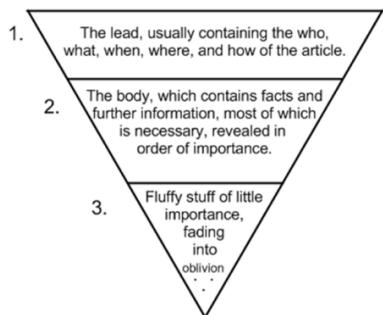


Student fell off a trail waking from a coma By: Alicia Singletary



CANYON LAKE - A Texas State student is expected to make a full recovery after she fell from the Canyon Lake Cliffside trail Thursday after going for a run.

Maggie Douglas, 18, from San Marcos, was running at the Canyon Lake Cliffside trail, but lost her footing and fell 34 feet into rock-filled waters.

Fisherman Randy Davis, boat mechanic, 52, saw her hit the water and immediately called 911. When Comal County EMS arrived, they were unsure if the woman would survive because of her injuries.

“When we saw her on the lakeshore her body looked lifeless,” said paramedic Tom Henderson, 31, of New Braunfels. “We kicked into action and did our job, but there seemed to be little hope that anyone could survive such a fall”

Comal County EMS arrived at Santa Rosa Hospital in New Braunfels where Douglas was worked on by Dr. Blaine Holland, 38, from Kyle. Holland said Douglas sustained a broken arm, broken ribs and many cuts and abrasions, but doctors were most concerned with her head injury.

“I have treated individuals who have fallen before, but I cannot recall seeing anyone as lucky as this young woman,” Holland said. “We placed her in a medically induced coma to allow her brain swelling to reduce. When we brought her out of the coma we were shocked and excited to see that she had no apparent permanent damage.”

Douglas never had a problem before running on this path, but was thankful that someone saw her falling off. “I’ve been running a lot lately because I’m training for a marathon” Douglas said.