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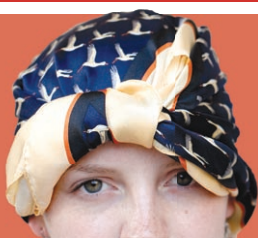
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## TODAY

### Calendar

#### World Intellectual Property Day

The IC2 Institute hosts this celebration with presentations and a lunch for IP Stakeholders, small businesses and start-up companies interested in IP rights at the IC2 Institute Global Classroom at 11:30 a.m.

#### 'Erfreut euch, ihr Herzen'

The Bach Cantata Project will perform at the Blanton Museum at 12 p.m. The project is a collaboration of music from the Blanton Museum of Art and the Butler School of Music performed by choirs and orchestra under the direction of James Morrow.

#### Texas Softball

Longhorns play UT San Antonio at McCombs Field at 6:30 p.m. Tickets available for \$1 starting two hours prior to the game and range from \$3-\$9.

#### 'In the Attic'

This Czech film directed by Jan Barta about a doll that is snatched and taken to the Land of Evil will be shown in the Geography Building 102 at 7 p.m.

#### 'Are our Schools Making the Grade?'

A forum on the American education system with clips shown from "The Cartel" will be held at the San Jacinto Residence Hall Multipurpose Room at 7 p.m.

#### David Ramirez

Cactus Cafe presents David Ramirez for a free show at 8:30 p.m.

### Today in history

#### In 1962

NASA's Ranger 4 spacecraft crashes into the Moon.



### Quote to note

"This is awesome. We go out week after week to try to get W's. Golf is a weird game in that you can go out, play great and still finish second. Having a championship mindset has and will continue to translate into many great things for this team."

— **Martha Richards**  
Head coach

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## Notable professor, attorney to lose job over budget cuts

By Ahsika Sanders  
Daily Texan Staff

In 1967, 26-year-old attorney Sarah Weddington joined forces with the Women's Liberation Movement and took on one of the most perpetually controversial Supreme Court cases in American history — Roe v. Wade.

She was the first woman to represent

Austin in the Texas Legislature and the first woman to hold the title of General Counsel to the U.S. Department of Agriculture. She served in the White House as an adviser to President Jimmy Carter before coming to UT to teach in 1988.

After 23 years at the University and more than a dozen state and national leadership awards, UT officials

told Weddington, an adjunct professor in the Center for Women's and Gender Studies, that she would no longer have a job at the end of the spring semester.

Weddington said she was aware of the looming budget crisis but was surprised to hear her position was in jeopardy.

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Andrew Torrey | Daily Texan Staff

Adjunct professor Sarah Weddington successfully argued Roe v. Wade before the Supreme Court and served in the House of Representatives, Department of Agriculture and White House for the Carter administration.



Andrew Torrey | Daily Texan Staff

Firefighters working with the Standing Rock team from North Dakota extinguish small "hot-spots" along the fire line established in the hills of Possum Kingdom.

## Volunteers against the wildfires

INSIDE: Firefighters and residents of Possum Kingdom react to the devastation on page 6

## Poet Laureate speaks at Ransom Center

By Jody Marie Serrano  
Daily Texan Staff

At a time when all the voices of the media seem to cover the eccentricities of Donald Trump, seeing Poet Laureate W.S. Merwin is

like seeing a living treasure, said a retired writer.

Gary Cook was one among the sea of 150 students and silver-haired Austinites who made it in to see Merwin at the Harry Ransom Center on Monday. More than 100

people were turned away.

"He has a way of connecting simple occurrences in nature to the bigger universe that only comes with time and experience,"

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Tamir Kalifa | Daily Texan Staff

United States Poet Laureate W.S. Merwin signs one of his books for UT alumni Shailie Thakkar at the Harry Ransom Center. Merwin has been publishing poetry, prose and plays for over 50 years.

## Texas alumni affirm support for Powers' vision of University

By Matt Stottlemire  
Daily Texan Staff

The Texas Exes alumni organization issued a resolution supporting UT President William Powers Jr. and his work for the University.

Erin Huddleston, a spokeswoman for the independent alumni association, said the resolution addressed prevalent rumors that Powers' job may be in jeopardy. She said the organization doesn't have firsthand knowledge of the situation, but wanted to follow suit with a similar statement the Chancellor's Council made earlier this month in support of System Chancellor Francisco Cigarroa.

Because the Chancellor's Council represents donors systemwide and not those specifically at UT-Austin, the Exes took the initiative to offer the same support for Powers, she said.

Richard Leshin, president of the

organization, said even without firsthand knowledge, concerns for the president and chancellor's jobs are well-founded.

"We have very good sources," Leshin said. "They're not out of the woods at all from what I can tell. I don't think there has been a decision either way yet."

Powers has been a proponent of academic research, particularly regarding how professors should be evaluated.

Rick O'Donnell, the former UT System adviser whose February hiring spurred discussions on the future of Texas universities' research, wrote for a conservative think tank on the wastefulness of much academic research, and found himself without a job April 19.

Leshin sent an email to about 200,000 alumni and donors after

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### TODAY'S TIP: Refill, Not Landfill

Cool refillable containers are available everywhere these days. Try out the refill station at Gregory Gym or your nearest water fountain. Even better - pick up one of the new DHFS refill bottles at Littlefield or Cypress Bend Cafes and get discounted soda fountain refills!

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## TOMORROW'S WEATHER

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We watched three movies.

# Murders may be considered hate crimes

Southeast Austin killings prompt continued concerns over homophobic violence

**By Allie Kolechta**  
**Daily Texan Staff**

The district attorney's office may charge a Southeast Austin double homicide as a sexual orientation-motivated hate crime, said a prosecutor from the Travis County District Attorney's Office.

Last Tuesday, Austin police arrested 45-year-old Jose Alfonso Aviles in connection the fatal shooting of 24-year-old Norma Hurtado and 57-year-old Maria Hurtado. Friends have said Aviles' daughter was at the Hurtados' home the night of the shooting and was in a relationship with Norma Hurtado. Once APD completes the inves-

tigation, the Travis County District Attorney's Office will likely meet with them to determine whether or not the double homicide will be pursued as a hate crime, said assistant district attorney Jackie Wood, a member of the office's hate crime task force. Right now, Wood said Aviles is likely to be charged with capital murder.

Although it would not add any enhanced penalty to a capital murder charge, Wood said the DA's office may still choose to treat the case as a hate crime. Hate crimes are rarely prosecuted in the state of Texas, she said.

In many cases, suspects have not even been arrested, said David Escamilla, an attorney for Travis County. Escamilla is a chair of the hate crimes initiative, a group that works to reduce hate crimes in Austin and aid victims of hate

crimes. Escamilla helped form the initiative after two UT students were attacked outside of City Hall returning to their cars from a gay bar, a case that was never prosecuted, he said.

"It was shocking to everybody," he said. "It happened right next to City Hall. The incident last week just shows that we still have a lot that we need to work on."

The murders of Norma and Maria Hurtado were without doubt hate crimes, said government senior Ambalika Williams, spokeswoman for UT organization Queer People of Color and Allies.

"The fact of the matter is that we have students coming from everywhere in Texas, and for someone coming to UT, this might be the first time they ever meet someone who's GLBT," she said. "In general, we need to work on awareness."

## HORSE AND BUGGY



Tamir Kalifa | Daily Texan Staff

A coachwoman for Angeli Carriages travels across East Austin's metro rail tracks to pick up a customer.

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"I always thought that tenure for me was not that important because I thought as long as you were really good at what you do and did a lot to work with your students, you'd be ok," she said. "Now I know I was wrong."

Weddington said she received an email on Feb. 8 from Susan Heinzelman, Center for Women's and Gender Studies director, telling her there would not be funding for her to continue teaching. The email said the center was facing a 25.9-percent cut totaling more than \$58,000 and would have to cut faculty positions. According to the UT employee salary database, Weddington makes \$80,899 per year.

Heinzelman said because of the 25-percent budget cut spread over three years, the center has no money to hire any teaching faculty this year, though in the past it has hired three to five adjunct professors a year, Heinzelman said. The money that remains is allocated to fund an incoming cohort of about 10 graduate students.

"She is a wonderful teacher, she's incredibly supportive to the students, and she is very important in terms of the history of feminism and women's reproductive rights," she said. "But we have gradually lost the support of the college over the last several years, even before this current budget crisis."

Heinzelman said it is important to note that no one person or entity is to blame because the bleak economy is taking a toll on the whole University.

"It's a horrible situation to be in

and we are very distressed," she said. "I have tried to secure funds for her appointment but that has been unsuccessful."

Weddington currently teaches two undergraduate courses that are in high demand, said Jo Anne Huber, director of government undergraduate advising. She said it is not uncommon for Weddington's classes to fill within a few hours of opening for registration.

"We opened our door at 8:30 and at 8:35 a student came in wanting to be on her list," she said. "I had to tell him we weren't signing people up because we weren't sure she would be teaching in the fall and he was very disappointed."

Alumnus Eric Cuellar, one of Weddington's former students, wrote a letter to President William Powers Jr. saying the University would benefit from keeping Weddington.

He said Weddington's "Leadership in America" class, which he took in spring 2010, was the best class he had during his time as an undergraduate at UT. Cuellar said he spent more time in her office than he did in any other professor's at UT, and he believes he is a stronger leader for having taken her class.

"Being around a person like that is an experience that I wish every UT undergrad could experience," he said in the letter. "I will never forget Dr. Weddington and her class as long as I live, and I hope you do not forget her either."

Although she is identified as a world-renowned speaker and was named one of Time magazine's "Outstanding American Young Leaders" in 1980 for her many national accomplishments, Weddington said it is teaching that will "leave a hole" in her life once she moves on.

"I've really loved teaching because I've gotten to work with wonderful, talented students and I'm really proud of all the things they have gone on to do," she said. "That's what I'll miss, and believe I would not be leaving here voluntarily."

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tion models. SG President Natalie Butler urged the task force not to neglect research while they try to improve classroom efficiency.

Since 1929, UT has been a member of the Association of American Universities alongside Ivy league schools such as Harvard, Duke, Cornell and Brown. The association is composed of 63 universities in the U.S. and Canada and only accepts universities at the forefront of academic research.

GSA President Manuel Gon-

zalez said UT's competitive edge comes from being a top-tier institution that promotes research in all areas of academics, not just natural sciences.

Gonzalez said they hope the letter will clarify the student stance on how they view research as an important classroom asset.

"Teaching and research go hand-in-hand and research is what makes our University the elite institution it currently is," he said. "Without it, we lose part of our identity."

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Cook said. "[He has] a quiet sort of wisdom. It's like medicine for the soul."

Merwin came to read poetry for National Poetry Month as a part of the Harry Ransom Lectures, a program that brings internationally renowned writers, artists and scholars to Austin for public events. Appointed the U.S. Poet Laureate in 2010, Merwin has written more than 30 books of poetry.

"I never wanted the post of laureate," Merwin said. "I wanted to write poetry and look between the blades of grass since I was four years old. [Over time] I learned more about poems but the [knowledge] has always been there."

James Magnuson, director of UT's Michener Center for Writers, said Merwin's poetry has developed over a long time and has a wonderful stylistic purity and

depth that seems to appeal to everybody.

"He's the wise man of poetry," Magnuson said. "He has ascended to some other level and has a depth and visionary quality to his work that everyone respects, like [Walt] Whitman, and really something very few others have obtained."

Merwin was born in 1927 the son of a Presbyterian minister and had a strict upbringing. He moved to Hawaii in 1976 to study Zen Buddhism, eventually settling in Maui on a former plantation. In his lecture, Merwin said his repressive childhood made him feel like the closest friend he had was the tree. The experience inspired Merwin's "Touching the Tree" poem in his 1988 book, "The Rain in the Trees."

Merwin highlighted this experience to talk about his views on environmental conservation.

Butler said if nothing else the student alliance is keeping their eye on the board's decisions to hold them accountable for actions that will affect UT students.

"At this point we are monitoring the board and letting them know we are paying attention and students want to be consulted because the decisions they make ultimately affect all of us," she said.

The Board of Regents could not be reached for comment as of press time.

"There's a relation between who we are in our most indescribable and intimate [form] and life as a whole — the life of every living creature," Merwin said.

Danielle Sigler, Ransom Center assistant director and curator for academics, said she hoped people not familiar with Merwin's work would leave appreciating this different form of literature.

"It's an important art form and at times is underappreciated," Sigler said. "We do everything we can to get poetry to a broader audience."

Merwin ended the discussion by reading "Rain Light," a poem about confronting grief at the loss of a loved one.

"The washed colors of the afterlife/that lived there long before you were born/see how they wake without a question/even though the whole world is burning," Merwin read.

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the System hired O'Donnell, urging them to express their concern for the future of the University's mission as a research institution, which O'Donnell called into question.

O'Donnell's associations with Jeff Sandefer, who authored "Seven Breakthrough Solutions," which Gov. Rick Perry introduced to the state's higher education boards of regents in 2008, also raised concerns. The solutions include de-emphasizing research to improve effi-

ciency and instruction at Texas universities.

In a letter sent on April 18 to Regent Wallace Hall, O'Donnell alleged the UT System and UT-Austin suppressed information relevant to his work for regents' task forces on blended and on-line learning and on efficiency and productivity.

The next day spokesmen acknowledged O'Donnell no longer worked for the system, but declined further comment.

UT System student regent

Kyle Kalkwarf, a UT Health Science Center San Antonio medical student, said while some regents see the controversy over O'Donnell as a distraction, he welcomes the diverse input the debate has spurred.

"I think it's important to have all the information on the table, because that's how we can make the best decisions," Kalkwarf said. "I'm glad that people care enough to speak out, and as a result of that we're having this discussion."

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In this photo taken by a citizen journalist on a mobile phone, a Syrian boy attends a protest in Daraya, southwest of Damascus, Syria, on Monday. In a terrifying escalation of Syria's crackdown on dissent, witnesses say thousands of soldiers poured into the southern city of Daraa, on the Jordanian border, opening fire indiscriminately on civilians and killing at least 11 people.

# Syria cracks down on key protest city

By Diaa Hadid and Elizabeth Kennedy  
The Associated Press

BEIRUT — Thousands of soldiers backed by tanks and snipers moved in before dawn to the city where Syria's anti-government uprising began, causing panic in the streets when they opened fire indiscriminately on civilians and went house-to-house rounding up suspected protesters. At least 11 people were killed and 14 others lay in the streets — either dead or gravely wounded, witnesses said.

The military raids on the southern city of Daraa and at least two other areas suggested Syria is trying to impose military control on the centers of protests against President Bashar Assad, whose family has ruled Syria for four decades. Residents and human rights activists said the regime wants to terrify opponents and intimidate them from staging any more demonstrations.

The offensive was meticulously planned: Electricity, water and mobile phone services were cut. Security agents armed with guns and knives conducted house-to-house sweeps, neighborhoods were sectioned off and checkpoints were

erected before the sun rose.

“They have snipers firing on everybody who is moving,” a witness told The Associated Press by telephone. “They aren't discriminating. There are snipers on the mosque. They are firing at everybody,” he added, asking that his name not be

The attack on Daraa, an impoverished city on the Jordanian border, was by far the biggest in scope and firepower. Video purportedly shot by activists showed tanks rolling through streets and grassy fields with soldiers on foot jogging behind them.

Witnesses said busloads of troops

despise their leader.

All witnesses spoke on condition of anonymity for fear of reprisals.

Daraa, a drought-parched region of 300,000 in the south, has seen some of the worst bloodshed over the past five weeks as the uprising gained momentum. The area was ripe for unrest: The grip of Syria's security forces is weaker on the border areas than around the capital, Damascus, and Daraa hasn't benefited from recent years of economic growth. Meanwhile, Daraa has absorbed many rural migrants who can no longer farm after years of drought.

The city of Daraa was where Syria's uprising began in mid-March, touched off by the arrest of teenagers who scrawled anti-government graffiti on a wall.

A relentless crackdown since mid-March has killed more than 350 people throughout the country, with 120 alone dying over the weekend. But that has only emboldened protesters, who started with calls for modest reforms but are now increasingly demanding Assad's downfall.

The White House said Monday it was considering sanctions against the Syrian government in response to the brutal crackdown.

“Let Obama come and take Syria. Let Israel come and take Syria. Let the Jews come. Anything is better than Bashar Assad.”

— Unnamed resident of Daraa

used for fear of retribution.

The massive assault on Daraa appeared to be part of new strategy of crippling, preemptive strikes against any opposition to Assad, rather than reacting to demonstrations. Other crackdowns and arrest sweeps were reported on the outskirts of Damascus and the coastal town of Jableh — bringing more international condemnation and threats of targeted sanctions by Washington.

## NEWS BRIEFLY

UN sees drop in malaria deaths because of international effort

UNITED NATIONS — The U.N. chief's envoy for malaria says a \$5 billion campaign has

saved several hundred thousand lives in recent years, keeping international efforts on track to virtually end deaths from the mosquito-borne disease by 2015.

The U.N. says about 780,000 people, mostly babies and

toddlers in sub-Saharan Africa, now die from malaria annually, down from nearly 1 million in 2008.

Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon's envoy, U.S. philanthropist Ray Chambers, says a new malaria

initiative announced Monday by Harvard University should significantly help international efforts to wipe out the disease. He encouraged other universities to follow suit.

— The Associated Press

# Taliban insurgents free more than 480 from Afghan prison

By Mirkwais Khan  
The Associated Press

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan — During the long Afghan winter, Taliban insurgents were apparently busy underground.

The militants say they spent more than five months building a 1,050-foot tunnel to the main prison in southern Afghanistan, bypassing government checkpoints, watch towers and concrete barriers topped with razor wire.

The diggers finally poked through Sunday and spent four and a half hours ferrying away more than 480 inmates without a shot being fired, according to the Taliban and Afghan officials. Most of the prisoners were Taliban militants.

Accounts of the extraordinary prison break, carried out in the dead of night, suggest collusion with prison guards, officials or both.

Following a recent wave of assassinations here, the breakout underscores the weakness of the Afghan government in the south despite an influx of international troops, funding and advisers. It also highlights the spirit and resourcefulness of the Taliban despite months of battlefield setbacks.

Officials at Sarposha prison in Kandahar city, the one-time Taliban capital, say they discovered the breach at about 4 a.m. Monday, a half-hour after the Taliban say they had gotten all the prisoners safely to a house at the other end of the tunnel.

Government officials corroborated parts of the Taliban account. They confirmed the tunnel was dug from a house within shooting distance of the prison and that the inmates had somehow gotten out of their locked cells and disappeared into the night. Kandahar remains relatively warm

even during winter and the ground would not have frozen while insurgents were digging the tunnel.

Police showed reporters the roughly hewn hole that was punched through the cement floor of the prison cell. The opening was about 3 feet in diameter, and the tunnel dropped straight down for about 5 feet and then turned in the direction of the house where it originated.

But access was denied to the tunnel itself, and it was unclear how the Taliban were able to move so many men out of the prison so quickly. Also unclear was why guards would not have heard the diggers punch through the cement floor, and whether they supervise the inside of the perimeters at night.

A man who claimed he helped organize those inside the prison told The Associated Press in a phone call that he and his accomplices obtained copies of the keys for the cells ahead of time from “friends.” He did not say who those friends were.

“There were four or five of us who knew that our friends were digging a tunnel from the outside,” said Mohammad Abdullah, who said he had been in Sarposha prison for two years after being captured in nearby Zhari district with a stockpile of weapons. “Some of our friends helped us by providing copies of the keys. When the time came at night, we managed to open the doors for friends who were in other rooms.”

The city's police mounted a massive search operation for the escaped convicts. They shot and killed two inmates who tried to evade capture and re-arrested another 26, said Tooryalai Wesa, the provincial governor.

But there was no ignoring that the Taliban had pulled off a daring success under the noses of Afghan and NATO officials.



Allauddin Khan | Associated Press

An Afghan policemen takes a look at the opening of a 1,050-foot tunnel at the main prison in Kandahar, Afghanistan, which more than 480 prisoners escaped through Monday.

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## VIEWPOINT

## A united voice

Student leaders sent a letter to the Board of Regents on Monday urging them to increase transparency and consider student input in the discussions of possible changes to the UT System.

The regents are considering substantial changes to higher education at institutions in the System that would ultimately diminish the quality of education offered by these institutions.

Senate of College Councils President Carisa Nietzsche, Student Government President Natalie Butler, Graduate Student Assembly President Manuel Gonzalez and 10 college council presidents signed the letter that identified key discussions and student responses to them.

The most controversial of the reforms threatens research and questions its value. One “reform” proposes separating teaching budgets from research budgets — a change that would prove devastating to faculty and students at the University, a top research institution.

In response, the letter reads, “The value of our institution rests on its cutting-edge research and world-class faculty. ... Diluting the role of research in undergraduate education at UT would decrease the value of the degrees sought by students and would diminish the competitiveness of Texas’ students when applying to jobs and graduate schools across the country.”

This excerpt alone shows that student leaders understand both the significance of research at UT and, more importantly, that the Board of Regents is ignoring student, faculty and alumni input, much of which denounces the suggested reforms.

The little value the regents place on student input was made clear after Butler wrote a letter to the board following a trip to Arizona State University with regents Alex Cranberg and Brenda Pejovich. In her letter, Butler denounced the attempt to model UT after ASU. Shortly after she sent her letter to the Board of Regents, UT System Chancellor Francisco Cigarroa wrote to ASU’s president apologizing for Butler’s letter and clarifying that her views do not reflect those of the UT System.

Many of the proposed reforms to the UT System have been embraced by ASU. ASU’s model is attractive for political leaders, including Gov. Rick Perry, who has called for a \$10,000 bachelor’s degree plan that would necessitate more online learning to lower the cost of education.

Additionally, the controversy surrounding the hiring and subsequent dismissal of Rick O’Donnell reflects yet again the lack of transparency and consideration of students, administrators and alumni of the UT System. It seemed as though the board heard their criticisms when it dismissed O’Donnell, a former senior fellow at the Texas Public Policy Foundation who was hired as a special adviser to the Board of Regents. O’Donnell supported a number of changes to the System, including the separation of teaching from research.

However, just one day after O’Donnell’s dismissal, the board replaced O’Donnell with Sandra Woodley, the former chief financial officer and chief planning officer for the Arizona University System who supports a similar approach to higher education reform.

At a time when the regents are considering significant changes to the UT System, it is important that students take a stand together in defense of the quality education that UT offers.

Ideally, student opinion would be advocated to the regents through the student regent. Perry recently appointed John Davis Rutkauskas, a Plan II, business honors, finance and French junior, to serve as a student regent from June 1 through May 31, 2012.

But last week, Rutkauskas told The Daily Texan, “The [student regent] position is not about approaching the board as an activist but as an intermediary presenting the student’s opinion, rather than demanding action.”

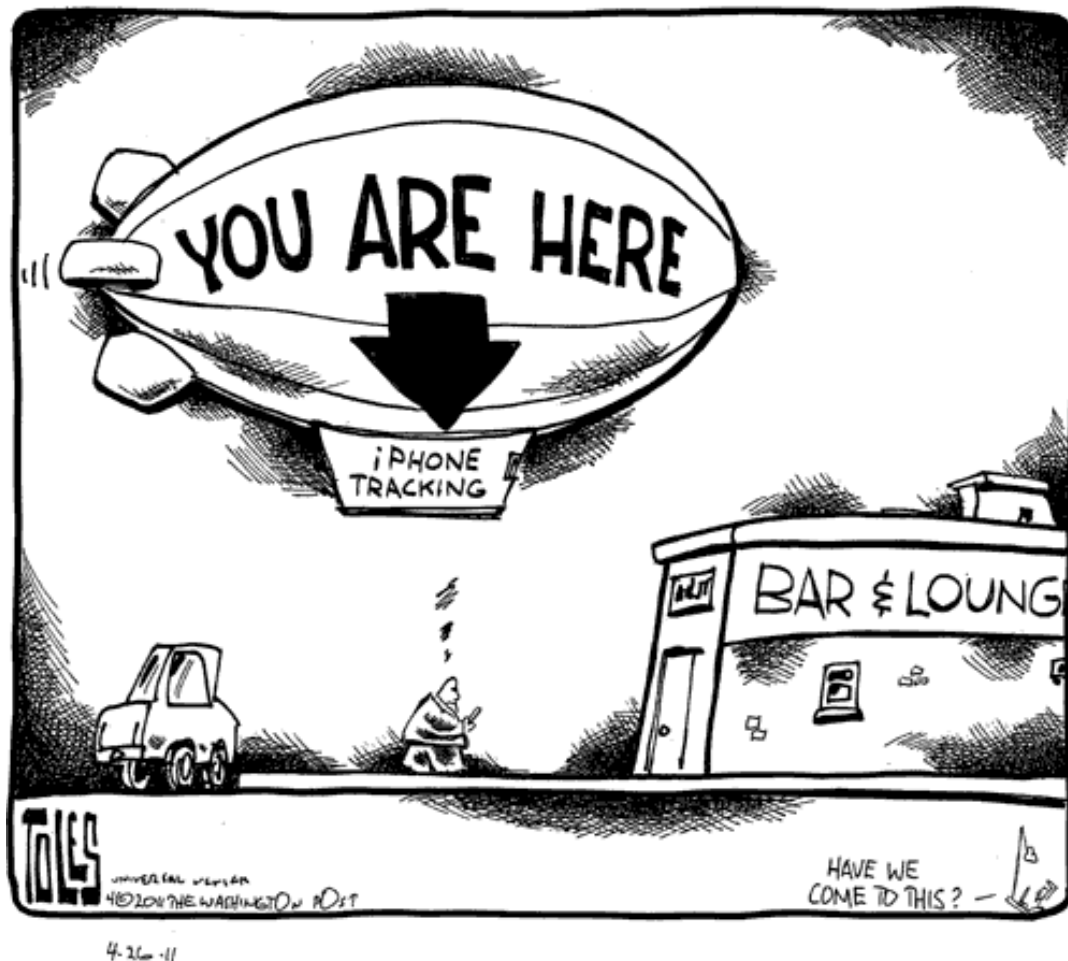
In the face of threats to higher education, his refusal to “demand action” is disconcerting, as the crucial role of a student regent is exactly that.

While it appears Rutkauskas has no plans to advocate for students, it is relieving that student leaders at UT are speaking out against the regents and in support of preservation of quality higher education. The letter is a significant stride toward presenting a united student voice against the suggested reforms.

The regents have made it clear that they only want supportive feedback, but with more students and alumni denouncing the reforms and demanding more transparency, their input will grow increasingly difficult to ignore.

— Viviana Aldous for the editorial board

## GALLERY



## Taking politics out of higher ed

By Holly Heinrich  
Daily Texan Columnist

Texas universities are vulnerable to the shifting winds of politics. Proposed cuts to higher education funding, the controversial “breakthrough solutions” supported by Gov. Rick Perry and the recent firing of Regents adviser Rick O’Donnell have made that clear. As emails obtained by the Houston Chronicle revealed last week, Perry continually pressured University regents to adopt reforms created by the Texas Public Policy Foundation, a conservative think tank that advocates scaling back academic research and requiring professors to put more emphasis on teaching. These initiatives conflict with the goals for UT that many prominent administrators, alumni and students have: supporting a more highly ranked institution that produces cutting-edge innovations.

Research is at the heart of an ongoing war in higher education. This issue is further complicated by misperceptions about research’s role in university culture. For instance, a recent UT System study suggests fears about professors who don’t spend enough time in the classroom are unfounded. The study found that UT faculty members dedicate an average of 39 hours per week to instruction and instruction-related activities, greatly exceeding the minimum 27 hours of weekly instruction time required by the Board of Regents. Yet this factual information hasn’t fig-

ured prominently in the research debate. Instead, the discussions have been more strongly directed by ideology, and this has produced instability in our public universities that will continue until universities find a way to distance themselves from the changing demands of politics.

Currently, the University depends on the state for a significant (though decreasing) portion of its funding. Since 2003, state funding has notably decreased and student tuition has continued to pay a rising share of college costs. Since Texas’ population is growing rapidly, there is an increasing demand for all state services, especially public education and Medicaid, so state contributions to all public entities, including universities, are expected to decrease. Public universities around the nation are realizing they need to reduce their reliance on state funds to stay afloat. Ironically, some have found their solution in the enterprise that has been denigrated by the Texas Public Policy Foundation: research.

The University of Wisconsin, for instance, receives about \$40 million annually from patent discoveries made by university researchers. Wisconsin has patented products such as warfarin, a drug that prevents blood clots, and a hormonal form of vitamin D used to treat osteoporosis. UT is also working to produce revenue from research and has obtained licensing agreements for innovations in fields ranging from oil extraction to nanotechnology. In 2009-

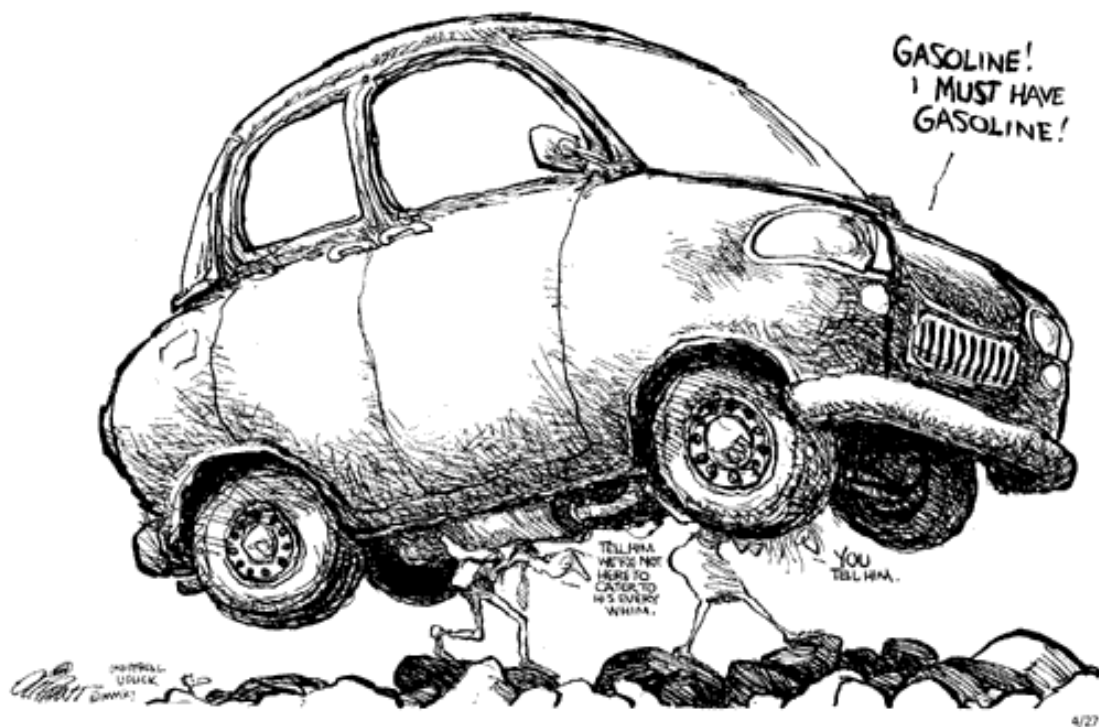
2010, UT licensing revenues reached \$14.3 million.

Other universities are balancing the role of politics in university life by re-examining the Board of Regents’ structure. California activists have advocated for a board made up of governor’s appointees, ex-officio members and officials elected by students and faculty. The California, Washington and Wisconsin university systems have given students a real say in university policy decisions by granting full voting rights to student regents. The University of Michigan’s board, where regents run for statewide election, is the most democratic, but Texas’ recent experience with the State Board of Education’s politicized K-12 curriculum suggests a system similar to Michigan’s would be a poor choice for Texas higher education. It would also be difficult to implement, since Texas has several large university systems, each with its own board. It is unclear what the best structure for Texas would be, but now is the time to consider possible reforms.

To create and maintain top-tier research universities, we need to ensure that our universities have stronger, more stable sources of funding and are less subject to politically driven policy changes. We cannot build a stable foundation for higher education if the ground shifts with every election cycle, undoing all the University has worked to build.

Heinrich is a government freshman.

## GALLERY



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# Symposium raises concerns regarding energy research



Laura Diaz Anadon talks with Varun Rai at the Innovation and Energy Symposium. Anadon says with more analysis of technology diffusion into emerging energy markets, there will be a greater understanding of energy innovation.

By Katrina Tolin  
Daily Texan Staff

Without adequate funding for research, the United States will not be able to compete in the global energy market, said a Harvard research group director Monday.

The Energy Institute at the Jackson School of Geosciences hosted Laura Diaz Anadon as part of its Innovation and Energy Symposium. About 45 people came to see Anadon, the director of the Energy Technology Innovation Policy Research Group at Harvard University.

Energy researchers agree it is necessary to have substantial and accelerating innovations to meet the world's energy needs, Anadon said. She said the United States should address environmental challenges to create the industries of the future and increase global energy security.

Anadon said government policies, regulations and tax incentives encourage energy solutions in research and the private sector.

Japan's energy security was drastically improved when the country began offering subsidies to anyone installing home solar units, she said.

In another example, California's stricter efficiency requirements on refrigerator manufacturing decreased refrigerator energy consumption by 70 percent.

Anadon said the risk of researchers and scientists losing funding mid-project can impede progress, and that one in three will lose 27 per-

cent of their funding every year.

"You cannot make big breakthroughs when you are just working on something for two years or four years or even more," she said. "You need stability."

The lecture series brings faculty and students from across campus together to share ideas on innovation and energy with a leading expert in the field, said Varun Rai, assistant professor at the LBJ School and organizer of the event.

"This increases the level of awareness on energy issues, but also cutting-edge research," Rai said.

The series will be offered as a weekly lecture course for credit beginning in the fall semester.

Energy Institute spokesman Gary Rasp said that students have expressed a strong interest in more energy-related courses, and this is one way that the Jackson School and the Energy Institute have tried to meet that demand.

Rasp said recent environmental disasters, along with increased gasoline prices, have helped to raise awareness about environmental concerns and the need for new technologies.

"Energy is an issue that is on just about everyone's mind. Every day there is more and more attention being focused on it," Rasp said. "People are talking more and more about costs and relative risks associated with one technology versus another."

## NEWS BRIEFLY

### Downtown may see renovation pending public hearing results

Austin residents may see more parks, a revitalized Sixth Street and improved infrastructure downtown if the City Council adopts a new comprehensive plan. The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing tonight to discuss the plan before making final recommendations to the council.

The commission will present the Downtown Austin Plan to council members at 6 p.m. at City Hall before taking public feedback, said Jorge Rousselin, development services process coordinator of the planning commission. Any and all portions of the plan are open for discussion, he said.

The council directed the commission to develop a plan that would provide the community with a clear road

map on how downtown should develop, said Michael Knox, co-developer of the plan.

"I believe the plan we have produced does that," he said. "We have involved the community every step of the way over the past several years."

The Downtown Austin Plan lays out a vision of downtown for roughly 20 years, Knox said. It includes more than 100 recommendations including regulatory changes, public investments and organizational changes and has been in the works for several years, he said. The public hearing will be the last commission review before the plan goes to City Council, he said. The City Council will choose whether or not to adopt the plan at a public hearing on June 9.

— Allie Kolečta

## Entrepreneurial organizations put students in business

By Yvonne Marquez  
Daily Texan Staff

Biomedical engineering junior Juan Carlos Rodriguez started his own clothing line, Platypus T-shirts, last summer. He said his business is still in the startup stages and he is trying to market his apparel.

The University Entrepreneur's Association hosted a symposium to help students like Rodriguez with startup ideas realize their goals Monday.

About 50 undergraduates and Austin business leaders networked at the symposium. Rhetoric and writing sophomore Nick Spiller, an event organizer and founder of UThinkTank.com, a social media site for students with entrepreneur-

ial pursuits, said everyone has the opportunity to help each other.

Rodriguez said he wanted to create graphic T-shirts that had the right fit and felt nice. He said it takes initiative and the right connections to start a business.

"We'll see where it goes," Rodriguez said. "It's not something I would do for the rest of my life but it's something I like doing and seems like a good experience to try out."

Clayton Christopher, founder of Sweet Leaf Tea, said he started his company on the worst business model in the world. He had no experience in the industry and his product had a two-week shelf life. He said most of the work in the be-

ginning was miserable.

"There were days I thought if I could walk away from the business and not have filed for personal bankruptcy I probably would've done it," Christopher said. "I'm so glad I didn't do it because challenges build character."

Christopher said the company started to grow when he started hiring people smarter than himself. For years, he said his ego got in the way of the company's growth.

"Keep the ego out of the way in business and your personal life," Christopher said. "It keeps you from reaching lots of joy and happiness."

International relations sophomore Liuna Fekravar participat-

ed in 3 Day Startup, an entrepreneurship program to allow university students to develop a company in three days. She worked on a startup called Socialease, a business social network. Fekravar said she and a team of other students want to pursue another startup idea for 1 Semester Startup, a new course for undergraduates working on startups that engineering professor Bob Metcalfe is teaching in the fall.

"I feel students have lots of potential in terms of changing things with their startup ideas," Fekravar said. "But without motivation they usually don't get anywhere. With these entrepreneurial organizations, they motivate you to keep going."



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# FIGHTING FLAMES

After two weeks of battling some of the worst wildfires in Texas history, firefighters in the area around Possum Kingdom Lake finally got a chance to rest, recover and assess the damage as storm systems passed through the area this weekend.

The fires have consumed almost 127,000 acres of land, destroying more than 166 buildings and two churches, according to the Texas Forest Service. Possum Kingdom Lake is about 70 miles west of Ft. Worth.

One of the two churches consumed in the fire, First

Baptist Church of Possum Kingdom, held Easter services in their Family Life Center, rubble from the destroyed sanctuary still strewn in the parking lot next door. The sermon given by pastor Dennis Trammel was one of perseverance.

“You are more important than buildings” he told the congregation, seated in several dozen plastic chairs in the small gymnasium. “I would rather be working on a building, than preaching a funeral.”

— Thomas Allison



Thomas Allison | Daily Texan Staff

Palo Pinto volunteer firefighter Ralph Smith pauses for a moment with his son Saturday night after the two spent the day fighting local wildfires.



Andrew Torrey | Daily Texan Staff

The Standing Rock team from North Dakota walks the fire line to check for any remaining small fires. Firefighters from all over the nation were called to help combat the wildfires spreading across Northwest Texas.



Andrew Torrey | Daily Texan Staff

Deacon Aubrey Worsham examines the burnt remnants of the First Baptist Church of Possum Hills. The church was one of many structures lost to the Texas wildfires.



Andrew Torrey | Daily Texan Staff

Georgette and Jim Carley return to their home following the evacuation of many housing areas near the Possum Kingdom Complex wildfire. Jim and his sons fought the flames advancing on their cottage until they had to evacuate.



Thomas Allison | Daily Texan Staff

Hank and Mac Brooks wait for Easter services to begin in the Family Life Center of Possum Kingdom's First Baptist Church on Sunday morning. Their renewal of vows was the last marriage ceremony in the main church building before it burned down last week.



Andrew Torrey | Daily Texan Staff

A burnt out Jeep rests in a destroyed residence in the Hell's Gate housing area near Possum Kingdom Lake. Hell's Gate was one of the hardest hit areas, with many homes reduced to scorched rubble.



BASEBALL  
Texas State at No. 7 Texas

Longhorns return home to face Texas State

By Trey Scott  
Daily Texan Staff

A few weeks ago, Texas made a pitching swap. Sam Stafford, who had been mowing down batters on Tuesdays — 2-0, with 23 strikeouts in four contests — would take his act to Sundays, when his arm would provide more value against better opponents.

On their first Tuesday without Stafford, last week's 4-2 win over UT Pan-American, the Longhorns got one inning out of starter Austin Dicharry, who surrendered two earned runs after only 31 pitches before being pulled. After the first, four more pitchers saw action in relief work.

"I didn't do the best I could," said Dicharry, who was making his first start in a year after rehabilitating through a bone bruise.

Head coach Augie Garrido called it a "rough start."

Trying for some smoother sailing, Garrido has asked Stafford to return to the midweek mound tonight against Texas State. Though Stafford pitched Saturday against Kansas, he still has enough left in the tank to pitch three days later because he only threw 54 pitches in Texas' 4-2 loss.

In a March 15 game against the Bobcats, the Longhorns scraped out a 3-1 win, registering just seven hits and scoring only one earned run.

"Later in the year, we'll hit better," Garrido said after the game. "As it warms up, the hitting will come around."

The skipper's prediction has come true so far. This past week-



Andrew Edmonson | Daily Texan Staff

Junior shortstop Brandon Loy warms up before an April 18 game against UT-Pan American. Loy leads the Longhorns in hits and doubles and is batting .331 on the year. In the Kansas series, Loy went 6-13 with two RBIs.

end, Texas outscored the Jayhawks 20-5 in three games, a series in which the Longhorns averaged 11 hits a game and hit .320 as a team.

"We hit balls hard, and we got our bunts down and ran the bases well enough to get people in position to score," Garrido said.

Offensive standouts on the year are Brandon Loy and Erich Weiss, who combined to go 12-26, with seven RBIs between the two of them last weekend. Loy, a junior, starred in game one of the Kansas series, with a 4-5, two-RBI performance at the plate to go with a few

defensive gems.

"I saw the ball well today and stayed with my plan. I came out and played hard and had fun," Loy said.

Weiss, who drove in five runs

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Date: Tonight  
Time: 6 p.m.  
Place: UFCU Disch-Falk Field

FOOTBALL NOTEBOOK

Applewhite picks up five-star commit

By Austin Laymance  
Daily Texan Staff

The days of NFL-caliber tailbacks in the Texas backfield effectively ended with Jamaal Charles' departure following the 2007 season.

After three years of a lackluster running game, Texas as now appears poised to return its once prominent backfield to national recognition.

The rebuilding effort would not have been possible without Texas' young, new co-offensive coordinators, Major Applewhite and Bryan Harsin.

This fall, top-rated running back prospect and Brenham native Malcolm Brown, who was heavily recruited by Applewhite, will look to reinvigorate the Texas ground game. Brown will get some help along the way in 2012 with five-star recruit Johnathan Gray — the Longhorns' top target in the class of 2012 — who announced Friday that he will sign with Texas.

While Applewhite also primarily recruited Gray, the Aledo High School product said the new schemes Harsin is installing from his days conducting the high-scoring Boise State offense enticed him to come to Texas instead of Texas A&M or TCU.

With Brown and Gray in the fold, Applewhite and Harsin should have more weapons at their disposal than ever before — another reason why Harsin left a successful Boise State program to come to the 40 Acres.



Trent Lesikar | Daily Texan Staff file photo

Co-offensive coordinator Major Applewhite signals calls to the offense during the Orange-White spring game.

Gray ran for eight touchdowns in the school's Class 4A Division II state title game win over La Marque last year and finished

the season with a state-record 59 touchdowns to go with 3,223

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL NOTEBOOK

Senior Nash earns broadcasting award for graduate school

By Sameer Bhuchar  
Daily Texan Staff

Though their season abruptly ended a month ago, that doesn't mean the Longhorns haven't been hard at work both on and off the court.

Kathleen Nash is one of those players.

Nash racked up a number of athletic awards during her tenure on the 40 Acres, but her work ethic helped her garner a number of academic awards. Most recently she was awarded the Women's Basketball Coaches Association's (WBCA) Robin Roberts/WBCA Broadcasting Scholarship Award.

The \$4,500 scholarship is awarded to one female collegiate basketball player who intends to pursue graduate work and a career in sports communications and journalism.

"Congratulations to Kathleen," said WBCA CEO Beth Bass when she announced Nash as the recipient in late March. "We look forward to watching you excel in your field, and hope you will put some 'pressure' on this award's namesake."

The communications field is a far cry from her undergraduate degree. Nash, a three-time Aca-

demic All-Big 12 First Team selection in 2009, 2010 and 2011, will graduate next month with a degree in finance and a minor in accounting. She was also named a five-time Big 12 Commissioner's Honor Roll honoree.

Former Horns return

As current Longhorn players prepare to graduate, some familiar past players have begun to trickle back onto campus.

Last week, head coach Gail Goesteniors added former Texas standout Edwina Brown to her squad of assistants in hopes of helping Texas regain elite status. Brown, who played as a Longhorn from 1996-2000, will take over as the new strength and conditioning coach.

"We are so happy to have Edwina on staff," Goesteniors said. "She will bring her mental and physical toughness, along with her vast knowledge of the game, to our program. 'Wink' knows what it takes to be the very best player in the country and she will be a vital asset to the future of Texas Women's Basketball."

Brown is one of the program's

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Trent Lesikar | Daily Texan Staff

Senior Raygan Feight bats against Texas Woman's University on Wednesday. Feight has started 40 games this year and has become one of the Longhorns' leaders both on and off the field.

SOFTBALL  
UTSA at No. 5 TEXAS

Feight uses experience to lead young Horns


By Sara Beth Purdy  
Daily Texan Staff

When Raygan Feight steps up to the plate, the crowd takes notice. Instead of the traditional stadium chant of "Texas Fight," the crowd shows its support for the senior with an enthusiastic cheer of "Raygan Fight!"


For a young Texas team, the coaches value the leadership and experience of the senior class. At the beginning of the season, head

coach Connie Clark talked about the importance of conveying last year's disappointing finish to the freshmen, and left the task up to the three seniors on the roster. Clark's warnings have worked so far, as the Longhorns have cruised to a 41-4 record and remain undefeated in Big 12 play 11 games in.

Feight took that message to heart. This year, she and catcher Amy Hooks are the only two senior regular starters.



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Place: McCombs Field

Freshman shortstop Taylor Thom said Feight has been like a big sister


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TRIVIA TUESDAY

When was the last time Texas men's golf won a Big 12 Championship?

Answer: 2004

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SPOTLIGHT

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BIG 12 MEN'S GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP

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5	Texas Tech +25
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most decorated athletes. During her time on the 40 Acres, she was a two-time All-American and first-team All-Big 12 Conference team member. In addition to receiving the Margaret Wade Trophy award in 2000, an honor that is presented annually to the top player in college basketball, Brown is also the only player in UT history to record at least 1,700 points, 500 assists and 250 steals throughout her career. She is also a former Olympian and WNBA player.

Recruit plays All-American game

With news coming from all fronts of the Longhorn family of players, both current and past, an incoming Texas player made headlines this past month as well. Texas signee Cassie Peoples was one of 24 players in the 10th Annual McDonald's All-American Game on March 30. Peoples, who competed for the West team, is only the ninth player in Texas' history invited to play in the exhibition. The women's McDonald's All-American game began in 2002, and is reserved for the nation's best high school players.



Senior Kat Nash runs around a screen set by her sister Kristin in February's win over Nebraska. Nash was awarded with the Women's Basketball Coaches Association's Robin Roberts Broadcasting Scholarship in March.

Peoples scored five points and recorded four steals and a block in 16 minutes of play. The West lost 78-66. The Cy-Fair native is the sixth best player at her position according to the 2011 HoopGurlz Recruiting Rankings.

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yards. He told reporters Friday at a news conference announcing his decision that he's positive he made the right choice with Texas. "I feel like that's where I want to be," Gray said. "That's my home." Though Gray still has one season left in high school, it isn't stopping him from looking ahead to donning a Texas uniform alongside Brown in 2012. "I think we'll do great," Gray told the Austin American-Statesman. "He's a dominant back and

I'm a dominant back. You just put two and two together, we'll make each other better and just try to win a national championship." **Big 12 gets new TV deal** It looks like the Big 12 is here to stay after all. While there were doubts about the conference's future after Nebraska and Colorado jumped ship and left the league with only 10 schools, a new television deal with Fox Sports Media Group should preserve the Big 12. The 13-year deal calls for Fox to televise 40 football games beginning in 2012. The deal's financial terms were not released, but the Sports Business Journal reported that it could bring in as much as \$90 million a year. "This puts the conference in a great place, not just a good place," Texas men's athletic director DeLoss Dodds told the Austin American-Statesman. "They're ecstatic." Fox, per its current agree-

ment with the conference, already pays \$20 million per year to broadcast roughly half as many games as allowed in the new cable rights deal. The Big 12 also has a network deal with ABC/ESPN that runs through the 2015-16 season worth \$480 million. Since that deal is already in place, ABC/ESPN has priority for choosing which games to televise, meaning Fox will choose from second-tier Big 12 matchups — most will be broadcast on Fox Sports Net's regional networks.

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over the weekend, is currently in the midst of a 12-game hitting streak. During the span, the freshman has a .447 batting average and a .527 on-base percentage. Out of 40 games this year, Weiss has gotten on base safely, by way of hit or walk, in 38 of them. "[Weiss] continues to hit well," Garrido said. "He's a very mature batter for a freshman and seems to learn from every at-bat he takes."

FEIGHT

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to her both on the field and off. "I take pride in trying to be a leader to these girls since I have been here for three years," Feight said. "I want to be that communicator on the field and that leader that everyone can look up to — a role model." Feight's .207 average may not be the best on the team, but she has contributed plenty to the offense. This past weekend, Feight went 3-3 in game one against Texas Tech. It was her first multi-hit game of the season and she also scored two runs. She makes up on defense what she lacks in offense. "I think she is one of the best defensive players we have had come through the program," Clark said. Going into the weekend, Feight had a .991 fielding percentage, which is second best on a team that leads the Big 12 and the country in fielding. As a junior, she started every game in the infield and has started in 40 games this season while only committing one error so far. According to Clark, Feight has the ability to take command and can effectively communicate on the field while building confidence among her teammates. Feight is filling the leadership role left vacant by Lauren Johnson, who graduated last year. "It was a big part for me to come here and follow Lauren Johnson's lead," Feight said. "I told the coaches that is what I wanted to do — take over that spot and be that role model." Feight is also becoming a role model for children. After a series against Iowa State, Feight took control of the infield during a clinic hosted by the Longhorns for youth in the Austin area. The young softball players were able to learn how to properly field ground balls and how to improve their throwing technique. No one on the staff was surprised to see Feight leading that portion of the clinic. Feight and the No. 5 Longhorns host UTSA tonight before heading to Waco for a mid-week conference game against Baylor on Wednesday.





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MEN'S GOLF

Longhorns sit in second at Big 12 Championship

**By Nick Cremona**  
Daily Texan Staff

Jelly beans and chocolate eggs didn't keep the Longhorns from starting off strong in the opening rounds of the Big 12 Championship Tournament. After two rounds, Texas is seated comfortably in second place, only three strokes behind leader Oklahoma State. The Cowboys ended the day with two players tied for first place on the individual leaderboard, and are at 18-over as a team. In his first career postseason appearance, sophomore Julio Vegas recorded eight birdies over his two rounds to finish at one-over. Vegas is also in fourth place on the individual leaderboard. Junior Dylan Frittelli shot six-over on the front nine, but was able to salvage the back nine for a four-over first round. In his second round, Frittelli had four birdies, finished the day at six-over and tied for 11th individually. Frittelli was paired with Oklahoma State's Peter Uihlein, who has been the consensus No. 1 college player this year, and Texas A&M's Jordan Russell, who is currently ranked 15th in the nation. Senior Bobby Hudson, who is playing in his fourth consecutive Big 12 Championship, had four birdies in the first round, but his 10 bogeys and one double bogey had him finish the day at six-over. Hudson is also tied for 11th place on the individual leaderboard. The third Longhorn sitting in a tie for 11th place is freshman Toni Hakula, who carded a two-over first round and a four-over second round to finish the day at six-over. Sophomore Cody Gribble turned in a three-over first round and a four-over second to end the day at seven-over, tied for 18th place individually. Texas tees off at 8:50 this morning with Oklahoma State and Oklahoma, who is in third place.

SPORTS BRIEFLY

**Tower to be lit orange tonight to honor women's golf team**

The Tower will be lit orange Tuesday to honor the women's golf team after its Big 12 Championship win on Sunday. Tradition states that any time a University team wins a conference title, the Tower is lit up in all burnt orange. This is only the third time in school history the women have had this honor. Texas previously claimed Big 12 titles in 1997 and 2004. "This is awesome," said head coach Martha Richards. "We go out week after week to try to get W's. Golf is a weird game in that you can go out, play great and still finish second. Having a championship mindset has and will continue to translate into many great things for this team." The Tower lighting also honors sophomore Madison Pressel, who became just the second women's golfer in program history to win the Big 12 Championship with a tournament-record score of eight-under. She joins Big 12 individual champion Heather Bowie of the 1997 Texas women's golf team as the only Longhorns to accomplish the feat. — Stephanie Yarbrough



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# How to Tie a Turban

Photos by Jono Foley

To wrap a scarf into a turban on your head, begin with a large square scarf. For a clean, sharp look, tie your hair into a bun so that the turban will completely cover it. For a more feminine look, let tousled hair down.



1. Begin by folding scarf in half to form a triangle. Wrap scarf around the head with the center point of the triangle facing forward, resting on your forehead.



2. Bring the side ends to the top of your head.



3. Twist the ends over as you would when tying shoelaces. Make a knot.



4. Bring both ends to the back bottom of your head and tuck loose ends underneath. Tuck the triangular tip in the front as well.

## HATS

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jubilee of summer events, like Sunday brunch, week-ends in the South of France or the upcoming royal wedding and horse race.

With the royal wedding looming, magazines such as Vogue and People have dedicated pages to guessing what hat designer Philip Treacy is creating. Treacy is the man behind the crystal-encrusted asteroid headpiece Lady Gaga donned at last year's Grammy Awards.

After the Kentucky Derby, it's certain there will be

magazine spreads of ladies in their best or most bizarre Sunday hats. Besides mint juleps, the most common association with the derby is women in hats.

While wearing a hat bedecked with stuffed dead birds, bows and tulle is fun, it is not appropriate for everyday wear. The grandeur of a hat can make it difficult to incorporate into an ensemble — even the casual baseball cap can sometimes make or break an outfit.

But the downside of a hat is also works to its advantage. When worn tastefully, the stand-alone nature of hats make them easy accessories that add oomph to conservative ensembles.

In style for this spring and summer are bowler hats, floppy '70s-style summer felt hats, fedoras and turbans. In sync with the retro trend, round Charlie Chaplin-esque hats and large brimmed hats make perfect exaggerated accent pieces for this season's long, billowing skirts and dresses.

Men should ditch the overwrought trend of fedoras in favor of newsboy caps, straw bowler hats or Panama safari hats, which have the same top structure as a fedora but with a wider brim.

Whether it's making a bold statement with a turban or a lighter appearance with a cap, try topping off your outfit this season with a hat — with or without a stuffed bird.

## TV

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PBS that followed the daily lives of Santa Barbara family the Louds. At the time, it was a stirring new enterprise in television, eliciting discussions and great controversy for its depiction of the Louds' eventual divorce and the inclusion of TV's first openly gay man, Lance Loud.

"An American Family" is also largely considered to be the antecedent to modern reality television. After watching excerpts from the series online (the complete series has never been available on video), there are curious cues to current reality TV trends that give even the assorted dramas of the "Real Housewives" franchise some unexpected gravitas.

Like most reality shows, the subjects of the series come from an affluence likely foreign to most of the people who actually watched it. Even 40 years ago, reality TV was all about watching beautiful rich people cry their pretty tears into martini glasses.

What also holds true is the empathic potential for reality TV to relate life's banalities across socioeconomic divisions: In one scene, Loud daughter Delilah, her hair tightly wound in curlers, fidgets as she labors through a dull phone conversation with her father. In another scene, the Loud children, out of what appears to be sheer boredom, attack each other in the backyard with a garden hose. They may be wealthier than most of their viewers, but they face the same quotidian hurdles as the rest of us.

Where "An American Family" differs from current reality TV is also often a main point of contention for opponents of the genre. Unlike current reality TV programs, the drama in "An American Family" is not ginned-up, at least not in the same way shows are now. Sure, cameras following you around can affect your behavior and crafty editing techniques can help parse theater from the slightest of scenarios. What's different about "An American Family" is that there's an almost entire lack of direction to the production, including no confessionals.

Most unlike current reality TV, you never immediately get the sense that any of the scenes in "An American Family" are staged. Although upon the series' airing, the Louds were vocal about their discomfort in how Gilbert chose to edit down the 300 hours of footage, watching it 40 years later the unraveling of the Louds' marriage comes through powerfully unfettered.

There's a particularly sobering moment in episode nine that one would never see on current reality TV: Bill returns home from business out of town to Pat, his wife, who tells him to move out. What follows is 10 devastating minutes: The camera follows as Bill calls to book a hotel reservation and pack his clothes; Pat sits silently on their bed.

You can see both of them straining to maintain their composure in front of the camera and for those few brief minutes, the show is almost unbearably, chillingly real. A marriage that spanned 20 years and bore four children ended in a single night, and all of America was the audience to them coming undone.

Could this kind of genuine real-life drama ever make it on the air in 2011? It seems unlikely. Modern reality TV is more like an alternative method of storytelling, a way to restructure a fictional narrative by calling it "reality." It's a shame, because "An American Family" proved 40 years ago that reality, the kind without quotations, is rife with compelling drama all its own.

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BOOK REVIEW  
THE UNCOUPLINGCritique of modern life  
fails in 'The Uncoupling'By Katie Stroh  
Daily Texan Staff

In Aristophanes' comedy "Lysistrata," the women of Athens decide to end the interminable Peloponnesian War by withholding the one thing they believed their men couldn't live without: sex.

Meg Wolitzer's new novel "The Uncoupling" transplants Aristophanes' story into the modern age. The quiet New Jersey suburb of Stellar Plains functions as Wolitzer's modern-day version of Athens. The town is tight-knit, wholesome and relatively free from scandal, intrigue or dramatic events.

That is, until a new drama teacher comes to Eleanor Roosevelt High and puts on a production of "Lysistrata." A strange thing begins to happen to the women of the town: Seemingly under a spell, the women lose all desire for their husbands, boyfriends and lovers, and turn away from sex completely.

The best that can be said about "The Uncoupling" is that it's occasionally mildly entertaining and doesn't draw itself out. Wolitzer writes with a light, conversational tone and the novel skips along at a brisk pace. It's easy to get through the entire novel in one sitting.

Rather than making "The Uncoupling" a truly enjoyable read, this breezy tone reflects how shallow "The Uncoupling" ultimately is. Without giving away the entire plot, the whole mystical sexual shutdown is essentially pointless by the novel's anticlimactic end. Wolitzer fails to find any kind of real meaning or reflection in her premise, which is so creative and has so much potential for social commentary.

Wolitzer tries to create a relatable cast of characters that might live around the corner in any suburb in the nation. There's Dory and Robby Lang, a happily married cou-

ple and the most popular teachers in Stellar Plains. There's their daughter Willa, a shy teenage girl experiencing her first twinges of desire for her new boyfriend Eli. There's the young and beautiful school psychologist Leanne and her sadly sweet lover, the married school principal. And there's Bev, the unhappy, overweight school counselor.

However, Wolitzer's efforts at relatability result in uninteresting characters. The inner monologues of every person in Stellar Plains end up blending together and no single person seems to have any kind of complexity or real personality.

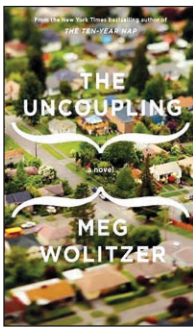
Even the drama teacher Fran, whom Wolitzer professes to be so radically unconventional and blunt for Stellar Plains, blends into the monotony of the novel's bland character landscape and fails to contrast with the other townspeople.

In addition, Wolitzer and her adult characters' patronizing views of their teenaged children and students are an incredibly grating quality of the book. The parents and teachers of Stellar Plains constantly remark on the apathy and technological obsession of the town's teenagers without trying to understand or engage them in any way.

If Wolitzer means for this to be some kind of social commentary or clever satire, it comes off as incredibly flimsy and not at all humorous. Instead, it reads as condescending and shallow.

Most irritating of all is the strange, unnatural dialogue. Wolitzer often seems to have no concept of how real people actually talk, especially teenagers. Almost every exchange of dialogue sounds robotic and painfully awkward to read.

"The Uncoupling" touts a wonderfully clever premise that unfortunately belies its disappointing, weak execution.

**The Uncoupling**  
Meg Wolitzer**Genre:** Romantic comedy**Pages:** 270**For those who like:**

Jane Austen, Helen Fielding

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## COMMENTARY



Courtesy of The Associated Press

Donald Trump is considering a 2012 presidential run against President Barack Obama.

## Celebrity CEO may run for president

By Aleksander Chan  
Daily Texan Staff

Donald Trump — mega-millionaire, star of "The Apprentice" and pre-eminent comb-over guru — is making headlines for his announced exploratory committee into a potential presidential run in 2012 on the Republican ticket.

Trump is hardly the first celebrity to run for public office, and his ample war chest stands to keep his name in the mix through the election season. But how likely is he to be successful? By examining his fellow celebrity politicians, it might be possible to distinguish where exactly Trump falls on the presidential spectrum.

Trump, and perhaps all ambitious celebrity pols, yearns for the kind of esteem Ronald Reagan held. Reagan is better known for his defining presidency of conservative politics, his supply-side "Reaganomics," ending the Cold War and the Iran-Contra affair than his acting career. Reagan's presidential prowess so overcame his initial celebrity status that it's often remembered as an afterthought.

But few non-celebrity politicians have reached the success of Reagan. The only other presidential celebrity examples for Trump to potentially follow would be Obama and Kennedy — neither exactly in his wheelhouse. Though he could follow the lead of Arnold Schwarzenegger.

Over his two terms as California governor,

The Terminator gained serious political respect as a moderate Republican whose magnetism endured despite the drooping approval ratings suffered by lame-duck incumbents. And now that he's done working in politics? He's returning to showbiz, launching a comic book and animated series aptly titled "The Governator" with Marvel head honcho Stan Lee.

Arnold is a less polarizing figure than Trump, and based on some of Trump's on-air flubs — notably for not knowing Roe v. Wade's precedent as a right to privacy — he's facing an uphill battle even if he wasn't better known for his on-air persona. The failures of some celebrities running for office hold salient cautionary tales.

Comedian Stephen Colbert also famously "ran" for president in 2008, attempting to be on both the Democratic and Republican ballots. A spectacular failure, the whole endeavor seemed like a grand gesture for ripe material for his show, "The Colbert Report."

While Trump hasn't made a name for himself as a comedian like Colbert, it's difficult to know just how serious he is about running. The Democratic Party wasn't amused with Colbert in 2008 and refused to accept his bid. If by some bizarre sequence of events Trump clinches the nomination, will the Republican Party be willing to validate it?

The White House may be too drastic a real

estate change for Trump — and he should know, with his millions made from his real estate ventures. Like most non-celebrity politicians, the best way to hold a higher office is to work your way up the ladder.

Sonny Bono, fresh from leaving Cher, enjoyed a successful political career as the mayor of Palm Springs and later as a U.S. Representative of California. Former "Saturday Night Live" star Al Franken, who first gained attention for his progressive politicking through a talk radio show and a series of bestselling books, won the extremely close Minnesota senate race in 2008.

But Trump has never been marked by modesty; his "go big or go home" attitude would seemingly preclude him from taking stepping stones such as a senate run to eventually get him to D.C. So finally, there's the celebrity politician perhaps closest to Trump's own personality: Howard Stern.

The radio shock jock won the Libertarian Party nomination for his 1994 run for governor of New York, but when a law requiring him to disclose his address and financial records reared its head, he withdrew. It raises the question as to what exactly Stern's motivations were for running: Was he a legitimate politician or an oversize personality caught up in political theater? Trump appears to be leaning toward the latter.

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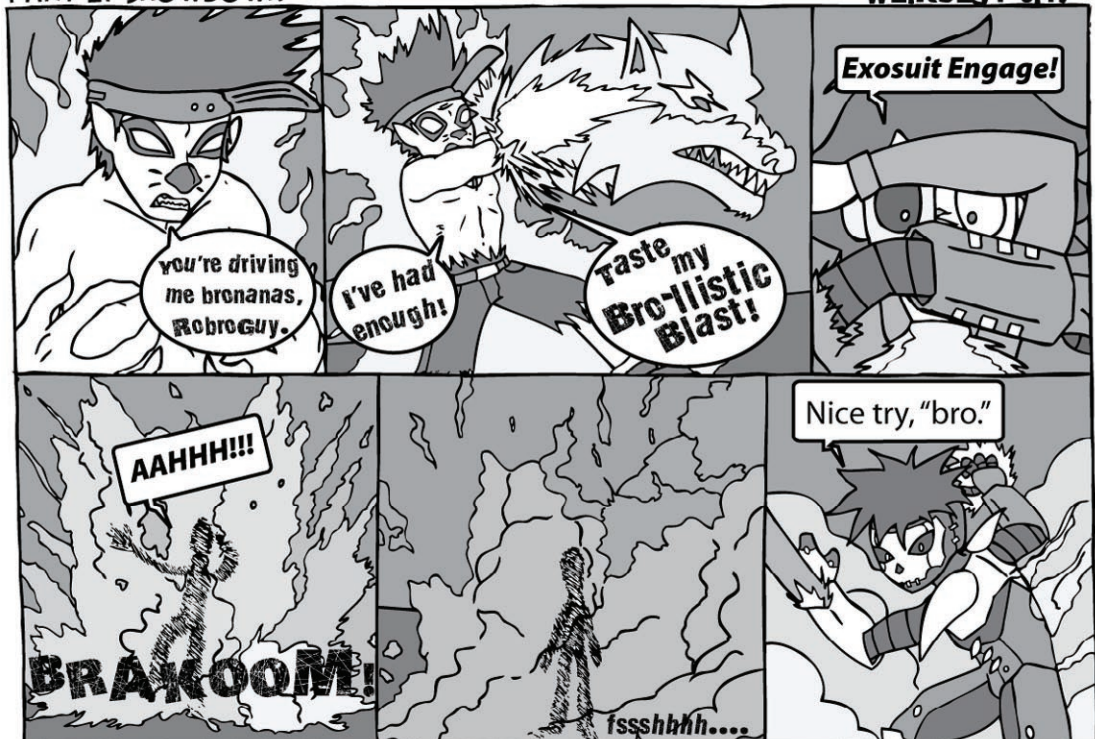
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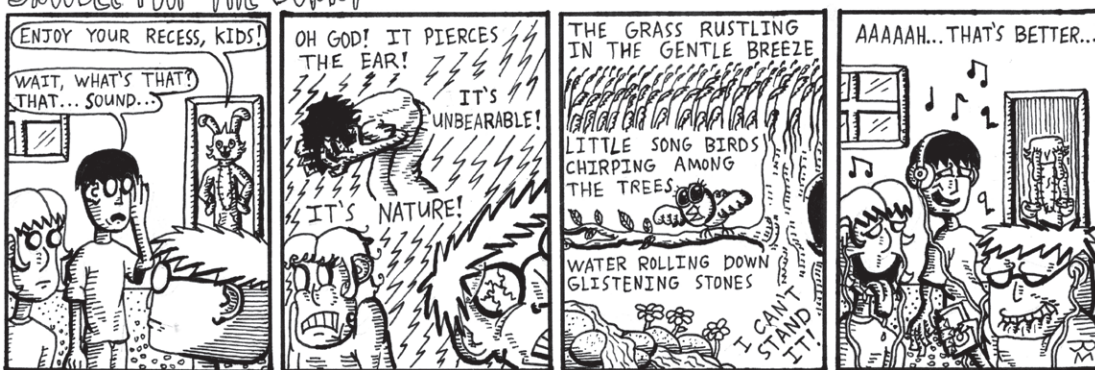
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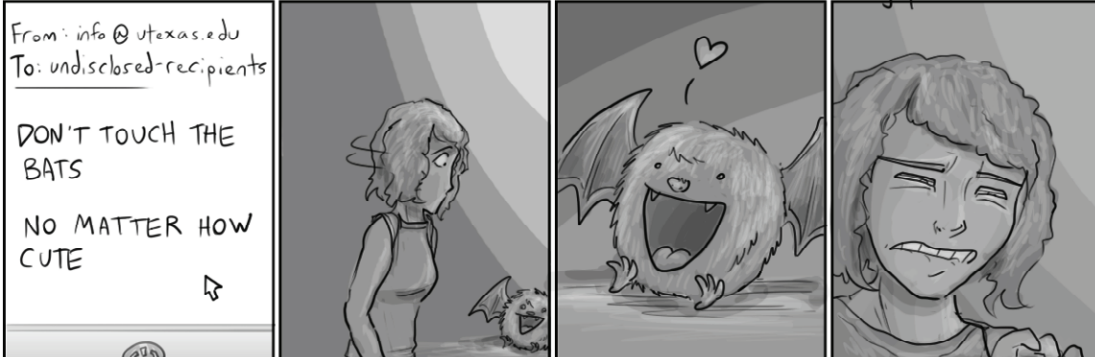


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By: Katie C.

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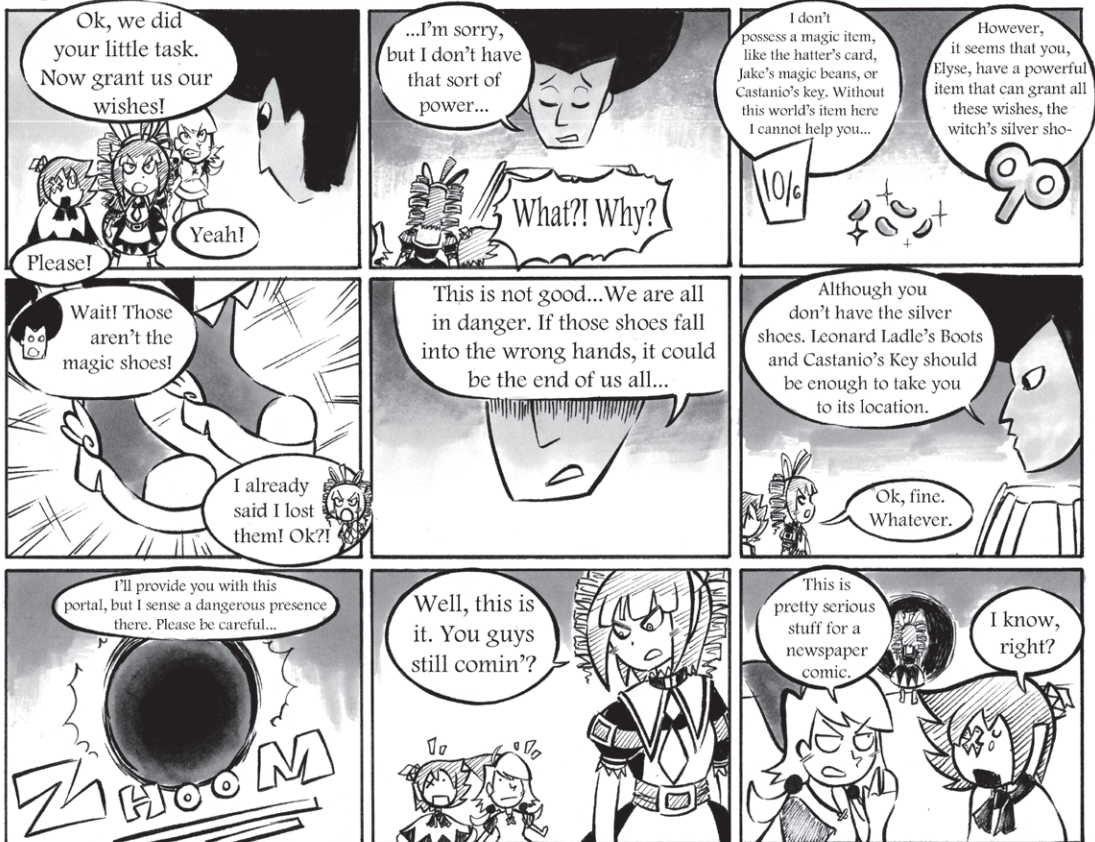
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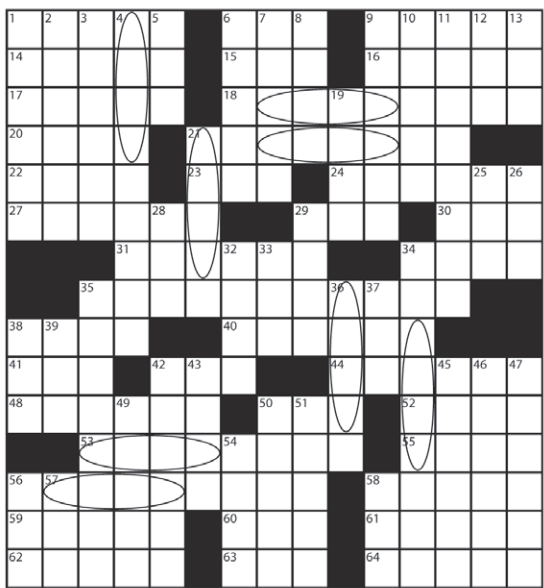
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- Across
- 1 ID card feature
  - 6 Suffix with human or planet
  - 9 Colorado skiing mecca
  - 14 Some bar wedges
  - 15 Code-cracking org.
  - 16 Ripped off
  - 17 Bothered no end
  - 18 Dining area
  - 20 Soft ball brand
  - 21 Result of collapsed arches
  - 22 Outer: Prefix
  - 23 Former Common Market inits.
  - 24 Annie of the comics, e.g.
  - 27 Greg's sitcom mate
  - 29 O.R. workers
  - 30 E's value, in Scrabble
  - 31 Period following homework completion, perhaps
  - 34 Picnic dish
  - 35 Unexpected development ... or what the answer to each italicized clue contains?
  - 38 Something a yodeler may hear
  - 40 Considered good by Moody's
  - 41 Big lug
  - 42 Jazz trombonist
  - 44 Tribal emblems
  - 48 Dee Dee, Tommy, Joey or Johnny of punk
  - 50 Nipper's co.
  - 52 Former N.B.A. star Nick Van
  - 53 Nevertheless
  - 55 Artist's "Done!"
  - 56 Didn't disturb
  - 58 Dish prepared with tongs
  - 59 Sign of spring
  - 60 Fish-fowl link
  - 61 Caroline Kennedy, to Ted
  - 62 Short-sheeting or T.P.ing
  - 63 Printer's supply
  - 64 "And that's an \_\_\_!"
- Down
- 1 Made smooth
  - 2 Containing state-of-the-art gadgetry
  - 3 Code of silence for 35-Down
  - 4 Song from "No, No, Nanette"
  - 5 Sunrise direction, in Berlin
  - 6 Jacques Tati's "Mon \_\_\_"
  - 7 English theologian Watts
  - 8 Off one's rocker
  - 9 Fall bloomers
  - 10 Sharply inclined
  - 11 Window with an ocean view
  - 12 QB Manning
  - 13 Museum-funding org.
  - 19 Get an \_\_\_ effort
  - 21 *Daredevils'* doings
  - 25 Santa \_\_\_ winds
  - 26 Just out
  - 28 1,006, in old Rome
  - 29 Nimble-fingered
  - 32 Modest response to praise
  - 33 Emu's extinct cousin
  - 34 "It Might as Well Be Spring" musical
  - 35 Tony Soprano's group
  - 36 Kind of position
  - 37 Hubbub
  - 38 Makeshift pencil holder
  - 39 E-file preparer
  - 42 Focused, at work
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  - 46 Threat
  - 47 Small burger
  - 49 Quite a lot
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  - 54 Rice-A-\_\_\_
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  - 57 Blow it
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Turning your scarf into a turban can be a fashionable alternative for a bad hair day.

## Spring season boasts varied hat trends

By Julie Rene Tran  
Daily Texan Staff

Although hats have been a popular fashion staple for years, aristocratic fanfares such as the upcoming Kentucky Derby and royal wedding between Prince William and Kate Middleton are putting hats in more prominently in the public eye. From glamorous, Hollywood-inspired turbans to big top hats, headdresses are the latest buzzword in fashion this spring.

The latest mainstream head trend — quite a controversial one — is the turban. Known as “pagri” in India, the headdress surfaced in American fashion in the ‘20s and became icon-

ic in the glamorous Hollywood scene in the ‘40s. Leading women such as Joan Crawford, Gloria Swanson and Ava Gardner wore elaborate printed turbans, pinned with diamonds and crystals, on- and off-screen. Most memorable was Norma Desmond’s leopard-print turban in “Sunset Boulevard.”

Despite recent discussion over the political correctness of the turban as a fashion statement, designers such as Prada, Hermes and Christian Dior have incorporated it into today’s looks and set the tone on their runway. From Prada’s series of jewel-garnished turbans in its spring 2007 collection to Rihanna’s modern, black leather-studded turban spotted last July 4,

this headwear has made a splash in past years. Now it has entered the mainstream and is even featured in this season’s Urban Outfitters look book.

Because it’s not every day that you see or wear a turban, donning one takes courage, even for the fashionista. Make a turban debut with a solid color, then ease into a vibrant print.

Fortunately though turbans are not the only hat trend this season.

Gracing this season’s Chanel resort collection are stiff, wide brimmed hats and feminine interpretations of top hats, all of which echoes the

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## 1970s reality show offers insight, depth



TV TUESDAY

By Aleksander Chan

Reality television is often thought of as the ugly stepchild of modern television. Unless it’s a competitive series of slightly esoteric taste (such as the foodies’ “Top Chef” or the fashionistas’ “Project Runway”), it’s hard for a reality show to gain much respect. It’s easy to see why. While “Jersey Shore” may be an

entertaining trifle, it does little to dispel reality TV’s reputation as the lowest of the lowbrow in popular entertainment.

It’s bizarre then to look back at the genre’s roots. HBO’s new miniseries, “Cinema Verite,” inspires a nostalgic look back into reality TV’s storied history. “Cinema Verite” is based on the making of 1973’s “An American Family,” a 12-part documentary on

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