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## Student Government Association has high hopes for new year

### Plans for safety, involvement, visibility in the making

By CAITLAN OSBORN  
STAFF WRITER

The Student Government Association has big plans for Texas Tech this year and wants students to be aware of all the organization has to offer.

"This year is really going to be about what the students want," Alex Alston, president of SGA,

said. "We feel like there's been kind of a stereotype in student government where it's just been the executive officers have this platform they push and then they leave. And a lot of the students really don't like that. So really this year it's going to be, 'What do you want?'"

#### Safety

During the summer, SGA renegotiated its contract with Citibus,

a roughly \$4 million deal, Reed Young, external vice president said.

Part of that contract is the implementation of the Safe Bus, or S-Bus, which began as a pilot program in Spring 2012.

There are now three S-Buses that travel to off-campus apartment complexes from Broadway Avenue and the Depot District. The buses run from 9 p.m. to 3 a.m. to try

and ensure students have a safe ride home.

"This year we saw a lot of ridership and a lot of good use out of that program, so with our contract with Citibus and the renewals coming up, we just extended our hours of operation with them," Young said.

Two of the buses travel to Tech's off-campus routes and one travels to the North Overton area. Tech also has a Night Ride shuttle, but it

does not go past University Avenue and 4th Street, he said.

Terrance Rodriguez is the recommended candidate for graduate vice president until approved by the Senate. He said the bus also is helpful for students who are on campus late at night and need a ride.

"As far as the S-Bus goes, grad students are on campus a lot later than undergraduate students," he said. "They do have that issue of

how they get home at night and with the S-Bus, that does give them a mode of transportation to get home, but we're looking at possibly expanding Night Ride to a little bit further, so the graduate students do have a way to get home."

Another safety measure SGA is working toward is making Tech campus brighter at night.

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## Tech Hurricane Research Team reflects on trip to coast

By KATIE MCKEE  
STAFF WRITER

Waves crashed and the wind blew as the Texas Tech Hurricane Research Team worked to retrieve just one of its 20 research probes from Lake Pontchartrain in Louisiana after Hurricane Isaac made landfall.

It was a hair-raising experience, student field coordinator Richard Krupar said. However, it was not the only \$12,000, 200-pound StickNet probe, or portable weather station, the team had difficulty reaching.

After driving 11 hours from Louisiana, the last TTUHRT member made his way home Thursday.

Research assistant Scott Gunter said he traveled back to Lubbock with the TTUHRT Sept. 1, but had to go back for a stranded weather probe.

The StickNet probe placed in extreme southern Louisiana was previously unreachable because of closed roads due to flooding. Because of the probe's marine exposure, it will offer the best data to the team, he said.

Despite the useful data, Gunter said the TTUHRT will have to be more careful when placing the probes.

"I think we learned to try and be a little bit more careful where we deploy some of our instruments," Gunter said. "We didn't lose any instruments, it's just if we would've maybe expected

the amount of rainfall that they got we might not have been quite as aggressive where we put some of our instruments."

Along with cautious placing of probes, the TTUHRT also learned to not underestimate storms, Gunter said.

"I think that's another thing we kind of took away — was not to underestimate any storm," Gunter said. "A strong, high wind tropical storm can cause just as much damage as a Category 2 hurricane."

While the team faced challenges on the trip, Krupar said the research they obtained with Real Time observations, which allow the team to view data as it is gathered, made meaningful contributions.

"The Emergency Operation Center in Mississippi was deploying our Real Time feed of our

data at their emergency operation center. The governor of Mississippi was there," Krupar said. "And so they were actually using that information to make decisions on where some of the hardest impact areas were."

The TTUHRT will continue to analyze the data they obtained, but does not expect to finish for a few months, Krupar said.

The data, Gunter said, will be used to help improve building codes and design structures along the coast.

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RANDAL BEASLEY RIDES his bicycle during the cycling leg of the Rec Sports Triathlon on Sunday outside of the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center. Competitors biked 12 miles around campus during the triathlon.

## Students, Lubbock community participate in triathlon

By LIANA SOLIS  
STAFF WRITER

The Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center hosted its annual Rec Sports Triathlon at 7 a.m. Sunday. With roughly 100 plus participants, the Rec Center was bustling the morning of the event.

Madelyn Sparks, a local hospital worker in Lubbock, participated in the triathlon for her second time.

"A lot of my friends think I'm nuts for wanting to do this more than once," Sparks said. "But I just have so much fun doing them."

The race consisted of 400 meters of swimming, followed by a 12-mile bike ride and ended with a

2.5 mile run.

"I had to train most for the swimming, out of all three," Sparks said. "That was the one I was most worried about, but I still did it pretty well."

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## Lubbock County confirms eighth case of West Nile

Lubbock County confirmed its eighth case of West Nile virus, but no new cases have been reported as of Sunday.

The United States has reported a total of 1,993 cases reported in 48 states as of Tuesday, according to the Center for Disease

Control. This year, more than 70 percent of the West Nile cases have been reported in Louisiana, Mississippi, Michigan, Oklahoma, South Dakota and Texas with almost half of the cases being reported in Texas.

According to the Texas Department of



State Health Services website, 1,066 cases of West Nile virus have been confirmed in Texas, resulting in 43 deaths in 2012 as of Sunday.

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# Community Calendar

## Today

**Fall Semester Starts at Hub Performing Arts School**  
**Time:** 5 p.m.  
**Where:** Hub Performing Arts School  
**So, what is it?**  
 As school begins, Hub Performing Arts Schools turns students into great actors.

**Modern Western Square Dance Classes**  
**Time:** 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.  
**Where:** Lubbock Dance Center  
**So, what is it?**  
 Come dance for fun, fitness and friendship while learning modern western square dancing.

**Dance Classes**  
**Time:** 3 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.  
**Where:** Christmann Academy of Dance  
**So, what is it?**  
 Dance classes are available in tap, jazz, ballet, hip hop, clogging and more.

There are 125 seats available for this interactive workshop featuring 11 social media experts.

**Tuesdays at the Art Factory**  
**Time:** 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.  
**Where:** Lubbock Municipal Garden and Arts Center  
**So, what is it?**  
 Come out and join teacher Mr. Neely every Tuesday for a new and exciting fine arts project. \$20 per person.

**Military Officers Association of America Monthly Dinner Meeting**  
**Time:** 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.  
**Where:** LakeRidge Country Club  
**So, what is it?**  
 Officers or former officers of the Armed Forces of the United States can attend this dinner and bring a guest. \$18.50 per person.

**Ballroom Dance Social Every Tuesday Night**  
**Time:** 7 p.m.  
**Where:** Dance With Me  
**So, what is it?**  
 Every Tuesday night, everyone is welcome to a ballroom social dance. There is no cover.

**John Sprott**  
**Time:** 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.  
**Where:** Triple J Chophouse and Brew Co.  
**So, what is it?**  
 Come out and enjoy John Sprott as he plays classic rock, blues, country and more.

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## Tuesday

**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.

**Social Media 201: Taking Communication to the Next Level**  
**Time:** 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
**Where:** Knippling Education Conference Center  
**So, what is it?**

## SGA

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"Some members of the university thinks the bare minimum lighting is acceptable," Young said. "I don't think that that's acceptable. It's going to be tough for us to get probably the whole campus lit up. There's specific areas that we've talked about where it's really dark at night, like the bridges ... areas like that are just really dark and (students) don't feel safe."

Young also said SGA is working to promote safe biking on campus.

"You do see a lot more people riding bikes on campus," he said. "It is important for students to have a safe infrastructure in campus so they can be safe while riding a bike. But, we also need to increase our students' knowledge about what the proper way is to ride your bike on campus and not get hit by a bus or get ticketed, which is something that students have an issue with and we're trying to fix."

### Freshman and Graduate Involvement

Alston said he is working

closely with Freshman Council to make sure they understand their roles as part of SGA.

"Our whole Freshman Council program is going to be changed," he said. "It's really going to be an opportunity for the freshmen to learn what it takes to be a senator. That way they go in understanding their role and are not just thrown into a position."

"Just so they understand, 'This is a responsibility of a senator; this is how you approach students and talk to students; this is how you write legislation.' So it's really going to be a detailed process so they know what they're getting themselves into, if they do want to run for a senator position."

During the summer, the SGA's Supreme Court reinstated the position of graduate vice president. Rodrigues said this role will ensure graduate students have a voice within the organization.

"There hasn't been a grad v.p. in more than a year," he said. "I feel like there hasn't been adequate representation for graduate students and that's going to be my primary goal is to make sure graduate students are represented in student government."

A part of this representation will focus on working closely with the Graduate Student Advisory Council, Rodrigues said.

"A lot of our graduate senators are fairly underspoken in Senate," he said. "I'd like to have monthly meetings with them to talk about issues I could help them with. And definitely getting back to graduate students as well because there's almost 6,000 graduate students here at Texas Tech. That's a significant chunk of our enrollment and we definitely need to get out there and meet them and talk to them as well."

### Visibility

Alston said SGA has greatly enhanced its marketing efforts during the summer, something that is continuing this fall.

One of the ways SGA is increasing its visibility is by setting up mobile offices across key points of campus so students can learn about the organization.

"Mobile offices are really going to help make executive officers more visible to the students," Alston said. "It's an opportunity to allow us to come out of the office and just talk to students and get students'

opinions. We'll be outside, out of the office, outside among the students, talking to them, getting their advice. We really want to make this year focused on the students and get students' opinions and what the students want."

Young said SGA has a reputation of being secretive and closed-off, something the executive officers are working to change.

"Student Government Association kind of has this reputation of being this red-taped administration, where they're not really going to do anything for you," he said. "Really what we tried to do this year and at the beginning of the summer is come up with ways to market ourselves to students and get back out to and reach the people who we represent."

"Because there's 32,000 of us here, it's hard to get to everyone, yes, but at the same time they should know about us, more so than anything. That's something that we've always tried to do just because of the reputation and trying to break stereotypes, really."

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## BIRTHDAY BASH



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THE DUSTIN GARRETT Band celebrates Buddy Holly's 76th birthday with the crowd at the Buddy Holly Center as part of the First Friday Art Trail.

## West Nile

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Out of the 43 deaths, Andrews, Bexar, Cherokee, Collin, Concho, Ellis, Gregg, Hood, Lamar, McLennan, Midland, Montague, Nueces, Panola, Victoria, Wharton and Wil-

liamson counties have one death each. Bell, Denton and Travis counties each have two deaths, Harris County has three deaths, Tarrant County has four deaths and Dallas County has 13 deaths according to the Texas Department of State Health Services on Sunday.

By publication time Sunday,

Dallas County reported a total of 289 cases. Tarrant County reported a total of 217 cases.

West Nile virus is a mosquito-borne disease that has two phases of illness: West Nile fever and West Nile neuro-invasive disease. Once the mosquito eggs mature, the mosquitoes feed on infected birds and then pass

the disease on the humans and horses said Dr. Ronald D. Warner, associate professor in Family and Community Medicine.

The Texas Department of State Health Services website said citizens should follow the 4Ds in order to prevent contracting the West Nile virus.

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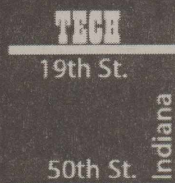
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## Tech students enjoy live music, drinks

By **KATELIN KELLY**  
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Smoke from the grill flies with the wind as Texas Tech fans gather around the TV screens anxiously awaiting a Red Raider touchdown.

Fans at Blue Monkey Grill on Saturday enjoyed the game on flat screens while taking advantage of free food and drinks, live music and a tailgate-like atmosphere.

Leonard's Grocery Store, located at 9th Street and Avenue X, opened in July 2011, with its neighbor, Blue Monkey, following quickly in September 2011.

"The college development, the campus, the sheer volume of student housing and expected growth," said Kent Moore, owner of Leonard's Grocery Store and Blue Monkey Grill, about why he opened Leonard's and Blue Monkey. "Seeing there was a need of a grocery store to cater to the ways students shop and need for up-to-date, more modernized bar for students with an outdoor area and TV's, nothing over there

has that."

Blue Monkey hosted its first Monkey Jam on Saturday. Although Blue Monkey normally admits adults 18 years old and older until 9 p.m., Monkey Jam was hosted for students 21 years old and older with a \$10 inclusive cover at the door.

Doors opened at 5 p.m. with the local blues/rock band, John Sprott, playing at 5:30 p.m. and the cover band out of Dallas, Time Machine, coming on stage at 9 p.m.

"We'll have the Texas Tech football game on from 6 to 9(p.m.)," Moore said. "You can really accommodate a lot of things, enjoy your evening, watch the game and listen to live music and enjoy the food and of course the bar will be open with a full staff."

Along with the hope Monkey Jam will be an annual event to kick off the semester, Moore said, Monkey Jam marked Blue Monkey's one-year anniversary.

"The goal is to provide a big party that students can look forward to and kick off the se-

mester," said Jenny Brooks of Jenny Brooks Public Relations. "A party that can happen every year."

Monkey Jam was planned and envisioned as a live entertainment event, Moore said. Blue Monkey obtained permits for Monkey Jam to expand the venue's maximum capacity from the normal 300 to 800 people for the night, with the additional 500 people in the parking lot with a stage and tent waiting for Time Machine.

For many students at the event, Monkey Jam was not their first experience at Blue Monkey.

Patti Kabobel, a senior human development and family studies major from Temple, enjoys Blue Monkey dollar beer specials every Wednesday.

"I love it," Kabobel said. "It's fun. I love that they put this together. It gets everyone together because everyone comes together who can't be at the game so it's good and the music is nice too."

With temperatures hitting a high of 76 degrees Saturday, Monkey Jam's indoor and out-



PHOTO BY WILLIAM ROBIN/The Daily Toreador  
RED RAIDER FANS celebrate as Texas Tech scores a touchdown against Texas State while enjoying the music of the John Sprott Trio during Monkey Jam on Saturday at Blue Monkey.

door atmosphere, TVs in every direction and free drinks created a chill environment for everyone to enjoy, Kabobel said.

"The idea is we want the kids

to have a place to have fun in safe environment," Moore said. "We felt like Monkey Jam would be a good way to promote our brand and awareness of Blue Monkey."

Our target audience is college audience, so it's great way to advertise in addition to get out of the house during an away game." [kkelly@dailytoreador.com](mailto:kkelly@dailytoreador.com)

## Tech, Lubbock community pick apples at festival

By **ALSTON TRBULA**  
STAFF WRITER

People from all across Texas recently came to pick apples at the 17th annual Apple Butter Festival, hosted by Apply Country Orchards and the Metropolitan Lubbock Rotary Club.

The festival was from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at the Apple Country Orchards, located four miles east of Idalou, just 15 minutes from Lubbock.

Susan Brints, one of the owners of Apple Country Orchards, said all proceeds from festival activities will benefit Meals on Wheels and other charities.

Some of the activities in-

cluded live country and gospel music, hay rides, face painting, an apple slingshot game and apple picking.

"It's family oriented and it's a wonderful place to come and have a good time," Brints said. "There isn't any other place in West Texas you can pick your own apples."

There are usually anywhere between 5,000 to 6,000 people in attendance every year, she said. It's \$3 for admission, however, any child under the age of 5 can get in free.

Many students from Texas Tech come to the festival, Brints said. She has some students who volunteer in setting up and running the festival as

well.

Shelby Thibodeaux, a junior from Houston, said this was her first time at the festival and she was enjoying herself.

"I really have enjoyed just walking around the orchard, it's really interesting and cool," said the environment and humanities and French major. "I didn't think anything like this would exist in Lubbock."

She said the apple turnovers and apple cider tasted great and she would encourage any Tech student to come out and experience the atmosphere.

Kimberly Lundberg, a senior chemistry and math major from Lubbock, said she also enjoys coming out to the orchards

and thinks other Tech students would, too.

"It's pretty nice. I grew up here, so I've been coming to the orchards since I was a little girl," Lundberg said.

Dolores Salas, an academic adviser for the College of Human Sciences, said this was her first time at the festival.

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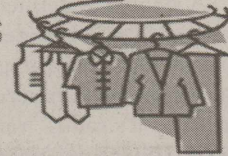
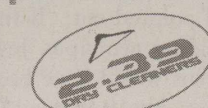
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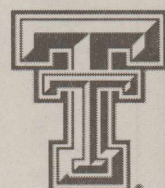
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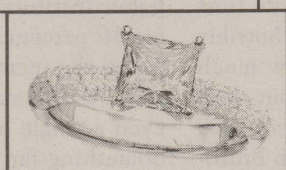
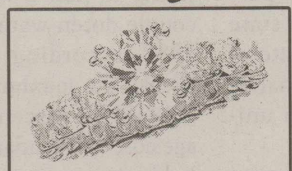
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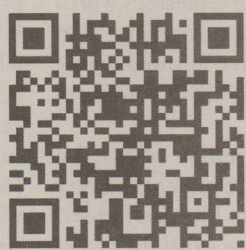
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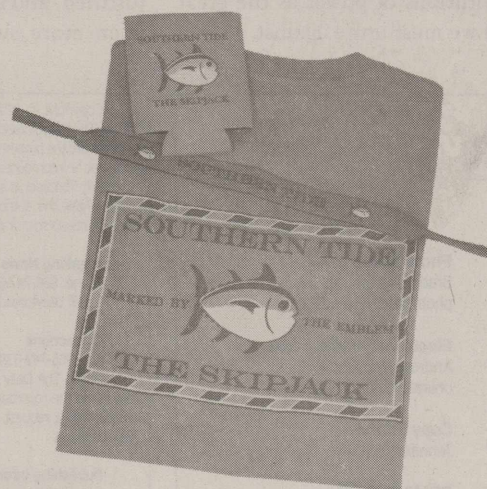
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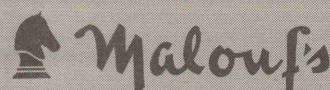


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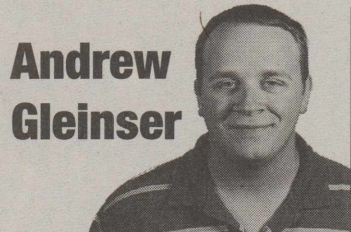
## Voter identification laws beneficial, necessary

At last week's Democratic National Convention, Hollywood actress Kerry Washington gave a speech in which she said "people out there" are trying to take away the right to vote, as well as other rights that "our mothers, our grandmothers and our great-grandmothers fought for."

Correct me if I'm wrong, but there is no politician campaigning on the platform of repealing a woman's right to vote, at least not in this country. Therefore, this person who was less than qualified to speak on these matters was obviously referring to the numerous attempts by states to pass voter identification laws.

If you've not been paying attention, these laws would require voters to provide identification, such as a driver's license, when showing up to vote. This measure would prevent voter fraud by ensuring that everyone who comes

**Andrew Gleinser**



to the polls is a registered voter.

It seems like a no-brainer, yet the response from Democrats has been quite strong, to say the least. Many Democrats act like voter identification laws are an attempt to take away minorities' right to vote.

They argue that many minorities do not have the time or the ability to go stand in line somewhere to get a government-issued photo ID, which therefore would prevent them from voting under these laws. Thus, their argument is that the Republicans who support these laws are racists trying to return America to

the Jim Crow era.

This couldn't be further from the truth. Voter ID laws are simply a measure to prevent voter fraud. The Democrats' argument holds absolutely no water, considering the fact that it takes a photo ID in order for anyone to purchase alcohol, vote in a union meeting and even to get into the Democratic National Convention.

Yet for some reason, I don't hear Democrats whining about the ability of minorities to buy alcohol and cigarettes being infringed upon. If you have to prove that you're eligible to purchase those items, then why

would it be so terrible to prove that you're eligible to vote?

The reason is that Democrats don't want people to have to

prove their eligibility when voting. They would much prefer to have illegal immigrants vote in elections because those illegal immigrants will vote Democratic.

Democrats would also prefer that their supporters vote more than

once, which is something that voter ID laws would also stop. This is why President Obama's justice department, which is incredibly corrupt anyway, has worked tirelessly to block the abilities of states to pass these

laws.

The issue here is not really about ensuring that the right to vote is not infringed upon, but that voter fraud needs to be stopped to ensure the fairest elections possible.

Nearly all voting-eligible Americans either have a government-issued photo ID or have the ability to get one fairly easily. The fact is only people who are eligible to vote need to be voting.

Despite what Democrats will argue, voter fraud is a factor in American society and it has made quite a difference throughout history. When Lyndon Johnson was running for the Senate in 1948, it was a number of votes from dead people in Jim Wells county that helped him squeak out a win in the Democratic primary, helping him earn the name "Landslide Lyndon."

There is still a debate about whether or not John F. Kennedy

benefited from voter fraud in the presidential election of 1960, which had the closest popular vote of any presidential election in United States history. Kennedy was also a Democrat, by the way.

By eliminating voter fraud, these types of disputes would no longer be a part of American political lore. We all want to know who actually deserves to win elections, which is why Americans of all political backgrounds should support these laws.

Just like identification is required to get through airport security, identification should be required to vote. It's a basic fundamental right American citizens have and its integrity must be protected.

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## Phobia of Islam and Muslims is irrational, harmful to society

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A phobia is defined as an irrational fear. People develop phobias to almost anything — spiders, heights and even beautiful women (really — it's called "venustraphobia"). Though phobias are technically a psychological phenomenon, words with the suffix "phobia" have entered common parlance to denote prejudice against certain people as well. One such phobia commonly spoken of in the west is Islamophobia. Since the Rushdie Affair in 1989, and even more so since 9/11, distrust towards Islam in the United States has been high. It has now reached the point that one of the ways to discredit the President is simply by calling him a Muslim.

Negative attitudes toward Islam and its adherents have in recent times shown their most vicious face. This August, in a span of one and a half weeks, there were eight attacks at houses of worship, with the target of seven of these being mosques. (The remaining one was the racially motivated shooting spree and domestic terrorist attack at the Sikh Gurdwara in Wisconsin, which killed seven people, including the shooter, and injured four.) These attacks included a rifle shot at a wall (behind which 500 people were praying), a bottle bomb (which luckily did not break through the targeted window), property defacement, eggs, oranges, BB gun pellets and, perhaps most spiteful of all, pig legs.

The aversion has extended beyond such individual exhibitions. This month, the American Freedom Defense Initiative, an anti-Islamic organization, ran anti-Palestinian advertisements on San Francisco buses that read

(emphasis added): "In any war between the civilized man and the savage, support the civilized man. Support Israel. Defeat Jihad."

Apart from the ahistoricism (as a friend pointed out, "If this was the guiding principle, Jews and Christians would have been obliterated by the Romans two thousand years ago."), the ad reflects a factually inaccurate outlook. Whether in Israel and Palestine, or in the United States, it is not the Muslims who take first place in "savagery." According to B'Tselem figures from June 2012, since the Second Intifada began in September 2000, 6,627 Palestinians (including civilians and militants) and foreign citizens have been killed by Israeli security forces and citizens. On the other hand, the Palestinians have killed 1,826 Israelis, alleged Palestinian informants for Israel and foreign citizens. Here in the United States, according to an Anti-Defamation League report from August 2011, 10 times more deaths have resulted from right-wing terrorism since 9/11 than from Muslim terrorism. As per the report, which was written before the Gurdwara shooting, only 7 percent of deaths due to domestic terrorism have been because of Muslim terrorists, as compared to 85 percent because of white supremacists.

Yet, in this same phase, it's brown-skinned people who have almost exclusively faced increased racial profiling at airports. It is Muslims who have comprised the entirety of American citizens killed on Presidential orders without due process. And it is regarding Islam that a "phobia" has lodged itself into our language and thoughts.

Despite the broader, non-technical meaning the suffix is intended to take on here, is it apt to use it in this context? There may

## Cost of attending college a big campaign issue

By **PETER STROUD**  
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In his speech last week at the Republican National Convention, the party's nominee Mitt Romney offered nothing to college students reeling from the soaring cost of higher education.

According to the College Board, the cost of four-year colleges has increased by an average of \$8,244 over the past ten years — a 72 percent rise above inflation. Outstanding student loan debt has hit \$914 billion, or about 45,000 times the number of students currently enrolled in American universities.

We at U. Texas are painfully aware of the skyrocketing costs. "UT gave me a \$20,000 per-year scholarship, but I found out pretty quickly that doesn't cover everything," theatre and education senior Jorge Galan said. "Even with that scholarship I'll be graduating with over \$60,000 in debt. That'll take at least 20 years for me to pay off." But Galan, a Texas resident, ranks among the lucky ones. In 2010, the cost of attendance for out-of-state students at UT reached \$45,960, or 93 percent of the U.S. median household income.

And this doesn't just affect us. The price of a college education has an enormously outsized impact on the economy. The economic explosion of the 1950s saw one of the sharpest rises in GDP per capita in our country's history — and it had a lot to do with Americans getting affordable college degrees through the GI Bill. They flooded the economy with

both skilled workers and consumers ready and eager to spend their paychecks. Notably, those paychecks weren't being exhausted paying off student loans.

If Romney seeks to revitalize the economy, he should alleviate the crushing debt burying college students. When we graduate, we're entering the economy owing thousands of dollars and with few job prospects. It doesn't take a PhD in economics to deduce that there isn't going to be very much revitalizing spending coming from an enormous swath of the population that's eating ramen noodles six out of seven nights.

It seems like a no-brainer, but on this issue Romney has failed to deliver. When asked what he would do about college costs in March, Romney told students to "shop around." This is sound, albeit somewhat obvious, financial advice. Unfortunately, he doesn't seem to realize that we're shopping in a district where every store is far out of most Americans' price range.

But hey, perhaps Romney can be forgiven for not fully understanding the problem. After all, when he went to Brigham Young University in 1969, tuition for Mormon students was \$215 a semester. Just one semester's worth of non-resident tuition at UT in 2012 would have allowed young Mitt to attend BYU for about eighty years.

In May, Romney released a paper titled "A Chance for Every Child," which blames federal spending for the exorbitant cost of college, claiming that "a flood

of federal dollars is driving up costs and burdening too many young Americans with too much debt and too few opportunities." The paper crows that "a Romney Administration will tackle this challenge by making clear that the federal government will no longer write a blank check to universities to reward their tuition increases." Instead, Romney plans to put the nation's trust in the private sector to "provide information, financing and education itself."

Contrary to Romney's assertions, tuition hikes at public universities have happened largely as a result of huge funding cuts by state governments. In 1985, state appropriations for UT Austin accounted for 47 percent of the university's budget. Tuition and fees accounted for no more than five percent. Now, tuition and fees provide a quarter of UT's budget while state funding has dwindled to a mere 13 percent. Amazingly, that actually puts UT ahead of many other state colleges. Last year, the state of Michigan contributed a paltry 4.5 percent of its flagship university's budget.

Furthermore, Romney's trust in the private sector is horribly misplaced. We saw how much private lenders care about their borrowers' best interests in 2008 when Citigroup, Lehman Brothers and their fellows drove the economy into the ditch by issuing countless toxic mortgage loans and gambling on securities with our money. We see it every time we pass a payday lending office in a poor part of town. Those

guys aren't the answer. Neither are the for-profit, University of Phoenix-style institutions that happen to be contributing enormous sums of money to Romney's campaign.

All this provides opportunity for President Obama to draw contrast between himself and his opponent, but his own response has been sadly underwhelming. So far, Obama has kept interest rates for subsidized Stafford loans from doubling to 6.8 percent, but even Romney was on board with that. In his second term, he plans to make permanent his American Opportunity tax credit, which grants college students up to \$2,500 a year but would take \$13 billion next year alone to renew. He also promises to expand the maximum Pell grant from \$5,550 to \$5,635, but that was already scheduled under current laws.

These are admirable efforts, to be sure, but they bring to mind trying to halt a wildfire with a couple dozen water balloons. In 1980, according to Education Week, the maximum Pell grant covered 77 percent of the average cost of attendance at a 4-year public institution. Today, it covers 36 percent. Even if Obama passes the increase he promises, that 36 percent won't go up by even a single percentage point. Something far more substantial is necessary.

When President Obama takes his turn in the national spotlight at the convention tonight, I'd like for him to know the eyes of America's college students will be upon him.

be a fear of Muslims, but there is much more than that. The word "Islamophobia" does not capture the hostility that extends beyond the fear; instead, it intrinsically downplays it. The point we should be focusing on in the current state of affairs is not that Muslims are objects of fear in this country, it is that they are victims of hate. They are hated for usually not look-

ing like most people here. They are hated for not conforming to the most popular religion in this country. And perhaps most importantly, they are hated because they have been scapegoated as the enemy figure of our times to breed nationalistic and religious solidarity, and deceptively portrayed by institutions of power as the great evil we must unite against.

The fact still stands: Islam is hardly the biggest threat to the people of this country. Indeed, it may well be the other way around, looking at U.S. foreign policy and the recent instances of vigilante assaults across the nation. Far from an innocent fear, the attitude of animosity towards Muslims is unjustified, and as it shifts attention from more substantive threats,

also unwise. With seven attacks on mosques in 11 days this month, and clear calls for enmity against Islam on public buses, this should be a time for reckoning — Are we too attached to the comfort of unaccountability? Or, rising above the convenience of blame and blind antagonism, will we face the values and people most behind terror?

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JACKSON HARRIS, 2, from Lubbock, eats an apple he picked during the Apple Butter Festival on Saturday in Idalou.

**Festival**

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Salas said they walked around the orchard and took pictures, checked out some booths, listened to music and ate some apple turnovers.

"I'd have to say the apple turnovers have been my favorite part of the festival so far," Salas said.

Mark Morton and his wife Wendy, both said their favorite part of the festival was the music.

"We like the music, the band. Yeah, it seems to fit the environment," Mark Morton said. "A little country and a little Texan. You can hear some Buddy Holly, some Beatles, some folk music and rock 'n' roll."

Wendy Morton said the apple

turnovers were amazing and her two sons, Peter, 12, and Andrew, 9, both could not get enough of them.

"It has some of the best apple treats I've had in a very long time," Peter Morton said.

Jesse Villarreal, from Denver City, said it took him and his family two hours to get to the festival but it was worth the drive.

"It's something to do," he said. "It's late in the year going into the fall and it's just nice to get out this time of the year with family."

Tanya Mitchell, from Lubbock, said she has been coming to the festival for the last four years.

Buying apples from the orchard is fairly cheap, she said.

"We picked some little yellow delicious and they looked real small,

but man they tasted good," Mitchell said. "They're only 89 cents a pound. It's very inexpensive compared to the grocery store," she said.

SarahLee Morris, a volunteer for the festival and member of the Metropolitan Lubbock Rotary Club, said all the money raised is distributed to different charities and she was pleased by how many people showed up.

"We usually raise around \$5,000 to \$6,000," Morris said.

The event does good for a great deal of people and it's fun, she said.

"There literally are people who come from all over the state and eastern New Mexico, and there have been volunteers from Tech out here today, too," Morris said.

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**Triathlon**

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A large number of campus and community members showed up to the event to help out or to show support for those entered in the race.

Veronica Schieffer, a sixth grade writing teacher at Lubbock Middle School, came to the event to cheer on her friend, Sparks, while she raced.

"I wanted to show my support for her since I couldn't participate with her," Schieffer said. "I don't think I would be able to even do one of these right now."

In order to prepare for a race such as this one, participants have to go through several months of training to ensure the results they want.

"I trained for about nine months

straight to make sure I was ready," Sparks said. "It's hard to get back into it if you take a break, so you really have to push yourself."

The Rec Center hosts this race every year and has consistently been doing so since 2000.

Betty Blanton, the associate director for fitness/wellness, outdoor pursuits and marketing for the Rec Center, said this triathlon is mainly for college students.

"We put this on every year for the university and for the people who maybe haven't run a triathlon before," Blanton said. "It gives college kids a chance to be able to try one for an affordable price before they go out and participate in bigger competitions."

A few days after the race has ended, the staff hosts a meeting about what they need to improve for the next year's race.

They then continue to prepare through the year and even start designing the logo and shirts for the next year's race as early as May, Blanton said.

"We have it about the same time every year, but we have to wait for the fall football schedule to come out before we can decide on a definite date," Blanton said. "It would just be too insane trying to put this on when we have a home football game the same weekend."

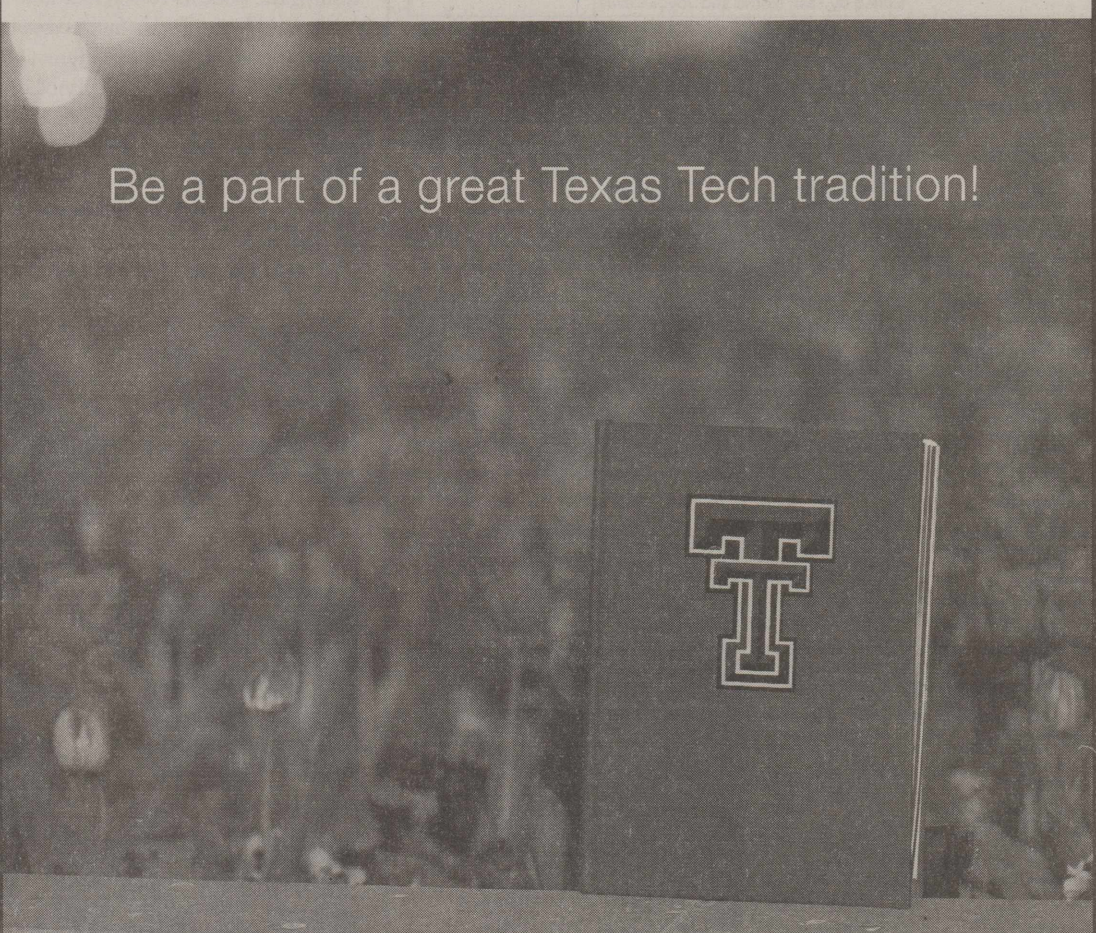
Although partaking in an event such as this one is difficult, Sparks said, the fun feeling of participating is worth it.

"I would definitely want to try to do one of these in the future," Schieffer said. "I want to know what it's like to train for one and experience the hardships that they go through."

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## FOOTBALL | Week 2

# Tech offense overwhelms Bobcats in 58-10 win

By ZACH DISCHIANO  
STAFF WRITER

SAN MARCOS — After a dominant performance against Northwestern State during the first week of the college football season, Texas Tech's offense lit up the scoreboard again, beating Texas State 58-10.

Senior quarterback Seth Doege tied a career-high with five touch-

down passes, connecting on 25 of 32 attempts for a total of 319 yards.

"We had a lot more opportunities this week and we took advantage of them," Doege said. "We started rolling and I thought I threw the ball pretty well tonight."

Three Tech receivers had five catches — Javon Bell, a transfer from Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, led the way with 81 yards

and a touchdown. Jakeem Grant, the 5-foot-6 redshirt freshman, had 78 receiving yards and senior Darrin Moore recorded 73 yards and two touchdowns.

Eric Ward, the team's No. 1 receiver on the depth chart, missed the game because of a concussion.

This was the second time these two teams have met, but the first time they have played in San Marcos. Last season, the Red Raiders won in Lubbock 50-10, despite trailing the Bobcats 10-9 at halftime.

A fumble on Tech's first possession followed by a strong offensive drive by Texas State gave Bobcat fans hope of a similar start to the game, but an 88-yard interception return for a touchdown by senior safety Cody Davis ended all opposing momentum.

Following the interception, the

kickoff took a fortunate bounce toward the Red Raiders — and after clearing a pile of stubborn players — the referees pointed the possession in favor of Tech.

From there, it was all Doege. It took the veteran quarterback just three plays in 48 seconds to find the end zone, targeting Darrin Moore from 23 yards out to pick up the Red Raiders' first offensive score of the game.

He did not slow down.

Doege scored four more touchdowns through the air and did not turn the ball over once.

"There's a difference between being beaten and being exposed, and we were exposed," Texas State coach Dennis Franchione said. "We couldn't force Tech to punt. We blitzed. We rushed. We couldn't get a stop."

Even the kicking game was flawless for the Red Raiders.

Redshirt sophomore Ryan Bustin connected on both field goal attempts, including a career-long of 50 yards, while converting all seven extra points.

After a surprising upset of 2011 Conference USA runner-up Houston, the Bobcats came into the game looking to start their inaugural Football Bowl Subdivision season with two victories.

Texas State ran the ball exceptionally well against Houston, tallying 52 carries for 295 yards and two touchdowns.

The Bobcats were limited to 129 yards Saturday, with no rushing scores.

"Them winning last week kind of nixed all chances of them beating us by surprise," Tech head coach

Tommy Tuberville said. "If they were going to beat us, they were going to beat us the right way. We weren't going to be running in neutral."

Texas State had 10 Associated Press poll votes coming into Saturday's game, while Tech had zero votes.

There were Bobcat shirts all around the stadium with text that read, "Welcome to the new rivalry" but in a tweet, Tech sophomore tight end Jace Amaro, who recorded three catches for 55 yards and a touchdown, expressed his disapproval for the shirts' slogan.

"GUNS UP from San Marcos. Rivalry? Psh."

The Red Raiders will head back to Lubbock to host New Mexico in their next game on Saturday, while the Bobcats get ready for their first bye week of the season.

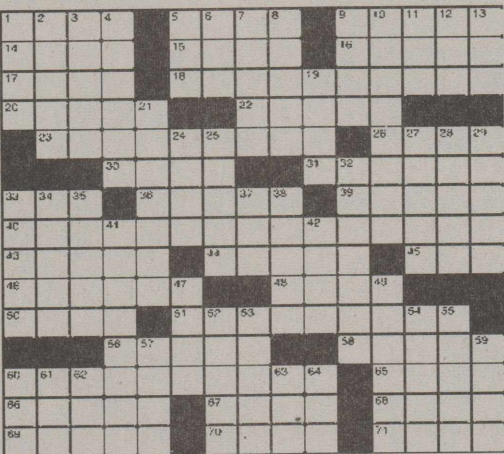
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### Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

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- 5 John Wesley's relig.
- 9 Nueve menos dos
- 14 Canyon comeback
- 15 —deuce
- 16 "Come on in"
- 17 Pre-calc course
- 18 Little vehicle
- 20 Fable writer
- 22 Western
- 23 Australia's capital
- 23 Little time
- 26 Salinger's "With Love and Squalor" girl
- 30 Armoire feature
- 31 Beauty pageant accessories
- 33 Therapists' org.
- 36 Was nosy
- 39 Friendship bracelet components
- 40 Little role
- 43 Molecular particles
- 44 Remote button with two vertical bars
- 45 Weight unit
- 46 City throughfare
- 48 "It's been real, dahling"
- 50 Grandstand feature
- 51 Little break
- 56 Valuable holding
- 58 Guiding principle
- 60 Little type
- 65 Summer camp setting
- 66 Bamboo muncher
- 67 Manipulative sort
- 68 MGM symbol
- 69 —crafts
- 70 Silents star Naldi
- 71 Mine finds



By Melanie Miller

9/10/12

#### Friday's Puzzle Solved

7 Arizona State's city  
8 High-strung  
9 Religious offshoot  
10 Where there are plenty of fish  
11 List-shortening abbr.  
12 Steeped beverage  
13 Flub the shot, say  
19 Weapons  
21 Ask for a hand on one knee  
24 Bora: Afghan region  
25 Monica Lewinsky scandal figure  
27 Refuse to, quaintly  
28 Fx managed care giant  
29 German industrial city  
32 Side by side  
33 "... and of thousands!"  
34 Singer LaBelle or LuPone  
35 Luigi's love  
37 Clean air org.  
38 Tie during a tennis game

12-Down  
42 "That is so not happening!"  
47 Recipe amt.  
49 Verdi opera with Desdemona  
52 Encore presentation  
53 Formal "Who's there?" response  
54 Illuminated studio sign  
57 Do in, as a vampire  
59 Bills with Hamilton on them  
60 Mud bath venue  
61 Scratch or scuff, say  
62 Picnic invader  
63 Butterfly catcher  
64 —la-la



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TEXAS TECH WIDE receiver, Alex Torres celebrates after scoring a touchdown during the Red Raiders' 58-10 victory against Texas State on Saturday at Bobcat Stadium in San Marcos.

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**Doctor: Still not clear if Tulane player is paralyzed**

TULSA, Okla. (AP) — It's too soon to tell if Tulane safety Devon Walker will be paralyzed as the result of a spinal fracture he suffered while making a tackle, and the full extent of his injury may not be known for days, the team's doctor said Sunday.

Dr. Greg Stewart, Tulane University's director of sports medicine, said Walker remained in stable condition in the intensive care unit of St. Francis Hospital in Tulsa, Okla. Physicians there will plan to do surgery on Walker in the coming days, he said.

"These kind of injuries take 24, 48, sometimes 72 hours to full declare themselves," Stewart said. "We don't know what the long-term implications and outcomes are going to be."

Stewart said he was with Walker on the field, in the ambulance and at the hospital on Saturday. He said Walker was put into a cervical collar and couldn't see much of what was happening, so Stewart explained what was going on. Walker was talking with doctors as he was being treated, Stewart said.

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