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Walker to assume day-to-day operations of MBB program

Gillispie heads to Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn.

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Texas Tech Athletic Director Kirby Hocutt released a statement Tuesday night concerning Billy Gillispie and the day-to-day operations of the men's basketball program.

In the statement, Hocutt said associate head coach Chris Walk-

er would assume the responsibility of carrying out daily activities. Walker has coached collegiate basketball for 16 years, but is entering his second season at Tech. The former Villanova point guard spent his last two seasons at his alma mater as an assistant. "Coach Walker will help ensure that leadership and accountability will be in place for our student-athletes, assistant

coaches and staff," Hocutt said in the release. "We hope Billy Gillispie has a full recovery, but we cannot wait forever as we have a basketball team that starts practice soon." Gillispie's current condition is being determined at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., according to an Associated Press report. The Associated Press also re-

ported a confirmation from Lubbock Police Department Sgt. Jeff Baker that an ambulance was sent to Gillispie's home Monday around 6 p.m.

This was the second time Gillispie called 911 in two weeks.

Authorities with LPD were unavailable to comment on or confirm the report to *The Daily Toreador*. Eric Finley, marketing director for University Medical Center, said Gillispie was not admitted at the hospital for a second time. Darla Howard, a health supervisor, said Gillispie also was not admitted as a patient at Covenant Medical Center. Gillispie did not return phone calls made Tuesday evening.

The university is still investigating accusations against Gillispie of having mistreated some of his players. "We have been seeking a swift resolution to this issue from the very beginning," Hocutt said. "We remain committed to communicating with Billy face-to-face regarding the issues relating to the men's basketball program; however, time is of the essence." zdischiano@dailytoreador.com cosborn@dailytoreador.com

Flag memorial honors victims of Sept. 11

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Tuesday morning, 2,996 flags were placed in the Memorial Circle yard, representing each life lost in the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. The Young Conservatives of Texas, a student organization, started working on the memorial at 8 a.m., said Jeff Natterer, an organization member and sophomore history major from Fort Worth. "We do it to honor the people who died on 9/11," he said, "and we also do it for their families. The flags represent not only those lost, but also their family members." Each of the flags was placed in the yard of Memorial Circle, clustered into groups that formed "9-11". A sign was set up nearby explaining the memorial. There was a minute of silence at

9:11 a.m., in honor of those who died in the attacks, according to the sign. Caleb McLelland, a senior human sciences major from Tyler, said he was volunteering at the site for the first time. He said he believed the flags also represent the loss American citizens experienced that day. "I think it also extends to, obviously the families involved because, I mean, it's going to have a ripple effect," he said. "So not only do the flags represent each individual lost that day, it's definitely going to have an impact through the extended families and then also to the rest of us as Americans." As Tech students walked through the circle on their way to class that day, the display would serve as a reminder, McLelland said. **9/11** continued on Page 2 >>

Tech's best kept secret for those interested in criminology

By TORI O'HARA
STAFF WRITER

The Criminology Club is digging up the dirt on jobs in the criminal justice system for its members. Instead of providing its students with recruiters from agencies, such as the FBI and other areas in law enforcement, actual agents come out and speak to the students about what is waiting for them once they leave college. Tyler Sims, president of the Criminology Club, said the club's goal is to let students know what exactly their future jobs will consist of if they wish to pursue a degree in

criminology. "You hear about all these federal and state agencies, but very few people really know how much work goes into what they do," said the sociology graduate student from Lubbock. "I did an internship this summer with the FBI and I had no idea how much paperwork went into federal jobs." Martha Smithey, associate professor of sociology, said she has been with the club since she began rebuilding it five years ago. Smithey clarified what exactly criminology is. **CRIMINOLOGY** cont. on Page 3 >>

Political Passion

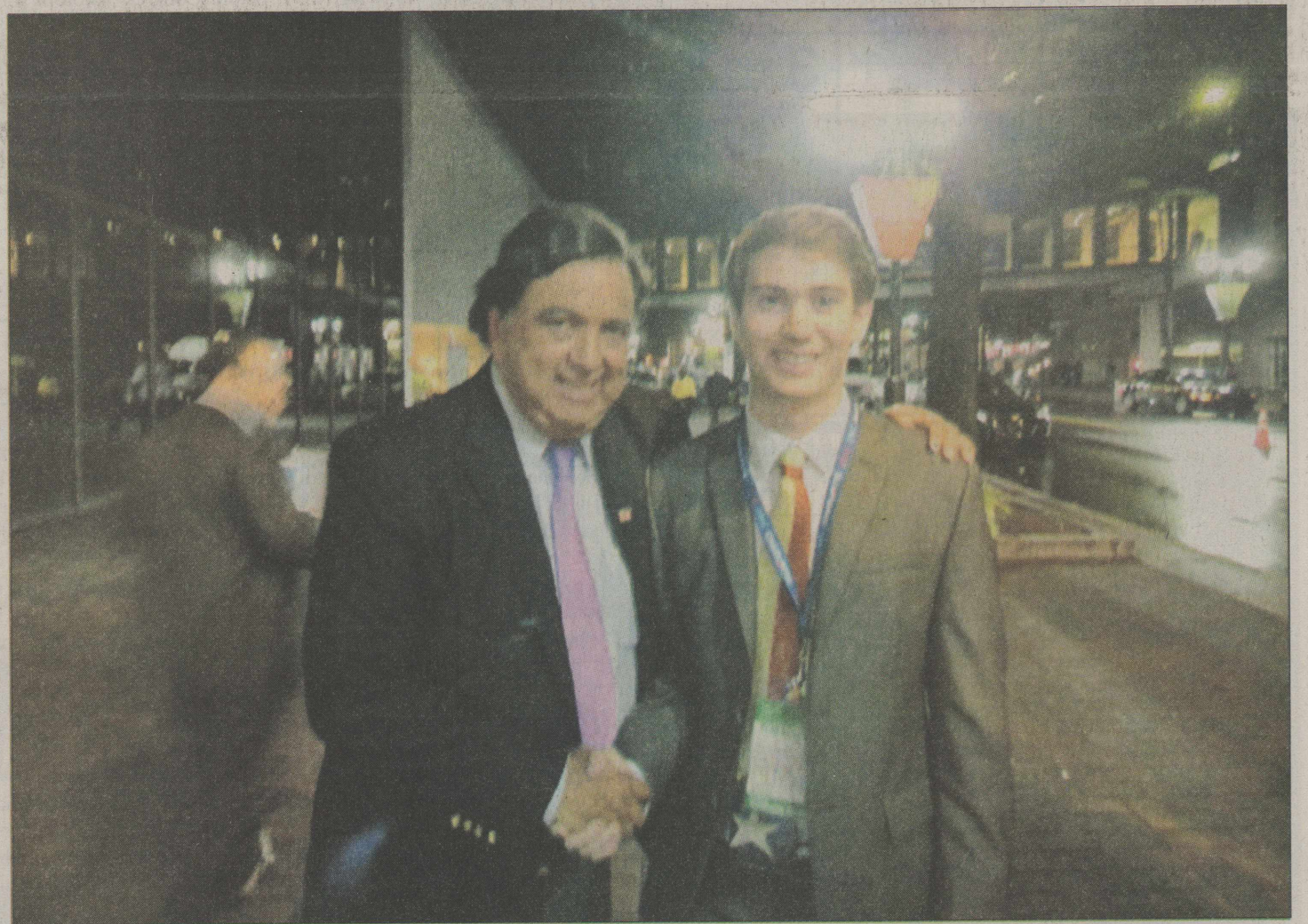


PHOTO COURTESY OF RICKY NEVILLE
RICKY NEVILLE SHAKES hands with Bill Richardson, former New Mexico governor and a Democratic presidential candidate in 2008.

Tech student attends Democratic National Convention

By HALLIE DAVIS
STAFF WRITER

Sophomore Ricky Neville used to be really into baseball. Now, he tracks a completely different team. Neville, a political science major from San Antonio, said his passions have moved to politics. At 19 years old, he was one of the youngest audience members at the recent Democratic National Convention.

During the 2004 convention, Neville watched Obama's keynote speech, he said, and it was the main inspiration for his interest in politics and the party. "Watching that when I was 11 years old," he said, "I never dreamed that I would be at the convention just eight years later." Even better, Neville said, is how it was the convention to get Obama, relatively unheard of in 2004, re-elected.

Neville's father, a San Antonio attorney, is a close friend with Roberto Rios, a friend of Julian Castro, the mayor of San Antonio. Castro invited Rios who in turn invited Neville's father. Knowing he would be busy and his son would be even more eager, he passed along the opportunity and Neville jumped at it. "They're great democrats," Rios said. "I knew he'd enjoy it." **NEVILLE** continued on Page 3 >>

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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.

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.

Thursday

An Interdisciplinary Symposium on Environment and Evolution

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Where: McKenzie-Merkel Alumni Center
So, what is it?
 Scholars in the humanities and the arts will discuss literature and philosophy in connection with the Earth-system sciences.

New Student Convocation
 Time: 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.
 Where: Memorial Circle
So, what is it?
 Come out and join the official welcome and celebration of freshmen and transfer students.

American Payroll Association Local Chapter Meeting
 Time: 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
 Where: City Bank Griffith Center
So, what is it?
 Come out and network with other South Plains area payroll professionals. This meeting APA will introduce chapter officers and committee members.

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 out and challenge yourself to a new fine arts project. \$20 for every Thursday night.

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PHOTO BY EMILY DE SANTOS/The Daily Toreador

WILL DOMINGUEZ, A junior accounting major from Kaufman, and **Jeff Natterer**, a sophomore history major from Fort Worth, place flags in the ground for a Sept. 11 memorial Tuesday at Memorial Circle. The memorial was sponsored by the Young Conservatives of Texas Tech.

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"I think 11 years later after it happened, I don't think anybody's necessarily forgotten," he said, "but I think it's easy to get wrapped up in the fact that we just consider it a past event, instead of what

it actually means. "And I think that's the most important part of all this, is people walk by and see it and understand there's some of us who are still dedicated to getting a message across that, you know, it needs to be remembered because that's very important. That was a tragic day for everybody." J.C. Cook, a sophomore business

marketing and management major from Nacogdoches, said he still remembers where he was that day. Cook was in his third grade classroom, he said. "I was kind of confused about it," he said, "and then I just remember talking to my parents about it and thinking 'How could something this big happen?'"

Even 11 years later, he can still remember the emotional impact, he said, and seeing the flag display serves as a point of reflection. "It just kind of gives me goosebumps," Cook said, "because it just happened 11 years ago. It's just a sad time in our history." check@dailytoreador.com

Congress courts veterans leading up to election

WASHINGTON (AP) — Both parties are using a brief pre-election session of Congress to make campaign appeals to returning veterans. Senate Democrats are pushing President Barack Obama's proposed \$1 billion Veterans Jobs Corps to relieve high unemployment among servicemen and women returning from Iraq and Afghanistan. House Republicans are pushing a bill making it a crime to benefit from lying about military services or awards. Lawmakers in both parties agreed this week to come up with more money to help the Veterans Administration reduce a disability claims backlog. Obama proposed a job corps for veterans last February that would put place them in jobs restoring

public lands and beefing up local police and fire departments. It cleared a preliminary test vote Tuesday, as was expected, but aides said progress could easily unravel as lawmakers negotiate what amendments and how many of them will be allowed. Although the legislation is not expected to become law this session, it gives lawmakers a chance to display their support for the nation's 21 million-plus veterans before Congress adjourns for the campaign season. The unemployment rate for veterans of Iraq and Afghanistan has been trending lower in recent months, but hit a bump last month. Joblessness among them was nearly 11 percent in August compared,

compared with an 8.1 percent jobless rate nationwide. Sen. Bill Nelson of Florida said the problem is likely to grow as troops are withdrawn from Afghanistan. "For the troops, when they come home, the fight is not over. There's another fight when they get back home to America," said Nelson, the bill's lead sponsor who is in a tough re-election contest. "We need to give them as many opportunities as possible to succeed when they get back home here in America." Nelson said Tuesday he still expects the GOP to try to block the bill. The White House released a statement Tuesday declaring its support for the measure.

"Many of these veterans returning home have been unable to find suitable employment commensurate with their training and experience from over ten years of war," said a statement from the White House Office of Management and Budget. "Furthermore, America's public lands face enormous unmet infrastructure and facility maintenance needs, and this country's veterans have the skills to meet these demands." House Republicans plan a vote this week on their "stolen valor" bill. The Supreme Court struck down a similar law in June, saying false claims about being awarded medals for military service are "contemptible" but are still protected by the First Amendment.

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Puzzles by PageFiller

In Sudoku, all the numbers 1 to 9 must be in every row, column and 3 x 3 box. Use logic to define the answers.

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Egyptian protesters scale US Embassy wall in Cairo

CAIRO (AP) — Mainly ultra-conservative protesters climbed the walls of the U.S. Embassy in Egypt's capital Tuesday and brought down the American flag, replacing it with a black Islamist flag to protest a U.S.-produced film attacking the Prophet Muhammad. Hours later, armed men in eastern Libya also stormed the US consulate there and set it on fire as anger spread. It was the first time ever that the U.S. Embassy in Cairo has been breached and comes as Egypt is struggling to overcome months of unrest following the ouster of Hosni Mubarak's autocratic regime. U.S. officials said no Americans were reported harmed in the assaults in Cairo or the eastern city of Benghazi. The unrest in Cairo began when hundreds of protesters marched to the downtown embassy, gathering outside its walls and chanting against the movie and the U.S. "Say it, don't fear: Their ambas-

sador must leave," the crowd chanted. Dozens of protesters then scaled the embassy walls, and several went into the courtyard and took down the flag from a pole. They brought it back to the crowd outside, which tried to burn it, but failing that tore it apart. The protesters on the wall then raised on the flagpole a black flag with a Muslim declaration of faith, "There is no god but God and Muhammad is his prophet." The flag, similar to the banner used by al-Qaida, is commonly used by ultraconservatives around the region. The crowd grew throughout the evening with thousands standing outside the embassy. Dozens of riot police lined up along the embassy walls but did not stop protesters as they continued to climb and stand on the wall — though it appeared no more went into the compound. The crowd chanted, "Islamic, Islamic. The right of our prophet will not die." Some shouted, "We

are all Osama," referring to al-Qaida leader bin Laden. Young men, some in masks, sprayed graffiti on the walls. Some grumbled that Islamist President Mohammed Morsi had not spoken out about the movie. A group of women in black veils and robes that left only their eyes exposed chanted, "Worshippers of the Cross, leave the Prophet Muhammad alone." By midnight, the crowd had dwindled. The U.S. Embassy said on its Twitter account that there will be no visa services on Wednesday because of the protests. A senior Egyptian security official at the embassy area said authorities allowed the protest because it was "peaceful." When they started climbing the walls, he said he called for more troops, denying that the protesters stormed the embassy. He spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to reporters.

The protest was sparked by outrage over a video being promoted by an extreme anti-Muslim Egyptian Christian campaigner in the United States. A 14-minute trailer of the movie, posted on the social website YouTube in an original English version and another dubbed into Egyptian Arabic, depicts Muhammad as a fraud, a womanizer and a madman in an overtly ridiculing way, showing him having sex and calling for massacres. Muslims find it offensive to depict Muhammad in any fashion, much less in an insulting way. The 2005 publication of 12 caricatures of the prophet Muhammad in a Danish newspaper triggered riots in many Muslim countries. In a sign of growing anger over the film, Libyans set fire to the U.S. Consulate in the eastern city of Benghazi and fired in the air after a protest against the film. Witnesses said much of the consulate was burned.

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Criminology

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"Criminology is the study of crime in a sociological perspective," Smithey said. "It is different from the study of criminal justice which focuses on the practice and procedures of the criminal justice system. Forensic evidence collection debates means regarding what happened and who committed the crime. All of these groups work together and a degree in criminology can get you into almost any field in the criminal justice system."

Sims said he uses an example of criminology for those who want a real-life example of criminology.

"It is the study of how crime and deviance tie in with society," Sims said. "Deviance is like a feeling of guilt almost. Like, you purposely miss class and then you start to feel bad about it, but good at the same time. That's a pretty good example, I think."

Eric Luster, a senior sociology with criminology concentration major from Aledo, said a degree in criminology or sociology is fairly flexible.

"You can apply aspects from those degrees into the business field," said Luster, vice president of the Criminology Club.

Both Smithey and Sims said for those with degrees in criminology, the field is always hiring.

"A student could go into a government position," Smithey said. "They could go into the private sector, victim's advocacy and social sciences. This is like a regular degree, but it is more marketable."

"I know that these fields are always growing," Sims said. "These students will have a job later and it will not be the same for everyone. The job field is pretty diverse. It will not be like teaching, which is pretty universal. There are so many different types of jobs someone can go."

Getting the actual government agents rather than recruiters to come in and talk, Smithey said, is fairly easy.

"These agents and officials are happy to come out and share what they do with the public," she said. "They want students to know what is waiting for them once they graduate."

The purpose of the club, Smithey said, is to combine academics with real life.

"We take what the students are learning in class and give it a real life application," Smithey said. "This helps them better understand what they are learning in class and lets them know if this is something they really want to do. Learning about something in class and then seeing

it being applied only helps students better understand what they are studying."

Luster said the applications help the students put everything into a real-life perspective.

But, Sims said, the club is not just for sociology and criminology majors.

"We have had business majors, engineers, even an (exercise and sports sciences) major before," Sims said. "This club is for anyone who is interested in getting exposure to the fields available in criminal justice and learning more about it."

Smithey said her advice to students who are unsure whether they wish to study criminology is to come to the club, or talk to someone who can help them see if criminology is what they really want to pursue.

"People still get confused sometimes over what criminology is, so we want to help them see if this is what they want to study," Smithey said.

"They might have it in their head that they want to study criminology, but in reality what they are thinking of is criminal justice, which Tech doesn't have.

"Maybe they do not want to study sociology, and they actually want to study forensic science, but they don't know the difference. We can help them figure it out."

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Neville

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Though hesitant to miss class, Neville said, he contacted the College of Arts and Sciences immediately and was given an official excuse for the days he would miss.

With that, Neville boarded a plane for Houston and then Charlotte, N.C.

Rios, Neville and the other men in their group received their credentials and, after many taxis and security checks, the convention began.

Neville said it was an amazing experience, one he was glad he did not pass up. For the next three days, he heard speeches forming the party platform and met numerous political celebrities.

His favorite of the speeches, he said, was Bill Clinton's, which was one of the most highly rated.

"He can take a very complex situation and just put into words that everyone can understand," Neville said.

Another great moment was when Julian Castro spoke. Being from San Antonio, he said, everyone in his group cheered and updated their social media about the excitement of having a local at the podium, talking about how their hometown was the "city of the future."

The ability to really be a part of the convention was a lot of the excitement, Neville said. Often the crowd was asked for a response and a few times the audience was asked to hold signs, like ones that said, "Thank you" to the veterans.

"We really got to interact, to be a part of it," he said. "It's something you really don't get to see on TV, the experience."

There were plenty of exciting moments outside of the arena as well, Neville said. The group he was with happened to stay in the same hotel as

the entire MSNBC team.

Neville said he had the chance to shake hands with CNN TV journalist Anderson Cooper, and to take photos with MSNBC political commentators Michael Steele and Chris Matthews.

Rios said the trip was a valuable experience.

"It was a great opportunity, not just to learn, but to get more excited and more involved," he said.

Rios said he got a lot of questions about bringing a 19-year-old to the convention and that people were surprised.

"They all appreciated the fact someone young and in college was so excited and interested," he said.

Ultimately, Rios said, all students should be involved somehow, at least by voting. If students vote, their voices will receive more attention from candidates,

especially on subjects that impact them, like student loans.

Neville said he is involved with the Tech Student Democrats and was an intern for Congressman Lloyd Doggett's re-election campaign for the summer.

Combined with the convention, he said, he feels incredibly experienced.

"I feel like I'm years ahead of myself," Neville said.

Rios agreed, noting that most of the convention attendees were older, either delegates who had worked for years to get there, or donors who had raised immense sums for the party.

It was definitely a once-in-a-lifetime trip, Neville said.

"If anyone ever gets that kind of opportunity," he said, "don't even hesitate."

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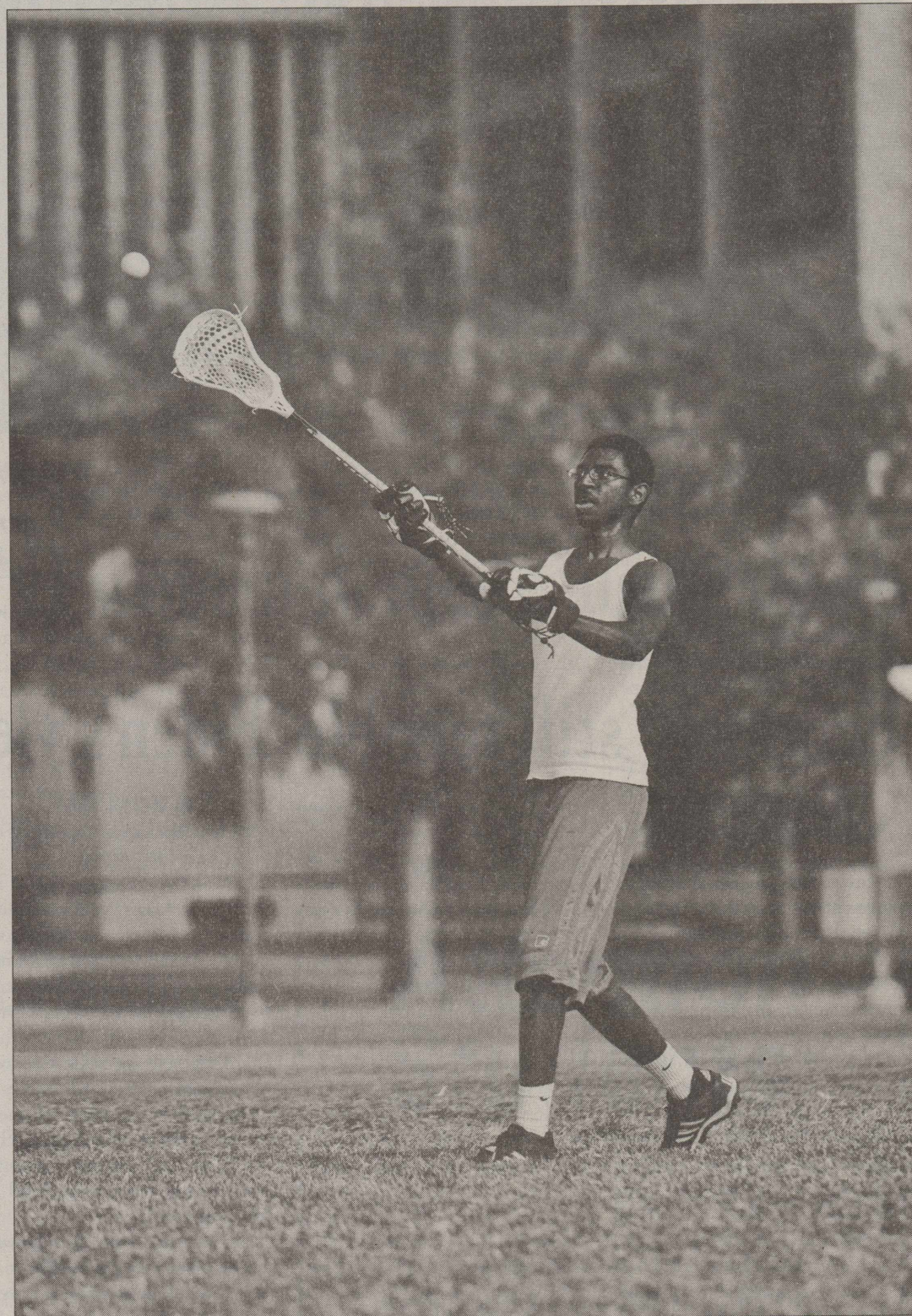


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JEREMY PERRY, A freshman physics major from San Antonio, passes the ball while playing lacrosse on the fields outside of the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center on Monday.

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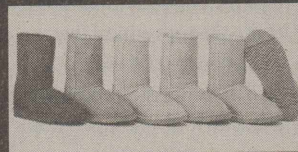
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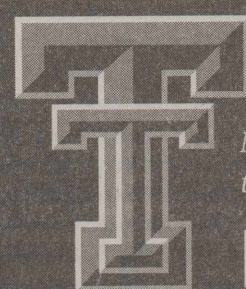
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9/11 anniversary highlights need for national unity

I always get a little sentimental around this time of year. Post-9/11 America became the poster child for unity. Everyone wanted to help everyone in any way they could.

If your friend's uncle's cousin's dog lived in New York City during the Sept. 11 attacks, chances are you were calling and texting (even though I'm pretty sure texting wasn't invented at the time ... feel old yet?) just to make sure everything was okay.

We were the epitome of what a nation, in every sense of the word, is.

Now, though, I wonder what has happened. We, as a country, are back exactly to where we were before the towers fell — per-

Sydney Holmes



haps we have even backtracked. We are a split nation even more than we traditionally were. The principle of "one nation" just about ceases to exist these days.

These wars go on between classes, religions, gay and straight, young and old, white and pretty much every other race to have ever lived — and for what? To say that, at the end of the day and at all costs, our opinion was the "right" one? No thanks, hombre.

The close-mindedness in this country is tearing us apart. Even our forefathers, like James Madison, didn't want political parties to even exist. In the *Federalist Papers*, Madison said, "The public good is disregarded in the conflicts of rival parties."

And, yes, I had to Google that. Sue me. My point is we're supposed to be the tolerant generation and yet we're more at each

other's throats than any other generation.

“We're supposed to be the tolerant generation, and yet we're more at each other's throats than any other generation.”

Perfect example: the Chick-fil-A incident. Everyone was ready to boycott those cute little chicken nuggets in favor of burgers just because the CEO of the company said he didn't support gay marriage. So what? Ben and Jerry's openly

money to that cause and, as far as I know, my presumably non-gay mother loves her some Cherry Garcia.

I had to laugh when one of my extremely left-wing Facebook friends posted a "Boycott Chick-fil-A" banner on his page and as a caption said, "F*ck Chick-fil-A. There's no room for hate."

Who's spewing hate here? Bigotry has never been exclusive to straight, white dudes. Bigotry is a universal concept. If you cling to your values for dear life in a hateful way without any regard for outside opinion, that's bigotry — regardless of how liberal your opinion is.

So, crazies, I say we back off of each other for a second. If you're like me, you talk mostly just to

hear yourself make noise.

A lot of the time my opinion is neither valid nor intelligent, which probably means I shouldn't be writing weekly opinion pieces. But, as far as I know, my mom is the only one who reads these anyway.

If you're in the same boat as I am, (and I'll make a conscious effort, too) let's try to think out our thoughts and instead of shutting out other people who differ from us right away, hear them out.

I just don't want a terrorist attack to be the thing that brings our nation together as a society again.

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Economy still terrible

By JONATHAN PEDDE
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Last month, the national unemployment rate fell to 8.1 percent. Given that the unemployment rate peaked at 10 percent in October 2009, the economy must have improved significantly over the last three years, right?

Actually, no. In many ways, the economy has barely improved, if at all. Put simply, the economy sucks.

Looking at the unemployment rate in isolation can be misleading. Over the last four years, many unemployed workers have grown discouraged and simply stopped looking for work. These people are no longer counted as part of the labor force or as "unemployed." In January 2008, the Congressional Budget Office estimated that there would be 5 to 6 million more individuals in the labor force today than is actually the case. If we calculate a "true" unemployment rate that includes these discouraged job-seekers, the unemployment rate surpassed 11 percent in fall 2009 and has remained between 11 and 12 percent ever since. Thus, contrary to what the official unemployment rate seems to indicate, the job market has not substantially improved over the last three years.

Alternatively, consider the percentage of working-age Americans who are actually working. The employment-to-population ratio fell from 62.7 percent when the recession started in December 2007 to 59.4 percent when the recession ended in June 2009. It is now 58.3 percent. In other words, the economy hasn't even been creating enough jobs to keep up with population growth, let alone enough jobs to start reducing unemployment in any meaningful way.

But unemployment is not the only harm caused by the economic malaise — the crisis has also reduced American's incomes. From 1965 to 2007, the United States' real gross domestic product grew at an average rate of 3 percent per year. After every recession since the end of World War II, GDP grew faster than the previous trend rates, as GDP converged to its previous trend. However, since the end of the most recent recession, GDP growth has averaged only 2.4 percent per year. Thus, the average

Americans' income is now about 14.5 percent lower than it would be if GDP had converged with its previous trend over the last three years.

When confronted with these facts, many people will attempt to excuse this abysmal economic performance in a number of ways. First, the recession was deeper than was initially believed in early 2009; second, the recession was due to a financial crisis.

However, neither of these facts implies that we should expect such a disappointing recovery. Over the last two centuries, the American economic record has been quite consistent — the deeper the recession, the faster the recovery. Since GDP dropped during the recession by more than was initially estimated, we should be seeing faster than expected economic growth now, not slower. Likewise, recent economic research seems to indicate that, while recessions after financial crises have usually been deeper than average, the recoveries have also usually been quicker than average. In other words, even though the most recent recession was preceded by a financial crisis, one could still have reasonably expected in early 2009 that a deeper-than-usual recession would then be followed by faster-than-usual economic growth during the recovery. In fact, the Great Depression and the current economic malaise are the two major exceptions to this "deeper recession, faster recovery" rule of thumb. As a result, some economists have hypothesized that sclerotic recoveries are not caused by financial crises per se, but rather by bad government policies that have been adopted in the wake of certain financial crises.

Regardless, the simple fact is that the economy sucks, and this is really bad news for students like you and me who will be looking for a job either this year or sometime over the next couple of years. If you, like me, do not wish to become a newly unemployed college graduate any time soon, then you will likely have to spend more time and effort looking for a job than would have been the case even five or six years ago.

So, don't let an OK-looking unemployment rate fool you. Unless something changes soon, the economy will still suck by the time I graduate.

Biden's view of middle class mistaken, deceiving

By KEITH YOST
THE TECH (MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY)

Game theory suggests that in the final sum of things, Democratic politics is mostly about wooing the median voter, i.e. the individual or demographic whose inclusion will bring your coalition to 50.1 percent of the vote. Thus it comes as no surprise that in America, where the median voter is a middle-class voter, election-year rhetoric tends to focus on fetishizing those of moderate income.

2012 is no exception. If you watched the Democratic National Convention last Thursday, you probably heard Joe Biden utter these lines:

"Barack and I are about growing this economy from the middle out. ... When you do it that way, everybody does well ... because the middle class have money in their pockets. They can go out and purchase things that make the economy grow — and not only is sort of the American way, it's also economically the best way to grow a country."

The cult of the middle class doesn't just court Democrats as members: I'm sure in the weeks to come, Mitt Romney and Paul Ryan will wax rhapsodically about whatever semi-professionals and middle managers they can claim familial relations with, as much as Biden deployed stories of his used-car salesman father to heap more worship on Middle America. But Biden's convention appearance added a new and dangerous element to the middle-class mythology that deserves a thorough and immediate debunking.

Specifically, Biden put forward a two-part theory — first, that giving more money to the middle class was the best

way to raise consumption, and second, that increasing consumption was the key to growing an economy.

The first part of Biden's claim is false as a matter of record. The U.S. Panel Study of Income Dynamics shows that it is the poor, not the middle class, who save the least and consume the greatest fraction of their income. If raising consumption is the goal of economic policy, as is often the case in Keynesian stimulus, aiming transfer payments at the middle class is not the best approach. And looking at the data, it isn't even the case that targeting economic stimulus toward the middle class would perform much better than spreading it across America equally. In the words of Paul Krugman, "There's no obvious reason why consumer demand can't be sustained by the spending of the upper class — \$200 dinners and luxury hotels create jobs, the same way that fast food dinners and Motel 6s do."

The second part of Biden's claim confuses a short-term economic phenomenon, increasing consumption in a recession to combat the paradox of thrift, for a long-term formula for economic growth. Were it the case that economic growth hinged on low savings rates and large middle classes, it's doubtful that China's growth rate over the past two decades would have so greatly outpaced the United States'.

The generous interpretation of Biden is that he meant his comments only as a matter of short-term policy, a way to recover from shortfalls in aggregate demand and no more. But a more realistic reading is that he believes a permanent policy of taxing the rich to give to the middle class is a viable method for increasing economic growth, merely on

the basis that the middle class consumes more and saves less as a fraction of its total income. Nothing could be further from the truth.

The simple way to think of things is this: in any given year, society has a limited pool of resources available to it. These resources include everything from physical and human capital (factories, equipment, education), to natural resources (iron ore, oil, natural gas), to the man-hours of our laborers. And faced with this scarcity, society is forced to choose what fraction of its resources to put toward the production of consumer goods, and what fraction will be put toward increasing its stock of resources in the next year. As the national savings rate increases, more of our resources are directed toward building factories, educating students, and otherwise improving our capacity to produce, but at the expense of present consumption. When the savings rate declines, the opposite happens — there is more to enjoy in the immediate present, but next year, because less savings meant fewer resources given to students, construction companies, and the like, there will be fewer college graduates, factories, and so on.

If we saved all of our income, we'd have the largest possible economy, but we'd never be spending any of it on ourselves — we would build more and more factories and train more and more workers until we got to the point we were only building new factories at the rate the existing ones depreciated, only educating the next generation fast enough to replace those departing. And if we saved none of our income (which is roughly what has happened over the past

decade), we would spend everything on ourselves, but not have much to spend. The ideal savings rate, the so-called "Golden Rule Savings Rate" where steady-state consumption is maximized, lies somewhere in the middle.

Some economic growth comes naturally. As the population grows, so does our supply of labor. As technology improves, so does the rate at which we convert our available resources into goods. But much of economic growth is due to changes in savings rates, the transition from a low-savings equilibrium to a high-savings equilibrium. Though much credit should be given to improving institutions and diffusion of technology, most of today's economic success stories from the developing world can be explained as a simple matter of capital formation — as they devoted more and more of what they had toward the future, the future grew brighter.

There's no reason the United States can't enjoy this same success story. It is universally recognized that our savings rate is below the golden rule rate. And so, while in the short run we may suffer from a paradox of thrift, in the long run we suffer from a paradox of extravagance — the more we try to raise our consumption, the lower our total consumption is.

For a Democrat like Joe Biden, who wishes to increase government consumption, raise taxes on private saving, and transfer wealth from those who would save to those who would continue our long spending binge, it would be convenient if voters bought his notion that these policies were a path to prosperity. For the middle class voter hoping to actually experience some prosperity, it would be better if they ignored Joe Biden.

Duty of citizens is to be enlightened, participating voters

By IOWA STATE DAILY EDITORIAL BOARD
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Our national philosophy informs us that our citizenship is a duty, and that it is a duty that must be done with virtue.

Being a citizen encompasses the acts comprising a state of self-governance. Webster's states duty is "conduct based on ... a sense of propriety," and "any action ... relating to one's ... position." Propriety, then, is "the quality of being ... suitable." Furthermore, virtue is defined as "general moral excellence; right action and thinking."

Accepting citizenship is a duty to be done with virtue, we can surmise citizenship entails action relating to governing

ourselves, and we must be suitable to the task of self-governance by being an educated, competent, and morally and ethically sound people. When broken down this way, it's clear citizenship is a heavy burden, requiring constant and energetic attention.

The U.S. Census Bureau's recent analysis of the 2008 election says there was shy of 26 million American citizens aged 18 to 24 four years ago. Of this number, only 15 million were registered to vote, and only about 12.5 million actually voted. That means only 58 percent of Americans of typical college age registered to vote, and only 48 percent went the distance and stepped into the voting booth.

Recent Gallup polls suggest voter

turn-out in the same general youth demographic is predicted to be lower than in 2008. This is not unusual for incumbent elections, and indeed, given the many anecdotal reports we've received from those involved in the national campaigns locally — namely that Democrats seem unorganized and cocksure, and Republicans are checked out and resigned to lose — we aren't surprised by these polls.

No, it's not surprising college students are less interested in the election this go around, but we're still dismayed given all that's at stake for students: from Pell Grants to student debt; from your health care to getting a job after graduation.

The Census Bureau's 2008 election report also informs us that 77 percent of people with a bachelor's degree and nearly

83 percent of those with a graduate degree pulled the handle or punched the buttons in the voting booth. Both these numbers greatly surpass the national average of 63.6 percent of citizens who voted.

Voting is one of the many duties of a citizen, and given the link between education, virtue and citizenship, it also isn't surprising that those of us obtaining degrees are some of the most likely Americans to vote. Given the stakes this election and given that Politifact.com says Romney only tells the complete truth 17 percent of the time and Obama tells the complete truth but 23 percent of the time, it's critical that you put your education to good use.

Learn. Register. Vote. Your civic duty demands it. Your country needs you.

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Striking Chicago teachers get support from parents

CHICAGO (AP) — As Chicago teachers walked the picket lines for a second day, they were joined by many of the very people who are most inconvenienced by their walkout: the parents who must now scramble to find a place for children to pass the time or for babysitters.

Mothers and fathers — some with their kids in tow — are marching with the teachers. Other parents are honking their encouragement from cars or planting yard signs that announce their support in English and Spanish.

Unions are still hallowed organizations in Chicago, and the teachers union holds a special place of honor in many households where children often grow up to join the same police, firefighter or trade unions as their parents and grandparents.

"I'm going to stay strong, behind the teachers," said the Rev. Michael Grant, who joined teachers on the picket line Tuesday. "My son says he's proud, 'You are supporting my teacher.'"

But one question looming over the contract talks is whether parents will continue to stand behind teachers if students are left idle for days or weeks.

Mary Bryan, the grandmother of two students at Shoop Academy on the city's far South Side, supports the teachers because she sees "the frustra-

tion, the overwork they have." A protracted labor battle, she said, would "test the support" of many families.

Parents "should stick with them, but they might demand teachers go back to work," Bryan added.

To win friends, the union has engaged in something of a publicity campaign, telling parents repeatedly about problems with schools and the barriers that have made it more difficult to serve their kids. They cite classrooms that are stifling hot without air conditioning, important books that are unavailable and supplies as basic as toilet paper that are sometimes in short supply.

"They've been keeping me informed about that for months and months," Grant said.

It was a shrewd tactic, said Robert Bruno, professor of labor and employment relations at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

"This union figured out they couldn't assume the public would be on their side so they went out and actively engaged in getting parent support," Bruno said. "They worked like the devil to get it."

But, said some reform advocates, public opinion could swing against the union relatively soon if the dispute seems to carry on with no resolution in sight.

Juan Jose Gonzalez is the Chicago director for the education advocacy group Stand for Children, which has hundreds of parent volunteers and was instrumental in pushing legislative reforms in Illinois. He says parents "are all over the map" in terms of their support for teachers or the school district.

"Within a day or two, all parents are going to turn their ire toward the strike," Gonzalez said. "As parents see what the district offers and see the teachers not counter-propose, they will become increasingly frustrated with the grandstanding."

During the last Chicago teachers strike in 1987, Bill Werme and his wife got so angry they pulled their daughter out of public school and enrolled her in private school for second grade. Parents could face the same choice now.

"If it was me, my support would whittle away," Werme said.

Already, there are some parents who don't understand why teachers would not readily accept a contract offering a 16 percent raise over four years — far more than most American employers are giving in the aftermath of the Great Recession.

Rodney Espiritu, a stay-at-home dad whose 4-year-old son just started preschool, said the low test scores he's read about suggest teachers don't have "much of a foot to stand on."

PROJECT PERFORMANCE



PHOTO BY ISAAC VILLALOBOS/The Daily Toreador
MISHA WING, A junior interior design major from Clifton, puts small metal rods through pieces of wood for her Construction I class model inside of the studio workshop in the Architecture building Tuesday.

NJ woman denies causing death

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — A New Jersey woman pleaded not guilty Tuesday to causing a man's death with an injection of silicone he hoped would enlarge his penis — a procedure experts cautioned doesn't work.

Kasia Rivera, 35, could face up to ten years in prison if convicted of

reckless manslaughter in the death of 22-year-old Justin Street.

Street, a father of two, had gone to Rivera on May 5 seeking a penile enlargement procedure, which prosecutors say Rivera advertised for in fliers posted at local businesses. Rivera, who performed the procedures in her apartment, allegedly with no

medical license or training, administered a silicone shot to Street's penis, according to prosecutors.

Street died the next day. His death was ruled a homicide following an investigation and a medical examiner's determination that he died of a silicone embolism. Rivera was indicted by a grand jury last month.

Ex-prof pleads guilty to killing Ala. Colleagues

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) — A former biology professor accused of pulling a gun from her purse and opening fire at a faculty meeting pleaded guilty Tuesday to killing three colleagues and wounding three others at the University of Alabama in Huntsville in 2010.

Amy Bishop, 47, pleaded guilty to one count of capital murder involving two or more people and three counts of attempted murder during a hearing in Huntsville. She had earlier pleaded not guilty, and her lawyers said she planned to use an insanity defense.

Prosecutors agreed to recommend a sentence of life without parole for the capital charge, and three life sentences for the attempted murder charges. Sentencing will follow a brief trial on Sept. 24 before Madison County Circuit Judge Alan Mann.

Prosecutors say Bishop opened fire at the meeting on Feb. 12, 2010. Her attorneys say Bishop had mental problems; she signed a plea agreement with a barely legible scrawl.

Bishop, who lived with her family in Huntsville before the shootings, also is charged with killing her brother in

Massachusetts in 1986. The shooting of 18-year-old Seth Bishop had been ruled an accident after Amy Bishop told police she shot him in the family's Braintree home as she was trying to unload her father's gun.

But the Alabama slayings led to a new investigation and charges.

In the school shooting, police and people who knew Bishop have described the Harvard University-educated researcher as being angry over UAH's refusal to grant her tenure, a decision that effectively would have ended her employment in the biology department.

The gunfire killed Bishop's boss, biology department chairman Gopi Padila, plus professors Maria Ragland Davis and Adriel Johnson. Professors Joseph Leahy, staff aide Stephanie Monticciolo and assistant professor Luis Cruz-Vera were shot and wounded.

Debra Moriarity was in the faculty meeting at the time of the shooting and is now biology chairman at the school. Prosecutors who met with potential witnesses last Friday said there was a possibility of a plea agreement before the trial began on Sept. 24, she said.

"So I'm not totally surprised by it, but I am surprised it happened this soon," she said.

After Bishop was indicted, prosecutors said Braintree police in 1986 failed to share important evidence, including the fact that Bishop, after she shot her brother in the chest, tried to commandeer a getaway car at gunpoint at a local car dealership, then refused to drop her gun until police officers ordered her to do so repeatedly. Those events were described in Braintree police reports but not in a report written by a state police detective assigned to the district attorney's office.

Larry Tipton, Bishop's lawyer in the Massachusetts case, said it will be up to Norfolk District Attorney Michael Morrissey to decide whether to put Bishop on trial for murder in her brother's killing, now that she has pleaded guilty in Alabama. David Traub, a spokesman for Morrissey, said prosecutors will wait until after sentencing to decide what to do in the Massachusetts case.

U.S. Rep. William Keating is the former Norfolk County prosecutor who started the inquest and obtained the

indictment against Amy Bishop.

He said of the plea deal, that "you can't ask for a better outcome than that" and that the families would be spared the appeals process.

"Anytime there's an appeal, they're endless," he said. "I've worked with victims' families, and I know the trauma they go through every time there's an appeal. Nothing is going to make those families the same."

Moriarity said she was OK with the death penalty being off the table and was relieved that victims wouldn't have to sit through a trial to see whether jurors convict Bishop.

"I'm glad it's a recognition of the crimes she committed and not trying to get out of something through claiming a mental defect," she said.

Personally, Moriarity said she was relieved that the case is nearly over.

"I had a horrible dream about the trial last night," said Moriarity. Bishop pointed the gun at her and pulled the trigger but it failed to fire.

Jolie listens to 'horrific' accounts of Syrian refugees

ZAATARI, Jordan (AP) — Her eyes welling up with tears, actress Angelina Jolie said she heard "horrific" and "heartbreaking" accounts from Syrian refugees she met Tuesday during a visit to a camp in Jordan that has provided shelter for those fleeing the civil war in the neighboring country.

The Hollywood star, who is also the U.N. refugee agency's special envoy, spoke after meeting a group of women refugees at the Zaatari camp, which hosts about 30,000 Syrians displaced by the 18-month conflict.

"I am very concerned, the world is very concerned," Jolie said during a high-profile visit U.N. refugee agency's special envoy aimed at focusing international attention on the plight of Syrian refugees and attracting more funding to help them. "What is very heartbreaking is when Syrian people ask you why you think no one is able to find a solution for them."

Jolie met separately with the Syrian refugee women as U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees Antonio Guterres and Jordanian Foreign Minister Nasser Judeh toured the sprawling tent city. She also went to the border late Monday and met with Syrian refugees as they crossed into Jordan.

"What they described on the ground, hearing it from them is so horrific," she said, adding that the children's stories were especially moving, including some who said they had witnessed people being pulled apart "like chickens."

Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

ACROSS

- 1 "Rumble in the Jungle" champ
- 4 Hanging on every word
- 8 Crumb bum
- 15 Actor Chaney
- 16 Delphi's claim to fame
- 17 Perspective-bending artist
- 19 "Beat" Geste' novelist
- 20 Grade for a tween
- 21 Scottish hillside
- 23 Current residents
- 24 Runner
- 26 Second and third in a sequence
- 28 Port relative
- 30 Sears rival
- 34 Subdue with a stun gun
- 35 Final Four initials
- 37 "Mercy!"
- 38 Penn Sta. users
- 39 Blues standard first recorded by Ma Rainey
- 41 KGB counterpart
- 42 Prettily
- 44 "Roots" author
- 45 Game with a 32-card deck
- 46 "Never Give a Sucker an Even Break" star
- 48 How some beer is sold
- 50 Mil. plane for small runways
- 51 Civil wrong
- 52 Barberhop member
- 55 CNBC interviewees
- 58 Reverend's residence
- 61 Pepsi alternative
- 63 Justice League publisher
- 65 Charm
- 66 Entry point
- 67 Kite on the links
- 68 "Who wants ice cream?" reply
- 69 Lid malady
- 70 Lamb mom

DOWN

- 1 Poor box donations
- 2 Focal points
- 3 More than
- 4 Having deeper pockets
- 5 Hibachi residue
- 6 Roman commoner
- 7 Okla. or Dak., once
- 8 Inept sheep keeper
- 9 Circle part
- 10 Beginning
- 11 Color of raw silk
- 12 Narrow valley
- 13 Mil. bigwigs
- 18 Five-and-dime, e.g.
- 22 Game player's haunts
- 25 iPad-to-iMac activity
- 27 Fourth prime minister of Israel
- 28 It may be bendy
- 29 One of three in Coca-Cola
- 30 Locks up
- 31 Cable venue for vintage sitcoms
- 32 Poland Spring competitor
- 33 Dublin-born poet
- 36 Pacific site
- 39 Online tech news site
- 40 Parkway off-ramp
- 43 Meat- or fish-filled pastry
- 45 "Vamoose!"
- 47 Pin down
- 49 "Mercy!"
- 52 "Dracula" novelist
- 53 Peak
- 54 Fountain build-up
- 56 Track numbers
- 57 St. Andrew's Day celebrant
- 59 Garbage barge
- 60 Salingher heroine
- 62 Apollo lander, briefly
- 64 Affectedly shy

By Gareth Bain 9/12/12

Attention Students:

The Code of Student Conduct Review Committee has reviewed the *Code of Student Conduct* and amendments have been approved by the Board of Regents. The 2012-2013 *Code of Student Conduct* is now in effect and is located at www.ttu.edu/studenthandbook

This notice is made to inform the campus community that the *Code of Student Conduct* has been updated. All letters from the Office of Student Conduct will be emailed the student's Texas Tech University email address. To learn more about the Code of Student Conduct, please call the Office of Student Conduct at (806)742-1714.

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Board of Regents approve Big 12, Tech media rights agreements

By ZACH DISCHIANO
STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech Board of Regents approved an expanded contract between the Big 12 Conference and the ESPN and Fox Sports Media Group networks Tuesday.

The 13-year contract begins in the 2012-2013 season and expires in 2024-2025.

Tech currently generates approximately \$10 million in television revenues, but the new deal is predicted to double the amount of money brought in by television and other media platforms, according to a news release provided by Tech Associate Athletic Director Blayne Beal.

"Today's approval of Texas Tech University's grant of rights marks a significant opportunity for the university," Kent Hance, chancellor of the Texas Tech University System, said in the news release Tuesday. "On top of increased exposure, the new agreement will allow Texas Tech University to generate additional revenue through broader distribution of its content."

The revenue's expected jump is primarily due to the changes and updates made to the contract.

The Big 12 Conference now will allow ESPN and FOX Sports to have over-the-air and cable broadcast rights, which makes it only the second conference to have both over-the-air and cable

programming on two national outlets, according to the release.

"Approving this expanded contract was a straightforward decision," Jerry E. Turner, chairman of the Board of Regents, said in the Tuesday release. "This agreement will provide Texas Tech University with unprecedented visibility and further our momentum in advancing among the nation's top institutions."

Approval from the Board of Regents is required when a contract agreement or contract extension with a component institution exceeds \$500,000 per year, according to the news release provided by Beal.

Questions concerning the solid-

ity of the conference arose during the last two years, when conference realignment took over the nation and the Big 12 Conference lost long-time members Nebraska, Colorado, Texas A&M and Missouri. Now, with the addition of West Virginia and TCU, plus the new 13-year contract agreement, Big 12 Commissioner Bob Bowlsby said he believes the conference has returned to full strength.

"The stability of the Big 12 Conference is cemented," Bowlsby said in a news release Sunday. "We are positioned with one of the best media rights arrangements in collegiate sports, providing the conference and its members unprecedented revenue growth,

and sports programming over two networks."

Sports other than football and men's basketball will also see a large jump in television exposure. FOX Sports Media Group platforms will carry a minimum of 40 non-football events annually and a minimum of 31 women's basketball games per season on ESPN, ESPN2, ESPNU or FSMG platforms.

"The Big 12 combines institutions known for excellence with passionate fan bases and rich traditions," ESPN president John Skipper said in a Sunday release. "This agreement gives us long-term stability, more games and more flexibility for when and how fans can see their favorite teams."

Beginning this season, every Big 12 home football game will be carried on a combination of ESPN, FOX or institutional platforms.

"This is an exciting day for Texas Tech University," Lawrence Schovanec, interim president of Tech, said in the Tuesday release. "Our future as a member of the Big 12 Conference has never been brighter and we thank the conference leadership for their efforts in negotiating this historical agreement."

Tech's next football game, a 6 p.m. meeting in Lubbock against New Mexico, will be televised on FOX College Sports on Saturday, Sept. 15.

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THE RED RAIDER football team rushes out of the tunnel before their first game against Northwestern State on Sept. 1 at Jones AT&T Stadium. Tech defeated Northwestern State 44-6.

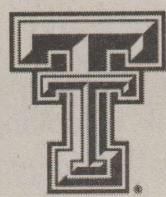
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Leonard Davis literally a big addition to 49ers

SANTA CLARA, Calif. (AP) — Leonard Davis is one of the NFL's biggest men today because his parents, both of whom had lost spouses, found each other in small-town Texas and decided to add one more child to their already enormous blended family.

He became No. 22 in the brood, between them.

No wonder Davis has been such a perfect fit in Jim Harbaugh's family-oriented San Francisco locker room since the 12th-year guard signed with the 49ers this summer.

When his mother remarried, Sammie Lee Davis never doubted she would have one more child to give her 11.

Little did she know, her last would wind up a 6-foot-6, 355-pound offensive lineman. After all, Davis was born at a healthy, yet rather average 7 1/2 pounds, less than a month after she turned 40.

He got big in a hurry. "I've been the biggest since Day 1," Davis said, "From kindergarten all the way through."

In fact, Davis began growing so fast he was out of his infant clothes in no time, and he fussed so regularly his mom finally realized he was just plain hungry. All the time.

"I started to put a teaspoon of baby rice in his bottle with formula, and it was just like you gave him a sleeping pill," she recalled.

Sammie Lee was twice a widow when she married Davis' dad. She lost her first husband in a car accident and her second to cancer. L.A. Davis, a minister who died in 2007, was already a father to 11 of his own before his first wife died of a hemorrhage.

One of his young sons was in school with one of her daughters.

Davis is doing a much better job keeping track of the 49ers' complex playbook than he ever has remembering how many nieces and nephews he has, let alone their names.

"People don't have that many kids nowadays," said Davis, a father of two girls, 9-year-old Meeya and 7-year-old Mariya.

Davis emerged as a rock-solid run-blocker during his best seasons from 2007-2010 with the Dallas Cowboys, who released him before training camp in 2011. He started every game from 2006, his last season in Arizona, through 2010.

Yet the 34-year-old Davis didn't play a single snap last season after signing with Detroit in November.

Then, Davis had offseason foot surgery. Harbaugh gave him a shot after Davis visited the 49ers this spring. He signed four months later, ahead of training camp.

His former Lions (1-0) come to town for San Francisco's home opener Sunday night at Candlestick Park in a matchup of projected NFC contenders. Davis comes in as an extra blocker, lining up at tight end, in some sets for the 49ers (1-0).

"It feels like he's fit in, he's one of us. Another guy that's just a pure joy to be around," Harbaugh said Monday. "Pure, pure athlete and good guy."

Harbaugh was impressed by Davis' technique and fundamentals in a new system from Day 1 — and Davis taking it upon himself to spend extra time with offensive line coach Tim Drevno to learn.

"It speaks volumes for him, his ability to be able to come in and get up to speed this fast," Harbaugh said.

A three-time Pro Bowler, Davis said all the right things for a player coached by Harbaugh when he arrived. Namely: He wouldn't be here if he didn't like to compete.

"Leonard's been a great addition," linebacker Patrick Willis said. "He's a big guy and we know he still has some oomph to him."

When an IndyCar was displayed at a recent practice, Harbaugh joked that Davis probably weighed a third of the car.

"Big Leonard," as he is sometimes referred, didn't mind, knowing it was all in good fun. If Davis was sensitive to jokes about his size, he might have walked away years ago.

He earned the nickname "BIGG" after reaching 6-0, 205 pounds as a fifth-grader. By seventh grade, he was 6-4, 300.

"I've been big all my life," said Davis, drafted out of Texas by the Cardinals with the second overall pick in 2001 behind Michael Vick. "It's not like I graduated high school 200 pounds and three years later I'm 350 or whatever. It wasn't like that. That kind of stuff doesn't bother me. Plus, for Coach to say something like that, he's not saying it in a mean way. That's just all jokes."

Most of his siblings had already

moved out of the house by the time he came along, though he grew up with three sisters and a niece and nephew in the house. And the sister closest to him in age was 10 years older.

"It was stressful at times. They did whatever they could do to keep the family moving along," said Davis. "Sometimes you have heartaches and sometimes you have joy. Most of it was joyful living."

His mom did all she could for Davis, who grew up in the close-knit, sports-crazy community of Wortham, Texas, with a population of just under 1,100. When the football team traveled, the town traveled.

Sammie Lee traveled, too. She once drove 50 miles to find three pairs of size 18 Nikes that were on clearance at \$19.95 because the person who ordered them never showed up — and there wasn't exactly a high demand for the size.

"They were blue and white. They didn't match his college colors but Leonard was so happy," his mom recalled. "His first pair of dress shoes, my brother found them and my daughter and I drove 91 miles to get those after they were held for us. ..."

"I tell people I could write a story on how we raised Leonard. I don't regret anything," she said. "I've been to more places. Leonard built us a home, bought us a new Tahoe car when he got picked in the NFL because my husband was tall and it was hard for him to get in and out of the car. Leonard, he took care of us. In Austin where he went to college, they called him the big teddy bear."

Davis graduated high school at nearly his current size. He is happy to say he was rarely teased for his unique size.

"Where I'm from, everybody was friends, everybody got along," he said. "We all knew each other, we all respected each other. It was pretty family oriented."

These days, Davis is happy with his brothers on the 49ers. San Francisco won 30-22 at Green Bay in its opener last week, and the defending NFC West champions are quickly showing they're serious about making another run at a Super Bowl after last season's near-miss.

"There's definitely a lot of talent on this team," Davis said. "The guys who are here want to be here."

Football Notebook: 'Chain gang' building confidence, more

By MICHAEL DUPONT II STAFF WRITER

After outscoring opponents 102-16, one could conceive Texas Tech head football coach Tommy Tuberville might be pleased with the productivity his players have shown on the field to begin the 2012 season.

But, the head coach said the team has much room for improvement this week and next week before they begin Big 12 conference play.

Tuberville said the first step will be focusing on improving the little things this week.

"We're to the point where we have to know we're going to take more baby steps than giant leaps in a lot of areas," he said. "The baby steps being focus, understanding that the only way we're going to get better now is technique."

"There are some rough areas of technique in the game that we've got to get better at."

Smoothing out those rough areas will likely be a point the Red Raiders emphasize Saturday when they host New Mexico (1-1, 0-0) at 6 p.m. at Jones AT&T Stadium.

'Chain gang' building confidence

The change to defensive coordinator Art Kaufman has proven to be an early success. According to USA Today, the Red Raiders defense is ranked fourth nationally in total defense.

Tech's defense allowed only one touchdown during their first two games and are keeping opponents to an average of 177 yards per game compared to the 334 yards the team averaged through their first two games last season.

Safety Cody Davis said Kaufman has changed the entire attitude of the defense and it is beginning to show on the field.

"The single most biggest improvement we've made is confidence in the defense," he said. "We're going out there, having fun, flying around. The results are coming so we've just got to improve and keep that up."

Doege getting into a groove

Quarterback Seth Doege took advantage of his arsenal of weaponry this past weekend and was rewarded as the offensive player of the week for his performance. He threw for 319 yards on 25 completions and connected with four different receivers for touchdowns.

The most difficult decision for

Doege, Tuberville said, is making adjustments to the vast amount of receivers that the offense now possesses.

"We have four receiver positions, and we have three guys in each one of those and they're all different sizes," Tuberville said. "They're all different quickness and speeds, so he's got to know who he's throwing to. But he's done very well with that the first two games that we've been in."

Doege will face a New Mexico defense that surrendered 285 passing yards along with three touchdowns last week in their 45-0 loss to Texas.

Red Raiders show depth at the skill positions

Last season, the Red Raiders were constantly plagued with injuries. This year, however, Tech has established depth at both the running back and receiver positions.

That newfound depth has challenged the players — the receivers specifically to compete not only on Saturday, but also throughout the week in practice because playing time is no longer guaranteed.

"To play receiver for us," Tuberville said. "We have the ability now to say you've got to be full speed, ready to go, practice every day with the depth



FILE PHOTO/The Daily Treador

COACH TOMMY TUBERVILLE puts his guns up for the Matador Song after Tech's 44-6 victory against the Northwestern State Demons on Saturday at the Jones AT&T Stadium.

that we have. That's the beauty of starting to build depth is (building) competition."

The depth at the running back position has also proven to be a large contribution to the Red Raider offense.

Offensive coordinator Neal Brown said he plans to continue rotating the running backs until the Red Raiders enter Big 12 conference play.

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Gay ND football player says kiss got him booted

DICKINSON, N.D. (AP) — A concussion kept Jamie Kuntz from suiting up for his first college football game. A kiss from his much-older boyfriend at that game led the freshman linebacker to be kicked off the team, he said.

North Dakota State College of Sciences in Wahpeton acknowledges Kuntz was disciplined by the team, but says it wasn't because he is gay. Football coach Chuck Parsons told Kuntz in a letter that he was removed from the team for lying about the kiss.

Kuntz, 18, and on a partial football scholarship, left the college in southeast North Dakota this month after his dismissal from the team.

"Football didn't work out, so there was no reason to stay," said Kuntz, who lives with his mother across the state in Dickinson.

Kuntz said he and his 65-year-old boyfriend were in the press box at the game against Snow College in Pueblo, Colo., over Labor Day weekend. Kuntz was videotaping the game for the team. His Wildcats were down by more than 40 points when "the kiss just happened," he said. The

team would eventually lose 63-17.

"People around here aren't exposed to it," Kuntz said of homosexuality. "People expect gays to be flamboyant, not football players."

A teammate apparently saw the kiss and told coaches, Kuntz said. When Parsons confronted Kuntz on the bus ride back to North Dakota, Kuntz told him the man he kissed was his grandfather.

"I lied," Kuntz said. Later, he felt guilty about lying and came clean to his coach.

In a Sept. 3 dismissal letter obtained by The Associated Press, Parsons told Kuntz he was being ousted from the team under the "conduct deemed detrimental to the team" category outlined in guidelines in the team's player's manual. Parsons specifically noted the manual's section on "lying to coaches, teachers or other school staff."

"This decision was arrived at solely on the basis of your conduct during the football game; and because you chose not to be truthful with me when I confronted you about whom else was in the box with you," Parsons wrote. "Any conduct

by any member of the program that would cause such a distraction during a game would warrant the same consequences."

Kuntz doesn't believe he was dismissed just for lying.

"I know if it was a girl in the press box, or even an older woman, nothing would have happened," he said. "If it was an older woman, I would have probably been congratulated for it from my teammates."

School officials told the AP that they were investigating whether this was the first such instance of someone being kicked off the football team for lying.

John Richman, North Dakota State College of Science president, said other players have been kicked off the team for various reasons, though he couldn't say whether any before had been booted specifically for lying.

"I don't know of every single case where coach Parsons has had to discipline a young man," Richman said.

Other behavior that the player's manual says could lead to dismissal includes criminal violations, fighting and repeated absences or tardiness

to class. Richman said he believes Kuntz's case was handled "fairly and consistently" by the athletic department.

"I'm very confident that with the information that's been provided to me by our football coach, Chuck Parsons, by our athletic director, Stu Engen, that the thought process, the facts that were reviewed, have led them to an appropriate and the right decision in this case," Richman said Tuesday in an interview at the college.

Parsons recently joined the school's diversity council as a faculty representative, according to Sybil Priebe, an English and humanities professor who heads the council. Its programs include events for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender students. Priebe said Tuesday she had not heard much about the incident with Kuntz.

Kuntz said he told his mother that he was gay at the same time he told her he was kicked off the team.

"I'm struggling with it," said Rita Kuntz, choking back tears. "I love Jamie and I'm proud of him, but I know what the school did was wrong."

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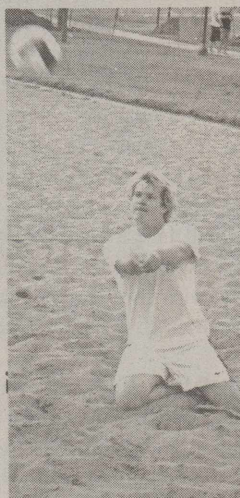
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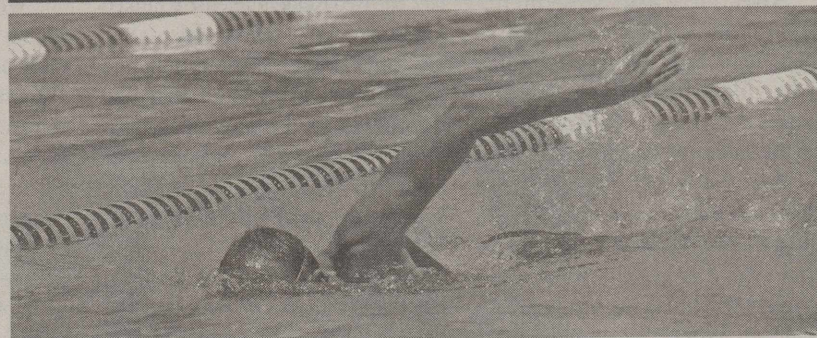
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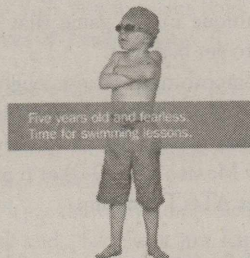
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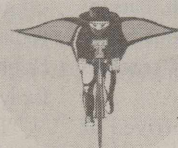
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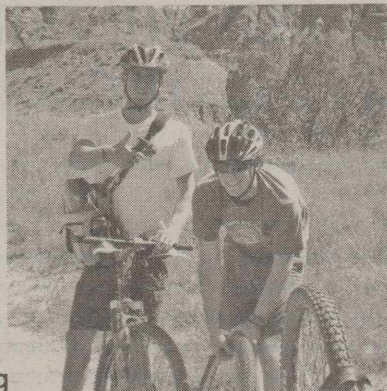
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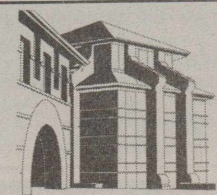
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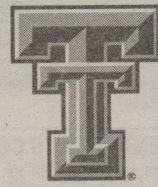
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