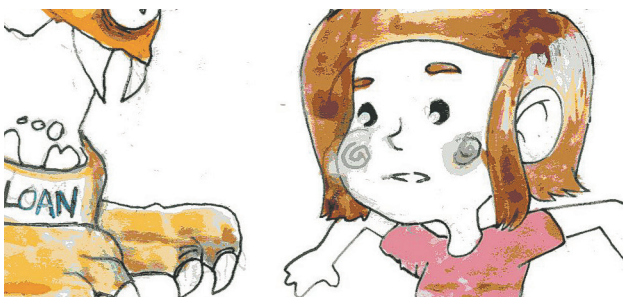

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CITY

White Lives Matter protests at Capitol

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Church hymns and angry shouts intermingled in front of the Texas Capitol on Saturday afternoon as the unveiling of the Texas African American History Memorial statue was celebrated while a White Lives Matter rally was held 200 feet away.

While people attending the monument unveiling listened to a choir sing, more than 200 counter-protesters surrounded the White Lives Matter rally for several hours. Police in riot gear and riding horses intervened on several occasions. Some UT students joined the counter-protesters.

"I originally came out here to show support for the African-American historical monument," government junior Ian Slingsby said. "I came over [to the protest] because I support the counter-protest, but I also believe it needs to be done in a peaceful manner — the whole 'love trumps hate' message rather than this. I'm just here trying to counterbalance the hate."

Despite the proximity to the monument unveiling, White Lives Matter rally attendee Scott Lacy said it was a coincidence the two events took place on the same day.

"We're out here to protest against the unequal application of the hate crime laws, nothing else, plain and simple," Lacy said. "We found out about it after we had already planned this. When we got here today, we posted up right

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Stephanie Tacy | Daily Texan Staff
White Lives Matter protesters are protected by police as hundreds gather in counter-protest at the Capitol on Saturday.

CITY

African-American memorial unveiled

By Michelle Zhang
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The Texas African American History Memorial was unveiled Saturday morning at the South Grounds of the Texas State Capitol, culminating a 20-year-long journey since the project was approved by the Texas Legislature.

The 10-foot bronze and granite monument was sculpted by black artist Ed Dwight in order to commemorate the history and contributions of Texas African-Americans. It is the last monument erected on the south Capitol grounds under current law, according to the event's Facebook page. Hundreds of people gathered to witness the moment.

Texas Gov. Greg Abbott spoke at the ceremony and said the erecting of the monument was a "long time coming."

"African-Americans have shaped this land that we are on today since long before it was even named the state of Texas," Abbott said. "We cannot ignore the inhumanity of slavery and struggle, but we can celebrate the long path to freedom, from the Civil War to the Civil Rights Movements to this very day."

The unveiling ceremony was hosted by the Texas African American History Memorial Foundation and the Texas Legislative Black Caucus, which have been committed to the construction and dedication of the monument.

Helen Giddings, Texas

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FOOTBALL | TEXAS 21-24 KANSAS

Turnovers plague Longhorns in Lawrence

By Tyler Horka
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LAWRENCE, KANSAS — The ball left senior kicker Matthew Wyman's right foot with authority. The booming sound of it leaving his right boot echoed throughout Memorial Stadium.

It drifted through the air for what might have seemed like an eternity for the Longhorns. But it took less than two seconds for it to sail through the uprights. It didn't take much longer for Texas players to rush for the visitors' locker room, pushing passersby out of the way.

More than half the team remained absent for the traditional playing of "The Eyes of Texas." Behind those who stuck around stood the scoreboard in the south endzone. It read, "Kansas 24, Texas 21."

"We are the University of Texas," sophomore cornerback John Bonney said. "We

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Daulton Venglar | Daily Texan Staff
Many Longhorns expressed disappointment after Saturday's 24-21 loss to Kansas. Texas sits at 5–6 on the season with one regular-season game remaining.

LEGACY

Community remembers transgender lives

By Forrest Milburn
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The words of Charles Albert Tindley's "We Shall Overcome" pierced through the crisp winter air Sunday evening as Reverend Carmarion Anderson sang to remind a crowd of students and Austinites of the 24 trans lives lost in the U.S. since January at the 2016 Austin Transgender Day of Remembrance.

Anderson, a trans woman of color, was one of many who shared her story to memorialize the loss of transgender individuals throughout the country, including Austin resident Monica Loera, who was shot and killed earlier this year.

"I urge you to tell the stories of the victims, share who they were, or else we die two deaths: One when our body expires, the other when our stories stop being told," said Anna Nguyen, co-chair of Austin TDOR and a trans woman of color. "Please keep telling their stories."

Beginning in 1999 to honor the death of San Francisco's Rita Hester the previous year, Sunday's annual event serves as a way to bring many in the queer and trans-identifying community together in several cities throughout the country.

According to media reports and the Transgender Education Network of Texas, there have been at least 24 trans lives lost in 2016, including two in Texas. Loera's death on Jan. 22 was the first on that list, a grim statistic establishing a year of mourning for many in the Austin queer and trans community.

Drew Riley, an Austin resident and trans woman, said she came to Sunday's event for her third time since 2014. With the loss of Loera earlier this year resting heavily on her mind, Riley said last night's TDOR was especially difficult for her.

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Sebastian Colon-Otero reads out the names of transgender persons killed in the past year for their identities. He is accompanied by trans women of color, called to stand with him in support.

Mary Pistorius
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CITY

Church displays solidarity with pipeline protesters

By Will Clark
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Activists and community members came together Saturday at the Wildflower Church in South Austin to show solidarity with the people at Standing Rock protesting the Dakota Access Pipeline.

Dallas-based Energy Transfer Partners plans to dig under the Missouri River to complete the pipeline but faces opposition. Protesters say the project damages Native American lands and endangers water sources for both the tribe and many other Americans.

The event in Austin featured a silent auction, music, yoga and a bake sale to raise money for the Oceti Sakowin Camp, where protesters at the Standing Rock Sioux Reservation are preparing for the approaching North Dakota winter.

Event organizer Marika Alderink said she hopes people find ways to take action within their own community to support the people at Standing Rock.

"The tides have to turn everywhere," Alderink said. "If the tides are going to turn up in North Dakota they have to turn all over the nation."

Despite the protests, Kelcy Warren, CEO of ETP, told the Associated Press the company will continue construction.

"There's not another way. We're building at that location," Warren said.

Alderink said about 400 people attended the event Saturday which began with a traditional Native American song from Matthew Davila, a member of the Standing Rock Sioux tribe. The event raised

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Garret Martin, a student at UT-Arlington, browses an art gallery at the East Austin Studio Tour this weekend.

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Legislative Black Caucus chair, read a congratulatory letter from former president George W. Bush. Bush praised the efforts of the key contributors to the monument and highlighted the significance of safeguarding the black legacy in Texas.

Abbott said the state can still do more to promote equal opportunity for all residents.

"Despite some successes along the way, we realize there is more work yet to be done," Abbott said. "If we are to truly elevate our state to its limitless possibilities, we must continue to expand opportunity and liberty for absolutely everybody in the Lone Star State."

UT President Gregory Fenves also attended the ceremony and expressed his support.

"I think the memorial symbolizes the tremendous contributions African-Americans have had to the state and to the University of Texas," Fenves said.

Cherise Lee, director of Innervisions Gospel Choir, performed the recessional songs with other students at the end of the ceremony.

"I think it's really great, especially in the time that the black community is dealing with right now, with black men being killed and with Trump's election," said Lee, a journalism and sport management senior. "Having this is a bright spot in a lot of the darkness that the black community has been experiencing."

Frank Ronald climbs to the top of the 10-foot bronze and granite monument to release a cover that was attached to the statue.

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"It was difficult reading in the paper [then] that one of our own was lost so close to home," Riley said. "I knew that it would have a little more weight and severity tonight, and it did."

After a surprising electoral victory on Nov. 8 swept Republican candidates into office at the state and federal level, many in the queer and trans community are afraid of what policies could arise during an administration with President-elect Donald Trump at the helm, including attacks on bathroom access and local nondiscrimination ordinances, Riley said.

"I'm very grateful that the trans community is starting to have a voice in the mainstream media outlets, but it does create a backlash," Riley said. "We've seen that all over the country with all LGBT rights, where we've seen this rise in conservative agendas getting pushed back against us. But at the same time, having a dialogue at all, even if there are more opponents, is better than being ignored."

Several of the speakers agreed with Riley that visibility of queer and trans individuals in the mainstream media has increased since the first TDOR, which has brought out more allies as well as opponents in the fight to further favorable policies and protections.

"Twelve years ago, if you asked someone if they had seen a trans person or even what the word transgender meant, you'd get blank stares — now, we're out there," said Lisa Scheps, board member of the Transgender Education Network of Texas. "Gandhi said, 'First they ignore us, then they ridicule us, then they attack us, and then we win.' We're walking that road, and it's a scary road right now, but it's an important one."

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CAMPUS

Blazers complete projects benefiting refugees

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The Texas Blazers wrapped up their week-long Drive to Provide initiative on Friday, which collected donations and raised awareness for Austin-area refugees.

Each semester the Blazers, an all-male UT organization centered on service, spirit and leadership, inducts new members into its organization. The inductees, or New Guys, are tasked with building a service project from the ground up. This semester's new inductees wanted to use their project to promote the ideals of inclusiveness and open-mindedness.

Miguel Martinez, a New Guy and a management information systems junior, said that the Blazers have raised nearly $4,000 through their Cheap Lunch, held Nov. 7 through Nov. 11, and their GoFundMe page.

"The cheap lunch was a way for us to reach out to donors here at UT, where the GoFundMe page is good for people outside of the Austin community who still want to be involved," Martinez said.

For the second half of their new member project, the Drive to Provide, the Blazers drove to different donors' locations to pick up items such as food, toiletries and children's books.

"We called people ahead of time and would load their donations in the back of a truck," said Ross Miglin, mechanical engineering junior and New Guy. "It was especially fun whenever we had people from other spirit groups or people who are affiliated with UT. We'd take a picture and post it on the Facebook event page and people could see their friends or people they recognized donating."

Neuroscience senior Connor Breen facilitated the logistics of the service project and said the donations from the Cheap Lunch, Drive to Provide and the GoFundMe page will benefit Austin's branch of Refugee Services of Texas and Caritas, two organizations that aim to assist refugees in Austin.

"The actual items are being given to Caritas because they have a structure that's pretty sound for distributing items to refugees in the Austin area," Breen said.

Joshua Guerra | Daily Texan Staff

Mechanical engineering junior Ross Miglin and management information systems junior Miguel Martinez are New Guys of the Texas Blazers. The organization wrapped up their week-long Drive to Provide events to raise awareness or Austin-area refugees.

"And then we're giving the majority of our proceeds, monetary funds, to RST."

Biochemistry and humanities sophomore Mohammad Syed, a New Guy, said besides the money and the donations, the Blazers want to raise awareness on campus that refugees are living in Austin and there are many ways to help them.

"A big part that we want to promote is that these aren't the only means to helping out refugees," Syed said. "People within our organization have taken orientation sessions so we can actually go and interact with refugees. We also want students to become aware of opportunities to help these individuals. Oftentimes we say 'refugees' with a blanket statement and we don't understand who those individuals are."

CITY

Austinites show support for Muslims

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Austinites of many religions and ethnicities lined Nueces Street in West Campus on Friday, displaying messages of love and solidarity for the Muslim community.

More than 100 people attended, many carrying signs with messages of support such as "Strength and beauty in diversity," "Our Muslim neighbors enrich our community" and "United Against Islamophobia." Those in attendance wore green, the color of Islam, and shared encouraging words in an attempt to ease the anxiety of some local Muslims following Donald Trump's election.

Matt Korn, organizer of the Support Our Muslim Neighbors event, said he was moved by the kindness and support Nueces Mosque imam Shaykh Mufti Mohamed-Umer Esmail displayed for the LGBT community of Austin following the Pulse nightclub shooting, so he moved quickly to organize a solidarity event in return.

"He wanted to show solidarity with the LGBTQ community," Korn said. "After the election, we decided we wanted to show that solidarity and support back."

UT students participated in the solidarity effort as well.

Jenan Taha | Daily Texan Staff

Austinites hold up signs of Muslim solidarity in front of the Nueces Mosque.

Radio-television-film senior Catherine Williams said for real change to come, people have to demonstrate their support in person in order to make a difference.

"It's a time in our country where we really need people to come out, put in two hours or however much time to show support for the things we care about," Williams said. "You can't make as much of an impact from behind your computer screen as this, right now."

Williams said events such as Friday's demonstration are not all that needs to be done, but they represent a starting point for healing racial divides.

"These are the steps we need to take in order to reverse the things that came to the surface as a result of the election, no matter who won," Williams said. "Obviously, there's more work that needs to be done, and this is how you do it."

Plan II and neuroscience sophomore Sophia Toprac said it will take solidarity efforts across all communities in order to fight back against the problems minorities face.

"I think all minorities need to take care of each other, because honestly no one else is going to," Toprac said. "Even if it's a cause that doesn't affect or impact us in any way."

Kevin Butts, Middle Eastern studies graduate student and a convert to Islam, said face-to-face interactions such as Friday's event can help educate those that still harbor hate or fear towards Muslims.

"The most important turning point is getting to know people who are Muslim," Butts said. "They're people, they have a way of life, they have a way of life that is valid and really very beautiful."

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over $4000, according to Alderink, but Davila encouraged participants to do more than just make a donation.

"Not only are they asking for donations, but take something away from it besides items or food or reflection," Davila said. "Take knowing that you helped out something that's as important as land, that's as important as water."

Davila said he wanted to go back to Standing Rock, but his roots and family are in Austin.

"My sister, my mom, all our family, they're all up in the front line when this all started," Davila said. "There was a huge part of me that just wanted to drop everything and go back up, but for what? To risk getting arrested? How is that going to help?"

Erin Walter, the intern minister at the Wildflower Church, said the church's denomination has sent ministers to Standing Rock, but this specific church could not.

"It was very hard for me not to go," Walter said. "My heart is there, and I think it's important for us to remember that indigenous people are struggling here as well. [They] have needs here and need to be visible here."

Walter said the church is committed to supporting not only the indigenous movements related to Standing Rock, but also climate action, citing another ETP pipeline project in West Texas.

Event organizer Robin Heart Shepperd said she hopes the event will bring more attention to the issues at Standing Rock.

"We're hoping to alert people to do more," Shepperd said. "We need people to go up there and be with them. Now that the harsh winter is coming on, we're hoping to stimulate more people to go up there and support them."

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here, and we were peaceful and quiet respecting their unveiling. These people are the ones that came out here and interrupted it."

Art Acevedo, former Austin Police Department chief, was in attendance at the monument unveiling but also spoke about the need for all parties to remain peaceful across the Capitol grounds.

"The reason I'm here is, number one, I want to celebrate a great, rich part of our history," Acevedo said. "And number two, I want to make sure people understand there's the First Amendment and there's criminal behavior, and we're not going to tolerate [the latter]."

Members of the Revolutionary Student Front were in the crowd of the counter-protest, wearing masks. The UT student group is a self-described pro-communism, anti-fascist organization that is a part of a larger network of similar groups in Austin.

At least three counter-protesters wearing masks were carrying guns but didn't identify themselves as a part of any group. Several White Lives Matter rally members were carrying guns as well.

Computer science freshman Simrat Chandi was in the crowd when police arrested several counter-protesters while breaking up the gathering.

"Honestly, I'm just speechless right now," Chandi said. "I think they're being really hypocritical. [The masked protesters] are doing the same thing that the White Lives Matter people are doing. They're just preaching hate."

Political communications freshman Morgan Johnson attended the counter-protest wearing an Israeli flag as a cape and said she wanted to drive the same hate out of Austin that forced her Jewish great-grandparents to immigrate to America.

"I'm entirely pissed off that neo-Nazis would be protesting in America," Johnson said. "We literally emigrated from all the hate during World War II to get here, and that people are still here protesting that is a dishonor to me and my family."

SYSTEM

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The U.S. Army Research Laboratory will partner with the University to further preexisting research initiatives.

UT partners with US Army Research Lab

By Wesley Story
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The U.S. Army Research Laboratory announced a new partnership with UT on Wednesday, establishing ARL South, a research collaboration between the two institutions.

ARL South, similar to ARL West at the University of Southern California, plans to leverage research taking place at UT and other regional universities and use it to benefit the military. ARL South is part of ARL's Open Campus program and hopes to accelerate research and technological development.

There will be a central administrative office for ARL South at the J.J. Pickle Research Campus, but ARL individual researchers will also work side-by-side with faculty and students in their laboratories.

Jennifer Gardner, assistant vice president for research, said opportunities like the partnership provide real-world examples of how research at UT can directly impact society.

"It's important to us to show students how the fundamental research that happens at a university can benefit society," Gardner said. "It's always great when we can find opportunities to work with groups in society that would benefit from our knowledge and our research."

Gardner said one likely reason UT was chosen was because of its strong research programs, including research in the areas of ARL South's initial focus: materials and manufacturing, biosciences and energy.

Students who are already working with faculty on research could also get the chance to work with ARL scientists, depending on the research partnerships that develop.

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>
> —Jennifer Gardner, Assistant VP for research

ARL scientists and UT faculty have already been meeting to explore areas of mutual interest.

Bryan Davies, assistant professor of molecular biosciences, is planning to work with ARL, but the partnership is only in the early planning stages and no specifics of the research are being released.

Davies said he's excited for the partnership because of its potential to enhance the student experience.

"For a lot of students coming out of science and engineering, the path forward isn't always immediately clear," Davies said. "I think this will showcase the opportunities students have for careers … and allow students to see opportunities they may want to pursue."

While ARL South's base will be at UT-Austin, they will also explore other universities in the state to potentially partner with, including the other UT System institutions and universities such as Texas Tech or Texas A&M.

"I think a lot of people forget that the military doesn't just employ people in the armed forces," chemical engineering sophomore Diael Thomas said. "This opportunity is great for students to see how applicable their research is to different fields, plus it provides exciting, new challenges."

COLUMN

White Lives Matter protest unites minorities

By Khadija Saifullah
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During the unveiling ceremony for the new African American History Memorial at the Capitol, a neo-Nazi, white supremacist protest broke out, coincidentally scheduled to disrupt the ceremony. It was met later in the day with a counter-protest by the Black Lives Matter movement.

The oppositional nature — the unveiling ceremony of a memorial to progress in Texas versus the borderline violent protests — strikes a contrast straight out of the past that has become all too familiar lately. This year has, in so many ways, been resembling the Civil War era a century ago. The country is more divided than it's been in decades.

Emotions have run high and interfered with the professional and personal aspects of our lives, leaving many of us watching our country slowly spiral down into disunity.

Racism and white supremacy are the root causes of the protest, and both stem from two groups of people fearing losing their rights.

"At the protest, I felt like minority groups acted as one voice," rhetoric and writing sophomore Humza Ahmed said. "Before, groups would fight individually; however, now, they act as a single unit with members from various ethnic, racial, sexual backgrounds chant for each other. America isn't being divided, minority groups are just uniting under a common fear of being oppressed. The White Lives Matter demonstrators didn't have the benefit of other groups vouching for them, it has like twenty-five against over a hundred counter-protesters. The [WLM] movement didn't seen to have a goal or objective other than attempting to instigate conflict. When you get down to the actual points, it's nothing more than white supremacy."

The fact of the matter is that African-Americans have played an undeniable and integral role in the progression of our country. Time and time again, every decade brings them a new adversity as they move inches closer to equality. From Rosa Parks to Trayvon Martin, progression has been made, but challenges still remain.

When African-American students request the Confederate statues around campus to be removed and the Robert Lee Moore Hall building to be renamed, there should not be a need for petitions to spread around the internet for their voices to be heard. From incidents such as the racist bake sale in the West Mall a couple of weeks ago to the protests on Saturday, minority students on campus still face discrimination and feel the pinch of racism in their lives.

Joshua Guerra | Daily Texan Staff
White Lives Matter protestors assemble near the capitol on Saturday, Nov. 19. The protest drew outrage from counter-protesters who believe it trivialized minority issues.

After the election of Donald Trump, what gives these recent protests their power is the way minority groups have banded together — the unity is stronger now than before. Minority groups are now demonstrating to America louder than ever that they have a single, powerful voice now.

Saifullah is a neuroscience junior from Richardson.

COLUMN

Proposed deportations would harm Texas families

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We no longer want the tired and the poor. We no longer accept the huddled masses seeking salvation from circumstance. We have decided we are too tired and too poor and too restricted ourselves to give others a space in our country.

This attitude is evident going into the 2017 Texas legislative session. Last week Rep. Charles Perry (R-Lubbock) filed a bill that would cut state funding to cities that fail to enforce federal immigration laws. The bill was designated a priority by Lt. Gov. Greg Abbott. Additionally, Texas Senator Bob Hall (R-Edgewood) filled SB 108, which would increase mandatory minimum sentences for those convicted of felonies if they are found to be in the country illegally.

These pieces of legislation move to block cities from instituting "sanctuary city" policies. Although there is no official definition of a sanctuary city, they are generally recognized as cities which place limits on the degree to which local law enforcement cooperate with federal laws and immigration officials to detain and deport undocumented residents.

Those who oppose sanctuary cities do so for two reasons: They believe deportation practices keep the United States safer, and these protective policies do not comply with federal law.

Security has historically been the reasoning by which the United States has justified discrimination. But studies have found that not only are immigrants less likely to commit crimes, but crime actually goes down after cities implement sanctuary policies.

American society is centered around the base unit of the family. Deportation policies break the very foundational structure of American society.

Sally Hernandez, recently elected Travis County Sheriff, believes that strong communities are the true key to security.

"I ran on a platform to implement a progressive ICE [U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement] policy, and I will keep my promise to Travis County voters," Hernandez said. "It is the right thing to do, and it will make our community safer. I have been a victims advocate for 34 years, and I can tell you, Travis County is a safe place to live in and will remain a safe place."

It's been speculated that Hernandez could move to make Austin a sanctuary city. Which brings us to the second doubt opposers have: legality To answer this question, I'd direct you to Martin Luther King Jr.'s famous letter from Birmingham: "One may well ask: 'How can you advocate breaking some laws and obeying others?' The answer lies in the fact that there are two types of laws: just and unjust."

The very people our statue of liberty proclaims to welcome are the ones we hurt by we denying them safety and protection in their own communities. Enforcing these policies denies them the ability to take part in the justice system, something America claims to recognize as a human right.

As the Texas legislature moves to crack down on immigrants, we should remember that it is at our worst that we show our true character. Time and time again America has shown that when push comes to shove, our values of individual freedom and diversity take a backseat if someone can cry wolf loud enough.

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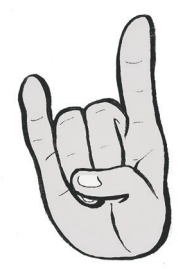
HORNS UP, HORNS DOWN

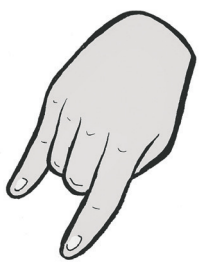
Horns up, horns down: Thanksgiving break nears

HORNS UP: THE BREAK IS COMING



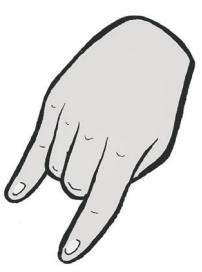
Including Monday, we have eight days of class left. We're undecided on whether we'd rather have one of the class days this Wednesday or on a Monday in a few weeks, but either way, we're ready for this all to be over. Ready for a nice lunch out on Wednesday, too much Thanksgiving dinner on Thursday, and leftover turkey sandwiches all weekend. And given that our pantries and bank accounts are empty, we could use any extra bump to make it to the end of the semester. It doesn't hurt that we'll get a few more days to study for the tests we have the week after Thanksgiving that all of our professors scheduled thinking they were the exception to the rule. Will we study? Probably not. But the thought that we could — and a few slices of pumpkin pie — will keep us going.

HORNS DOWN: THANKSGIVING IS AN AWKWARD HOLIDAY



That said, nothing quite says "home" like a conversation with your weird racist uncle who voted for Trump, feels like he needs to spend all of Thanksgiving dinner regurgitating "facts" from Infowars, and cheers for Texas A&M just because he knows it irritates us. And while we're happy to be home for a couple of days, we know most of that time will be tainted by the stress of our upcoming finals. A break from college means nothing more than stressing while eating a home-cooked meal rather than reheated Taco Bell. Yes, it's time to be thankful and stuff your face with delicious food. But the happy-go-lucky, whitewashed myth of a Thanksgiving meal with Native Americans leaves a bad taste in our mouths.

HORNS DOWN: ALSO THERE WAS FOOTBALL (AGAIN)



We thought we had seen everything this year, but our first loss to Kansas' football team since 1938 really outdid it all. Charlie was a 3/1 underdog to keep his job before the loss, and a report from the Statesman seems to confirm what we've all felt was inevitable for a while now. Whether or not you believe that boosters' opinions and a team bereft of young talent doomed him to fail from the start, this likely marks the end of a difficult three years for football on the 40 Acres. But we hope this may be a sign that anything is possible in Big 12 athletics. Could this finally be the year Kansas doesn't win at least a share of the conference basketball title? Could our basketball team finally pull off an upset in the NCAA tournament? We can't be sure. But in this bizarro alternate reality it feels like we inhabit, we may as well hope.

COLUMN

Fake news on social media threatens online discourse

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It's something that's happened to all of us: You'll be scrolling through Facebook and notice that a relative or old high school acquaintance has posted an article about a celebrity or politician that's outlandish and obviously untrue. Fake news sites create these articles then promote them through Facebook to get advertising revenue through the clicks of gullible people. This phenomenon is reflective of issues with the internet and social media as a whole.

Fake articles recently got a lot of attention due to the results of the election. In the fallout following Trump's win, pundits and politicians alike looked for something to blame. There were a myriad of factors that influenced the election outcome, but one that was largely overlooked until after the election was the impact of fake news. A huge number of Americans get their news from Facebook, which was inundated with a huge amount of fabricated news stories leading up to the election. False stories covering topics from a Clinton pedophile ring, which cites anonymous Reddit "experts" as its primary source, to Denzel Washington's Trump endorsement were shared in huge numbers by people who put as much stock into them as they would a New York Times article.

The internet's unaccountability is largely responsible for this phenomenon. Traditional media outlets such as MSNBC and Fox News, despite having a clear bias, give time to those with other viewpoints. Michael Moore's recent appearances on Megyn Kelly's show are an excellent example of this. However, while television viewers are forced to consume the views of those who disagree with them, those on the internet have no obligation to give time to the other side. Liberals and conservatives alike run the risk of becoming completely caught up in their own curated bubble, where the only news they consume reflects their own views.

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Angela Lee, assistant professor of emerging media and communication at UT-Dallas, says the internet "drowns out the truth because rather than knowing where or whom to turn to, people end up only turning to, believing in and spreading things that they already believe in or biases they already have."

This creates an environment where falsehoods can thrive. Fake news is only a symptom of the disease that is internet discourse. In order to combat fake news, these partisan bubbles that detach us from reality have to be destroyed.

It's easy to call Trump supporters misogynist and racist, but dismissing them like that ensures that they'll never come around to your point of view. Trump supporters calling Hillary supporters paid shills and Hillary supporters calling Trump supporters racist is not a substitute for actual discourse, and it only ensured that neither side took the time to understand the other. If both sides continue to ignore each other, we risk becoming more and more polarized and misinformed on both ends of the spectrum, doing things like banning a student organization such as the Young Conservatives from campus rather than debating them. Breaking down these echo chambers is essential to becoming a more informed and tolerant society.

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VOLLEYBALL

Elliott earns 400th win in victory over Wildcats

By Leah Vann
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Head coach Jerritt Elliott walked off the court Saturday with 400 career wins.

The Longhorns' 3-1 win over Kansas State earned Elliott the milestone.

"It's another game," Elliott said. "I don't really care about the wins for me, personally. It's more about developing the team and trying to do what we need to do, but it's always nice and I hope I get a couple hundred more here at Texas."

Texas (21–4, 13–2 Big 12) found its edge from early in the first set. The Wildcats struggled on the attack as Texas claimed an early lead 12-6. Seemingly nothing could pass the net as the Longhorns collected four total blocks in the set. The lead grew to 18-10 and the Wildcats' 10th point proved to be their last of the set as the Longhorns grabbed the win, 25-10.

"Our coaches are constantly on us about taking care of our individual jobs and staying on each other," senior outside hitter Paulina Prieto Cerame said. "Staying focused has been the biggest thing in us being able to do that."

Not much was different in the second set. The Wildcats acquired 11 kills, more than the seven they posted in the previous set, but the scoreboard didn't show a difference.

Texas' outside-hitting scheme was stronger than ever in the second, with freshman Micaya White, Prieto Cerame and junior Ebony Nwanebu each rattling off seven kills. Nwanebu showed off her accuracy with a .625 percent kill efficiency. The Longhorns closed out with a joint block by White and sophomore Morgan Johnson, taking the set 25-15.

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> —Paulina Prieto Cerame, Senior outsider hitter

The Wildcats came out aggressive in the third, taking their first lead of the set at 8-7. Points went back and forth, but Kansas State outside hitter Brooke Sassin stepped up and racked up seven kills in the set to seal a 25-20 victory for the Wildcats.

"We start noticing at practices where we're not having that urgency," senior setter Chloe Collins said. "We need to just put more priority on every touch that we have, especially going into the tournament. We just need to make sure we're focused and bring that into the game."

Senior outside hitter Paulina Prieto Cerame hits the ball on Saturday during Texas' 3-1 win against Kansas State.

Joshua Guerra
Daily Texan Staff

After a tie at 7-7 in the fourth set, the Longhorns regained control. An eight-point run helped Texas jump out to a 20-10 lead. The Wildcats held on for three match points, but the Longhorns finished the match strong, 25-17.

"I think we're playing our best volleyball right now in these last two matches," Elliott said. "I think the team's energy is good, I think their chemistry is good, I think their self-talk and looking to each other is a lot better right now. I think we're starting to play some really good defense, and I like what I'm seeing right now."

Texas returns to Gregory Gym on Saturday to take on West Virginia at 1 p.m.

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don't lose to Kansas. For it to happen today, I mean, that's definitely going to hurt."

Meanwhile at midfield, the party had just begun. Though only 25,673 fans attended Kansas' senior day, enough Jayhawk faithful assembled on Kivisto Field to tear down the north endzone's goal post. A herd of hundreds bundled up in red and blue carried it across the length of the field and out of the stadium.

Back under the grandstand, head coach Charlie Strong gathered himself and walked into the crowded media room. His opening address spanned a total of 12 seconds.

"There's not much to be said," Strong said. "Those guys hurt in the locker room. I feel so bad for them … They feel so bad right now."

Senior receiver Jacorey Warrick said it hurts because Texas had its chances to put the game out of reach to secure bowl eligibility. With Texas left at 5–6 on the season, Warrick might only have one game left in burnt orange.

"Everyone is disappointed," Warrick said. "They just came out and they might have wanted it a little more than we did with the way that they played."

Warrick, though, wanted it from the very start. He raced down the sideline with 21 players at his back on the first play of the game. His 75-yard touchdown put Texas on top 11 seconds into the game and seemed to set the tone for the brisk afternoon matchup.

It didn't. Texas punted on its next five possessions, only mustering 55 yards of offense on those drives. Couple that with four straight turnovers — including two costly interceptions tossed by freshman quarterback Shane Buechele — and the Jayhawks had the makings of a major upset.

Kansas supporters started to sense signs of their first conference victory since November 2014. When the Jayhawks took a 10-7 lead in the second quarter, chants of "Rock Chalk! Jayhawk!" rang through the seats so loudly spectators could have mistaken Memorial Stadium for Allen Fieldhouse — the school's famous basketball arena.

Buechele's third interception of the contest proved to be fatal. Trying to find junior receiver Dorian Leonard in overtime, he flushed out to his right and let it fly — right into Kansas freshman safety Mike Lee's hands.

"Obviously you're upset," Buechele said. "You never want this to happen … People are upset. That's gonna happen in a game like this."

Two weeks after Strong said he was glad the game came down to a defensive stop in Lubbock, he conceded defeat immediately when Buechele turned the ball over. The Texas defense still had an opportunity to force a second overtime period, but Strong had lost hope.

"The game was over," Strong said.

He was right.

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for the Longhorns after moving into the starting lineup. Holmes recorded nine points and eight rebounds against the Bulldogs after notching a 22-point game in her first career start against Houston Baptist last week.

After turning the ball over 15 times in the first half, Aston said her team came out aggressive after halftime and did a better job of protecting of the ball.

"I thought that we showed some growth in [the second] half," Aston said. "You look at a kid like Joyner who I thought really grew up in the second half."

The Longhorns return home to host Northwestern State on Wednesday at 7 p.m.

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on the road in a college atmosphere, so it should be a great learning experience."

Senior guard Kendal Yancy and other Texas veterans said they've offered advice to their young teammates. Yancy said he believes they'll adjust well to an unfamiliar atmosphere.

"They just got to be able to trust some of the people who have been there," Yancy said. "Just trust what we're saying. Just follow Coach Smart's plan and they'll be just fine."

Texas and Northwestern tip off at 8:30 p.m. on Monday. The team will face either Notre Dame (3–0) or Colorado (3–0) on Tuesday in either the championship game at 5 p.m. or the consolation game at 2:30 p.m.

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FOOTBALL

Column: Strong era hits rock bottom

By Michael Shapiro
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Head coach Charlie Strong carries a 16-20 record during his tenure at Texas. The Longhorns need one more win to become bowl-eligible.

Zoe Fu
Daily Texan Staff

Charlie Strong sat at the podium following Texas' 24-21 loss to Kansas searching for words.

The Longhorn head coach arrived at Memorial Stadium in Lawrence, Kansas, earlier in the day on the verge of becoming bowl-eligible as the Longhorns faced off against the Big 12's worst team. But after a nearly four-hour contest that featured six Texas turnovers, Strong didn't know what to say. When asked what the loss meant for his future, he replied, "No idea."

Saturday's matchup with Kansas provided an opportunity for Strong to qualify for a bowl game after missing bowl season in 2015 and falling to Arkansas 31-7 in the Texas Bowl a year prior. And with rumors regarding his job security swirling throughout the year, a road victory against a hapless Jayhawk squad provided a chance to secure his status as the Longhorns' leader.

"There's no reason we should have a letdown at all," Strong said on Monday. "We still have two games left, so let's go finish out those games, and let's see where we are at the end of the season."

Now, it seems as though Strong's job status is decided, just not in the way he had hoped. ESPN's Brett McMurphy reported on Saturday morning that Texas boosters were placing "extreme pressure" on the Longhorn administration to dismiss Strong and possibly hire Houston head coach Tom Herman.

There were reports earlier in the week that Strong could keep his job if he defeated both Kansas and TCU to end the year. But now, even that consideration is out the window.

"It's just tough," Strong said. "Not much needed to be said because they feel so bad right now."

Heading into the final regular-season contest of 2016, Strong currently sits at 16–20 during his tenure. He now has a .444 winning percentage in his time on the 40 Acres, the worst in school history. And losing to a previously 1–9 Kansas team — one that entered the matchup as 24-point underdogs — seems to be a fitting end to an era that has often looked more like an error.

The Longhorns shot out to a 7-0 lead against the Jayhawks but quickly fell into the same habits that have plagued them throughout the past 35 contests. Texas turned the ball over at the costliest of times, looked listless on the road and made questionable coaching calls near the end of the game. The loss to Kansas was simply a confluence of all that has beset Texas since 2014.

"It's saddening to be where we are right now," sophomore offensive lineman Connor Williams said. "It's going to be hard to get up tomorrow."

Saturday's result marked perhaps the worst loss in Strong's time with the burnt orange. Sure, there was the 24-0 loss in Ames, Iowa, against the Cyclones and the 50-7 beatdown at the hands of TCU last year. But this was different. The Longhorns hadn't lost to Kansas since 1938, nine Longhorn head coaches and 13 U.S. Presidents ago.

So where does Texas go from here?

Strong said following the loss that Texas must be ready to go play TCU the day after Thanksgiving. But Saturday's defeat looks to be the end of Strong's time at Texas, regardless of the result next week against the Horned Frogs.

Sooner than later, Strong and the Longhorns will go their separate ways.

CROSS COUNTRY

Texas falls short at NCAA Championship

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The Longhorns' season came to an end on Saturday after a 30th-place finish at the NCAA Division 1 Cross County Championship in Terre Haute, Indiana.

Texas was in the top 10 at the 5,000-meter mark but fell short in the second half of the race. The Longhorns fell from eighth to 30th despite having the tightest spread of the competition with only a 17-second gap between five runners.

Although the finish was not as high as desired, it was a slight improvement from last year's 31st-place finish, especially for such a young squad.

"We got out really well, it just got away from us," assistant coach Brad Herbster said. "With the group we have and the group coming in, it will be a very good group for years."

Herbster said the key to being in contention for a top-10 finish is having someone to take the role of a low stick — a fast runner up front. Freshman Spencer Dodds proved he is capable of holding that position in the future.

Dodds, who excelled at the Texas and Notre Dame invitationals earlier in the season, led the team for most of the race.

Senior Robert Uhr was the only Longhorn to surpass him, crossing the finish line just a second ahead. The pair came in at 166th and 167th.

"Spencer did a really nice job of competing all the way through the entire race," Herbster said. "For him to step in was impressive for a freshman."

As the Longhorns prepare for the upcoming track and field season, they'll look for ways to improve for next year's cross country season. And while this year's performance at the NCAA Championship didn't produce the result they expected, Herbster believes the team can take a leap and contend for a championship next fall.

"It's not like we're that far off," Herbster said. "We're really close. We just need to tweak a couple things here and there."

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL I LONGHORNS 65-75 BULLDOGS

Texas struggles against Bulldogs in road loss

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Joshua Guerra | Daily Texan Staff
Junior guard Brooke McCarty posted a team-high 19 points in Texas' 75-65 loss to Mississippi State on Sunday night.

Two top-15 matchups in one week proved to be a heavy burden for the No. 8 Longhorns.

Texas (1–2) fell to No. 10 Mississippi State (4–0) 75-65 on Sunday night in Starkville, Mississippi, less than a week after falling to No. 11 Stanford in Palo Alto.

The Longhorns led in almost every category in Sunday's box score, including field goal percentage (48.2 percent), assists (13) and rebounds (36). But Texas also led in turnovers and personal fouls, two issues that also plagued the team against Stanford.

Junior guards Morgan William and Victoria Vivians made the difference for the home team. William scored a game-high 23 points while Vivians added 19.

Texas' bench scored just seven points in the contest to the Bulldogs' 18. Head coach Karen Aston said in a postgame radio broadcast that her team needs to work on getting more players involved on the court.

"We've got to get a bench," Aston said. "I think we'll be able to get some more people off the bench that can give us good minutes. Once we do that, I think we'll be in a better place."

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> —Karen Aston, Head coach

The Longhorns stayed up to par with the Bulldogs in the opening 10 minutes. But a series of runs helped the Bulldogs to a 26-point second quarter and a commanding 42-25 lead at the half.

Texas outscored Mississippi State in the second half on the shoulders of junior guards Brooke McCarty and Ariel Atkins and senior guard Brianna Taylor. McCarty led the Longhorns with 19 points on 8-15 shooting and Atkins posted 18 points while going a perfect 4-4 from the line. Taylor scored 12 points for the Longhorns and helped on the defensive end with eight rebounds and a team-high three steals.

Freshman forward Joyner Holmes posted another strong performance

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Longhorns prepare for first road test of season

By Claire Cruz
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Joshua Guerra | Daily Texan Staff
Freshman guard Andrew Jones is averaging 13 points through his first three games as a Longhorn.

After Texas' 85-52 victory over Eastern Washington on Thursday, Eagles' head coach Jim Hayford offered some words of encouragement ahead of the Longhorns' matchup against Northwestern.

"Northwestern is a pretty good team," Hayford said. "But Northwestern doesn't have the size that Texas does. At the end of the day … Texas is a lot more talented than Northwestern. It should be a really, really good game."

No. 23 Texas (3–0) will travel to Brooklyn, New York, for a contest against the Wildcats (2–1) in the Legends Classic Semifinals on Monday. Eastern Washington faced off with the Wildcats three days before its matchup with the Longhorns, and Hayford said Texas was the tougher team.

Talent aside, head coach Shaka Smart said the road trip will challenge his young squad. Half of the roster hasn't traveled during their time at Texas, and the excitement of playing in the Barclays Center against strong opponents will provide a test for his young team.

"I'm excited for our guys, and I'm excited for the challenge," Smart said. "The competition level will go up in New York. We will see better athletes, we will see more size, we will see better teams."

Northwestern has three players averaging double-digit scoring, and the Wildcats have knocked down 25 three-point shots this season. The team also brings sound free throw shooting, boasting a .768 team free throw percentage.

"It's going to be a real challenge playing against a Big 10 opponent in Northwestern," Smart said. "They have no weak links on the perimeter. They have really good players at each position, so we're going to have to make sure all of our guys … are ready to respond to that challenge."

The Longhorns feel confident after two blowout victories, but the young athletes realize playing on the road is different from playing at home. The freshmen have combined to score 93 of Texas' 243 points through three games. Led by guard Andrew Jones' 13 points per game, the group is excited to play in their first road game.

"It should be a great experience for all of us," Jones said. "First time

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SPORTS BRIEFLY

Campbell wins at Texas Diving Invitational

Mark Anderson is no stranger to the top of the scoreboard.

The senior All-American held a comfortable lead throughout the first four rounds of the three-meter finals at the Texas Diving Invitational on Friday.

But freshman Grayson Campbell had other plans. During his fifth dive, he delivered an inward two-and-a-half somersault to rack up 84 points — the highest score Longhorn fans had seen all day. Campbell grabbed a 442.05-point upset victory after swiping the lead from Anderson with his fifth-round gem.

"It feels great, and words can't describe my feelings right now," Campbell said. "On my fifth-round dive, as I was standing there, I was thinking about getting a good hurdle. I knew what I needed to do, as long as I hit the hurdle."

Anderson slid down to third place with 412.10 points in the final results of the three-meter event. But Campbell still attributed his victory to none other than his greatest inspiration: the two-time reigning Big 12 Diver of the Year.

"Mark Anderson is one of the best divers in the country," Campbell said. "Training with him makes me want to be a better diver. Watching him dive sparks the competitor inside of me."

And a true champion always learns from his mistakes in order to prevail once again. In Anderson's case, it took him less than 24 hours to regain his championship form. He returned to the pool for the Saturday afternoon platform event and captured a 430.75-point win, but not without delivering his best effort.

After five of six rounds, he trailed Arizona State's David Hoffer by 1.9 points. But his final dive, a back two-and-a-half somersault with a one-and-a-half twist, boosted him to victory.

The Longhorns look to build off their big weekend at the upcoming U.S.A. Diving Winter Nationals on Dec. 15.

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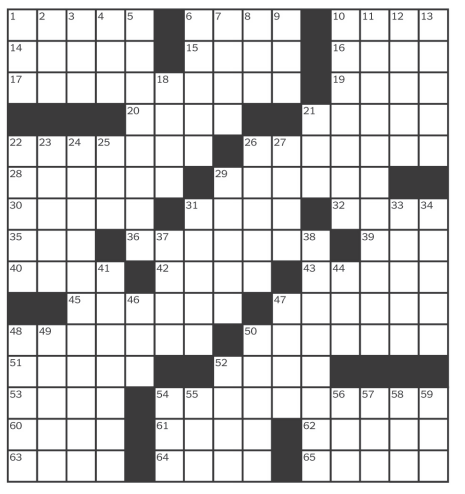

PUZZLE BY DAMON GULCZYNSKI

ACROSS

1 Ten to one, for one
6 "I Am ___" (Jenner's reality show on E!)
10 "Madam, I'm ___" (palindromic introduction to Eve)
14 Something "walked" on a pirate ship
15 Merry-go-round or roller coaster
16 Nevada's so-called "Biggest Little City in the World"
17 *Serving between appetizer and dessert
19 Puts out, in baseball
20 Dedicated poems
21 Confuse
22 Politically left-leaning
26 Hairstyle with straight-cut bangs
28 Mrs. whose cow supposedly began the Great Chicago Fire
29 Philosopher who tutored Nero
30 ___ Claus
31 James of "The Godfather"
32 Germany's von Bismarck
35 Abbr. at the bottom of a letter
36 *It's signaled by a white flag on the racetrack
39 Austin's home: Abbr.
40 Witty Mort
42 Hearts of PCs, for short
43 "Me, Myself & ___" (Jim Carrey film)
45 Punch hard
47 Offset, as costs
48 Exchange, as an old piece of equipment for a new one
50 "Aren't I the fortunate one!"
51 Fruit-filled pastries
52 Window frame
53 Prefix with sphere
54 Plan that has no chance of working . . . or the answer to each starred clue?
60 Stay fresh
61 Winter ailments
62 Wet, weatherwise
63 Does wrong
64 Toy block brand
65 "___ Boots Are Made for Walkin'" (1966 Nancy Sinatra hit)

DOWN

1 33 1/3, for an LP
2 In the manner of
3 ___ chi (martial art)
4 Bed-and-breakfast
5 Shootout site involving the Earp brothers
6 Mean, mean, mean
7 Is broadcast
8 Check-cashing requirements, for short
9 Golf peg
10 Design style of the 1920s and '30s
11 *Reason for jumper cables
12 ___-Saxon
13 Putter (along)
18 Anita of jazz
21 Get on in years
22 Finishes with fewer votes
23 Glazer of "Broad City"
24 *Athlete who "rides the pine"
25 Chow down
26 Rings, as church bells
27 Kournikova of tennis
29 Stopped lying?
31 Bill also called a benjamin
33 Brunch time, say
34 Common daisy
37 Free speech advocacy grp.
38 Infographic with wedges
41 Go-with-you-anywhere computers
44 D.C. stadium initials
46 The "L" of L.A.
47 Attic accumulation
48 Vampire hunter's weapon
49 H_2O
50 Rodeo rope
52 Close-fitting
54 Lombardi Trophy org.
55 Stadium cheer
56 Stadium cheer
57 Suit accessory
58 U.S.N. officer: Abbr.
59 Whiskey type

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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LEGACY

Friends, family gather to remember Abz Zeitler

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To some, she was a mentor, to others a teammate. Some called her their "ghoulfriend," others knew her as a co-worker, an employee, a daughter, a best friend, a sister.

But whether she was meeting friends for coffee or cycling by their side across the country, Abz Zeitler was an inspiration to everyone.

Over 100 people packed into the Livestrong Foundation Headquarters on Sunday for a memorial service for Zeitler, a public relations and advertising senior who passed away Nov. 10.

Zeitler was a widely loved peer advisor at the Study Abroad office, volunteer for multiple local nonprofits, former Camp Texas counselor, chief of Texas Spirits, Life&Arts reporter for The Daily Texan and Texas 4000 rider.

The same sentiment was echoed in each of the dozens of personal memories shared by friends and family: Zeitler pushed them to be the best version of themselves.

"She was very special to us and will always be," said Zeitler's mother, Margaret Eileen Griffith.

Marketing senior Nikita Ahuja, Zeitler's "little sister" in Texas Spirits, said Zeitler's ambition and passion were unmatched. Zeitler encouraged Ahuja to volunteer at Casa Marianella, where she taught refugees from around the world. Among many bucket lists Zeitler had, she created one with Ahuja that included a road trip with no end destination. The two checked it off their list while studying abroad in Europe.

"The ambition she had showed me there was so much beauty in this world that I'd never thought was possible," Ahuja said. "She made my world and everyone's world a more beautiful world."

Radio-television-film senior Katie Russell met Zeitler at Camp Texas as a freshman. Soon, the pair started sharing meals at Jester and going to concerts and philanthropic events together. Russell said Zeitler encouraged her to apply for internships and a double major. Within the last couple of years, their relationship turned into a best friendship.

"She changed me and inspired me to be the best version of myself and I'm always going to be grateful," Russell said. "I think I speak for everyone here when I say we're all better people for knowing her."

Carlos Garcia | Daily Texan Staff

Friends and family of public relations and advertising senior Abz Zeitler gather at Livestrong Foundation Headquarters to honor her memory. Zeitler, who passed away on Nov. 10, was highly involved on campus and the community.

UT alumnus Alex Zwaan, who knew Zeitler from Texas 4000, said he once came home to two letters from Zeitler: one to be read at a time when he was sad, and the other when he was happy. On one, she quoted the Dalai Lama, inspiring him to live and enjoy life in the present. On the other, she told him to find the things in his day that make him smile.

"[She taught me] nothing that's easy is worthwhile," Zwaan said. "She worked her ass off every single day for everything she was passionate about."

Zeitler's friends created a GoFundMe campaign that lists the nonprofit organizations of which she was a part. Her family asks that any gifts made in her honor be sent to one of the listed nonprofits for which she worked, including Champions for Children International, Mkoba Boy's Orphanage, LIVESTRONG, Casa Marianella, Makarios or Texas 4000.

She is survived by her mother Margaret Eileen Griffith, brother Nick Zeitler, sister Francesca Zeitler and father Michael R. Zeitler.

MOVIE REVIEW | 'MOANA'

Disney delivers moving musical masterpiece with 'Moana'

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In a sea of greatness, standing out from the crowd is hard. The near-untouchable history of Disney musical films creates this problem every year, but "Moana" easily shines just as bright.

Young Moana (Auli'i Cravalho) is the daughter of the village chief on Motunui, a Pacific island. Refreshingly, she is expected to take her father's place when she comes of age without even a mention of her gender. She longs to explore the sea, but her responsibilities keep her bound to land. When all of the food on the island begins to mysteriously go bad, Moana accepts her call to adventure and begins the search for shape-shifting demigod Maui (Dwayne Johnson) to return a magical stone to its proper resting place, which will appease the gods and save her island.

The banter between the two leads brings a kinetic energy to the dialogue, never leaving a dull moment. Their rocky first bond leads to a story that slowly builds a realistic friendship and thankfully never once hints at the typical princess romance.

Moana and Maui venture across the seas and the story becomes episodic, with the two heroes overcoming one obstacle at a time. One of these is a gang of "Mad Max"-inspired anthropomorphic coconuts in a seabound pursuit of the heroes. Another is a trip through the Realm of Monsters, which includes a hilarious David Bowie-like song from Flight of the Conchords band member Jemaine Clement.

As the movie propels toward its conclusion, the predictable easy win for the heroes becomes more and more likely — before suddenly taking a sharp, surprising turn. This leads to two songs and two scenes that are simultaneously heartbreaking and heartwarming, aided by some of the finest Disney songwriting this side of "Can You Feel the Love Tonight."

The decision to hire "Hamilton" creator Lin-Manuel Miranda pays off in spades, as the songs bring a perfect sense of liveliness and heart that pays tribute to Disney's past while also carving a new path. The songs take the archetypes viewers expect, such as the "I Want" song and the villain song, then turns them on their head, sometimes to powerful emotional effect.

The voices are also perfectly cast, with Dwayne Johnson bringing the perfect sense of humor, arrogance and surprising rap skills to Maui. Newcomer Auli'i Cravalho adds spunk to the titular hero and has a masterful control of her voice. She belts the show-stopping ballad as easily as the softer moments, expertly manipulating the audience's emotions.

"Moana" is a story of contrasting opposites: land and sea, water and fire, empathy and fear. Even the two main characters are a small human girl and a large male demigod. In telling a story of contradictions, the filmmakers effortlessly create conflict without even needing a true villain. In this story, the antagonist is simply the conflict they face and the barriers which prevent them from achieving it, not some nefarious monster manipulating the story behind the scenes. In doing this, the writers spend more time fleshing out the characters. "Moana"'s greatness truly shines when these fully rounded characters sing Miranda's lyrics, tying the film's best pieces together and frequently bringing the audience to tears.

Disney's newest film, "Moana," is a heartwarming and funny tale of the South Pacific with songs that will stay in the viewer's head for weeks.

Courtesy of Walt Disney Animation Studios

"MOANA"

Rating: PG
Runtime: 113
Score: ★★★★★

Some may call Disney's current hot streak its second renaissance. The filmmakers at Disney are certainly producing movies of a higher quality than 10 years ago, with the great recent output including "Frozen" and "Zootopia." If "Frozen" started this second renaissance, "Moana" is the pinnacle — a hilarious, heartwarming tale with songs children will sing forever.

BOOK REVIEW | 'THE CHEMIST'

Stephenie Meyer attempts girl-power novel

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Juliana Fortis, scientist, super-genius and torturess extraordinaire, lived a life on the run until she met a man whose affection put both their lives in peril.

The plot sounds like a stock story for a spy movie — originality has never been Stephenie Meyer's forte — but "The Chemist"'s predictable twists and turns provide a fun ride nonetheless.

"The Chemist," Meyer's first venture into fiction since her 2008 novel, "Breaking Dawn," is devoid of the supernatural appeal of the "Twilight" series and her alien invasion story "The Host." Though this departure shows Meyer's range, it's evident she hasn't forgotten the signature elements of her writing style.

Comparing "The Chemist," a stand-alone book, to Meyer's previous work may not be fair, but her fame and legacy warrant an explanation.

The book's heroine, Juliana, is considerably less intolerable than Bella of "Twilight." Whereas Bella was a feminist's worst nightmare — dependent, whiny and dim-witted — Juliana (the chemist) needs no man to defend her. When her former employer plans to take her out, formidable quick-wittedness and skill with deadly toxins are the only tools Juliana needs to defend herself. Later in the book, when she seeks to retaliate against those who tried to kill her, these abilities make her a dangerous force to be reckoned with.

In spite of Meyer's apparent epiphany of girl power, she doesn't appear to have grown much as an author. And in some ways, she has grown weaker.

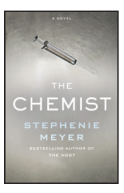
The romantic chemistry in this novel feels just as artificial as anything a scientist could brew in a lab. The central romance in the novel between Juliana and a Joe Shmo teacher, Daniel, is hardly a natural pairing.

One of the primary conflicts in the novel revolves around the issue of a man being a liability to a powerful woman. Imagine if the dynamic between James Bond and one of his bimbo girlfriends was explored for over 400 pages — it's exhausting.

The lesson is this: You can't satisfy boredom with the cliché damsel-in-distress trope by simply swapping genders.

Meyer deserves snaps for bringing this progressive dynamic to a genre which often depicts women in need of saving, but she evidently forgets to make the duo's mutual attraction believable. Someone as strong as the female protagonist needed a romantic interest as dynamic and compelling to match.

Meyer's saving grace is her ability to hook readers with a heroine who's relatable to the person they see in the mirror. Juliana's struggle to overcome her cold nature and reconcile it with the warmth of the world around her is one readers can identify with, and her multiracial background (Korean, Hispanic and Welsh) encompasses a large portion of her readership.



"THE CHEMIST"
Author: Stephanie Meyer
Rating: ★★½

At its heart, this novel offers little more than cheap thrills. As long as you don't hold it up to more than that, "The Chemist" puts out.

Ultimately, Meyer reiterates her ability to capitalize on young women's craving for excitement and their disdain for high stakes. With "The Chemist," parched readers once again get their fix in the form of a character through whom they can vicariously live a thrilling life.