Fate of Texas' tough voter ID law left for judges to decide

By Viola Zhou

The fate of Texas' tough voter ID law moved into the hands of a federal judge Monday, following a trial that the U.S. Justice Department and opposed another chapter in the state's troubled history of discrimination in elections.

State attorney defending the law signed by Republican Gov. Rick Perry in 2011 designed the law to follow other courts by upheaving photo identification requirements. The most recent such case came this month when a federal appeals panel criticized Wisconsin's law in time for Election Day.

Whether Texas will also get a ruling before it's anchor U.S. District Judge Nelva Gonzales Ramos ended the two-week trial in Corpus Christi without signaling what she'd decide, meaning that as of now, an estimated 1.5 million registered Texas voters will need photo ID to vote in November.

The U.S. Justice Department, which is fighting the law, began closing arguments for filing into a projection screen how many eligible voters it says lack an acceptable form of ID. 688,478, a revised number lower than what the DOJ and other laws and may appeal said when the trial ends. It also appealed.

An election official checks a voter's photo identification in February at an early voting polling station in Austin. Texas Overwhelmed in a big election year for Texas is a big trial coming over how ballots are now cast: under a tough voter ID law in time for Election Day.

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U.S. troops can help stop Ebola outbreak

Currently, the U.S. is sending troops and supplies to Liberia to help stop the spread of the deadly Ebola virus. The U.S. military is well suited to support the West Africa-based medical community. Liberia is well equipped to handle this epidemic with some international assistance.

...the right of the People to keep and bear arms; shall not be infringed..."

The United States Constitution of the United States of America clearly states its right to the people to protect themselves and defend themselves and their property.

This amendment, however, has been constantly transformed and reinterpreted throughout the country’s history. How many times have we heard where line of justice is whether or not we sit, faculty and the general public should be allowed to put their concealed handguns in their bags on college campuses.

Most campuses are the haven of mass of campus as our right over the right in the “safety” to carry guns.

Last Thursday, the Baylor Student Government attempted to mandate students, faculty and guests with a concealed handgun license to carry weapons on campus. The Senate passed this resolution in the hopes that administration will pass the measure through.

Support this measure.

The Senate’s main argument is that Baylor wants its students to be able to protect and defend themselves against possible threats. But does this bill also make attacks much more palpable to our society?

The Huffington Post reported 27 shootings on college campuses since June 13. However, the report included shootings in mass area or nearby campus property. These only two reported across shooter incidents in the nation Santa Monica College shootings last June, and one in How Much Community College in Virginia. Currently, schools in Atlanta, Colorado, Idaho, Missouri, Oregon, Utah and Wisconsin also the right to decide if they will allow for the National Year for Churches. There is no reason for the public “in” to carry arms throughout our campus as well.

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From the Lariat blog

Lariat Letters

The safety is ‘on’ with Baylor gun bill

I want to thank and congratulate the Student Senate for making a common sense and practical decision to allow CHL holders to carry on campus. It only has the power to make a constitutional amendment, not state law.

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FROM LIBERIA, WEST AFRICA

ASHER FREEMAN

Another dangerous and not a U.S. problem and the U.S. should not be interven- ing in world affairs all together.

The world is a large and diverse place. We need to be able to help stop viruses from spreading. On Sept. 18, President Obama said that the CDC already hundreds of people to West Ebola in the largest international response in the history of the CDC. The WHO, U.S. Agency for Interna- tional Development, Department of State, Department of Health and Human Services and other inter- national organizations have worked in West Africa who have sent peacekeeping troops to fight the virus.

The White House is also rec- ording criticism from people who think military resources, and dollars could be used for other causes more specific to the U.S. To the Obama administration has spent $100 million from the Pentagon’s budget on efforts to stop the spread of Ebola in West Africa and will send $500 million total. The budget for the U.S. military is $573.6 billion for fiscal 2014. Congress set this money aside so that our military can react to situations like this. The funding for this operation was already available and is truly a small frac- tion of the overall budget, for a very worthy cause.

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Airshow to return, raise awareness

By Amanda Lopez

The second annual Heart of Texas Airshow is bringing different activities, food and aircraft back to the Waco community this weekend.

The show, which is co-sponsored by Baylor's Institute for Air Science, will begin 10 a.m. Saturday at Texas State Technical College.

Trey Cade, director of the Baylor Institute for Air Science, said the event will feature many booths and activities in the morning and the airshow will start at 2 p.m.

"We'll have historical aircrafts, booths, food and different activities," Cade said. "Then in the afternoon, people will go to see aircraft flying, formation flying and just a lot of cool things."

According to the Heart of Texas Airshow website, the day will not only feature different exhibits, displays and vendors, but will also give young adults the chance to fly in a plane. Free Young Eagle flights will be available from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. for kids ages 8 to 17. Reservations for this can be made online at www.heartoftexasairshow.com/YETickets.html.

D Cobb Standefer, event organizer, said Baylor students will be $10. Baylor students must have their student I.D. to receive a discount.

"We're bringing so many people to town and it provides an economic revenue for the city," Standefer said. "We hope it'll show people how wonderful Waco is and also help with Baylor and TSTC recruitment."

Cade said he hopes this airshow will bring an awareness to aviation in the Central Texas community.

"Organizers have felt that there is a lack of choice for aviation," Cade said. "We wanted to do this and raise awareness for aviation and aviation education as well, which is offered here at Baylor and at TSTC."

Standefer said she believes this airshow will be even better than last year and she's hoping for a good outcome.

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Deaf awareness week to be celebrated on campus

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Garrett said hearing loss, is different from other languages at Baylor that is it is all visual, mean- there is no speaking after instruction after the first day of.

"What is true is that it is immense these kids into the sign language that they actually learn to use in a normal fashion," Garrett said."I see these students out in the half- walking to each other and har- big discussions out there using sign language and it is fascinating to see how sophisticated our students are today in the sign language world."

Although deafness is techni- cally a disability, lacking the abil- to hear is not a problem; it’s just a different way of being, Garrett said.

"Not hearing hearing is not a disability and we should not view it as such," Garrett said."I think one of the biggest challenges is for the hearing community to be able to better understand the deaf community. The more information that we can get out to the hearing community to understand deaf culture and understand where they are coming from, the more we can really see the way that the deaf community thinks and we can help to understand how we can best in- teract with them in a very positive and forward-thinking way.”

Assault

Admissions senior Dennis Ed- wards, student body president, said although he does not speak who- half of the university, he personally did not have enough information on the campaign to endorse it.

He also said while he is com- mitted to protecting those who have loved his grandmother, he is not seeking to eliminate one aspect of campus safety.

Tina Tobin, chief of staff to the first lady and assistant to the presi- dent, said over 200 volunteers have seen the public service announcement, and 17,000 have signed the pledge since the cam- paign began.

"This is considered a terrific launch," Tobin said.

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"One of the biggest challenges is health education nationally and internationally," said Tchen.

"Many students who want to go into the medical school or work in the health sciences may be in a great place to come for an undergraduate education," he said.

North said although the cam- paign is trying to deal with the problem of having too many students in health-related ma- jors, it is also sending out the message to students that there is no reason to pursue a degree in health sciences.}

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Austin freshman Cathlyn Jones says the Vine community "has more than 242,000 followers after being featured on the site and app for their video, "Cagney and __": '80s cop show."

"I think she is famous just because they are related. A lot of times, people think they are twins or ask questions about their lives, she said."

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"I was stressed," Jones said. "I thought, 'Oh my gosh, all these people are going to think I'm so weird.' I contemplated deleting it."
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Baylor equestrian opens at No. 5

Soccer beats UTSA, draws Oral Roberts

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First serve is set for 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 24, at Memorial Stadium in Manhattan. The Bears (9-5) will look to 

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