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#### HEALTH

### Texas ranks 47th in US for HPV vaccines in adolescents

By Chase Karacostas Senior News Reporter

For medical professor David Lakey, getting his three daughters vaccinated for HPV, which causes 3 percent of all cancers in women and 2 percent in men, was a no-brainer. Yet, many in Texas remain unvaccinated, and according to a report lead by Lakey, the state ranks 47th in the nation for human papillomavirus vaccinations among adolescents.

"It challenges us to do better in protecting our kids from this type of disease," said Lakey, UT System's vice chancellor for health affairs and chief medical officer. "We are missing a tremendous opportunity to protect our kids."

Conducted by the UT System, the study found that only Wyoming, Mississippi, South Carolina and Utah had worse adolescent HPV vaccinations rates than Texas. It's important to get people vaccinated while they are young because their immune systems are much more receptive to the vaccinations, Lakey said. Before the age of 15, individuals only need two doses of the HPV vaccine six months apart, but after turning 15, they require three.

HPV has been directly linked to most cervical, anal, throat, neck and vaginal cancers along with 50

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# Graduate students protest tax bill

NATION

By London Gibson Senior News Reporter Chase Karacostas Contributor

Bill proposes to tax tuition waivers for A few hundred students left

graduate students

When the tower chimed at

noon yesterday, graduate student

workers across campus dropped

their grading pens and gathered

on the South Mall, where they

protested a proposed bill that

A few hundred students left their duties on Wednesday to stand against the bill in the cold rain. Some graduate student workers have tuition waived as a benefit for working in research or as teaching assistants, and many say taxing the waivers would make it even more difficult to survive in Austin under small University wages.

Anna Lyon, American studies graduate student and event co-organizer, said the tax bill would be devastating to graduate student workers who already come from a marginalized community, such as students of color, first-generation students and students from working class backgrounds. "It's particularly important that we do not let those students receive the brunt of this burden," Lyon said. "They're such a vital part of our community that we really need to send through the fact that those are the first people who will be affected by this."

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UT graduate students stand in protest on Wednesday over the new proposed tax bill. The bill would tax the students' tuition waivers as income.



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Dallas County Sheriff Lupe Valdez officially announces that she will run for Texas governor at the Texas Democratic Party Headquarters.

# Dallas sheriff announces candidacy

#### By Chase Karacostas Senior News Reporter

Dallas County Sheriff Lupe Valdez announced and officially filed her candidacy for governor of Texas Wednesday morning.

Valdez made the announcement at the Texas Democratic Party Headquarters in downtown Austin. After holding a short press conference, Valdez then thanked several of her supporters in attendance before leaving for a flight back to Dallas.

"If we listen to each other ... we can make changes," Valdez said. "So, I'm stepping up for Texas, for everyone's fair shot to get ahead. I'm in."

Valdez said she looks forward to spending the next year

speaking with Texans about issues such as healthcare and immigration, specifically addressing the fear many undocumented immigrants have of deportation.

"For the Dreamers, if this isn't their country, they don't have a country," Valdez said.

Valdez is the latest of several Democrats to challenge Gov. Greg Abbott, the Republican incumbent. Even though she resigned this morning, Valdez will continue to serve as Dallas' sheriff until a replacement is named.

Going into the 2018 election cycle, the next step for Valdez is to secure the Democratic nomination for governor by winning the primary election in March.

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#### UNIVERSITY

# White House correspondent talks Trump

#### By Maria Mendez

Senior News Reporter

As a political journalist, Peter Baker has observed many presidents, but none like President Donald Trump.

"We've never seen a president in real time give us all and any of his point of views on all subjects," Baker said in an interview with The Daily Texan.

Baker covered former presidents George W.

Bush, Bill Clinton and Barack Obama for The Washington Post and The New York Times. Today, he regularly covers Trump as the chief White House correspondent for The New York Times.

Baker visited the Lyndon B. Johnson Presidential Library on Wednesday for a book signing and guest talk. His newest book details Obama's time in the White House. He said covering Obama is starkly different from covering Trump. "Both presidents are interesting in different ways," Baker said. "If Trump is the guy who doesn't hold anything back, then Obama is the guy who doesn't show us a lot."

While previous presidents stuck to daily agendas, Baker said Trump's Twitter communications are unpredictable.

"From a journalist's perspective, it's great because we have a window into his mindset that we've never had with any of his predecessors, but it also means that you never know where

the news is going to go," Baker said.

Trump created unexpected headlines by calling Jerusalem the capital of Israel on Wednesday. Baker, who has covered the Middle East extensively and was the first American newspaper journalist to report from rebel-held northern Afghanistan after 9/11, explained that this is the first time a U.S. president has declared this. Trump's statement could create

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# Ransom Center adopts new online platform

NEWS

#### By Meara Isenberg News Reporter

UNIVERSITY

Now anyone can view and interact with thousands of materials from the Harry Ransom Center without leaving the comfort of their couch.

The Center announced on Tuesday that more than 50,000 images will be available through a new online platform called the International Image Interoperability Framework, which is available for free to the public. The framework will allow anyone to engage with images and compare them side-by-side with other works from online archives from around the world.

"IIIF broadens the amount of content that you can have access to," said Liz Gushee, head of digital collection services at the Harry Ransom Center. "This is a way that scholars or students can compare (materials) without having to travel to other locations."

The system also utilizes Mirador, an image viewer that allows individuals to take a

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Valdez's opponents in the Democratic primary include Andrew White, son of former governor Mark White, and Dallas businessman Jeffrey Payne, who owns the popular gay-bar The Dallas Eagle.

Abbott currently remains unopposed going into the Republican primary.

Robert Gonzalez, communications director for

#### BAKER

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Baker said. "Both the Israeli and Palestinians claim Jerusalem as their capital," Baker said. "Just declaring Jerusalem the capital without saying anything about what Palestinians may do is a very volatile act."

But within the White House, Baker said, tensions have also grown with the FBI investigation about the Trump administration's ties to Russia. Michael Flynn, Trump's former national security advisor, plead guilty of lying to FBI investigators. Baker, who has also previously written about Putin and Russia, said this

closer look at the museum's materials, Gushee said.

"You are dealing with absolute deep zoom, so you can really drill down into that image to see really specific details," Gushee said. "With paintings that would really help see brush strokes or technique, if something has teeny-tiny handwriting, it's much easier to make that larger."

The Center is the first museum on campus to utilize this technology but joins other archives around the world, such as the Getty Museum and the Yale Center for British Art. This stood out to Elon Lang, liberal arts lecturer, who often uses archival materials with his students.

"The great and exciting thing about this new platform is it brings the HRC in line with some of the major archives around the world," Lang said. "This IIIF essentially puts us on par with the British library, with the Bibliothèque nationale in France."

Galit Marmor-Lavie, advertising and public relations

University Democrats, said they will wait until the March primary to endorse a candidate for the 2018 gubernatorial election. Should Valdez win the March primaries, Gonzalez said he thinks she will be a "breath of fresh air" compared to Abbott.

"I think she has the potential to touch a wide audience, a wide array of voters, especially in these large urban areas where we see a surge of

could be a turning point in the months-long investigation.

"A guilty plea by a national security advisor is a big deal," Baker said.

Baker said the news has definitely shaken up the White House.

"It's almost a paranoid atmosphere," Baker said. "There are White House aides that will tell you they are worried their colleagues are wearing wires."

Dealing with the dramatic Russia investigation and political polarization may prevent the White House and Washington, D.C., from addressing policy issues like Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, Baker said.

"I don't think President

Urizen," Plate S - O / × = - = Print made by William Blake, 1757-1827, British, The F... Links 7è tps://cdm15878.contentdm.oclc.or g/digital/iiif-nfo/p15878coll93/5/manifest.json From: Urizen, by William Blake Finding Aid: http://norman.hrc.utexas.edu/fasear :h/findingAid.cfm?eadid=00185 Details: "Urizen," Plate S Blake, William, 1757-1827 1794 or 1795

The Harry Ransom Center has uploaded tens of thousands of images on the new platform International Image Interoperability Framework.

lecturer, incorporated Ransom Center materials into her advertising class and said transforming education through the digital world is important.

"It will be an opportunity

rich materials they offer over there," Marmor-Lavie said. Gushee said while only a fraction of the museum's total contents can be seen right

now, she thinks digitizing materials is the future. "Institutions like the Ran-

som Center and the UT

anti-sanctuary cities law, Senate Bill 4, which Abbott has lauded as a measure to improve public safety.

According to the Dallas Morning News, Valdez also battled with Abbott in 2015 over jail protocol when she refused to hold immigrants who committed minor offenses for more than 48 hours after their original release date. Traditional immigrations and customs enforcement detainers request

#### **HPV**

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percent of vulvar cancers and 35 percent of penile cancers. The virus can be transmitted through kissing, close genital contact and sexual intercourse.

As of 2016, less than half of adolescents in the state had received at least one vaccination, and barely a third were up to date with their vaccinations, according to the report.

Administering the vaccine between the ages of 11 and 15 decreases the likelihood of the recipient already having been exposed to the virus, said Lois Ramondetta, oncologist and member of the Texas Medical Association's HPV Task Force. "No one wants to think about their kids being intimate with somebody, but (transmission of HPV) doesn't even require intercourse," Ramondetta said. "The earlier you (vaccinate), the less it's even about relationships. It's just about protecting you from future diseases that you might be able to get." Lakey said one of the main causes for the low-vaccination rate is misinformation about the HPV vaccine, which has only been in use for about 12 years. For years, Lakey said, people believed the vaccine was

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libraries ... make a huge financial effort to put materials online and make them free for students not just at UT, but students and scholars internationally," Gushee said. "Being able to implement technologies like this, that reinforces

that. It's exciting."

that jails hold immigrants an additional 48 hours after their release date to give federal authorities time to retrieve them.

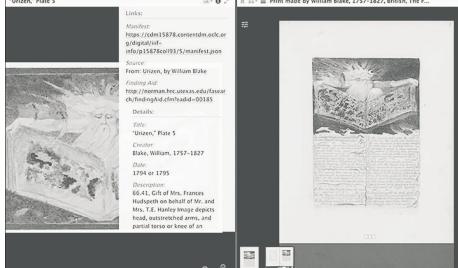
In the fight against Abbott, who has months of preparation, a \$41 million war chest and a Republican incumbency to boost him along, Valdez will be a severe underdog should she secure the Democratic nomination. Democrats also have not won a statewide election since 1994.

unsafe, but he said there is more than enough evidence supporting the vaccine's safety and effectiveness.

In a press release that came out with the report, Divya Patel, assistant professor for population health at UT Health Northeast, said the best way to improve vaccination rates is to give the vaccines at the same time as other common childhood vaccines such as meningitis.

"If we can change attitudes and behaviors around the HPV vaccine and increase awareness that it is a cancer prevention vaccine, we can make a huge difference in people's lives," Patel said.

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to expose more students and educational figures to the Harry Ransom Center and the said Democratic support," Gonzalez, government and rhetoric senior. "She has a fighting chance." First elected to the sheriff's office in 2004, Valdez was re-elected three more times in

2008, 2012 and 2016. Valdez is one of only two female sheriffs in the state, and she is the only openly-gay female sheriff in Texas.

Over the past year, Valdez has attacked the state's

Trump wants DACA to go away," Baker said. "I think he would just assume there would be a law he can sign that puts a DACA-type program into place, but the Democrats and Republicans aren't working very well together right now."

critiques of Trump's news-media, including The New York Times, have become well-known. But Baker said past presidents have also disliked journalists' coverage of the White House.

"It's not our job to be popular," Baker said. "But you know, in the end, I'm not worried about name-calling. ... Our job is to be professional, independent observers and reporters

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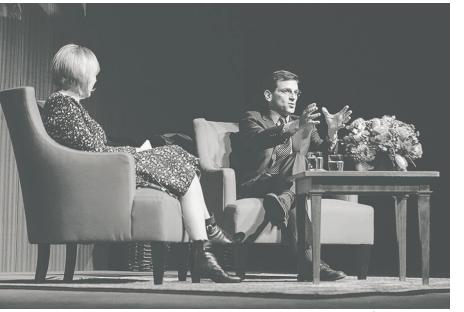
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The Chief White House correspondent for The New York Times, Peter Baker, visits the LBJ library to promote his new book, 'Obama: The Call of History.'

#### BILL

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graduate workers in the College of Liberal Arts is \$15,074 per school year without tax, according to a press statement from the walkout organizers. Broken down, this becomes \$1,256 per month. The average rent in Austin for a one-bedroom apartment is more than \$1,000 per month.

Walkout Co-organizer Robert Oxford said graduate student workers are already scraping by and many take second and third jobs to make ends meet.

"The University knows from internal reviews and external reviews that its funding packages for graduate students don't keep pace with the standard of living in Austin," said Oxford, an American studies graduate student. "As Austin becomes increasingly more expensive to live in, there's been little effort from

the University to address the graduate student standard of living?

University Spokesman J.B. Bird said in an email that the University is aware of the graduate student complaints, and has plans to collaborate with lawmakers to discuss the tax bill's impact.

U.S. Representative Lloyd Doggett, who represents Texas' 25th district, offered an amendment that would maintain the tax exemption for tuition waivers, and has said he stands with graduate students on this issue.

"As a Longhorn myself and the husband of a Longhorn with two UT graduate degrees, I also recognize the vital role that you play at our University," Doggett said in a statement to graduate students. "I strongly oppose increasing your taxes in order to provide more tax breaks to multinational corporations.

This struggle is not over."

The walkout was initiated by a small number of students in the American studies program. The Graduate Student Assembly supported it and recruited other interested parties to make it a larger event.

The bill would tax students for money they don't get, said Kareem Mostafa, assembly president and civil engineering graduate student. He said financial struggles facing graduate students are not the University's fault, but the continuation of a pattern of declining state funding for education in Texas.

"This hurts, the whole situation of going after graduate education," Mostafa said. "The fight is not students versus the tower, because the tower already knows it and the tower already does what it can to mitigate the issue. The fight is students versus legislators."

Ramondetta said physicians also need to make sure they do not isolate the vaccine when talking to parents and children about it. By making the vaccine seem more commonplace, it reduces the stigma and fear surrounding it, Ramondetta said.

"All I can do is continue to talk about it, continue to talk about the tragedy of diagnosing young girls with cervix cancer ... and hope that people recognize that you never want to look back and feel like you missed an opportunity to protect your child or your patients," Ramondetta said.



## NEWS

CAMPUS

### **Chillfest offers reprieve from end of semester blues**

#### By Raga Justin News Reporter

Snuggling up to Samantha, a nine-year-old therapy dog, government junior Alexandra Thomas could feel her finals stress slip away.

"Dogs are never worried about anything, they just live in the moment and love you no matter who you are," Thomas said. "It reminds me that life is short and just to enjoy it while you have it."

Samantha and her canine cohorts were the main attraction on Wednesday afternoon at Chillfest, an Events + Entertainment event that offers arts and crafts, free food, massage chairs and other stress-relieving activities to help students relax as the end of semester approaches.

More than 1,000 students swarmed the event, standing in long lines for hot chocolate and five-minute massages. Recreation chair Rachita Murthy said E+E has hosted Chillfest for seven years now and continually attracts crowds of more than 900.



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Students make bracelets during Chillfest Wednesday afternoon at the Union. The Events + Entertainment event offered arts and crafts, free food and other stress-relieving activities.

Murthy said the therapy dogs and the massage chairs are staples, but different arts and crafts fluctuate. This year's lineup included gingerbread decorating stations and games of giant Jenga.

"The activities are designed to let students take their mind off exams and concentrate their energy on something else for a while before they go back to studying," biology junior Murthy said. "We're

all so busy, so to do something fun with your friends is always great."

In addition to the crafts and games, members of UT Counseling and Mental Health Center and HealthyHorns were present to offer words of encouragement and remind students to practice self-care and get adequate sleep.

Mckenna Gessner, CHMC peer educator, said social interaction is vital during this time of year.

"Instead of binge-watching Netflix shows, you can be with a community doing gratitude exercises or getting a massage," said Gessner, a Plan II and women's and gender studies junior. "I think visits to the CMHC spike during finals, and things like this help prevent that."

Thomas said her encounter with Samantha and the other therapy dogs at Chillfest helped break her out of the mental fog she'd found herself in as final assignments consumed her.

"It just made my whole day," Thomas said. "It's kind of everything at once, and I guess I start kind of spiraling. I think 'If I don't do good on this I won't get in law school and then I won't get a good job or have a future.' But this kind of helps you get away from it all."

#### STATE

# UT graduate students work to make education data easier to navigate

#### **By Allyson Waller** News Reporter

UT graduate students are changing what K-12 public education data in Texas looks like through their new nonprofit project, the Texas School Directory.

Five UT graduate students from UT's Education Policy and Planning Program introduced the concept for the Texas School Directory in July. The project, sponsored by the Austin Community Foundation, aggregates large data sets from federal and state agencies to give a comprehensive look at what's happening in public schools.

Two of the students, Emily Germain and Anthony Vincent LeClair, hope the online project will receive additional funding so that they can share comprehensive data for all Texas K-12 public schools. "As doctoral students and as former teachers ... we noticed we had a whole bunch of data sitting around in every single one of (Texas') agencies that had to do with (Texas') schools, but nobody's aggregated it," Le-Clair said. As of now, the site's concept contains information on educational institutions such as Texas House District 51 and Travis Heights Elemen-

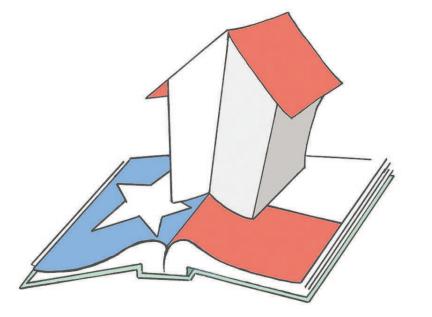


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#### RESEARCH

### Four million dollar grant aims to reduce carbon emissions

#### By Anna Lassmann News Reporter

Carbon emissions are about to have a rocky future, thanks to a \$4 million grant to UT's Bureau of Economic Geology from the U.S. Department of Energy.

The grant was given to the bureau, which is part of UT's Jackson School of Geosciences, to lead a regional partnership to research how carbon dioxide emissions can be safely stored in rock formations under the floor of the Gulf of Mexico.

"This is the type of science that aims at tackling big issues by bringing industry, government, community stakeholders and academia together to create innovative solutions ... ," Bureau director Scott Tinker said in a press release. This process will involve capturing the carbon dioxide emissions, transporting them offshore and pumping the emissions into geologic formations deep beneath the floor of the Gulf. "Right now, when we take fossil fuels out and bring them to the surface ... and combust them we transfer the carbon from the earth and put it into the atmosphere," said Susan Hovorka, a principal investigator for the research. "There are risks with this."

solution for addressing atmospheric emissions that also promotes economic growth," said Timothy Meckel, a principal investigator for the research. "We would like to demonstrate that we could utilize offshore geology for addressing national atmospheric emission issues as well as state and local issues."

The grant will fund a four-year partnership led by the Bureau's Gulf Coast Carbon Center.

Some partners include researchers from UT's Institute for Geophysics, the Hildebrand Department of Petroleum Geosystems and Engineering, Lamar University and the U.S. Geological Survey.

"We have a very good team," Hovorka said. "It's a partnership. It's not just about UT - it's about the strength of our partners. We (also) have a strong track record and very good technical skills." The Bureau is also working with the Texas General Land Office, which oversees areas in the Gulf that are suitable for carbon dioxide emissions storage. Revenue from these areas goes to the Permanent School Fund, which supports primary education in Texas. "If we can use state offshore lands for carbon dioxide storage, we might be able to find a way to increase the amount of income for the Permanent School Fund and therefore support some of the primary education in the state of Texas," Meckel said.

of bilingual school programs, teacher turnover rates and per people expenditures.

tary School. The directory in-

The majority of districts are moving toward the school choice model, which requires parents to be more aware of the educational options, Germain said.

"If (education is) going to go in that direction ... parents need a lot more information for that to work," Germain said. "Otherwise, they don't know if they're choosing a quality school or not."

LeClair said it is cumbersome for users to go through large amounts of data.

TEA works to provide data useful to a wide variety of Texans, Lauren Callahan, TEA information specialist, said in an email.

"The information collected from public school districts and charters ... fulfills many legislative purposes including providing the Commissioner of Education, TEA staff, Texas lawmakers, educators and

how best to meet the educational needs of a diverse state," Callahan said in an email.

Germain, who will soon begin looking at schools for her daughter, said the directory could help the research process for parents who are hoping to find the right school.

"In some ways I can take the time to look at each website and do all that stuff," Germain said. "But if it were in one place, it would be much easier place to start."

## Students defy white supremacy at UT

#### By Brooke Sjoberg News Reporter

CAMPUS

A diverse room of students discussed on Wednesdav afternoon how to make college campuses inhospitable to white supremacy with George Ciccariello-Maher, associate professor of global studies and modern languages at Drexel University.

UT has recently experienced acts of white supremacy on campus, such as a protest on the South Mall in November and posters advertising white pride and anti-Muslim ideals in the fall of 2016 and spring of 2017. Ciccariello-Maher said action, more than words, will be what makes college campuses safe from white supremacy.

"Students need to organize to deplatform these speakers, and they need to organize to establish structures for organizations, networks and alliances that will allow them to defend campus from the right," Ciccariello-Maher said. "It's not just speakers. It's these far-right groups that

are showing up on campus to recruit."

Ciccariello-Maher said universities hosting controversial public speakers on campus is problematic because the far right doesn't practice free speech. He said racist views held by much of the fascist right implies that some people and their voices are worth more than others, therefore discrediting the idea of free speech.

As a result of his outspoken dismissal of white supremacy and subsequent threats from white supremacists, Ciccariello-Maher is on involuntary administrative leave from Drexel University since October 2017 specifically due to controversial tweets.

Business freshman Shaan Lashari said white supremacist activity on campus makes him feel uncomfortable.

"It's not even the fact that I'm not white," Lashari said. "It's that ideologies that certain people are more valuable than other people just makes me uncomfortable. ... Once you



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Goerge Ciccariello-Maher, Drexel University associate professor, explains his compromising situation following his speech against white supremacy.

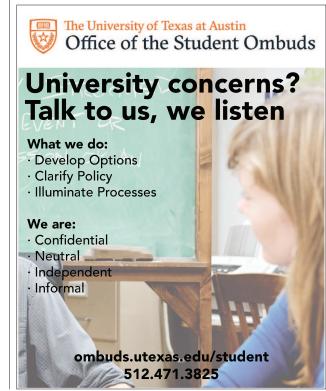
start bringing in ideas like 'a certain race of people is better than others,' I think that crosses a line where those types of speech should not be tolerated."

Charles Holm, African American diaspora studies graduate student, said government and campus policies contribute to nonwhite students feeling unsafe on campus.

"Trump's Muslim ban recently jeopardized the

safety of over a hundred international students here on campus, and it was just held up as constitutional by the Supreme Court," Holm said. "We have a law here in Texas, SB 4, that allows campus police to essentially deputize and act as federal immigration law enforcement officers, and ongoing police brutality and racism, especially against African Americans, endangers people on and off campus."

The goal of this research is to create a long-term storage solution for emissions from carbon dioxide. "We believe there is a



#### COLUMN

# Austin's proposal for Drag is slow step forward

By Ryan Young Senior Columnist

Yesterday, the city of Austin released a report recommending a complete transformation of the Drag, Austin's gridlocked central artery that thousands of Longhorns get stuck in every day.

The proposal addresses traffic congestion and pedestrian safety by improving sidewalks, adding bike lanes and implementing a set of bus-only anes. These recommendations are all good ideas, but they're only Band-Aids for a traffic problem that is out of control. To solve it, UT needs and deserves a rapid transit line on Guadalupe Street.

The benefits are clear. In other cities like Dallas and Houston, rapid transit provides a fast, convenient alternative to driving or riding a slow, uncomfortable bus. UT students and employees

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alike could take transit to campus instead of contributing to Austin's traffic crisis or UT's notorious parking shortage.

Students have recognized the need for such a line for years. In 2013, Student Government passed a resolution in support of a light rail system down the Drag, and previous Daily

Texan columns have also argued the merits of building one.

Whether it uses light rail or bus vehicles, rapid transit should serve campus on the Drag - not San Jacinto Boulevard, as was proposed the last time Austin turned down urban rail. Many classrooms and offices are located on the west side of campus, closer to Guadalupe. Students in West Campus would also be beyond walking distance from a San Jacinto line.

The city's new recommendations for Guadalupe are a step in the right direction, but the Drag is a mess, and we need to think big. The proposed bus lanes are meant for existing Capital Metro buses, and they are also located along the outer edge of the street, which means the buses will be slowed by other traffic making right turns.

The Drag deserves better, and right now, it's

actually being studied by two different transportation departments. Rapid transit would fall under the purview of Cap Metro's Project Connect, which hasn't yet officially recommended where Austin's next big transit project should go, but they are taking a close look at the Guadalupe corridor. Some of the concepts they've revealed at recent community workshops include light rail and rapid bus designs on the Drag that don't rely on right-hand lanes.

Clearly, the city and Project Connect aren't yet on the same page. Both should start planning immediately for rapid transit on the Drag, where it will best serve UT.

We need a real alternative to staring at brake lights.

Young is a computer science senior from Bakersfield, California.

### Student grades must rely on performance, not attendance

#### **By Sarah Alarcon** Columnist

Only three more days of class until we can study for finals, take them and finally sob tears of gratitude that we survived the fall semester. I would feel less stressed leading up to finals if I didn't have to show up to a class where a professor sits glued to a swivel chair and lectures in a monotone almost-whisper about the assigned handouts. I must attend because after one absence out of 30, five points will be deducted from my final grade. It's astonishing that as a post-baccalaureate student, I am forced to listen to a 50 minute lecture instead of reading the material in 10 minutes. If a student demonstrates a mastery of course content, their grade should not be penalized for absences.

As a future teacher, I understand the importance of attendance. I prefer to attend class because I like learning from my peers, and I appreciate an auditory aid to learning new information. However, if an instructor does not encourage discussion or add something unique to the PowerPoint and reading, then students should be able to decide for themselves whether or not being present in class is worth it.

For students who juggle the many activities required for job resumes, self-care is often forgotten. If a student needs to take a day off to take care of themselves, they shouldn't have to worry about negative consequences for putting their mental health first. English major Julio Diaz believes that students should be given more leeway with absences to prioritize their health. "If I'm trying to keep my mental health in check, it means missing a class, which hurts my academics," Diaz said. Some attendance policies are simply too strict. In many classes, after three absences, students' grades are dropped by a letter grade. The department of rhetoric and writing's attendance policy promises to fail students upon the seventh absence in a MWF class and upon the fifth absence of a TTH section. It's easy for a student to miss enough class days during a 15-week semester to negatively affect their grades. We get sick, we travel and we have work obligations. If a student is going to at least 75 percent of their classes, participates and performs well on tests, it doesn't make sense to punish them for learning the material on their own. Another reason a student may feel inclined to miss class is if they feel the class isn't useful. As a research university, UT hires many researchers and higher education students to teach instead of trained professors. While some of these instructors do an excellent job creating lessons, others do not make learning student-centered and fail to make the most out of class time. If an instructor isn't willing to get students involved in the class, the least they can do is not require us to attend every class. For the majority of classes at UT, especially non-freshman classes, attendance should be optional or graded as extra credit. Ultimately, we are the ones paying over \$5,000 per semester to be here, and we are old enough to decide how to make the most of our education.

### COLUMN Local news matters, read The Chronicle

**By Zach Price** Columnist

When alt-weeklies - free, weekly newspapers - hit the scene in the 1970s, they quickly became famous for taking on issues that mainstream outlets wouldn't: sex and drugs and rock and roll. Even more importantly, they offer vital information on local issues, free of charge.

But that style of presenting the news is under attack. Print newspapers have started to fall the way of the CD player and MySpace. While that's been tough on big daily newspapers, it's killing the alt-weekly industry. 2017 has been especially hard: New York's Village Voice ended its print edition in August; The Baltimore City Paper put out its last edition on Nov. 1; and LA Weekly cut almost its entire staff after its sale to new owners.

Thankfully, Austin's own alt-weekly, The Austin Chronicle, isn't under the same dire threats faced by other alt-weeklies. "We're in a different position than other people. I don't know how many papers are still owned by the people who started them," said Chronicle politics editor Chase Hoffberger. "We had a round of layoffs in 2010 or 2011, and otherwise we've kept a lean staff. We aren't doing layoffs. We understand that we're a rarity in that regard."

The Chronicle, like the other alt-weeklies, offers a fiercely independent take on local issues. In its pages, you can find information not presented in other outlets. Take "The Greg Abbott Death Watch," a running update of the number of prisoners Texas has executed while Gov. Abbott has been in power, or the "Gay Place," a rundown of weekly events and information tailored to the local LGBT community. The Chronicle's coverage provides important context that other newspapers don't and spotlights communities that don't normally get attention.

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ural," Hoffberger said. Local issues like zoning and urban planning can be hard to parse, and the informal language the Chronicle uses makes them far easier to understand.

Alt-weeklies' rebuke of the establishment press should be reassuring to people who disliked mainstream newspapers' handling of the 2016 election. Their relationship isn't completely confrontational — Hoffberger was quick to correct me when I suggested it was. They just make sure to hold their daily counterparts accountable. Take the Chronicle's relationship with Austin's daily newspaper, The Austin American-Statesman. The Chronicle is quick to point out perceived mistakes in The Statesman's coverage, calling them out for cutting their arts

critic and lambasting them when they stopped endorsving candidates for public office (which left the Chronicle as the only city-wide paper making candidate endorsements).

The best quality the Chronicle provides is accessibility. You can pick it up, free of charge, at more than half a dozen places on and around campus, and they estimate that more than 5,000 people in the campus area read the Chronicle

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What good is a newspaper if you can't understand what it's telling you? The Chronicle speaks with a voice, which also allows them to write about issues and politicians in a more comfortable way. "We try to provide a more fulfilling and complete analysis of who these people are. In a manner that is more interpretable and natevery week. The best way to support free papers is by reading them so they can up the readership counts they pitch to advertisers. So pick up a copy of The Chronicle, which you can probably find in your favorite coffee shop or restaurant, and get reading.

Price is a government sophomore from Austin.

#### COLUMN

# Schools should protect students of faith

#### **By Liam Verses** Columnist

The Supreme Court declined to hear a case challenging student-led prayer at Birdville ISD board meetings last week. That decision is a victory for students of faith.

Back in 2015, Isaiah Smith and the American Humanist Association sued the school district, challenging the constitutionality of the school board often opening meetings with prayers under the Establishment Clause. The executive director of the AHA said the prayers are an "unfair and inappropriate practice." Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton backed the school district, saying, "The student expressions permitted by the Birdville ISD policy are the private speech of the students and thus are permissible under the First Amendment."

The district said the students volunteered to speak at the meetings and are not given direction on what to say. In lieu of prayers, students have read poems or delivered secular statements. An important line divides school-sanctioned prayer and student-led prayer, which is private speech. The latter allows students to express their private values in an open forum, while the former perpetuates coercive public participation that can run afoul of individual values. This case falls almost entirely within private speech and is thus wholly acceptable.

Barring students from freely expressing their religions is an affront to the Bill of Rights and to the principles on which this nation was founded, such as liberty and freedom from religious persecution. Further, barring religious expression is an unnecessary constraint on students who practice their religion daily. Opening deliberative bodies with prayer originated before the Constitution was ratified and continues today. While no student should ever feel forced to join, not every public display of religious affiliation should be lambasted as unconstitutional.

Religion influences students' decisions, their interactions with others and other important parts of their daily routines. Consequently, they should have the ability to express those beliefs in front of public officials and teachers without fear of reprisal. Religion is something close-knit communities share, and there's nothing wrong with connecting through shared beliefs.

Students' faith naturally creeps into the public sphere. There is always a fine line between state-sanctioned religion and freedom of expression, but religion plays a positive role in the daily lives of many students, creating relationships among peers spanning different years and reinforcing constructive values such as loving your neighbor as yourself. Religious expression integrates students' private lives with their civic-minded education. Additionally, students of different religious backgrounds can come together in interfaith groups that give them a rare opportunity to bond and appreciate each other.



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The 5th Circuit noted in its ruling that "prayer lends gravity to public business, reminds lawmakers to transcend petty differences in pursuit of a higher purpose and expresses a common aspiration to a just and peaceful society." Its ruling allows students to speak freely and lets faith bring students together in these tumultuous and derisive times. Prayer isn't confined to places of worship. Students don't shed their religion at the schoolhouse gate.

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#### BARS

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Mt. Bonnell Blvd. and the tasty brews that awaited them at the end. Besides the devil's nectar, what really kept them going back was one crotchety bartender. Sarah worked at the cafe for decades, during which she built her reputation as Austin's meanest bartender — an affectionate term, of course. She died in 2009, but her son still owns the bar. Angel Altenhofel is the one behind the counter these days, taking over after another bartender served a short stint after Sarah.

#### Sahara Lounge (1962)

Drive east down Springdale and you'll encounter an out-of-place oasis on a treefilled road. The venue is like a mirage in more ways than one. Featuring jazz bands, African drums, blues music and Caribbean sounds, patrons at Sahara Lounge need only close their eyes to be transported to another country, or continent. If you open your eyes again to chat with one of the pleasant bartenders, you'll be greeted with a

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policy with new incentives and regulations for West Campus high rises.

Jake Wegmann, UT planning and development professor, said UNO incentivizes development of high rises, while creating regulations that benefit the whole of West Campus.

"The idea is to invest in improving the public realm to help support the much higher density of buildings and people that are in West Campus now," Wegmann wrote."This has taken a lot of pressure off other neighborhoods, such as Heritage and the area due north of campus and east of Guadalupe."

UNO used a form of zoning called "upzoning" to allow West Campus hospitality that channels a time when Austin was a smaller and slower place than it is today. The Sahara Lounge's schtick may have changed over the years, but its personality certainly hasn't.

#### Donn's Depot (1972)

Like most people who pass out drunk after a night out, Donn's Depot rests between 5th and 6th Street. Half a mile west of Lamar, this repurposed train depot hosts a delightful mix of old fogies and 30-somethings. A good portion of the patrons may have been alive to see Waylon Jennings back in his day, but don't be surprised when these baby boomers bust some moves on the dance floor. Live bands play throughout, so bring your boots! Don't have dance partner? On weekend nights, one octogenarian is always looking to two step. He wears a neon green shirt that reads 'Chick Magnet' and high socks, so you can't miss him!

#### The Common Interest (1974)

At this Karaoke bar in

developers to build taller buildings with more potential for rent income if they agreed to designate 10 percent of their units as low income housing, also known as SMART housing, and to help fund neighborhood infrastructure.

The objective was to create more housing options close to campus and to ensure the expensive, new buildings didn't push low income students out of West Campus, Wegmann said.

UNO's incentives have also improved the quality of life in West Campus via improvements to sidewalks and streetlights. In addition to improving infrastructure, UNO doesn't ignore other nearby neighbors either decreasing the number of students who want to live in neighborhoods also

LIFE&ARTS North Austin, patrons come to drunkenly holler the words to everything from "Cut to the Feeling" to "Be Prepared" from the Lion King. This inconspicuous venue in a strip mall off North Burnet Rd. looks like a place football fans would gather for wings on a Thursday night, but

the sports-bar dressings shouldn't deter any musical theater geeks or aspiring divas - the atmosphere inside is not only lively, but accepting. Singers of all skill levels and musical tastes will make even the worst singers feel at home. Best of all, the more you drink, the better the both you and the other performers sound.

#### Hole in the Wall (1974)

If you're looking for a true Austin venue, but don't have a ride, hop right on over to Hole in the Wall. This Austin dive may be among the younger on the list, but you can walk there. Take a trip over after a long day of classes or exams to get hammered — and maybe spot a professor while you're at it.

decreases students' demand for neighborhood housing, thereby protecting the price of living for the neighborhood families.

"UNO has been a smashing success - a piece of careful city planning that has basically accomplished what it set out to do," Wegmann wrote.

Tatum Lau, urban design and community and regional planning graduate student, lives in Austin and said the decisions made by city planners, designers and neighborhood associations have the power to make social ripple effects - for good or for bad.

"When people feel powerless about what is going on, as planners and designers, we have to be reminded that we made that choice as a city," Lau said.

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remaining stagnant as the general population of the city grew. Instead, it appears to be declining.

"It's completely outside of the norm," Tang said. "Especially considering that this is unobservable in other cities with similar growth."

The reason for its decline can be attributed to inequity in public education, barriers towards blacks entering technology and construction fields and distrust of the police, Tang said.

According to Tang's report, Austin's history of

segregation against African-American communities, combined with the successive gentrification of its historically black neighborhoods, also help to contribute to this decline. Those who choose to relocate out of the city often feel that they have been pushed out by an unwelcoming community. Austin realtor Jim Breedlove

said many black residents are concerned with the lack of others who look like them when considering moving to Austin. Breedlove said he has spoken with a current Austin resident who's been profiled as living in a predominantly African-American area of town, despite recently purchasing a home in a popular middle-class area.

"More often than not, an issue they encounter is feeling out of place," Breedlove said. "It's uncomfortable and difficult to navigate."

Leslie Perkins, former Austin resident and high school teacher, said she left Austin for Manor, Texas due to the lower cost of living in the area and its larger African-American community. Although she visits Austin occasionally, Perkins said she would not move back if given the option.

"I used to be a part of the community," Perkins said. "It doesn't really exist anymore as it did. And that's pretty sad for me."

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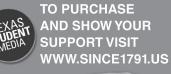
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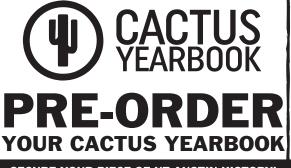
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#### WOMEN'S GOLF

# After whirlwind summer, UT golfer finds LPGA tour in range



Sophia Schubert hits a ball at the Texas practice range. The senior on the UT golf team won the U.S. Women's Amateur in August, paving the way for a potential professional golf career.

#### **By Trenton Daschner** Associate Sports Editor

Editor's note: This article originally appeared in Reporting Texas.

Sophia Schubert stood alone on the practice range on a recent fall morning at the University of Texas Golf Club.

She fine-tuned her alignment and decompressed from an eventful year in golf. She'd won a tournament in April as a junior at Texas. She'd won the biggest championship in women's amateur golf in August. She'd played in her first professional major in September. She'd earned exemptions into next year's U.S.

trophy was delivered while she was in France, playing in her first major. When she returned, she got to see the trophy for the first time since Aug. 13.

It was on that August day at San Diego Country Club when the entire complexion of Schubert's career changed.

A 36-hole match with Albane Valenzuela of Stanford stood between Schubert and the U.S. Women's Amateur championship. The night before had been tempestuous. After winning her semifinal match over 13-year-old Chia Yen Wu from Chinese Taipei, Schubert just wanted to see a movie to get her mind off of the tournament. But Schubert and her mother, Delisa, arrived late and missed it. They tried to go to a restaurant, but they couldn't get a table. They went back to the hotel. They grabbed Panda Express to go. Schubert settled in for the night and prepared for a 4:30 a.m. wake-up call, but around 3:15 a.m., rowdy baseball players in the hall prompted a United States Golf Association official to call security. Nothing was going smoothly. "It was a frustrating, tense night," Delisa Schubert said. But her daughter was never fazed. She dominated the morning 18 holes and led 4-up heading into the twohour break. She ate lunch

in the clubhouse with her mother and Texas head coach Ryan Murphy, who caddied for SchubertBut she didn't want to eat or talk - she just wanted to keep playing.

"I definitely got in the zone," Schubert said. "I want-

> "What always stuck out the most to me was she just seemed to

phy said. "You go through this gauntlet to arrive at that moment, and it's just a heavy,

heavy moment." That moment had been years in the making.

Schubert, a native of Oak Ridge, Tennessee, began playing golf a month before she turned 4. She won her first tournament at 6, played with the legendary Nancy Lopez at 10 and collected three high school state championships while at the Christian Academy of Knoxville.

"What always stuck out the most to me was she just seemed to have a mental edge over everybody else," said Shane Wells, her high school coach. "Some peocareer begins.

"Everything that she's gone through has prepared her for where she is today," Delisa Schubert said. "She's ready, willing and able. She is prepared."

In September at the Evian, Schubert got a taste of what the future could be. It was the first professional tournament she had ever played in, let alone her first major. She opened with a 3-under par 68 in the first round and sat only five shots off the lead. But she posted rounds of 73 and 76 to finish tied for 58th in the shortened, three-round event.

She got to play a practice round with Danielle

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Black Student-Athlete Summit returns to Texas

The African American Male Research Initiative and the Division of Diversity and Community Engagement at The University of Texas is hosting its fourth annual summit in January of 2018, titled "The Power of Race in College Athletics."

Headlined by several prominent speakers including Tommie Harris, Imani McGee-Stafford and Caylin Moore, the summit will explore the complexities surrounding the modern black student-athlete.

Texas Athletics will partner with the Black Student-Athlete summit for the session, which is hosted at the AT&T Executive Education and Conference Center. Texas Athletics will also provide tickets to the men's basketball home game against Texas Tech.

Women's Open and Women's British Open.

The magnitude of what her future may hold finally came full circle. But alone on the range early in her senior season, Schubert wasn't thinking about the future.

She was just dialing in her pitching wedge. Every shot she hit was a two-yard draw that never left the target.

"It's all happened so fast," Schubert said of her summer. "I've always felt like I was capable of it, but just to prove it to myself now is pretty incredible."

Inside the Longhorns' practice academy, the tall, shiny Robert Cox Cup sat on the pingpong table in the women's golf locker room. The U.S. Women's Amateur

#### have a mental edge over everybody else."

-Shane Wells, Former Coach

ed to keep going right then."

She never allowed Valenzuela back into the match. Schubert holed a three-foot putt for par on the 31st hole to clinch the championship.

"I said, 'Can you believe that you're the U.S. Women's Amateur champion?" Murple have that special 'it' factor, and she had it."

Schubert admits that she does feel different after winning the U.S. Women's Amateur - not necessarily as a person but as a golfer. Her career and life changed, and a professional future in the game is within her grasp. She has sponsor's exemptions into three of the next four majors, as she did for the Evian Championship in September. Her stellar play continued in October, when she won the Betsy Rawls Invitational in Austin by four shots.

She plans to turn pro once her senior season at Texas is completed. Then the road to an LPGA Tour

Kang, who won the U.S. Women's Amateur backto-back in 2010 and 2011. And she had some of the biggest names in women's professional golf coming up to congratulate her, including Juli Inkster, Morgan Pressel and Natalie Gulbis.

Schubert got a small glimpse into what the future may hold. But it was just a glimpse.

And now the future is in her hands.

"I've always put so much pressure on myself," Schubert said. "I've just kept telling myself, 'Just enjoy it. Enjoy these moments. No one can take them away from you."

-Dalton Phillips

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#### FOOTBALL

# Longhorns in the NFL: Week 13

### Sports Reporter

As we enter the fourth quarter of the NFL season, former Longhorns are still performing at high levels on the field. Here is how a few of them did this week.

#### Adrian Phillips

Phillips and the Chargers pulled out a win at home against the winless Cleveland Browns over the weekend. The former Longhorn safety only had two tackles, but came up with the game-clinching interception in the waning moments of the game. The third year man has played extremely well

By Donnavan Smoot in the back end for Los Angeles this season. In five of his last eight games, he has recorded at least six tackles. All of this coming while still being listed as the backup at both safety positions.

> Thanks in part to Phillips' play, the Chargers are now 6-6 and in a three way tie for first place in the open AFC West. The Chargers will look to go for a fourthstraight win as they play a struggling Washington team on Sunday at home.

#### **Marquise Goodwin**

Goodwin helped the 49ers Francisco San earn their second win of the season on Sun-

day. The 27-year old had eight catches for 99 yards in legendary Soldier Field, home of the Chicago Bears. Goodwin is playing the best football of his career right now as he has surpassed the half-century mark five times in his last six games. He will look to build on his good rapport with young quarterback Jimmy Garoppolo, who targeted Goodwin eight times on Sunday.

#### **Fozzy Whittaker**

With the addition of Christian McCaffrey, Fozzy Whittaker has fallen out of the backfield rotation in Carolina. The now third-string running back

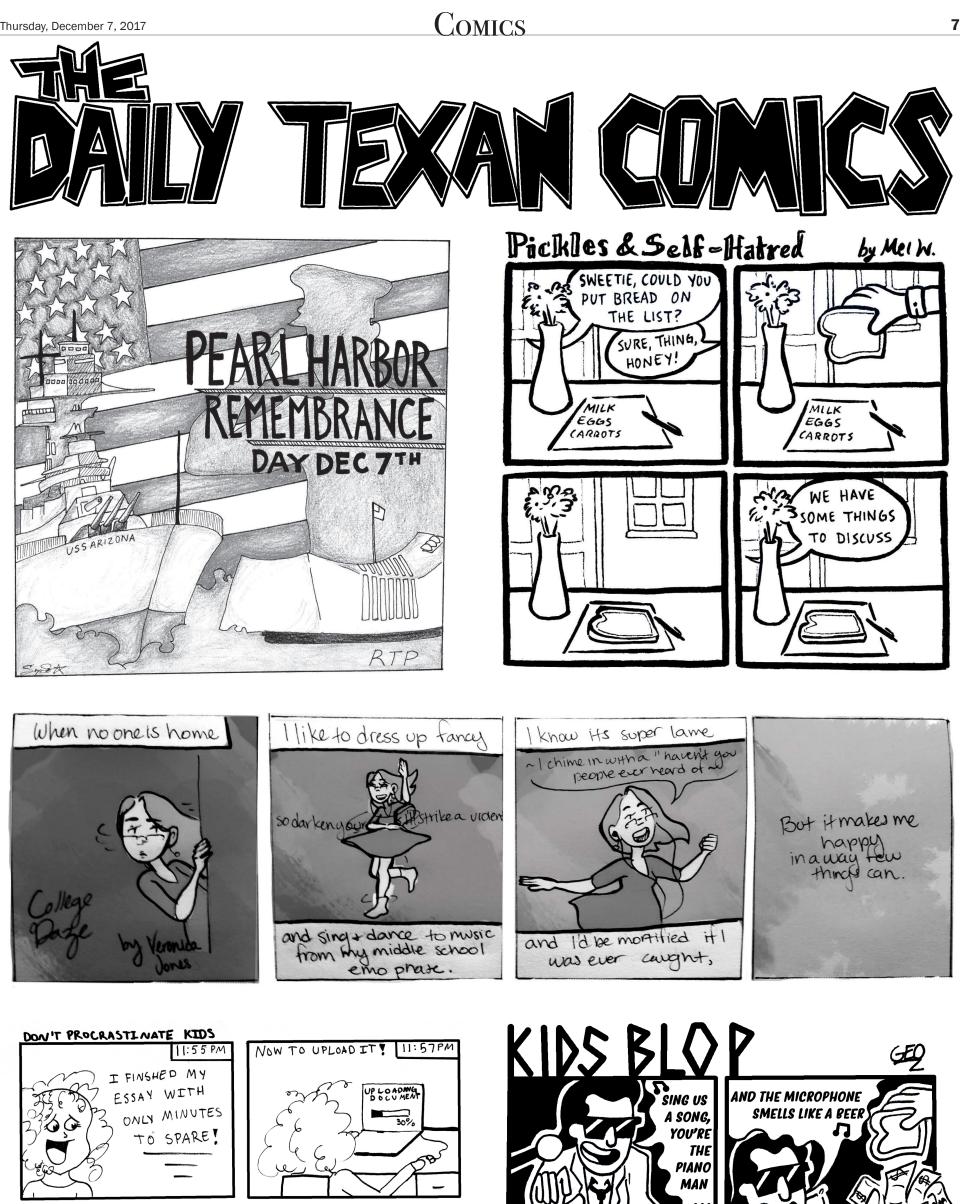
has been nearly non-existent this season. He has only recorded four carries for 10 yards to go along with three receptions and 34 yards. This production is severely down from last season's 82 touches for over 500 yards.

The Panthers have seen the speed and agility that Fozzy brings to the table and have decided to use him in a special teams capacity. In the past two games, Whittaker has accounted for 91 return yards. His new role as return man has given him a return to the field and a chance to help the 8-4 Panthers as they gear up for their playoff run.

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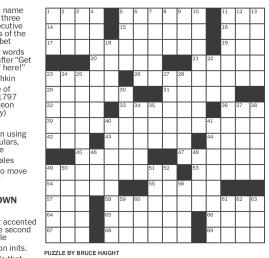


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Austin celebrates its 188th birthday this December. Over the years, the city has seen a lot of change — perhaps never more than within the past few years. In this special project, The Daily Texan highlights some topics that affect the city today, and the jewels that keep it weird.

#### **WEST CAMPUS**

# **City planners: housing solution lies in high rises**

By Hannah George Life&Arts Reporter

High rises are quickly taking the place of the quirky condos that used to keep West Campus weird, pulling rental rates up with them.

The price of living in West Campus has only increased, and as the student population balloons, students are moving further and further from class to make ends meet.

Elizabeth Mueller, professor of community and regional planning, said displacement is key to defining gentrification.

"Gentrification is about neighborhood change, but it's important because it's neighborhood change that has negative effects on existing residents," Mueller said. "Usually, it's used to refer to a neighborhood where residents are of lower income and have fewer housing choices. So as their neighborhood changes, they may not have very good choices if they can no longer afford to live there."

When it comes to West Campus, Mueller said it's hard to call West Campus "gentrified" because students hardly live in one place longer than a year, meaning that displacement can not be discerned. Rising rent makes staying

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As the price of living continues to increase in West Campus with student population increasing, students are moving further away. City planners are now trying to turn the tides by implementing new incentives and regulations for West Campus high living rates through planning policys like University Neighborhood Overlay.

close to campus difficult for students, which is a problem — whether labeled or not and city planners are trying

to turn the tides. Mueller said students have moved outside of West Campus to areas like East Riverside, where they trade proximity to campus for larger apartments and reasonable rent. To alleviate

undesirable student sprawl, the city of Austin and neighborhood organizations northwest of campus made

**Old-school** Austin dive bars

serve history, fun, alcohol

West Campus/University Neighborhood Overlay, or UNO, a city planning

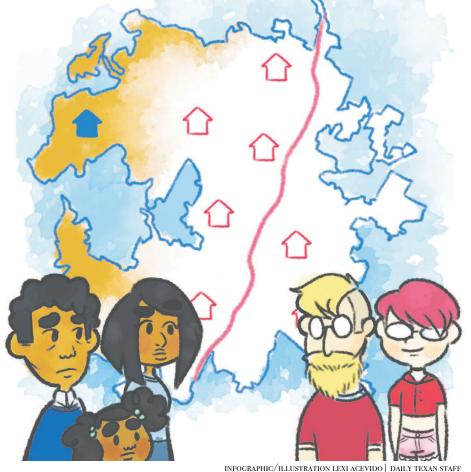
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#### FOOD REVIEWS

Gentrification in Austin displaces black residents to far-out suburbs

#### By Morgan O'Hanlon

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#### By Kirthi Dronamraju Life&Arts Reporter

Once home to a bustling black enclave, Austin's urban centers have instead become a haven for white suburbanites, according to some, pushing native residents out.

Indeed, Austin is the only large, rapidly expanding city where more black residents are displaced than are entering, according to a recent UT-Austin report on the effect of gentrification on minorities. Many residents choose to move east to areas like Bastrop and Manor, often pushed into areas with lower-income housing and poorer facilities.

Referred to by participants surveyed in the study as

"ghetto mansions," these homes are often larger than what many can afford in more urban areas of Austin, popular with many black residents who choose to move to escape the rising prices and cultural marginalization in the rest of the city. As areas largely isolated from urban centers, they have fewer transportation options, job opportunities and decreased access to healthcare.

Deprived of access to amenities, the report said, these low-income areas are also known as food deserts, which the U.S. Department of Agriculture defines as places lacking fresh and healthy produce, usually due to a lack of grocery stores and other food providers.

"These patterns do not

square with Austin's reputation as a 'tolerant' city, one celebrated for its progressivism, cultural dynamism and emphasis and stability," the report said.

Eric Tang, African studies associate professor, said that although these areas are technically referred to as suburbs, they fail to provide a better standard of living.

"(These places) are suburbs to the extent that they're outside the urban core," Tang said. "But they are not a move up for people — they're a move out."

Originally, Tang said he and fellow researchers expected to find Austin's African-American population

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#### Life&Arts Editor

With a reputation as one of the drunkest cities in America, it's no wonder Austin's as full as a pint glass as far as boozy beverages are concerned. In addition to having a lot of venues, Austin's bars have a lot of history from different eras — so if you forget what happened during a night out, you're in good company. In order of oldest to youngest, a night at these dive bars will take you on a ride through our city's storied past (with a few stops at boozetown along the way).



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As one of the drunkest cities in America, Austin has a fair share of drinking venues including Hole in the Wall, established in 1974.

### Dry Creek Cafe and Boat Dock (1953)

Don't take the name literally — Dry Creek Cafe is

anything but. UT students once ventured off the 40 acres for a scenic ride down

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