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THE WEEK AHEAD

TODAY

Big screen classics

The Alamo Drafthouse Ritz will present the 1947 black comedy "Monsieur Verdoux," based on a story by Orson Welles and directed by Charlie Chaplin. Tickets cost \$9.50 and the show starts at 7 p.m.

Urban rail car

To encourage support for an Austin rail system, Oregon Ironworks will display one of its urban rail cars used in Portland at the Palmer Events Center from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

TUESDAY

Leg heads up

State Sen. Kirk Watson, D-Austin, will give an overview of some of the major issues facing the Texas Legislature when it reconvenes in January.

WEDNESDAY

Harmonica Bob

The Harry Ransom Center's Poetry on the Plaza event will feature the works of singer/songwriter Bob Dylan. Show begins at noon in the HRC plaza.

THURSDAY

Do animals have rights?

The UT Objectivism Society will screen a film and host a debate about animal rights from 6 to 8 p.m. in Garrison Hall Room 0.120.

FRIDAY

Last class day

No class next Monday or Tuesday, and the final examination period will begin on Wednesday, Dec. 8.

'Hello, Avalanche'

The Octopus Project will play a show at the East Side Drive-In. Tickets start at \$15.



Quote to note

"It was an up and down season. But things are looking up. There's no question the team comes out next season with a fire and a passion from day one that Texas has never seen before."

— **Sam Acho**
Senior defensive end

Journalism school to reduce number of adjunct professors

By Collin Eaton
Daily Texan Staff

The UT School of Journalism will lose several veterans of the news business next semester as budget cuts cause a reduction in the number of adjunct professors.

The school will drop several specialized classes and assign full-time faculty to more basic courses, leading to fewer open slots for adjunct instructors.

School director Glenn Frankel

said adjuncts bring a great combination of involvement in the real world of journalism and solid teaching experience, and many of them have long-standing relationships with the school.

"We're using less this spring than we did in the fall, but everyone remains on our roster of valued teachers, and we won't hesitate to turn to them again when we need to," Frankel said.

The College of Communication

announced a policy in early August that would increase the workload for full-time faculty without increasing the number of classes the college offers.

Rod Hart, dean of the College of Communication, said the policy would help the college pay for one time, 2-percent merit-pay increases. Hart said it is difficult to cut back on faculty because the school has "a lot

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Michael Baldon | Daily Texan Staff

Because of the budget cuts in the College of Communication, many of the contracts for adjunct lecturers like Michael Whitney are not being renewed for the spring semester.



Erika Rich | Daily Texan Staff

Shoppers flood the aisles of the Cedar Park Best Buy in search of deals during the early afternoon of Black Friday.

BLACK FRIDAY

Holiday weekend's sales percentages rise little from last year's numbers despite earlier hours

By Allison Kroll

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Although some retailers opened earlier than usual to accommodate shoppers on Black Friday, the extended hours did not translate into more sales, according to a shopping trend analysis firm.

Nationally, there was only a 0.3 percent increase in sales from this day last year, according to ShopperTrak, a shopper-traffic and data analysis company. Shoppers spent \$10.69 billion on Friday, up from \$10.66 billion last year.

Advertising professor Neal Burns said shoppers probably spend more money during Black Friday than any other weekend of the year.

State budget may weaken Texas Youth Commission

By Nolan Hicks
Daily Texan Staff

The state budget deficit could force the Texas Youth Commission, the state juvenile corrections agency, to substantially lower the costs of providing services — which may force layoffs and facility closures.

The news comes after the agency, which was rocked by a series of child sex-abuse scandals that became public in 2007, received high marks earlier this month from a Sunset Advisory Commission staff report as well as an internal evaluation.

"The biggest costs you have are personnel and facilities," said state Rep. Jerry Madden, R-Plano, vice chairman of the House Corrections Committee. "They will get the biggest look as we cut back on the number of youth there."

The population of children in TYC custody has declined from more than 5,000 to about 1,500 since the abuse scandals came to light, while the agency still maintains the facilities and staff from when it had significantly more children in its care. Madden said the agency would have to look seriously at cutting the number of facilities the agency maintains to house children.

Longtime critics of the commission said neither report addressed the fundamental issues facing the agency.

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DeLay found guilty of campaign crime, awaits sentencing

By Nolan Hicks
Daily Texan Staff

He was one of the most powerful Republicans in Washington and redrew the shape of Texas politics. But now former U.S. House majority leader Tom DeLay is a convicted felon who is awaiting sentencing and promising to appeal the jury verdict against him.

A Travis County jury convicted DeLay on charges of conspiracy and money laundering on Wednesday — five years after he was initially indicted by then-Travis County District Attorney Ronnie Earle for allegedly violating Texas' campaign finance laws.

"There were numerous commentators who said this was meaningless, that the indictments were just a local prosecutor gone wild," said adjunct UT law professor Steve Bickerstaff. "The con-

victions show these charges were substantial all along."

Just after the convictions were handed down, DeLay and his attorney, Dick DeGuerin, said the verdict was a miscarriage of justice.

"I'm not going to blame anybody. This is an abuse of power," DeLay said on Wednesday. "I still maintain that I'm innocent and that the criminalization of politics undermines our very system. Maybe we can get it before people who understand the law."

Travis County prosecutors had their hands full from the start due to Texas's porous and contradictory election code laws, said Cal Jillson, a political science professor at Southern Methodist University.

When prosecutors brought another subject of the DeLay

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Erika Rich | Daily Texan Staff

Detectives Michael Riojas and Joseph Silas of The UT Police Department's Criminal Investigations Unit work together with Sgt. Chris Bonnet to assist UTPD officers with investigations.

Odd investigations increase for UTPD

By Aziza Musa
Daily Texan Staff

The three men responsible for on-campus criminal investigations said they have been exceptionally busy because of the higher amount of unusual cases this year.

The UT Police Department's Criminal Investigations Unit, comprised of one sergeant and two detectives, used to conduct all aspects of an investigation, including interviewing witnesses and forming a suspect lineup. In 2003, the department switched to a

new system, which gave patrol officers more responsibility for seeing a case through conviction. Now, the majority of the unit's duties include assisting officers with investigations.

"A large part of what we do is to facilitate their investigation, assist them with tools and expertise," said Sgt. Chris Bonnet. "It's beneficial to the department, the officers and the public because they get to deal with the same person throughout the investigation

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CUT: Seasoned lecturers lose positions in layoffs

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of students and a lot of teaching responsibility.” Michael Whitney, an adjunct journalism lecturer, received an e-mail last week informing him that he will not be offered a teaching contract for next semester. For the past four years, Whitney taught J 315, the fundamental journalism class that teaches students how to gather information, report and write effectively. Whitney has five decades of news experience working in television and was the senior broadcast producer of “60 Minutes.” He won 23 national news Emmy Awards, three Peabody Awards and two RTNDA/Edward R. Murrow Awards, according to the College of Communication website. Whitney said he would have loved to continue teaching, but

as the new workload policy came down during the summer, it was clear there would be fewer adjunct lecturers. “I think if I were in their position, it’s exactly what I would have done,” Whitney said. “But I always thought we [adjuncts] brought a certain vitality to the [classrooms].” The cuts will affect the entire college, but one student said it may damage the School of Journalism the most. Lara Haase, a photojournalism and psychology senior, said Whitney was a very encouraging teacher and showed great interest in his students. “The whole situation is unfortunate, especially for the journalism program. The adjuncts are crucial because they have been out in the field and can give students real-world advice,” Haase said.

FRIDAY: Shopping on Internet increases markedly for 2010

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“There is a strong desire to stimulate the economy, especially during a period when the economy hasn’t been doing too well,” Burns said. “Economists will look at the results more seriously than they have in previous years to look for any changes and improvements.” The sales increase from 2008 to 2009 was slightly higher at 0.5 percent, according to Shopper-Trak. However, total foot traffic in the United States increased by 2.2 percent this year. “Consumers think it will be a day of great buys and sales,” Burns said. “Generally speaking, what you’re trying to do is bring people into the stores with extraordinary offers. That’s a tactic that helps build traffic.” Debra Wendrock, store manager for Macy’s in Highland Mall, said the store’s turnout on Friday followed the national trend, seeing a large increase in foot traffic compared to last year. “There were a lot of great offers this year, and I think that’s what brought people into the stores,” Wendrock said. “It’s hard to stay at home when you can get that perfect gift item for a significantly reduced price.” Customers crowded into Macy’s at 4 a.m. to take advantage of early morning sales, even though the store and other local retailers offered the same specials through Saturday. “People pick and choose and

are very planned with the way they shop,” Wendrock said. “For some customers, it’s a traditional thing. Some bring their aunts, uncles, sisters and cousins — their entire family — to participate in this shopping event.” Black Friday trends have also recently translated to online sales, Burns said. “The one thing that I think is interesting about Black Friday is that it is bleeding over into Black Thursday for a number of brick-and-mortar stores,” said marketing administration professor Leigh McAlister. “I’ve heard that this is a reaction to the fact that online stores are open 24 hours a day and the fact that online stores begin offering deals on Thanksgiving Thursday.” In comparison to the results of in-store sales, Friday’s online sales increased by 15.9 percent and customers spent 12.1 percent more than last year online, which followed a 33-percent increase in sales on Thanksgiving Day, according to IBM’s Coremetrics Benchmark Report for Black Friday. Karrol Kitt, a human development and family sciences associate professor, said one problem with Black Friday is holiday spending behavior can turn into an impulse affair. “Having a list and understanding what you want to pay for the gifts is a smart way to remain within a spending budget or plan,” she said. “The marketing is what enhances our desire to buy and our affection with material gifts, which we all too easily fall into and overspend.”

‘TIS THE SEASON



Erika Rich | Daily Texan Staff

Susan Young, employee for Papa Noel Christmas Trees and Wreaths on South Congress Avenue, unfolds a fir tree for sale. The tree nursery is open from Thanksgiving up until Christmas and sells fresh trees from small tree farms in Oregon and North Carolina.

DELAY: Felony disguised contributions

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investigation, the Texas Association of Business, to trial for violating Texas’ campaign laws, many of their charges were tossed because of the problems with the Texas election code. “The prosecutors for Travis County decided that the campaign finance rules were just too tenuous to base their case around,” Jillson said. “They changed the theory of the case to a very novel interpretation of money laundering.” DeLay’s Texas political action committee, Texans for a Republican Majority, sent \$190,000 in

corporate campaign contributions to an arm of the Republican National Committee in October 2002, along with a list of seven candidates to donate money to and how much money to send to each campaign. Just a few days later, the RNC sent a total of \$190,000 from a separate bank account — money that could be contributed to campaigns in Texas — to the seven listed candidates. “At no point was it illegal money or illegitimate money,” Jillson said. “It was just transparent that it was the same corporate money sent to Washington coming back as individual contributions.”

Bickerstaff offered a comparative analogy — a company can’t donate \$10,000 to a political campaign; therefore it is illegal to give their lawyer \$10,000 with the instruction that he give \$10,000 of his own money to the candidate they want to back. He said it’s not uncommon for national political groups such as the RNC to donate to state campaigns, but the list of candidates and the level of specificity made the transaction unique. “The transaction was one I’ve never seen before,” Bickerstaff said. “It was clearly an attempt to get around the law.”

YOUTH: Legislature grants less per kid

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“The jury is still out on TYC,” said Texas state Sen. John Whitmire, D-Houston, chair of the Senate Criminal Justice Committee. “We will always need a juvenile corrections commission, but their mission will be defined by the need.” Whitmire said neither the internal report or the Sunset review addressed the problems of urban youth sent to remote rural locations and minimal health and educational services. During the last legislative session, the Legislature granted about \$60,000 a child per year to probation departments in urban communities to see if services could be provided more effectively — sig-

nificantly less than the \$130,000 spent per year on each child in TYC custody. “If you gave the juvenile probation department additional money, you could keep more kids in their community, where they are close to their families, the courts and the services they need,” Whitmire said. “Even though TYC may or may not continue, it will continue to be downsized and will probably house just those the community wouldn’t want because of the nature of their crime.” More than 300 children currently in TYC custody will eventually end up in the adult criminal justice system because of the nature of their crime. Child advocates have long pressed for combining the TYC

and the Texas Juvenile Probation Commission into one agency, the Sunset Commission staff report recommended that TYC remain its own agency but should be downsized to reflect the fact it is caring for fewer children. Child advocates warn that legislators must focus on the impact that budget cuts will have on the children who are in either TYC or the juvenile probation system. “We need to focus on the ramifications of the budget shortfall on the children, if we don’t do that and the funding goes away, then what do they have to work with?” said Ana Yáñez-Correa, executive director of Texas Criminal Justice Coalition. “Basically, the children can be put at risk by not giving them the resources that they need.”

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POLICE: Criminal investigation unit handles school’s high-profile cases

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instead of being pushed from one person to the next.” The unit helps patrol officers acquire new leads when officers may not have the time or resources to pursue suspects. Detective Michael Riojas said not all officers have access to some resources, such as the Texas Department of Public Safety’s photo files, so the unit gathers the information and works in collaboration with an officer. The unit generally covers high-profile cases, including when UT mathematics sophomore Colton Tooley fired several rounds of his AK-47 on campus before taking his own life on Sept. 28, and the charges of improper photography against former UT women’s track equipment manager Rene Zamora. But property crimes are the most prevalent on campus, Riojas said.

Bonnet said the hardest cases to work on are those which suspects are found years after the crime took place or are never caught because of a lack of evidence. In spring 2009, a male suspect groped several women near bus stops around campus. Police never arrested anyone in connection with the crime. “Sometimes you never will, so you’ll work a case as hard as you can and still have no known payoff,” he said. “And sometimes you know in your heart and in your brain who the suspect is, but you are not able to prove that or substantiate that enough for court.” Bonnet said he relies on the next case to move him forward. “You just have to take what you learned from the last case and apply it, and hopefully the next one will turn out better,” he said. The investigative process typically includes getting suspect or property information, gathering witnesses to conduct interviews and suspect lineups, and writing affidavits or complaints to present the case to a judge. However, the process varies depending on the information officers have at the time. “Sometimes, we work some crazy hours just because of our job duties, like going to New York for a day to do an interview and coming back that same day, or doing prisoner transports halfway across the state,” said Detective Joseph Silas. “You just never know what is going to happen.”

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China calls for emergency N. Korea talks

Talks would bring powers together in most public showing of intervention

By Gillian Wong
The Associated Press

BEIJING — China quickened its diplomatic efforts to ease tensions between North and South Korea, calling for an emergency meeting of envoys to North Korean nuclear disarmament talks.

Chinese envoy Wu Dawei said chief negotiators to the six-nation talks are being asked to come to Beijing in early December for the emergency session “to exchange views on major issues of concern to the parties at present.”

“I want to stress that a series of complicated factors have recently emerged on the Korean peninsula,” Wu said Sunday in a statement he read to reporters in Beijing. “The international community, particularly the members of the six-party talks, is deeply concerned.”

The talks would bring together the main regional powers — the United States, Japan and Russia as well as China and the two Koreas — that have tried fitfully for seven years to persuade North Korea to relinquish its nuclear programs.

Wu’s appeal is China’s most public diplomatic intervention since its ally North Korea pummeled a South Korean island with an artillery barrage last Tuesday, aggravating already high tensions on the peninsula. At first slow to react, Beijing has been under pressure by the United States to use its historically strong relations with North Korea to defuse the crisis.

U.S. Sen. John McCain, the top Republican on the Senate Armed Services Committee, on Sunday criticized China for not doing more to rein in its unpredictable neighbor.

“They could bring the North Korean economy to its knees if they wanted to,” McCain said during an



Alexander F. Yuan | Associated Press

Chinese Vice Foreign Minister Wu Dawei speaks at a press briefing in Beijing on Sunday. He called for an emergency meeting of North Korean nuclear disarmament talks to discuss the tensions on the Korean peninsula.

interview with CNN. “And I cannot believe that the Chinese should, in a mature fashion, not find it in their interest to restrain North Korea. So far, they are not.”

The barb came as Beijing was quickening the pace of its diplomacy with a flurry of meetings and phone calls.

State Councilor Dai Bingguo, China’s highest-level foreign policy official, met Sunday with South Korean President Lee Myung-bak in Seoul, and later spoke by telephone with U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton.

Underscoring Beijing’s concern about the latest clash between the Koreas, its diplomatic initiatives come as the U.S. and South Korean military are conducting war games in the Yellow Sea. Beijing vehemently opposed such exercises four months ago during a previ-

ous spike in tensions between the Koreas, but has issued only pro forma objections this time.

Wu did not specify a date in early December for when the six nations would meet. He said they need “to exchange views on these major issues and make due contribution to maintaining peace and stability on the peninsula and easing the tension in Northeast Asia.”

Wu said China hoped the meeting would also help relaunch nuclear disarmament negotiations.

The six-nation talks have been largely moribund for the past two years. In that time, North Korea tested a long-range rocket and exploded its second nuclear device, leaving the Obama administration questioning whether the North is interested in disarmament. South Korea also pulled back engagement with the North, especially after the

sinking of a South Korean navy ship. Seoul says the vessel was hit by a North Korean torpedo, while the North denies involvement.

The U.S. envoy to the talks, Stephen Bosworth, made hurried visits to Seoul, Tokyo and Beijing last week after an American scientist reported being shown a new, sophisticated uranium enrichment facility in North Korea. Bosworth, however, played down any sense that the talks were urgent.

The emergency session proposed by China would mark new ground. The six-nation talks’ senior envoys have not used the group to address broader security issues beyond North Korea’s nuclear programs, though they have been discussed by lower-level officials. That potentially could help the group transform into a more full-bodied security forum for Northeast Asia.

US, South Korea begin joint military exercises

By David Guttenfelder
& Jean H. Lee
The Associated Press

YEONPYEONG ISLAND, South Korea — A U.S. supercarrier and South Korean destroyer took up position in the tense Yellow Sea on Sunday for joint military exercises that were a united show of force just days after a deadly North Korean artillery attack.

As tensions escalated across the region, with North Korea threatening another “merciless” attack, China belatedly jumped into the fray. Beijing’s top nuclear envoy, Wu Dawei, called for an emergency meeting in early December among regional powers involved in nuclear disarmament talks, including North Korea.

Seoul responded cautiously to the proposal from North Korea’s staunch ally, saying it should be “reviewed very carefully” in light of North Korea’s recent re-

velation of a new uranium-enrichment facility, even as protesters begged President Lee Myung-bak to find a way to resolve the tension and restore peace.

The troubled relations between the two Koreas, which fought a three-year war in the 1950s, have steadily deteriorated since Lee’s conservative government took power in 2008 with a tough new policy toward nuclear-armed North Korea.

Two South Korean marines and two civilians were killed and 18 others wounded in the hailstorm of artillery that sent residents fleeing into bunkers and reduced homes on the island to charred rubble.

North Korea blamed the South for provoking the attack by holding artillery drills near the Koreas’ maritime border, and has threatened to be “merciless” if the current war games — set to last until Dec. 1 — get too close to its territory.



Charles Oki | Associated Press

A C-130 Hercules leads a formation of F/A-18 and Harriers as they fly over the USS George Washington in the seas east of the Korean peninsula.

Thousands of American diplomatic cables leaked

By Matthew Lee
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Hundreds of thousands of State Department documents leaked Sunday revealed a hidden world of backstage international diplomacy, divulging candid comments from world leaders and detailing occasional U.S. pressure tactics aimed at hot spots in Afghanistan, Iran and North Korea.

The classified diplomatic cables released by online whistle-blower WikiLeaks and reported on by news organizations in the United States and Europe provided often unflattering assessments of foreign leaders, ranging from U.S. allies such as Germany and Italy to other nations like Libya, Iran and Afghanistan.

The cables also contained new revelations about long-simmering nuclear trouble spots, detailing U.S., Israeli and Arab world fears of Iran’s growing nuclear program, American concerns about Pakistan’s atomic arsenal and U.S. discussions about a united Korean peninsula as a long-term solution to North Korean aggression.

There are also American memos encouraging U.S. diplomats at the United Nations to collect detailed data about the U.N. secretary general, his team and foreign diplomats — going beyond what is considered the normal run of information-gathering expected in diplomatic circles.

None of the revelations is particularly explosive, but their publication could prove problematic for the officials concerned. And the massive release of material intended for diplomatic eyes only is sure to ruffle feathers in foreign capitals, a certainty that prompted U.S. diplomats to scramble in recent days to shore up relations with key allies in advance of the disclosures.

The documents published by The New York Times, France’s Le Monde, Britain’s Guardian newspaper, German magazine Der Spiegel and others laid out the behind-the-scenes conduct of Washington’s international relations, shrouded in public by platitudes, smiles and handshakes at photo sessions among senior officials.

The White House immediately condemned the release of the WikiLeaks documents, saying “such disclosures put at risk our diplomats, intelligence professionals, and people around the world who come to the United States for assistance in promoting democracy and open government.”

It also noted that “by its very nature, field reporting to Washington is candid and often incomplete information. It is not an expression of policy, nor does it always shape final policy decisions.”

“Nevertheless, these cables could compromise private discussions with foreign governments and opposition leaders, and when the substance of private conversations is printed on the front pages of newspapers across the world, it can deeply impact not only U.S. foreign policy interests, but those of our allies and friends around the world,” the White House said.

State Department spokesman P.J. Crowley played down the spying allegations. “Our diplomats are just that, diplomats,” he said. “They collect information that shapes our policies and actions. This is what diplomats, from our country and other countries, have done for hundreds of years.”

On its website, The New York Times said “the documents serve an important public interest, illuminating the goals, successes, compromises and frustrations of American diplomacy in a way that other accounts cannot match.”

In a statement released Sunday, WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange said, “The cables show the U.S. spying on its allies and the U.N.; turning a blind eye to corruption and human rights abuse in ‘client states’; backroom deals with supposedly neutral countries and lobbying for U.S. corporations.”

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HORNS UP, HORNS DOWN

**Horns up: Blood donations**

Businesses, restaurants and the media commonly take advantage of the passions surrounding the annual UT/A&M game for their own benefit, and it's nice to see charities catching on as well. Throughout the first few weeks of November, the Blood and Tissue Center of Central Texas sponsored the "What Color Do You bleed? UT vs. A&M Blood Drive Challenge," a contest to see whether Aggie or Longhorn fans donate more blood.

Contest participants simply went to the blood drive center, donated blood and said which team they supported. In exchange, the participants received either a burnt orange or maroon T-shirt in addition to the usual sugary snacks that accompany blood donations. The results are not yet available, but The Daily Texan reported Tuesday that UT was beating A&M by 45 donations, so although we lost the game, we likely achieved a victory nonetheless.

**Horns down: Community college retention rates are abysmal**

The Daily Texan reported last week that less than half of students who enter community college earn a degree within six years, and only slightly more than half even return to school after the first year. With society becoming increasingly reliant on community colleges to provide a higher education to those who cannot afford a four-year institution, these findings are troubling.

Community colleges can be an amazing resource. With tuition and the overall cost of education making a college degree unaffordable for millions, community colleges are a feasible way to earn a technical or associate's degree or simply receive credits before transferring to a traditional school and not graduating with a lifetime's worth of debt.

Explanations behind community college system difficulties are diverse and not agreed upon, but hopefully retention increases and the absence of it does not negatively influence community college funding or lower its perceived level of importance.

**Horns up: DeLay found guilty**

On Tuesday, a Travis County jury found Tom DeLay guilty of conspiracy and money laundering. When DeLay was first indicted, UT seniors were still in high school, so the conviction marks the conclusion of a very long and extremely public trial.

DeLay was guilty as part of a conspiracy in which corporate campaign contributions to the national Republican Party were funneled to candidates in Texas, where corporate campaign contributions are illegal.

The conviction is good for two reasons. First, although DeLay already announced he would appeal the decision, the verdict ends a dark period of American politics. Allegations of corruption and illegal activity by one of the highest ranking public servants in the country — DeLay was majority whip for the House of Representatives when he was indicted — is never a good thing. Americans expect and deserve all public servants, even those with whom they politically disagree, to operate lawfully, and powerful officials doing otherwise is a tragedy.

Secondly, the conviction also helps promote the idea that those who make the law are still expected to follow it. Despite DeLay's claims that the charges are politically motivated, his trial was conducted within the same justice system all Americans are subjected to, including his conviction by a jury of peers.

A judge will sentence DeLay in mid-December, and while we are too cynical to believe a celebrity such as DeLay will serve any serious prison time, the guilty verdict is, at the very least, an indicator that the concept of blind justice has not been wholly abandoned.

**Horns down: Willie Nelson arrested**

Willie Nelson was arrested Friday for possession of marijuana by border patrol officials. Commence giant eye-roll.

Were Nelson's actions illegal? Absolutely. But aside from being a global ambassador of cannabis, Nelson is a local icon here in Austin, and we feel the need to defend our own.

Besides, border patrol officials should probably rethink their priorities if they believe their time is best spent defending the homeland from a 77-year-old stoner.

Like DeLay, Nelson's celebrity will probably shield him from the legal consequences we plebeians would face, but readers still may want to dust off their "Free Weezy" posters and replace "eezy" with "illie" just in case.

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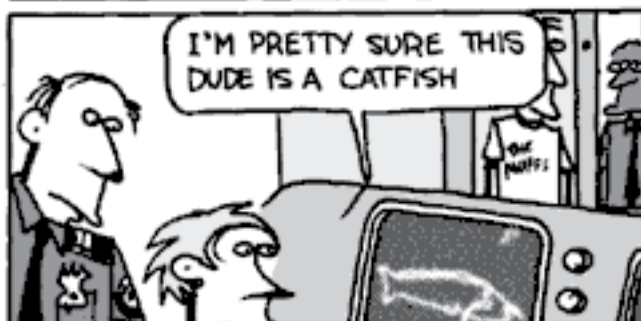
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Take advantage of Eat Local Week

By Kate Clabby
Daily Texan Columnist

Austin's annual Eat Local Week, sponsored by the magazine Edible Austin, will kick off Friday with an event at BookPeople featuring local food writers and free tastings of chef-prepared, locally-sourced food. Events throughout the week include an urban farm bike tour, a "drink local" cocktail contest and a talk at Bass Concert Hall by Michael Pollan, author of "The Omnivores Dilemma."

Over the past few years, the local foods movement has been gaining traction, in large part due to the work of journalists including Pollan. But like all movements, it has its detractors. Stephen Budiansky's New York Times article "Math Lessons for Locavores" attacks the claim that local food is inherently more energy-efficient than non-local food because it doesn't have to be transported as far. He argues that shipping food across the country by freight is actually relatively efficient, and that if we grow crops in areas that suit them best climatically, we can spend less energy growing them.

This argument has validity, but some of his points are off-base. For example, he correctly notes that a tomato grown in California and shipped to New York in January probably has a smaller carbon footprint than a tomato grown in a heated greenhouse in New York. But few would advocate eating the greenhouse-grown tomato either: Eating local means eating in season. We shouldn't expend energy to adapt local production to our preferred diets. We should

adapt our diets to include more of the food that can be grown efficiently in the climates where we live.

Advocates of local food system often use the argument that local food logs fewer "food miles" to justify their choice to source food locally, even though, for most, food miles are only a small part of that decision. This argument is easy to quantify, and it's easy for newcomers to the conversation to understand. When given only one sentence to argue for more local food, I have used this simplification myself.

And international attention on global warming has made energy use the key issue in environmental debates. Our food system does use far too much energy, but that's not its only problem or even its main problem. Fertilizer runoff from cornfields in Iowa has created a "dead zone" in the Gulf of Mexico — an area devoid of marine life — the size of New Jersey. Topsoil erosion in the corn belt, a result of conventional monocrop agriculture, will soon make areas in the region impossible to farm on at all. More than half of all antibiotics sold in the United States are given to livestock in their feed, a practice that public health officials agree is leading to the development of antibiotic-resistant strains of diseases.

Many small farmers (but not all) are working to create better alternatives to this system. And most of those farmers (but not all) sell into local markets. So when you buy a local product directly from the farmer, it is probably (but not necessarily) a more sustainable choice than a product you would buy from the grocery store. The fact that a product is local does not give it

special dispensation — if you choose local food because of its impact on the environment, it's important to ask the farmer about his growing practices and make your decision based on his answers. And that's the key. If you know who grew your food and he lives in your community, you can ask those questions. In a grocery store, the label tells you very little about how the food was produced. Some claims, such as "organic" and "cage-free," give useful but limited information, and others, such as "natural" and "free-range," are totally unregulated and give no information at all. As Elanor Starmer, of Food and Water Watch, puts it, "The local foods movement isn't so much about choosing between what's grown here and what's grown elsewhere. It's about having any sort of choice at all."

It's possible to buy sustainably and ethically grown food from far away, and for certain products, such as staple grains, it makes sense. We should be looking into ways to circumvent the anonymity of grocery store transactions and connect responsible farmers with ethically-minded consumers throughout the country. But there is no substitute for face-to-face interactions. So take the opportunities at Eat Local Week to meet with local farmers and producers, ask them questions and start thinking about what you demand from your food. And while you're at it, sample their wares. You might discover the most basic reason people are choosing to buy local: It tastes good.

Clabby is an English senior.

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Reform community colleges

By Erin Gleim
Daily Texan Columnist

My schedule for next semester is less than ideal — I couldn't get into some classes I needed and instead I had to add some unnecessary classes just to reach 12 hours. While I expect add/drop to solve some of the problem, it's relieving to know that I can always pick up a couple of courses at a community college to stay on track.

Community colleges are an important resource for UT students. Some took classes at community colleges as part of dual-credit programs in high school; others take classes during summer or winter breaks. They are cheaper and usually involve less work, so they provide an easy way for students to complete core requirements.

But many often forget that thousands of students in the United States pursue higher education through community college alone.

In today's economy, graduates from even some of the nation's top institutions are having trouble finding jobs. Subsequently, students who graduate from the academically less competitive community colleges are at a huge disadvantage when it comes to finding jobs.

This may be a reason that, as the Center for Community College Student Engagement reports, student graduation and retention rates are at a record low. The CCCSE claims if this trend continues, then for the first time in our nation's history, this generation may be less educated than the one before it.

According to the CCCSE, only 45 percent of community college students graduate or earn a professional certificate in six years, and only 52 percent of community college attendees return for a second year of school. The de-

cine in returning students can perhaps be explained by the fact that about 48 percent of students cite "financial constraints" as a major factor in the dropout rates.

Because a community college degree is not as competitive when seeking employment as is a degree from a four-year college or university, many students may fail to see the benefits in working and paying for a less competitive degree.

The system obviously needs substantial reform, and many people, including President Barack Obama, are working to solve the problems in community colleges. The CCCSE and its partners at UT's Community College Leadership Program are working to improve the community college experience. They are working to provide more specialized resources for students, including academic advising and career counseling. The groups also plan to implement social networking systems that will allow students to access these resources.

UT students could be impacted by plans to make community college curriculum and coursework more challenging and rigorous, hopefully making the degree more valuable. Changes to the academic advising and registration processes may inconvenience UT students as well. The changes will benefit community colleges.

While it may no longer be possible to get college credit by reading a chapter every other day or by taking a 10-question quiz online, these changes will truly benefit the academic and professional prospects of many Americans and ultimately improve education in the United States.

Gleim is a journalism freshman.

Longhorn of the year

The Daily Texan Editorial Board is seeking suggestions for "Longhorn of the Year." The "Longhorn of the Year" is an individual or group that had the most positive impact on the UT community throughout 2010.

You can suggest a candidate by e-mailing the name of the nominee and a short explanation to firingline@dailytexanonline.com, writing on the wall of the Facebook event page, "Longhorn of the Year" or tweeting us @DTeditorial.

We'll print finalists later this week and announce our selection in the last paper of the semester.

Burrito company plans to expand with more stores

By Mary Ellen Knewton
Daily Texan Staff
After the first Freebirds World Burrito opened in California in 1987, the burrito chain restaurant quickly found a formula for success: Target the throng of hungry students on the nation's college campuses.

Now, the owners of Freebirds are hoping to follow their die-hard fans after graduation to working life, with plans to build 38 new locations nationwide next year — bringing the total number of Texas locations to 60. The new locations will mostly be in Texas suburbs, said Daniel Harf, spokesman for Tavistock, a company that has owned the Freebirds chain for two years.

“Originally, the model was building on or near college campuses. [Tavistock] took it a step further. We realized the students grow up,” Harf said. He said the restaurants will be built in neighborhoods with heavy concentrations of young families. Each location will require 50-75 employees and managers, he said.

“We’re thrilled to be in a position where we can put people to work.”
— **Daniel Harf**
Tavistock spokesman

said. “We’re thrilled to be in a position where we can put people to work.” Shawna Southard is an assistant general manager at the Freebirds on South Congress Avenue. She has been with the company for five years and remembers volunteering for many causes, including Adopt-A-Family. “Right now we have a Christmas box set up for Adopt-A-Family,” she said. According to the Salvation Army’s website, the Adopt-A-Family program pairs impoverished families with a group or business, Freebirds in this case, that can provide the family with gifts and food during the week before Christmas. Southard said she likes incorporating community outreach into her job. “I like how you can still be yourself,” she said of her experience at Freebirds. Economics freshman Sahil Raj said he remembers enjoying his first visit to Freebirds. “The first time I got my car, I took my friends there,” Raj said. “I try to go back when I’m in town.”



Michael Baldon | Daily Texan Staff

From left to right, Russell Tolliver, Scott Jenkins and Rhys Jenkins jog beside Lady Bird Lake as the finish the last yards of their 2,000-mile run Friday afternoon. The three runners started in Boston and ran an average of 35 miles each of the 73 days on their way to Austin.

Running 2,000 miles for the cure

As Rusty Tolliver and brothers Scott and Rhys Jenkins approached the end of their 2,000-mile run from Boston to Austin on Friday afternoon, they were greeted by a small crowd of friends, family and a few local news cameras. The trio was running to raise money for four different charities, including Young Texans Against Cancer, the British Heart Foundation, Help for Heroes and the Co-

alition to Salute America’s Heroes. The runners raised more than \$10,000 for the four charities. Tolliver knew he wanted to raise money through running and eventually shared the idea with Rhys. The pair regularly ran together as camp counselors in 2006, and Tolliver knew that Rhys would be interested in a long-distance run. After Rhys became involved, his older brother Scott became interested and decided to join the team. Beginning in Boston on Sept. 15, the group ran an average of 35 miles a day. Tolliver and Rhys made the 61.1-mile stretch from College Station to Bastrop the day before Thanksgiving so that they would be able to spend Thanksgiving Day with Tolliver’s family. The idea for the run started after Tolliver lost an aunt to cancer in 2009. His mother also sur-

vived two bouts with cancer, he said. While studying journalism in college, Tolliver covered a story about Young Texans Against Cancer and was interested in what he describes as the organization’s distinctly local element, which he felt was lacking in other cancer-support organizations such as Lance Armstrong’s Livestrong and Susan G. Komen for the Cure.

— Michael Baldon

Task force submits advice for SG revisions

By Audrey White
Daily Texan Staff
The Student Government Reform Task Force’s completed list of recommended changes to SG’s constitution and bylaws includes an overhaul of the agency structure, the addition of a more permanent judiciary branch and several new positions within the legislative assembly. The task force presented its changes to the assembly for review last week. SG representatives will propose a resolution to support the changes in SG’s meeting Tuesday, but the assembly will not take a final vote until its first meeting in the spring semester. The changes will then go

before the student body for a special election in February. If the assembly, student body and administrators all approve the recommendations in January and February as the task force hopes, the new constitution and bylaws will govern the next SG assembly, which the student body will elect in March. “We’re creating a more efficient structure, and it will really increase student involvement because agencies can now recruit more members,” said task force chair Cecilia Lopez, educational administration graduate student. “We’re creating other layers for accountability, especially in the executive branch.”

The new executive structure creates multiple appointments under each officer of the executive branch and streamlines the agency structure to reduce redundant positions and increase efficiency. The task force included SG representatives and former SG members as well as students with no previous SG involvement, which Lopez said allowed for diverse points of view in discussions. The new structure would also include a clerk to manage meetings and take minutes and a parliamentarian to monitor meeting procedure. In addition, the recommendations include the creation of a judicial branch with the

authority to settle disputes between the executive and legislative branches, enforce the constitution and bylaws and oversee the Election Supervisory Board. In advance of the February special election, SG will hold public forums, distribute information about the proposed changes and encourage all students to vote, said University-wide representative Natalie Butler, who served on the task force. “The changes we’re making will help SG serve students better, so this is something we want them to be able to get behind and vote for,” Butler said. SG Vice President Muneezeh Kabir, who served as an ex-of-

NEWS BRIEFLY

Country musician Willie Nelson arrested for pot at checkpoint

SIERRA BLANCA, Texas — A U.S. Border Patrol spokesman says singer Willie Nelson was charged with marijuana possession after 6 ounces was found on his tour bus. Patrol spokesman Bill Brooks says the bus pulled into the Sierra Blanca checkpoint Friday. An officer smelled pot when a door was opened and a search turned up marijuana. Nelson was among three arrested. Sheriff Arvin West he told the El Paso Times that Nelson claimed the marijuana was his. The singer was held briefly a \$2,500 bond before being released.

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Changes coming for Texas under Mack Brown



By Laken Litman
Daily Texan
Columnist

Mack Brown’s worst season at Texas is finally over. So now what? “What I will do is take my time and evaluate the coaches and the staff and each player and everything that we’re doing,” said Brown, who hasn’t experienced a losing season since going 1-10 at North Carolina in 1989. “At that time, I’ll be able to make the conscious decision on what’s best for the program.” It’s humorous to think that Texas was ranked as the preseason No. 4 team, plastered on the cover of Sports Illustrated with a headline that read, “The Longhorns have the defense to win it all.” Is that the same defense that allowed a record 223 yards rushing to Texas A&M running back Cyrus Gray and failed to make stops to reverse the momentum Thursday night in a must-win game? Sure is. Last season, defensive coordinator Will Muschamp had the nation’s No. 1 rush defense that held opponents to 72 yards per game. This year, essentially the same unit allowed nearly twice that. “It’s disappointing,” Brown said. “This year was not our standard at all.”



A throng of Longhorns walk off of Joe Jamail Field after singing “The Eyes of Texas” following their 24-17 loss to No. 19 Texas A&M.

Back in August, Brown told his defense that forcing turnovers would be key in getting

good field position, as the offense needed to piggy-back off the defense until it got comfortable. But the offense never got into a flow, and the defense only caused 18 turnovers, not even

half of the 37 forced last year. BROWN continues on page 7



Texas sophomore swingman Jordan Hamilton rises up for one of his four second half 3-pointers, which were key in UT’s 3-point win.

MEN’S BASKETBALL
Horns rely on threes to edge Rice

By Dan Hurwitz
Daily Texan Staff
The Longhorns nearly fell victim to a Thanksgiving hangover as they narrowly defeated Rice 62-59 on Saturday. A 3-point barrage in the second half led by Cory Joseph and Jordan Hamilton helped Texas avoid an upset courtesy of the Owls. Joseph, who had a game-high and career-high 14 points, converted on four of six shots from behind the arc. “We just got on a hot roll and

we kept on going with it,” Joseph said. The Longhorns were nine for 14 for three in the second half, including a two-minute stretch where Hamilton drained three “treys” turning a four-point deficit into a four-point lead. The long range attempts came after Rice’s zone defense prevented Texas from attacking the basket. The Longhorns made more 3-pointers (11) than two-point baskets (nine). “It was clear that they were going to let us shoot all of the 3s that we wanted to shoot,” said head coach Rick Barnes. “Early in the game, they weren’t even guarding Jordan on the perimeter.” Texas was unable to run with the ball as much as it wanted with the Owls choosing to take their time on offense and let the shot clock run low on most possessions. In running out the clock, Rice went into halftime leading 23-20 RICE continues on page 7

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Texas senior outside hitter Juliann Faucette leads the rest of the squad in celebrating UT’s 3-0 sweep of Texas A&M on Wednesday.

McNeal helps UT win 15th straight match

By Shabab Siddiqui
Daily Texan Staff
No matter what the Longhorns do, the team’s successes seem to be forever overshadowed by last year’s team that came into the NCAA Tournament ranked second and lost in the national championship game. But even last year’s Longhorns did not enter the tournament carrying a 15-game winning streak. Nor did they defeat the Iowa State Cyclones on the road. Texas swept Texas A&M 26-24, 25-19, 25-22 at home Wednesday, and then traveled to Ames, Iowa, to beat Iowa State 22-25, 25-23, 27-25, 25-19 on Saturday to end the 2010 regular season. The ninth-ranked Longhorns will face off against UTSA in the first round of the NCAA Tournament on Friday at Gregory Gym. If the team wins, it will play the winner of UCLA and American University on Saturday also at Gregory Gym. Of the teams ranked ahead of Texas in the tournament, only top-ranked Florida and fifth-ranked Northern Iowa boast longer winning streaks. Head coach Jerritt Elliott said its important to have some momentum to close out the season. “You always want to play with some rhythm — play hot — going into the NCAA tournament,” Elliott said. “We’re going to focus on our side of the net like we have all year long and get our rhythm going and play well.” The team’s Thanksgiving weekend started with hosting A&M on Wednesday. Texas avenged its mid-September loss to the Aggies in College Station, thanks to 15 kills on .737 hitting from junior middle blocker Rachael Adams. STREAK continues on page 7

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WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

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Tamir Kalifa | Daily Texan Staff

Texas quarterback Garrett Gilbert, who leads the nation with 17 interceptions, scans the field in UT's 24-17 loss to Texas A&M on Thursday.

BROWN: Offense could see major shift

From page 6

Another failure was the balanced offensive attack Brown was hoping to implement, a smash-mouth downhill running scheme and a nimble passing game that would blindside defenses. Those things never happened because Texas usually got behind early and had to rack up the passing yards in an attempt to catch up. The only game this entire season when Texas was balanced like Brown envisioned was against Florida Atlantic in the second-to-last game of the year, when the Longhorns had 259 yards rushing and 263 passing. “We were inconsistent,” Brown said. “That was the theme.”

Quarterback Garrett Gilbert showed flashes of adequacy, if not brilliance, but also mediocrity. He threw for 2,744 yards, which was more than Ohio State’s Terrelle Pryor and TCU’s Andy Dalton, but he also tied the Duke and Central Michigan quarterbacks to lead the league with 17 interceptions (Colt McCoy had 18 his sophomore year). Gilbert also struggled on third-down situations, especially in the red zone, forcing Texas to settle for field goals. The Longhorns only scored touchdowns in the red zone 44 percent of the time — the fifth worst percentage in the country. Brown said backups Case McCoy and Connor Wood will get the chance to compete for the

starting job in the spring, just like every other position. “Turnovers and explosive plays are the key to any ball game,” said offensive coordinator Greg Davis. “The most important thing for an offense to do has nothing to do with rushing or passing or anything else. It is to score points. We fell far below what we have become accustomed to in scoring points. That is the most disappointing thing.” But the offense just didn’t have any explosive playmakers. The receivers had no chemistry with Gilbert, and the running backs were battered and unhealthy from the start (not that that really mattered as the talent level was inadequate anyway).

Not one tailback rushed for more than 600 yards this season, and only Cody Johnson ran for over 100 in a game (124 against FAU and 107 against A&M). And it didn’t help that rare was the game when the offensive line opened up holes. There’s a lot on Brown’s plate heading into the offseason, but with the nasty taste of losing lingering in his mouth, he’s determined to get it fixed. “It was an up and down season,” said senior defensive end Sam Acho. “But things are looking up. There’s no question the team comes out next season with a fire and a passion from Day One that Texas has never seen before.” Stay tuned, Texas fans.

WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

Stanford too strong for young Longhorns

By Alexandra Carreno
Daily Texan Staff

Only five games into their season, the No. 16 Longhorns continue to use every game as a stepping stone from the previous one. Reiterating the positives and learning from the mistakes have been some things head coach Gail Goestenkors often reminds her players of, especially after Sunday’s loss against Stanford, 93-78. No. 2 Stanford (5-0) was the first major hurdle Texas (4-1) faced. The Longhorns, who looked strong in their first four games of the season, struggled against the Cardinal, who relied heavily on man-on-man offense. The height difference between Texas and Stanford players posed a difficulty for Texas, with only three players measuring above 6 feet. Stanford features eight of these players its roster.

time to the scorer’s table, resulting in a technical foul. Stanford went up 2-0 before tipoff. Texas also started slow, allowing Stanford to make 14 of its first 22 shots. “Today you saw a toughness out of us and a will to persevere,” said Stanford forward Kayla Pedersen. “I think people are just learning their roles and learning how they can play with each other, and we’re a lot more confident right now.” Freshman Chassidy Fussell led Texas with 17 points. Senior Kathleen Nash trailed close behind with 14 points. “They beat us in transition and on the offensive glass,” Goestenkors said. “We got them to take tough shots at times, but we didn’t rebound.” With Stanford being the first of a tough stretch of opponents, Texas will return to Austin for a week before traveling to East Lansing this weekend to take on No. 25 Michigan State. “We are going to learn a lot through this game. We let them dictate the tempo,” Goestenkors said. “We’ve got all week to break down the tape and learn and get better. And we can see very quickly how much we learned because we’ve got another great team we are playing [Sunday].”

“We’ve pushed the ball on everybody else, but nobody’s pushed it back on us,” Goestenkors said. “That was new for us for somebody to attack us the way we’ve been attacking other people.” Stanford looked like the stronger team as it shot 54.7 percent and made 11 of 12 free throws. In an uncommon mistake, Texas failed to turn in its lineup in

STREAK: UT’s best senior class looks to roll through tourney

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The sold-out game was also the final regular season home performance for the team’s seniors. Senior outside hitter Juliann Faucette, who finished the game with a 16-kill, nine-dig effort and will finish her career with the fifth most kills among all Longhorns, sang the national anthem to start the match. Senior outside hitter Lauren Dickson assumed her role as a serving specialist with the return of junior outside hitter Amber Roberson and senior middle blocker Jennifer Doris finished with seven kills and two blocks assisted. “It was a great night. We had a huge fan turnout, which means a lot to us,” Doris said. “It was so weird to think that this was my last home game here and to walk out there and get my jersey. It means a lot that coach Elliott gave me a chance to play here.” The senior class has the highest winning percentage of any class in Texas volleyball history at .878.

“They have been special,” Elliott said. “They were a big part of turning this program around. They have been to an Elite Eight, a Final Four and a National Championship game in their first three years. We’d like for them to have another shot at it this year.” After Thanksgiving dinner and football on Thursday, the team traveled north to play 16th-ranked Iowa State. Last year’s Longhorns suffered the lone blemish on its regular season record against the Cyclones, but Texas kept its win streak alive this year with a career-high 16-kill effort from sophomore utility player Sha’Dare McNeal. Texas also got double-doubles from Faucette, who had 16 kills and a career-high 22 digs, and junior setter Michelle Kocher, who had 58 assists and 11 digs. Regardless of whether the team advances or not, the NCAA Tournament South Regional will take place at Gregory Gym starting Dec. 10.

RICE: Joseph, Hamilton come up big from behind 3-point arc

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after a dull opening 20 minutes. “We probably tried to overthink, and once the ball went inside, which we got it, it comes out,” Barnes said. “Guys had shots that they should have taken and they didn’t. I thought they got a little tentative there.” While the Longhorns struggled in the paint, Rice attacked the basket, finding its cutting guards, who were the recipients of several backdoor passes for easy layups.

“I thought that, of all the teams that we have played this year, that Rice did the best job executing on their offensive end,” Barnes said. The Owls went to basket with the Longhorns, who were unable to pull away in the second half. Rice’s dribble penetration forced the rotate, and UT was unable to recover quickly enough. “When that happens, the guard has to get inside but they kicked out a few times,” Barnes said. “The 3s they got were because they executed and we didn’t.”

The Longhorns’ size and athleticism ended up being too much for the Owls. Tristan Thompson earned the first double-double of his college career, scoring 10 points and adding 10 rebounds, six of which came on the offensive end. “I think, defensively, we had Texas guarded but we didn’t finish the play with the rebound,” said Rice head coach Ben Braun. Guard Jai Lucas played a season-high 30 minutes and made his first two 3-pointers of the season as a part of his eight points.

“They hit some shots when they had to,” Braun said. “If they don’t make those shots, I think maybe we win the basketball game.” Rice had one final attempt to send the game into overtime, but Rice’s Tamir Jackson’s three-point attempt was off the mark, and the Owls were unable to get another chance as the clock expired. “This game was good for us,” Barnes said. “We needed a game like this, because it still got down to where we are going to have to make some stops.”

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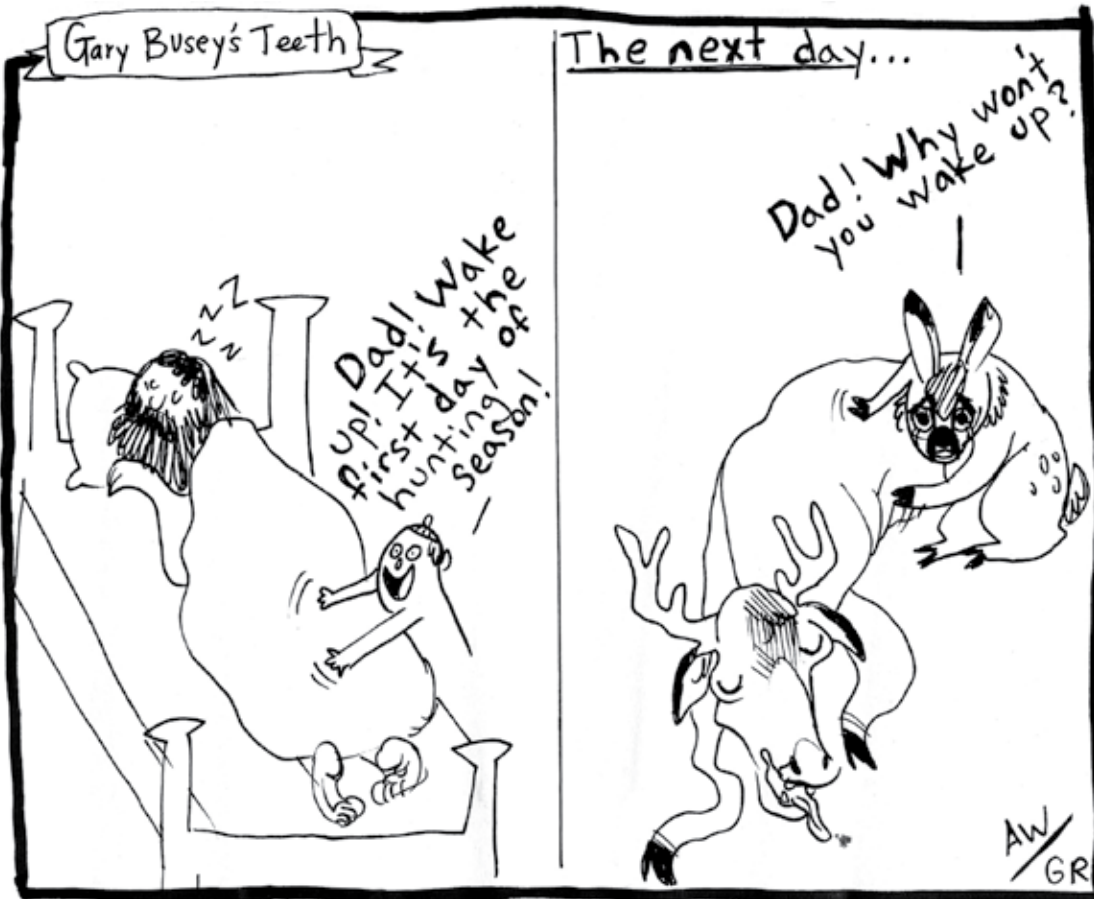
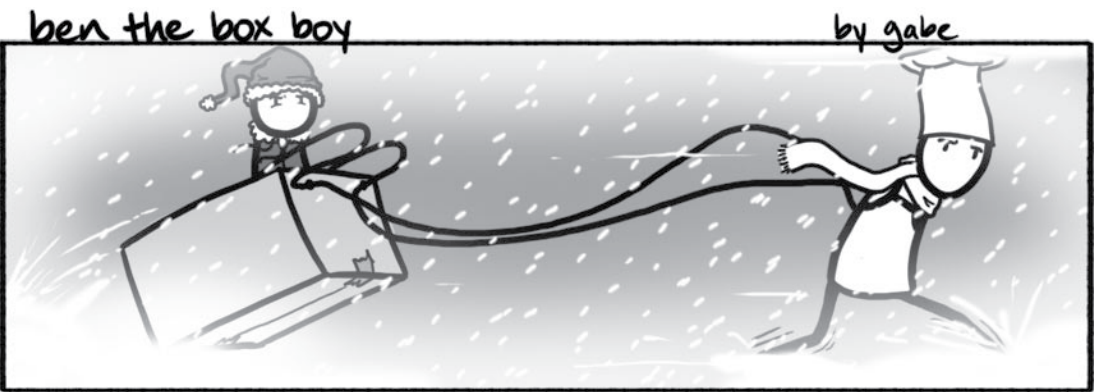
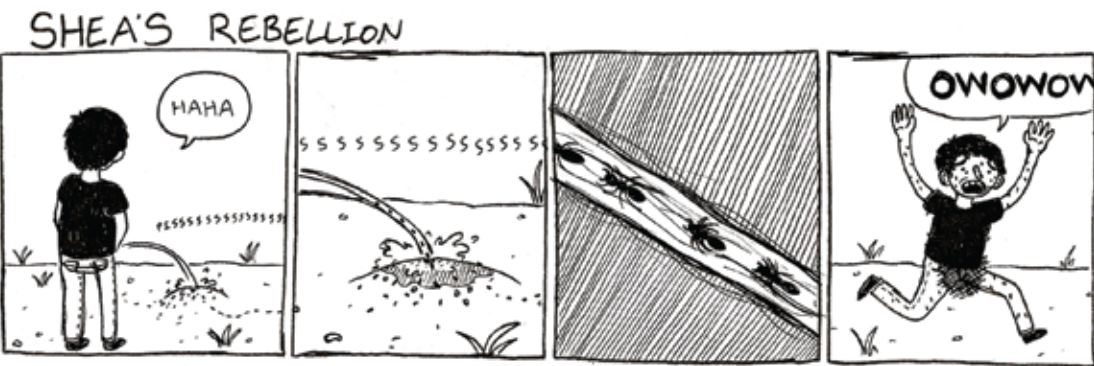
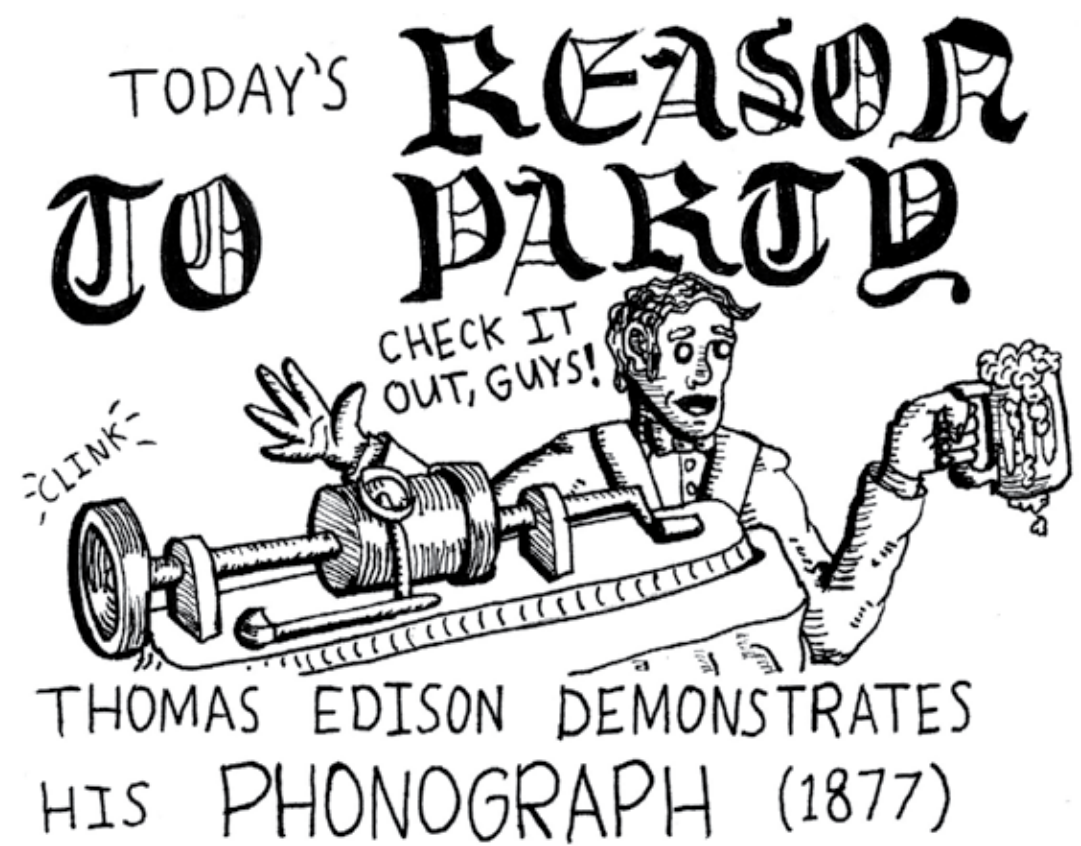
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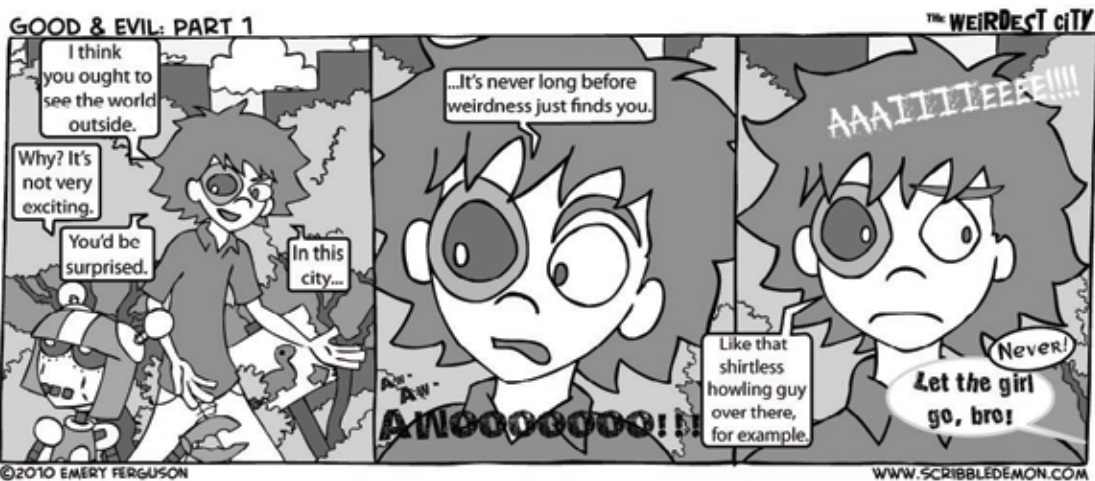
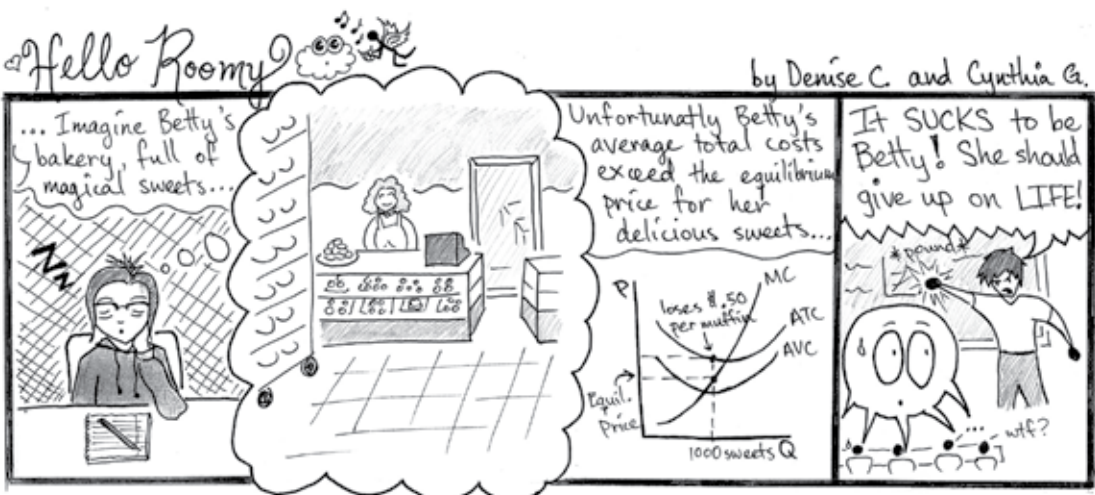
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1 Healing ointment

5 Partner

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14 1-Across ingredient

15 Enthusiastic

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17 "Toy that's thrown

19 Point of no return?

20 What an E may stand for

21 Deck wood

23 China's Zedong

24 Like a clear night sky

26 Tic

28 1492, 1776, 2001, etc.

30 Seek divine help from

33 Indent key

36 Back of the neck

38 Silents star Normand

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43 Knight's attire

44 Actor Jared

45 Fig. on a vitamin bottle

46 Possible result of an animal bite

48 Door fastener

51 Jimmy of the Daily Planet

53 Bizarre

57 Angry music genre

59 Look searchingly

61 "Certainly, madame!"

62 Domino's offering

64 "Situation set to explode

66 "Pirates of the Caribbean" locales

67 In the thick of

68 One who ran away with the spoon, in a nursery rhyme

69 Directors Ethan and Joel

70 Slothful

71 Kiln for hops

Down

1 Toyland visitors

2 Overhead

3 Bath sponge

4 Dali's "The Persistence of

5 Invaders in an H. G. Wells story

6 Gardner of film

7 Windshield glare reducer

8 A hexagon has six of them

9 Comeuppance for evil actions, supposedly

10 Laudatory poem

11 "Guitar accessory that adds vibrato

12 Itsy-bitsy bit

13 Canyon sound effect

18 Gardner of mystery

22 Download for an iPhone

25 Fish with a net

27 Sad-sounding car company?

29 Sales pitch

31 Be inclined (to)

32 Korbust

33 Old Russian autocrat

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35 "Hoodwink

37 Singers James and Jones

40 Agitate

41 Ignore a property owner's signs, perhaps

42 Warm bedtime beverage

47 Visualize

49 Rock's Mötley

50 Bob or beehive

52 Country with Sherpas

54 Finnish cell phone giant

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Killeen duo represents Southern rap success

MUSIC MONDAY
 By Francisco Marin

Texas hip-hop is a fickle creature.

On the one hand, the third coast and dirty south hip-hop scenes have flourished since the late 1990s, and Texas icons such as The Screwed Up Click did a lot to bring gritty, urban rap to the fore in the big Texas cities — namely, Houston. On the other hand, this is a state dominated by (mostly) country, Top 40 and Christian radio, which leaves little airplay for groups like Crew54.

Fortunately, in the “Live Music Capital of the World,” groups like Crew54 can prosper. MCs M.O.S. and G-Christ are the heart and soul of Crew54, having first met five years ago after realizing they were neighbors as well as MySpace friends. At the time, G-Christ was crafting his style with The Texas Immigrants and M.O.S. was penning rhymes for his solo career.

The Daily Texan spoke with M.O.S. and G-Christ, as well as their bassist Ian Quinn at Fun Fun Fun Fest earlier this month to discuss the Wu-Tang Clan legacy, their upcoming projects and unhealthy-but-delicious sandwiches.

The Daily Texan: So what does the “54” in Crew54 stand for?

Ian Quinn: The name comes from their area code, 254.

DT: How did you enjoy playing Fun Fest?

IQ: Well, we are getting hit up walking around, and fans seemed to really like our set. This was the debut of our live band, because the MCs have been doing their thing for at least

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five years, and they wanted to do a live band. We put together a bunch of songs for Fun Fest, and there was only one sample in the entire set. It’s all live, and [we were] all really happy to be here. I got to see Bad Religion, and [we planned to go] see P.O.S. As far as the live aspect goes, they opened for Bus Driver, one of my favorite rappers. We like really kind of positive, party hip-hop.

DT: I take it that most, if not all, of the members are out of Austin?

IQ: Well, the music portion — the live band — of Crew54 is based in Austin, but the MCs are out of Killeen.

Master-of-self: Through a mutual friend, I actually realized that he lived right around the corner from me, and at the time, I was doing my solo thing, but we got together and did a track or two, and it sounded good. Then one day, I was joking about doing a show [and] said, “We should do a project together!” Five years later, we’ve been in a bunch of different projects trying to get the word out there and spread our name.

G-Christ: Yeah, we lived right around the corner from each other. At the time, we lived literally right around the corner from each other. Just kind of talking through MySpace, which was the hot thing at the time, and from there it kind of just happened, you know?

DT: What’s your inspiration when it comes to hip-hop? What did you grow up listening to? Who do you look up to?

M.O.S.: As far as hip-hop with me, I was a Wu-Tang head, man, anything Wu-Tang put out. Anything East Coast like that is my thing, I love Wu-Tang, but like, today if you put a gun on my head, I’d have to go with Goodie Mob.

G-Christ: I’d have to go with Outkast, myself. Jay-Z has always been my No. 1, but Redman has always been the dark horse, through and through, and I’ve always been a fan.

SPICY UT alumna spices up Austin with franchise

By Sara Benner
 Daily Texan Staff

Karen Aboussie, owner of Savory Spice Shop on Sixth Street, sees her shop as a medium for culinary experimentation and discovery. Though the shop is the fourth in a franchise, it is the only specialty spice store in Austin and maintains the mom-and-pop feel of a local food boutique.

A UT alumna, Aboussie worked in corporate marketing before she became the fourth franchisee for Savory Spice. Although she loved her career, she ultimately was not passionate about it. Four years ago she took a vacation with her friends to India, where she stayed in a spice plantation and was intrigued by the growing and cultivating process of the plants.

“I was just so fascinated by it, but I realized just how difficult it was for an individual to obtain fresh herbs and spices,” Aboussie said.

Aboussie came back to the United States and continued her job at Green Mountain Energy Company. After traveling to Denver over two years ago and visiting the first Savory Spice Shop, she knew this was the way to continue what she practiced in India. Two years later, a layoff from her marketing job allowed for an opportunity to franchise with Savory Spice Shop and the Austin store was born.

“I walked in the [Savory Spice Shop] door [in Denver] and literally threw my arms back,” she said with a gasp. “This is exactly what I want. Then when this opportunity came along [to franchise] I went, ‘There it is. There’s my dream. There’s my opportunity to be passionate about something.’”

Carrying over 140 house blends of spices and seasonings, ranging from vanilla bean sugar to Peruvian chile lime seasoning, there are few spices that are not on Aboussie’s list. Aboussie encourages experimentation by allowing her customers to taste and smell the spices by taking a small amount home and testing them before they purchase



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After staying at a plantation in India while on vacation and discovering a passion for spices, Karen Aboussie opened Savory Spice Shop. The store is located on Sixth Street and holds over 140 house blends.

an entire jar.

“That’s a nice thing about it: We sell in bulk, so it encourages that experimentation on the consumer side,” Aboussie said. “Whatever you have left over [from sampling,] we encourage you to throw on the floor. It helps season the store.”

Another reason Aboussie prefers to sell in bulk is so consumers can purchase only the amount they need. Depending on the spice, its shelf life ranges from a few months, like cinnamon, which lasts only six to eight months, to a few years, like saffron which can maintain its fullness up to seven years.

“One reason people get bored with their spices is that they’re probably old,” Aboussie said. “My cupboard was full of spices that were way too old, and you’ve just got to start throwing them out. Keep the jars and come back in. We’ll sell you little baggies so you can refill your jars.”

The store is impeccably organized, with every spice and seasoning imaginable. Because of the perpetual seasoning of the store by its customers, one is greeted by the melody of mingling flavors and scents upon arrival.

Aboussie also enjoys her new

job because her coworkers are her brother, niece and a few close friends who hold the same values on experimentation and passion for spice.

“This atmosphere is unlike any other retail atmosphere,” said Alaina Aboussie, Karen’s niece and co-worker. “We interact with our customers and they sometimes give us advice on how they use the spices we sell. When people come in, they’re a little baffled at first, but we try to get them started in the tasting process. We want them to try everything.”

Her inquisitive nature is translated

to the shelves, where storage tips and fun facts are posted among the rows of jars. One of which reads, “German lore counsels the future bride to sew mustard seeds into the hem of her wedding dress to ensure her dominance in the household.”

Her store features so many varieties of spices that even Aboussie hasn’t tried them all, only lending to her fervor for discovery.

“You know it’s not that hard when you can go in and start playing with stuff and before you know it, you’ve created a wonderful dish. So are you ready to start cooking?” she said with a laugh.

BOOK REVIEW FULL DARK, NO STARS

Novella series shines light on inner darkness

By Katie Stroh
 Daily Texan Staff

It has been 20 years since horror master Stephen King published his last set of novellas, “Hearts in Atlantis.” Consequently, his newest collection has been eagerly anticipated by the legions of fans King has gained over his tremendously long and prolific career. At its high points, “Full Dark, No Stars” is just as good as King has ever written, and at its low points, it is still thoroughly entertaining.

King tends to avoid the supernatural in this collection of four stories. Instead, he focuses on the darkness that resides in even the most unexceptional, ordinary Americans. Those who enjoy King’s nonmystical side (“The Shawshank Redemption,” “Miserery”) will especially relish the largely realistic horrors of “Full Dark, No Stars.”

The opening volume, “1922,” is the first-person confessional of Depression-era Nebraskan farmer Wilfred James, who murders his wife, involving his impressionable 14-year-old son in the gruesome process. As the guilt and paranoia inherent in such a deed creeps up on Wilfred, a series of adverse events befall him and his son and eventually drive Wilfred into madness. He is particularly haunted by the largely imaginary rats that eat away at his wife’s body as she lies rotting at the bottom of the family well. “1922” is a slightly unusual story for King, who doesn’t often do first person or historical fiction. Nonetheless, this story is the creepiest of the bunch and ends with King’s typical outlandishly horrifying flare.

“Big Driver” reverts back to typical King narration: deceptively casual and conversational, despite the story’s content. The story of mystery author Tess’ rape and her subsequent emotional upheaval and manic revenge scheme is compulsively readable and relentlessly suspenseful.

“Fair Extension” is not only the collection’s shortest installment but also the only one that relies on a supernatural conceit.



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Stephen King returns with “Full Dark, No Stars,” a collection of four realistically chilling stories.

The story, in which a terminally ill man transfers his bad luck onto his best friend, of whom he is viciously jealous, is in keeping with the collection’s overall theme. Unfortunately, the story tapers off anticlimactically towards the end and leaves something to be desired.

Luckily, “Full Dark, No Stars” ends with “A Good Marriage,” a tense and brutally realistic story of a woman who discovers that her husband of 27 years is a serial rapist and murderer, who King based on the real-life BTK (bind, torture and kill) killer. The story aptly encompasses and concludes King’s examination of the darkness of the everyman and leaves readers questioning the morality of their own actions, should they find themselves in such dire circumstances.

King is, as usual, unafraid to unflinchingly expose the dark, visceral side of humanity. As King himself eloquently asks his readers in the afterword, “If you’re going into a very dark place, then you should take a bright light and shine it on everything. If you don’t want to see, why in God’s name would you dare the dark at all?”

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