Performance artists use spoken word, smooth

sax and plays to uplift the spirit and weekend

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Musician Sarah Hickman speaks Wednesday with the audience at the first concert of a Texas tour entitled "Music for Life."

Lethal injections questioned

Stay of execution in Texas, U.S. Supreme Court deliberations put spotlight on death penalty

> By Amanda DeBard Daily Texan Staff

Wednesday night, and could be for the remainder of the year as Texas inches closer to suspending executions by lethal injection.

Heliberto Chi was sentenced to on Tuesday night - one day before

death in 2002 for killing an Arlington store manager. Chi's attorneys filed Death chambers were silent again complaints with the Texas Court of

Criminal Appeals saying the drugs used for lethal injection can cause the inmate intense pain, which resulted in Chi being granted a stay of execution

his scheduled execution.

Chi's stay gives prosecuting attorneys in Tarrant County, where he was tried, 30 days to issue a response to the claim of the injection process.

The U.S. Supreme Court blocked the execution of Carlton Turner Jr. last week while it decides whether or not lethal injection is a form of cruel and unusual punishment, and therefore

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Strauss Center inaugurated for discussions



Admiral Bobby R. Inman, Lyndon B. Johnson Centennial Chair in National Policy, discusses the issues of globalization with fellow panelists.

> By Katie Flores Daily Texan Staff

When the University announced the creation of the Robert S. Strauss Center for International Security and Law last month, President William Powers said the center's purpose was to prepare students for an increasingly globalized world.

With that goal in mind, the Strauss center held its inaugural event Wednesday, which included two panels about the effects of globalization in the U.S. and how universities around the country should train and participate in this trend.

"The Strauss center is founded to provide the imagination, the leadership and the innovation needed to help people understand how globalization is changing the world," said James Lindsay, director of the center.

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OU Torchlight Parade raises Longhorn spirit

By Ana McKenzie Daily Texan Staff

Tiki torches lit the dark sky as a burnt orange army marched down The Drag on Wednesday night with one message: "OU sucks.

The OU Torchlight Parade and Rally attracted at least 14 student organizations, the UT Longhorn Band and UT fans, who walked with tall torches in hand from the intersection of 25th and Whitis streets down Guadalupe Street, culminating into a group of at least 500 on the

The parade is held every year to show support for the UT football team as it travels to Dallas to play in the Red River Rivalry game against the University of

"We make sure the football team, Mack Brown and a lot of spirit organizations show up to the rally to get the crowed pumped," said Rachel Krebs, a supply chain management and chemistry senior. Krebs is also a director of the Texas Exes Student Chapter Special Events and Rally Committee, the organization sponsoring the

Krebs and other members of Texas Exes Student Chapter experienced some malfunctions while lighting the 80 torches being passed to student organization

Members spent 10 minutes trying to light wicks that were deemed "too short."

With a sudden slam of drums, the UT band began chanting "Beat the hell out of OU."

The torchlight parade was first held before the 1916 UT vs. Texas A&M football game when a crowd gathered with a few torches in hand to celebrate the Longhorns' anticipated victory, said Jim Nicar, director of the Texas Exes Heritage Society.

The tradition faded soon after that year, but was reinstalled before the 1987 UT vs. OU game.

"It brought back a sense of community to the campus," Nicar said.

Longhorns of all ages were standing along The Drag

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VIDEO OF THE OUTORCHLIGHT PARADE

AND RALLY >> DAILYTEXANONLINE.COM



Assistant Athletics Director for Strength and Conditioning Jeff Madden cheers Texas fans on at the annual Torchlight Parade and Rally on Wednesday evening. The tradition dates back to 1916 and unites fans to prepare for the game held at the Cotton Bowl in Dallas each year during the Texas State Fair.

'NEW NEW WAVE' MUSICIAN TO PERFORM AT STUBB'S BBQ

Songwriter Devendra Banhart makes stop in Austin to support new album Smokey Rolls Down Thunder Canyon

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ONCE UPON A TIME AT UNC

A history of former player arrests under coach Mack Brown



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Egyptologist Salima Ikram explains embalming processes used to mummify various animals in ancient Egypt. She spoke to a packed audience in the Doty Fine Arts building Thursday evening.

Karl McDonald Daily Texan Staff



Professor sheds light on Egyptian animal mummies

Daily Texan Staff The animal mummy room in

By Christopher Sanchez

Cairo's Egyptian Museum fascinated Salima Ikram the first time she traveled to Egypt. Unfortunately, it had been shut down.

"I felt it needed rescuing," Ikram said with a laugh.

Ikram, a professor of Egyptology at the American University in Cairo

Mummy Project at the museum resurrected the room six years later.

The study of animal mummies can shed light on ancient Egyptian religious and cultural practices, Ikram said Wednesday to a packed audience in the E. William Doty Fine Arts Building.

While animals were an important part of Egyptian life, they were "not just lunch on hoof," Ikram said.

changes in the environment, village beliefs and technology, she said.

Analysis of evidence shows Egyptians mummified animals to remember beloved pets — as they were believed to be sacred — to present as votive offerings and to serve as sources of food in the after-

"If you really like your beef ribs, and co-director of the Animal The mummified remains can give you could take them and have them

information on veterinary science, with you in the afterworld," Ikram

During her research, Ikram noticed spikes in Egyptian history where cults of sacred animals were increasingly popular. They believed a fragment of a spirit would enter an animal, she said. This spirit would be recognized, and during the animal's lifetime, it lived as

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UT Information Technology Services urges students to practice 'Cyber Security'

By Megan Kaldis

Daily Texan Staff

UT students, staff and faculty have the chance to learn how to deal with the dangers of the internet during Cyber Security Awareness Month.

UT's Information Technology Services joined the National Cyber Security Awareness Month by creating its own Web site, Cyber Security Awareness 2007, which entails how to protect information on a computer. The UT Web site has a different theme each week, including: identity theft, copyright issues dealing with

music downloads, safer social networking tricks used by online scammers, said Lisa with MySpace and Facebook and protecting your password, said Betsy Busby, a spokeswoman for ITS.

ITS partnered with Student Government, the UT Police Department and the Information Security Office to spread the word about online safety. Together with SG, ITS had a booth Wednesday on the West Mall that promoted cyber security week. They will be promoting this for the next three Wednesdays.

"A little awareness comes along way" when not everyone is aware of the common

Wright, a manager for computer services at

National Cyber Security Month, a campaign supported by the National Cyber Security Division, the Department of Homeland Security and others, helps teach businesses, schools and government agencies "how to react to potential cyber-crime incidents and link how each person's cyber security affects securing our nation's critical infrastructure," according to the National Cyber Security Alliance's Web site.

Other Cyber Security Awareness Events:

· An open panel discussion with Information Security Office staff is

open to students, faculty and staff

Oct. 10 from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. at FAC 101B. • There are residence hall programs open to student residents of any

halls, which covers secure computing on campus

Oct. 9 at Jester and Oct. 23 at Kinsolving Dormitory. · A Cyber Security Awareness booth in the West Mall will have give-

aways and prizes Every Wednesday of October

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TODAY'S WEATHER

PRIDE: Spirit rally gets UT fans pumped for Saturday's game

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Wednesday night, chanting and participants.

jumped up back and forth from with it." the sidewalk to the street.

When asked if she had tickets to Saturday's game, Walker, 6, looked confused and asked her mother if they were attending.

'Next year we'll get tickets," Walker's mother said.

'See, I told you, I'm going to the game," Walker said, unaffected by her mother's news.

Peter Gonzalez, an economics sophomore, has high hopes for Saturday's game.

"I didn't get to go to last year's game, so this year I made sure to get good seats. We both lost last week, so this should be a great game," Gonzalez said, as he watched the parade.

Meredith Melton, a chemistry freshman, will not be going to the game but said she used

the parade as a way to show her

"I'm living out the experience cheering along with the parade here," said Melton, who is also Texas Sweetheart. "I'm excit-Alyssa Walker enthusiastically ed because I don't know what's lifted her arms in the sky as she going on, so I'm just going along

> The parade was led by UT cheerleaders, Bevo, the UT band and the Texas Pom Squad. The squad has spent two weeks practicing a routine created for the parade, said co-captain Lauren Williams, a theatre and dance junior.

> "I'm anxious and eager to show our audience what we've prepared for them," Williams said.

> The squad will also preform its routine in a rally on Friday where they will meet the OU pom

> Saturday will mark the 102nd time the Texas Longhorns have played the Oklahoma Sooners.

"I hope we win because I really don't want to drop out of the rankings," Melton said. "I'd like to see us play in a nice little bowl

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COURTS: Recent cases reignite controversy over lethal injection

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banned by the U.S. Constitution.

Though no one person has the authority to set a moratorium on executions in Texas, experts say they believe the state is in one

"I think we effectively have a moratorium now until the Supreme Court decides on the Kentucky cases, which will be in about six to eight months," said Jordan Steiker, a UT law professor and expert on the death penalty. "I don't think Texas will carry out another execution until after the Supreme Court resolves the lethal injection issue."

The U.S. Supreme Court will hear testimonies from two death row inmates in Kentucky, who sued the state in 2004 claiming the lethal injection process is cruel and unusual. Chi's attorneys cited this case in their death penalty appeal this week.

Steiker said there can be repercussions from the Supreme Court's examination of the lethal injection procedure. He said it is possible the process of revisiting the protocol will bring broader issues about the death penalty to the forefront but thinks that is more likely in jurisdictions that have less of a track record in carrying out executions.

"I would be surprised if the lethal injection litigation causes Texas to revisit the death penalty," Steiker said.

Case-by-case review

Texas has executed 27 inmates this year and three more are scheduled to die through December.

The attorney general's office issued a statement saying the Supreme Court's decision on Turner's case will not halt Texas executions.

'State and federal courts will continue to address each scheduled execution on a case-by-case basis." the statement said.

Attorneys for each death row inmate have to file appeals to the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals before their client's scheduled execution for the court to grant a stay of execution. Any mishap could cost a prisoner his or her life, like Michael Richards, who was executed two days before Turner's stay was granted on Sept. 27.

Richards' attorneys tried to submit an appeal to the court but were not able to do so due to a computer crash and the office closing at 5 p.m. The office chose not to accept appeals after business hours.

Today we find out Judge Sharon Keller made that decision all by herself and she didn't consult with any of the other judges on the Court of Criminal Appeals," said Scott Cobb, president of the Texas Moratorium Network, a nonprofit, organization in support for suspending executions in Texas.

Cobb said one judge is assigned to handle late appeals on the nights of scheduled executions, and Cheryl Johnson was working the night Richards was executed. Keller didn't call Johnson to ask her if she would accept this late appeal, which resulted in what Cobb called an "unjust" execution.

We're calling on Judge Sharon Keller to resign her office because when you're a judge you have to act with integrity and with the eye towards justice," Cobb said. "If you're not doing that, then you need to step down.

Cobb said he and the organization will file a complaint with the State Commission on Judicial Conduct, which has the authority to remove a judge from office who is acting without integrity if she does not step down.

"We can't have a presiding judge of the Court of Criminal Appeals that in a life and death case is going to close the office at 5 o'clock and allow someone to be executed - just on her own

without consulting any other judges," Cobb said.

The Texas Court of Criminal

Appeals did not return phone calls from The Daily Texan.

Cobb, Perry: Nothing wrong

with current system

Cobb and Gov. Rick Perry's office both said they do not believe the criminal justice system has

Perry agrees there is not any reason to put an end to the death penalty in Texas nor should Texans to be worried about the integrity of the criminal justice system, said Krista Moody, a spokeswoman for

The governor will continue to follow Texas law, which designates the death penalty for the most violent crimes, she said.

"Generally, Texans support the death penalty, as does the governor, and the decision to stay the execution of the few inmates and the high courts' decision to pick up the Kentucky case are decisions that directly affect those cases," Moody said.

Stays not a total victory

Death penalty opponents do not consider stays a victory, since decisions are made on a case-by-case

"I'm reluctant to use the word victory, but I will say we are grateful the Supreme Court is considering the issue and that the states and most already have — decided not to pursue executions until this issue is resolved," said Bob Van Steenberg, leader of the Austin chapter of the Texas Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty.

Van Steenberg said the questions people are asking themselves now are, is it possible to have a process in which humans are involved that does not have errors or to "humanely kill" someone? He said he believes both answers

"Killing is violent. Killing anoth-

er person is a violent act," Van Steenberg said.

The Texas Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty kicked off its year-long Music For Life Tour Wednesday night. The program focuses on getting people to talk about the death penalty and does so through music.

Austin musician Sara Hickman, local musicians and guest speakers will perform in 12 Texas cities, including Huntsville. One of the songs Hickman sang reached out to the mother of Virginia Tech shooter Cho Seung-Hui.

"I've been surprised by the amount of support I've received," Hickman said. "I think anyone who wants to have an opinion about the death penalty needs to be educated about it."

Even the affected oppose

Linda White spoke on behalf of Murder Victims' Families for Reconciliation at Wednesday night's kick off. The organization is made up of family members of victims of homicide and executions who oppose the death penalty.

White's daughter was murdered and sexually assaulted by two 15vear-old boys almost 21 years ago. White and her husband consider it a blessing the boys were too young to be sentenced to death.

"Executions don't provide closure," White said. "It's a false myth. the state does something to help you heal. Healing is an internal process - not an external one."

Killing someone adds an innocent family to the grieving circle,

Experts and anti-death penalty supporters said they are not sure what the outcome of the Supreme Court's hearing on the Kentucky case will be and how it will affect

"I can't even venture outside the Supreme Court's ruling," Van Steenberg said. "It will be a 5-4 ruling - which direction, I don't

MUMMY: Lecture details ancient mummification processes

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a god on Earth. When it died, priests buried it with pomp and

Mummification is the practice of salt and baking soda found

the body becomes stiff. Sacred they saw as representations of oils are poured over the body gods, said UT classics professor to make it pliable, and then it is Jennifer Gates-Foster.

of a human or animal. Organs are nary technology, she said. There resented as a cat, she said. removed and the body is dried is evidence of tooth extraction out with natron, a combination and the setting of broken bones.

naturally in Egypt. Once dried, tory, cults worshiped animals

Priests often mummified cats X-rays of animal mummies as an offering to the goddess of artificially preserving a body show signs of advanced veteri- Bastet, who was frequently rep

"It may seem strange to us, but a lot of serious academic research Throughout Egypt's his- has been devoted to this area,"

Gates-Foster said.

Other animals frequently mummified included dogs, jackals and monkeys, as well as larger animals such as crocodiles and bulls.

Ikram has published multiple books as well as a series of children's books on ancient Egypt. She is currently working on a book about animal mummies and tomb decoration.

STRAUSS: Panelists discuss pros and cons of globalization

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Lindsay served as moderator of the first panel entitled "From International to Global: How Globalization is Transforming Our World," which presented a threeperson panel that included James Steinberg, dean of the LBJ School of Public Affairs.

"Globalization is as much sushi and kung fu movies and Pokemon as it is the kinds of things that we from terrorism, epidemics and cli-

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cial capital and things like that," Steinberg said.

The panelists agreed that globalization is a chance to create new sources of wealth and a way to become more diverse politically, socially and culturally. However, Steinberg said protecting our country is becoming more difficult, and Lindsay pointed to globalization as a means of sharing problems

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Heidi Cruz, another panelist, globalization has helped keep the U.S. inflation rate low but has also increased the competition domestic companies face. She added countries now share in economic strains because of the close business ties they have with one another. Cruz is the former economic director for the Western Hemisphere at the National Security Council.

"Around the world, the longer

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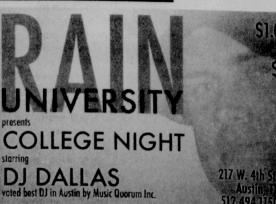
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term result of globalization is a higher standard of living," Cruz said. "And it really requires that

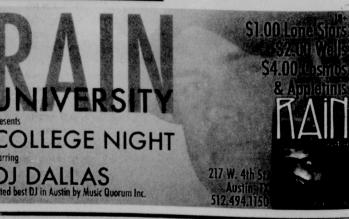
people become educated." The next panel, titles "Bridging the Gap: The Contribution of Universities in Global Policymaking," was moderated by Francis Gavin, director of studies for the Strauss Center, and included Terri Givens, vice provost of undergraduate studies and inter-

national programs at UT. Givens, who helped start the European Studies program, said she hopes to expand the program through strategic alliances around the world, to help students study abroad and to help professionals wanting to do research in the U.S.

Jim Langdon, a partner in Akin Gump Strauss Hauer and Feld LLP, urged the audience to be open to new ideas posed by globalization. His firm donated \$2.5 million to start the center.









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WORLD& NATION

Bush tries to quietly veto child health bill

By David Espo

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush cast a quiet veto Wednesday against a politically attractive expansion of children's health insurance, triggering a struggle with the Democratic-controlled Congress certain to reverberate into the 2008 elections.

"Congress will fight hard to override President Bush's heartless veto," vowed Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid of Nevada,

Republican leaders expressed confidence they have enough votes to make the veto stick in the House, and not a single senior Democrat disputed them. A twothirds majority in both houses of Congress is required to override

Bush vetoed the bill in private, absent the television cameras and other media coverage that normally attend even routine presidential actions. The measure called for adding an estimated four million mostly lower-income children to a program that currently covers 6.6 million. Funds for the expansion would come from higher tobacco taxes, including a 61-cent increase on a pack of cigarettes.

"Poor kids first," Bush said later in explaining his decision, reflecting a concern that some of the bill's benefits would go to families at higher incomes. "Secondly, I believe in private medicine, not the federal government running the health care system," he added in remarks to an audience in Lancaster, Pa.

The president said he is willing to compromise with Congress "if they need a little more money in the bill to help us meet the objective of getting help for poor

It was the fourth veto of Bush's presidency. At a time when his popularity is low, the legislation is popular enough to draw support from dozens of GOP lawmakers, and an override is certain to seal hiş lame-duck status.

the showdown for Oct. 18 to allow two weeks for pressure to build on Republicans. A unionled organization said it would spend more than \$3 million trying to influence the outcome. "It's going to be a hard vote for Republicans," promised Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif.

Criticism of the veto was instantaneous, from every quarter of the Democratic political firmament.

"Democrats now face an important choice: Either work with Republicans to renew this program or continue to play politics on the backs of our nation's children."

John Boehner (R-OH), House Republican Leader

Sen. Joseph Biden of Delaware, a presidential hopeful, called it unconscionable, party chairman Howard Dean labeled it appalling, and Pelosi said, "It's very sad that the president has chosen to veto a bill that would provide health care for 10 million American children for the next five years."

Republicans said none of the criticism would matter. "I'm confident that the more time we have to explain the veto, the more people will be with their position,' said Rep. Roy Blunt of Missouri, second-ranking GOP leader in

Longer term Republicans said their goal was to sustain the veto and force Democrats into negotiations on a compromise that GOP lawmakers could embrace.

"Democrats now face an important choice: Either work with Republicans to renew this program or continue to play politics on the

said Rep. John Boehner of Ohio, the House Republican leader.

He and other Republicans said Democratic plans to delay an override vote revealed an eagerness to score political points.

Democrats, sensing a political advantage, said they were in no mood to compromise. Several officials, speaking on condition of anonymity because they were discussing strategy, said Pelosi and Reid seemed set on sending Bush successor bills that are nearly identical to the one he just vetoed. The goal would be to force the predident - and his congressional allies — to repeatedly expose themselves to criticism that they were denying health care for kids.

Both sides took comfort from polling data as they settled in for their struggle.

House Republicans quietly distributed a survey by David Winston, who is close to Boehner, that came to a different conclusion. It said critics of the legislation can win the public debate if they say they favor "covering uninsured children without expanding government coverage to adults, illegal immigrants and those who already have insurance...." A copy of the poll was obtained by The Associated Press.

Numerous polls have shown health insurance to be an important issue with the public, and Democrats have made expansion of the children's health program a priority since taking control of Congress in January.

There was no doubting the bill's political appeal.

"We got what we wanted," said Rep. Tom Cole of Oklahoma, chairman of the GOP campaign committee and an opponent of

The original Senate vote was 67-29, enough to override. But the House votes first, and if Bush's allies sustain his veto there, the



Miners work underground at the Harmony Goldmine, near Carletonville, South Africa, in this Oct. 27, 2004, file photo. Some 3,000 miners were trapped underground in the region Wednesday when a water pipe burst and probably caused a shaft to collapse in Harmony Gold's Elandsrand Mine near Johannesburg, South Africa's economic capital and gold-mining center.

Burst water pipe collapses gold mine, trapping 3,000 workers

JOHANNESBURG, South a slow one. Africa — About 3,000 miners were trapped underground Wednesday when a water pipe burst and probably caused a shaft to collapse in a South African gold mine, union officials said.

An official with Harmony Gold's Elandsrand Mine near Johannesburg said the company would be able to evacuate the trapped workers over the next 24

Harmony's acting chief executive, Graham Briggs, said on MSNBC that officials have been in contact with the trapped workers and have been sending them food and water.

He said the company could evacuate the miners over the next day using a smaller cage in anoth-

"It's a case of getting a large number of people up in cages," he told MSNBC, according to Dow Jones news service.

He said that the workers - consisting of the mine's entire morning shift — became trapped after damage to a shaft made it unsafe for workers to use.

The spokesman for the National Union of Mineworkers, Lesiba Seshoka, said the managers were meeting with union members.

"It's a terrible situation," Press. "The only exit is blocked, probably by a fall of ground."

Officials said a burst water pipe probably caused soil in the underground shaft to collapse. Gold mine shafts in South Africa are

er shaft, but the process would be typically about 1 1/2 miles below ground, he said.

> The union feared the men could be trapped without oxygen because of collapsed ground or impeded by rock falls and mud slides by the burst ware pipe.

Seshoka charged that the shafts had not been properly maintained. "Our guys there tell us that they have raised concerns about the whole issue of maintenance of shafts with the mine (managers), but they have not been attended to," he said.

Mine managers and owners of the South African-owned business Seshoka told The Associated could not be reached for comment late Wednesday night.

> Last year, 199 mineworkers died in accidents, mostly rock falls, the government Mine Health and Safety Council reported in

COLOMBIAN POLICE OFFICERS SEIZE TWO TONS OF COCAINE

Colombian police officer inspects packages of cocaine seized in Cartagena Colombia, Tuesday. About two tons of cocaine were seized.



Associated Press

NATION BRIEFLY Congress to change law giving

security contractors immunity WASHINGTON — Congress is

moving to close a loophole in the law that has left private security contractors in Iraq, like Blackwater, immune to criminal prosecution despite warnings by the White House that expanding the law could cause new problems.

The House was expected to pass legislation on Wednesday by Rep. David Price, D-N.C., that would extend criminal jurisdiction of U.S. courts to any federal contractor working alongside military operations. Senate Democratic leaders said they planned to follow suit as soon as possible and send the measure to President Bush.

The legislation comes amid a string of allegations involving Blackwater USA employees hired by the State Department to protect diplomatic personnel in Iraq. In one case, a drunk Blackwater employee left a Christmas Eve party in Baghdad and fatally shot the guard of one of Iraq's vice presidents. The contractor was fired, fined and returned home to the United States, but no charges have been filed.

More recently, Blackwater guards were involved in a Sept. 16 shootout that left 11 Iraqis dead. The FBI is currently investigating the incident.

But whether charges can be brought against any of the contractors is unclear, with federal officials

citing murky laws governing the conduct of U.S. personnel abroad not hired directly by the military. The current law, called the Military Extraterritorial Jurisdiction Act, covers personnel supporting the mission of Defense Department operations overseas.

Studies: 'virtual colonoscopy' works as well as regular exam

NEW YORK — Having an X-ray to look for signs of colon cancer may soon be an option for those who dread the traditional scope exam. Two of the largest studies yet of "virtual colonoscopy" show the experimental technique works just as well at spotting potentially cancerous growths as the more invasive method. It's also quicker and cheaper.

The X-rays can help sort out who really needs the full exam and removal of suspicious growths, called polyps. In one study, only 8 percent of patients had to have followup traditional colonoscopies, which are done under sedation and carry a small risk of puncturing the bowel.

But what some people consider the most unpleasant part can't be avoided: drinking laxatives to purge the bowel so growths can be seen.

Still, proponents hope that the newer test will lure those who have balked at getting conventional

"This is ready for prime time," said Dr. Perry Pickhardt, one of the researchers at the University of Wisconsin Medical School who are reporting the results of their study in Thursday's New England Journal of

San Diego landslide creates wide chasm in four-lane road

SAN DIEGO — A landslide swept away a chunk of an upscale hilltop neighborhood Wednesday, destroying a home, damaging five others and opening up a 50-yard chasm in a four-lane road.

Forty-six homes in the La Jolla neighborhood were evacuated, but no one was hurt in the collapse, which occurred the morning after city officials warned residents of four homes not to sleep in them because the land might give way.

The collapse shortly before 9 a.m. toppled power lines and left a 15-footdeep ravine of crumpled pavement. Orange traffic cones and sections of big concrete pipes sat in the fissure slashing across the wide boulevard.

Holli Weld was walking her son to preschool when the street collapsed. "It was sinking as I was walking by," she said.

Authorities said most residents had gone to work and only seven people were inside the homes when the collapse occurred.

The landslide cut a cone shape through the neighborhood of million-dollar homes, said Robert Hawk, a city engineering geologist. One home was destroyed, eight others were damaged and two more were in danger, but the problems appeared to be contained.

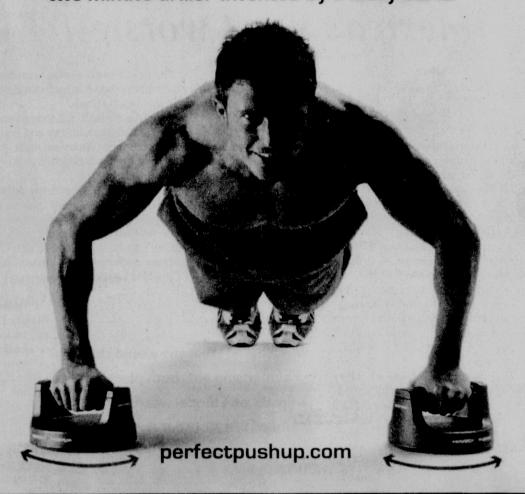
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Same problem, different place



By Dan Treadway Daily Texan Staff

It is no secret the Longhorns have been very disappointing on the football field this season. It is their actions off the field, however, that have garnered far more public scrutiny.

The recent string of six football player arrests within four months may seem unheard of and bizarre, but it is really all just a cycle.

In 1997, Mack Brown's 10th and final year as head football coach at the University of North Carolina, 10 of the players on the roster who were recruited by Brown were charged with a crime during their time at UNC. (This year happens to be Brown's 10th year at UT as well.) UNC finished 10-1 that season, but eight players on the roster ultimately faced assault charges. While Brown had a part in each player's presence on the roster, he had no part in disciplining them for their actions, as he had already transferred to UT when their punishments were ultimately handed down. Being faced with the arrest of his recruits is nothing new to Brown - but having to clean up after them is.

There's no question that Mack Brown needs to re-evaluate his recruiting process, and this is a point he concedes. In a Sept. 18 press briefing, Brown stated "I'm responsible for making all the final decisions on football at the University of Texas, and it's obvious that I need to be more accountable and do a better job."

During that same briefing, Brown also said: "Character is really important to us in the recruiting process. There is no telling how many people we have turned down

But the standards of this "character test" must be low in the case of UT football player James Henry, who was charged with "obstruction or retaliation" and "tampering or fabricating physical evidence" a few weeks ago. Interestingly, the redshirt freshman was arrested for retaliating on behalf of Robert Joseph, another Longhorn who was arrested in July.

In a recorded telephone conversation, Henry incriminated himself when he told Joseph that he had confronted the witnesses who had suggested that Joseph was the culprit in a robbery. According to the arrest affidavit, Henry said "I went over there and whooped all them niggas last night, fool."

While many people are well aware of the fact that six Longhorn football players have been arrested, here's a number not too many people are aware of: 24. That's the number of players Texas had on the Academic All-Conference team last year, more than any other school in the Big 12. The real tragedy in this recent string of arrests is that, because of the actions of a few immature individuals, everyone on the Longhorn team is being declared a "thug." Even though the vast majority of players are good citizens, they are associated with these bad eggs, which is not fair to them. The coaches have a responsibility to maintain the image of,

not only their program, but Photo courtesy of their other scholarship play-The Associated ers as well - by thorough-

ly researching each and very recruit they offer a scholarship to. Having brushes with the law is something that has become all too common at major college

football programs. Just week, Antonio Henton,

an Ohio State quarterback, was charged with offering a female police officer \$20 for sex.

It seems that the higher the prestige of the football program, the more arrests that take place. If you consider the other teams that have won national championships this millennium (Miami, Oklahoma, Florida, Ohio State, LSU and USC), all of them have had run-ins with the NCAA. the law or both. Running a football program that is both clean and successful is very hard to do.

In 1997, Mack Brown's 10th and final year as head football coach at the University of North Carolina, 10 of the players on the roster who were recruited by Brown were charged with a crime either during that season or soon after Brown left.

College football fans, especially at large programs, are very fickle. The only way to keep them happy is with immediate results, and the only way to get immediate results is to recruit the best available players. Coach Brown's ability to recruit talented players is what separates UT from Rice. The proof is in the pudding. Since Mack Brown has taken over at Texas, no other BCS program has had more wins. The scrutiny that Brown has received for these arrests is nowhere close to the heat he'd feel if Texas were to have a five-win season. Based on the way the Longhorns played Saturday, the validity of one theory may very well be tested: College football wins and arrests are unfortunately similar to love and marriage - you can't have one without the other.

Treadway is a radio-television-film sophomore

ARRESTS OF FORMER MACK BROWN RECRUITS

Dec. 4, 1997

Mack Brown resigns as head football coach at UNC.

Dec. 5, 1997

UNC football players Kivuusama Mays, Greg Williams, Robert Williams, Greg Harris, Stephon McQueen and Varian Ballard are charged with misdemeanor assault after beating up David Beyer, an 18-year-old UNC student, at a Chapel Hill night club.

Sept. 8, 1998

UNC offensive lineman Jonathan Hall is charged with "misdemeanor assault on a female" and "communicating threats" after being involved in an altercation with his former girlfriend.

Summer 2000

Special teams player Donte Thorogood is charged with marijuana possession.

Feb. 16, 2001

UNC cornerback Errol Hood is charged with taking athletic shoes from a store where he worked in Durham, North

Sources: The Charlotte Observer, The Durham Herald-Sun, The Chapel-Hill News

America's most worstest TV show

When asked what she would call a

consumer who eats both plants and

animals, one model wearing what

looked like a bustier answered:

a dinosaur.



By Wayne Cheong Daily Texan Columnist

It's that time, when television studios rouse from their summer hibernation and roll out their fall schedules. New and returning TV shows are here to appease the advertising gods

One of the new programs comes from VH1: "America's Most-

Usually, I'm blase about reality programs, but this title piqued my interest for three reasons. First, there was a superlative too many in the title. Second, one usually doesn't see the words "smartest" and "model" in the same sentence. Third, based on the title alone, I thought: Finally,

there is a program actually showcasing intelligent models, which is great because it can really show up jerks like me, who think "smartest model" is an oxymoron.

I watched the casting special of the show on an iTunes preview. It showed clips in which hosts questioned various models of different backgrounds and genders on American history and politics. Pretty simple fare, no?

It started with a male model who explained what being smart meant to him. He gave a well thought-out answer. So far, so good. Then it cut to

Her question was: What do you call a consumer who eats both plants and animals. She answered: dinosaur.

The back of my skull started to ache like there was a metalsmith hammering a sword into shape then using it to stab repeatedly into my brain. This was the same particular headache I get whenever I watch Jaywalking on "Leno."

The next model answered "George Washington" when asked who is the vice president of the United States. The show then cut to several other models who answered "Lance Armstrong" as the first man to walk on the moon. One particular model said a year is how long it would take the earth to complete one revolution around the sun, but she couldn't answer how many days there are in a year. Model after model gave answers that would raise the self-esteem of an idiot.

The next model, a male, was asked what the Emancipation Proclamation was. He had no idea. What made this even worse was that he was black.

Okay. New rule: If I, a foreign student, must take a required course in American history and politics, everybody who's born or sworn in as an American must at least know the name of the ship the Pilgrims traveled on into Plymouth or the number of states America has.

Granted, it could be clever editing that made most of the models being interviewed look more dense than they are, but it boggles one's mind to think that people this clueless exist. If some people can get this far in life without knowing who the current president is, it's not much of a stretch to say they could go from cradle to grave without knowing how to spell

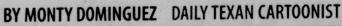
The next model was a gem. If I turned to the word "clue-

less" in my imaginary illustrated Webster, I'd find a picture of Mandy Lynn. She said once people get to know her, they realize she is smart. She also added that she is "more people-smart, not booksmart." I got to know Lynn for a minute and a half, and I found that: a) She thought New York was the capital of America, b) she was incredulous to discover America actually had a capital, c) she has the patented bimbo giggle that makes me want to shove pencils in my ears.

I felt like someone had hit the next model, a woman wearing what looked like a bustier. rewind on the evolutionary scale when Daniel Schuman came on next. Schuman, with his dazzling smile and eyes you could get lost in, gave a run down of his academic credentials (degrees in biological anthropology and anatomy and psychology) and proceeded to answer all the questions

Watching him was like discovering a species that was once considered extinct. My faith in the human race has been restored. For the final tally, Schuman and several other bright models were thrown into the mix with the dim ones. Given the odds, I suspect it's a foregone conclusion as to which camp of models will prevail. I could watch the series to corroborate my predictions, but one blinding headache is enough for this

Cheong is a screenwriting graduate student





Dominguez is a computer science junior

THE FIRING LINE

Unity or racism?

I found something very ironic in the Oct. 3 firing line by Iris Salinas ("History: A little white lie"), who was oh-so-quick to throw the term "racist" around in relation to some random frat's insensitive "cholo" party. By the looks of the Web link provided, Salinas is either a member or supporter of "La Raza Unida" or "The United Race."

Although "racism" is technically defined as "a belief that race is the primary determinant of human traits and capacities," it has become socially acceptable to throw around that label anytime white people do something stupid or insensitive. Certainly, no one would doubt the racist views of a white student who admitted to being a member of an organization called "Our United Race."

Why is it that we give Iris Salinas the benefit of the doubt?

> Tony McDonald Chairman emeritus Young Conservatives of Texas Economics and government junior

No excuse for racist parties

In regard to "History: A little white lie," The Firing Line, Oct. 3: Organizations on UT's campus throw these types of parties every semester. It's just that people don't always hear about them. "Ghetto" parties, "Cowboys and Indians" parties, "Cholo/ Ghetto Mexican" parties ... etc.

Yes, there is a great possibility that these theme parties are "all in fun," but what the party throwers fail to realize is the impact they have on communities of color. The parties only further perpetuate negative

I'm sick to death of the "I didn't know" up and find out about someone other than

Andrea Jackson UT alum

Burden of global warming skeptics

Daniel Earnest's column is an example of skeptics clutching at straws in their stubborn attempts to deny the facts ("The sky is falling," Oct. 3). I am extremely dismayed that the Texan would actually print something as irresponsible as this article when we are in dire need of concerted action. There is so much that is wrong or distorted in the article that it is difficult to know where to begin. Many of the claims, such as correlation between solar activity and global warming, have already been investigated and accounted for in the models used by scientists.

The earth is an extremely complicated mechanism to model. There will continue to be a steady stream of skeptics that make sensational claims. But true Galileos are a rarity. So, when one climate skeptic after another is either proven wrong (Henrik Svensmark) or retracts his or her claims (such as John Christy), then it's the responsibility of the skeptics to convince the other 99.9 percent of scientists that they are correct — before they publish inflated claims in household magazines.

Suppose someone were to write an article denying the Holocaust or claiming that Sept. 11 was in inside job or even that there is no link between smoking and cancer. If that article simply regurgitated previously invalidated claims, throwing in some personal attacks, would the Texan publish

it? I hope not. Yet that is what the Texan (and much of the mainstream media) continues to do on the global warming issue. I suggest that readers go to a site that actually has discussions of all these issues (such as http://gristmill.grist.org/skeptics) so they can learn for themselves.

> Srinivas Nedunuri Computer sciences graduate student

I liken Earnest's columns to a car crash

Arrogance or parody?

or Britney Spears' performance at the VMAs — it's so sad and devastating you can't help but look at it. While I usually just sigh and move on after reading a Daniel Earnest, economics freshman, column, I wanted to let him know that this time he made some rather good observations ("The sky is falling," Oct. 3). For example, "all of the alarmism is designed to get your money and then guilt you into living your life a certain way" is a very true statement — Just like the alarmism President Bush has used to garner votes and bring us into a needless war, the religious right's feverish opposition to gay marriage when heterosexual divorce is the greatest threat to "traditional marriage, and the Republicans' claim that Hillary Clinton would turn the U.S. into a socialist regime as president.

Another good Earnest point is, "I'm not sure which is more arrogant: to say we caused global warming or to say that we can fix it." I wonder if Earnest would also be confused as to which was more arrogant: to say we caused global warming or to say we have no impact on climate change. I'm sure Earnest was just parodying Al Gore's arrogance in assuming something that science has yet to definitely answer. Or is imitation the finest form of flattery?

And last, but not least, I want to thank Earnest for letting me know the irrational rhetoric coming from sources like WorldNetDaily and Pat Robertson right here in The Daily Texan. It gives me more motivation to actually know what I'm talking about and avoid mindless political

Grayson Cox Civil engineering senior

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New curriculum promotes civic participation



Bryant Haertlein | Daily Texan Staff

plans designed to teach young people about citizenship.

Daily Texan Staff

A new curriculum aimed at increasing civic education among Texas public school students and developed by the American Trustees Project was launched Wednesday.

The project provides multimedia civic content for teachers to use in classrooms and is an initiative of the Annette Strauss Institute for Civic Participation at UT, said Deborah Wise, director of educational outreach for the institute.

"It's an eye-opener for kids to see ... that things can change and improve little by little," said Janie Maldonado, social studies curriculum specialist for the Austin Independent School District.

Maldonado said she came to the program's announcement at the Harry Ransom Center because this curriculum is useful to the character education that the district conducts from kindergarten to 12th grade.

This curriculum can help students adopt the mentality of "perseverance and pushing to get your ideas," she said.

The launch "ramped up the marketing and distribution of our product," Wise said. Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst gave an opening speech and a documentary was shown about one of the trustees, Barbara Brown, who founded a motor oil recycling program at age 12 in Victoria.

Institute director and communication studies professor Sharon Jarvis said 70 percent of youth feel disconnected from government according to a study called America Unplugged: Citizens and needs.

their Government by Hart-Teeter.

"Indeed, by almost every indicator, members of Generations X and Y know less and participate politically less than their forebears," Jarvis said.

By 2034, the voting rate for youth is projected to be at 25 percent,

Voter participation is constantly being "squeezed out" of the curriculum, Wise said. The project tries to rectify this by providing interdisciplinary ways to reintroduce civics into education, she said.

Members of the project have been attending educational conferences, as well as visiting schools and getting teacher input to learn of the curriculum gaps, Wise said. This helps the trustees learn what material to provide, Wise said.

More than 100 teachers in more than 10 schools statewide have been trained with the material.

Project members are using the 12 documentaries to transmit their message because each is a story that provides a model for young people to emulate, Wise said. Funding for the project has

Lyndon Baines Johnson Library and Museum as well as financial support from Humanities Texas and the institute's donors. Trustees hope the project will

come from a partnership with the

expand nationwide by forming partnerships with universities, Wise said. They will also continue to offer training in Texas.

The next step will be thoroughly examining additional curriculum needs based on state standards, student interest and teacher

Anonymous satirical newsletter takes aim at journalism students

By Kiah Collier Daily Texan Staff

The first issue of The Yellow Journalist, an anonymouslywritten student newsletter, has received positive feedback from faculty in the School of Journalism.

In the tradition of The Onion, The Daily Show with Jon Stewart and The Colbert Report, the satirical newsletter dishes out playful and biting commentary relevant to journalism students in regards to the changing media industry, the impact of technology on newspapers and the newlyrefurbished lobby in the Jesse Jones Communication Center Building A.

"It's terrific. It's exactly what we're trying to teach people to do here is have a lot of fun and learn journalism and sometimes pop people's bubbles," said Dave Garlock, a journalism senior lecturer whose classroom commentary is quoted twice in the newsletter.

One hundred more copies of the newsletter, printed on thick yellow paper and carrying the slogan "The Unofficial UT Journalism School Newsletter," will be distributed in the communications building today, said the editor and creator of the newsletter, who goes by the pen name "Pure Gold."

"Making it anonymous is key because we can say whatever we want without fear of discrimination."

Lieutenant Governor David Dewhurst speaks with UT College of Communication Dean Roderick P. Hart at a reception for the American

Trustees project at the Harry Ransom Center on Wednesday evening. The event celebrated the launch of a series of documentaries and lesson

"Pure Gold", Editor and creator of The Yellow Journalist

the lobby of the communica- response to the article. "I spent tion building and on reporters' 20 years in a newsroom, but I desks in The Daily Texan office realize news readership is going

The newsletter includes an advice column, an argument that students should receive internship credit for working at The Daily Texan and a letter urging President Bush to reinstate the draft so that young people will read newspapers again.

"I think it's funny in places and very creative," said Lorraine Branham, director of the School of Journalism. "It shows that our students have a sense of humor,

which I think is great." A front page article, under the armpit of a smiling image of Richard Nixon, addresses the push in the journalism school to train journalists to write, film and record interviews for online publications.

"I'm one of those ink stained write something for it."

Newsletters first appeared in wretches," Branham said in down. We need to start creating publications for the way people want to get their information.

To remain accountable to readers and critics, the newsletter provides an e-mail address at the bottom left-hand corner of the first page. Anyone who wishes to contribute is encouraged to send in his or her thoughts by e-mail, Pure Gold said.

The Yellow Journalist defends

its right to anonymity. "Making it anonymous is key because we can say whatever we want without fear of discrimination," Pure Gold said. "The main goal of this newsletter is to be relevant and witty. I want people to laugh but get something out of it and possibly even get angry or excited enough to

ART ALLIANCE AUSTIN UNVEILS NEW NAME, LOGO



Karl McDonald | Daily Texan Staff

Art Alliance Austin unveils its new name and logo at City Hall Thursday evening. Art Alliance Austin has been active in Austin for more than 50 years under various names. New or renamed programs were also introduced, including Art City Austin, a weekend art festival taking place downtown next spring. Representatives from the Blanton and the Austin Museum of Art were present to each accept a \$30,000 gift from Art Alliance Austin.

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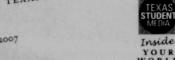
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FOOTBALL COLUMN

Hispanic descent often overlooked, especially in sports

By Ramon Ramirez

Daily Texan Columnist During "Saved by the Bell's" short-lived college years, Slater became a social activist. He and his Chicano organization staged a lock-in held at the dean's office. I don't remember what they were protesting — it really doesn't matter. Point is, Zach Morris rudely asked Slater why he was doing this.

'Because, preppy, I'm Chicano."

After Slater stormed out, Zach broke the fourth wall and spoke into the camera, "I always thought he was

Such is the reaction every time the heritage of a Mexican-American celebrity is revealed. Latino comedian Greg Giraldo put it best in one of those "Comedy Central Presents" stand up specials they rerun constantly: "'You don't look Hispanic' people tell me, like it's a compliment. No seriously, you look good."

Dr. Octopus, Dashboard Confessional's singer, Walt Disney, the blonde cheerleader whose affection the nerdy guy vied for in "Dodgeball" - all Hispanics. And Tony Gonzalez isn't the only prominent Hispanic NFL player who isn't a kicker.

He may be lighting up the league with his shifty moves and a plethora of big plays, but Tony Romo is still playing for a contract extension. I don't blame him for keeping his background on the low (his grandfather is from Coahuila, Mexico, making Romo a third-generation Mexican-American on his father's side), but as soon as he gets his guaranteed money, I expect a press con-

And when the state of Texas, with its sprawling, proud, colorful population of Mexicans, finds out that their beloved Vaqueros their first place Vacqueros de Dallas, boast a Latino quarterback who is currently the cock of the walk anyway (the fact he grew up in Wisconsin is irrelevant), he will be king. As a Mexican in Texas, I can tell you that we love two things:

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Yankees get taste of Big 12 football

By Mark Waclawiak

Daily Texan Staff

Most football fans know who the Detmer brothers are, whether it's because of Ty's Heisman glory at BYU or Koy's legendary neck beard in Philadelphia. However, few have felt the kind of pain at their hands that Mike Ogle was subjected to. On a windy day in Austin, Ogle was pummeled repeatedly by footballs as the Detmers competed in a quarging rights.

What seems like a weird dream is just another afternoon in the grand adventure that Matt Meyers and Mike Ogle have undertaken. These two sportswriters from New York have taken on the massive task of driving around the country going to Big 10 and Big 12 football games, from Camp Randall Stadium in Wisconsin to the Cotton Bowl in Dallas, and

terback challenge for sibling brag- watching football at its best from of days. the sidelines of each historic stadium. This is a college football

fan's dream on steroids. Meyers and Ogle spent their days in Austin meeting Bevo and his handlers, hanging out with the county judge who invented the "Hook 'Em" sign, taking part in a Detmer brothers competition and then watching the Texas-Kansas State game from the sidelines.

And that was just a couple

Earlier in the trip they saw a football star in the making at a Pennsylvania high school game, stopped by the Cincinnati Bengal's practice to talk with Carson Palmer and met with the "Yoda of Tailgating" in Louisville. But, as amazing as this trip sounds, not everyone is envious.

Unfortunately, the people who are usually most impressed by the job are guys," laughed

Meyers. "Girls aren't nearly as impressed."

Oh well.

But what would really make fans shed a tear in their Keystone Light is the tailgating culture across the Big Ten that these two have experienced. In Madison they witnessed the "Dodecabong," which is a beer bong that can be used simultaneously by 12

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Jordan Smotherman | Daily Texan Staff

As Texas players watch from the dugout, a Longhorn hitter keeps the team's powerful offensive attack going against Western Texas. The Longhorns won 15-1.

Texas rolls in first fall home game

Freshmen provide plenty of power for Longhorn cause in dominating win

> By Alise Augustine Daily Texan Staff

As the UT softball team ran onto their own field for the first time this fall, the confidence they showed was no coincidence. The 15-1 thrashing of Western Texas Junior College Wednesday night might prove to be the start of a great season, for both veteran and freshman players.

The night started with junior Shannon

field. When the Longhorns took the field, potential to do great things." nothing went past the infield.

Connie Clark said. "We are making progress out there, and that's what we want when we face these different opponents in the fall games.

Freshman pitcher Brittany Barnhill came up big at the plate in the third inning with a line drive between the center and left fielder to start a rally with sophomore Kori Cook and junior Kacie Gaskin that knocked in two more runs.

"Brittany was great both offensively

Thomas as she stole her way around the and defensively tonight," Clark said. "She

we chose to focus on," Texas head coach Texas led to the highlight of the game. Another freshman — catcher and outfielder Amy Hooks — hit a three-run homerun in the sixth inning, making the

> 'It was my first homerun, so it is going to feel good," Hooks said. " I tried not to think about anything and just make contact, but I felt it hit the sweet spot. Even if we know, we still have to run hard until we see the umpire tell us that it is a

Barnhill finished the last two innings on bases and scored on a fly ball hit to center is so talented, and we know that she has the hill where she made an outstanding double play and caught a line drive to A few more runs scored by Texas, and make the first, second, and third out. The "We are really improving in areas that a couple more errors made by Western whole team performed well and contributed to the win, but the freshmen stood out. Clark said that she was proud to see Barnhill and Hooks play the way they did because it shows improvement.

The fall games do not follow the same rules that the rest of the season does. The games last through eight innings, regardless of the score, and the teams are allowed to substitute differently as well.

The Texas softball team continues their fall schedule against Temple College on Oct. 10 at 6:30 p.m. at McCombs Field.

VOLLEYBALL

College Station site of a convincing UT victory

By Nathan Riojas Daily Texan Staff

Wednesday night, Texas got off on the right foot. Not just the volleyball team, but the entire athletic program.

The Longhorns' victory over Texas A&M gave Texas an early .5 lead in the State Farm Lone Star Showdown and keeps the volleyball team near the top in the conference

The seventh-ranked Longhorns (9-3, 5-1 Big 12) swept the Aggies (12-5, 2-5) in College Station for their sixth-consecutive win against the in-state rival.

Texas fought off A&M in a back-andforth match, because the Longhorns pro-

duced big runs in every game, and the Aggies couldn't.

In the first frame Texas went on a 6-3 run in game two," Elliott said. for an early 15-13 lead, then followed it up with a 4-1 run that put it ahead 20-16.

Again in the second game the Longhorns took off on 4-0 and 7-2 runs that A&M could not overcome.

Finally, outside hitters Juliann Faucette and Destinee Hooker fueled back-breaking runs in the third to close out the match. Texas went on a 7-0 streak with Faucette at the service line, and Hooker served up another 5-0 run, giving the Longhorns a 23-13 advantage. They won the match 30-25, 30-28, 30-25.

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Faucette turned in another big night on national television - ESPN-U this time with a match-high 20 kills on .395 hitting and rounded out a double-double showing with 11 digs.

"She likes playing in front of big crowds," Elliott said. "If anything you're trying to calm her down to stay steady. It's nice and can feed off of anything."

Middle blocker Lauren Paolini landed 13 kills with her season-best .611 clip. And after getting off to a slow start in the first,

"We've got to put up runs like that offen- Hooker finished the night with 13 kills on .152 hitting.

> As a team the Longhorns out-hit the Aggies .352 to .238. But A&M got four more total blocks than Texas and received 10 service errors from the Longhorns, allowing the Aggies to keep it as close as they did.

Defensively Texas would like to produce four blocks per game and hold the opposition to under .150 hitting.

"We didn't do a very good job off getwhen you have those kinds of weapons ting over the net and making aggressive moves," Elliott said. "That's something we'll go back to try and be able to do."

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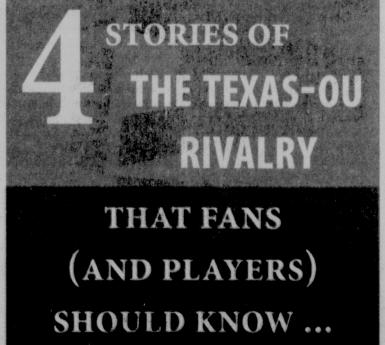
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SCORES MLB Playoffs



'The Play'

By Ryan Killian Daily Texan Columnist

One of the most memorable plays from the Texas/OU rivalry is one Longhorn fans wish they could forget.

In 2001, Mack Brown and Bob Stoops were meeting for just their

third time, and they were 1-1 against each other. The Oklahoma head coach had won during the previous season, and his streak of five victories over Texas was just getting started.

But with Texas trailing only by four points in the fourth quarter, the Longhorns had a chance to go down the field and win the game. They had a long way to go and not much time, though. There was just over two minutes on the clock, and they were pinned within their own

five-yard line.

And they had an NFL prospect under center. Chris Simms never could seem

to get it done when it really mattered, but this was his chance to change that perception with one drive. Texas had used all of its time-outs. It was just another twominute drill.

Unfortunately for the Longhorns, Simms had already thrown two interceptions, including one on his last pass attempt.

His next try would result in what Brown called Wednesday, "one of the great plays in the history of the

game. Roy Williams plays safety in Dallas for the Cowboys now, and that's where he was in 2001. Except then, he was playing the position

for the Sooners. On this particular play, he was blitzing, and everyone knew it. Heck, it looked like Stoops was sending every defender he had after Simms.

Instead, a couple guys dropped back into coverage. Williams wasn't among them.

As Simms dropped back into the endzone to pass, running back Brett Robin darted past to block Williams. The safety would have

none of it. But he'd have to ignore coach

Stoops had told him not to leap, but if he were going to make a play, he'd have to get airborne. Robin went low, aiming to take out the safety, but Williams wasn't there.

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people, designed by those crafty Wisconsin engineering students. In Ann Arbor, they spent the entire morning tailgating on a golf course filled with students and alumni. At Penn State, they tried to navigate through a sea of tailgaters playing a lot of "Cornhole and prop-related drinking games." They even took part in a game of "Drinko" here at the University of Texas - everything they could to soak in the college football culture.

whale of a time here, despite being Probably not too out of the ordihit by more footballs than the Kansas State defensive line.

"I really liked Austin, just because I love the vibe here," Meyers said. "And there's something about Texas pride that's different than other places. The pride that UT fans have for their school and state is unmatched anywhere

And most people in Austin will reiterate that. The culture of Austin is a unique thing, and it's something that these two got a firsthand experience of.

It's cool, because it's a city, but still has the college town feel," Meyers said. "Austin has that dual element which I find makes it pretty special.'

Before the game last Saturday at the Scholz's beer garden, a girl no older than 13 who was waiting for Vince Young to arrive began lecturing these two New Yorkers Ogle and Meyers did have a about the legacy of Earl Campbell. nary in the state of Texas, but, to these two guys, it was a shock, among other things.

"There were little kids at the game dressed up as cowboys. That's something you would never see in the Northeast. The people here take a lot of pride in it, and it's a real cultural difference." Meyers

Both of the guys loved the cowgirl outfits the cheerleaders were sporting, and can't wait to see them again this weekend as they travel to Dallas for the Red River Rivalry. Even though the game isn't the blockbuster it was slated to be, since both teams fell the previous week, the rivalry is still as heated as ever, and these two are sure to have the time of their lives. After that, they venture back north to Big 10 country and won't be back in Texas until the great in-state rivalry that is Texas-Texas A&M.

So if you see either of these guys at the State Fair, be sure to buy them a corn dog or a beer and ask them about some of their stories from the road. They have plenty. And for all those guys who follow college football with a passion, even anyone who just loves sports, and thinks that these guys are living the dream, well you're right.

"It's a grind." Meyers said. "But

PLAY: Williams' play among rivalry's best ever

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He was soaring through the air, arms outstretched like some sort of Sooner Superman.

And he flew right into Simms. Like everyone else within a mile or so, Simms saw the blitz coming, and he was already trying to

get rid of the ball when Williams hit him. But it was too late. Williams caught a piece of the ball before it was out, and the ball

fluttered through the air like a just-shot dove.

Teddy Lehman, an Oklahoma

blitz. At the snap he engaged left guard Derrick Dockery. With the offensive lineman thus occupied, Williams was able to shoot through the hole while Lehman peeled off.

And the errant pass floated right to him.

His two-yard interception return for a touchdown was antidisplay, but it was the last shovel of dirt on Texas' grave.

score, and Roy makes a great play on top because Williams went linebacker, had been among by diving over and hitting Chris,"

those several Sooners showing Brown said. "It's just one of those things where they make a great interception to win the game.'

> Simms' next pass attempt was also intercepted, giving him three in three plays. The Longhorns fell 14-3, and Stoops shook the benched Major Applewhite's hand after the game.

Like Williams, Lehman, Simms and Dockery are all in the NFL climactic after William's athletic now. Their fraction of the play was a contest between some of the elite college players at the "We had a chance at 7-3 to go time, and the Sooners came out over the top.

VOLLEYBALL: Longhorns tearing through Big 12

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A&M's G. Rollie White raucous atmosphere when the at the end of the year." Longhorns are in town, and proroad in the NCAA tournament.

"We have the advantage of Showdown, and wins "send the conference winning streak.

playing in a conference like this," Elliott said. "You can play in and there." learn from experiences like this. Coliseum always produces a It's only going to pay dividends understand what this rivalry

Getting the win in College vides Texas' teams with infor- Station means a lot to the lot riding on it, but it's why you mation it could lean on down the Longhorns, because it gets them on the board in the Lone Star

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seniors out on a positive note

"It's our responsibility to means as far as pride within the state," Elliott said. "There's a come to Texas to be a part of it."

Texas now owns a five-game

NASCAR COLUMN

Slow and steady, now needing to win a race

By Nathan Riojas

Daily Texan Columnist

He didn't belong here. He was out of his league. And he definitely wasn't going to contend for the championship.

Critics dogged him three weeks ago.

Now, he's silencing those nay-

Clint Bowyer came into the Chase as the only contender without a win in 2007. Heck, he had never won a race. But heading into Talladega this weekend, Bowyer is a legitimate threat to win it all.

The odds were certainly against him. Driving in just his second full season, Bowyer made his Chase debut starting 12th in points.

His improbable rise up the standings started at Loudon, N.H., where he dominated the race — leading 222 of 300 laps from the pole and making his first trip to victory lane. That after finishing 37th at Loudon in July. The win moved him to 4th in points, and the No. 07 team took a renewed confidence into Dover. Bowyer wasn't great, but he avoided trouble at The Monster Mile and put up a solid 12th-place finish despite starting 42nd.

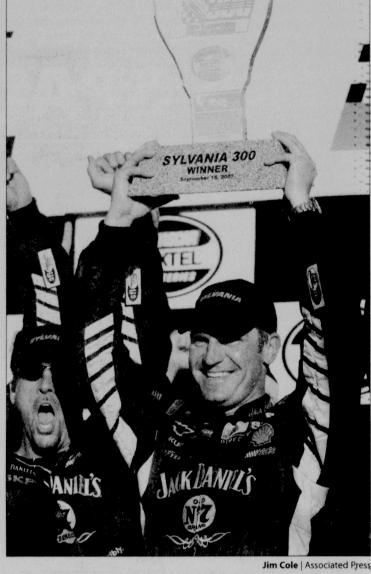
A native of Emporia, Kan., he went to his home track last weekend — Kansas Speedway in Kansas City - 5th in the standings and qualified 10th.

While seven of the 12 chasers finished 29th or worse Sunday, Bowyer capitalized, coming in second to Greg Biffle.

Three races into the Chase Bowyer is third in the standings, just 14 points behind leader Jimmie Johnson and 103 ahead of 4th place Tony Stewart.

With such a big points gap between the top three drivers and the other nine, Johnson, Jeff Gordon and Bowyer could turn the championship into a threeman race. If they can avoid major problems over the last seven events, most of the field will not be able to catch them.

Johnson and Gordon seem more likely to run off strings of top-five and top-10 finishes, but though, Bowyer will need the ter than 35th.



NASCAR driver Clint Bowyer holds up his first Nextel trophy after winning the NASCAR Sylvania 300. With the win, Bowyer put himself in position to contend for a points title.

two at the top to slip up in a

He will also have to improve his previous performances at the six remaining tracks the Series has already visited this season. He has a 19.83 combined average finish at the tracks leading up to Homestead in Miami.

Between the 'Big One' and the Car of Tomorrow's superspeedway debut, anything can happen at Talladega this weekend. But Bowyer hasn't had much Bowyer can hang with them if luck there in the past. He has Johnson and Gordon lose he can stay as consistent as he been wrecked in his only three (depending on how you look at has been lately. More than likely, races there, never finishing bet- it) would be satisfying for a lot

Keep in mind, though, these stats are the reason no one picked Bowyer to make a run in the first place. He's defied the numbers so far. Who's to say he won't keep doing it?

Bowyer is now the Cinderella story that everyone is rooting for. Johnson and Gordon are like the Yankees of NASCAR. They're from California and they win all the time. Not a big hit with the largely-Southern fan base.

Watching Bowyer win or

RAMIREZ: Heritage comes with responsibilities

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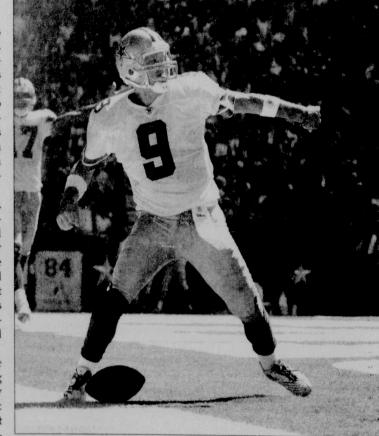
nationalism and the Dallas Cowboys. Romo will be deified, air brushed on long tees, rooted for in every bar that serves Tecate. He'll be international: there's a reason whichever pro team got stuck playing a preseason game in Mexico City's Estadio Azteca used to sign Marco Martos just to cut him after their contractual appear-

But, when this is revealed, new expectations and responsibilities will become attached for Romo. It's been said many times, most recently by Ozzie Smith during an ESPN special about Roberto Clemente, but the greatest measure of a man is when he can move beyond personal professional success and impact society for the better.

Prominent athletes have a responsibility to, if nothing else, lead by example. Minority pros carry a bit more weight: they are in permanent, inherent positions to provide immeasurable influence, to voice their voiceless constituency. The aforementioned Clemente died in a plane crash while personally making sure the aid he raised for Nicaragua's earthquakeravaged populous made it into the hands of those in need. He founded a sports complex in Puerto Rico so the underprivileged could hone their talents and made the careers of guys like Jorge Posada possible decades later.

Sports needs more Jim Browns, fewer Michael Jordans. Now more than ever, when Americans tune out the news and society, numbing life's ills through Monday Night Football and funny, misogynist beer commercials, athletes should have opinions and voice them.

Yawning in commercials, judging the Miss Universe



Matt Slocum | Associated Press

Dallas Cowboys quarterback Tony Romo reacts after scoring on a 15yard run against the St. Louis Rams in the second quarter of their NFL football game Sunday in Irving, Texas.

Underwood simply doesn't cut it for Romo. He is the face of the biggest franchise in sports this side of the Yankees and Manchester United, at least give me a United Way ad.

Monday night's Bills game is just the first of many nationallytelevised moments for Romo. Dallas struggles, the Bills have owned the 'Boys since the last Super Bowl they lost, they have a permanent vendetta to rectify their horrendous short-comings, but Dallas pulls away in the second half and heads back to Big D with a 5-0 record.

Joey Harrington finally held me down in a Falcons win. Silver

conservative with a couple of quick hits to wrap this puppy up: the Titans ruin Atlanta's high, the Rams hang one on the Cardinals and finally win, the Dolphins do the same to the Texans.

In the battle of mediocre New York teams, I'll take the Giants. I'll also take the Seahawks to win a rematch of Super Bowl XL over the Steelers; Pittsburgh isn't that good, kudos for winning games against cupcakes and handling business, but the backslide really gets going here for Mike Tomlin's bunch. Last week was abysmal, but Finally, I'll take two solid squads (4-0 Packers, 2-2 Broncos) to respectively bury the seasons of pageant and courting Carrie linings people. We'll play it the Chargers and Bears.

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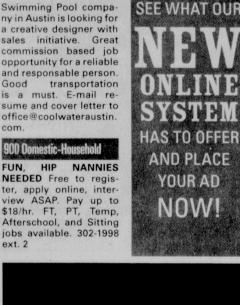
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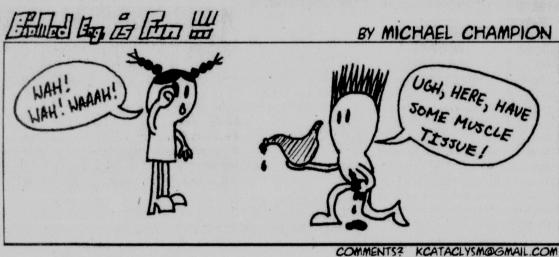
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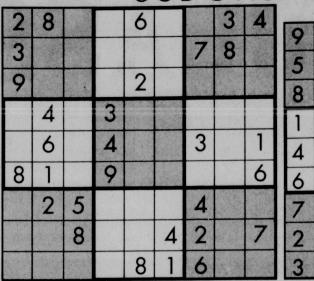


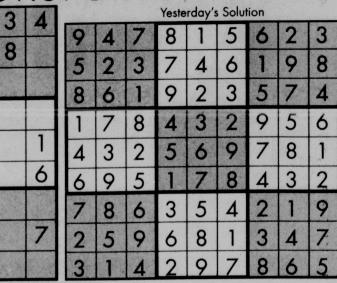


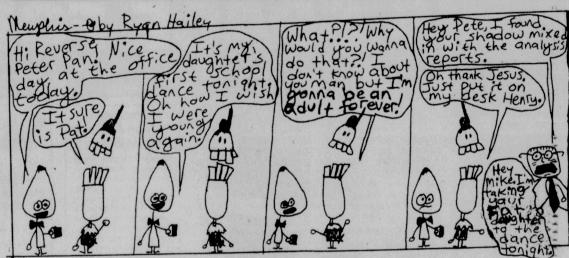
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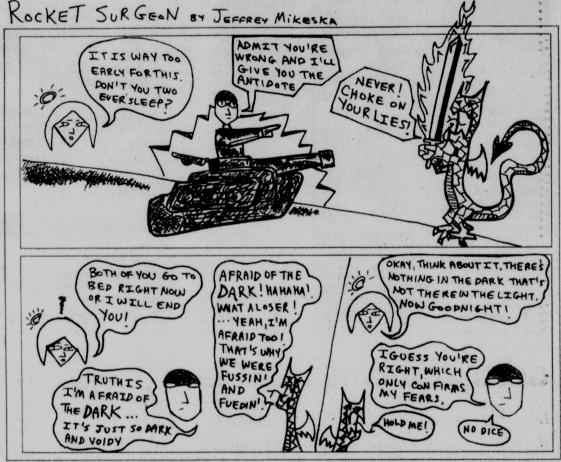
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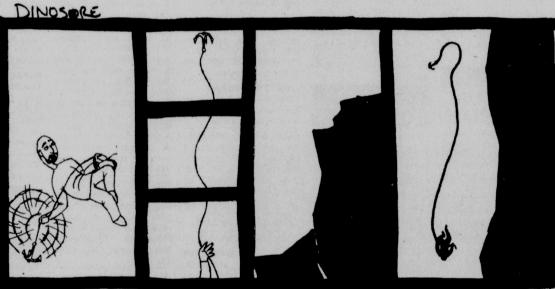


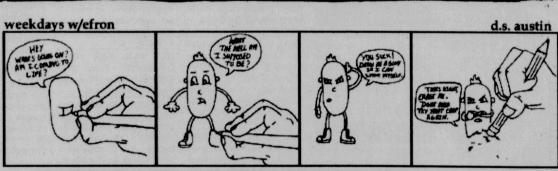






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STORE: Brave New Books collaborates with New American Citizen to spark forum for topics

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rights, no book can be banned from publication or distribution, he said.

"But if a distributor decides not to carry a book, it is effectively bánned," Dietrich said. He also said that major retail bookstores will flag a book in their system, indicating that they have access to the book, but choose not to carry it. Many of the books Dietrich carries are not found in Barnes and Noble or Borders bookstores,

"About 40 to 50 percent of the books we carry won't be found in major chain stores," Dietrich said.

Many of the books come from small publishing houses, which makes it difficult to sell them to major chains like Borders, he said. And if major retailers are not buy-

"[I want students to] confront information and question the information they are being taught."

> Harlan Dietrich, owner of Brave New Books

not interested.

chooses not to carry.

Even so, Brave New Books will not sell just any book.

We do a lot of vetting," Dietrich said. Many people will come in looking for books that the store

"It's censorship on our end," admits Dietrich, "but we take that right, since we are providing people with information that they can trust. You won't find books on UFOs or Yetties. We also stay away from things like Jewish conspiracy theories.

He says one of the main goals of the store is to teach customers ing, major publishing houses are about their constitutional rights

and sell materials that support

'Other anti-establishment bookstores are way off in talking about issues that affect out lives," Dietrich said.

Austin is probably the only city the store could actually survive in, Dietrich said. The placement of the store on The Drag, directly across from the UT campus, is no coincidence. Dietrich says he wants students to "confront information, and question the information they are being taught in class."

"The country isn't going to change unless young people get involved," he said.

That is why Brave New Books is affiliated with Project for a New American Citizen, a student organization on the UT campus that focuses on sparking conversation on hot topics and getting students to question what they have been told about a range of issues.

Andrew Galindo, a history junior, joined the organization after transferring to UT last year. He said the availability of information at Brave New Books is what draws him into the store.

"I don't know when it became an overnight sensation that the TV was the truth," Galindo said.

Brave New Books has a dedicated core of regular customers, Dietrich said, as well as an influx of new visitors. Between 75 and 150 customers will come into the store on a given day. Dietrich and his three part-time employees do more than sell books to their cus-

tomers. They share information and try to educate consumers. Students will come in looking for help on research papers and other projects. In addition, the store has regular video screenings, discussions and their weekly Freedom School, a class in which attendees can learn about constitutional

New customers in the store are given free DVDs of different documentaries. Last year, 30,000 DVDs were handed out. Dietrich said he has noticed that as the customers who received those DVDs absorb the information, they come back in — not always immediately, often a full year later - and ask for even more information.

A range of topics are included in the selection at Brave New Books, including The Artificially Sweetened Times, a newsletter promoting the removal of aspar-

tame from the food supply of the United States.

"I definitely don't agree with everything in here," Galindo said. Nor does Dietrich agree with everything he sells in the store. While there are books he personally disagrees with, he continues to stock them because "it could be true." He looks for "the potential and possibility to be true" in a book, and "topics that are impor-

tant enough to discuss." The variety of information is important, Dietrich says, because "we're trying to lead people away from that binary, black-and-white way of thinking.

Ultimately, Dietrich says his goal is to see the store go out of

'I would like this information to be easily and readily available. We think there is a demand for this information," he said.



Phil Nemy, director of the UT in L.A. internship program, will hold workshops this week to educate students

Director says cost woes should not deter students from L.A. program

Lavish living, Monday-only classes some of the perks of Los Angeles internship program

> By Natalia Ciolko Daily Texan Staff

Starry-eyed students, dust off your rolling backpacks and fire up your Blackberry — Los Angeles awaits you.

UT in L.A. program director Phil Nemy makes a guest appearance in Austin this week questions about your future in the UTLA program.

"I think the biggest misconception students have about the program is that it's going to be too expensive for them. In reality, our eosts are in line with any study abroad program," Nemy said.

The typical week runs like this: for meals, and during the rest

Upcoming UTLA events •UTLA information session with program director Phil Nemy on Thursday, Oct. 4 from 4 to 5 p.m. UTC 4.102 Personal Consultation with Nemy on Friday, Oct. 5 at 1:30 p.m. in the Communications Career Services

to answer any and all of your days at their internships, which gives them plenty of time to discretely hide their resumes all over the offices. Students in the program set up their own work, taking their pick from the program's delicious database of over 400 employers, including Sony, BMG, Universal Studios and Disney.

Nemy said that of about 180 on Mondays, students attend all students who have gone through three of their classes, with breaks the program, over 30 students have remained in L.A., workof the week, Tuesday through ing with the contacts they made Friday, the students work long during their semester in Los yours.

UTLA students live lavishly in the Oakwood Apartments, directly across from the school's center.

'This is the most plush living you can imagine for a college student," Nemy

There are 1,100 apartments in the complex, shared by students from Emerson, Boston University and Brigham Young University. There are two weight rooms, two swimming pools, a private screening room, dry cleaning and a car rental facility all within the

The program runs for 14 weeks in the fall and spring and 10 weeks in the summer. Nemy said that applications are being accepted for 2008, and students are also welcome to apply for 2009 and 2010, to reserve their spots in advance.

For more information, speak with Nemy and get a good look at his tan. It could one day be

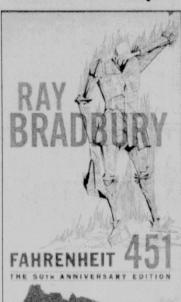
BOOK: Author sees irony in censorship

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incorrigible, "Uncle Sam" character, whose own moral ambiguity is intended to symbolize America's own place in the world. Updike once described the Rabbit as his "ticket to the America all around me" when he updated Rabbit's life in three other novels (two of which won Pulitzer Prizes).

Updike's tremendous prose, written in the present tense (a literary anomaly at the time), gives the book an uneasiness, as though the reader is traveling with the characters into the future with no chance to reflect. It's perfect for the Rabbit series, as Harry acts like an impulsive rabbit, unsure how to regain the glory of his basketball career and escape the constraints of his suburban life.

"Rabbit, Run" was initially censored for its sexual content, but upon its second printing, the novel was restored to its original form. The novel was then banned in Ireland in 1962 and removed from reading lists all across America in the following decades.



Fahrenheit 451

Of all the books to come under fire from censors, schools, concerned parents, governments and worry worts in general, 'Fahrenheit 451," Ray Bradbury's takes the cake as the most ironic. After all, should not a novel dialogue cribbed for a Toadies about a dystopian future where - J. Ridewood books are burned as a matter of

course be safer than most from the slings and arrows of the paranoid?

Yet "Fahrenheit 451," which speaks profoundly to the importance of literature in cultivating and maintaining a functional civilization, has been assaulted more than a few times, most notably when more than 75 sections of the book were eliminated in some editions by Ballantine Books, a galling action Bradbury himself referred to as "an exquisite irony" in some versions of the book's forward.

In a world growing more like Bradbury's disturbing vision of the future every day — with our wall-sized flat panel televisions, image-driven politics and bookleery culture - "Farhenheit 451," the simple tale of a man who refuses to burn books, is as worth revisiting as ever. Most of you probably read this one in high school. No matter — pick 1953 soft science fiction classic, it up, take another look at it and see if you can spot the line of

— Patrick Caldwell

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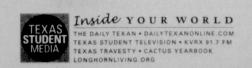
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BANNED BOOKS WEEK

Going underground for banned books

Store on the Drag sells unconventional texts

By Mary Hooper Daily Texan Staff

Across from the University of Texas at Austin campus, the all-seeing eye pyramid on the front of Brave New Books tends to catch the attention of passersby. Downstairs, owner Harlan Dietrich runs this bookstore to which he dedicates all of his

You are literally inside of my head right now," he said about

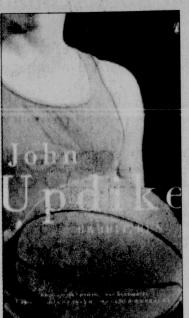
Brave New Books opened in August 2006, though Dietrich said the seeds were planted the day after the attacks on the World Trade Center. Dietrich said he noticed that masses of informa-

tion were not being discussed or debated out in the open. Dietrich pursued this information as he finished his degrees in history and American studies at UT.

In June 2006, Dietrich traveled to Chicago for the 9/11 Revealing The Truth Conference. He met a man whom he describes as a "proactive investor" from the Austin area, and within two months after the conference, Dietrich and his investor teamed up to open Brave New Books. The store sells books, films and materials that Dietrich said are often suppressed.

Under First Amendment

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List of censored novels continues with rabid tale of impulsive Rabbit

Rabbit, Run

Supposedly written as a response to the Jack Kerouac's "On the Road," John Updike's "Rabbit, Run" offers an explanation to what happens to the people left behind when a man runs away. Set in 1950s suburban Pennsylvania, "Rabbit, Run" is the story of a former high-school basketball star who abruptly leaves his pregnant, alcoholic wife to live with a prostitute. The novel's protagonist, Harry "Rabbit" Angstrom, is an

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DVD COLUMN



Jessica Alba stars in 'Fantastic Four: Rise of the Silver Surfer," out this week on

Relaxing rentals nice alternative to studying

upon the young minds of this university, and what could one do to celebrate after acing all the tests? No, not go on a three-day up to Dallas. Give that liver a rest and instead check out what's new this week at the video store.

'Fantastic Four: Rise of the

Silver Surfer'

Nothing screams "Comic Book Film Fun" like a decidedly Aryan looking Jessica Alba and a silver hands guided missiles like Liza Minelli used to do to David Gest. The film is obviously aimed at a younger crowd so why don't you just pretend you still enjoy Pogs and "TGIF" and just turn off your brain to enjoy this piece

'1408'

Just to start it off, this film isn't that scary, but it's better than a poke in the eye (or another sequel to "The Grudge"). This is really a one-man show, with my boy John Cusack taking center stage. There's literally not a single movie in which I dislike him. He was even good in "Must Love Dogs." Director Mikael Hafstrom does a good job of instilling a

to be in the club.

No Shows Thurs, Oct. 11 SHOWTIMES VALID

Well the first batch of mid-sense of dread throughout the terms is about to be unleashed film, but the train kind of goes off the tracks due to the mediocre ending. Samuel Jackson shows up to share some expository dialogue and curse (but since when drinking binge before heading is that a bad thing). It's great to see Cusack trying something different, and "1408" is, overall, a relatively entertaining old fashioned haunted house film.

'How I Met Your Mother:

Season Two'

This is without a doubt the best three-camera sitcom on teleclad surfing nudist. The first film vision today, and Season Two was quite unenjoyable thanks is when the show definitely hit to mediocre special effects, a its stride. Ted (Josh Radnor) hammy script, and Alba's blank stopped being such a love hunexpression/ever-drifting blue gry creepster and finally got contact lenses. The thing that into a relationship with Robin really made this film was the (Cobie Smulders). While I do Silver Surfer. He's silver, he surfs, love Ted and Robin, it's really he flies through walls and back- a show that belongs to Barney (Neil Patrick Harris), Marshall (Jason Segel) and Lily (Alyson Hannigan). Those three are the core of what makes the show so damn funny. The peak of Season Two was achieved in the episode "Slap Bet" which started the "slap bet" between Marshall and Barney (which will pay off during the upcoming sweeps week) and provided one of the best fake music videos ever. Watch it, love it, get addicted.

Also out this week: hug it out with "Entourage: Season 3, Part 2;" see Helen Mirren star in the Penthouse-produced, Roman Empire epic "Caligula;" and see Neo, Hannibal Lecter and The Rocketeer kill vampires in "Bram Stoker's Dracula.'

- Alex Regnery



Devendra Banhart and artist friends dress up in soft velvets for the first shot, after which make-up and cross-dressing ensues. Other pictures

Songs for every myriad dream

By Robert Weeks

Daily Texan Columnist ly from there. Since childhood he's been a wandering dharma bum, migrating from Texas to Caracas, Venezuela to southern California, to San Francisco, to Paris, to Bearsville, NY, near Woodstock, and - more recently — to Topanga Canyon where he — and a family of artistfriends (a family which includes Houston native, protégé, and opening act on his current tour Jana Hunter) he collected over the years - composed his latest album, Smokey Rolls Down Thunder Canyon, which channels Topanga's previous residents: Neil Young, Joni Mitchell and

the Manson Family. Unlike some feral musicianpoet ghosts from years past, Banhart doesn't need to recreate his past with some contrived

cultures, traditions, genders and everything else.

We've seen him adorned by Native American headdresses, the plurally symbolic bindi, elaborate make-up, a sparkling bodice thing, cumbersome-looking turquoise jewelry and American hippie-era denim. We've heard his songs styled as spare, haunting folk myths and poems, ecstatic Latin tropicalia and samba hip-shakers, American do-whoppers, psychedelic acidvisions, gospel hymns and pop masterpieces — a world music appropriation aesthetic he called, "New New Wave" back before the release of Cripple Crow.

Like fellow beat artist Joanna Newsom, who grew out of a twee folk style and into the

mythology. His history clearly Banhart's influences and ambi- ful utterance as (as everybody informs his exotic personae and tions have been given voice and else testifies) Devendra conjures Devendra Banhart was born his last two albums (Cripple Crow free range with the passing of Jim Morrison in all his carnal in Houston, but he's not real- and Smokey), which synthesize time. Even his early releases on splendor. What begins with a Young God Records sound comparatively spare and homey, like they were written and recorded by Banhart's silhouette soaked in a pacific coast back-porch sunset.

While he maintains much of that rose-tinted style in his bilingual (English and Spanish) vocal delivery, the instrumentation and production of his latest work is executed with the keen attention of serious, albeit never too serious, artists. But on the epic, "Seahorse" (in which folk deity Vashti Bunyan cameos) Banhart does something which is unprecedented even after the indulgent variety of Cripple Crow. What begins as vagabond troubadour's peyote-high soliloquy mutates into a guitar-charged psychedelic jam. His androgyorchestral density of Ys last year, nous warble finds new soul-

quiet desire ("I wanna be a little seahorse,") ends in phobia: "I'm scared of ever being born again, scared to take this form again."

The song's video is a home movie shot at Topanga during the recording of the album. Banhart and the usual crew (as well as actor Gael Garcia Bernal) practice, record and do a bunch of crazy random things like dance with a rifle while wearing nothing but underwear and a fencing mask. It's nice to know that regardless of how much we analyze Devendra Banhart and his music, the dude's just trying to have a good time, and must every time he plays his songs.

Devendra Banhart and Jana Hunter play La Zona Rosa on





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Investigating race with the **Black Arts Movement Festival**

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editor's note

TEXAS/OU WEEKEND SEPARATES THE FAITHFUL FROM THE FAITHLESS

According to Texas folklore — or ironclad Texas history, if you're Hank Hill - during a particularly grim moment of the Battle of the Alamo, Lieutenant Colonel Travis drew a line in the sand, inviting all the troops to stay and fight, and presumably die. Most variants of the story end with all but one soldier electing to throw their lives down for the cause.

While the stakes of the impending battle between Texas and OU may not be quite as high, the odds do look a little iffy. Just as with Travis' classic line in the sand, the decision over whether or not to make the pilgrimage to Dallas for this weekend's football game serves as a handy litmus test for separating your casual fans from your true believers. To those of you preparing to trek north to Dallas this weekend: I salute you.

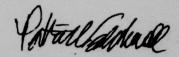
For those of you planning to stay in town instead, lacking either the time, money or willingness to see our beloved Horns face possible defeat, well, we've got you covered, with an inside look at several of the weekend's best events. Campus can be a mighty quiet, windswept place during Texas/OU weekend, vaguely resembling a "Left Behind"-style post-Rapture world. So now, more then ever, it's a good time to get yourself out of the college fishbowl and into the sea that is Austin.

Particularly notable is the return of two longabsent, much-beloved punk icons Friday night, as Sonic Youth and (the now local) Meat Puppets take the stage at Stubb's to remind us why they inspired a generation of rockers. Kurt Cobain did everything he could to get the youth of 1993 to listen to the Meat Puppets - short of personally delivering a copy of Up On The Sun to your doorstep - so take this weekend's opportunity to make good on the Nirvana front man's wishes and see just why so many loved the Meat Puppets so much.

Of course, the best in circa-1985 punk isn't to everyone's musical tastes, which is why we also explore two of Austin's best rising stars: the Lions, and What Made Milwaukee Famous, the local quintet who first made waves with a critically-accalimed 2004 album. Or you could check out "A Ride With Bob," a musical biography of country pioneer Bob Wills written and performed by none other then Ray Benson, beloved Austin country institution and notable really tall guy. Seriously, you could camp out in Ray Benson's shadow on a hot summer day.

Or you could just dance Sunday night away at Dance Dance Party Party, which — and I have this on good authority — is supposed to rock rock hard hard. But no matter how you elect to spend your weekend, keep our Horns in your thoughts and - if you're the type, why not? — prayers. You may be a five-hour drive away — four if you're feeling frisky but in spirit, there's no reason you can't be right there in the stands.

Barred from returning to Dallas on account of shooting



Patrick Caldwell DT Weekend editor

DANCE DANCE PARTY PARTY

Nia Space 3212 Congress Avenue Sundays 6 - 7:30 p.m.



Kim Espinosa | Daily Texan Staff

We all secretly do it - we crank up the stereo and shake it like we're Shakira (emphasis on secretly). Dance Dance Party Party kicks it up a notch, taking it from the bedroom to the dance studio.

"It's a do-it-yourself dance party for camaraderie and exercise," said Laura Dunaway, local founder, of the new phenomenon only just now hitting Austin.

The lights are dimmed and the mirrors are concealed. It's "no boys and no judgment." Here, you are joined with a group of women from their early 20s to late 50s. A different playlist is selected each week, offering 90 minutes of a variety of high-energy music that can be found on DDPP's different blogs. You can even bring your own playlist and be DJ of the day. The list includes songs from every era, including Gwen Stefani, Ray Charles and - of course - Madonna.

Originating in New York and Chicago, DDPP is the perfect resolution to escaping the "sweaty guys at clubs or self-consciousness of dancing in front of a crowd." Dunaway was introduced to it after two of her best friends started it in Chicago. With its growing popularity, her friends recommended Laura replicate it in Austin, where they predicted mass interest.

Boas and hula hoops are offered, spicing it up as everyone brings their own style to the table, comprising of the sprinkler, the macarena, and the ever-so-popular Michael Jackson flair. Basically, it's Sixth Street without the heels and make-up. Go ahead - sweat.

"It's better than the treadmill," said Dunaway

A twist on exercising, it beats going to the gym and the ice is quick to break, as you're surrounded with women who are all equally enthused to be there.

The best part? There are no dance instructions or restrictions; choreography is left to your own imagination. There's no need to feel dumb because everyone else is doing the same thing. The motto? "We can dance if we want to."

Admission is \$5 to cover the rental space. Regular shoes are not permitted — dance shoes are allowed, but socks are the norm. Women are often witnessed sliding... as their

Only having been in Austin for two weeks, DDPP has already drawn up quite a crowd and expects to see attendance continue to grow. It's just really another one of those things that Keeps Austin Weird.

Sylvia Lam

DASHBOARD CONFESSIONAL

La Zona Rosa Monday, 7 p.m.

Chris Carrabba has always been kind of awesome.

I wholly admire his ability to completely put himself out there; he must know how much he's been made fun of, how his face has been turned into a flag for everything

people detest about his genre. Yet Carrabba keeps strumming away. He is acoustic gold.

And to be honest, he's written about 15 incredible songs including that one from "Spider-man 2." Don't even act like that wasn't the best thing about any of the "Spider-man"

Alright, I'm being coy. I know damn well that song is called "Vindicated." This rock writer thing is just a front; my facade conceals a weakness for earnest, gut-wrenching emo ballads about swiss army romance, blessed nights, hair everywhere and the places you have come to fear the most.

This is where I say I've had enough, no one should ever feel the way that I do now. I'm a walking open wound, a choking display of

bruises, and I don't believe that I'm getting any better. Any better...

Waiting here with hopes the phone will ring, and I'm thinking awful things, pretty sure that you would notice. And this apartment is starving for an argument - anything at all to break the silence.

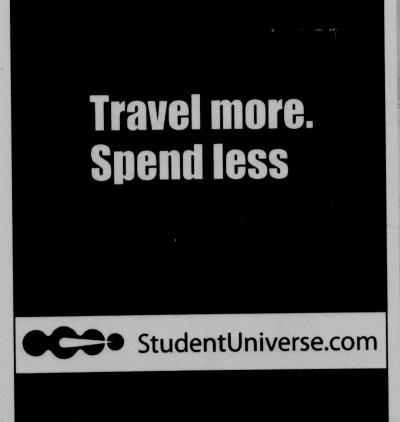
Don't be a liar, don't say that everything's working when everything's broken. You look like a saint but you curse like a sailor and your eyes say the jokes on me. I'm not laughing, you're not leaving.

Who do I think I'm kidding? Kiss me hard, this will be the last time that I let you. You will be back someday and this awkward kiss that tells of other people's lips will be of service to keeping you away.

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Réalité et féminisme avec les Femme Fantastiques

By Jesse Cordes Selbin

The realm of feminist surrealist fantasy is one infrequently explored in pop culture. Femme Fantastique, the current exhibit at contemporary art space the Volitant Gallery, attempts to do just that, presenting the work of 14 female artists whose work transcends borders and boldly mixes personal experience with fantasy, playing with the idea of multiple realities.

Xochi Solis, director of the Volitant, believes the show provides "an introduction to a new softer revolution incited by the female artists of today," and offers an alternative to more traditionally patriarchal ways of telling stories and relating history. While differing interpretations of storytelling and personal history fluctuate by artist, the exhibit is simultaneously very cohesive.

"[The show] remarks upon the fluidity of the concept of femininity and just how this new direction is a renegotiation of the feminist movements of the past," said Solis.

A focus on the melding of realities is particularly important in the work of Daphane Park, one of the show's artists and creative visionaries. Starting a few years ago, Park began exchanging ideas with Solis and Betts Coup, a Ph.D. candidate at the Institute of Fine Arts at New York University, on her now decade-old idea of a show which would "exhibit a bunch of women who make work about the fantastic or unseen, and their relation to the unseen."

While the lineup of artists has shifted with time, their vision has

remained intact, and the three cooperatively curated what evolved into Femme Fantastique.

Of her own artwork, Park says her inspiration is based on "storytelling, and how language and image are connected." She is particularly interested in intersections and understandings of different realities, and her work speaks to a realm in which image and narrative can "co-exist." Inspiration for her work in Femme Fantastique came partially from other cultures.

"Different, non-three-dimensional realities are allowed to offer counsel and perspective to the three-dimensional realities," said Park. The use of traditional themes, myths and symbols to complicate such questions of reality dominate the show. Particularly engaging are Wendy Red-Star's "Seasons" photographs, which use comically kitschy, clichéd settings and costumes to examine Native American cultural identity, provoking questions of how stereotypes can come to function as a form of common socio-cultural "reality."

Such reliance on memory and folklore to present contemporary feminist interpretations offers a new way of looking at how history is told, albeit one that hearkens back to much older cultural forms of oral and visual storytelling. While such forms of relating history have traditionally been subjugated to more typical written histories, Solis sees the artists of Femme Fantastique as bearers of the old way.

"{We are] bringing back to life the



Amelia Winger-Bearskin speaks to the audience on the opening night of the Femme Fantastique art show at the Volitant Gallery Sept. 28.

Performer

Daily Texan Staff

tradition of storytelling as a promotion of personal and shared history," said Solis.

A further nod to atypical cultural history is presented in Joan Jonas' video installation, "Upsidedown and Backwards." The video, from 1980, is a pioneering look at feminist interpretations of femininity and fairy tale narratives, and features a face-painted, wildly-costumed Jonas reading haphazardly mixed lines from folk stories. Although the piece is older than its more contemporary peers in the show, Solis chose Jonas' work specifically for the way it which it acts as a precursor to and "has a

dialogue with" the other pieces.

To continue their exploration of issues of feminism and the fantastic, Volitant will be presenting the Femme Fantastique film festival, a movie screening taking place Tuesday nights at the gallery every week for the duration of the show. The films were chosen to represent a wide range of conceptions of femininity, and were all produced by or feature women as their main topic.

The films will encourage a continued dialogue on what it means to weave concepts of feminism, storytelling and multiple realities and histories. In keeping with the

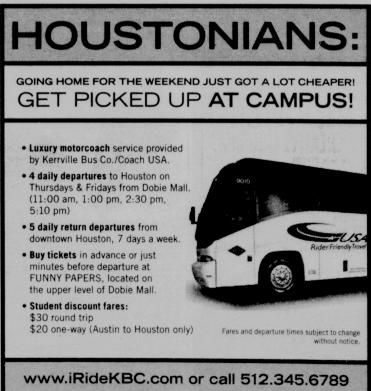
show's theme, such a discussion can help, in Solis' words, "bring to light the impact and importance of reaching into the fantastical worlds of our unconscious and creating something both familiar and bizarre that is meant to be explored and shared."

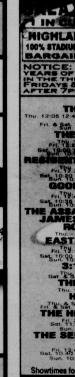
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Femme Fantastique

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Examining race and politics in the Black Arts Festival

he Jena Six, Bill
O'Reilly and Al Sharpton, Michael Vick and
Walgreens — race and
politics are as controversial subjects in America today
as ever before.

Race is front page news, yet we still find it difficult to talk about where it intersects with our lives. The Black Arts Movement Performing Arts Festival is entering into its second week today, bringing its power to heal, uplift and restore. The festival has already featured productions by the Urban Ballet Theater (New York), Uprise! Productions (Austin) and the Dance Company of Spelman College (Atlanta, Georgia), presenting what could be called the shape of dance to come.

The Universes, a quartet of epic proportions, have brought their

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Incognito

Boyd Vance Theatre Thursday at 8 p.m.

Spoken Word Caravan feat. Chandra Washington, Zell Miller III

The Off Center Friday at 8 p.m.

Soulfest

Kenny Dorham's Backyard Saturday at 6 p.m. personal hymns to the stage, delivered in a blend of song, poetry and theater. Tonight, Chicago artist Michael Fosberg will perform his one-man show, titled "Incognito," which brings his own racial identity into question.

The play is the story of Mr. Fosberg's discovery that changed everything he knew about his history, his family, and his social identity. At the age of 32, Mr. Fosberg discovered his biological father - who is African-American. Now, a lifetime of "being a white guy" is turned on its head. To add to his surprise, he discovers that his great-grandfather was an all-star pitcher for the St. Louis Stars, and his great-greatgrandfather was in the famous 54th Calvary Regiment of the Civil War.

Mr. Fosberg performs the show on college circuits, following each performance with an open discussion to allow the audience to react and talk about the subject matter of the play.

"It's difficult for people to talk about race. If I am an African-American, what does that make race? Is it about color, heritage, nature, nurture? White people don't have to think about race, while black people are faced with it everyday," said Fosberg.

Local spoken-word masters Chandra Washington and Zell Miller III are well-equipped to hold down the show Friday night, which will set the stage for Saturday night's blow out: By Natalia Ciolko



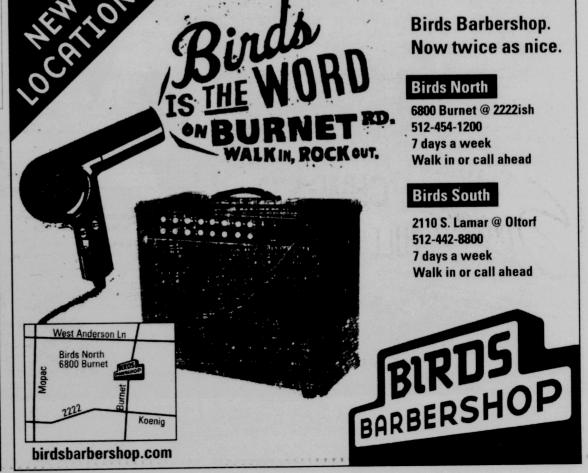
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Mildred Ruiz performs onstage with her group, The Universes, as part of the Black Arts Movement Festival.

Soul Fest 2007. Saturday's show is going down in Kenny Dorham's Backyard, right next to the Victory Grill, which is

proving to be one of the premiere spots for real Austin nightlife. Smooth sax player Kenny Dorham will perform all night long with Kyle Turner, Michael Ward, Althea Rene and Urban Soul. Tickets available at http://www.proartscolletive.com.





E MEHRONDETS RISE UP

Joseph Cultice | Courtesy of The Meat Puppets

By Ramon Ramirez

In five bullet points, here's why the Puppets blog. Meat Puppets matter:

• They pioneered a counter-cultural

· They served as a flagship for SST Records, the American underground label that birthed Husker Du and the

· Bands and artists like Sonic Youth, Dinosaur Ir., Soundgarden, Pavement and Beck worshipped them.

• They're responsible for the best songs on Nirvana's legendary MTV

• After 27 years of all the combustible factors known to disintegrate bands, they're back with their best album in

lightly. The Phoenix-bred, Austin-domly asking the question. She runs transplanted Puppets are survivors. our MySpace; she had no idea I was Never mind the sex, drugs and rock planning [a reunion]. I just wanted to 'n' roll, their legacy as burned-out junkies was nearly cemented in December of 2003 after a torturing string of tragedies.

coming back to my brother," singerguitarist Curt Kirkwood says of his it'd be well over a year before the infayounger sibling and sideman, Cris.

are precisely why VH1's "Behind the five days. Music" series needs a resurrection. The events are masterfully detailed budgets," Kirkwood said. "We just in David Holthouse's Phoenix New used Pro Tools. It's all fake, no real Times article, "Shooting Star." Here's bass or guitar amps. It's crap in terms the mandatory digest version:

cy, a house near the Arizona State University Campus, had long served as philosophy, or being held back by a haven of creativity until the mid-90s. creative differences ("Cris doesn't care, The lights went out after the Nirvana Ted joined late; I played drums on half money came in (the Unplugged success trickled down to the Puppets, finding them with a gold record and much-needed national notoriety) and Cris subsequently stopped playing bass and forged an addiction to crack and heroin, the article states.

Then a close friend and Cris' wife both overdosed and died. Curt left Arizona and moved to Austin, leaving a stage now. Alternative legends have Cris to fend for himself. Things culminated at the end of 2003 when Cris reportedly binged on heroin, attacked a security guard, and ended up in jail with two bullets lodged in his spine breath for it," said Kirkwood of the courtesy of said guard's colleagues.

Curt has been a solid solo entity since the Puppets halted production, '82. It's a good matchup; the irony of it but the replacement players never all is this isn't accidental, they're really captured the chemistry of classics nice people."

like Up On the Sun (see sidebar), and It's a testament to the enduring original drummer, Derrick Bostrom, spirit of their era that two of the most essential bands in alternative rock are has resorted to running a tell-all Meat able to share a bill, sell out marquee venues and make profits thanks to

I guess the only downside to the

resurgence is the sad reality that Curt

another interview without being

asked about Kurt Cobain, heroin and

"It happens, I'm just used to it.

Someone just told me they're about

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The Meat Puppets

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"I guess [Bostrom] has some intellectual stake in it," said Kirkwood, revisionist history. "You know, whatever - he hasn't been involved since like '95. He works at Whole Foods. He doesn't put any- Kirkwood will never be able to give thing relevant up there. He doesn't play drums by his own election."

Needless to say, the notion of a fullon reunion hardly seemed necessary or probable. But as time healed wounds (bringing Bostrom back into the fold to put out the Unplugged DVD. I'll still hasn't worked out, though), the always have a place for Kurt in my pieces suddenly fell back into place. heart."

In early 2006, a MySpace bulletin shook up the base:

"Question for all! Would the original line up of the Meat Puppets interten years and a reinvigorated, soberer est anyone? Feedback is good — do you want a reunion!?"

"That was kinda funny," Kirkwood The fifth point is not to be taken said, "It was just my daughter ranmake another record.

Years of residency in South Austin fueled and shaped Kirkwood's writing. Able to stand back and absorb his "The focus [of interviews] keeps world, Kirkwood's creative freedom spilled into Rise to Your Knees. Though mous post netted a result, the album's For good reason, Meat Puppet woes backbone material was completed in

of the message being the medium, it Their Tempe, Arizona residen- doesn't matter what you play."

Without limiting himself to purist the shit anyways."), Kirkwood was faced with the task of simply satisfy-

"All I have is a general sense of what my peer group wants to hear. I love not having to think about what the kids wanna hear," he said.

More importantly, Cris and Curt Kirkwood are physically able to share survived the fallout; living to recount the drama on stages, on wax, opening for Sonic Youth.

"It's amazing, I wasn't holding my improbable resurfacing. "Sonic Youth opened for us in New York back in

Essential Albums from the Meat Puppets

quarter century's worth of experience under their Kirkwood since 1995's No Joke!, Rise Up ety of tunes, from psychedlic country collective belts, the Meat Puppets lay claim to a lengthy and detour-heavy discography. In preparation for their show Friday night, DT Weekend has cut through their output to lay out the three albums most essential to understanding the Meat Puppets and appreciating their opening set.



Rise Up To Your Knees 2007 **Anodyne Records**

To Your Knees is a surprisingly effective on "Shine" to Appalachian stomp on and listenable return to form for the "Comin' Down." grunge rock pioneers. Striking a solid balance between the spare sound of their Up On The Sun earlier recordings and the more polished mid-1990s albums, Rise Up To Your Knees' 1985 greatest strengths are its solid choruses and simple, charming melodies. It's a far cry from their strongest work, but as the most recent and most thematically refreshing of the Puppets' output, it's first album with the more country-influessential listening.

Too High To Die 1994

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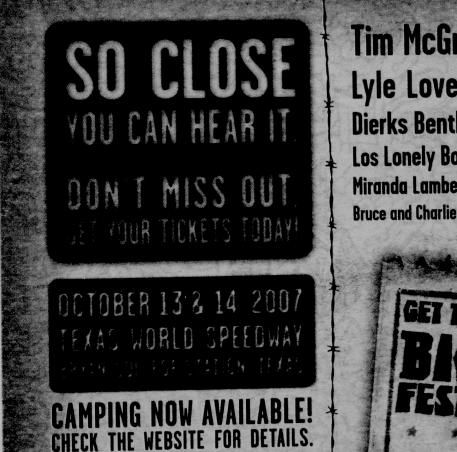
- thanks to a welcome bit of exposure Sun also offered early evidence of the on Nirvana's "MTV Unplugged" spe- range the Meat Puppets eventually develcial — Too High To Die is also the Meat oped. True fans will argue over whether Puppets' most accessible work, and a this album or its equally-popular predegreat starting point for exploring their cessor, Meat Puppets II, deserve "masterentire discography. The album went gold, piece" status, but no one can argue that and it's not hard to see why — the radio Up On The Sun is a rock solid outing with hit "Backwater" alone, with its distinc- songs that continue to resonate. tive riffs and catchy choruses, justified The Meat Puppets' first studio release the brisk sales. Their second major label

Not surprising for a band with more then a since 2000, and the first to feature Cris releases is also loaded with a solid vari-

SST Records

The Puppets' third release attempts to blend the punk/thrash elements of their enced sound of their second, largely succeeding in the process. The songwriting is more focused, the playing more polished - if still raw enough to connect where necessary - and the vocals more soothing. Featuring an instrumental, "Seal Whales" and some more funk-influenced Their greatest mainstream success outings, like "Buckethead," Up On The

-Patrick Caldwell



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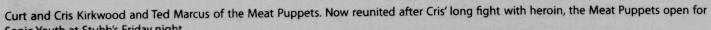














Austin's Lions – king of the dive bars

By Ramon Ramirez



Courtesy of Adrian Pearlman

From left to right: Jake Perlman, Matt Drenik, Trevor Sutcliffe and Austin Calman of Lions debut their new album at Emo's tonight.

estled between two of the most prominent, iconic music venues in Texas. The Red Eyed Fly is a grimy little shack. Its scummy qualities are accentuated when juxtaposed with Stubb's and Emo's. If you didn't know better, you'd pass it off as a skuzzy bar with limited booze selection because the live music entrance is behind a glass door by the men's room

The stage lay behind a prohibition-era trap door. The bouncer wears dark shades despite the fact it's been four hours since sunset and has a "guest list" entirely comprised of post-it notes. Walking through said entrance is akin to passing through a portal. A demonic gateway into the layer; as if you've just arrived at the final boss of a side-scrolling, 16-bit Super Nintendo game.

Make no mistake: There's something in the air.

Ten minutes later and Austin's Lions are spilling out their righteous retro grooves, bathing patrons with waves of reverb, thick chords and thicker hair. Matter of fact, all four of these dudes sport shags and locks that would've demanded spandex and neon pants in 1985.

The bassist's brown leather boots match his brown leather jacket and handle bar mustache, all three worn with a calculated irony that seems lost on no one except a bearded, grotesquely obese biker. His approving devil horns signal vindication.

Are they serious?

Across the street, Stubb's presented an evening with Jamie Cullum. Fans of smokey, groove-laced, British jazz are being assaulted by these underground sounds. Rock prevails

Trophy's is a complete dive.

It may be located on South Congress Avenue, Austin's hipster haven, but Trophy's is considerably farther south; there's frankly nothing "hip" about the establishment unless you're into frozen meats and cheeses. Across the street there's a worn down middle school. We all used to play in youth basketball tournaments here during the late 90s; the dread locked forward that burned you for a triple-double would drive home after games. A strip club is blocks away.

This is an ideal place from which to start a revolutionary band. Or at least, one that seriously brings the ruckus. Decades from now, it's easy to envision a cellophane documentary about Lions' blue collar origins and the pivotal role this gritty bar and grill had in molding their roughedged tracks.

The Red Eyed Fly gig was last night; Matt Drenik is still walking it off. Drenik's wide, sincere eyes make him the best-looking Lion, which is convenient because he's the singer. He offers representatives of the rock press free beer: with this move Drenik explains his close ties to Trophy's (he books its talent) and the band's straight-forward origins.

"We basically were given three weeks to put together a band and a new set," Drenik said, "We came up with 10 songs, no covers, just straight up rock 'n roll."

After scraping together a network of players down for the cause. Lions were born. Due to the general financial limitations new bands meet. Drenik and his cohorts found refuge at Trophy's

"Dave is basically the town drunk," said drummer Jake Perlman. Dave is also the owner and operator of Trophy's. It's impossible to imagine a more ideal candidate to run this place.

"The only place I knew of [to rehearsel was this weird spot up here," said Drenik, "He was wasted

"There's a lot of classic rock in our songs. But there's also lots of varied tastes; it's what makes these guys so much fun to play with."

Matt Drenik, Vocalist and guitarist, Lions

be the Sinatra-era Copa Cabana compared to its upstairs hole. Nevertheless, the quartet wrote and recorded a self-released gem of an album in an efficiency apartment marked with layers of cigarette ash, broken brown bottles and diseased critters

"There's lots of classic rock in our songs," said Drenik, "But there's also lots of varied tastes; it's what makes

hardest outfits, they're far from

gimmicky goons with drop-D tuned Ibanezes. When Austin Calman, a man who shreds in bare feet and painted toes, rips into a bridge, his artsy (some would argue 'dirty hippie') approach is impossible to miss.

"I listen to lots of Ornette Coleman and Coltrane," said Calman, "I spray paint jazz fusion into my solos.

Lions don't seem to give a hoot how they're branded, but adjectives like "heavy" and "brooding" suit them just fine. Still, with unexpected national success of bands like Wolfmother and The Darkness, the classic rock record is suddenly a profitable entity. But national attention isn't possible, is it?

"I think it's possible," said Calman. "We have a lot more to offer than a lot of those contrived garage rockers."

"We're not wearing suits or dating scenester chicks," added Perlman, "This is what we'd wear on stage."

Contrary to Sprite's advertising, image is everything. No matter how much this band enjoys their working class aesthetic and laughs off the topic, their bass player is wearing an ironic 'Member's Only' jacket and has the kind of facial hair Freddy Mercury could only dream of

"We saw Wolfmother last spring," said Perlman, "They were real pretty, primed for MTV. I think their songs are cool, but you can tell how much thought went into their image."

Trevor Sutcliffe was the aforementioned mustachioed bassist. It is his 'stache at the center of the Lions logo; it's becoming an icon, a band mascot. Sutcliffe's mustache represents the glory of yesteryear and youth; it also marks the wisdom and experience age brings. It is a call to arms, a symbol of defiance towards the materialistic culture of today's paper-thin and soulless industry.

It's a rallying cry for four brothers who bet the house on a self-booked national tour.

"The band supports itself but we're stuck with day jobs," said Perlman, "After this tour I'm probably still working at Affordable Sound."

"I can wash a mean dish," said Sutcliffe, "With a little elbow grease, we make it work.

Through random ties ("I'm from the Bay Area, so I can go to old contacts and book shows," Sutcliffe says), word of mouth and cross-country networks, Lions frequently take on the continental U.S. and land major showcases with powerhouse labels like Roadrunner. Where has the band found the biggest cluster of

"Wichita, Kansas dude," said Perlman, "We're huge in Wichita."

With cocky swagger in place, four men who brashly carry themselves with the "I'm better than you" bravado of a frat boy will be making noise for years to come the only way they know how: loudly, proudly, with badass facial hair, a self-aware sense of humility and arrogance to spare.

"Even when we're on autopilot," said Sutcliffe, "Our shows are liver than 50% of other bands out there."

Lions play their CD release show tonight at Emo's. Doors open

and gave us the keys."

The lounge at Trophy's may as well

these guys so fun to play with."

While Lions are one of the Austin's

Local stars making Milwaukee famous since 2004



Austin quintet What Made Milwaukee Famous returns to Austin for a two-night stand at the Parish Thursday and Friday nights. The band plans to debut new material off of their sophomore album, due in 2008.

By Cassy Dorff

cruffy, sarcastic and stylish — what more could you want from a five-man band? As the members of What Made Milwaukee Famous stroll into The Long Branch Inn bar on 11th Street, it is important to note their humorous vibe from the outset. First, these Austin locals give hearty handshakes as, one by one, they introduce themselves before lining up for the camera. Just watching these guys try to stand still for a photo shoot is an entertaining show all its own. Jittering and laughing, cracking jokes and drinking - who would have guessed so much could go on when you're supposed to be standing still?

Obviously, these guys do not fall into the boring stereotype of pretentious young artists you sometimes rub elbows with inside the indie music world. They're authentic, funloving musicians who can't help but smile. Leaning against a pool table, all wear some combination of button down pearl snaps and worn out jeans - which they declared was an unintentional blunder - and all hold a cold drink in their hands. Clearly, they've been spending quite a bit of time together lately. Their latest tour brings them back home tonight, as the band debuts new material during a two-night stand at the Parish Thursday and Friday.

Sometimes we assume that the

music we hear acts as a model clearly reflecting the individual personalities behind the instruments. Perhaps we envision a confession-splurging lyricist to be the withdrawn writer, coffee shoptype guy. Maybe we are quick to imagine that the insane, absolutely mind-blowing drum rhythms could only be delivered from the hands of a bizarre, crazed young man. The truth is something else.

First, in walks bassist John Farmer, who is eager to chit chat and relax a little. He quickly introduces the newest addition to the band, guitar player Jason Davis, an addition Farmer is quick to sing the praises of.

"[Davis] is not a replacement, but an addition to the band," said Farmer. "He'll help relieve some of the guitar pressure off of the

Davis spent his younger days with none other than lead singer Micheal Kingcaid.

"We were in a band together when I was 14," said Kingcaid.

Years later, they'd find themselves together in WMMF, a band whose name came to Kingcaid in a flash of inspiration.

"I heard a song about Milwaukee, and I realized that's Mike Kingcaid! Now the rest is history," said Kingcaid.

Once everyone is content with the introductions and all the goofy poses used during the photo shoot, and content with their beverage of choice, we step outside the bar to enjoy a little calmer setting.

WMMF independently released their debut album, Trying To Never Catch Up, in 2004. After brisk sales and considerable interest — which landed the band a spot on the Austin City Limits TV show, making them one of the few unsigned acts to ever play the acclaimed program — they were approached by Barsuk Records at South By Southwest. Now residing on the same label as Death Cab for Cutie, they've been touring and getting ready for the Spring 2008 release of their second album.

When the conversation turns to the topic of touring, the band reflects on their experiences by immediately jumping into a disorganized collection of inside jokes from which the only thing an outsider can comprehend is the mention of a few cities here and there.

"Touring is sometimes grueling," said Kingcaid. "But its fun, you know, when kids that you've never even seen before are into your stuff and singing along."

As for that upcoming album, the band will debut new material tonight at The Parish. They're like a troupe of giddy kids waiting for Christmas.

"It's going to be bigger, better faster - I just think it is going to be really humongous," said Kingcaid.

"I haven't been this excited about anything since the first time I got on a roller coaster."

If you've ever heard WMMF's sound, then you can easily infer why he's so thrilled. Hailed with reviews from all over the country, from Billboard to Rolling Stone, WMMF's second release is certain to succeed, and perhaps this record will generate the attention that they have for so long deserved.

Aside from their alluring, soundbusting dynamics, even the band's musical philosophy is refreshing. They have a true desire to be universal in the delivery of their craft, hoping to attract people of every age and of every musical taste.

"We don't want to alienate anybody," said Kingcaid. "What we want to do with music is bring everybody together."



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What Made Milwaukee Famous

The Parish Thursday and Friday Doors open at 8 p.m. Tickets \$10





Ray Benson takes the driver's seat in "A Ride With Bob"

By Sarah Johnson

hat happens when you combine Ray Benson and his band Asleep at the Wheel's 36 years of musical success with the songs of countrywestern legend Bob Wills? Throw in a stage, costumes and set design and you have yourself the critically acclaimed and wildly entertaining production "A Ride with Bob." Written, directed and performed by Ray Benson - who plays himself — the production leads audiences through a musical biography of one of the founding fathers of American country music, Bob Wills.

The inspiration for the show came to Mr. Benson two years ago and has taken off ever since.

"We realized 2005 was going to be the anniversary of Bob Wills' birthday," said Benson. "We had done a few tribute albums for Bob in the 1990s and were wondering what we could do next."

That next step, Benson realized, was to spread his appreciation for Bob Wills' planting Texas' musical roots.

"The first thing I always consider in doing things is entertainment, first and foremost," said Benson. "I also want to inform — but you have to be careful not to preach or lecture."

Replacing classrooms and pulpits with theaters and stages, Benson has set out to show audiences "the importance of [Bob Wills'] music and his place in history more than anything."

Opening night was especially emotional for Benson.

"It was one of the most emotional moments of my life," said Benson. "I had tears in my eyes realizing how good it was, how the audience loved it."

From that moment on, he has seen his show bridge generations, from the grandparents who listened to Bob Wills' music to their children and grandchildren who enjoy Asleep at the Wheel.

"What I wanted to do was rediscover the music of that era: the 20s, 30s and 40s — besides doing our own reinterpretation," said Benson. This reinterpretation has ignited the success of "A Ride With Bob," but has also been a challenge, said Benson.

"It's harder to interpret because you're compared to the original," said Benson. "You have

to do it better or different."

Even with his long list of credentials that includes three dozen albums, nine Grammy Awards and the 2004 title of Texan State Musician, Benson still said this musical genre presented new hurdles for him.

"There are a few things you've got to learn on no matter what the discipline," said Benson. "It has its nuances and skill sets. With the band, I get to walk around, turn around — do anything. Playing a character, although it's myself, is a part. You have to know what to do with your hands. With a play, it's precision and coordination."

Proof Mr. Benson has mastered these skills is found in the affirming reaction of the audience.

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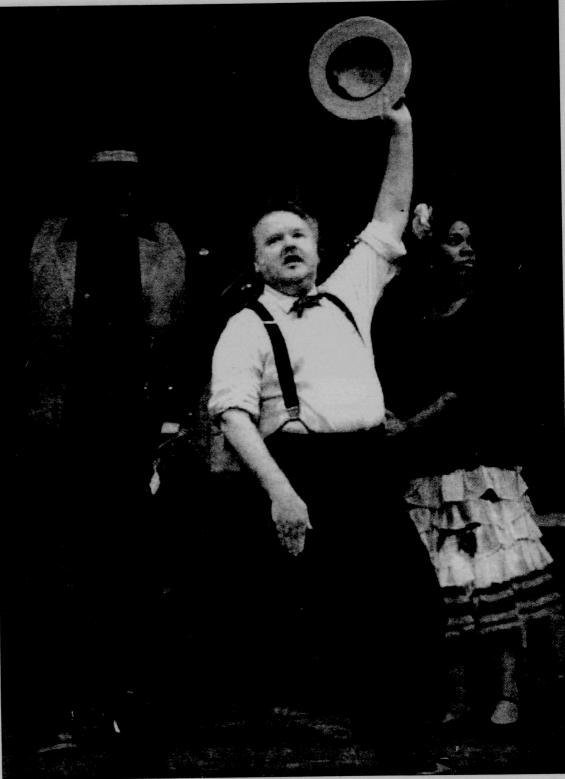
"I've had older people come up to the stage and say, I was there, you brought me back to the times," said Benson.

Since its beginning, this production has been enjoying rave reviews, sold out audiences and standing ovations. Lead by Benson, Asleep at the Wheel performs all of Bob's best songs including "San Antonio Rose," "Faded Love," "Cherokee Maiden" and "Take Me Back to Tulsa." Benson's goal is simple: "Get on stage and have people laugh, cry and clap."

The Where & The When

A Ride With Bob

The Paramount Theatre
713 Congress Avenue
Thursday and Friday at 7 p.m.
Tickets available at
http://www.austintheatre.org





Above, The cast of "A Ride With Bob" blend theater and music to create a performance piece biography of country legend Bob Wills.

Left, Asleep At The Wheel front man and local country fixture Ray Benson, surrounded by smoke and stage lights, addresses the audience during a somber moment. Benson wrote and directed "A Ride With Bob," in which he plays himself.

Courtesy of Asleep at the Wheel

Pizza soars at the Flying Tomato

By Lauren Carter

s a general rule, college students are lazy. We take our time, we procrastinate and we don't like to travel too far to do too much of anything. However, sometimes when it's worth it, we make exceptions. One exception that I encourage all pizza fans to take is the trek out to Joseph's Restaurant in Westlake.

At first glance, you might not even realize that Joseph's is there. It's in the rear of a strip mall and well concealed behind tall oaks that shade the expansive wooden deck. The inside continues the outdoors-y theme with hardwood floors, wooden booths and a high airy ceiling, all of which makes Joseph's feel a little more dressed up than your average pizza haunt.

However, despite the elevated interior, the atmosphere is definitely casual. Customers order at a counter and your "waiter" is merely the person responsible for finding your food in the kitchen and bringing it to your table. Beverages are self serve and no one stops by just to "check and see how everything is." However, in defense of the low-key service, it suits the environment and is far from neglectful.

Once you've reached the counter (a line usually builds around prime dining hours) and it comes time to order, start your meal off with the spinach and artichoke dip (\$6.99). Usually a very hit-or-miss item, Joseph's pulls off this popular appetizer flawlessly. Punctuated by juicy artichokes and fresh spinach, the parmesan is wellmelted and nutty, complemented by a rich cream cheese coating and the acidic kick of lemon juice. Seasoned with oregano and served hot, the accompanying flatbread is simultaneously doughy on the inside and crispy on the outside, a perfect compliment to the creamy dip.

After gorging yourself on bread and dip, make some room and move on to one (or several) of Joseph's gourmet pizzas, ranging in size from personal (8-inch) to feeds-a-family (14-inch). Relatively standard in their offerings, at least as far as gourmet pizzas are concerned, Joseph's stands out in its ability to prepare them well. With their thin crust pizzas that are dense and moist without being soggy to their spicy, tangy sauces and high quality cheeses and toppings, Joseph's makes a damn good pizza.

If you're into the flavors of the Far East, give the Thai Chicken a try. With its hot and creamy peanut sauce, melted whole milk mozzarella and chicken topped with shaved slivers of sweet carrots, cool bean sprouts and cilantro sprigs, this pizza is perfect for those who can never make



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Flying Tomato cook William Burcham spoons sauce into a pan in preparation for another of the pizzeria's acclaimed pies.

up their mind between Asian takeout and ordering a pizza.

For those who would rather travel to the Salt Lick than a pizza parlor, go for the Eyes of Texas Barbecue Special. With smoky, rich barbecue sauce, melted mozzarella, roasted chicken, red onion slices and jalapeno pieces, this pizza finds a balance between sweet and spicy.

Vegetarians should opt for the Pesto Goat Cheese Supreme. With fresh basil pesto sauce, tangy goat cheese melted between layers of mozzarella and long strips of marinated portabella mushrooms, this pizza is an excellent meatless alternative.

If things that sound weird in theory but work in practice are more your style, try the Rosemary Chicken and Roasted Potato pizza. The strong garden herb taste, combined with a white wine, lemon and garlic sauce and topped with roasted chicken, sweet caramelized onions and potatoes that are sliced paper thin and cooked to resemble chips, make a seemingly disastrous idea taste both delicious and familiar.

In addition to top notch flavor pairings, another thing that Joseph's excels in is their ability to make personal pizzas identical in taste to their larger counterparts. All too often the smaller pies in restaurants are slightly burnt and dominated by too much crust and hardly any sauce or toppings. The mini pizzas at Joseph's are flavorful, crispy and proportionate to the large versions,

making them an excellent option for the solitary diner.

While both the pizzas and appetizers were excellent, I was disappointed by the pasta offerings at Joseph's. The bowtie pasta that went along with a "fire roasted red pepper and roasted garlic cream sauce" was miles away from al dente and instead crossed over to realm of mushy and limp. While the accompanying sauce was decent, albeit a little watery, sauce and pasta was all there was to the dish and consequently, about a third of the way through, the monotony of each bite left everyone unenthusiastic and unimpressed. However, this was the only pasta we sampled and with a shorter cooking time on the bowties, the dish could be much improved.

So next time you and your entourage are debating between Conan's, Mangia or Austin's Pizza to satisfy a pizza craving, skip the familiar. Instead, hop on Mo-Pac and make the long windy drive down Bee Caves Road to Joseph's, where you can kick back on the deck with a round of icy beers and some seriously good pizza.

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The Flying Tomato Kitchen at Joseph's Restaurant

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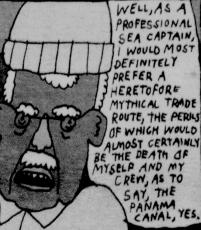
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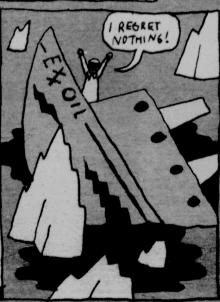


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