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Calendar

'Destroyer of the Void'

Electro band Blitzen Trapper will play a show with Fruit Bats and Pearly Gate Music at La Zona Rosa. Doors open at 8 p.m. and tickets are on sale for \$16.

Remembering

A vigil to commemorate the recent suicides of gay teens across the country will take place from 8 to 9 p.m. on the South Mall.

'I want to recruit you'

In conjunction with "Milk" screenwriter Dustin Lance Black speaking on campus Thursday, the Student Events Center will present a free screening of the award-winning film at 7 p.m. in the Texas Union Theatre.

Meet the producer

Sugar farmer Francisco Ferreira will speak about where sugar really comes from and the implications fair trade has had on his life and his community. The lecture begins a 3:30 p.m. in Texas Union 3.116.

Today in history

In 1845

Texans ratify a state constitution and approve annexation.

Campus watch

Pot luck

201 East 21st Street A UT staff member reported smelling marijuana coming from a dorm room on the third floor of Jester East. UTPD officers investigated, and found three UT students and a fourth non-UT subject inside the room. The officers located two plastic baggies of marijuana, and also a homemade bong the contained burned marijuana residue. One student admitted ownership and received a field release citation for Possession of Marijuana and was released at the scene. Occurred on Oct. 10 at 3:36 p.m.



Quote to note

"We're not used to losing around here. We've learned from these losses and understand we don't want to feel this way again. Losing is not a good feeling and we've got to play to our standard. If we compete at that level we talk about, then I don't think too many teams can play with us."

> – James Kirkendoll Senior wide receiver

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A quiet community comes out



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StandOut Co-president Ben Krugar-Robbins, right, embraces his boyfriend Nathan Guillory as part of the kiss-in on Tuesday in front of Gregory Gym. The demonstration was meant to celebrate and bring students' attention to National Coming Out Week and GLBT rights.

By Audrey White

Daily Texan Staff

The wooden structure read "Closet Door" and looked out of place on Gregory Plaza on Tuesday afternoon. Around it, members of queer advocacy organization StandOut waved multicolored markers and called out to passers-by.

'Sign the door to support LGBT rights," they bellowed.

Many students sped up as they passed by, offering a muttered "late for class" or "maybe later." But a few stopped and signed their name, a nod of support to the demonstration

for National Coming Out Week, which started Monday.

The scene embodies the general climate toward the queer community at UT, said GLBT campus leaders. Although there is little outward hostility and a small section of dedicated advocates, most students are simply apathetic, even within the community. A recent string of highly publicized suicides by GLBT teens has started new conversations about policy and culture in the community, but not much has changed at UT, said Queer Students Alliance director Garrett Dee.

"We haven't had anything horrible or pub-

lic like a suicide, and people take that as a sign that everything is fine, For a video profile of even other queer stu-**Emmanuel Winston** dents," Dee said. "Acrecounting the events tivism is time consumof his assault, go to ing, and it's hard to be a face for a population that gets so much flack.

A lot of people are talking on campus and in the administration, but there hasn't been much commitment."

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SG supports eliminating dorm guest hours

By Allison Kroll

Daily Texan Staff

Students in on-campus residence halls may be able to have pay equal or greater amounts in guests over at any time during the day as a result of Student Government's unanimous vote Tuesday to eliminate guest hours.

In March, the University Residence Hall Association passed a resolution calling for the eliminaallow residents to bring guests of any sex into their rooms at anytime, as long as they are checked in by their escorting resident, the resident's roommate agrees and the approval at the meeting Tuesday.

guest leaves within 72 hours. "Residents that live on campus cost of living than residents that live off campus, and just because they live on campus shouldn't entitle them to less rights than they would have off campus," said gov-

ernment junior Bobby Jenkins. Jenkins, who was president of tion of guest hours, which would URHA last year, wrote and sponsored the legislation. He recently presented new legislation written by this year's URHA executives to the SG assembly, which led to its

"I am excited about the progress

this year, and the continued commitment by students and administrators to move forward on this issue shows just how important it is to the student body," Jenkins said.

In preparation for the resolution, URHA sponsored a formal survey last semester, which polled 897 students, that showed about 53 percent of dorm residents who responded opposed the previous policy, which did not allow

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Poll

Do you agree with the Student Governmentapproved revisions to the University's residence hall visiting rules, which eliminate guest hours and allow visitors of the opposite sex to stay the night in dorms?

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Concealed carry could turn up on UT campus

By Nolan Hicks **Daily Texan Staff**

A leading Democrat in the Texas Senate said there are probably enough votes to pass a bill that would end the ban on concealed handguns on the campuses of public colleges and universities.

"If I had to vote today, I'd probably vote for it," said Sen. John Whitmire, D-Houston, chair of the Senate Committee on Criminal Justice. "I generally support the concealed weapons laws and if you're going to have them, I don't see any reason to have sacred areas."

The debate over the gun ban on public universities was reignited just one day after the shooting on the UT campus when state Sen. Dan Patrick, R-Houston, said that if no other senator introduced a measure to repeal the campus gun ban, he would.

Patrick is expected to introduce a bill that would be largely similar to the 2009 legislation he co-authored with Sen. Jeff Wentworth, R-San Antonio, that died in the Texas House because Democrats were blocking the controversial Voter ID bill from coming

"Banning guns does not protect students," Patrick said, claiming that guns on campus would have helped prevent previous school shootings. "It's one level of protection that's hopefully never needed."

He said the requirements of getting a concealed carry license would help prevent those who shouldn't bring guns on campus from bringing guns on campus.

"We're not talking about allowing anyone to carry a gun. We're not talking about letting 18- or 19-year-olds carry guns," Patrick said. "We're talking about 21-yearolds with background checks who have taken the course — and this idea that by banning guns, we'll ban the next [shooter] is going to do nothing but put people in danger."

Introduction of the bill in 2009 triggered protest on the UT campus — Student Government and UT President William Powers Jr. called for maintaining the ban on all firearms on college campuses. Powers said the University holds the same position today as it

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Data reveals **US** taxpayers used billions on dropouts

By Allie Kolechta **Daily Texan Staff**

Taxpayers spent more than \$9 billion in federal and state financial aid to college freshman who did not return for their sophomore years, according to data from a nonprofit social science research group.

U.S. taxpayers spent \$6.2 billion in state appropriations, \$1.4 billion in state grants and \$1.5 billion in federal grants. Texas spent \$470.5 million in all state appropriations and \$91.1 million in federal grants on students at public and private four-year institutions who dropped out after their freshman year, according to a report released Monday by the American Institutes for Research.

UT's Office of Student Financial Services awarded nearly \$500 million in financial aid in the 2009-2010 school year, including more than \$200 million in grants and scholarships. But the University does not have a large amount of students

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Speaker explores nature of music sampling

By Yvonne Marquez Daily Texan Staff

Originality is overrated, said Paul Miller, who is also known as DJ Spooky, Tuesday evening at the Texas Union Ballroom.

The editor of "Sound Unbound: Sampling Digital Music and Culture," a book featuring 36 essays by various artists and writers, spoke about his thoughts of ownership of art, literature and music in the 21st century.

"It's just not taking the same thing that everyone has, but the way you remix, update it [and] make it your own," he said.

At the presentation, Miller showed a trailer for "Copyright Criminals," a documentary he appears in that examines the creative and commercial value of music sampling. He said copyright laws were written for a different era because everyone uses copies for new information.

"Sampling is viewed as a kind of inherently criminal act," Miller said. "Meanwhile, you look at literature like William S. Burroughs or Ralph Waldo Emerson, throughout history people have always borrowed motifs and elements from other cultures and

Everything that can be digital



Shereen Avub | Daily Texan Staff

Paul Miller, who goes by DJ Spooky, lectures on the overall theme of sound in contemporary music and digital media. Miller also emphasized the ongoing debates regarding the creative and commercial value of music sampling.

will be digital, said Miller, who worked with Apple to create a new iPhone application that transforms the cell phone into a new DJ mixing platform. The application has been downloaded 2 million times

and is one of Apple's top music downloads, he said.

"You can just show up at a party with your cell phone any-

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ON THE WEB:

For links to more of DJ Spooky's music, go to @dailytexanonline.com

GLBT: Center provides aid for student activists

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But events such as Tuesday's door signing and "kiss-in," when students kissed partners and friends of the same sex, create a safe space for queer students, Dee

Although UT is perceived as a liberal campus open to diversity, the 40 Acres and surrounding areas are not always safe places to be gay, especially when GLBT issues are making national headlines, said government senior Katie Wanamaker, who has advocated for queer students on campus since she came to UT.

In addition to personal attacks and name calling on the Drag and in West Campus, Wanamaker mentioned an incident this semester when an unidentified person or group posted fliers with anti-gay epithets and threats in the Flawn Academic Center and Parlin Hall.

Although no violent crimes have resulted and students have responded by posting flyers with positive language in the same areas, these kinds of attacks can project sentiment that wears against GLBT students, said Ixchel Rosal, director of the Gender and Sexuality Center.

"We're putting a lot of attention Services Building, as well as a happier after we come out."

but it's important to remember that a lot leads up to these things, like language," Rosal said. "These subtle and small things build up to a big message about whether or not LGBT people are welcome at

Rosal said UT's lack of domestic partner benefits, which would give access to insurance to the partners of GLBT faculty and staff, demonstrates a failure to support the queer community. Because so many institutions comparable to UT offer benefits, the University faces a faculty recruitment and retention problem, she said, and fewer GLBT employees could mean GLBT students feel less sup-

UT President William Powers Jr. has expressed support for the benefits, and in Tuesday night's Student Government meeting, the assembly passed a resolution in support of competitive insurance benefits. The resolution will allow representatives to lobby on behalf of the benefits to the administration, the UT System Board of Regents and Texas Legislature.

The Gender and Sexuality Center and other areas in the Student the norm. Most of us are much

on these suicides, which is good, number of faculty and staff offices throughout campus, are designated "safe spaces," which help ensure students are aware that they have allies on campus.

> In addition, the Center for Mental Health Services works with the Gender and Sexuality Center and has a number of special programs for queer students, including coming out and relationship workshops, online resources and special counseling groups for gays, lesbians and bisexuals. The center is committed to serving populations such as queer students who often feel they don't have access to resources, said center spokeswoman Jane Bost.

> These and other resources contribute to an overall feeling of safety for queer students on campus, despite some adversity, said students at the door signing and

> "I've never experienced hate at UT, and I don't expect to," said first-year law student Richard Bellamy. "Events like this show that most people are going to react positively to coming out. There are a few very publicized cases that turn out horribly, but it's not

If they want the University to feel inclusive, queer students must take charge of their own identities and get involved with campus activism related to GLBT rights topics, Wanamaker said.

'If, as a queer student, you are tired of being called something, show up at a Queer Students Alliance meeting or a StandOut meeting and take steps to change campus," Wanamaker said. "I've seen change in the four years I've been here, and it's because committed people are doing good things.'

National Coming Out Week events:

· Wednesday - Vigil in rememberence of GLBT suicides 8-9 p.m., South Mall

• Friday - National Coming Out Week Rally, noon -1 p.m., West Mall

• Friday - "Out of Annapolis" film screening, 7 p.m., School of Social

• Saturday - Queer Texas Conference 2010, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., School of So-

DJ: Technology alters music to produce 'outlaw culture'

Taste is the rarest

thing right now. You

can have 10,000 songs

in your iPod but are

they good?"

— Paul Miller

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where, anytime and just rock it," Miller said.

Miller said he believes the top selling album of all time is a blank CD because people want to make their own selections. The playlist

mentality doesn't require anything physical, just selection in the most abstract forms, he said.

"Whether you're online, twittering or text messaging, that selection process becomes taste," Miller said. "Taste is the rarest thing right now. You can have 10,000 songs in your

iPod but are they good?" Information studies gradu-

ate student Brandon Wiley said he listened to Miller speak eight years ago at a similar lecture. He said Miller spoke about the same themes but found it interesting how evolving technologies still made it current. Wiley said he

didn't realize how much his generation takes for granted, such as easily downloading a remixed video or music.

"That's outlaw culture," Wiley said. "All those things that we all do as being part of the Internet generation, that's all actually ille-

gal. It must have influence on our culture that we're all kind of criminals in a sense."

English graduate student Scott Nelson said he encouraged his students to come listen to Miller because he believes Miller is a good example of someone who has theory behind his practice.

"Copyright issues are broken for the new media that we're participating in," Nelson said. "We teach our students about copyright law so they can protect themselves but I tell them it's not set in stone. It was written 100 years ago for things that people are applying it to technologies that didn't exist."

DORM: Students, officials agree old guest policy is 'ridiculous'

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guests from midnight to 9 a.m. on weekdays, and 2:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. on weekends and prevented guests of the opposite sex from staying overnight.

"Students think it's ridiculous that we have guest hours because they undermine the freedom that comes along with college," said Kyle O'Brien, electrical engineering sophomore and URHA vice president of finance and administration. "A lot of students from other universities are surprised when they find out that we still have them.'

At least 17 large public universities across Texas and the U.S. including the University of California, Berkeley, the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor and the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill — have 24-hour guest visitation policies, according to a recent comparison study completed by the URHA.

"Students want options and we are happy to provide them," said Hemlata Jhaveri, Division of Housing and Food Service associate director for residence life.

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"We need to come up with a new policy because we don't currently have one for overnight guests of the opposite gender."

Since the legislation passed, it will go to the Dean of Students Soncia Reagins-Lilly and Vice President for Student Affairs Juan González. DHFS will request a pilot program to test the new policy, which will take place within two residence halls during the fall 2011 to spring 2012 academic year.

According to resident assistant and nursing senior Amanda Vargas, the 24-hour policy may increase safety and security in the residence halls, especially in coed dorms, because it's difficult to find out who belongs there and

"I support the decision because we go to a coed University, none of our classes are single sex, and we should be able to study with a member of the opposite sex if we choose to," Vargas said. "Most of the students at UT are over 18 and should know how to behave responsibly with members of the opposite sex. That's how the world works."

CARRY: SG, Powers oppose legislation

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"We would not favor concealed guns on campus," Powers said. "We feel like it would be a far safer campus, in the aggregate, the fewer guns there are.'

Powers said having multiple people with guns on the scene could confuse and slow the po-

formation to legislators and I'm lution to a serious problem," Elsure we'll be asked about it and lis said in a statement issued I'll give my opinions about it," he said, indicating the University would fight the proposal.

Rodney Ellis, D-Houston, who has been a vocal critic of earlier efforts to repeal the ban.

"We're going to provide in- ry guns on campus is a bad so- universities.

Tuesday. "It makes us feel like we've gotten tough [by] deputizing students, but law en-One of Powers' likely allies in forcement doesn't want it bethe Texas Senate would be Sen. cause they know it won't make campuses safer.'

SG representatives voted Tuesday to endorse the current state-"Allowing students to car- wide ban on firearms at public

DROPOUT: Law maintains retention rate

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who drop out, said Tom Melecki, director of Student Financial Services.

"[The low dropout rate] is because of the students who come to UT-Austin," he said. "We have an exceptional student body here. We are very blessed to have students who are as well prepared and who worked as hard as they did in high school to get here."

UT and Texas A&M University both have a freshman retention rate of more than 92 percent. The average freshman retention rate is 74.4 percent in all

Texas public and private fouryear institutions,

"UT and A&M have the least problems, but that's not to say they don't have a higherthan-desirable dropout rate,"

The Texas Legislature passed he said. the "six drop" rule during the es a student can drop at public four-year institutions without consequence to their grade. cost of freshmen's uncompleted hours, not the amount of financial aid given to them, said

Fred Heldenfels, vice chair of

the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. "The idea of the six drop rule

is to give institutions an incentive to keep kids in school and to prevent them from dropping courses or dropping out,"

American Institutes for Re-81st legislative session, which search created collegemeasures. limits the number of class- org as a way to access information on any public or private four-year instruction in the U.S. and find data such as first-The board focuses more on the vear retention rates, graduation rates and cost of attrition. The website is intended to help students focus on individual universities when applying for college, said Mark Schneider, the institute's vice president.

"We don't really know much about student success, but we need to think harder about keeping students in school instead of thinking about how many students we can get enrolled," he said. "UT is pretty good about monitoring performance rates as opposed to enrollment rates and more institutions need to do that as well."

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Services Building, G1.310

Public affairs professor receives grant to study Texas 'colonias'

Peter Ward, professor at the LBJ School of Public Affairs, was awarded a \$100,000 grant by the Ford Foundation to research sustainable housing policy and development in Texas "colonias," predominately low-income Hispanic communities with minimal

The study will focus on border colonias in Starr and Hidalgo counties, the two poorest in the United States. The study also includes colonias such as those found outside of Austin and Dal-

"This is a very large disadvantaged population who are living in difficult housing conditions,' Ward said. "It's a very important part of the housing market that very few people understand. We really need public policy interventions in order to make the market work to the benefit of low-income population to build assets or wealth as well as raising their families."

The study, ongoing until August 2011, will use a study from 2000 as its foundation. Ward said this opportunity is rare because this is a re-study of his previous work and his graduate students.

"It is very rare that you get a follow up period," Ward said. "We will use baseline material from 10 years ago in our study.'

The study will also explore how self-help sustainable housing applications such as solar panels and rain water harvesting can be incorporated into these low-income settlements, Ward said.

—Yvonne Marquez

Delay sought in Fort Hood trial; date postponed for third time

The investigative officer assigned to oversee the charges against Maj. Nidal Hasan delayed the hearing Tuesday for the third time since March.

Hasan, an Army psychiatrist, opened fire on soldiers and civilians at the Fort Hood army base in November 2009. In response to the gunfire, a civilian police officer shot at Hasan, who is now paralyzed from the chest down.

Hasan was charged with 13 counts of murder and 32 counts of attempted murder, and the hearing to determine if there is enough evidence to go to trial on every charge was scheduled for Tuesday morning.

The defense attorneys, however, requested to delay the hearing until Nov. 8 so they could file additional paperwork, said Chris Haug, a Fort Hood spokesman. The defense asked to close the hearing when discussing the paperwork, but Col. James Pohl, the investigative officer, denied the request.

Pohl gave the defense until early Wednesday morning to file a written request for the continuance, which will be released to the public at a later date, Haug said.

Pohl will reconvene the hearing today at 9 a.m. to hear arguments for the delay.

— Aziza Musa

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Chile begins rescuing trapped miners | Calif. study finds



A man holds up a flag that was used in southern Chile during February's earthquake next to images of the miners that were trapped at the San Jose Mine near Copiapo, Chile, on Tuesday.

Safety expert commends country's recovery efforts; process may take months

By Frank Bajak The Associated Press

SAN JOSE MINE, Chile — Chile has done a remarkable job of preparing to rescue 33 miners trapped a half-mile underground, but many risks remain simply because never before has anyone tried to rescue miners from such depths, a U.S. mine safety expert said Tuesday.

Davitt McAteer, who led the U.S. Mine Safety and Health Administration during President Bill Clinton's administration, laid out the risks in an interview with The Associated Press: arations ahead of time.

A miner could get claustrophobic and do something that damages the capsule. Or a rock could fall and wedge it in the shaft. Or the cable could get hung up. Or the rig that pulls the cable could overheat.

"It's not an elevator shaft. It's got twists and turn and that can cause problems with the cable," McAteer told the AP by telephone. "We're talking about 2,000 feet (610 meters deep) and it's uncharted territory."

McAteer said he gave "very high marks" to the Chilean rescue team for creating lowered expectations by saying that it might take until Christmas to rescue the men — and then consistently delivering rescue prep-

"Second, they have had very few technical problems. Their drilling rigs have performed extremely well," he said.

And finally, "They've been lucky. You can be good and you can be lucky. And they've been good and lucky."

But these operations can 'turn on a dime," added McAteer, who is currently vice president of Wheeling Jesuit University, and leading the Upper Big Branch mine-disaster investigation in West Virginia. "Knock on wood that this luck holds out for the next 33 hours.'

Chile's rescue effort also got support Tuesday from President Barack Obama.

While that rescue is far from over and difficult work remains,

we pray that by God's grace, the miners will be able to emerge safely and return to their fami-

lies soon," Obama said. Obama also said he's "proud of all of the Americans who have been working with our Chilean friends on the ground to do everything that we can to bring these miners home."

Associated Press Writer Julie Pace in Washington contributed to this

legalization of pot won't deter cartels

By Martha Mendoza The Associated Press

SANTA CRUZ, Calif. — Mexico's drug traffickers are likely to lose customers in America's largest pot consuming state if California legalizes marijuana, but they won't lose much money overall because California's residents already prefer to grow their own, according to a study released Tuesday.

That means the proposal on the state's November ballot to legalize marijuana also will do little to quell the drug gangs' violent and sophisticated organizations that generate billions of dollars a year, according to the study by the nonpartisan RAND Drug Policy Research Center.

Californians, who make up oneseventh of the U.S. marijuana market, already are farming marijuana at a much higher rate than in neighboring states and tend to buy domestic rather than smuggled mar-

Tuesday was harvest day on a medical marijuana farm in Northern California, where dozens of volunteers cut, trimmed and processed hundreds of shopping bags full of freshly snipped buds.

"We're already growing our own in California, and what happens in California so goeth the nation," said Valerie Corral, who helped found and runs a Santa Cruz medical marijuana collective.

California voters will decide next month whether to legalize and tax their own recreational use of marijuana. Mexican President Felipe Calderón said the California proposition is of critical importance.

"We are watching very closely, very closely, to what will happen in November. We are not certain what impact it will have on Mexico," he told The Associated Press in an interview last week.



Ed Willey, at left, and Sol Posada harvest marijuana at a farm in Davenport, Calif., on Tuesday.

Judge suspends 'don't ask, don't tell'

By Julie Watson

The Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — A federal judge issued a worldwide injunction Tuesday immediately stopping enforcement of the military's "don't ask, don't tell" policy, suspending the 17-year-old ban on openly gay U.S. troops.

U.S. District Judge Virginia Phillips' landmark ruling also ordered the government to suspend and discontinue all pending discharge proceedings and investigations under the policy.

U.S. Department of Justice attorneys have 60 days to appeal. Pentagon and Department of Justice officials said they are reviewing the case and had no immediate comment.

The injunction goes into effect immediately, said Dan Woods, the attorney who represented the Log Cabin Republicans, the gay rights group that filed the lawsuit in 2004 to stop the ban's enforcement.

"Don't ask, don't tell, as of today

at least, is done, and the government is going to have to do some- an plaintiff in the case along with thing now to resurrect it," Woods the Log Cabin Republicans, a said. "This is an extremely significant, historic decision. Once and the lawsuit in 2004 to stop the for all, this failed policy is stopped. Fortunately now we hope all Americans who wish to serve their troops not to make their sexual country can."

Legal experts say the Obama administration is under no legal oblivicemembers Legal Defense Netgation to appeal and could let Phillips' ruling stand.

Phillips' decision was widely cheered by gay rights organizations that credited her with getting accomplished what President Obama and Washington politics

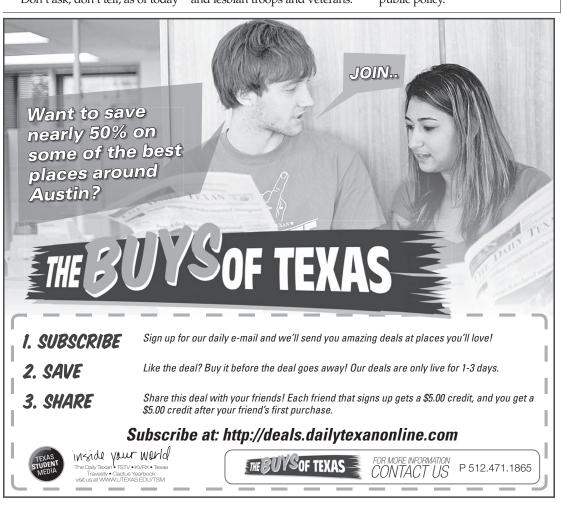
could not. "This order from Judge Phillips is another historic and courageous step in the right direction, a step that Congress has been noticeably slow in taking," said Alexander Nicholson, executive director of Servicemembers United, the nation's largest organization of gay and lesbian troops and veterans.

He was the sole named vetergay rights organization that filed ban's enforcement.

Gay rights groups warned gay orientation public just yet. Aaron Tax, the legal director for the Serwork, said he expects the Justice Department to appeal. If that happens, the case would be brought to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit, where the decision

could be reversed. Supporters of the ban said Phil-

lips overstepped her bounds. "The judge ignored the evidence to impose her ill-informed and biased opinion on our military, endangering morale, health and security of our military at a time of war," said Wendy Wright, president of Concerned Women for America, a women's group on public policy.





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VIEWPOINT

Actions speak louder

Go to Gov. Rick Perry's official website and you will find this bit of boosterism: "The Emerging Technology Fund (ETF) was created by the Texas Legislature in 2005 at the urging of Gov. Perry to provide Texas with an unparalleled advantage in the research, development and commercialization of emerging technologies."

Perry has also made the tech fund a focus of his campaign, touting its potential ability to expand Texas' future economic viability, extolling it as an example of the state government rewarding private companies for competitive work and using it to quietly pass some \$16 million to companies with ties to some of Perry's biggest campaign donors. Wait, what?

On Oct. 3, The Dallas Morning News published the results of an investigation into the tech fund's recipients and asserted that "more than \$16 million from the Emerging Technology Fund has been awarded to companies with investors or officers who are large campaign donors to Gov. Perry."

The newspaper investigation's findings raise serious questions about Perry as a leader.

The Bill White campaign called foul and has trumpeted the issue at maximum volume ever since. But the Perry campaign dismissed the investigation's suggested implications. In an interview with The Dallas Morning News, Perry said, "From time to time, I may know someone who has an interest in the project. That is a pretty rare occurrence."

Furthermore, Perry's campaign noted that \$16 million is less than 5 percent of the total amount of \$334 million awarded from the fund.

These responses are disingenuous to say the least. First of all, fund applicants are required to provide full financial disclosure statements, which include the names of investors, so Perry's claim that he doesn't know who's connected with whom among the numerous fund applicants conjures up images of the governor putting his hand over his eyes while not peeking.

The 5-percent figure Perry touts could underrepresent the amount of funds awarded to the companies of Perry supporters. Since many tech fund recipients are privately owned, The Dallas Morning News did not have access to the names of their major investors. Without that complete list of fund recipients, the paper's reporters may have an incomplete listing of investors who contributed to Perry's campaign. Last week, Perry said he wouldn't release a complete list of the investors' companies that benefited from the tech

There is nothing revolutionary about using state funds to inspire innovation; other states execute programs similar to the tech fund. What distinguishes Texas' fund is the pivotal role Perry plays in administering and distributing the money — he approves each award. Other states see this setup as problematic because it essentially begs for political influence to snake its way into the process. That, coupled with the secrecy around the companies — which Perry has repeatedly claimed is necessary to protect the intellectual property of the recipient companies raises troubling questions about the Texas ap-

Perry wears proudly both his suspicion of big government and his support of private enterprise. But he is the government. W hen government under his leadership gets involved, it should do so openly and operate with safeguards against self-interest. Actions speak louder than words.

– Susannah Jacob for the editorial board

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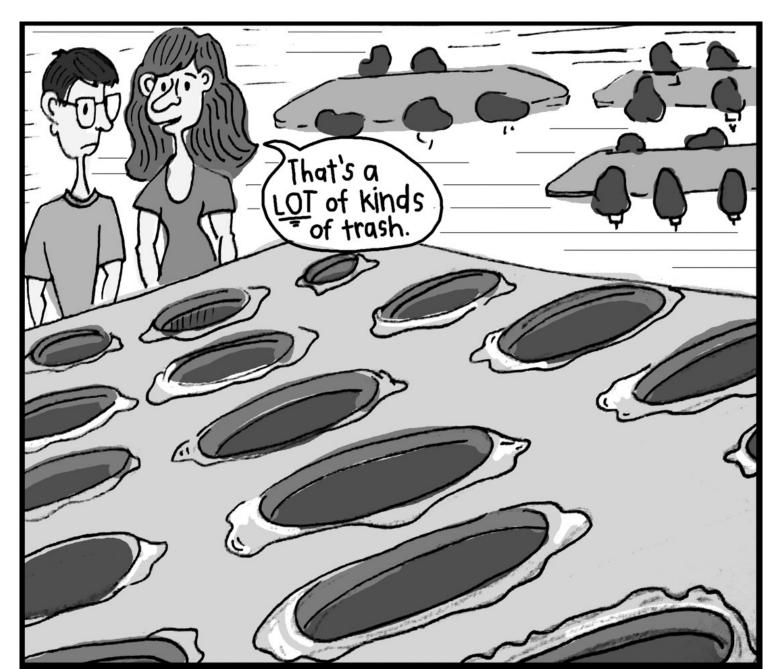


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Go green to earn green

By Marc Nestenius **Daily Texan Columnist**

Like many students, I have a strong passion for saving the environment when it's convenient and doesn't really require much effort on my part. I'll drive a fuelefficient car if I can still blast the AC and flow water fixtures and Energy Star apit isn't more expensive than a gas guz- pliances can cut electricity and water use turn after their meals. zler. I'll gladly take reusable shopping almost in half. for using it and I remember to actually bring the bag into the store since I'm not about to go back to the parking lot.

So with my strong eco-conscience in mind, whenever the University tries to be more eco-friendly, I support every effort that doesn't make me go out of my way.

But lately, as UT becomes more and more sustainable, providing moral support has become a challenge. I can't use incandescent light bulbs, so I have to wait for the compact fluorescent ones to wake up and realize that I'm trying to light up my room. I can't just automatically throw leftovers in the trash at the food halls; instead I have to take an extra three seconds to sort out what's compostable.

but lately I've realized the more I whine individual contributions. over these minor inconveniences, the more I lose sight of the broader goal on campus — The University is on a mission

to become an environmentally-friendly institution. The mission includes vast water-reclamation initiatives and ensuring that buildings under construction will be LEED certified. Switching to compact fluorescent bulbs saves the University more than \$100,000 per year. Low-

bags to the grocery store, as long as the I certainly support these efforts. They bag is free, the store gives me a discount not only help the environment and line anything immoral about getting paid to our pockets, but they also enhance UT's appeal nationwide. I'm sure the latter is very important to the administration, seeing how popular it's become to rank, judge and select schools based on their environmental progressiveness.

But students naturally have a role in this as well, and it is much easier to participate if we know just how much we are contributing. The Division of Housing and Food Service estimates that students recycling in residence halls keep 250 tons of garbage away from the landfill every year. And the year-old trayless dining system that had many students grumbling initially? It reduces food waste by a whopping 54 tons.

These are significant collective accom-Yes, I realize that I sound like a brat, plishments, all resulting from our small,

> However, I still see many students opposing the DHFS's initiatives and failing to consider their environmental impact.

That's why DHFS has offered us the ultimate antidote to any opposition: money.

Since February, dining halls have promoted the relatively unheard-of Eco2Go program. The program costs \$5 to join and gives students a 5-percent discount each time they are served food in reusable, washable containers that they re-

As a frequent user of Eco2Go, I can say that the process is simple, and I can't find do something that seems a little dirty.

According to DHFS environmental specialist Meagan Jones, more than 500 people use Eco2Go, with about 100 joining in the first two weeks of the semester. Considering that a 5-percent discount from your \$1,400 meal plan equals \$70 in savings, I don't see why more students don't love UT's eco-friendliness.

Programs like Eco2Go will hopefully continue being UT's solution to many students' indifference to the University's increasing environmentalism. UT benefits tremendously from recent changes in terms of acclaim, savings and conservation. The more students are rewarded, the less conservation becomes a matter of convenience.

As "Wall Street's" Gordon Gekko can tell you, "Greed is good." And so is going green to earn green.

Nestenius is a mechanical engineering sophomore.

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CELEBRATING FAMILY TRADITIONS

David Hodge gives his nephew Brian Jones a haircut on the porch of an East Austin house Tuesday afternoon. The Jones family has lived in the home on **Rountree Drive** for 40 years.



Next associate director links UT to private equity

By Ahsika Sanders Daily Texan Staff

On Monday, William Charlton was announced as the new associate director of The Hicks, Muse, Tate & Furst Center for Private Equity Finance, which is housed in the McCombs School of Business' MBA program.

Charlton will help bridge West Coast private equity firms to the University and build internal and external ties for the business school, including working closely with center director Robert Parrino.

"He will help me run the center

importantly, he'll help us promote because he is both well qualified the center's progression and exrelationships in the private equity for the position and studied at UT.

66... finding people with experience in private investments is tough and we are fortunate to have

— **James Nolen**, Current associate director

community," Parrino said.

Charlton is well associat-Parrino said Charlton was an ed with Californian industry, and organize conferences, but more easy choice for associate director which will play a large part in

pansion, said James Nolen, a finance lecturer and the center's current associate director.

The research Charlton specializes in is relatively hard to find, so his expertise is a rare commodity for the center, Nolen said.

You don't see a lot of people who research the capital market area of investments, Nolen said. "People tend to focus on public investments because there's an abundance of information and it's not hard to access, so finding people with experience in private investments is tough and we are fortunate to have him."

Speakers discuss Mexican revolt's unique qualities

By Allie Kolechta Daily Texan staff

Although Mexico's independence movement in 1810 is often associated with those of other Latin American countries, it is undeniably distinct because of its rural, decentralized origins, said history professor Roberto Breña of El Colegio de Mexico in a panel on Tuesday.

Breña joined Latin American history associate professor Karen Racine of the University of Guelph in Ontario and Rice University's Dean of Humanities Nicolas Shumway as panelists in a talk titled "What's Mexican about the Mexican Revolution?" to discuss the unique aspects of Mexico's 1810 independence movement.

"The Mexican independence movement was peculiar," Breña said. "Although it took place within a much larger revolution, the 'Atlantic Revolution,' the independence process of Mexico was set apart by some very unique aspects."

Unique aspects include that the movement was not executed under elite control, but under the control of citizens, and that it originated in smaller towns as opposed to the capital city.

Shumway said liberalism was a key component of the independence movement because of a vocabulary of individual rights, liberty and the idea of cit- of history."

izens as the ruling people, rather than a distant monarch.

"It was through this notion of the people as the ground of authority that liberalism was able to challenge the authority of the monarchy and the authority of the priesthood," he said.

Notions of liberalism, including diversity and inclusion, helped create the mindset for the Mexican independence movement to take place, Shumway said. But he said the greatest challenge of liberalism is defining who "the people" are.

The panel was part of a series held by the Teresa Lozano Long Institute of Latin American Studies in commemoration of the bicentennial of the start of the Mexican independence movement and the centennial anniversary of the Mexican Revolution.

The series included other panels as well as individual speakers on subjects such as the political evolution of Mexico, the formation of the Mexican nation-state and religion and independence in the Mexican revolution, said history associate professor Susan Deans-Smith, moderator of the panel.

The speech provided new insights into the world's view of Latin American independence, said government junior Ricardo Capuaw, a native of Mexico City.

'It's an important year for Mexico," he said. "This is a part

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VOLLEYBALL

Roberson stars in return to starting role

Junior hitter has calm demeanor; averaging 11.5 kills last four games

By Shabab Siddiqui Daily Texan Staff

Amber Roberson's dad played professional basketball overseas. Her mom played four years of volleyball at New Mexico State. Her older sister, Ashlee, garnered Big 12 Honorable Mention accolades as a basketball player at Texas Tech. And her high school coach, Demetria Sance-Padgitt, may be the greatest volleyball player to don a Longhorn uniform.

Most people with a background like Roberson might morph into a tightly-wound, forever rowning character. Yet the 6-foot-2-inch junior outside hitter maintains a constant calm, especially off the court.

"I'm kind of a go-with-the-flow [person]," Roberson said. "I'm usually pretty chill and relaxed."

Heading into today's matchup at Oklahoma, Roberson's on-court performance has been anything but chill or relaxed. The San Antonio native has averaged 11.5 kills in the last four games, tying her career high of 13 twice as the Longhorns have gone 3-1 with the lone loss being to third- ranked Nebraska in

"Really, I don't pay attention to numbers," Roberson said. "I want to go out there and do what I need to do and try and help my team. [The statistics]



Junior outside hitter Amber Roberson (No. 18) meets with teammates Sha'Dare McNeal and Haley Cameron during their match against TCU.

I'm doing."

Roberson was supposed to be a crucial part of the team's new 5-1 offense from the start of the season but struggled with finding consistency. After freshman kind of follow along with what outside hitter Ashley Bannister

ry, Roberson made her way back into the starting lineup and has not looked back.

"I know in the beginning of the bit more and got comfortable." season, I was forcing it, so things just weren't happening," Rober- coach Jerritt Elliott has noticed

became sidelined with an inju- son said. "At some point in the Roberson achieve in the last few season, I just told myself, 'All I have to do is play volleyball.' That's when I settled down a little

Comfort is something head

weeks. Elliott said Roberson's game against Kansas State over the weekend was her best as a Longhorn, as she complemented

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GOLF



Catalina Padilla | Daily Texan file Photo

Senior Bobby Hudson putts in the Morris Williams Intercollegiate Tournament earlier this year.

Horns take third place in Nicklaus Invitational

By Trey Scott **Daily Texan Staff**

showing for the No. 8 ranked Texas men's they did the final two rounds, with the low golf team. The trip to Columbus, Ohio, to score over the final 36 holes." compete in the Jack Nicklaus Invitational at Scioto Country Club reaped them a third-place finish in the final team standings. The seeds of such labors were sewn in the last two rounds of the tournament, where the Longhorns scored the best collective score for those 36 holes out of the entire field with an 8-over par. A strong finish like that was just what the Longhorns needed, as they struggled out of the gate in the first of their three rounds.

"We got off to a poor start," said Texas golf head coach John Fields. "I'm really Another tournament, another successful pleased that our guys came back the way

The surge to finish near the top of the standings — Texas was only one shot behind the runner-up, Illinois — was spearheaded by the familiar names of senior Bobby Hudson and junior Dylan Frittelli. Each finished in the top 10 individually, with Hudson tying for eighth place at 7-over after struggling a bit on the first nine holes. Frittelli, who notched his first top-10 fin-

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FOOTBALL

Texas motivated to avoid third loss

Team goes back to basics as Horns try to fix mishaps as. The Longhorns have lost to

By Laken Litman **Daily Texan Staff**

The Longhorns are tired of scrutinized for mistakes and they want to be the team and the program they've been for the past 12 years under head coach Mack Brown.

lost three regular season games

in a row was in 1997, the year as rather than an opponent will before Brown came to Texduring last week's practices UCLA and Oklahoma so far this year and could possibly fall to Nebraska this weekend, making

that three consecutive losses. "This is not fun. You want to losing. They're tired of being win," Brown said. "We've had

enough character building." Texas heads into this weekend's national game hydrated by a bye week. Both players and coaches said Monday that the The last time the Longhorns fact that they could spend an entire week focusing solely on Tex-

give them an edge on Saturday. "I'd say our mood is fresh," said senior wide receiver James Kirkendoll. "I'd say we're really motivated, too. We're really getting back to the basics and re-

laxing and having fun." Just because the Longhorns didn't have a game last weekend doesn't mean they were sleeping in and eating cupcakes all week. Rather, the bye week was all about getting back to

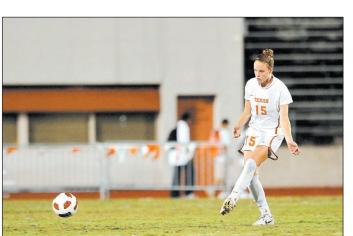
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Caleb Bryant Miller | Daily Texan File Photo

Junior safety Blake Gideon intercepts a pass during last season's BCS Championship game. Texas' defense was ranked No. 1 in rush defense last year, but has been inconsistent this season.

SOCCER



Andrew Torrey | Daily Texan Staff

Junior midfielder Kylie Doniak looks upfield during Texas' 1-0 win

Longhorns need to kick into gear away from home

By Jon Parrett

Daily Texan Columnist While many of you were using the football team's bye week

to soak in the sun and music in Zilker Park, one group of Longhorns did bypass the hippieladen field for one painted in burnt orange. Texas women's soccer netted its much-needed first conference win of the season, beating Baylor 1-0 on Sunday. Texas has beaten No. 8 BYU, UW-Milwaukee and William & Mary this year, but the win over the Bears on Sunday

was its biggest win of the sea-

"Every game we play in the league is a big game," head coach Chris Petrucelli said after the win. "There's three points on the line every game and you want to get the points every

chance you can get." Points are exactly what the Longhorns need. Halfway through conference play, Texas' 1-2-2 record has them sitting in ninth place with five points-

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SIDELINE

Volleyball





Texas vs. Oklahoma Date: Tonight Time: 6 p.m. Where: Norman, Okla.

SPORTS BRIEFLY

Alexa Gaul



Position: Goal-Height: 5'7" Class: Sophomore Hometown: Naperville, III.

Sophomore goalkeeper Alexa Gaul has been named the Big 12 Defensive Player of the Week. This is the second time this season Gaul has been honored for her defensive play. Gaul, who is one of 45 players nationally on the MAC Hermann Trophy Watch List for the player of the year, posted two shutouts over the weekend, bringing her total on the year to six. She also bolstered her goals-against average for the season to .95.

Pair of Texas guards awarded Big 12 preseason honors

Senior guard Kathleen Nash and junior guard Ashleigh Fontenette have been named to the Preseason all-Big 12 Honorable Mention list. Nash returns as Texas' leading rebounder, averaging 6.2 rpg in 2009-10. Nash was also the only player to start all 33 games last year, and she finished ranked third in the nation with a .472 three-point percentage. Fontenette averaged 10.8 ppg in Big 12 play last season, and also set a team-high 52 assists.

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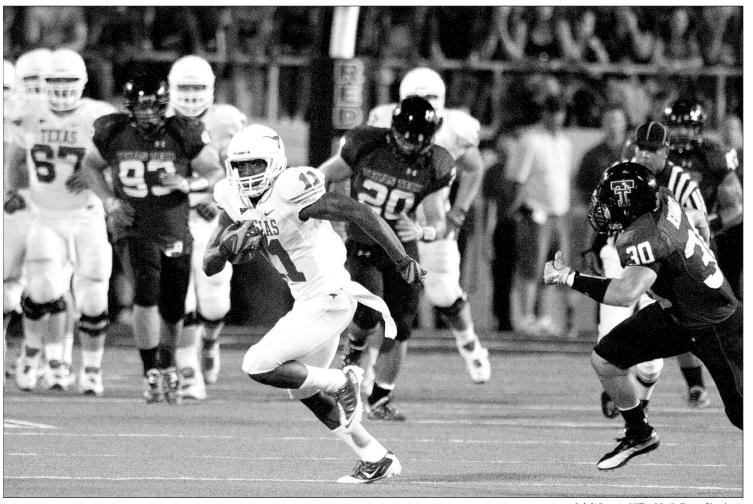
Big 12 Soccer Standings

1. Oklahoma State	12-1-1 (5-0)
2. Texas A&M	11-3 (4-1)
3. Nebraska	11-4 (4-2)
4. Oklahoma	8-5-1 (3-2)
5. Missouri	5-6-2 (3-2)
6. Texas Tech	9-5-1 (2-3-1)
7. Colorado	6-7-1 (2-3-1)
8. Baylor	9-5-1 (2-4)
9. Texas	8-3-3 (1-2-2)
10. Iowa State	6-7-2 (1-4)
11 Kaneae	5.0 (1.5)

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Senior wide receiver James Kirkendoll runs after a catch during Texas' 24-14 win over Texas Tech.

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the level of play that has been missing all season.

Junior safety Blake Gideon compared last week's practices to summer two-a-days, physical and intense workouts with tackling drills every day.

You could see the intent and the aggression in all our coaches eyes," Gideon said. "It was a good week and I definitely feel like we got better."

Brown spent much of the week trying to get his coaches back on track. He instructed offensive coordinator Greg Davis and his defensive counterpart Will Muschamp to review every third down and red zone play the Longhorns have had this season.

Davis acknowledged that he's probably been a bit too conservative with sophomore quarterdownfield passing plays. Davis

the past two games. No. 1 in the country in 2009, has been inconsistent. The group will get another opportunity to convince the nation that they can er team, he's another quarterstop the run this weekend, as the back," Acho said. "It's not about Longhorns will have their hands what he does, it's about what we

After doing his homework, tailback duo of Roy Helu Jr. and it at that. There's nothing — if we Rex Burkhead, but with quarterback Taylor Martinez as well.

Martinez is a dual-threat quarback Garrett Gilbert. He even terback who passed for 128 yards said he's going to call more on seven plays and rushed for 241 yards on 15 carries against also noted that sophomore run- Kansas State last week. He's avning back D.J. Monroe is at the eraging 10.3 yards per pass and point where he can be on the 10.8 yards per rush on the season field more than he has been in as a first-year starter.

Junior linebacker Emmanu-Muschamp noticed that his el Acho said that if the defense rush defense, which was ranked does its job and minimizes mistakes and penalties, they will be able to contain Martinez.

"It's another game, it's anothfull not only with Nebraska's do. He's a good player. I'll leave teams can play with us."

play to Texas standards - nothing that we should be too worried about."

Losing is not part of the Texas standard equation that the team talks about so much. But to climb back atop the Big 12 and BCS ladders, Texas will have to play smarter, more disciplined foot-

"We're not used to losing around here," Kirkendoll said. "We've learned from these losses and understand we don't want to feel this way again. Losing is not a good feeling and we've got to play to our standard. If we compete at that level we talk about, then I don't think too many

ROBERSON: Junior finding comfort within offense

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— Jerritt Elliott

head coach

Women's volleyball

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her 10 kills with a solid defensive effort in the backcourt.

"The way she played in that match was great," Elliott said.

"For Amber, it's about her getting comfortable with herself. We've always told 66 her she has so much potential, and it's more about her getting comfortable and believing in what we believe in. It's been nice to see."

Part of Roberson's increased calm on the court can be attributed to contributions from the team's leader, Juliann Faucette, who's played a big part in

not only accommodating the smarter choices with the ball." freshmen to the college campus but also in helping former role players ease into starting positions. Roberson and Faucette also teamed up in 2009 for the Collegiate Beach Nationals.

The duo, both outside hitters, gets together during pregame and writes down goals in the form of "trigger words" to focus together] pieces."

on through the game.

"They're just reminders so if we do need a reminder, we know which word we're talking about and what that means," Faucette said. "We

want to make sure we're doing the best we

For example, the word speed" serves as a reminder to move their feet and get to the ball faster.

In turn, Roberson has been working on increasing her own leadership skills and improving her decision-making on the court.

"I try to be more vocal," Roberson said. "That way [Faucette] won't have it all on her shoulders. And

also, try to make And while Roberson's emergence has been sudden and her performance dominant, she promises that she can get a lot

"I'm pretty sure there's a whole lot more you can see," Roberson. "It's just a way of me bringing it out and [putting

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NICKLAUS: Sophomore steps up, finishes 11th

ish of the young season, earned 10th place with an 8-over.

"Bobby came back today with a 31 on the final nine, which was certainly extremely helpful in getting us to a third-place finish," said Fields. "He just did not let down, and I did not expect he would. The same is true for Dylan, who played extremely well today."

With the usually sensational sophomore Cody Gribble not of the season, but would sure- schedule with events at great playing up to his standards, ly like a mulligan for their ad- courses. Playing here was a great Fields was glad to see sopho- mittedly poor first round of experience for our guys."

more Julio Vegas step up. In just the tournament. After all, Texhis second college start, Vegas as finished only seven shots shy tied for 11th place with his score of first-place team Oklahoma of 11-over.

and he has used that momentum to come in and help us this onship-caliber squad he expects fall, and that has been great," said Fields. "We needed him to do that."

The Longhorns leave the Midwest with a Texas-sized chip on their shoulders. They finished with their best team ranking lenge ourselves with this great

State. Fields believes that it's the "Julio had a good summer tournaments like these that will shape his team into the champithem to become.

"We know we must get significantly better," he said. "Every player on our team is challenging themselves to do that. The only way to do that is to chal-

Jack Nicklaus Invitational

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2. Illinois	+30
3. TEXAS	+31
4. Arkansas	+32
5. USC	+38
6. LSU	+46
7. Purdue	+51
8. Ohio State	+54
9. Baylor	+60
10. Kent State	+67

BIG 12: Road games continue to haunt squad

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one spot out of making the Big 12 tournament. Even though Texas is 10 points from Oklahoma State's league-leading 15, the parity of the Big 12 has left the Longhorns only four points from fourth place.

"I think it shows how competitive the Big 12 is," said senior captain Erica Campanelli. "We had a great preseason, but we've struggled a bit in-season. We've just got to stay positive with the points we get.

The Longhorns are 6-0-2 at

home this season, but need to "The league is pretty consistent Texas sufferred their worst loss of the season two weeks ago on the road, falling 1-0 to Kansas last three games are at home has last in the Big 12 with a 1-5 record. This weekend's matchups against Missouri and Iowa State are the Longhorns' last opportunities to do so before finishing up at home against Oklahoma State, Oklahoma and Texas A&M.

that's been true," Petrucelli said. beat them.

find a way to win on the road. with teams winning their home games, so it's not just with us."

The fact that the Longhorns' in Lawrence. The Jayhawks are to give them some comfort, but playing at Mike A. Myers Stadium doesn't guarantee a Texas win — the Longhorns battled a beatable Texas Tech team to a 0-0 tie at home last Friday.

Texas has shown they can play with the elite teams and match "Certainly we've played bet- up against the elite scorers, but ter at home, and over the years now they need to show they can



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TOYS: Pharmacy stand-ins fail to achieve satisfaction

The first time I heard

of Neutrogena's

Wave vibrating facial

cleaning utensil, I

was sure it was just

a ploy so that young

ladies could get a

vibrator without

making their parents

suspicious.

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cleansing utensil, I was sure it is almost nonexistent.

was just a ploy so that young ladies could get a vibrator without making their parents suspicious. So I did a little research.

After visiting Target and CVS and snatching up the available vibrating paraphernalia, I did some very important scientific research.

My first pick — Maybelline's Pulse Perfection mascara (\$9.99

from Target) — was a complete want to try a toy. While this has waste of time for this exercise. After discovering that its vibration was so faint that it would be futile to use it for my sex toy purpose, I tried using Pulse Perfect as mascara and was equally disappointed.

My second pick, the CVS brand vibrating facial cleanser device (\$14.99 from CVS) seemed the most promising. Advertising "two speeds" on

the box, I figured CVS and I were on the same page. But to my dismay, that the first time I heard of Neu- the vibration power of this device trogena's Wave vibrating facial though it does make a lot of noise —

> My last find, the mini massager from CVS, was by far the best of the local pharmacy options for sex toy alternatives. But with only one very strong speed, I wasn't able to really enjoy my experience with it. Also, it is really loud.

Until Trojan or some other company decides to test Texas' waters, us Texans have to make the conscious decision to visit a local sex toy retailer when we

some advantages — like higher quality merchandise and retailers who specialize in sex toys and can help inform consumers about proper use and cleaning - it also means that for Austinites who can't get to a sex shop or are too nervous to walk into one have lower access than most citydwelling Americans to something as simple as a vibrator.

DANCE: Troupe maintains classical style

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strong," Nulu said. "You have to have your arms straight, back straight, dance barefoot, and with bells on your feet. It's a very heavy and intricate dance yet light at the

In addition to having perfect posture, each dancer must also master the different hand gestures, or mudras.

"Especially in dances that are telling a story, each [gesture] has its own meaning," Menon said. "We tell the story through our hand gestures and facial expressions combined."

Once comfortable with the art form, they work on their choreography to keep it interesting for the Flood efforts for Pakistan flood reaudience. Those that have been on the team for at least a year and can meet the choreography deadlines have the ability to bring innovative steps to the team.

"Just like ballet where hip-hop is overtaking it, the forms you see in the movies are more popular," Menon said. "One of the challenges we face is keeping dances innovative and audiences engaged."

The team learns eight dances a year and performs four or five times a month, including performances at local weddings, Gone to Texas, UT's upcoming Family Weekend and their Nov. 21 show, which will benefit the Fight the lief. The team of 17 girls practice twice a week for three hours at each practice.

"It will usually take four to five practices to learn a dance, so we always make sure the girls on the team are able to pick up dance steps quickly and efficiently," Nulu said.

For many of the new members on the team, the hardest transition is being on a team. Indian classical dance is traditionally more individual, and a majority of girls are taught to dance alone on a stage, so learning to share space and dancing as one cohesive group is a new task, especially for the freshmen.

"Everyone has their own style," Nulu said. "Sometimes new girls can have trouble adapting to the level of synchronization we demand and having to present yourself as a team."

The troupe is trying to be recognized for its classical roots and the girls' ability to dance to the same music their ancestors danced to rather than an ostentatious performance.

"What we do is less showy than Bollywood," Nulu said. "There's a different level of artistic value and a technique factor and perhaps more meaning because most dances tell a story and connect us back to India."

GAMING: Studio's new touches mar sequel

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"Metroid: Other M" (Wii)

Gratuitous breast physics, volleyball and limb dismemberment. These are the things that Team Ninja is known for. To everyone's surprise, Nintendo announced last year that their "Metroid" franchise would be put in the hands of the Japanese developer known primarily for its "Ninja Gaiden" reboot. It certainly didn't feel

like a smart pairing, especially when Austin's own Retro Studios did such an amazing job on their "Metroid Prime" trilogy. Thankfully, Team Ninja left the lotion and thongs at home. While "Metroid: Other M" isn't a train wreck, enough major decisions were made to take the series a long way from home. But maybe that is the point after so many years of sticking to a strict formula. The problem is that the

changes come in the most super-

ficial form that deters the atmosphere of the game and the challenge the series is known for. Considering that "Ninja Gaiden" (2004) was known for its difficulty and not its half-assed attempt at storytelling, it seems Team Ninja was a little self-conscious of the gap that lays between them and Nintendo's cult franchise. Cinematics, controls that require you to move in 3-D with the Wii's awkward D-pad and awful first-person segments

mar what could have been a welcome rebirth of "Metroid" — a series that has always sold better in North America than in Japan. Maybe this is Nintendo's attempt to please both crowds, but I have a hard time believing that either side will consider this the high watermark of the series.

Grade: B

For fans of: skin-tight suits, teenage melodramas and shooting aliens.

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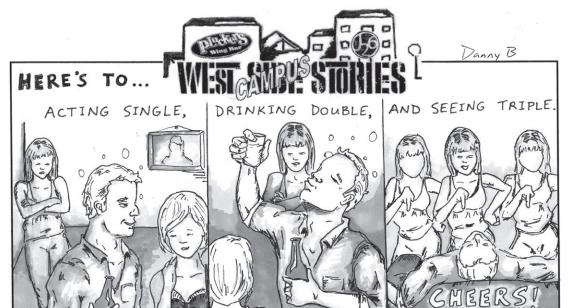
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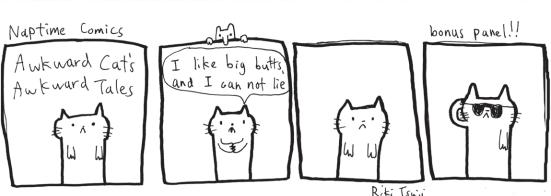
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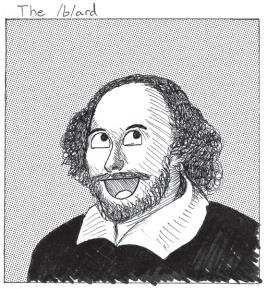
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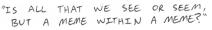


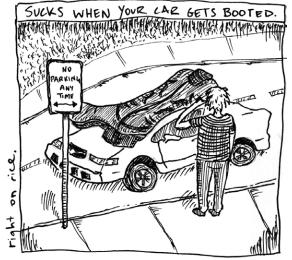




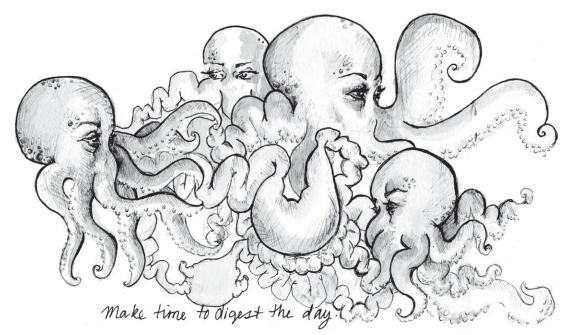










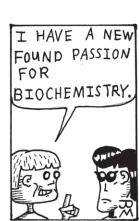




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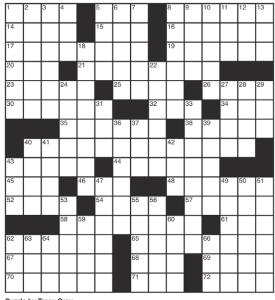
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Indian dancers express culture



Shamoyita DasGupta, Deepa Iyengar, Jocelyn Joesph and Anu Nelliperambil, students from UT's Nritya Sangam Indian dance troupe, relax after performing during an Indian cultural event at the Austin Waldorf School on Friday evening.

Students preserve traditions, tell stories through each performance

By Lindsey Cherner

Daily Texan Staff When the music begins, it's hard to focus on it as a spotlight turns on, shining on a group of five female dancers who take the stage. The audience's attention is drawn to their traditional attire, worn by the women before them for centuries, and the bells attached to their ankles tinkle in harmony.

This is UT's Indian classical expressions illusdance troupe Nritya Sangam, trate the tales of which translates to "beats

Started in 2002, Nritya Sangam of animals, weath-

WHAT: Nritya Sangam at UT Family Weekend

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formers utilizing the bells on their and necklaces. ankles to accent the rhythm of the

classical Indian music by moving with the beat. Each song tells a story. The music provides a background as the dancers' hands and intricate facial their ancestors by making symbols

er and nature. The girls wear five-piece costumes, which include a blouseand-skirt covering

also a headset with jewelry that to dance in, so this was a way to

lives up to its translation with pergoes across the forehead, earrings keep the art alive and show the

The group was founded as a

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> — Swetha Nulu keep the heritage Co-president of Nritya alive," said Swetha Sangam

and Latin Ameron the waist with an attached fan ican studies senior. "When girls the posture that it demands. made out of different sari materi- moved away from their homes als. In addition to the bells, there's they lost the studios they learned

Austin community."

Nritya Sangam co-president and chemistry senior Meghaclassical dancers na Menon began classical dance to showcase their when she was 6, an age when years of training, many young Indian girls are just beginning to pick up the art Bharatanatyam form from South India. Many girls, including Menon, learn the art form to maintain their Indian classical roots.

"At first I began because my mom made me but then I saw the culture behind it and the art that it really is," Menon said. "After originally started 15 years of learning, it's become it were trying to a passion of mine and I honestly couldn't imagine life without it."

The dance itself, however, dif-Nulu, co-president fers drastically from American of Nritya Sangam styles but is most closely linked to ballet because of its structure and

"Ît's pretty graceful but also

DANCE continues on page 8

VIDEO GAME REVIEWS DEAD RISING 2, METROID: OTHER M



Courtesy of Blue Castle

There are many ridiculous ways to dress and kill zombies in "Dead

Video games' changes do not live up to hype

in a four-part series reviewing horror-themed video games in the spirit of Halloween.

By Allistair Pinsof **Daily Texan Staff** "Dead Rising 2"

(Xbox 360, PS3, PC)

Quality Assurance testers exist on every major game release for good reason: They catch the small things that the developers often overlook. The credits of "Dead Rising 2" suggest Blue Castle Games, a Canadian developer taking a stab at the series for the first time, didn't bother to listen to their testers, because they certainly were present. Then again, part of the charm of the first game — beyond the adolescent thrill of tearing through hordes of zombies with pylons and lawn mowers was how archaic and unorthodox it was. Overpowered psychos would unexpectedly lash out at you, a time limit was put on every

Editor's Note: This is the second objective (miss it and restart the entire game), and save points were few and far between. Not unlike early entries in the "Grand Theft Auto" series, you laugh when you play it with friends but howl in frustration when you play it alone. Its sequel isn't so different. Rather than taking the excellent concept and crafting a game that feels at home in 2010, Blue Castle has merely recycled everything awful and awesome about the first. For better or worse, there still isn't another game like it. Where the developers could have streamlined the game and made it user-friendly, they instead have opted to focus on machine gun-strapped wheelchairs and double-sided chainsaw broomsticks.

Grade: C

For fans of: zombies, mayhem and

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Lack of sex toys calls for different means of thrill



Washington, D.C., and Austin have a lot in common.

But one thing you can do in D.C. that you can't do in Austin is conveniently purchase a sex toy along with your condoms, toilet paper and other sundries when you go to your neighborhood CVS, Walgreens or other drugstore.

weekends ago, I noticed an array of vibrating toys in the condom aisle of a CVS. I stopped to consider why I hadn't ever bought one before.

Most of the displayed toys at this D.C. CVS were small and one-time use only, usually costing less than \$20. This isn't to say that I haven't appreciated the toys I've purchased from Forbidden Fruit and Dreamers here in Austin, but aside from a \$20 Silver Bullet, most of my sex toy purchases range in around the \$100 mark.

So when I came home I checked the aisles of the CVS and Target that I frequent and realized that I had never bought one of the drugstore sex toys before because I had

never actually seen one. And it isn't just D.C. Though I took note of the discrepancy visiting this particular city, D.C. is part of the majority of cosmopolitan U.S. cities that has convenient access to introductory sex toys.

What makes this situation a conundrum is that it is just as legal to sell sex toys in D.C. as it is in Austin. After the U.S. Court of Appeals' 2008 repeal of the Texas law that made sex toys illegal to buy and sell, Texas could have become just another normal place where the technological advances that have made vibrators increasingly small and cheap have added convenience and While visiting D.C. a few accessibility to possibilities for

sexual exploration. But somehow, these products just aren't on sale here, or in "Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi, Louisiana, Kansas or Virginia," according to howtohavesexintexas.com blogger Julie Sun-

day.
"The other states I get, since their bans are still on the books, but Texas really did overturn the ban," Sunday said in her Sept. 30 post. "This makes me wonder if Trojan's legal affairs people know something we don't — perhaps that the Supreme Court will consider a sex toy ban case (and may uphold it) after all."

So maybe there are some alternatives for Texans who don't know where a sex shop is or can't get to one. I know

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