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American identifies cause of loose seats

The airline's pilots union says it will resume talks with the carrier.

By Andrea Ahles
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American Airlines on Tuesday identified an improperly installed clamp as the cause of loose seats on two of its Boeing 757 aircraft, the latest in a string of operational problems for the bankrupt carrier.

The Fort Worth-based company said it inspected 36 aircraft overnight Monday and found an additional four planes with seats in the main cabin that had problems. American planned to inspect another 11 airplanes Tuesday night. In total, 47 of American's 102 Boeing 757s will be inspected.

American said its internal investigation focused on how rows of three seats fit into a track used to secure them to the floor of the airplanes, and found More on AMERICAN, 12A

U.S. agent killed near the border in Arizona

Questions fly about where the guns used in the attack came from.

By Paul Davenport and Jacques Billeaud
The Associated Press

NACO, Ariz. — A Border Patrol agent was shot to death Tuesday in Arizona near the U.S.-Mexico line, the first fatal shooting of an agent since a deadly 2010 firefight with Mexican bandits that spawned congressional probes of a botched government gun-smuggling investigation.

The agent, 30-year-old Nicholas Ivie, and a colleague were on patrol in the desert near Naco, about 100 miles from Tucson, when gunfire broke out shortly before 2 a.m., the Border Patrol said. The More on BORDER, 9A

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FIRST-TIME VOTERS READY TO BE HEARD

Area college students divided on issues, but all see their votes as important



"People are afraid to step up, step out and be heard."

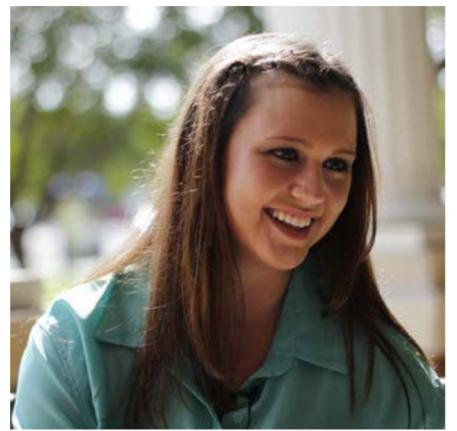
Nathaniel Peoples, Tarrant County College

By Diane Smith
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Gone is the cool factor that came with Barack Obama's "hope and change" campaign in 2008, which sent young voters to the polls in huge numbers.

Four years later, with the not-so-sexy topics of the economy and health-care looming as key issues, political experts are predicting a significant drop in the youth vote.

But many young voters, namely college students, in North Texas still see their vote as important and will take a break from studying to watch tonight's debate between President Obama and GOP candidate Mitt Romney. More on VOTERS, 11A



"I feel so important voting, even though I am just one voter."

Paige Jennings, Texas Wesleyan University



"I do think my vote matters — especially in a close race like this one."

David Rader, University of Texas at Arlington

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Video of first-time voters talking about the upcoming election.

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- Tonight's debate between President Barack Obama and Mitt Romney is being held at the University of Denver.
- It will be televised on all major networks and cable news channels from 8 to 9:30 p.m.
- Jim Lehrer, host of *NewsHour* on PBS, will moderate the debate, which will focus on domestic policy issues.

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"I think every vote counts — even mine."

Joseph Ramirez, Texas Wesleyan University

60 million viewers expected for first presidential debate

By David Lightman and Anita Kumar
McClatchy Newspapers

DENVER — President Barack Obama and Republican challenger Mitt Romney will offer

voters two starkly different prescriptions for fixing the ailing economy as they duel tonight in their first and perhaps most crucial debate.

More than 60 million people

are expected to watch when the nationally televised, 90-minute debate kicks off at 8 p.m., far more than watched the two major party national conventions and dwarfing the

number that watched Romney in Republican primary debates.

Underscoring the significance, the men will arrive at More on DEBATE, 10A

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