

## TODAY

### Calendar

**‘Waste Land’**  
The Brazilian Film Series presents the Oscar-nominated film “Waste Land” in the Texas Union Theatre at 2:30 p.m.


**‘Your life in 65’**  
The European Film series presents this Spanish film in Mezes Basement BO.306 at 6:30 p.m.

**Texas wind ensemble**  
Longhorns Wind Ensemble, directed by Jerry Junkin, will perform at the Butler School of Music in Bates Recital Hall at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 and \$5 for students.

**‘I feel pretty’**  
The Bass Concert Hall will be hosting the musical “West Side Story” at 8 p.m.

**Today in history**  
**In 1842**  
Anesthesia is used for the first time, in an operation by Dr. Crawford Long.

**Campus Watch**  
**Beer-ly conscious**  
800 Block East Dean Keeton  
A UT Police Officer observed a white Nissan commit several traffic violations. During the traffic investigation, the officer detected a moderate odor of alcohol on the non-UT driver’s breath. The driver insisted he had not consumed any alcohol, but was having a difficult time locating his driver’s license inside his wallet. The driver did admit later that he had consumed several beers earlier in the day. The officer administered the Standardized Field Sobriety tests to the driver and observed several clues that indicated he was intoxicated. The driver was taken into custody for Driving While Intoxicated and was transported to Central Booking.

  
**Quote to note**  
“When things get to that highly polarized status, the role of the journalist is to complicate things, to go in and add nuance and humanity to a situation that is reeling out of control.”  
—**Lawrence Wright**  
Pulitzer prize-winning journalist  
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# UT System officials reaffirm importance of research

By **Matthew Stottlemyre**  
Daily Texan Staff

University officials, state lawmakers and a UT alumni association have all voiced their support for University research after the UT System hired a controversial academic adviser last month who questioned the prominence of research at the University.

Rick O'Donnell raised concerns because

of his affiliation with the Texas Public Policy Foundation, a conservative think tank that emphasizes the value of teaching rather than research at state universities. O'Donnell wrote policy statements questioning the emphasis universities place on research.

David Guenther, a spokesman for the foundation, said as tuition rates and student debt loads increase, Texas students deserve a renewed commitment to “instruction, fiscal

discipline and accountability.”

He said the Legislature encouraged state universities to produce world-class research but issued a longer-standing mandate to graduate future Texas leaders. We believe they can accomplish both, but the universities have to be much more diligent about funding excellence in both teaching and research and not allowing professors to fall back on research as an excuse not to teach,”

Guenther said.

He said the foundation’s view is that more state universities’ resources should go toward funding teaching rather than research. Juan Sanchez, UT’s vice president for research, said the University earned \$642 million last year in research grant money, 60 percent of which comes from federal sources.

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# DID THEY DELIVER?

By **Ahsika Sanders**

**A**fter a year focused on legislative advocacy and internal reforms, Student Government President Scott Parks and Vice President Muneezeh Kabir sang “The Eyes Of Texas” for the last time as SG’s leaders Tuesday. The team accomplished their major campaign goals despite challenges and limitations, Parks said. For example, the SG internal reform package that students approved in a campuswide vote in February streamlined the organization and made it more accessible to students, Kabir said.

The amendments to SG’s constitution will restructure external agencies and SG leaders said the changes will improve new student representation by creating freshmen, transfer and graduate student representatives.

Kabir said the University budget is constantly on SG’s radar, and although they would like to see more advancement with affordability, they are content with their success with Invest in Texas. The campaign organized students to lobby the Texas Legislature to adequately fund UT and to give universities the choice to keep guns off campus.

Parks said he put substantial energy into working for GLBT equity on campus, particularly competitive insurance benefits for GLBT faculty and staff and their partners. Parks said although he feels they were successful in getting conversations started, they haven’t been able to hammer out any concrete changes because of clashing philosophies and legal challenges.

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Shannon Kintner | Daily Texan Staff

## CAMPAIGN PROMISES:

2010-2011 Executive team Scott Parks and Muneezeh Kabir campaigned on the following issues among many others:

	YES	NO		YES	NO
Create a Mayor’s Student Advisory Council	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Increase resources for pregnant students	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Increase freshmen representation in SG	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Improve functionality of SG website	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

# P. Terry’s founder gives advice about owning small business

By **Mary Ellen Knewton**  
Daily Texan Staff

Old ladies often pull up to P. Terry’s burger stand and tell founder Patrick Terry that he and the restaurant make them feel young again, he told communications students Tuesday.

“We try and take you back to the time before Kennedy was assassinated — 1961, ‘62,” Terry said. “I’m not a ‘50s guy, it’s too much red and white plastic. But there was this period where architecture mattered and things were real”

Terry spoke to about 40 students as

part of a lecture series for UT’s Communication Week. Organizer Alex Meltzer said the Communication Council thought Terry would have interesting things to say about the business side of running a burger stand.

Terry, a UT alumnus with a background in advertising, said he allows people to interpret the business for themselves rather than let any specific message dictate the way his business is run.

“We just go our own way,” he said. “We do it with confidence but never in your face.”

Terry said he did not advertise

when he opened his stand in 2006. He just worked to make a quality product with natural ingredients and listened to his customers. Now there are three locations, and Terry said they plan on opening two more. He is always mindful of keeping the business small enough to where he can still be deeply involved in it, he said.

Terry stressed that students should not feel like everything has to happen at once when pursuing a career.

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Patrick Terry, owner of P. Terry’s Burger Stand, gave a lecture Tuesday evening about how to expand small businesses without compromising personality.



Ryan Smith  
Daily Texan Staff

# Attorney pursues changes to Public Information Act

By **Allie Kolechta**  
Daily Texan Staff

An Austin attorney proposed policies during a city council meeting Tuesday that could close loopholes in a law that allows the public to view government records.

Under current law, government officials are not forced to disclose personal correspondence. But after media outlets requested correspondence among council members last month, they released emails with disparaging remarks about colleagues and activists, causing the public

to question the execution of the Public Information Act. The act compels governmental bodies to release information relating to official business to the public and media organizations that request the material.

The members discussed potential policies to deal with emails involving city business received on a personal device Tuesday, said city attorney Karen Kennard.

The city attorney considers emails dealing with official business received on a personal de-

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# Wounded veterans team up for Texas bicycle challenge

By **Shamoyita DasGupta**  
Daily Texan Staff

When an incoming rocket round hit Sgt. Johnny Alexander during his service in Vietnam, he lost both of his legs, his back was crushed and he was paralyzed from the neck down.

Now, decades later, he is participating in the Ride 2 Recovery Texas Challenge, and plans to participate in all of the other challenges across the country, as well

as the ride that will take place in France in June.

John Wordin, a professional bicyclist, founded Ride 2 Recovery in 2008, as a way to help rehabilitate wounded veterans suffering from physical or post-traumatic stress-related injuries.

“It’s made it a lot better just by being able to be around other people with the same disabilities

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I-Hwa Cheng | Daily Texan Staff

Nathan DeWalt, U.S. Navy Master at Arms third class, arrives at Holiday Inn along with more than 200 other injured veterans. They are riding from San Antonio to Arlington to raise money for the Wounded Warriors program.

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that I have and being able to do things that I didn't think I would be able to do," he said.

Wordin works with each veteran to provide them with a bicycle that will accommodate their injuries, and they get to keep their bikes when they finish the ride, said Ride 2 Recovery spokeswoman Debora Spano.

The Texas Challenge began in San Antonio on March 28 and will finish in the Dallas area on April 2. Other challenges take place in Virginia, Minnesota, New York, California, Florida and France.

The organization works with the military and Veterans Affairs Volunteers Services Offices, with UnitedHealthcare as their presenting sponsor. Through a series of fundraisers, UnitedHealthcare helped to raise money to pay for the veterans' bikes.

"We're a company that prides itself on helping people live healthier lives," said Mark Robinson, UnitedHealthcare's vice president of marketing. "Our mission really comes to life on something like this."

Those who participate also build a strong sense of camaraderie that most of them no longer experience when they return from their tours of duty, veterans said. The ride also serves as motivation for the participants to continue working through and around their injuries.

"I think it's a good avenue to get away, to motivate yourself to get away from focusing on the negatives and focusing on a sport so you can make yourself better by doing it," said Staff Sgt. Jerry Magallanes, who served in Iraq and suffered from a traumatic brain injury.

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"I felt that I had to get out there and do something and I had to do it really quick, full force," he said. "It's just not true. There's lots of time."

Terry said he always wanted to open a hamburger stand and advised students to keep things they have always wanted to do in the back of their minds, even if they are not able to do them right away.

"I was lucky that I started [P. Terry's] with some money and I wasn't worried about paying the

rent," he said.

Terry said when the business opened he worked the stand every day, and he still eats one meal a day there on average.

Communication sciences and disorders graduate student Andre Lindsey said he wanted to learn from a successful small business owner, especially because Austin supports a lot of locally owned businesses.

"Austin as a culture is sort of geared to the unique," he said.

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"It's money that wouldn't otherwise come to Texas," Sanchez said.

He said the money funds research work and goes to faculty, technicians and students involved in research. Students benefit from an institutional focus on research as well, he said. By funding and supporting research, he said the University attracts teachers at the forefront of work in their respective fields.

"The teaching skills you can learn," Sanchez said. "You can't learn being creative and innovative without a lifetime of work."

The Texas Exes alumni group president Richard Leshin sent an email to more than 200,000 members and alumni Thursday affirming the importance of research to

the mission of the University.

The UT System Board of Regents chair and vice chairs responded to the alumni association's email with a letter Friday demonstrating the board's commitment to academic research and offered to meet with the Texas Exes executive committee.

After receiving the regent's letter, Leshin sent a second email to members and alumni, announcing his intentions to meet with the board and explaining the importance of protecting the value attached to a UT degree. An organization spokeswoman Erin Huddleston said the executive committee will continue to support UT's mission and core values of balancing leading research with quality teaching.

She said the organization is concerned because neglecting either side of the mission would hurt the quality of the University.

"Without emphasis on research you won't have the same level of faculty," she said. Physics professor Roy Schwitters said he came to work at UT because of a high-profile research project the University was involved in. The project, which would have built the world's largest particle accelerator outside Waxahachie, was abandoned in 1993, partially because of increasing costs.

Schwitters, who is teaching an introductory physics course this semester, said his research over the past few years has focused on building detectors that track particles

which penetrate the earth's atmosphere and surface. He said with long enough exposure times the devices create images of large areas.

Schwitters is exploring whether the technology could benefit safety efforts in Japan. He said the detectors could be used to create images of the inside of nuclear reactors possibly damaged in the recent earthquakes offshore.

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## CORRECTION

Because of a reporting error in Monday's page 1 News story about Earth Hour, Earth Day should have been identified as April 22.

Because of a reporting error in Tuesday's page 1 news story about Roundup crime rates, the article should have said individual fraternities and sororities host the event.

## TOMORROW'S WEATHER

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Low  
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## Bahrain parliament accepts resignation of Shiite lawmakers

The Associated Press

MANAMA, Bahrain — Bahrain's parliament on Tuesday accepted the resignations of 11 lawmakers from the Shiite opposition, a sign that the political crisis and sectarian divisions are deepening in the tiny Gulf kingdom.

The state-run Bahrain News Agency reported the 40-member house approved the resignations of 11 Al Wefaq legislators. They and seven other lawmakers from the party submitted resignations last month over the deadly crack-down on anti-government protests. BNA said parliament postponed deliberations on the six other resignations.

In a statement Tuesday, the Shiite opposition called on supporters to continue challenging the Sunni monarchy's monopoly on power with acts of disobedience such as public mourning of "the martyrs who died to achieve the legitimate rights for Bahraini people." Al Wefaq is the largest of seven opposition Shiite parties.

The opposition declared Saturday an official day of mourning. It also urged people to visit the graves of those killed by government forces every Thursday starting March 31.

Bahrain's parliament is the island nation's only elected body. It holds limited authority since all of the country's decisions, including appointment of government ministers, rest with the king.

Two weeks ago, Bahrain declared three months of emergency rule to deal with demonstrations. Mostly Shiite protesters have been seeking to loosen the grip on power of a Sunni monarchy that has ruled for 200 years. The protesters demand a constitutional monarchy with an elected government.

At least 20 people have been killed during a month of unrest. Hundreds have been detained, including seven prominent opposition leaders.

Earlier this month the government invited Saudi-led troops to help quell the protests. More than 1,500 troops from the Gulf Cooperation Council entered Bahrain over the causeway that connects it to Saudi Arabia, with the stated mission of helping keep order.

On Tuesday, Iran's defense minister, Brig. Gen. Ahmad Vahidi, criticized Bahrain's decision. "Governments should safeguard people and their independence. They should not invite other countries to assault and kill their people," he said.

**Governments should safeguard people and their independence.**

— Ahmad Vahidi, Iran's defense minister



Jerome Delay | Associated Press

A Ministry of Information official, left, yells at the press to stop filming as he grabs Iman Al-Obeidi. She said spent two days in detention after being arrested at a checkpoint in Tripoli, Libya, and was sexually assaulted by up to 15 men while in custody in Tripoli.

## Libyan woman accuses soldiers of rape

The Associated Press

TRIPOLI, Libya — A Libyan woman who burst into a Tripoli hotel to tell foreign journalists how she was gang raped by Moammar Gadhafi's troops will face criminal charges, a government spokesman said on Tuesday.

The spokesman, Moussa Ibrahim, said the men accused by Iman al-Obeidi are now suing her. A son of a high-ranking Libyan official was among those she claimed had

raped her, he said.

"The boys she accused are bringing a case against her because it's a very grave offense to accuse someone of a sexual crime," Ibrahim told reporters in the Libyan capital.

Al-Obeidi made headlines when she rushed distraught into Tripoli's Rixos Hotel on Saturday, seeking to speak to foreign media. She claimed she was detained by a number of Gadhafi troops at a Tripoli checkpoint on Wednesday. She said they were drinking whiskey and hand-

cuffed her, and that 15 men later raped her.

As she started to tell her story, al-Obeidi was tackled by waitresses and government minders and dragged away from the hotel, and has since been missing. Her parents claim she is held hostage at Gadhafi's compound in the Libyan capital.

Libyan authorities have alternately labeled al-Obeidi a drunk, a prostitute and a thief.

However, al-Obeidi's parents

told satellite Al-Jazeera Television on Monday that their daughter is a lawyer now pursuing a post-graduate degree.

The mother said she received a phone call Monday from an unidentified caller, purportedly from the Gadhafi camp, telling her al-Obeidi is held at the Tripoli compound and asking her to instruct her daughter to change the rape claim in return for freedom and other benefits such as cash or a new house.

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## VIEWPOINT:

## When the tail wags the University

For a system designed to quantify our nation's best and brightest, college rankings are pretty stupid.

Take the annual U.S. News & World Report rankings of graduate schools. The magazine ranks programs in everything from political science to chemistry, providing a list of the top 100 programs in each subject. However, the methodology for these rankings is inane and flawed. The only criteria used in the rankings are "peer assessment surveys sent to academics in each discipline." Even within the same field, how does a professor in New England compare a university in Florida's sociology department with one at a university in California, neither of which he or she necessarily has much knowledge of?

The result is a perfect example of circular reasoning. Rankings are determined solely by people's perceptions of a program's quality. These views in turn affect the way people perceive a program, which then affects those same perceptions until the process repeats next year. The result is that certain programs are thought to be stronger than others because, well, they're ranked higher. And why are they ranked higher? You see where this is going.

This year the University chose not to participate in the Times Higher Education rankings. The rankings are published every year by the Times Higher Education, a British education magazine. Remarking on the decision not to participate, President William Powers Jr. told the Faculty Council last Mon-

day, "We're okay if we are going to do poorly on academic rankings but if the methodology is designed against a big state research university we often won't participate."

The University's issue with these rankings is that they're reliant on quantitative measures that create a per-student ratio. The U.S. News rankings for undergraduate institutions also contain several inputs that are divided by the total number of students, such as per-student spending (15 percent of the formula) and alumni giving rate (5 percent of the formula).

These rankings are widely known to influence prospective students and thus the university administrators seeking to lure those students to enroll. More surprising though, is a 2009 study by University of Michigan researchers Michael Bastedo and Nicholas Bowman that found that college deans' perceptions of institutional quality was also affected by the rankings, and that those rankings "have a strong influence on internal decision making" within colleges.

In a recent blog post on the U.S. News and World Report website, Robert Morse, the organization's director of data research, ad-

resses claims by critics that "this has drawn attention to the inadequacy of existing funding regimes while others have chosen to shift resources to areas that shape prestige, resulting in a negative effect on social equity."

However, Morse counters that "the bottom line [is] U.S. News is not running the colleges and does not play any role in making higher education policy at a state or national level."

According to Bastedo and Bowman's findings, Morse is dead wrong. If administrators are manipulating data and making internal changes solely in order to improve their ranking, US News is, in fact, driving the educational policy of this country.

The U.S. News rankings do not measure the educational quality of an American university, nor do they describe how well a college serves its students. Such rankings can tell you how a school stacks up in terms of average SAT scores or graduation rates, but little more. Additionally, the current system gives absolutely no incentive to college presidents and administrators to keep tuition costs reasonable. Last month, famed author Malcolm Gladwell published his own ranking of American law schools that included costs as

an input. Not surprisingly, Gladwell's rankings looked drastically different than those put out by U.S. News.

The corresponding increase in college tuition and the importance of college rankings over the last 20 years may help to explain another skyrocketing cost: university administrator salaries, which rose 61 percent between 1993 and 2007. A university administrator who can raise a school's national ranking can justify a six-figure salary.

However, the true culprits behind the US News snake oil scam are the people who read them. Universities give college rankings clout because a school's rank has a measurable effect on the number and quality of applicants. The 2009 study by Bastedo and Bowman found that a university moving into the "Top 50" produced a 3.6-percent decrease in their acceptance rate, allowing the university to be more selective. Thus, advancing in the rankings has a tangible effect on the quality of students applying to a school, even if they don't accurately reflect the education that school provides.

The University is not at all served by participating in rankings that do not fairly evaluate this institution. Perhaps next year Powers and the administration should consider boycotting any rankings that seek to quantify the University based on unfair or biased standards. If they're going to fix the rules against you, there's no point in showing up to play.

— Dave Player for the editorial board.

*While others have chosen to shift resources to areas that shape prestige ...*

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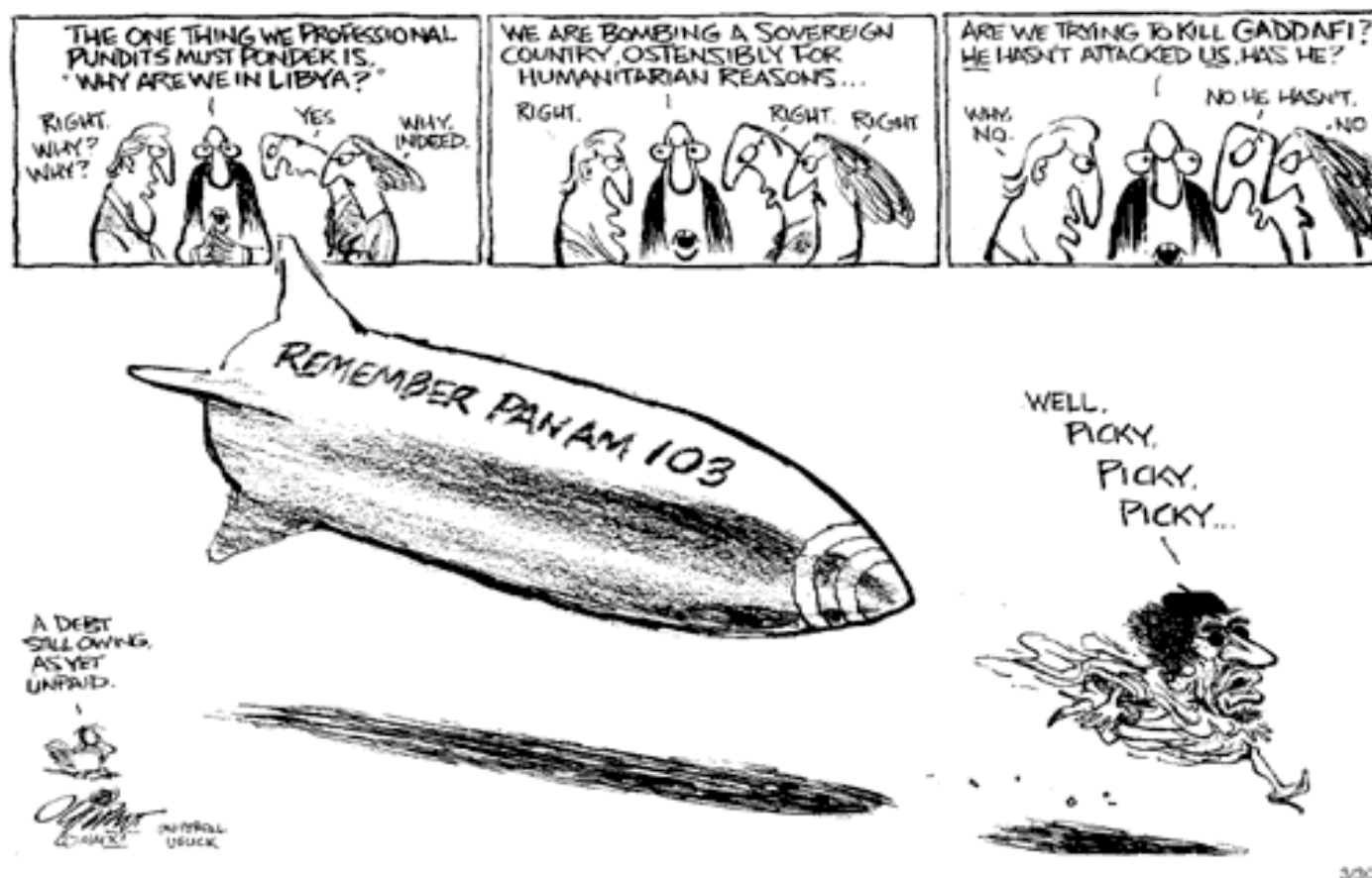
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## GALLERY



## Raise the bar on minimum wage

By Jessi Devenyns  
Daily Texan Columnist

Whether it's to purchase groceries out of necessity or a Tyler's sweater out of indulgence, most Longhorns know what it's like to cringe when reaching for their credit card. We are, after all, college kids, renowned for the financial desperation epitomized by meals of ramen noodles and wardrobes full of free T-shirts. This "college student" label, however indicative of limited financial means it may be, is our ticket to a more affluent future. Most college students attend school under the premise that when they graduate, they will be rewarded with a high-paying job and the ability to support themselves.

Unfortunately, many never get the chance to hope for a more prosperous future. What if the financial stress you feel in college haunted you for the rest of your life? This is a reality for more than four million people in the United States. These men and women earn the federal minimum wage of \$7.25 an hour, or sometimes even less. According to a Sunday editorial in the New York Times, minimum wage earners who work 40 hours a day every day of the week earn only enough to keep a family of two slightly above the federal poverty line.

Students can relate to this tragic reality, especially if they shift from fully financially supported in high school to fiscal independence in college.

This sudden shift away from economic privilege can provide a window through which

we become privy to the plight of families that survive on a salary akin to what a single UT student lives on.

The difficulty of living on the minimum wage jars even more harshly when considering inflation in recent years. If you account for inflation, the value of the minimum wage has decreased by 30 percent since 1968, according to federal statistics. It is absurd that we should be asked to function in a world where we only have 70 percent of the purchasing power that our grandparents did.

Many politicians argue that increasing the minimum wage would perpetuate unemployment. However, according to studies cited by the New York Times, several cities such as San Francisco and Santa Fe have recently raised their minimum wages, even drastically, above state and federal levels without an impact on employment.

It is our generation's responsibility to inform the government and citizenry about the positive effects of implementing higher wages rather than allow those who preach about the adverse effects of a reasonable minimum wage continue to dominate the discussion.

As college students, we must consider the future and strive to change today what could have ramifications later in our lives and the lives of others. If we are laid off, or if there's another recession, we would certainly like the security of knowing that when earning minimum wage, we can at least support ourselves.

Devenyns is an English junior.

## THE FIRING LINE

## Roundup photos

Why did The Daily Texan feel the need to associate a story about "Roundup crime rates" (which should have been called "Roundup crime rates drop"), with a picture of the Sigma Phi Epsilon party? Clearly, this was just a stunt to get people to read the article while further stereotyping the much-maligned Greek community. It would have been better to take a picture of all the "not crime" or even philanthropy events.

— Austin Shields  
Finance and chemical engineering senior

## Question intelligent design

I take serious issue with Mr. Francia's column, and I believe every thinking student at this University should do the same.

I must insist that the scientific process is not one defined by human arrogance, the belief that we are always right, but rather by the notion that, through careful study of the natural world, we may come to more fully understand it. The confusion in the evolution debate that regards evolution as "just a theory" perfectly captures this idea. Scientists

are very cautious with the word "fact," though few concepts in science deserve that approbation more than evolution by natural selection. The very terminology of scientific discourse reflects a certain willingness to question even established dogma. Humility, not arrogance, is at the core of the scientific process.

But I cannot accept that we should be so humble as to assume that we cannot understand the world we live in. If the past several hundred years of human history are any indication, we most certainly can. We do not need to accept the inevitability of human disease or starvation. But advancing human knowledge on these fronts requires constant questioning, not the implicit complacency of creationism and intelligent design, which provide answers without explanations. We are asked to simply believe.

Accepting evolution does not preclude a belief in God, and I am happy to agree with Francia on this point. I will heartily concede that there are many things we do not understand. But our response must not be to throw up our hands and marvel at our ignorance. Human reasoning may be flawed, but it has produced some undeniably good things. And that is a tradition worth preserving.

— Matthew Daley  
Biology senior



# Presentation educates on health, diabetes

**By William James**  
**Daily Texan Staff**

Hook the Cure educated students at its second annual diabetes and cardiovascular health awareness conference Tuesday.

Students presented original research projects focusing on diabetes and cardiovascular health, and professionals held a panel answering questions from the audience.

Nursing senior Czarina Lagon presented her research project on the importance of emotional support for college-aged adults with diabetes.

"I found that young people who grow up with diabetes and have emotional support from family and friends will carry out a healthy life style into their college career," Lagon said.

Other research projects included topics ranging from an investigative overview of diabetic neuropathy to how childhood obesity factors into kids eventually developing the disease.

Kelly Bahng, the group's public relations officer and a public health sophomore, said the event helped educate people on the research happening at UT and raised awareness about diabetes within the community.

"I got involved with [Hook the Cure] my freshman year with hopes of empowering other individuals with knowledge and support to prevent the disease," said



I-Hwa Cheng | Daily Texan Staff

Hook the Cure, a student-run diabetes awareness organization, held the second annual Diabetes Awareness Conference, which focuses on diabetes and its relationship with cardiovascular diseases.

Bahng, who has family and friends with diabetes.

Speakers at the panel said there is hope that one day, medical research will lead to a cure to diabetes.

Panelists included Dr. Susan Dubois, founder and medical director of Auxanomen Clinic, a non-profit corporation established to

provide endocrinology and diabetes specialty care for the uninsured and underserved. Other panelists included Dr. Debra Lopez, a clinical coordinator, and Julie Paff, a specialist in diabetes education and nutrition education counseling.

Panelist Richard Holm, a member of the diabetes support group

from Olivet Baptist church, explained his day-to-day struggles living with Type 2 diabetes and offered advice to others with the disease.

"If a donut is sitting on the table, you have to learn to sometimes pass it up," he said. "Understanding how to cope with it is the most important task."

# Panel urges balanced coverage of Middle East by US reporters

**By Allie Kolečta**  
**Daily Texan Staff**

American press covering conflict in the Middle East brings humanity back into a situation that can quickly become depraved, said author and journalist Lawrence Wright on Tuesday.

Wright, who won a Pulitzer Prize in 2007 for a book about al-Qaida, spoke in a panel with author Jason Brownlee and Glenn Frankel, the director of the School of Journalism and former bureau chief of The Washington Post's Middle East desk. The three explained their understanding of the role of a journalist and of America in the face of revolution in the Arab world and the Middle East.

When reporting on stories — such as 9/11, U.S.-Arab conflict or revolution in the Arab world — journalists need to step in and prevent one culture from viewing the other as inherently evil, Wright said.

"When things get to that highly polarized status, the role of the journalist is to complicate things, to go in and add nuance and humanity to a situation that is reeling out of control," Wright said.

The shrinking pool of foreign correspondents, which has fewer than 300 journalists, is alarming during upheaval in the Arab world, Wright said. Until recently,

the American intelligence community has begun approaching open sources, including journalists, because its own information has not proved reliable, he said.

"America is an ignorant country," he said. "We don't know the cultures, we don't know the people and we don't know what kind of outcome we can expect. The rest of the world needs us. They need us to be the America that we want to be."

The task of reckoning with Arab public opinion and the views and self-representations of the people of the Middle East after aiding Egypt and surrounding countries during their uprisings is troubling and scary for many American officials and leaders, said Brownlee, who is currently writing a book on U.S.-Egypt relations.

"The fear of an Islamic takeover in the Middle East is kind of a red herring," he said. "I think what U.S. officials really fear is dealing with Egypt as an equal."

The lecture gave insight into what a journalist thinks about in his or her daily life when dealing with difficult issues and foreign relations, said civil engineering freshman Hanna Paper.

"As journalists, they have to keep such an open mind," she said. "It's hard to think about that when your thinking about topics like 9/11."

# House bill could cut funding, reduce services for hospitals

**By William James**  
**Daily Texan Staff**

Hospitals, nursing homes and physicians could be forced to cut services if lawmakers pass House Bill 1 this Friday, said leaders of the Texas Hospital Association on Tuesday.

The association's leaders urged members of the Texas House of Representatives to protect funding for local hospitals, doctors and nurses. The bill would also cut Medicaid reimbursement and hospital's access to federal supplement funds, said Dr. Dan Stultz, president and CEO of the association during a press conference at the Capitol.

"Hospitals save lives every day, and if services are reduced or eliminated, Texans will suffer," Stultz said. "The proposed budget before the House cuts into the core. Hospital services — and jobs — will be lost, and not just temporarily. These cuts won't heal." The 2012-13 proposed state budget cuts reduce funding to designated trauma centers from \$70 million per year to \$57 million per year. According to a report by progressive research institute Center for Public Policy Priorities, the budget bill also underfunds Medicaid by \$6 billion.

Association spokeswoman Amanda Engler said that the House has a lot of new lawmakers with the goal of less government and lower taxes, even if that means cutting funds from hospitals.

Rep. Jim Pitts, R-Waxahachie, authored the budget bill with the

Bill Webster, CEO of the Medical Center Health System in Odessa, said rural and children's hospitals, which are heavily dependent on governmental programs such as Medicaid, may be forced to drop key services or close altogether.

"Low-income children and pregnant women don't stop needing health care just because the state didn't budget enough," Webster said. "If they can't find a doctor or a clinic, they come to the ER, where by state and federal law, our hospital must assess and stabilize them."

Attorney Clyde Farrell of Farrell & Pak PLLC said he thinks these budget cuts are an acceleration of an already existing trend, which will cause nursing homes funded by Medicaid to greatly suffer.

"We are going to start seeing nursing homes become very segmented between upper and lower class facilities if the current trend of cuts continues," Farrell said.

The House is expected to begin consideration of its proposed version of the state budget later this week, but until then, hospitals statewide will lobby the House to mitigate the proposed cuts in the budget.

**Hospitals save lives every day, and if services are reduced or eliminated, Texans will suffer.**

— Dan Stultz, President and CEO of the Texas Hospital Association

House Committee of Appropriations. Pitts' chief of staff Aaron Gregg said the committee had to cut spending somehow, and this bill does the best it can to balance things across the state.

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"I think that was one thing that we weren't able to completely accomplish, but we kept the ball moving," Parks said.

Kabir spearheaded a project to help increase access to breast pumps for pregnant students and new mothers. The executive team and the assembly created a Mayor's Student Advisory Council to improve city relations and connect students to Austin. Despite an oft repeated promise, the SG website remains outdated and has limited information about SG and its activities.

Loren Campos, president of undocumented students and allies group University Leadership Initiative, said Parks and Kabir ran on the platform of helping undocumented students. Campos believes they did.

"When we hosted rallies, I always remember Scott being there and being vocal about helping us out," Campos said. "I felt that there could have been a little more activism on their part, but overall we are happy with their contribution to our cause."

Juan C. Gonzalez, vice president for student affairs, said he looks to Parks and Kabir to ensure a smooth transition in the coming weeks.

"Never before have we relied so much on students and now more than ever we really need a very good transition into this new session," he said.

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vice as public information and should be fully subject to the Public Information Act, said Jim Cousar, a municipal law attorney who spoke at the meeting. Case precedent disagrees with Kennard's position, he said.

Cousar said one possible solution could be to create a general rule that city employees cannot conduct official business from a personal device unless absolutely necessary. A city employee may have to use a personal email address if an emergency occurs while they are out of the office, and some employees do not have

city email addresses to conduct business, he said.

Another possible solution is for city employees to forward all city business done through personal devices to a city server or email account, Cousar said. The solution raises the question of who should be subject to the policy and what kind of emails would require forwarding, he said.

"I don't think your city attorney or your outside attorneys are going to tell you that there's a canned policy that you can adopt and everybody's going to be happy with and it's going to be easy,"

he said. "But in the interests of open government, this is something that we certainly think the council should consider."

It is likely that city staff will draft a proposal for guidelines, said Mayor Lee Leffingwell.

"There are a lot of questions yet to be answered, a lot of decisions yet to be made and some guidelines yet to be instructed," he said.

Council members have not yet decided the guidelines, but the council is tentatively scheduled to meet in executive session regarding the Texas Open Meetings Act complaints on April 7.

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## FOOTBALL

## RISING STOCK

## 'Flash' makes noise in dash; receiver raises draft status

By Will Anderson  
Daily Texan Staff

To his friends and family, James Kirkendoll is known as 'Flash' because of his speed.

Soon, professional coaches might be calling him the same thing after the former Texas wide receiver ran one of the country's fastest times in the 40-yard dash Tuesday in Austin.

Performing in front of agents, media and representatives of all 32 NFL teams for the Longhorns' professional timing day, Kirkendoll ran an official 4.32-second 40, the best time for any wideout in the current draft class.

"I answered a lot of questions people had for me," he said afterward. "Really, I expected to run even faster."

He might just have finished a few hundredths of a second quicker if he hadn't come off the line too early on a number of attempts. He was called back for two false starts.

"I know he could've gone faster," said Robin Kirkendoll, James' older brother. "He might've been nervous after he scratched the first time."

Robin and other family members were cheering James on when he ran the 4.32-second 40 in the Moncrief-Neuhaus athletic facility on his second of two attempts. The receiver was so confident that he requested, and was given, a third attempt in the 40, although he didn't finish any faster.

"I'm very proud of him, not because he ran the 4.32 but because he set a goal, he went after it and he achieved it," Robin said.

James stumbled on his first attempt in the 40 but still finished in 4.40 seconds. Another older brother, J.R.,

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Shannon Kintner | Daily Texan Staff

Above, defensive back Curtis Brown performs a cone drill directed by a NFL scout during the Longhorns pro timing day Tuesday. Below, wide receiver James Kirkendoll displays his vertical leap in front of representatives from all 32 NFL teams.



## Brown's improved speed wows NFL scouts, Williams makes case for first-round selection

By Austin Laymance  
Daily Texan Staff

Defensive backs Chykie Brown and Aaron Williams silenced critics Tuesday with a pair of impressive 40-yard dash times, putting to rest questions surrounding their draft status.

The two turned in a pair of lackluster performances at the NFL scouting combine in February, but made up for it Tuesday. Brown confirmed his time in the 40-yard dash at 4.35 seconds and Williams said he ran a 4.36 as each prospect displayed the necessary agility to play at the next level. But Brown's mark could have been slightly faster.

"The one I ran at 4.35 I kind of swerved on it

so I was looking to run a 4.2, but Coach says it's good enough," Brown said, grinning. "My film spoke better than my combine workout and today brought everything together."

The Longhorns' pro timing day certainly went a long way in improving the stock of Brown and Williams with draft day approaching on April 28. Coaches and scouts from all 32 NFL teams attended the workouts.

"It gives the guys that went to the combine an opportunity to come back and improve on what they did there," said head coach Mack Brown. "The guys got a lot of attention and hopefully

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## BASEBALL

ORAL ROBERTS 1, No. 7 TEXAS 2

## Longhorns soar past Golden Eagles

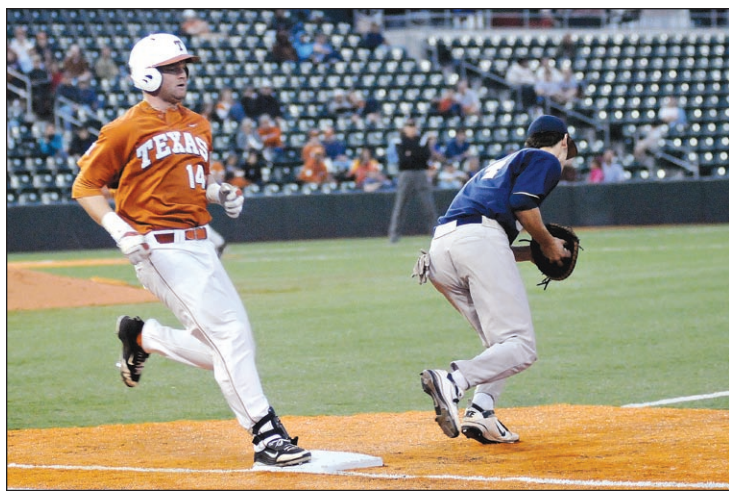
By Trey Scott  
Daily Texan Staff

When you're on a two-game losing streak, you'll take a win any way you can get it.

The No. 7 Longhorns (18-7) got one of the uglier variety Tuesday night, holding on to beat Oral Roberts (8-10) by a score of 2-1 to snap out of their slump.

After a scoreless first inning, Texas made its move in the second. With one out, Lucas Kephart drew a walk on a full count and was pushed to third after Tant Shepherd smoked a double to left field. The next pitch, Kevin Lusson lined a double just down the right field line to bring in both runners, his first hit since March 15 against Texas State.

"There were runners on second and third so my objective was to get the ball on the right side," Lusson said. "The guy was throwing cut fastballs so I knew it was going to come



Ryan Edwards | Daily Texan Staff

Junior catcher Kevin Lusson gets to the bag late during Texas' win over Oral Roberts. Lusson finished with two RBIs and two hits.

in to me, so I looked for that. It was a great feeling, especially given that the final score was 2-1."

Texas' offense stagnated after the second inning, garnering just one

more hit the rest of the game and going down in order in the fourth, fifth and sixth innings.

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## Bullpen shuts door on Oral Roberts

By Jon Parett  
Daily Texan Staff

The Longhorn bullpen struggled during Sunday's 10-3 loss to Oklahoma State, surrendering seven runs in fewer than four innings. But the Texas bullpen came back Tuesday night and bailed out a struggling offense with five shutout innings en route to a 2-1 win over visiting Oral Roberts.

"The ballpark's made for these types of games," said Texas head coach Augie Garrido. "We've got to have grit and the mentality to win these games."

Garrido said he wanted to throw some of the guys who had poor outings on Sunday back in and see how they'd respond. Andrew McKirah-

an gave up two runs and didn't get a Cowboy batter out on Sunday, but the left hander only gave up one hit in 1.1 innings of relief against the Golden Eagles. The junior also struck out one, lowering his ERA to 3.27 on the season.

The Longhorns used three pitchers in the seventh inning to cut an Oral Roberts rally that threatened Texas' 2-1 lead. Corey Knebel, who normally pitches the ninth inning for Texas, entered after Kirby Bellow and gave up consecutive two-out singles and got the Longhorns out of trouble.

"We worked together today," Knebel said. "Sunday was a mess and we just need to work to put that behind us, and that's what we did today."

Knebel picked up his sixth save of

the season, but it wasn't perfect. The freshman lacked command with his curveball, which could be attributed to the colder wind blowing Tuesday night.

"It wasn't really there for me today," Knebel said. "I didn't know what was going on — it got me kind of mad."

Despite the lack of control, Knebel walked one and gave up only one hit, a single to shortstop Cam Schiller in the eighth inning.

"When that stuff happens, I just get upset and it helps me do better on the next batter," he said.

Texas' closer struck out three batters, bringing his total for the season to 29, which is tied for fourth on the team and first among relievers.

## SOFTBALL

No. 8 TEXAS at TEXAS STATE

## Horns not taking Texas State lightly as team hits road

By Sara Beth Purdy  
Daily Texan Staff

The general feeling in the Texas dugout these days is the opponent does not matter.

"We don't look at the conference of the team or the opponent's name, really," said senior Amy Hooks. "We're just going to go out and play Texas softball every game."

Tonight will be a case study of that mentality as the Longhorns face Texas State in San Marcos, a warm-up for this weekend's road trip to Oklahoma.

Texas last faced the Bobcats in Austin before spring break



when Texas won 2-1. Despite being from an easier Southland conference, this annual rivalry against Texas State is important to the Longhorns.

"They are a competitive Division I program right down the road, and that is something that

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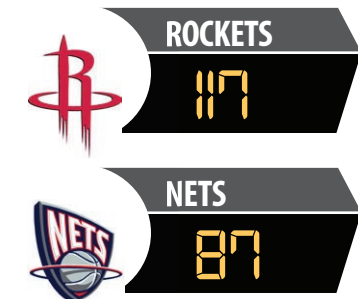


Senior catcher Amy Hooks stares down a pitch during a recent game. Hooks has been an anchor for the Texas pitching staff and the Mesquite native has started each of the Longhorns' 31 games this season.

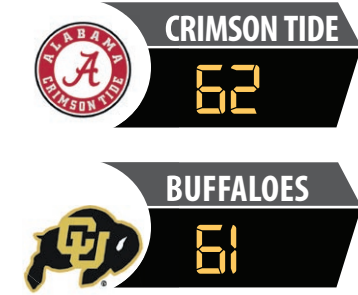
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Shell to remain as title sponsor of Houston-area golf tourney

HUMBLE — Shell Oil Co. has agreed to a five-year extension as the title sponsor of the Houston Open.

The oil giant has been the tournament's title sponsor since 1992, the third-longest tenure on the PGA Tour. The event dates back to 1946 and is the 10th oldest tournament on the tour.

"To me, this is much more than a golf tournament," said Shell president Marvin Odum. "It is an opportunity for us to give back to the city and citizens of Houston through charitable contributions."

Since Shell became the lead sponsor, the tournament has raised more than \$50 million for the Houston Golf Association to contribute to regional, youth-based charities. Last year, the tournament generated about \$2.1 million for charities.

"Shell Oil Company has given our event great stability, and its support has enabled our organization to continue to positively impact the lives of young people every year," said HGA president and CEO Steve Timms.

The Houston Open begins Thursday at Redstone Golf Club. — The Associated Press





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endoll also worked out with brother Robin, a certified personal trainer, and focused on his starting speed in the 40 and his explosiveness.

good softball team," said Hooks. "They just have good hitting and good defense and it is going to be tough. But we have pretty high goals set for our team and it's going to be a good ball game."

The series sweep last weekend against Kansas helped the team carry its newfound momentum into the conference schedule. This weekend will show whether it can compete with the best in the Big 12 conference. Texas, undefeated in conference play, ranks second behind Missouri. The competitive Big 12 conference features eight of 10 softball programs that are ranked in the top 25 in the various national polls. Texas ranks first in the Big 12 with a .990 fielding percentage and second with a .349 team batting average. Junior first baseman Lexy Bennett ranks first in the league with a .452 individual batting average. On the defensive side of things, sophomore all-American pitcher Blaire Luna ranks first in the conference with 10 shutouts and second with 181 strikeouts.

"We've just got to defend our [Big 12] title," said freshman Brejae Washington.

ly what it means to have that family atmosphere," Williams said. "All the old guys, all the alumni coming out here, it shows the actual brotherhood that we have here."

That brotherhood will grow in the coming weeks as a new crop of Longhorns rises to the professional ranks. Like those who came before, expect the 2011 draft class to turn heads along the sidelines of next year's pro day.

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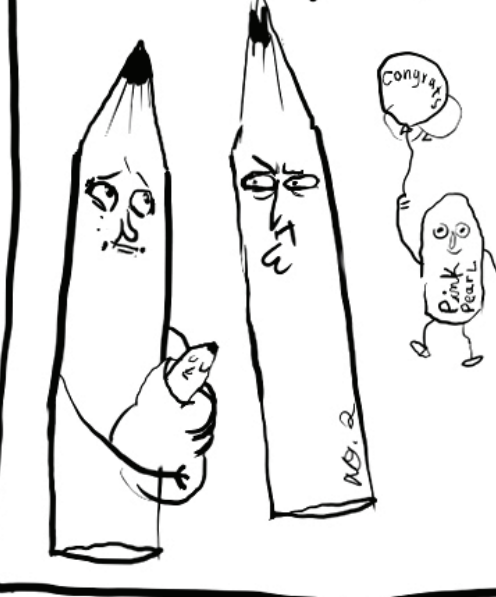
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# SecondSHIFT



I misspelled my own name.



Where did I go so wrong in life? When did everything fall apart?

this terrible life



i'm sorry, but all of the signs point to...

BUYER'S REMORSE!



NO! but—

by gabe



my wife will never love me if i cancel her operation! what a dilemma!

Word From a Bird



Hi, I'd like to Q drop my scuba diving class.



I'm Sorry sweetie, but the deadline already passed yesterday.

Later...



♪ Hello darkness my old friend, I've come to talk with you again ♪

WE GOTTA GET THESE LADIES OUT OF THE KITCHEN. THEY'RE CROWDING THE BAR.



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HMM. I THINK HER NAME IS ALEX?



YEAH. THAT'S HER. TOM'S EX WHO I NEVER ACTUALLY MET BUT SAW AT THAT ONE PARTY. SHE WENT TO HIGH SCHOOL WITH KIM. SHE LIKES BANDS WITH BANJOS. I THINK SHE HANGS OUT WITH THAT ONE GROUP. HAS A MILDLY INTERESTING BLOG.



...I REALLY NEED TO STOP FACEBOOK CREEPING SO MUCH.

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Naptime Comics



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4DS?? but that doesn't even make any sense! dude just try it

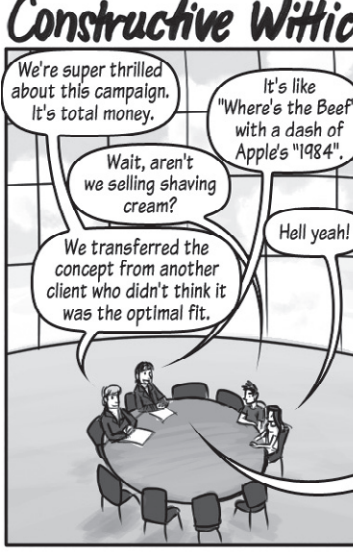


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Wait a minute. So this is a second-hand idea, from another team, for a different client, who thought it was a BAD idea?

Why don't we come up with our own stuff instead of building on a foundation of crap?

HAHA, I like this guy! Michelle, we need a fresh take on this sell. Let's reconvene tomorrow with ten new pitches.

I love it. Can't wait, Michelle!




What morons, right?

Lin Zagorski + Marshall Dungan

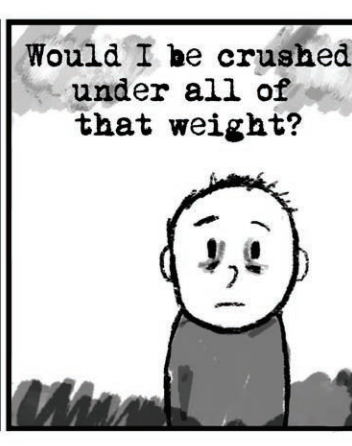
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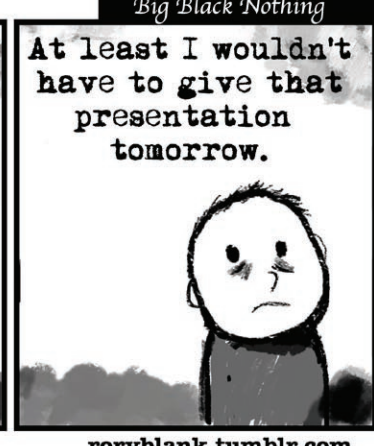


I wonder what would happen if the all the clouds fell right now.

Would I be crushed under all of that weight?



Big Black Nothing




At least I wouldn't have to give that presentation tomorrow.

Rory Harman

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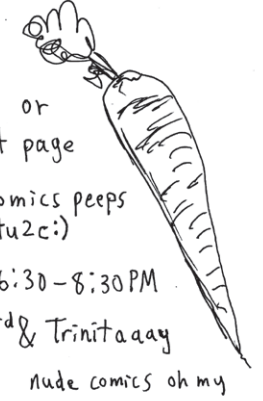
WHO? You + some artists or whatever from that page

WHAT? The Daily Texan Comics peeps made some things 4u2c:

WHEN? Friday! April 1st, 6:30-8:30PM

WHERE? FAB gallery on 23rd & Trinita aay

WHY? free food live artists rude comics oh my



# The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz No. 0223

Across

1 Audibly in shock

6 Rack item

9 Can't stomach

14 State-run revenue source

15 1945 flag-raising site, briefly

16 Arledge who pioneered Monday night football

17 Grammy winner James and others

18 Horror film star Chaney

19 Widely known

20 Big Bopper hit

23 [as printed]

24 Common gout site

25 Title for Paul McCartney

26 Actor McShane of "Deadwood"

29 Barrier with a diamond pattern

33 Thurman of film

34 Baseball-turned-spy Berg

35 Unaccompanied

36 Place to get a bucket of balls

39 In a funk

40 Like some paper and coats

41 "Understood"

42 Sock-in-the-gut reaction

43 Mauna \_\_\_\_\_

44 Group overseeing Notre Dame Cathedral

49 H.M.S. part

50 Just fine

51 California town name starter

52 Rock's \_\_\_\_\_ Rose

54 Remote possibility ... or a hint to 20-, 29- and 44-Across

58 Yawl's pair

60 "No dice!"

61 Weighed down

62 Russian pancakes

63 First Liston/Clay fight result, in brief

64 Republican-turned-Democrat Specter

65 It's a plus

66 Anthem contraction

67 Like a neglected lawn

Down

1 Smart guys?

2 Notre Dame's architectural style

3 Tack on

4 Satirist Freberg

5 When racehorses are at the gate

6 Jewish campus group

7 M.P.'s quarry

8 Press secretary under George W. Bush

9 Kennel outburst

10 Old U.K. carrier

11 Follow a signal to

12 Admit \_\_\_\_\_

13 Badly chafed

21 Inner Hebrides isle

22 \_\_\_\_\_ button (Facebook icon)

27 Oxy 6 target

28 \_\_\_\_\_to-know basis

30 Boring tool

31 "Bye for now!"

Puzzle by Barry C. Silk


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## Minding on-road manners brings civility to carpooling

By Aleksander Chan  
Daily Texan Staff

When it comes to getting around Austin, UT students are all too familiar with the city's public transportation; Capital Metro buses could serve as an unofficial second mascot. For students fortunate enough to have a car, the privilege comes with a caveat. Suddenly the question is no longer, "What's your major?" It's, "Can I have a ride?"

With nights downtown and road trips during breaks, there come situations where you might be riding with people you don't know well (or at all). Based on the teachings of etiquette writers Emily Post and Judith Martin ("Miss Manners"), come some rules of the road:

Defer to the driver or owner of the car. Hospitable drivers would allow decisions such as radio control or rest stop breaks to be decided democratically, but when it comes to the physical operation of the vehicle, he or she gets the final word on the speed, temperature and behavior of the passengers in the car.

If you're a regular passenger, offer to pay for gas. If it's a one-time deal or an infrequent occurrence, neither party should expect a transaction. The driver always has the right to refuse payment (in which case your gratitude should be profuse), but he or she should never be put in the position of asking.

Passengers should behave like house guests. You wouldn't leave trash lying around or be excessively loud or demanding when in someone else's house, and the same goes for someone else's car.

Minimize cell phone usage. This goes for drivers and passengers alike, for reasons of safety and courtesy. No one wants their life endangered by a distracted driver. Likewise, no one wants to hear your personal phone conversations.

Establish the rules beforehand. Writes Martin in her book, "Miss Manners' Guide for the Turn-of-the-Millennium:" "When there is no known standard, each person improvises, and the result is that they all end up finding the others either inconsiderate or inflexible."



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Authors Emily Post and Judith Martin published a manners guide directed of passengers during carpooling.

## Website allows fans to see concerts online

By Julie Rene Tran  
Daily Texan Staff

To a half-full bar of South By Southwest festival goers, beachy soft rock singer Jimmy Buffett strummed his guitar and sang from the patio of his home in St. Barts.

Viewers could imagine themselves there in the Caribbean with Buffett amongst the picturesque background of palm trees, the clear blue sky and the singer's witty side comments to the room. The projector screen and clinking of glasses of mimosas reminded patrons that although the concert was live, it was also virtual.

From Grooveshark to Twitter to YouTube, new media has allowed fans to easily listen and connect with their favorite artists through a click of a button. New online media player, Stagelt, is a web-based platform that broadcasts artists performing live from nontraditional venues, such as Buffett's home.

Whether it's a live studio recording or an improvisational jam session in the street, Stagelt's mission is to make any space into a stage.

CEO of Stagelt and singer/songwriter Evan Lowenstein said the initial idea was to find a way for him to tour the world from his bed. Stagelt allows the audience member to feel a one-on-one connection with the musician without the hundreds of other screaming fans.

"If I can iChat with my sister, why can't I connect with fans?" he said.

Launched in the fall of 2010, Stagelt is an opportunity for all musicians to connect with their fans and receive funding without demanding it. For about the same price as a concert ticket, fans can watch the performance from their computer screen.

Since the platform was created with the artists in mind, they can choose when and how long they want to perform and how much

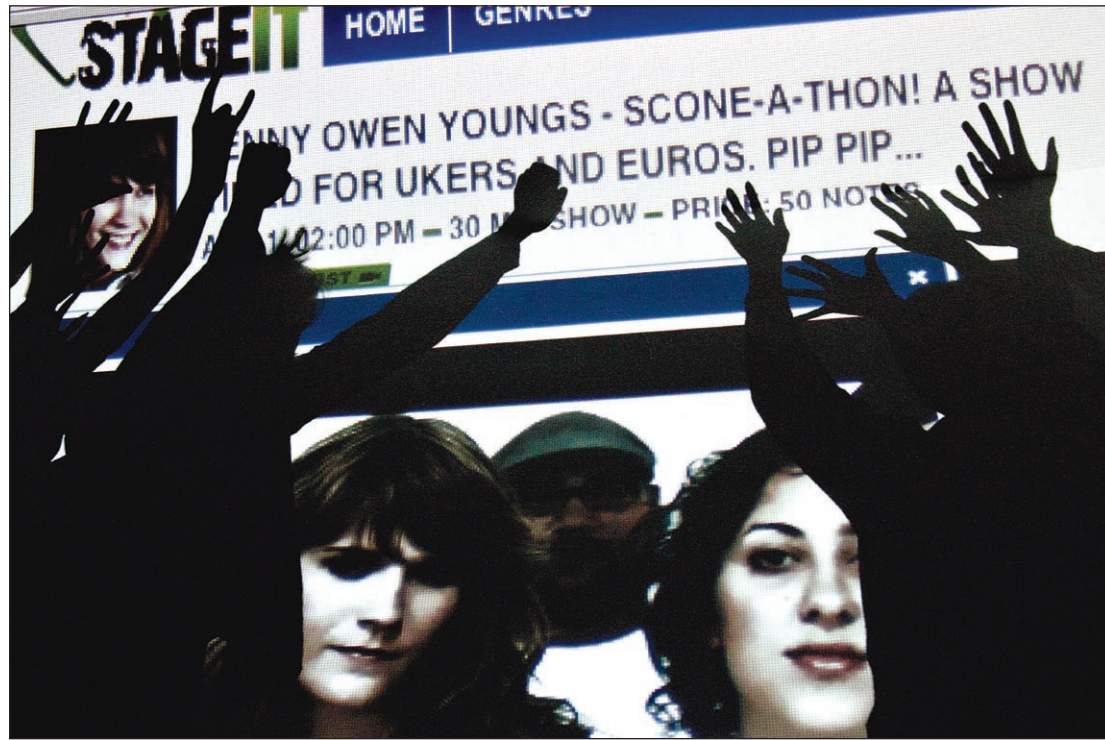


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Stagelt, a virtual concert venue, allows music lovers to watch live concerts online. Fans can pay the same amount as a concert ticket to watch artists play tunes in their home or improvised jam sessions at a studio.

they charge. Artists can even use the platform's "Pay When You Can" feature to offer tickets for a suggested amount and let fans increase or decrease the price. Listeners can give the artist performance feedback by tipping "notes" with the "Tip Jar" feature.

In January, metal band Korn broadcast a 45-minute set the day before their world tour began. Other musicians who have put on virtual concerts through Stagelt include Plain White T's and Debbie Gibson.

As a recording artist since 1993, Lowenstein said he feels as though he has lived through the music industry's evolution onto the web.

Artists were spending about \$68,000 every two months to send

out postcards to fans before bands had websites, he said.

"We were postcards, then, eight years ago when social media hit us, fans became our friends," he said.

Although the limitless exposure social media and the Web has given artists may seem ideal, Lowenstein said the opposite is true.

"If you were to tell me in 1993 that we would be living in a world where I would be able to connect with my fans like we have now, I would say the music industry would be in a phenomenal place," he said. "However, it's not. It's worse."

Lowenstein said this is because artists can't to monetize their artistry.

"The difference is that there are

sites where artists can make money and sell all their songs," he said. "But there is no place where an artist can make money, and at the same time, fans can have the gratification of direct connection to the artist."

The current retail system for music separates the consumer and musician with multiple steps, including production, packaging and retail.

"Lady Gaga does not know that you exist," Lowenstein said. "She has no idea that you plunk down \$10 on iTunes for her record."

With Stagelt, Lowenstein said the artist witnesses when a fan pays for the concert and tips their performance.

Lowenstein said although the music industry is becoming increasingly intricate, social media, the web and sites such as Stagelt have opened music up to the world.

### ON THE WEB:

To check out the latest streaming concerts, go to [@stagelt.com](http://@stagelt.com)

### VIDEO GAME REVIEW

## 'Crysis' returns with refined, stunning world

By Allistair Pinsof  
Daily Texan Staff

The original "Crysis" was so far ahead of its time, few computers could run the game upon its release in 2007. For the lucky few with state-of-the-art gaming PCs at the time, the game's expansive environments and the player's special abilities provided a nonlinear experience unlike any other game in the first-person shooter genre. "Crysis 2" improves on the original with refined controls, fantastic presentation and some of the best visuals of this generation. The best part is that you don't need a ludicrously expensive PC to play it.

"Crysis 2" begins three years after the previous game and introduces Alcatraz, a Marine sent to bring order to a disease-ridden New York City on the eve of an alien invasion. After an explosion wipes out his squad, the soldier is mistaken for Prophet, the protagonist of the original "Crysis." While unconscious, Prophet puts the one-of-a-kind cybernetic, skin-tight Nanosuit on Alcatraz. Alcatraz must run from his own military outfit that mistakes him for Prophet.

In a genre that has recently been constrained to corridors and linear paths, the massive scale of New York City is a welcome change of scenery. The cityscape is more than a backdrop in "Crysis 2" — it's a playground for the wearer of the Nanosuit to explore. With the ability to cloak, leap to great heights, fall 20 stories with minimal damage and double running speed, the Nanosuit allows the wearer freedom to explore the huge battlegrounds.

The first game's world was open to a fault. When things worked out, it was amazing. Most of the time, the nonlinear design led to frustration and confusion stemming from the lack of direction. "Crysis 2" addresses these issues by containing the environment to areas slightly larger than those found in "Halo: Reach," with the additional verticality of skyscrapers, hillsides and rubble. At every new expanse, the player is presented with two to four options on how to handle a situation. Thankfully, you won't have to pick just one option most of the time, because the finely tuned con-



**Crysis 2**  
*Crytek*

**Genre:** First-Person Shooter  
**Platform:** PC, Playstation 3, Xbox 360  
**For those who like:** "Halo," "Half-Life 2," "Assassin's Creed"  
**Grade:** B

trols let the player smoothly transition from one to the other.

From spinning helicopter blades to towering, alien behemoths, the visuals of "Crysis 2" are breathtaking. The game's story is cliched, but there are moments when the visuals and storytelling combine to provide a powerful moment, such as a scene where a family runs to board the squad's jeep, only to be crushed in the debris of a skyscraper falling and crushing them. Occasionally buggy AI issues with dialogue clipping out and repetitive enemy and level design prevent "Crysis 2" from realiz-

ing its full potential. The game controls well on both console and PC, but console players will have to put up with inferior lighting effects and a lower frame rate. This is problematic in the multiplayer mode, where the difference between spotting a camouflaged player and death is a matter of seconds.

By merging innovative technology with sophisticated design, developer Crytek has created a flawed gem that suggests first-person shooters don't have to be limited in scope and complexity in order to attain crossover appeal.

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