioned in U.S. News and World Report, Schovanec said.

but Texas Tech is really famous for the student-friendly campus that we have, the accommodations we provide our students, so there are many reasons to be proud of our university. There are many reasons that Texas Tech produces graduates that are valued that aren't reflected in these rankings."

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AMR expects about 4,400 job cuts, warns 11,000

lines is sending layoff warning notices to more than 11,000 employees although a spokesman says the company expects job losses to be closer to 4,400.

The notices went out to mechanics and ground workers whose jobs will be affected as American goes through a bankruptcy restructuring.

American Airlines spokesman Bruce Hicks said Tuesday that fewer than 40 percent of those getting notices will lose their jobs. Hicks said federal law requires the company to notify anyone whose

DALLAS (AP) — American Air- position could change, including those who could get "bumped" by more-senior employees whose jobs are eliminated or outsourced.

> American said in February that it planned to cut 14,000 jobs, including 13,000 held by union workers. But if Hicks is right, the final job losses will be about a third of that.

Over the summer American accepted slightly smaller cost-cutting measures as it negotiated new labor contracts, and it agreed to give bonuses to flight attendants and ground workers

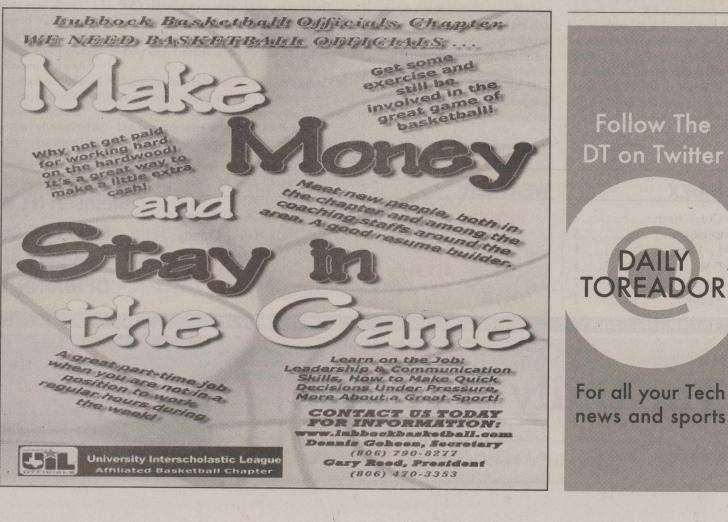
who quit. So far 1,800 flight attendants and 800 ground workers have applied to take the money and leave.

Layoff notices went to nearly 3,000 workers in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, where a maintenance facility will close, nearly 3,000 more at a base in Tulsa, Okla., and smaller numbers at airports across the country.

"As bad as this is — and we knew this day was coming — we've been able to lessen the pain," said Jamie Horwitz, a spokesman for the Transport Workers Union.

Separately, the leader of the pilots' union blasted the company, saying it is "paying lip service" to negotiating a contract while using the bankruptcy process to wring punitive cost-cutting concessions from pilots.

Eight other labor groups approved long-term contracts that will help AMR cut annual labor spending by about \$1 billion. Pilots, however, voted overwhelmingly against the company's last contract offer, and a federal bankruptcy judge allowed American to impose new pay and working rules on pilots.



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Bad gets worse for Mitt Romney

stretch for Mitt Romney just got worse, and Republican insiders now are growing increasingly pessimistic about the GOP presidential nominee's chances of winning the White House.

The latest heartburn for these insiders is Romney's refusal to back down from his • headache for Romney seven weeks before statement that nearly half of Americans believe they are victims dependent upon government.

After his remarks, made to donors at a private fundraiser in May, came to light in a video, the candidate defended his position — and did so again Tuesday. He told Fox News: "I know some believe . that government should take from some to give to the others. I think that's an entirely foreign concept."

Publicly, Romney's campaign shrugs off the criticism. Aides say Romney will try to shift the debate back to the specifics of his vision for the country in hopes of curbing President Barack Obama's momentum before the first debate on Oct. 3 - and then seal the deal.

But, at least this week, there are doubts in GOP circles that he can prevail.

"This is a worst case scenario in some respects," Republican strategist Steve Lombardo said a day after Romney's remarks roiled the campaign. Obama the week aiming to focus more on giving

of-touch elitist, and Lombardo said the remarks "tend to reinforce pre-existing perception."

'Anytime that happens a campaign has to worry," Lombardo said.

The remarks were just the latest Election Day and with early voting well under way.

Romney critics and backers alike point to his misstep-filled trip abroad in July as an early signal of worry. Then came Romney's nominating convention, where Hollywood actor/director Clint Eastwood stole the show with a rambling conversation with an empty chair representing the president.

Obama's well-received convention followed. And so did a boost for the president in state and national polling.

Last week, Romney tried to use anti-American unrest in the Middle East to seize political advantage, only to be criticized for prematurely assailing the commander in chief before knowing all the facts, including that a U.S. ambassador had died. Then there were reports of infighting among his staff, and calls from Republicans for Romney to do more than just criticize Obama on the economy.

Heeding that advice, Romney began

WASHINGTON (AP) — A bad has been painting Romney as an out-voters a better sense of what he would do as president. Then his remarks from the spring fundraiser surfaced, and he defended himself.

By Tuesday, Republicans were on edge. And some warned that Romney's road to the presidency was getting steeper.

Most of the more than a dozen GOP consultants interviewed for this story wouldn't openly discuss their concerns for fear of angering Romney's inner circle.

But there was an overwhelming sense that Romney needs to do something to shake up the race. Many Republicans said they view the upcoming debates as Romney's last chance to turn the tide — and even then it might be too late, given that a chunk of voters in key states will already have voted before the first debate.

Although they concede that the timing was bad, Romney aides insist he has nothing to apologize for. They say there is more than enough time to recover. They also point to larger polling gaps made up by Ronald Reagan and George H.W. Bush in past elections, and to national tracking surveys that show Romney starting to recover.

Some Republicans see the same trends

Obama says as president he represents country

NEW YORK (AP) — Rebuking fundraiser and posted online Monday, Mitt Romney, President Barack Obama said Tuesday that Americans are not "victims" and that voters want to make sure that their president is "not writing off big chunks of the country."

Obama's remarks came after a secretly taped and newly released video showed the Republican presidential nominee describing "47 percent of the people" as Obama supporters who depend on government and believe they are victims.

"My expectation is that if you want to be president, you have to work for everyone, not just for some," Obama said in a taping of the "Late Show" with David Letterman.

It was Obama's first response to the Romney video, which roiled Romney's campaign and put him on the defensive about his views about nearly half the nation. The president appeared on the TV show before a night of fundraising in New York City.

Romney said it is not his job "to worry about those people." He was referring to what he called Obama's locked-in supporters who believe they are "entitled to health care, to food, to housing, to vou name it.'

Romney has since said he made his point inelegantly in trying to describe differing visions for the nation.

"There are not a lot of people out there who think they are victims" or simply entitled, Obama said.

Obama said people understand that the presidential candidates will make mistakes on the campaign trail. He said that includes one he regrets from 2008, when audio from one of his own private fundraisers had him saying that some residents of depressed rural areas get bitter and "cling to guns or religion or antipathy to people who aren't like them."

Having said that, Obama added: "One thing I've learned as president is In the video, taken during a May that you represent the entire country."

The president and Letterman also bantered over lighter subjects, with Obama joking about the Florida pizza restaurant owner who lifted him off the ground in a bear hug last week. "I think he fixed something in my back," Obama said. The two men exchanged compli-

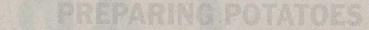
ments on their appearances. "You look good," Obama said.

"You haven't seen me naked," Letterman said.

Obama replied: "We're going to keep it that way."

Later, Obama spoke to about 200 people at a fundraiser at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel. Tickets for the event started at \$12,500 per family.

He ended the night at a fundraiser hosted by pop star Beyonce and her husband Jay-Z at the rap mogul's 40/40 Club. About 100 supporters paid \$40,000 per person to attend the party, which was expected to raise about \$4 million for Obama's campaign and Democratic Party organizations.



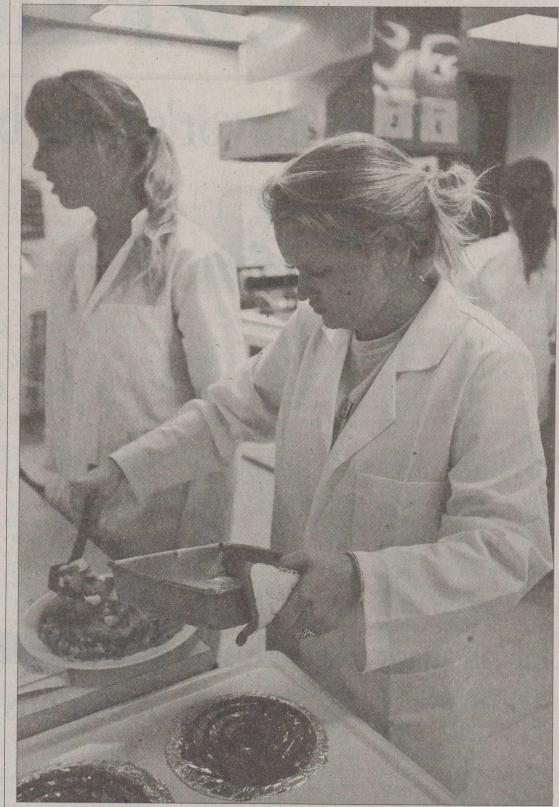


PHOTO BY ISAAC VILLALOBOS/The Daily Toreador KATHRYN KILGORE, A junior nutrition major from Fort Worth, plates rosemary baked potatoes for her food preparation lab inside of the Food Science building Tuesday.



Mexico finds a few escapees in border prison break

PIEDRAS NEGRAS, Mexico (AP) testing program, which is supposed - Officials said Tuesday they have found three inmates thought to have escaped through a tunnel at a northern Mexico border prison, lowering the number of escaped prisoners to 129.

Three female inmates were found hiding in a prison visiting area, Jorge Luis Moran, the public safety secretary of the northern border state of Coahuila, told the television network Televisa.

troops, including 70 members of an elite military special forces unit, were searching for inmates who fled the prison in Piedras Negras, a city across the border from Eagle Pass, Texas. They escaped Monday through a tunnel 21 feet long and 4 feet in diameter and then cut their way through a chain link barrier.

Moran later said the jailbreak appeared to have been orchestrated by the hyper-violent Zetas drug cartel. "We assume that they organized it," he said.

He said some of the inmates might have been forced to take part in the jailbreak as a way to swell the ranks of the Zetas, who have been fighting a bloody turf battle in Coahuila with the Sinaloa cartel.

The director and two other em- * after failing background checks, he said. ployees of the state prison have been detained for an investigation.

President Felipe Calderon called the jailbreak "deplorable" in a statement posted on his Twitter account Tuesday. He appeared to re-ignite a long-running dispute between federal and state authorities, writing that "the vulnerability of state law enforcement institutions must be corrected."

Collusion between guards and drug gangs has played a role in past escapes, and federal authorities have been pushing to have all state and municipal police and law enforcement officials submit to background and anti-drug checks, as well as vetting for possible links to organized crime.

But state authorities have been dragging their feet. On Monday, federal Interior Secretary Alejandro Poire said that only 180,000 of the country's 430,000 city and state police officers had been vetted and checked and that about 65,000 of those tested had failed the tests.

A failure rate of about one-third of officers has been a constant in the to conclude with all officers vetted by early 2013. That goal now appears unreachable, and the question remains of what will be done with the officers who failed. All are supposed to be fired, but Mexican labor laws and a shortage of recruits to replace them makes it an arduous process.

For example, federal police have vetted all of their officers, and many have Federal police units and Mexican gone through background checks more than once, but many of those who fail are still on the 36,000-member force.

Since the current administration took office in December 2006, about 2,045 federal officers have failed periodic vetting and anti-drug tests, and 302 of them have been fired. About 600 others are involved in the lengthy internal-affairs procedure that could lead to people losing their jobs.

Moran complained that Coahuila's attempts to comply with the vetting process may have been responsible for the low number of guards on duty at the Piedras Negras prison when the jailbreak occurred. Only 12 guards were on duty to watch 734 inmates, after some guards and officials were dismissed

"People on the administrative and guard staff who did not pass the background checks and who shouldn't be in the prisons have been dismissed, and that resulted in the fact that there weren't more people on duty," Moran said.

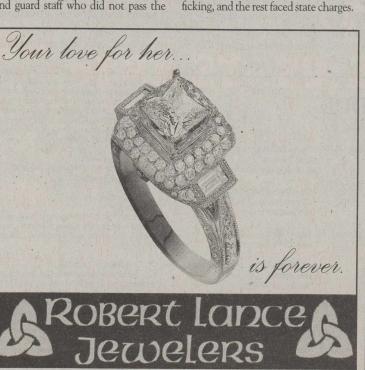
In February, nine guards at a prison near the northern city of Monterrey confessed to helping 30 Zetas drug gangsters escape. Not only did the Zetas flee, but during their jailbreak, other Zetas slaughtered 44 inmates who belonged to the rival Gulf cartel.

In December 2010, 153 inmates escaped from a prison in the northern city of Nuevo Laredo, across from Laredo, Texas. Authorities charged 41 guards with aiding that escape.

State authorities complain that their relatively low-security prisons are forced to hold dangerous inmates being held on federal charges like drug trafficking and organized crime.

They have called on federal officials to take federal inmates out of state prisons, and some of the most dangerous federal inmates had been transferred out of the Piedras Negras prison in recent months.

Coahuila Attorney General Homero Ramos said 86 of the escaped inmates were serving sentences or awaiting verdicts for federal crimes, such as drug traf-



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New York mayor's soda ban begins a slippery slope

UPINIONS

It seems that if New York City mayor Michael Bloomberg had his way, we'd all be eating tofu and drinking water for every meal.

The New York City Board of Health voted last week to ban the sale of sugary sodas larger than 16 ounces in restaurants, movie theaters and street carts. This is the next step in Mayor Bloomberg's crusade to end obesity, following a ban on restaurants cooking with trans fats.

The mayor has received ample criticism on this measure and rightfully so. It's another big encroachment on the freedom of choice we Americans have in our daily lives.

It's bad enough that the government can tell us which light bulbs to buy, but now they're telling us how much soda we are allowed to drink. Before you know it, they'll be telling us which brand of toilet paper to use (and how much of it we can name of saving money.

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use) and what kind of pillows we're allowed to sleep on.

I understand the problem obesity poses to our society. Diabetes has become more widespread, as have medical conditions like heart disease. This is one of the very problems associated with a government-controlled health care system.

If the government controls health care, then they have a vested interest in the health of the citizens. This, then, could be interpreted to allow the government to mandate us to do certain things or to ban us from eating certain foods in order to improve our overall health, all in the

have a problem with that. It's an entirely Orwellian idea that the government can make decisions about our lifestyle choices without regard to personal freedom. The argument in favor of ban-

ning the large sodas is essential- chasing more than one? Furtherly that it will

save people from themselves. So the big-government liberals like Bloomberg believe people are generally stupid and incapable of reason and therefore must be controlled.

I'm not entirely certain Mayor Bloomberg has even read the Constitution. If he has, it's only so he can find loopholes to increase governmental control. Individual freedom is paramount in this country, which is some- covered by this ban, such as be free to deal with the conse-

this case.

What's worse is that the ban itself is ineffective at best. Sure, people can no longer super-size their sodas at McDonald's, but what's to keep them from pur-

more, the ban does not apply to grocery Yes, obesity is a stores, where problem in our people will still be free to pursociety, but it's not chase that twoliter bottle of the government's Coke and chug it down as they problem to solve. see fit. Many fast

food restaurants have selfservice soda fountains, meaning that even though customers will only have a 16-ounce cup, they

they like. Other sugary drinks are not

can refill it as many times as

I don't know about you, but I thing obviously disregarded in milkshakes and many of the quences of that choice. sweet offerings on the menu at Starbucks. Basically, this ban will do nothing.

> But that isn't the issue here. The issue is the ability of the government to dictate what we can and cannot eat or drink. It's a dangerous path that doesn't lead anywhere good.

The next things to be banned will be the large orders of fries and the double-meat cheeseburger with bacon. After that, it will be whole milk and those. big, fatty steaks. Next thing you know, we'll be eating nothing but steamed vegetables and organic foods.

Yes, obesity is a problem in our society, but it's not the government's problem to solve. If people who are obese want to continue eating fatty foods while not exercising, that's their personal choice. It's a choice they should be free to make one way or the other; just as they should

Perhaps the mayor would be better served by advocating exercise regimens and healthy diets through voluntary means such as local amateur sports programs and health seminars. Getting healthy is something people should want to do. If they don't want to, then that's their choice.

I see what Bloomberg is trying to do, but this is entirely the wrong way to do it. Turning the government into a nanny-state is not something that needs to happen in this country.

For us to be free, we must also be free to make bad choices and then handle the consequences of those choices. The government may have the power to lead us to water, but by no means should it be allowed to make us drink.

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Libyan attack religion-based

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The American consulate in Libya was attacked on Tuesday, leaving four killed including U.S. Ambassador Chris Stevens and up to 10 Libyan security personnel dead or wounded. It is speculated that militant Islamists in the northern sector of Benghazi planned the attack well in advance.

At the center of the chaos is a film produced by an Egyptian man, Nakoula Basseley Nakoula. The Coptic Christian's low-budget trailer for the film depicts the prophet Mohammad in an unsavory and offensive light, which ignited backlash and protest throughout the Arab world. Nakoula was taken in by California fundamentalism that fuels these acts. police for questioning Saturday regarding possible probation violations. Despite the uproar the film has made, it is imperative to remember Nakoula's right to free speech and that regardless of the film's offensive content to Muslims, his right to make it must be protected. "I have made it clear that the United States has a profound respect for people of all faiths. We stand for religious freedom, and we reject the denigration of any religion - including Islam. Yet there is never any justification for violence," President Barack Obama said in response to the attack. "There is no religion that condones the targeting of innocent men and women. There is no excuse for attacks on our embassies and consulates." Pictures of Libyans holding apologetic signs to Americans that read "Chris Stevens was a friend to all Libyans" and "Thugs and killers don't represent Benghazi nor Islam" have circulated on the web this week in an effort to forge peace between citizens of the two countries. The consensus of the Libyan people cannot be clearly promoted without technological advances within the country, yet a quick look at Google search results reinforces the desire for the name of both Islam and the Libyan people to be cleared of associations with this act of violence. As Secretary of State Hillary Clinton reiterated, the

actions of a "savage and small group" would not force the U.S. to turn its back on Libya.

The issue is marred by a troubled relationship between the U.S. and the Middle East that stretches far back. However, this specific attack was undoubtedly spurred by Nakoula's trailer, in which case, the question asked by Washington Post columnist Fouad Ajami must be answered: Why is the Arab world so easily offended?

As previously examined, this attitude is not indicative of the status quo in Libya, as far as one can tell. But the status quo is not what has flooded our news feeds and television sets for the past week. It is the militant, the pious. This has little to do with "acts of terrorism," but rather the religious Violence, as anyone can understand. is certainly not confined to these groups, yet last week's attacks are indicative of an existent pattern. Ajami's column extensively illustrates examples throughout history in which this type of violence has been condoned not just by militants, but influential figureheads as well. A well-known instance is that of Salman Rushdie's fiction novel The Satanic Verses, which was seen as blasphemous and sparked controversy. Iran's ruling cleric, Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, issued a fatwa calling for Rushdie's death in 1989. Many associated with the book have also suffered violent attacks for their involvement, including translators and publishers. Religious fundamentalism of any flavor is toxic to a successful society. How many have been slain in the name of gods throughout history? Too many to count. There will never be a unilateral agreement between cultures and nations on a religion, a sacred text or a deity. The work that spurred the attacks in Libya was primitive and ridiculous and must not be taken seriously, nor should any criticism of a particular faith. However, that utopian vision is far from being put into practice. With regard to the line between freedom and order, Ajami cautions: "In the Muslim world, that struggle is more fierce and lasting, and it will show itself in far more than burnt flags and overrun embassies."

SGA considering constitutional amendments

GUEST COLUMN

By ERIKA ALLEN

As a fourth-year member of the Student Government Association, I can honestly say that I have never been more excited to be a part of SGA than I am this year. SGA is increasing communication, senators are ready to represent students and ideas to improve Texas Tech are already taking place. If there was ever a year to pay attention to SGA, this is it.

Members of SGA stayed in Happy during the weekend of Sept. 7 and learned about the process of the Senate, brainstormed ideas and held a special Senate session. During this session, the Senate reinstated office hours. All senators are required to spend two hours per website so you can bring your ideas and concerns to the Senate's attention.

The Homecoming and Freshman Council election codes were also passed during the special session. This year, Freshman Council will be elected based on residence hall complex. Each residence hall will have three representatives elected to the council.

The first on-campus Senate meeting of the semester took place Thursday in the new Media and Communication building. The Senate discussed four amendments to the constitution. One amendment will require executive officers of SGA to spend their summer working in the SGA office and serving However, internships are not required for most students. Senators affirming the argument stated that an executive officer position provides a professional experience and that serving the student body as an executive officer requires sacrifice.

Another proposed amendment to the constitution prohibits the Supreme Court from creating laws based on their rulings in the court. The current constitution provides no limitations on the powers of the Supreme Court. The third proposed amendment clarifies in the constitution that the Senate has the sole authority to try all impeachments.

The final constitutional amendment creates a House of Representatives in Facebook and @ttu_sga on Twitter. the students unless an academic intern- SGA composed of student organization Allen is an Honors College

be given the funding process for student organizations, but that idea was perceived as a conflict of interest and removed from the legislation.

All of the constitutional amendments explained in this article are on second reading and will be looked at again at the Senate meeting at 6 p.m. on Sept. 27 in Media and Communication room 353. I encourage you all to share your opinions with your senators prior to their next meeting.

Visit http://www.sga.ttu.edu or call 806-742-3631 with questions, comments or concerns. Also visit "Texas Tech Student Government Association" on

week in the office writing legislation and speaking to constituents. I encourage you all to identify your senators on the SGA

ship is required of them. The debate on this piece was that it would exclude students who are seeking internships.

members. The Senate and House would function much like our Federal Congress. The resolution proposed that the House

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America must stand up for its values in wake of protests

By ERIC T. JUSTIN HARVARD CRIMSON (HARVARD U.)

Four dead in Benghazi, the America embassy stormed in Cairo, and protests across the Islamic World. Those calling for a post-post-9/11 era will have to wait a little longer. Anonymous statements by U.S. officials on Tuesday claimed that the attack in Libya was considered a premeditated assault unrelated to the demonstrations that spread beyond the Arab world from Nigeria to Bangladesh. This watershed moment in regional relations arises from an unexpected placean obscure short film of unclear origin that denigrates the prophet Mohamed.

A trailer for the video first appeared on YouTube in July. I warn you, though, it is very offensive-and I'm not just referring to its dark depiction of Islam's prophet. With its plastic axes, fake Santa Claus beards, misplaced green screen backdrops, and irregularly dubbed lines, the trailer makes "On Harvard Time" look like a Spielberg production.

In Cairo, protesters inexplicably overcame the American Embassy's security to enter the embassy's grounds and tear apart its American flag. Manynews outlets, perhaps with little other

information to use, emphasized the world. While acknowledging the validity protesters' black flags with the Islamic statement of faith-a popular symbol among many radical political Islamists. Actually, the storming of the embassy is better explained by another prominent image from the demonstrations.

The graffiti splashed on the walls from which the American flag was torn said "A.C.A.B." Unless you study post-World War II British leftist labor movements, you are probably unaware of the All Coppers Are Bastards acronym. I saw that acronym throughout Cairo, and it was often the only graffiti written in English. In Egypt and many other countries across the Islamic World, the state has lost, or is losing, its legitimacy. A.C.A.B. symbolizes a burgeoning phenomenon that could be referred to as a "protest culture." I would suggest that Islamism is only the weaker expression of a broader anger against power in its domestic and foreign forms.

"Echoes of '79?" asked a friend, referring to Iran's 1979 Revolution. The short answer is a simple "no." Most longer answers to this question emphasize the significant religious, social, and political distinctions between Iran and the Arab

of those distinctions, I would suggest that the aspirations and structure of Egypt's Muslim Brotherhood of today strongly resemble those of Iran's Islamic revolutionaries of '79. That's the bad news. The good news is that massive global economic and political developments of the last thirty years render those aspirations suicidal.

When it comes to the United States and much of the Arab world, the simple truth is that we need each other. Much has been made of the implications of Egyptian President Mohamed Morsi's trips to Saudi Arabia and China. However, for now at least, the Arab world still needs economic aid from the West in the form of annual military funds, myriad economic programs, and support within the International Monetary Fund and World Bank. As demographic, monetary, and institutional challenges multiply, the Arab world needs Western support more than ever. As most states in the region shift in unpredictable ways, America needs Arab allies more than ever. This mutual need demands a relationship based on respect.

America can begin to rebuild that

respect by holding responsible those implicated in last week's actions. America must uphold the international principle of the sanctity of foreign embassies and consulates. When Saudi Arabia's embassy in Egypt suffered a series of protests in April, Saudi Arabia closed its embassy and recalled its envoy back to Riyadh. This move precipitated earnest Egyptian apologies and the President's trip to Saudi Arabia immediately following his election. Today, relations between the two countries are very strong.

A nearly constant complaint one hears as an American in the Arab world is that America selectively chooses when to uphold its values. These events, which are fundamentally about the scope of individual liberty, are an opportunity to be consistent. Rather than emphasizing that "There is never any justification for violence of this kind," as Hillary Clinton did, or trying to score political points like Mitt Romney, we need to articulate why a broad definition of freedom of expression makes our society stronger. We need to prove that our compulsion to defend the right to defame is more essential to our identity than our revulsion to that defamation.

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School of Music Geared up for September Concerts

By LIANA SOLIS STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech School of Music hosts instrumental and vocal concerts year-round for the public to attend.

The students and faculty are performing in a series of concerts that will continue throughout the month of September:

Ethan Terry, a freshman music education major from San Antonio, is a member of the University Singers choir and will perform in several of the concerts this year.

"The concerts play a very wide range of music," Terry said. "No concert is the same because of the large variety they have."

Within the next few days, the college will have events such as a horn and trombone concert today, an Arianna String Quartet Thursday and the annual Kaleidoscope of Choirs on Friday. Terry will sing in the Kaleidoscope concert.

"Kaleidoscope is a showcase of all the different choirs here at Tech," Terry said. "I really like the music that we have chosen for it and think we're going to have a

good range of entertainment."

the college will also host events such the annual Season of the Arts concert Sunday, a clarinet studio recital Sept. 26, worldrenowned organist Siqurd Øgaard on Sept. 28, and end the month with "Harvest Home: A Celebration of the Autumn Equinox," on Sept. 30.

Miranda Rayes, a sophomore music education major from Waco, is a member of the University Symphony Orchestra at Tech. "I'll be performing in the Holt-

The last week of September, on Sept. 23," Rayes said. "Besides that and a few others later in the fall, I'm also looking forward to going to some of the other events as well to support everyone."

> Different events and concerts are put on every year and most of the concerts are free, Rayes said. "I think that it's cool for us

to be able to entertain everyone without them having to pay a bunch of money to see us," Rayes said

Liza Muse, the publicity officer for the School of Music, said they

kamp Organ Rededication concert make all the events of the college free because they are hosted for students, not for profit.

> "It's really a service to the community when the concerts are put on," Muse said. "We want (students) to be able to show all the work they have put into their músic."

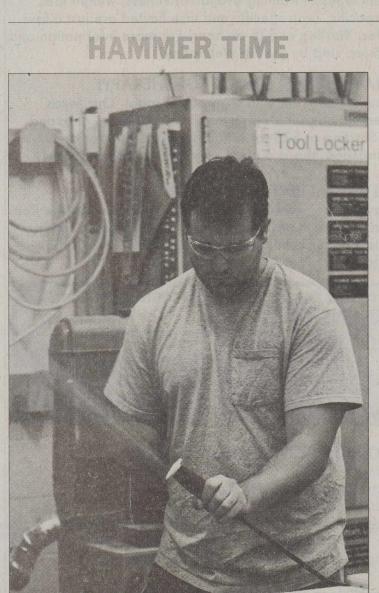
> For concerts like those happening this month, the students, faculty and staff are particularly harried for time, with some students even beginning their preparations earlier in the summer, Muse said. "For the earlier concerts,"

Muse said, "they really have more pressure on them to practice and get the music the way they want it to sound before they perform it."

For more information on these concerts and other concerts for the year, go to the School of Music page on the Tech website.

"This year of concerts is going to be a really good one," Terry said. "You can just tell by the events happening this month like the Arianna String Quartet. I mean come on, who doesn't love a string quartet?"

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Topless photos ruling: 1st battle in privacy war

William and Kate Middleton's aggressive legal strategy over topless photos of Britain's likely future queen is the first salvo in what could be a decades-long tug-of-war over their family's privacy.

A French court ruled in favor of the royal couple on Tuesday in their fight over the photos, but the scope of that ruling will be limited.

The unauthorized topless photos of Kate have already been widely published in France, Italy, Ireland and on the Internet lessening the impact of Tuesday's court injunction against future publication inside France.

The royals' strong stance also included a bid to persuade French prosecutors to launch a criminal inquiry to target the offending photographer.

The wealthy royal couple did not gain much on paper — the court-imposed fine was about \$2,500 — but legal experts and royal watchers say the action was designed to demonstrate their willingness to use all legal means to prevent future press intrusion.

doing something similar in the future.'

The fast legal intervention, which developed within hours of the publication of the photos Friday in a French gossip magazine, represents a break from Queen Elizabeth II's traditional policy of using legal action only as a means of last resort. It also reflects William's determination not to let the press harass Kate as it did his late mother, Princess Diana, Little said.

Still, the case shows the unlikelihood of controlling photos through legal means once they have been published.

Closer magazine was ordered to turn over all of its digital copies of the photos, but that has little meaning in a world where millions of copies can be made and distributed in the blink of an eve.

The revealing pictures will follow Middleton for the rest of her life - not unlike the snapshots of her appearance in a charity fashion show wearing black lingerie and a sheer dress during her university days.

"Clearly, the harm has been

LONDON (AP) — Prince to anybody who might think of suspect most of you have already partially naked on the terrace of seen copies of that magazine, so a private home, surrounded by the basic, the initial harm, has been done.'

> He said magazine executives had concluded in advance they had little to fear from an adverse court ruling when they decided to print the photographs, obtained by a photographer who trained a long lens on the royal couple as they sunbathed on a private estate in southern France.

> "Closer magazine has done a very sophisticated cost-benefit analysis," Mesnooh said. "Whatever the amount of damages that a French court will award, it will be a fraction of the publicity that the magazine will have gained, as well as the number of issues of this particular issue of Closer magazine which will be sold."

> Tuesday's ruling only affects the French magazine branch of Mondadori, Closer's publisher. A French court ordered it to hand over all digital copies of topless photos of the Duchess of Cambridge within 24 hours and blocked further publication of what it called a "brutal display" of William and Kate's private

a park several hundred meters from a public road, and being, able to legitimately assume that they are protected from passersby, are by nature particularly intrusive," the French ruling decreed. "(They) were thus subjected to this brutal display the moment the cover appeared."

The photos showed Kate relaxing at a private villa in Provence, in southern France, sometimes without her bikini top and, in one case, her bikini bottom partially pulled down to apply sunscreen.

The royal couple is also filing a criminal complaint against 'X' - the unnamed photographer who took the picture.

The suit aims to flush out the mystery photographer's identity and prevent him or her from spreading the photos to new locations. If the case goes forward, the photographer could face a substantial fine and a one-year prison term.

But fines and prison terms won't remove the photos from the Internet.

Professor Tim Luckhurst, head of the journalism department at the University of Kent, said the royal couple has likely learned some lessons from the debacle. "The prince and his wife Mondadori faces a daily fine are going to have to think hard acceptable for the heir to the throne and his wife in the age of the Internet," he said.



PHOTO BY ISAAC VILLALOBOS/The Daily Toreador JASON HOIT, AN architecture graduate student from Abilene, hammers a crowbar to separate two pieces of wood inside of the wood shop in the Architecture building Monday.

That will become even more important when the couple have a child, who would become third in the line of succession to the British throne, said Joe Little, the managing editor of Majesty magazine.

"This was done because they want to set a benchmark for the future," he said.

"They want to send a warning

done," said Christopher Mesnooh, an American lawyer work-Waterhouse. "Thousands, now tens of thousands of copies, are now in public circulation. A legal decision is a wonderful thing to obtain and the royal couple did exactly what they should have done. But you know the magazine is out there and I

moments.

The court also stopped the ing in France for Field Fisher magazine from republishing the pictures — including on its website and its tablet app — as well as re-selling them.

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Russian Deacon stands up for **Pussy Riot**

TAMBOV, Russia (AP) - Sergei Baranov keeps his clerical robes hanging neatly in his closet, but he believes he will never again wear them inside a Russian Orthodox Church.

Baranov, who had led a quiet life as a deacon in the small city of Tamboy, became an Internet celebrity last month when he asked to be defrocked in an open letter to the Moscow patriarchate, saying he was outraged by the church's stance against three members of the punk band Pussy Riot.

The feminist rockers were sentenced to two years in prison after singing a "punk prayer" against President Vladimir Putin in Moscow's main cathedral, a stunt that divided Russians.

Even some of the devout who did not approve of the women's high kicks at the cathedral's pulpit in February spoke out against the trial and what appeared to be the church's heavy-handed involvement. Baranov gave them a strong public voice — and gave up his calling in order to back up his beliefs.

Baranov told The Associated Press on Tuesday that he supports the band's stunt and does not regret his resignation.

"Everyone prays as they can," Baranov said of the Pussy Riot members. "And with their act they exposed the ills and blisters of society. We should have done that a long time ago."

The Pussy Riot trial had given courage to Baranov, who said he had long been critical of the church's stance but that the girls' actions had shown him that the church is ripe, if not overdue, for serious reform.



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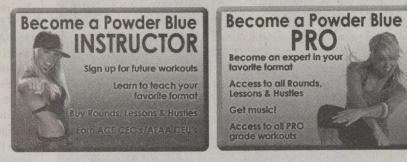
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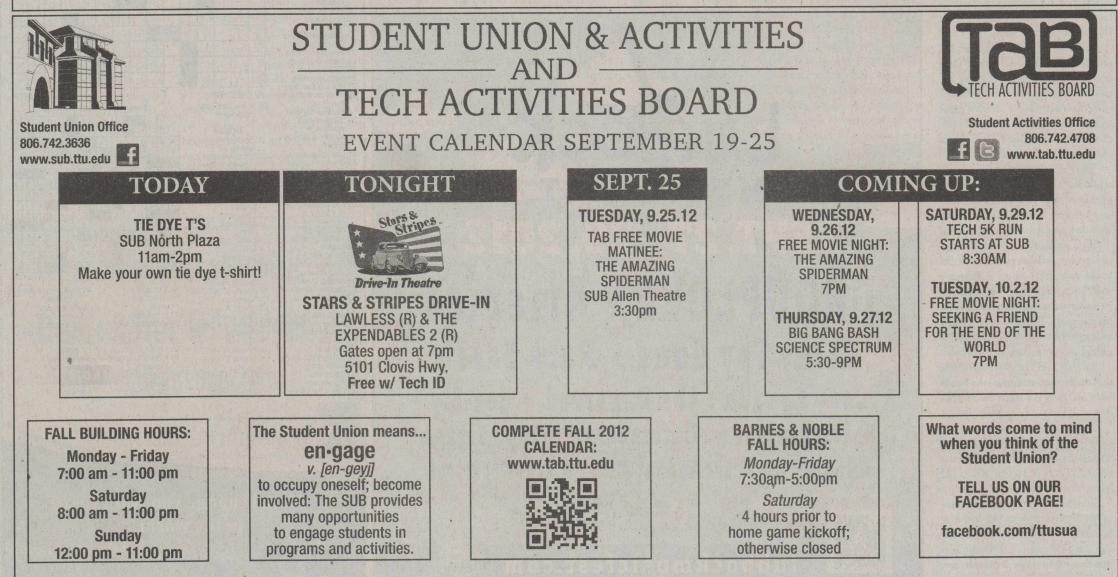
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Do you wish you knew how to swim? We have the class for you! Adult Beginner and Intermediate swim classes start October 2. Register by Wednesday, September 26th. The cost is \$40 for Texas Tech Students, Faculty and Staff and \$45 for community participants. For more information, please go to: bit.ly/aqcprogram.



SPORTS

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Freshman midfielder brings toughness to Tech soccer

By HOLDEN WILEN STAFF WRITER

For 17-year-old freshman Hannah Devine, proving she is tough enough to play college soccer comes easy.

Though she began playing soccer at the recreationally with her best friend, Devine said she eventually ended up playing competitively on all-male teams, where she had to prove her resilience.

"Every time you play with guys they always think, 'Well, I can't tackle her,' or, 'I'm going to hurt her," Devine said. "You just kind of have to keep hitting them until they find out that you're tough enough to play with them."

One of four siblings, Devine said her family moved around frequently when she was growing up because her father was in the Army. Her toughness also comes from her role model — her older brother Kyle.

"(Kyle) is in a wheelchair; he has cerebral palsy," Devine said. "He's always one of those happy kids that nothing can bring him down, and he always just does his best to make everybody happy. He's amazing."

Devine has improved in a very short period of time, and has even started three games so far this season, said Texas Tech coach Tom Stone.

When watching Devine as a youth player for the Lonestar soccer club in Austin, Stone said the young midfielder played the game like a Tasmanian devil who was willing to run over anything and everything in her way.

In college, he said, Devine has learned how to play with more control.

"Hannah has been able to decide when she needs to play simple, when she needs to play smart and when she can turn the beast loose," Stone said. "Balancing that out for her has really made her a better player. In four weeks she's raised the level of her game significantly."

Though she was brought in to be the holding midfielder for the future, Stone said Devine has already cemented her place on this year's team and become one of the best midfielders.

Devine has not scored yet this season, but Stone said he thinks she will get her first goal if she can get on the end of the right set piece, such as a free kick or a corner kick.

So far, Devine has tallied one assist and taken eight shots, including three shots on goal.

Honing her talents under the guidance of a coach like Stone, Devine said, is what made her decide to come to Tech. While Baylor was a close second choice, in the end, the facilities and coaching staff at Tech made the decision fairly easy for her. Devine said she particularly

appreciates the coaching staff's enthusiasm.

The coaches are not afraid to call a player out when they mess up, she said, which helps her improve and become a better player.

"I don't like it when coaches don't talk or yell," Devine said. "I like that they get excited about it."

Coming to Tech from Georgetown, Devine said she likes being in Lubbock, particularly because it is not too humid. As for the Tech campus, she said she loves the public school atmosphere after having been home-schooled most of her life.

Off the field, Devine said the team does not have much free time. When they do, she said she enjoys reading. She also enjoys singing and dancing



PHOTO COURTESY OF TEXAS TECH ATHLETICS

HANNAH DEVINE, TECH soccer's 17-year-old freshman midfielder, has brought a new level of toughness to the Red Raiders this season thanks to her role model and brother, Kyle, and a history of playing competitively on all-male teams.

Janine Beckie, Lauren Watson and Caity Heap, in their room in the new Boston Avenue Residence Hall.

Teammate and senior midfielder Tiffini Smith said, the most important thing about Devine is the attitude she brings. "She's one of those people

to music with her roommates, that gets into the game and fellow freshmen soccer players gives it to them hard. She sets the tone for everyone else," Smith said. "When she plays, the people around begin to pick it up too. She's so ready to get in there and always wanting to get the ball. I think that's very unique for a freshman and a really good quality to have."

Despite her toughness and

the ferocious playing style, Devine is a very giving and sweet person, Smith said.

"Usually when someone plays like she does on the field, you think they'll be like that off the field, but she is a very quiet person," Smith said. "She'll do anything for you. She has a very good personality.' >>> hwilen@dailytoreador.com

Jeweler settles suit against ex-Duke player

DALLAS (AP) — Former Duke basketball player Lance Thomas has settled a lawsuit that accused him of failing to pay nearly \$68,000 for jewelry purchased while he was part of the Blue Devils team that won the 2010 national championship.

Mike Bowers, the attorney for Rafaello & Co., said his client had agreed to settle the lawsuit against Thomas stemming from the nearly \$100,000 in diamond jewelry the player purchased in the middle of the 2009-2010 season. The Dallas

"The process remains the same in Osburn said the organization would that Duke and the NCAA continue to work together on this matter," he said.

The lawsuit, filed in January in Austin, Texas, said Thomas owed \$67,800 for five pieces of jewelry he purchased at a cost of \$97,800. The invoice, dated Dec. 21, 2009, indicates that Thomas made a \$30,000 down payment and agreed to pay the balance in 15 days.

Thomas started 39 games at forward for Duke in 2009-2010, his NBA Developmental League when

not comment on the settlement and what it might mean in terms of investigating the matter. NCAA rules require student-athletes and personnel at member schools to cooperate with the organization's inquiries, but there's nothing to compel people who aren't affiliated with those schools to do so.

Thomas, now with the New Orleans Hornets, was playing last season for the Austin Toros of the the suit was filed. He wasn't drafted by an NBA team when he left Duke.



attorney said the terms are confidential, and he reiterated his client's unwillingness to discuss the matter with the NCAA, which is seeking details of the transaction.

"This is a private matter between my client and Mr. Thomas, and that's where it stands," Bowers said Tuesday.

Jon Jackson, Duke's associate athletic director for media relations and public affairs, said the settlement doesn't change an ongoing inquiry involving the university and the NCAA.

senior season, including the 61-59 victory over Butler in the NCAA championship game.

The lawsuit, which wasn't disclosed publicly until The Associated Press reported it earlier this month, has raised questions about Thomas' eligibility that season and whether Duke's national title could be affected. NCAA rules prohibit athletes from receiving benefits that aren't available to the student body as a whole.

NCAA spokeswoman Stacey

Joe Crews, the Austin attorney handling the matter for Thomas, did not immediately return a phone message from the AP seeking comment.

Rafaello & Co., which also does business as A+A Diamonds Ltd., promotes itself as a jeweler that caters to professional athletes and other celebrities. On its website, the jeweler says its customers include actor Jamie Foxx, singer Alicia Keys and New York Knicks star Carmelo Anthony.



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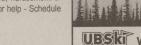
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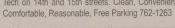
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QB Vince Young out of the game, now out of money

DALLAS (AP) — Six years after entering the NFL as the third player taken in the draft, Vince Young finds himself without a team and with just a fraction of the money he received from a contract that guaranteed him \$26 million.

The question is, where did it all go? In an increasingly caustic war of words, attorneys have been arguing for months over whether Young is an out-of-control spender who put himself deeply in the hole or simply a victim of inexperienced advisers, one of whom was his own uncle.

Either way, the quarterback whose future seemed unlimited after he led Texas to a Rose Bowl victory in 2006 is now back home in Houston and in a tenuous financial condition.

"I would just say that Vince needs a job," said Trey Dolezal, Young's attorney, when asked to give a general assessment of his client's finances.

Young was cut by the Buffalo Bills, his third NFL team, in August. He was trying to make the Bills as a backup, the same role he filled with the Philadelphia Eagles in 2011.

The fall has been a dizzying one for the player who twice made the Pro Bowl with the Tennessee Titans. Young sent out a tweet thanking the Bills and their fans after he was released but hasn't spoken to the media since. He declined a request to be interviewed for this story.

Even in pro sports, where tales of squandered wealth abound, Young's plight is "pretty dramatic," said Kenneth Shropshire, a professor at the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School of Business who has written and lectured extensively on the business of sports.

"You'd think it would be hard to blow that much money," Shropshire said.

Young is suing his former agent, Major Adams, and a North Carolina financial planner, Ronnie Peoples, alleging that they misappropriated \$5.5 million. In some instances, the pair forged his signature or impersonated him on the phone or in emails, according to the lawsuit, filed in Houston in June.

The suit was filed five days after a mette, said he has documents to support New York lender notified Young that a loan of nearly \$1.9 million obtained in his name during the NFL lockout in 2011 was in default. Young is now seeking to stop the lender, Pro Player Funding LLC, from enforcing a judgment of nearly \$1.7 million, claiming he wasn't involved in obtaining the loan and that the proceeds went to Adams and Peoples.

"They conspired to take Vince's money," Dolezal said. "It's that simple."

Young was the first client of a company, (hash)1 Next Level Sports and Entertainment Inc., formed by Adams, a Houston criminal defense attorney, and the quarterback's uncle, Keith Young, a former middle school teacher.

Young's problem was "he was just very young ... and allowing these people to have too much control over his life and his name," Dolezal said.

That notion is vigorously disputed by attorneys for Adams and Peoples, who say Young has nobody to blame but himself.

"This is a person scrambling helplessly and pointing in all directions to blame others to get out of debt," said Charles Peckham, Adams' attorney.

Adams twice wrote checks to himself from Young's accounts, but both times were out of necessity, including once when the agent was required to use personal funds to charter a plane for the quarterback after he missed a team flight, Peckham said.

Peoples has filed a countersuit in which he castigates Young for allowing his uncle to serve as his business manager despite having no expertise in that field.

Peoples claims in the countersuit that every decision he made was approved by Keith Young. And he calls Vince Young's unwillingness to accept responsibility "a common occurrence .. as (former Titans coach) Jeff Fisher, (Texas coach) Mack Brown, numerous NFL executives, coaches, teammates, scouts, girlfriends and illegitimate children will attest."

Peoples' attorney, David Chau-

the strongly-worded filing.

"You'll find there was a lot of money being spent in a bunch of different directions," Chaumette said.

A working phone number for Keith Young could not be located. Court records do not show that he has an attorney.

According to public records, Vince Young was one of at least 10 NFL players who turned to Pro Player Funding for cash during the lockout. Loan documents show he borrowed the \$1.9 million at 20 percent interest, with \$619,122 in interest paid up front, and agreed that a judgment could be entered if he missed a payment.

Young authorized \$1 million in payments to Pro Player directly from his Eagles salary during the 2011 season, and his accountant was working this year to have a similar arrangement with the Bills, according to court records. However, when a payment due in May was never made, the loan went into default.

In challenging the loan's validity, Young claims he didn't "knowingly execute" any of the loan documents. Anything he signed was "without the corresponding documents attached and without knowledge as to what the signatures pages referred," one of his court filings states.

Pro Player says its case is supported by the fact that Young's signatures were notarized and that emails show he was involved in making sure the lender received repayment directly from the Eagles.

"Call me if this is not 100 percent clear," Young's accountant wrote him in August 2011 in an email explaining the arrangement. "We want to make certain you know exactly what is going on at all times, especially when you're signing your name to something."

Young also contends that Pro Player's efforts to serve him and the Bills with legal papers during training camp, which included a threat to contact the local sheriff, "played a role" in the Bills' decision to release him.

Kithuka earns Big 12 Runner of the Week

Texas Tech junior cross-country record-breaking performance. runner Kennedy Kithuka was announced Tuesday as the Big 12 Men's Cross-Country Runner of the Week.

Kithuka, a transfer student from Wayland Baptist, ran in first place and broke the course record at the Red Raider Open on Friday. He ran the 8,000-meter event with a time of 23 minutes 38.44 seconds, breaking the record by almost a minute.

This was Kithuka's second-straight

He set a course record at the Texas Tech Open in Ruidoso, N.M. on Aug. 31. He led the men's team to its second-straight first place finish to start the season.

"It's a great honor for Kennedy and what he has done so far," Tech head cross-country coach Jon Murray said in a news release. "He has been working extremely hard and has been very willing to jump into the system and do what we are trying to do. I anticipate some great results during his career here at Texas Tech."

According to the news release, Kithuka won NAIA National Championships in the 10,000-meter race and 5,000-meter race at Wayland Baptist.

The Tech cross-country team competes next at the Kansas Rim Rock Classic on Sept. 29 in Lawrence, Kan.

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OSU mixes Walsh's runs with pass-happy offense

STILLWATER, Okla. (AP) -When an injury thrust backup quarterback J.W. Walsh into action six plays into Oklahoma State's last game, coach Mike Gundy got onto his headset and asked offensive coordinator Todd Monken a question: "What have we got for him to run?"

"Well, I don't know," Monken responded. "He took about 10 snaps all week. I don't know what to tell you."

The plan Monken concocted on the fly proved to be plenty effective, with the Cowboys setting a school record with 742 yards of total offense in a 65-21 win against Louisiana-Lafavette.

As Oklahoma State (2-1) moves forward with starter Wes Lunt's return uncertain, it won't be as simple as having Walsh run the same plays cooked up for his injured teammate. Lunt fits more closely into the mold of predecessor Brandon Weeden, a drop-back passer who stays mostly in the pocket. Walsh has similarities to Zac Robinson, the Cowboys' quarterback before Weeden who was as likely to take off running as he was to throw the ball.

"There's no question that you have to call it different," Monken said. "You can't call the same things. They're built differently."

The good news for Oklahoma State is that there's an extra week to figure it out, and to give Lunt more time to recover. No. 12 Texas (3-0) comes to Stillwater on Sept. 29, bringing in a highly regarded defense that's allowing 328 yards per game less than half the Bowl Subdivisionbest 687 yards OSU is averaging.

"We can't change really what we do, and I think the best way to describe it is we just run our plays and we fit him in to where we think it's advantageous for what J.W. brings to the table," Gundy said.

Oklahoma State made some adjustments on Saturday to help Walsh as he threw for 347 yards and four touchdowns and ran for another 73 yards and a score.

During one stretch, Walsh handed the ball off on 14 straight running plays as the Cowboys used a pair of tight ends, Justin Horton and Jeremy Seaton. When the streak was broken, Monken called for a play-action pass and Walsh hit Jackson on a quick slant for a 58-yard gain. The next play, again on play-action, Walsh threw to Jackson again for a 20-yard touchdown.

"Where you have your issues is the drop-back passes," Monken said. "That takes a lot of reps. Some of the pop stuff and the play-action, some of that, that's not as hard because it's really simple. If you can run the ball run/play-action is a pretty easy gig. Run, suck them up, throw it over their head."

Monken said that Walsh got only six of the 37 snaps in Oklahoma State's team session during practice on Wednesday. Lunt gets the lion's share as the starter, and there's even more emphasis since he's a freshman who needs the work.

But that left little in the way of preparation for Walsh when he was forced into action.

'You just start to checkmark things that we've done a lot of, that

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he's done a bunch of, that wasn't specifically for a guy like Wes," Monken said.

"He still screwed all that up, but he made some plays and started running around. Holy cow. Half the time when he's running, I'm yelling at him for what he's doing, but that's just him."

Coaches have said that Walsh's running ability has been hard to evaluate through training camp since Cowboys don't tackle in practice. What could be a scramble for a big gain is blown dead if a defender gets a hand on Walsh.

"It was just a lot of fun to get out there and do what we were able to do offensively," Walsh said. "We were fortunate enough to have everybody play the way they did and just do what we do. It was just a lot of fun.

"Having the circumstances to be able to get out there and run a little bit, it was a lot of fun and I was glad we got to do that."

Lunt's leg has been immobilized this week to help it heal faster, leaving more time for Walsh to run the offense and prepare. Gundy has said he expects to know more about Lunt's availability by this weekend, although he doesn't plan to announce whether Lunt can play until the day before the game.

"It doesn't really matter. No one really cares," Monken said. "Whoever your quarterback is, you better come up with a plan that gives you a chance to move it because no one cares. They want to see you win and get excited and show up at the game and stop (complaining) that the sky's falling.'

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