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# **Bill offers** funding for Ike damage

Gov. signs bills supplying \$150 million to UTMB, expanding storm insurance

> By Andrew Martinez Daily Texan Staff

On Friday, Gov. Rick Perry signed into law bills that will provide \$150 million in natural disaster relief for the Hurricane Ike-ravaged University of Texas Medical Branch and reform the state's windstorm insurance fund to allow for more expansive coverage for homeowners and business owners during a storm.

The signing took place in Galveston after a 30-minute ceremony on the UTMB campus where a slingbound Perry addressed the audience of university faculty and staff on the significance of the muchneeded legislation.

"The past year was especially difficult for this area as Hurricane Ike destroyed homes, displaced our citizens and knocked out one of only three Level One trauma centers in this area," Perry said. "I am pleased that the Legislature has funded a number of key initiatives that will help UTMB continue to serve this community by treating patients, training doctors and setting the standard for medical excellence in this area."

The bill allocates more than \$425 million in funds to relieve Galveston of damages caused by Hurricane Ike in 2008, including a \$62 million increase in the state's disaster contingency fund and \$39 million for beach restoration and reconstruction.

Hurricane Ike caused over \$1 billion in damages to the medical branch — only \$130 million of these damages were covered by insurance. Nearly 3,000 employees were laid off as a result.

The \$150 million sent to the medical branch will help repair its educational, research, hospital and clinic spaces and fund the rebuilding of the trauma center, set to reopen this summer at Level Three status and eventually back to Level One by 2010.

These funds will be matched by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, insurance compensation and private foundations to amount to nearly \$1.4 billion in relief that will allow the university to restore and expand after the uncertainty caused by Ike.

Because of great legislative support, we remain true to a motto that has served us well for over a century: 'UTMB stops for no storm,'" said UTMB president David Callender during the ceremony.

In addition to the Ike-related relief, Perry also signed a bill set to restructure the Texas Windstorm Insurance Association to provide more complete coverage for home and business owners during a storm.

The association's insurance fund was depleted after Hurricane Ike's devastating foray of the Texas coast, which caused an estimated \$24 billion in damages to the state. Perry said without this new legislation, Texas would go bankrupt should another major storm make landfall.

This bill represents progress and represents incorporating sound business practices to how we deal with a storm," Perry said.

The association now becomes the state's insurance provider of last resort and will allow coverage of up to \$2.5 billion in storm-related damages. The Texas Department of Insurance will also create incentives for insurers to voluntarily provide coastal coverage.

### BRING ON THE TIGERS!



Paul Chouy | Daily Texan Staff

Teammates surround Longhorn sophomore center fielder Connor Rowe after Rowe hit a walk-off home run to give Texas a 4-3 victory and send the team to the College World Series championship series starting today at 6 p.m. The Longhorns entered the bottom of the ninth inning down 3-2

INSIDE: Texas battles LSU for championship in best-of-three series starting today on page 8

# Perry campaigns with social media

By Bobby Longoria Daily Texan Staff

Gov. Rick Perry has employed new tactics, such as Twitter, Facebook and blogs, to attract young supporters for his gubernatorial campaign.

Texans for Rick Perry sponsored the Volunteer Leadership Summit on Saturday to discuss important conservative issues and promote new ways of supporting the campaign. The governor will presumably face U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison in a hotly contested Republican primary.

Campaigning through social media is a stretch from traditional campaign methods; however, for some supporters it has proven useful to voice their opinions directly as well as connect with Perry's work and personal lives.

"You may be following up with me on 'tweeter' or on Facebook or some of the other social media sites," Perry said in his speech. "You may have found out through 'tweeter' first that my arm is healing up alright."

Young Conservatives of Texas member Brianna Becker, a UT government senior, follows Perry on Twitter and said the governor is an active user.

"His interns also have a Twitter and they give updates from the office," Becker said. "On Facebook, he posts a lot of pictures, some funny quotes, President Obama's campaign.



Governor Perry fist-bumps his finance coordinator, Dana Parish, at his Volunteer Leadership Summit on Saturday at the AT&T Conference Center.

a lot of different stories of people that he meets on the campaign trail.

Cal Jillson, professor of political science at Southern Methodist University, said Perry's new media use is a response to democrats' successful use of it, particularly citing the success of

"Most major campaigns today do employ new media and it is always dangerous for someone 50 plus on a Twitter," Iillson said. "The Obama" and Protective Services workers more campaign was very efficient and effective in using new media and so most other campaigns try to include that in their arsenal."

Perry spokesman Mark Miner said social media allows the campaign to connect with supporters without a

"Social media is an important tool to reach new audiences - younger audiences," Miner said, "And get your message directly to people instead of being filtered through other forms of traditional media.

Perry's Web site has about 1,300 new visitors every day and his Twitter site has over 10,600 followers and grows by a hundred each day, said Will Franklin, Texans for Perry's director of new media and research. On Facebook, Perry is connected to roughly 7,500 people. The campaign also has a text message platform in which 12,000 people have opted to join, said Franklin. Franklin said Perry has already made decisions based off of user com-

ments on his social media sites. The governor vetoed a bill last week that would give the Department of Family and Protective Services more control in child protection cases. The legislation essentially gives the Department of Family control in the legal process during an investigation of potential child abuse

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### '#1 fan' camps out for a new iPhone

By Nathan Batoon Daily Texan Staff

Droves of excited fans mobbed stores all over the nation to purchase Apple's latest edition of the iPhone — but none more dedicated than A.J.

Landeros, a UT natural sciences senior, received an email at 12:19 p.m. last Thursday from AT&T stating that his pre-ordered iPhone 3G S had arrived. As luck would have it, Landeros had just finished his shift at the Division of Instructional Innovation and Assessment at UT and was headed in the direction of the AT&T store in South Austin.

When he got to the store, he asked a manager if he could wait outside - 18 hours before the 7 a.m. Friday release date. Ready with a folding chair and a sign that read "Apple's #1



Senior natural science major AJ Landeros texts his friend with his iPhone 3GS at the main mall on Saturday

All I was going to be doing at home was hitting the refresh button on Google News to see if there was any iPhone news,"

Fan," Landeros settled in for the he said. "So I figured it was best that I go wait outside AT&T.

Lines at Apple and AT&T stores across the nation snaked around city blocks for the original release of the iPhone in June

2007 and even for the updated 3G model last July. This year, however, the lines were much smaller, largely because Apple allowed customers to pre-order online for home delivery.

'I didn't really have to stand in line, but I'm just such a huge Apple fan," Landeros said. "I used to carry a laptop around with me like 24 hours a day. Now, if I have to Google something or look up my e-mail, or whatever, it's literally in my pocket. It definitely connects me to all my social networking sites and the Internet in a way that was never really possible.

The 3G S is faster and has a longer-lasting battery life. New updated features include video recording and voice control. Most of the features absent in the iPhone and iPhone 3G,

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### UT team develops new tool to study evolution

By Bobby Longoria Daily Texan Staff

In the past month, evolutionary study has been improved with SATé, an algorithm designed by UT researchers to take DNA sequences and automatically align them to one another in order to infer an evolutionary tree.

The development of the algorithm, Simultaneous Alignment and Tree Estimation, "SATé," is the culmination of a two-year joint effort by UT computer sciences professor Tandy Warnow and integrative biology associate professor Randy Linder, along with several graduate students

Darwinian evolutionary theory recognizes that all life forms on the planet are related to one another. The theory proposes that all species originate from a single ancestor. Linder said figuring out

these relationships with phylogenetic study, the study of the relationships of organisms at a nucleotide level, can be applied in many ways to modern biology.

'People use [phylogenies] to figure out adaptations," Linder said. "Say you wanted to know how hemoglobin has changed in placenta. They have been used to help discover drugs. They have been used in forensic cases.

Warnow said the phylogenetic algorithm produces an evolutionary tree based off of mathematical processes.

"An evolutionary tree is the graphical representation of the fundamental relationship between the organisms represented in the tree," Warnow said. "SATé is a heuristic for a mathematical

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promise between environmental

groups and industry," Watson said.

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would become a model for other

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choosing to protect big business rath-

states to follow."

environmental practice.

'Advocates of the environment saw

#### **NEWS BRIEFLY**

#### Perry vetoes TV recycling bill, environmentalists disapprove

Gov. Rick Perry vetoed a bill Friday that would have created a television recycling program, prompting criticism from state Sen. Kirk Watson, D-Austin.

The program would curb increasing electronic waste by mandating television manufacturers take back their televisions and recycle them. The Environmental Protection Agency estimates that more than 2 million tons of electronic waste were disposed of in U.S. landfills in 2005, potentially leaking harmful chemicals into the environment.

Amy Rames, a Goodwill Industries spokeswoman, said it costs the company 25 cents per pound of television recycled. Unlike computers, televisions don't have precious metals that can be extracted in the recycling process to offset costs.

Waston said the recycling program would have been free and convenient for consumers.

"The bill represented a com-

when business is eager and willing to step up and assume responsibility for the end-of-life treatment of their own products," Watson said.

The governor's office could not be reached by press time.

- Erin Mulvaney

#### Man shot Friday near Riverside, suspect claims self-defense

A 33-year-old black male was found dead Friday morning in a residential neighborhood near East Riverside Drive.

Police continue to investigate the

murder of Jerry Duane Still. Police responding to a disturbance call Thursday night found Still's body in the 2200 block of Town Lake Circle at 2:43 a.m., according to the affidavit. Another man, also found on the scene, was taken in for questioning the same morning and admitted to killing the man in self-defense.

The second man was released Friday afternoon, after being questioned by police. The nature of the men's relationship is undetermined, said APD Corporal Scott Perry, a spokesman for the police department.

"We are still investigating his claim to self-defense," Perry said referring to the second male. "There was an altercation and that's why we were called out."

Perry said the investigation is still pending but said the police department believes there is no more danger to the public following Friday's possible murder.

APD asks anyone who may have information regarding the incident to call the Homicide Tip Line at 477-3588 or Crime Stoppers at 472-8477(TIPS).

- Pierre Bertrand

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In West Philadelphia born and raised



Johnte Johnson jots down numbers of potential employers at the Workforce Solutions Career Center, a job search service contracted under the Texas Workforce Commission. The center provides many job assistance resources to the unemployed.

# Report reveals local job growth

Low unemployment, job creation key to stable Austin labor conditions

#### By Nathan Batoon Daily Texan Staff

Although Austin faces a tightening job market and rising unemployment rate, the region may be poised for growth, according to the Texas Work Force Commis-

sion's monthly report. The comission's report, released Friday, states that Austin's unemployment rate rose from 5.5 to 5.9 percent in May. The Austin area, however, added 5,500 jobs in May — the fourth straight month of job growth — according to the report.

Government job creation led all sectors with an addition of 3,000 jobs during the month. The only sectors to report job losses were in the manufacturing and retail industries, but those losses are being offset by gains in government and service fields, according to data released by the Bureau of Labor Statistics earlier this month.

Texas tends to have business

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sirable for businesses and companies, said Weston Sythoff, Workforce Solutions-Capital Area communications coordinator.

well in comparison with other cities around the country is: number one, it is in Texas, and number two, the existence of UT and the state and local government," Syjobs that are more stable and aren't necessarily affected by a recession as drastically."

Health care and professional and business services continue to show growth, the commission reported.

According to the Austin Chamber of Commerce, Austin's population has grown faster than any other city in the nation and has a young workforce, with nearly half the working population between 18 and 44. Austin's median age is four years younger than the national median of 36.4. "Austin is the second-fastest growing city in ever, changed employers' tactics. the country," Sythoff said. "It's a good sign for employers because they know that it is a growing area Source Group, a temporary staff-

laws and a tax environment de- with an educated workforce." Beverly Kerr, vice president of

research at the Austin Regional Chamber of Commerce, said that after the recession in 2001 the Aus-The reason Austin does so tin chamber beefed up its economic development staff to absorb future economic downturns. "This recession — being that

we don't have the housing bubble and there isn't really a defined thoff said. "Those are usually the tech component to this recession — we haven't lost too many jobs," Kerr said. "We are still adding jobs, which make us the only metropolitan area out of the top 50 that are adding jobs."

all brighter economic forecast than many other regions' might help it attract corporations when the economy improves, according to economists, economic development officials and site selection analysts.

The current recession has, how-Bill Kasko, president and chief executive officer of Frontline

ing agency and direct hire firm based out of Dallas, said that in the current economic climate, employers are seeking more qualified applicants.

"So the employer understands, because of supply and demand they can ask for more right now, not only from the skillset side, but they can also ask that the salaries come down," Kasko said. 'So, the employer is really taking advantage of the situation where they can ask and search for the individual with everything and

In a burgeoning recession, Austin's comparatively low with people all over the country unemployment rates and over- squeezed by the contracting econny, Austin is making moves to facilitate infrastructure conducive to upward mobility.

> What we are doing right now is working real hard to make sure jobs that are going to be created are jobs that are going to support long-term economic growth," Sythoff said. "We feel like we are doing a good job when we see job growth and an unemployment rate that stays relatively stable."

### iPHONE: Student waits 18 hours for new phone

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however, can be obtained by downloading the free new iPhone OS 3.0 operating system. For new customers signing a two-year contract with AT&T, the 3G S costs \$199 or \$299 depending on the memory capacity. Most existing owners of the older 3G model are not eligible for the new-customer pricing. These customers will have to the pay the unsubsidized price of \$599 for a 16 GB memory chip or \$699 for a 32 GB mem-

Landeros said he would sacrifice sleep any day for the iPhone, but that was the least of his worries

There were so many birds and nature sounds. I was kind of worried about my safety," he said. "I had a little crowbar with me just in case.' Fortunately, Landeros had a

strong support group to help him brave the lonely night.

His sister, Christina Landeros, a UT social work graduate student, visited him multiple times, even holding his place in line so he could go to Wal-Mart.

"We brought him a couple of things of water," Christina Landeros said. "I even brought him Subway at the end of the night.'

Scared for her brother's safety, she said she couldn't sleep the entire night and sent him periodic text messages making sure he was still alive.

"I think it's a little crazy," she said. "He is a cool, simple guy, and when he really likes things, he really goes after it.'

The waiting was brutal, A.J. Landeros said, but his batteries were recharged periodically when family and friends popped in to visit. His dad even brought him some water on his way to pick up cereal for his mom.

"We talked about if homeless people would come through what would we do," Landeros said, about a conversation he had with some friends while waiting in front of the AT&T store. "What if they started attacking us? Then we started talking about women, of course. A guy's dream conversation."

Around 2 a.m., more fans showed up. Landeros had already been waiting close to 14 hours.

As 7 a.m. approached, Landeros readied himself. He wanted to get in and get out, zoom home and sync his new prized possession with iTunes.

"I was trying not to speed, but I was going like 72," he said about driving home receiving his new iPhone. "Yeah, but no tickets, no tickets, so I'm okay."

If Apple decides to release a new iPhone, Landeros said he will bring a comfortable cot to sleep on next time.

"Man, it was brutal," Landeros said as he walked to work on Friday. "I'm surviving on caffeine. My eyes are so heavy right now."

### **PERRY:** Internet lobbying influences policy

by clarifying the current requirement of "good cause shown" by requiring protective service workers to present to a judge credible evidence in writing signed under

overreaching bill."

Jillson said the demograph-

many ways, which could work ty. Younger voters are moving towards the Democratic Party, and Hispanic voters, who tend to vote democrat by a 2-to-1 margin, are growing from 37 percent of the general population to a projected 50 percent by the 2030s, according to Jillson's

expending energy to gain young supporters through social media, Jillson said the last legisla-

seeking to attend four-year uniagainst the Republican par- versities and not necessarily the youth and Hispanics looking for higher paying jobs

"I think young people should be interested in higher job quality prospects," Jillson said. "Texas still has a lower median inaverage Texan.

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penalty of perjury.

'This past week the governor's Facebook page was filled with things about [the bill]," Franklin said. "I think the governor got on there and that played in on his decision to veto that

'Although Perry's campaign is

come than the national average. There are a lot of job openings in Texas, but they don't pay well. Hispanics are interested since they are such a large part of Texas, but they are poorer than the

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People sit in the rubble of destroyed homes after a truck bombing near Kirkuk, 180 miles north of Baghdad on Sunday.

# Mosque razed by truck bomb

By Patrick Quinn The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Police and rescue crews sifted through the rubble of a mosque and dozens of flattened mud-brick homes on Sunday looking for survivors of the worst attack in Iraq this year — a truck bombing blamed on al-Qaida that killed 72 people.

Political parties said Saturday's attack against a Shiite mosque near the ethnically tense city of Kirkuk was aimed at destabilizing Iraq, which is slowly trying to return to normal after years of ethnic and religious

The bombing, which wounded 163 people, came as U.S. troops have been withdrawing from Iraqi cities as part of a security agreement that requires all troops to leave the country by the end of 2011. There are concerns that violence will spike after U.S. troops fully pull out of the cities by a June 30 deadline.

Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki has called U.S. withdrawal. He warned over the week-security gains around the country. Tensions far this year.

end that there could be attempts to destabi- have also spiked in the oil-rich area as Kurds lize the country

Police Brig. Gen. Sarhat Qadir said the death toll from Saturday's attack was so high because most of the 30 homes that were damaged around the mosque were made of mud. situation in Kirkuk, which cannot be solved The mosque was flattened.

The operation has al-Qaida fingerprints," he said, adding that an investigation was ongoing. There were conflicting reports about whether the attack was carried and calm country. out by a suicide bomber or if the truck was booby-trapped.

Kirkuk, which is home to about 20,000 people — many of them Shiites from the Turkomen minority.

to try to ignite the sectarian sedition in Iraq," said Tahseen Kahaya, a member of the Islamic Turkomen party.

seek to incorporate Kirkuk into their semiautonomous region despite opposition by Arabs, Turkomen and other rival ethnic groups.

There are groups working to inflame the without calm and constructive dialogue," the Sunni Iraqi Islamic Party said. It blamed the attack on the "the enemies of Iraq and their agents who do not wish to see Iraq as a stable

Although violence has dropped sharply in Iraq, daily attacks continue. In northern Mo-It took place in Taza, 10 miles south of sul, a roadside bomb targeting a police patrol on Sunday killed a bystander and wounded three others, police said.

According to an Associated Press count, It is a quiet town, but al-Qaida targeted it at least 1,678 Iraqis, civilians and security personnel have been killed since Jan. 1. Although the figure is lower than the 4,809 who

### Greece hopes new museum will host Parthenon statues

Ultra-modern building holds 4,000 ancient relics in shadow of Acropolis

The Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece — The new Acropolis Museum opened its gates Sunday to hundreds of visitors eager to explore its vast collection of sculptures and artifacts from ancient Greece.

The museum holds more than 4,000 ancient works, including some of the best surviving classical sculptures that once adorned the Acropolis.

The public opening came a day after a lavish ceremony attended by foreign dignitaries including European Commission President Jose Manuel Barroso, UNESCO Director-General Koichiro Matsuura, and foreign heads of state and government.

Conspicuously, there were no government officials from Britain, which has repeatedly refused to repatriate dozens of 2,500-year-old sculptures from the Parthenon temple that are held in the British Museum.

About 200 visitors had lined up early before the official opening on Sunday, even though they had all pre-booked their tickets online. The first week — with the exception of a few tickets available for Friday — is already completely sold out through Internet sales.

Chryssa Salamanou, from Athens, was first through the doors onto the museum grounds, along with her husband and child.

"We felt that today, with our child, we had to be the first ones here to admire the masterpieces which finally found such a worthy, such an important home,' she said.

Paige Moore, a visitor from Houston, Texas, said she was very excited to see the museum on the first day.

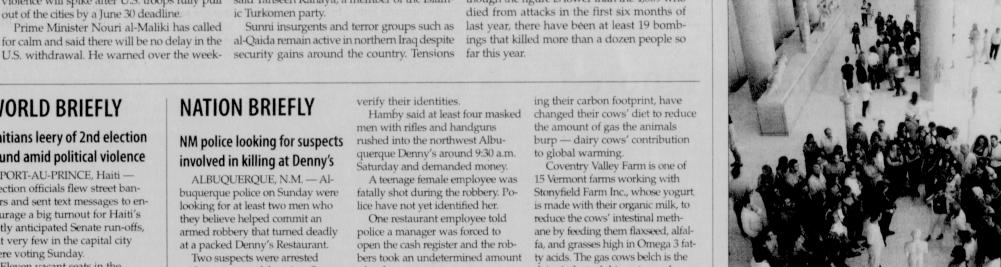
"I've been waiting for the last couple of months to come. And so I timed it just so I could come to this," Moore said.

Once inside, visitors were impressed both by the exhibits and the layout of the ultramodern building, which includes a glass hall designed to showcase all the surviving Parthenon sculptures in their original alignment.

The Greek government hopes that the \$180 million concrete and glass museum will reinforce the case for the return of the sculptures pried off the Parthenon in the 19th century by British diplomat Lord Elgin and currently displayed in London's British Museum.

The museum's top floor displays the section of the frieze that Elgin's agents left behind, joined to plaster casts of the 90-odd works in London. The display is deliberately set to reinforce the fact that there are missing pieces.

Entry to the museum is set at a nominal charge of \$1.40 until the end of the year, when it will increase to \$7.00. According to the museum's management, a typical visit could take up to three hours, not including possible stops for food and refreshments.



Visitors admire the sculptures at the new Acropolis museum in Athens on Sunday. The Acropolis Museum opened its gates today to the first visitors who came to see the more than 4,000 exhibits on display.

#### WORLD BRIEFLY

#### Haitians leery of 2nd election round amid political violence

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti -Election officials flew street banners and sent text messages to encourage a big turnout for Haiti's hotly anticipated Senate run-offs, but very few in the capital city were voting Sunday.

Eleven vacant seats in the 30-member Senate are on the line. With them are President Rene Preval's hopes of overpowering uncooperative legislators and pushing through internationally backed economic reforms and constitutional amendments that would give his successors more power.

By early Sunday afternoon, one person was reported killed during a skirmish between rival parties in the western Grand Anse region, and three partisans were injured in the southern city of Jacmel, according to Frantz Lerebours, Haitian national police spokesman.

Many Haitians said they are wary of voting following weeks of political clashes, some deadly, and they're fed up with what they see as an ineffective government that has done nothing about the country's dire poverty.

#### Afghan firefight presents big challenge for American troops

NOW ZAD, Afghanistan - Missiles, machine guns and strafing runs from fighter jets destroyed much of a Taliban compound, but the insurgents had a final sur-prise for a pair of U.S. Marines who pushed into the smoldering building just before nightfall

As the two men walked up an alley, the Taliban opened fire from less than 15 yards, sending bullets and tracer fire crackling inches past them. They fled under covering fire from their comrades, who hurled grenades at the enemy position before sprinting to their ar-

mored vehicles "This was the first time we pushed this far. I guess they don't like us coming into their back door," said Staff Sgt. Luke Medlin, who was sweeping the alley for booby traps as Marine Gunner

John Daly covered him from behind when the Taliban struck.

#### NATION BRIEFLY

### involved in killing at Denny's

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. - Albuquerque police on Sunday were looking for at least two men who they believe helped commit an armed robbery that turned deadly at a packed Denny's Restaurant.

Two suspects were arrested within minutes of the crime Saturday on suspicion of murder, kidnapping, robbery and child abuse because there were at least five children in the restaurant, Albuquerque Officer Nadine Hamby said.

Hamby said the men who were arrested are in their late 20s to early 30s and are from South America, but she did not know where specifically. She said police were working with U.S. Customs and Immigration Enforcement to

of cash.

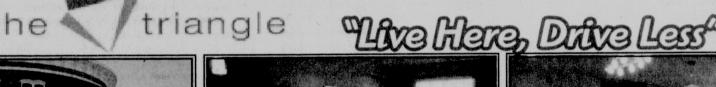
Hamby said police believe the men committed 10 similar robberies in the Albuquerque area in the past year, but no one was shot in those incidents

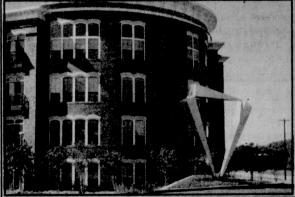
#### Greener diet reduces dairy cows' methane gas burps

COVENTRY, Vt. - Vermont dairy farmers Tim Maikshilo and Kristen Dellert, mindful of shrinkdairy industry's biggest greenhouse gas contributor, research shows, most of it emitted from the front and not the back end of the cow.

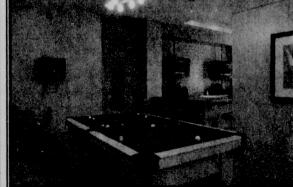
The dairy industry contributes about 2 percent to the country's total greenhouse gas production, said Rick Naczi, a vice president at Dairy Management Inc., which funds research and promotes dairy products.

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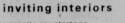
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#### VIEWPOINT

### The wrong tract

Even in an ivory tower, someone has to pay the bills. As universities around the country auction off art collections, let faculty members go and cut staff pay, the economic decisions that must go into keeping higher education afloat have never been more obvious.

So it comes as no surprise that when the UT System Board of Regents hired Cooper, Robertson & Partners LLP, a New York-based architectural and urban planning firm, to advise them on the best use of the Brackenridge Tract, money was the cornerstone of the two proposals that the firm came up with.

When consultants surveyed the picturesque, lakeside property, they could not picture it as home to a biology lab, a historical golf course and 500 graduate students too poor to

buy brand name cereals. Instead, as Michele van Deventer, a principal at the firm, explained to the Regents, the consultants envision the tract becoming "a natural extension of downtown," and Austin's "new lake front district." Their plan calls for extensive housing developments, shopping centers, market squares and a spa-hotel.

The plan also depends on eliminating Lions Municipal Golf Course, which was founded in 1924, reducing or relocating UT's Brackenridge Field Laboratory and consolidating graduate and married student housing.

We agree that the tract is not currently being used to its full potential. When George Washington Brackenridge donated 500 acres to the University of Texas in 1917, he intended for the site to become a new main campus.

But 50,000 students continue to attend classes on the 40 Acres, which is three miles from the Brackenridge Tract. The main campus' location is ideal for student involvement in city politics and entertainment, but students compete intensely for on-campus housing. Most are all but forced to leave campus after their first or second year and retreat to the overpriced housing market of downtown Austin.

UT's Permanent University Fund has dropped 27 percent (from 11.7 billion to 8.6 billion) since 2007, the legislature has not increased its funding for the University and tuition is already skyrocketing. Maintaining fiscal security is crucial for the health of the UT System and its ability to pursue its educational mission. It would be reasonable for the Regents to develop some of the Tract for shopping centers and non-student housing. But instead of a spa-hotel, UT could build more student housing and class space.

The current proposals go way too far when they compromise the Brackenridge Field Laboratory. Ironically, while the Regents claim to be looking for ways to further the University's educational mission, they will seriously damage the education and research of UT if they choose to interfere in the work of the laboratory

The lab is used annually by 15 faculty, 20 graduate students and 300 undergraduate students from UT as well as faculty and students from Saint Edwards University, Concordia University and Austin Community College, according to the Austin

The tract is also home to 163 species of birds, 19 types of mammals, 377 types of plants, 60 species of ants and 1,200 moths and butterflies. Moreover, the site continues to play host to groundbreaking scientific research and discoveries that put UT on the map nationwide.

Reducing the acreage of the site will reduce the amount of field research biologists can do there. Moving the site to a recommended location on the Colorado River will make it impossible for faculty and students with classes on the main campus to use it on a daily basis. Either plan will undoubtably limit the educational and research potential of

While the Board of Regents must reevaluate their use of the Brackenridge Tract to ensure that it is being used to its fullest potential in furthering the academic mission of the University, if they accept either of the proposals from Cooper, Robertson & Partners, they will compromise that mission.

— Jillian Sheridan for the editorial board

### Invisible disabilities ignored

By Lola Mojiminiyi

Finding out from a professor that I have what some consider a disability was painful and humiliating. My limitation is a catalyst for growth in my life, so I never once considered it disabling. And in my mind and prejudice, a disability is supposed to be visible.

Not necessarily, according to Rachel Tarp, a coordinator in UT's Services for Students most common disabilities — which can include anything from learning impairments, ADHD and mental health issues — aren't immediately visible to us.

"Seventy-five percent of students registered with us have disabilities that are not immediately or physically apparent," Tarp said. "They have what we call invisible disabilities. It is our fastest growing population."

Ross, who wears a hearing aid, is one whose disability is noticeable. When he first came to UT, Ross' audiologist told him to register with SSD.

"It took a lot of work to get all the necessary paperwork together for SSD, but once I did, they processed it quickly," he said. "[SSD] gave me equipment and showed me how to tell my professors what my needs are. At first, professors are a little nervous, but once I show them how to use a machine [that hooks up to the hearing aid], they are okay."

SSD does a brilliant job of communicating the needs of students with visible disabilities to their professors. There are well established protocol and tools that are the product of a history of integrating stu- come disabilities when understanding and dents with visible disabilities into existing educational structures.

Students with invisible disabilities, however, need different, more individualized solutions. Too often, these students are met with inflexibility, cynicism and ignorance — and

the effects are devastating. At the beginning of a semester, a student with a disability is supposed to present to each of their professors a letter from SSD that

specifically outlines the academic accommodations for which they have been cleared. An accommodation letter from SSD requires that UT faculty and administration engage on both intellectual and emotional levels with a student. But it is clear a lot of people on campus don't have the know-how to do this.

"I hate doing this," Brianne, who has an invisible disability, said of her experience talking to professors. "Some professors think I am trying to get out of doing the work. Some with Disabilities office (SSD). Some of the of them can be really hostile, and it hurts. I wish I could just tell my professors what I have, because then maybe they would understand. But the way some of them act, I guess it does not even matter."

Brianne, who has one year left at UT, said she "just [wants] to get out of here as fast

Tarp acknowledges that students can have negative experiences in college, but also said the SSD tries its best to do outreach at the beginning of every semester with the resources they have, including only five coordinators for the entire University.

Colleges automate many of their services in order to handle large numbers of students," she said. "There is a tendency to be rigid and see things in black and white. This is good for some things but does not always

work well for the students we represent." As for myself, I still have not registered with SSD. I have the sneaking suspicion that it might complicate my relationships with some faculty, and that I will acquire a label of incompetence when I submit an

accommodation letter. We all have limitations, but they only beflexibility with regards to the individual are subordinated to rigid automation with regards to evaluation. When this happens, attending UT becomes a discrediting rather than a liberating experience for the individual, and we needlessly sacrifice the commitment to diversity that is at the core of the University's mission.

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# The GOP play-offs

By Douglas Luippold Daily Texan Columnist

Republicans love football. A Harris Interactive poll conducted in January ranks football as the most popular sport among most Republican demographics.

Due to our love affair with the pigskin, it would be prudent for our elected officials to pay as much attention to the Cowboys as most Texans do. If they did, politicians would notice striking parallels between the 2008 Cowboys and the 2009 Republican gubernatorial candidates

The same type of internal strife and power struggle that ruined the Cowboys' season has recently emerged between Gov. Rick Perry and Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison. Unless their gubernatorial campaigns become more conciliatory and less abrasive, they will have the same level of success (or lack thereof) as the Cowboys.

On June 10, the Austin American-Statesman reported that "Gov. Rick Perry... plans to call the legislature back for a special session" to address funding issues for several state agencies. Shortly after the governor's announcement, Hutchison told Todd Gillman of the Dallas Morning News that if she had been governor, a special session would not be needed.

She told reporters that she would be "working hard through the session and I would be work ing with the legislature, which is what I think the governor should do."

The special session was not caused by Perry's apathy. The arcane Texas Constitution is in drastic need of reform and only mandates 140 days for a legislative session. There is no amount of work and no level of involvement that any governor could engage in that would give the legislature adequate time to tend to the state's business.

While I am very fond of hypothetical accomplishments, Hutchison's critique is counterproductive. It is bad for the Texas Republican Party and ultimately the entire state.

The senator gave Perry an opportunity. He could have demonstrated a quality of executive leadership and collaboration by inviting her to contribute ideas for the special session. It would have been a smart political move, because Hutchinson could not accept the invitation.

This session's lack of legislative leadership is going to be a major campaign issue for Hutchison. As the Dallas Morning News reported on June 2, "the fractious 140-day session that ended Monday without tackling some high-pro-

file problems gives her [Hutchison] plenty with which to target Gov. Rick Perry in the coming Republican primary.

If Perry reached out to her and she accepted, she would lose the issue, and declining his offer would make her look hypocritical

Fortunately, Hutchison does not need to worry because Perry simply responded to her attack

'It's easy to criticize when you're in Washington and have nothing constructive to offer," the governor said.

Texans deserve better than this type of backand-forth from two of their most senior and influential public servants.

The practice of primary candidates whacking away at each other is an American institution. Just ask Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and President Barack Obama. However, the race has already become con-

tentious, and the primary is still about nine months away. This is not only irritating, it also represents a serious problem for the Republican Because a democrat has not been elected to

statewide office in 16 years and republicans

have held both sides of the legislature for about a decade, it's easy to believe the real competition only exists within the GOP primary. While I would be more than happy to watch two of the top republicans in the state destroy each other's political careers, a knock-down, drag-out fight between such important Texas leaders would ultimately hurt Texas. Republi-

cans do control a majority of the state government, and turmoil and strife within the party detracts from their ability to govern. To be sure, a republican victory in 2010 is by no means guaranteed, and an extended Perry-Hutchison brawl could give democrats an edge. Several potential democratic candidates, such as former U.S. ambassador to Japan Tom Schieffer

and Sen. Leticia Van de Putte, D-San Antonio, have centrist appeal. Polls show both could compete statewide, and I'm sure they would both be more than happy to wait in the wings while Perry and Hutchison spend all their time and, more importantly,

money, fighting with each other. In May, the Dallas Cowboys released Terrell Owens. This will taper the infighting and allow the Cowboys to focus on football again. Texans should let Hutchinson and Perry know that unless they begin focusing on Texas' problems they will get cut too.

Luippold is a government and journalism junior

### THE FIRING LINE

#### A new top-tier model

The legislature is right, says The Daily Texan, to propose more national research universities for Texas, but should start by adequately funding the ones it has (Texas' fragile top tier, June 18). The analysis suffers, however, in assuming that a "Texas national research university" is an unchanging static target.

To the contrary, because ever-increasing costs of higher education in their present forms are not sustainable, UT will have to change to become affordable. Research institutions of the future will likely bear little resemblance to our present universities.

Instead of asking for extra money to preserve the status quo - money that neither the Legislature nor families can provide — we should plan the needed changes.

The pressure of ever-escalating costs is understandable. Our present universities are laborintensive, and the University must pay what can be earned elsewhere. That is why, as President Powers reports, the cost of providing instruction at UT since 1990 has increased on average 2.6 percent the next year. Without changes in how we do things, real costs would double in 27 years, quadruple in 54.

Among the changes that will mark the future, Texas national research universities will probably shift more learning to secondary schools, a

development we see in growing Advanced Placement programs, and to provide greater integration with community colleges. President David E. Daniel of UT-Dallas recently testified before the Texas Senate Higher Education Committee that he encouraged students not to enroll as freshmen in his university, but to start college at a community college where costs were less and transfer to UT-Dallas later.

This runs against the generous, if unrealistic, impulse of UT-Austin alumni, who wish for their children the same kind of "college" they experienced. The Commission of 125, a largely alumni group, denigrated satisfying course requirements through high school Advanced Placement examinations, instead advocating "university-level curricula" at UT-Austin. This view was cited favorably in the Report of the Task Force on Curricular Reform, of which Powers was chairman, where it was bemoaned that "high school preparation has usurped college-level education.

These strikingly differing views make clear that planning the reforms necessary to make college affordable will not be easy. But it is planning these changes that should occupy us — so we can start the process of change here at UT, and so we can help design what a Texas national research university might look like in 20 or 30 years.

> - Francis Dummer Fisher Senior research fellou LBJ School of Public Affairs

### SATÉ: DNA analyses reveal relationships between organisms

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- Randy Linder

integrative biology

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optimization problem. The tree it produces is a good — perhaps optimal, if we are lucky - solution to its optimization criterion."

In order to construct the tree, gene DNA sequences are aligned according to the evolutionary hissaid prior to the advent of SATé, the alignment process was done manually and was highly subjective.

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ing is taking that away and exploring the set of possible alignments more thoroughly than a human being could do.

Doctoral candidate Kevin Liu contributed to the algorithmic design and is one of the authors of the project's recent report. He said SATé will devel-

DNA sequences.

[SATé] is going to enable new analyses on fast-revolving markers," Liu said. "I am very excited by the explosion of biological sequence data that's coming around, and I think this type of be essential in the future.

the slow and subjective process of manual analysis, the team still feels there is room for improvement. Warnow listed several goals for the improvement of SATé.

First, to extend SATé so that it works well on bigger and smaller datasets," Warnow said. "Secnucleotide] events to the model with each other."

of evolution and third, to develop a mathematical understanding of why SATé works as well as

Computer science graduate student Serita Nelesen was part of the algorithmic discussions and contributed to the report's writing. She said she intends to betory of their nucleotides. Linder come a professor and will continue research in phylogenetic study.

"I am working toward taking the alignment process out," "People wouldn't trust their Nelesen said, "so we can build alignments," Linder said. "There even bigger trees from raw sewas an enormous level of subjec- quence data where we can't do tivity to how [the alignment] re- every step that we would ideal-

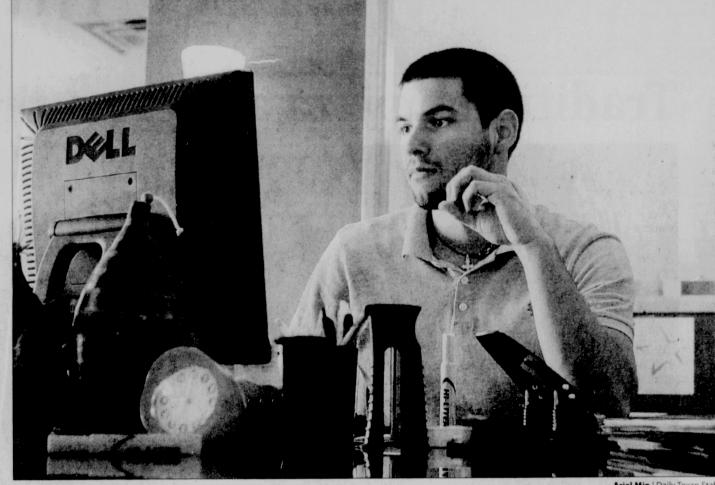
SATé is limited to analyzing phylogenies of several thousands of species. This is an improvement on old methods that could only handle several hundred at a time. However, constructing the "tree of life" requires analyzing the estimat-

ed 1.5 million to 10 million speop more sophisticated analyses of cies on the planet. Linder said although the algorithm is limited in the number of phylogenies, improvements in genome study may soon be applied to make bet-

ter inferences. The next hurdle is to figure out a way to use genomic inforanalysis and algorithm is going to mation," Linder said. "To use complete DNA sequences of an Although SATé has eliminated entire organism. To use that information to infer phylogenies."

Warnow agreed, saying constructing trees for individual genes is the major limitation.

We will still need to find ways of estimating species histories from the different gene trees," Warnow said. "The problem is ond, to add [insertion/deletion of that gene trees do not all agree



Eric Nebel, a leasing consultant for the Quarters, looks up contracts and plans in his office. Local real estate buyers have recently gained confidence in the housing market and the effects of the federal stimulus, boosting interest in Austin properties.

### Stimulus aids Austin real estate

Local market fairing well the Austin Board of Realtors. despite national trend showing downturn

> By Francisco Marin Daily Texan Staff

Local realtors say they have seen signs of growth in the damaged real estate industry despite statistics released last Thursday by the Austin Board of Realtors indicating that the local market is still troubled.

The volume of single-family home sales in May 2009 was down 19 percent from May 2008, according to the Multiple Listing Service report authored by the board. The median price of homes has also decreased by 1 percent — which could be a benefit to those searching for a home, but an obstacle to homeowners looking to sell their property, said Jay Gohil, chairman of

Gohil said that although

those statistics reflect poorly on the state of the local real estate market, many other indicators show that home sales are on the "All indications — including

job growth, business opportunity, buyer confidence — are all kind of working through," Gohil said. "We have a good stabilized market, more than when we had seen it in the last few months. We're slow, but we're becoming more steady and still stabilizing.

Realtors are also affirming an increase in buyer confidence as a reason to hope the market will recover in light of the federal stimulus package, which will offer an extended tax credit worth up to \$8,000 to those who buy homes before Dec. 1.

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passed, and there was so much confusion about who it applies to," Gohil said. "In the last few weeks, it's been clarified where in leasing to UT students. "The the money was going to be used, so buyer confidence went

Brian Talley, Regent Property Group chief executive officer, agreed that the stimulus package has positively affected lo-"Prior to the stimulus bill be-

were willing to make offers on homes and the market came to a halt," Talley said. "Literally, after that weekend, buyers began down a little bit, but compared actively searching for homes. Prior to the bill, nobody was willing to take a chance on it."

stimulus wields less influence on the volatile industry.

after the stimulus package first-time buyers, but it's only a small part of our business," said Alan Ware, president of 512 Realty, a company that specializes long-term investors are just looking at it from a long-term view and are just trying to hold on to what they have. Lenders across the country are reluctant to loan just about anything, and that trickles down to the Austin

For now, the real estate maring signed, very few buyers ket in the University area appears to be resistant to the national trend, he said.

condo market.

"I think the sales have slowed to the rest of the country, it's nothing," said Nathan Napolitano, a realtor for Austin City Other realtors say that the Realty. "This area is kind of recession-proof because there are so many students - as a whole, "The stimulus is helping for I think we're really fortunate."

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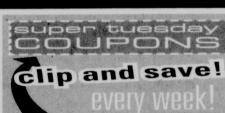
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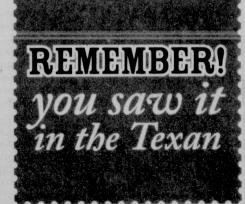
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# Traditional pizza at a great price



Above, Miles Jones points out all of the music he knows in the jukebox at House Pizzeria. Below, House Pizzeria, located on the corner of 51st and Airport Blvd, attracts most of its customers during the weekends. The establishment is one of many in Austin which make a commitment to local, organic and homemade products.

#### House Pizzeria serves tasty pizza made from flavorful ingredients

By Risa Punzalan Daily Texan Staff

Pizza is a favorite meal among most college students. However, the only pizzas known to many are the ones delivered to your door: cheap, but lacking a certain quality. Instead of settling for regular, run-of-the-mill pizzas, consider going to House Pizzeria.

House Pizzeria is a new pizza parlor at 51st Street and Airport Boulevard with a uniqueness that comes largely from the restaurant's commitment to local, organic and homemade products. When I dined there this past week, I decided to start with the cold-mix olive appetizer. A mix of three different types of olives, the dish seemed more intense and flavorful than most I've had before, yet it retained that characteristic briny

While my friend and I waited, we played songs on the kitschy jukebox that's inside. The restaurant itself has ample seating: an outdoor porch in addition to inside tables.

For my pizza, I ordered sausage and mush-



inside and nice and crispy on the outside.

One of House Pizzeria's claims is that "good room. The Italian sausage was homemade in ingredients make good pizza." And while the rooms, roasted red peppers and mozzarella itors, a pizza from House Pizzeria doesn't cheese complemented the sausage nicely. Be- break the bank. All the pizzas are 12 inches, cause they cook their pizzas on a wood burn- can feed one or two people and range from levard and is open Tuesday to Sunday from 11 ing stove, the crust comes out fluffy on the \$9-\$13 (although my guest and I devoured a.m. to 11 p.m.

two entire pizzas between the two of us).

In all, House Pizzaria certainly makes for a great alternative to Domino's. The pizza the restaurant and absolutely delicious — ingredients House Pizzeria uses may be more fresh and feels less greasy than normal pizza, the clear highlight of the meal. The mush- upscale than their chain-restaurant compet- and the eclectic assortment of side dishes and appetizers available makes for a great meal.

House Pizzeria is located at 5111 Airport Bou-

### New exhibit a modern, ancient mix

Francisco Matto's work explores, spans gap between modern and past societies

> By Jordan Turk Daily Texan Staff

Only one word can be used to describe the Blanton Museum on Friday night: swanky. Feeling a little young and out of place, I amble over to a table, surveying the room. A band playing in a corner sets the mood, a chef prepares hors d'oeuvres, and sparkling water and wine are proffered by clean-cut waiters with polished silver trays. As I devour another chocolate truffle, I think to myself, "I could get used to

this exhibition-opening business.

This particular opening was for the Blanton's "Francisco Matto: The Modern and the Mythic" exhibition. The Blanton has the distinction of housing the first comprehensive exhibition of Matto's work in the United States. Born in 1911 and hailing from Montevideo, Uruguay, Matto was especially interested in modern art coupled with the traditions of ancient America. As a result, his work carries within it an array of symbols and inspiration from pre-Columbian culture. Tearing myself away from the fried yucca balls, I finally entered the exhibit, excited to see if Matto's work could live up to my expectations of blending modern with ancient. His work does not disappoint.

It was refreshing to see Matto's use of so many media, from wood to cardboard to canvas. If I was pressed to choose a favorite, I would say that his woodwork pieces are not to be missed. From far away, the pieces look perfect, but as you draw near to them, you begin to see all of the imperfections in the wood, all of the nicks and scratches they bear. They are far from sleek and modern, and I love them for it. The wood itself looks naked, with no stain or polish and a sparse amount of oil, which lends the work a very natural and spiritual air.

Of course, not every piece of art can be a favorite. Matto is famous for his "totems," and as a group they are spectacular, but if I saw one by itself in an art gallery, I would be left scratching my head. And his still-life paintings did absolutely nothing for me. There were also the obligatory my-six-year-old-cousin-could-draw-that paintings, but you quickly forget about those once you move on and see some of his other works.

Matto was a man of many talents; moving from totems to cityscapes with buses to simple, geometric lines in one fluid motion. The colors of his paintings are striking and bold, and words can do them no justice. If you need something other than mere aesthetic beauty to fulfill your lust for art, make sure to pay close attention to Matto's paintings. Hidden words and symbols can be found throughout, and I at least feel a sense of elitist accomplishment when I can point out something to a friend that they would have normally overlooked.

There is a certain lingering power to Matto's work that remained with me even after I exited the doors of the Blanton, and his work is so diverse and detailed that I could easily spend another night there discovering new symbols and meanings. I left feeling ancient yet current, enthralled with buses as well as totems. "The Modern and the Mythic" is an altogether fulfilling exhibit that shouldn't be missed.

"Francisco Matto: The Modern and the Mythic" will be exhibited at the Blanton until Sept. 27.

### Singer Lewis goes solo, bares soul

#### Rilo Kiley frontwoman rocks to gospel and soul for a little side project

By Courtney Sevener Daily Texan Staff

Jenny Lewis never fails to put on a show that is both physically and emotionally moving. Though the 33-year-old Lewis is normally found playing guitar and singing in the band Rilo Kiley, she is currently doing her own thing as a solo artist.

Her latest release, 2008's Acid Tongue, is reminiscent of '70s style rock 'n' roll mixed with a healthy portion of soul. The track on that album that stands out more than any other, "The Next Messiah," is eight minutes and 45 seconds of screeching guitar chords and plowing drum beats. It's a real treat to hear Lewis sing the song live, as she lets her soul scream in the song and even breaks it down with a little help from Jonathan Rice, who plays guitar in her band.



Jenny Lewis, lead singer of Rilo Kiley, plays a solo show today at Stubb's Bar-B-Q.

Lewis is not only a little bit rock 'n' roll, she's a little bit gospel as well. She experimented with this sound on her first solo release, Rabbit Fur Coat, for which she sang alongside the Watson Twins, who are known for their amazing harmonies, and a church-choir background. Though the Watson

Twins no longer tour with Lewis, the songs she performs from that album are still awe-inspiring and

worth experiencing live. On stage Jenny Lewis is full of energy and always seems engaged with her lyrics and audience. She smiles and laughs playfully throughout her shows, letting you know that she is having a good time and that you can too. She has the ability to make you dance with songs like "See Fernando" and to make you want to cry with songs like "Acid Tongue." No matter which portions of her multifaceted catalog she draws from, if you catch Lewis tonight at Stubb's, prepare to be moved.

WHAT: Jenny Lewis, Heartless Bastards WHERE: Stubb's Bar-B-Q, WHEN: Today, doors open at 7 p.m. TICKETS: \$17-19

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#### Bullock's 'Proposal' woos date crowds with \$34.1M

LOS ANGELES - Movie audiences accepted a proposal from Sandra Bullock and Ryan Reynolds, who scored the summer's

first big romantic comedy hit. Bullock and Reynolds' "The Proposal" took in \$34.1 million to open as the weekend's No. 1

movie, according to studio estimates Sunday. The Disney flick delivered the biggest opening ever for Bullock, nearly double that of her previous best of \$17.6 million for the 2007 paranormal thriller "Premonition."

"I think the market was ready for a really fun, broad romantic comedy," said Mark Zoradi, president of Disney's motion-

picture group. "The Proposal" took over the top spot from the Warner Bros. bachelor-party comedy "The Hangover," which slipped to

second place with \$26.9 million. A surprise smash hit, "The Hangover" raised its total to \$152.9 million.

Disney's animated adventure 'Up" was No. 3 with \$21.3 million, lifting its total to \$224.1 million and following Paramount's 'Star Trek" as the second movie of 2009 to cross the \$200 mil-

lion mark. Debuting in the fourth spot with \$20.2 million was Sony's caveman comedy "Year One," starring Jack Black and Michael Cera as Neanderthals on a road trip after they are banished from

their village It was summer's second bigname comedy set in prehistoric times to take a back seat to a wedding-themed romp. Will Ferrell's "Land of the Lost" opened at No. 3 in early June, the same weekend "The Hang-

over" pulled off a No. 1 upset. "June is officially comedy month at the theaters. Comedy is really ruling things," said Paul Dergarabedian, box-office analyst for Hollywood.com.

- The Associated Press

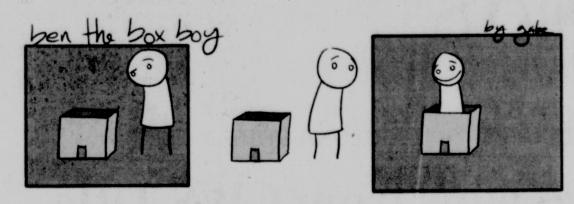
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Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at U.S. and Canadian theaters.

- "The Proposal," \$34.1 million.
- "The Hangover," \$26.9 million.
- "Up," \$21.3 million.
- "Year One," \$20.2 million.
- "The Taking of Pelham 1 2 3," \$11.3 million. "Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian," \$7.3 million.
- "Star Trek," \$4.7 million.
- "Land of the Lost," \$4 million. "Imagine That," \$3.1 million.

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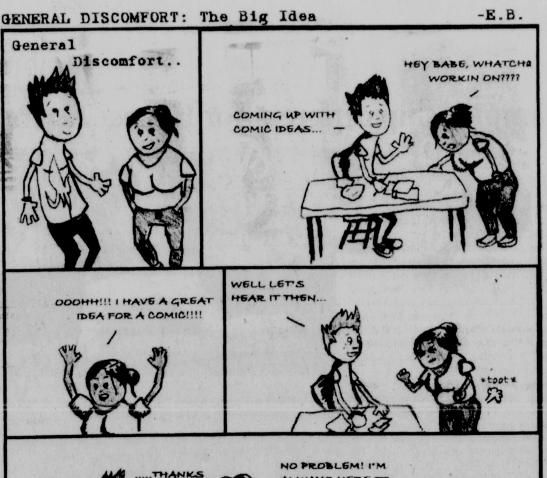
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### Texas advances on late long balls

By Michael Sherfield

Daily Texan Staff

OMAHA, Neb. — Connor Rowe stepped to the plate as 23,000 fans stood cheering, and heard complete silence. One big swing later, he was in the middle of the screaming crowd, soaking in every word as his teammates mobbed him at home plate. The No. 9 hitter with a .274 batting average had just launched Texas into the title series.

"I went into a different zone," Rowe said a few minutes after his walk-off home run. "I couldn't hear anything. It went silent in my head.

The ping of his bat colliding with the ball, sending it two rows beyond the reaching glove of Arizona State's Kole Calhoun, was what Rowe needed to bring him back to reality, sort of.

Thave no idea what is going on right now," he said during a postgame press conference. "I'm still kind of in awe of what just happened."

The Sun Devils had come within two outs of a winner-take-all rematch with Texas on Saturday. But Cameron Rupp and Rowe had other ideas, launching gravity-defying bombs that broke the Sun Devils' hearts. While Rowe's had more drama, Rupp's had the distance. The sophomore catcher hit his third home run in two games against ASU to dead-center field, over the 25-foot wall and the 408 foot sign, to tie the game at 3-3 with one out in the ninth.

'I knew it was gone," Rupp said. "That was...golly, that was unbelievable.

After ASU's Jason Kipnis battled his way to second base following an 11-pitch at bat with Texas closer Austin Wood, freshman pinch hitter Zach Wilson sliced a two-out triple the other way, putting ASU three outs from a win.

But with freshman closer Mitchell Lambson already throwing two innings Friday night and 31/3 against Texas on Tuesday, Rupp and Rowe knew what to look for.

"I faced him three times and it's changeup, changeup, changeup," Rowe said. "I was sitting on a changeup and that's what I got. It worked out.

While Rowe wasn't quite sure if his blast had the distance until after rounding first base, his teammates weren't so cautious. Even as the ball soared through the air and Calhoun shuffled his feet and leapt at the warning track, the dugout poured out, requiring home plate umpire Steve Manders to keep the players off the plate as Rowe finished his trot.

The storybook ending was just the latest in a series of improbable wins that have given the Longhorns the feel of a team of destiny.

While being one of the most dramatic-games in recent College World Series history-and the first walkoff homer since another Longhorn, Chance Wheeless, beat Baylor with a bomb in 2005, this win is par for the course in a series of heart-stopping Texas wins. This is the second walk-off the Longhorns have had this week, following their less admirable walkoff walk against Southern Miss, and is their third in the NCAA tournament after a walk-off grand slam against Army.

'Wow, what a game," Texas head coach Augie Garrido said. "The two home runs are about as dramatic as you can get...they changed the game."



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Connor Rowe rounds around third base with a big smile after hammering a walk-off home run Friday.

### TEXAS 4 ARIZONA STATE 3



# Horns two wins from CWS Title

By Austin Talbert

Daily Texan Staff

OMAHA, Neb. — The ball launched in a straight line, exploding off of his bat.

It soared over the giant green wall in dead center field. Cameron Rupp's ninth-inning, gametying home run was crushed it may still be flying across the Nebraska plains.

'Talk about it?" said Texas closer Austin Wood, when Rupp was asked about his homer. "That ball is still going."

Rupp's ninth-inning Herculean heroics and third homer of the College World Series was trumped by a much shorter shot.

Two batters later, before Rosenblatt Stadium and the Texas dugout had the chance to calm down, even before Rupp's monster shot had landed, sophomore center fielder Connor Rowe would reignite the frenzy and secure Texas a showdown with LSU in the College World Series Championship series with a walk-off home run Friday to drop Arizona State 4-3.

Although both balls cleared the fence, the two game-changing homers were quite different. Rupp's — a 440 foot monster blast to straight-away center — tied the game, but it took Rowe's hit a paltry 340-foot ball that barely cleared the fence in left — to cap yet another epic comeback win against the Sun Devils.

The walk-off homer was enough for Texas to overcome another sloppy game in Omaha. Texas committed three errors.

'I had no idea how, but I knew when I hit it that we were going to win it," Rupp said. "We have done it all year. We battled."

Rupp thought the win was coming in extra innings, because with two outs in the bottom of the ninth he was preparing to play the tenth, reaching down to buckle on one of his shin guards.

"I was getting ready to go, and I start to put on my shin guard, and as I buckled the first strap I picked my head up to catch the light of the ball flashing past," Rupp said. "I knew it. I quit buckling it, I dropped it all."

By the time Rupp had freed himself of his catcher's gear, the rest of the team was preparing to mob kowe at nome.

"I was the last one out there," Rupp said.

Texas continually responded on Friday night, as they have all season. When Arizona State scored a run in the top of the third, the Longhorns responded with a run of their own — a Michael Torres solo shot into the right-center bleachers. It was Torres' sixth homer of the season, three of which have come in the NCAA tournament.

The Sun Devils would burn Tex-



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Arizona State's Kole Calhoun would have needed stilts to give him a better chance of saving the day for the Sun Devils who lost in dramatic fashion due to two ninth inning home runs by Texas' Rupp and Rowe.

horns would match it in the fifth.

pitching performances of Green six innings pitched, eight hits, two runs and six strikeouts — and Arizona State's ace Mike Leake — six innings, eight hits, two runs and seven strikeouts - had the two

teams knotted up. With the team's two closers,

er run in the fourth, but the Long- the game, it stayed tied. Until Sun base hits all season, roped a triple Devil center fielder Jason Kipnis The strong, and nearly identical, reached on an infield single and took second on a throwing error from Travis Tucker after the hardhit grounder bounced off first baseman Brandon Belt's glove.

Kole Calhoun — the only time the as starter Cole Green for anoth- Mitchell Lambson and Wood in Wilson, who had only three extra with two strikeouts.

down the right-field line to drive in Kipnis and put ASU ahead 3-2.

We have picked each other up all season," Rupp said. "That is what we do.

The two Texas long balls would Wood battled back to strike out erase another Sun Devil lead and give closer Wood his sixth win of hot-hitting redhead didn't reach the season. In three innings, Wood base Friday — but pinch hitter Zach allowed three hits and one run



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BASEBALL No. 3 LSU vs. No. 1 Texas

### Road to championship different for Horns, Tigers

By Michael Sherfield Daily Texan Staff

OMAHA, Neb. — The Tigers look great. Dominant. Scary. In three College World Series games, they have scored 32 runs while giving up just 11. While the Longhorns, carried to Omaha by their pitching and defense, have committed seven errors, the Tigers have been perfect in the field. Really, they've been perfect everywhere.

"LSU has played the best baseball in this tournament," Texas head coach Augie Garrido said. "If it's about drama, we got that."

While these two teams have scaled the mountain of Omaha's first week undefeated, they don't have much else in common on their rise to the top. Texas has survived. Louisiana State has dominated.

Texas has won two of their CWS games in the final at bat while it took what Garrido described as a miracle to stage a 10run rally after digging an early 6-0 hole against Arizona State.

In conquering Bracket 1, LSU trailed for only half of an inning, responding to falling behind for the first time with a three-run

rally against Virginia in the opening game, the only time this past week they had been tested.

Texas' passage, of course, has been all about tests.

"Ours has been a bumpier ride," Garrido said.

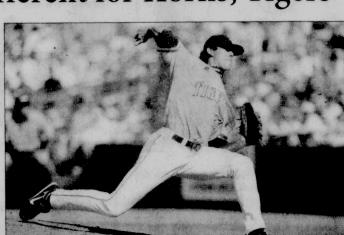
Now the question becomes, who has the advantage between two of baseball's most historic programs that have dominated the CWS over the past 20 years?

Is it the thumping Tigers and their 103 home runs? Or is it Texas' dramatics and penchant for winning games it has no business winning?

Both sides feel they are even despite the vast differences on paper.

'Not as talented?" LSU's game 1 starter Louis Coleman repeated incredulously to a reporter's question about the Longhorns at Sunday's press conference. "They're in the national championship game!"

Meanwhile, Tigers' head coach Paul Mainieri was quick to point out the impact of the cavernous UFCU Disch-Falk outfield on Texas' power numbers. The Longhorns have flourished on offense in Omaha, scoring 20 runs There's a good reason for it not



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LSU's Anthony Ranaudo and the Tigers have only trailed for half of an inning through the first three games in Omaha.

in three games while hitting five home runs, well above their regu-

lar-season rate. While the Tigers boast a considerable advantage in the power game, with four players with double digit home runs on the season compared to Texas' one, pitching depth is the main

advantage in Texas' favor. Will the magic continue? WHAT: Game 1 of CWS championship series WHERE: Omaha, Neb.

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to. We're playing the best team in the country," Garrido said. "Baseball's about the unexpected. Anything can happen."