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'Cinder and Smoke'

Iron & Wine plays a benefit concert at the Paramount Theatre with Calexico. Tickets start at \$24.50 and doors open at 7 p.m. A portion of the proceeds will go to the Midwives Alliance of North America and the Health Alliance for Austin Musicians.

The guts to live

The City Theatre stages its production of Tennessee Williams' "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof." Tickets cost \$12 for students and \$15 for the general public. The show starts at 8 p.m.

Campus watch

Home insecurity

Townes Hall, 727 E. Dean Keeton A wallet containing two debit cards, \$50 in cash and personal identification was stolen from a secured second-floor room. During the investigation, the officer learned the victim had secured her property and had made sure the room was secured. Upon her return, she discovered the door was ajar and her property was stolen. Occurred Tuesday between 8:45 and 9:15 p.m.

GIRLS JUST WANNA HAVE FUN



Peyton McGee | Daily Texan Staff

Sabrina Mejorado plays with her nieces Naishaly and Abigail Ugarte behind the counter of her father's store, Mom and Pop's General Store on East 12th Street, on Wednesday. While school is out for the summer, the girls spend their days there with family members.

Legal history of using race in admission adds lawsuit

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By Collin Eaton & Nolan Hicks Daily Texan Staff

A lawsuit over the role of race in UT's admissions process has brought renewed attention to the social friction generated from affirmative-action policies intended to level the playing field.

Fisher v. Texas, a case in which two applicants to UT-Austin sued the school after the University denied them admission, promises to be a noteworthy peg in the long history of affirmative action in employment and college admissions. The plaintiffs claim the University's use of race as a component of the application review violates their 14th Amendment rights.

Fisher v. Texas is following a legal path similar to the track that generated the 1996 landmark ruling by the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals in Hopwood v. Texas, which said that a person's race could not be considered in the

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City Council debates settlement in police killing

Officials air disagreement on damaging implications of \$750,000 compensation

By Michelle Truong Daily Texan Staff City Council members expressed their concern about the proposed \$750,000 settlement with the family

NATHANIEL SANDERS CASE TIMELINE By Michelle Truong

May 18, 2009

Friends and family lay Sanders to rest.

Illustration by Thu Vo | Daily Texan Staff

May 13, 2009

Nathaniel Sanders is arrested nine

imes on charges ranging from drug possession to robbery by assault.

May 11, 2009

Sanders, 18, is shot dead by Austin Police Department officer Leonardo

Quintana during the investigation of a

suspicious vehicle. Sanders allegedly reached for his gun when approached

Community members raise questions about APD's dashboard camera system. Only one of three cameras w recording when Sanders was shot

Aug. 4, 2009 The Travis County grand jury declines to indict Ouintana because of insufficien evidence of criminal law violations Oct. 5, 2009

> Review of the shooting by a private firm is completed and reports bias in parts of APD's investigation

> > Nov. 5. 2009

APD fires Detective Chris Dunn for sending

nvestigations of Sanders' death

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e-mail that indicates bias in internal affairs

May 10, 2010

Citizens gather at City Hall to discuss allegations of APD's cover-up of the independent review of the Sanders case because the full report was not released.

2010

Sanders' family and friends gather at a memorial at Waller Creek Apartments to

mark the first anniversary of his death.

May 13, 2010

The full report of the independent

Today in history

In1958

NASA is created when President Dwight D. Eisenhower signs the National Aeronautics and Space Act into law.

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"It's obviously an honor. The other guys that are here have been able to prove themselves on the field for the past few years, and I'm hoping to get to do that this year and just try and do the best job I can as the quarterback."

> - Garrett Gilbert Texas quarterback **SPORTS PAGE 6**

of Nathaniel Sanders II, an 18-yearold who was fatally shot in May 2009 February 2008 - May 2009 by former Austin Police Department officer Leonardo Quintana.

The Sanders family filed a federal lawsuit days after Nathaniel died, claiming excessive force and equal-protection violations. City officials may conclude the proceedings with a vote at their meeting today.

The settlement proves to be a sensitive issue as city officials

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Garrett Gilbert warms to media-day spotlight

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By Will Anderson Daily Texan Staff

IRVING — Suddenly, Garrett Gilbert was thrust into the spotlight to replace Colt McCoy, the winningest quarterback in Division I history.

Gilbert looked calm, collected and maybe a little excited, but managed to answer any questions about his ability.

We're not talking about last season's national championship, either. This was the sophomore quarterback's first full press con-

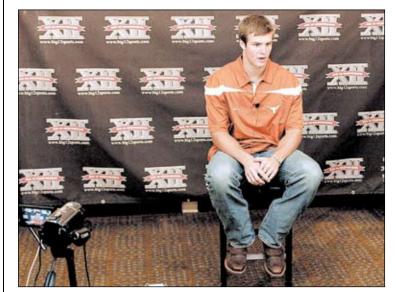
ference, held at The Westin Dallas Fort Worth Airport on Wednesday as part of the annual Big 12 summer media days.

"It's been a whirlwind, but it's been fun," Gilbert said about the four-hour media frenzy as he bounced between radio announcers, TV cameras, print journalists and ESPN anchors. "I'm not nervous - not too bad, anyway."

Gilbert fielded questions about his summer, his leadership and

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Mike Fuentes | Associated Press

Texas quarterback Garrett Gilbert talks with reporters at one of the Big 12 media days in Irving on Wednesday.



By Nolan Hicks Daily Texan Staff

Because of an increase in salestax revenue, Austin no longer faces a multimillion-dollar budget shortfall, budget officials told the City Council on Wednesday.

Austin's newfound fiscal stability will allow the city to hire an additional 88 police officers and emergency responders and avoid previously threatened layoffs or furlough days. The better numbers come three months after budget officials forecasted a potential \$11 million to \$28 million deficit.

"Mv first take on this [budget] is that it's a good meat-and-potatoes budget," Mayor Lee Leffin-gwell said. "We are preserving, and in many cases enhancing, key services.'

The police cadet class, library hours and the Trail of Lights, all of which were in danger of being cut because of the previously predicted budget shortfalls, were secured by the increases in revenue.

City libraries will also see their book-buying budget boosted by \$500,000 with the new budget plan.

While it amounts to a 26-percent increase in funding, it leaves Austin's libraries in the "lower quartile" in terms of budgets when compared to their peers in other cities, city budget director Ed Van Eenoo said.



Caleb Fox | Daily Texan Staff

City manager Marc Ott whispers to Mayor Lee Leffingwell during the City Council budget meeting Wednesday. Budget officials announced there was no budget deficit.

"Our sales-tax revenue, we're proposing to increase by \$10.7 million over where it was last year," Van Eenoo said. "At the time of the forecast, we were beginning to see an improvement in our economic indicators, but we were still very conservative."

Van Eenoo explained the causes of the earlier gloomy budget projections were built on the expectation that Austin would see a further 4-percent decline in its sales-tax revenues.

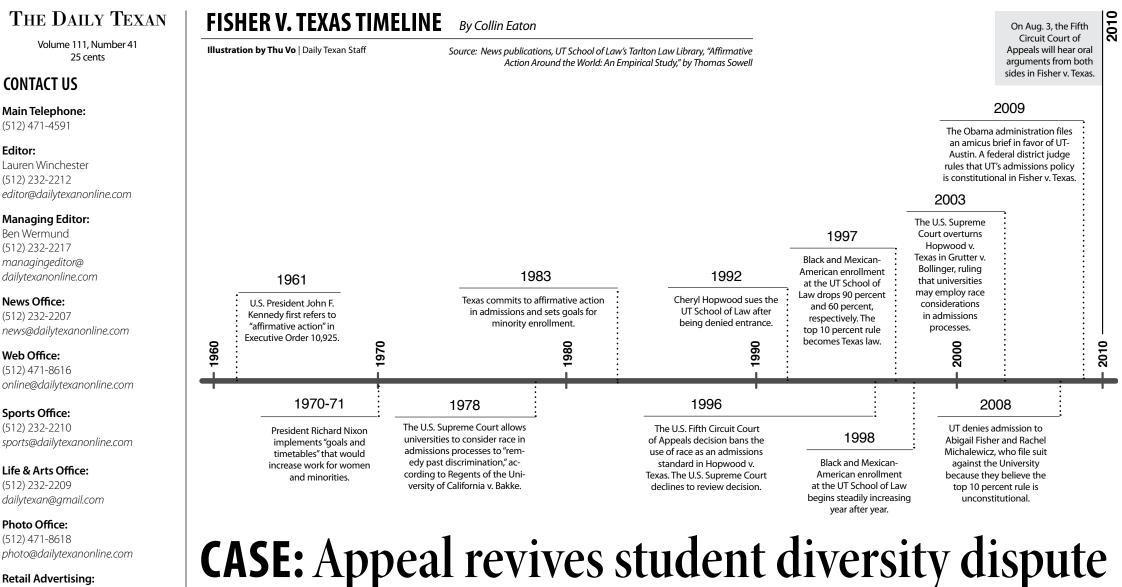
'You have to remember at the time of the forecast we were right on the heels of 16 months of negative sales-tax numbers," he said.

The budget calls for marginal increases in property-tax, electric and water bills — amounting to an \$8-a-month increase for the average consumer.

Mayor Pro Tem Mike Martinez and Councilwoman Randi Shade expressed concerns that the city wasn't going far enough with a new initiative to improve downtown park maintenance. Shade pointed out that the city had significantly fewer parks employees per acre than other similar cities.

City manager Marc Ott said he was pleased the city had managed to balance its budget during pressing economic times.

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the ruling on Hopwood."

admissions process. The appellate court's ruling in Hopwood was overturned by the Supreme Court in Grutter v. Bollinger, in which the Supreme Court ruled the University of Michigan Law School could consider race as one of many factors its admissions policy.

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"I would like to see [the Fifth Court of Appeals'] statements for taking up [Fisher v. Texas]," Coleman said. "This case is nowhere near the same [as Hopwood v. Texas]. [The top 10 percent rule] was the remedy to Hopwood. It was [Texas Attorney General] Dan creasing employment for wom-Morales who made law through his opinion that was broader than

An executive order issued by President John F. Kennedv in

1961 marked the first time that the term "affirmative action" was used with regard to race relations. The Civil Rights Act of 1964 had passed without creating racial quotas for employers, and Title VII of the act prohibited employers from discriminating — in the sense of making determinations — on the basis of race, religion, sex or ethnicity. But in the early 1970s, President Richard Nixon signed an executive order that implemented goals and timetables for inen and minorities.

establish quotas or ratios to promote diversity, but that race could be used as a factor in the admissions process

At UT from 1983 to 1995, the rate of blacks and Mexican-Americans enrolled at the UT School of Law averaged at 6.3 percent and 11.5 percent, respectively. In 1992, Cheryl Hopwood, an applicant to UT's School of Law, and other plaintiffs sued after the University denied them acceptance, claiming they would have been admitted to the University had it not been for the admission policies they claimed placed undue emphasis on race in the admissions process. The Fifth Circuit Court The Supreme Court ruled in of Appeals ruled in favor of Hop-

1978 that universities could not wood and banned the use of race law said nothing explicitly about considerations in determining admission into UT's law school.

> review the case. Coleman said Morales' opinion mandated that all universities and colleges in Texas follow the Hopwood decision.

After a dramatic Universitywide drop in black and Mexican-American enrollment rates to 4.1 percent and 14.7 percent, the Texas Legislature passed the top 10 percent rule, or Texas House Bill 588, in 1997

racial diversity, even though the port of the University.

race. From 1998 to 2008, black and Mexican-American enrollment The Supreme Court declined to rates increased from 3 percent to 6 percent and from 13 percent to 20 percent, respectively.

> The Hopwood decision was overturned in 2003 when the Supreme Court ruled in Grutter v. Bollinger that the diversity of student bodies is a compelling state interest and that race considerations may be taken into account in the admissions process.

Last year, Federal District Judge Patricia Ohlendorf, UT's vice Sam Sparks ruled against Abigail president for legal affairs, said Fisher and Rachel Michalewicz, egislators supporting the top 10 the two plaintiffs in Fisher v. Texpercent rule when it was passed as. The U.S. Education Departthought it was an effort to boost ment filed an amicus brief in sup-

the Farm Bureau about endorsing

him," Stein said. "[Perry's] hop-

ment. That's how bad things have

As the summer wears on and the

Both The Washington Post's

"The Fix" and The Cook Politi-

cal Report, a Washington political

newsletter that tracks congressional

and gubernatorial races, said the

Texas governor's race is a toss-up.

Stein said, pointing out that Texas is

a Republican state and 2010 seems

like a Republican year. "This is still

down and the campaigns gear

up for the fall, ubiquitious cam-

paign commercials have started

The White campaign started

running an ad focusing on White's biography on San Antonio television Tuesday. The Back to Basics Political Action Committee has

to hit the air.

As the summer season winds

"A toss-up' is a little generous,"

rhetoric heats up, Perry and White

are attempting to position them-

selves for a final push in the fall.

gotten for him."

TODAY'S WEATHER



When you're a man and you drive a truck. no one can tell you how to live your life.

the Austin Police Association. "A as, which Chief Art Acevedo said case can be made that this is nothing short of hush money." expressed their opinions on July

CITY: Mayor speaks out against payment

19, fueling debate and discus-Mayor Lee Leffingwell said he for new cameras is scheduled to sion. Austin Police Association has "real concerns" and is lean- be on the City Council meeting officials rejected the proposal ing against the proposed set- agenda for Aug. 5.

will serve as an investment in police accountability. The proposal

TX Farm Bureau waits to endorse in governor race

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"The moment this ill-advised settlement is finalized, there will be a permanent impression that the city of Austin admits this shooting was unjustified and that Officer Quintana alone was responsible for the death of this young man," said Wayne Vincent, president of

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tlement, the Austin American-Statesman reported.

Mayor Pro Tem Mike Martinez said he does not support the settlement.

"After much thought, it is my belief we should reject the settlement offer recommended by staff," Martinez said in a statement. "Settling a lawsuit for \$750,000 will not take one small step in that direction [of community]."

Martinez said the settlement will close off examination rather than promote understanding, and he believes the city should hire an outside lawyer to handle proceedings.

"The proposed settlement leaves too many questions unanswered," he said. "I do not think it is prudent to debate the issue without addressing the larger issues at hand that are much more vital to this community."

Shortly after the shooting, citizens raised concerns about APD's dashboard camera system. APD has since proposed the purchase of new digital dashboard camer-

The fact that we had two out of the three cameras not turned on created the controversy," Acevedo said.

After the Travis County grand jury declined to indict Quintana because of insufficient evidence of criminal law violations, city manager Marc Ott selected an outside firm to conduct an independent investigation into the Sanders case. The review reported bias in aspects of APD's investigation.

An e-mail from former APD Detective Chris Dunn indicated bias in an internal affairs investigation when he suggested and bragged about his idea for investigators to use Sanders' criminal history as causation for his death. According to the Austin American-Statesman, the local chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People led by President Nelson Linder worked to call this issue to attention and has been working with the Austin Police Association to foster better relations between officers and minorities.

By Nolan Hicks

Daily Texan Staff The Texas Farm Bureau's poing for a draw, for no endorselitical arm, AGFUND, declined to endorse either Gov. Rick Perry or Bill White at its July meeting on Wednesday.

The Farm Bureau has never endorsed a Democratic candidate for governor before.

Gene Hall, a spokesman for the bureau, said AGFUND board members wanted to get more input from the various bureau districts before making their decision. AGFUND won't meet again to discuss a potential endorsement until Sept. 20.

"They don't feel any sense of urgency to make that decision Rick Perry's election to lose." now," Hall said.

Bob Stein, a Rice University political science professor, said the Trans-Texas Corridor has hurt Perry in rural communities, especially in East Texas.

"I'm sure there is a big fight in

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also put an ad up, attacking Perry's decision to mandate teenage girls receive the HPV vaccine. "They're starting early because Bill White's name recognition is only about 60-70 percent,"

Stein said. He said that outside of Houston, White is best known for the city's effective response to Hurricanes Katrina, Rita and Ike. The key to winning voters in

the fall will be the messages and themes the campaigns use to frame the issues for voters.

The White campaign has struck a theme on competence and fresh ideas," Stein said. "There's some reason to believe that when the voters find out that Perry has been in office for 10 years, that's going to work against Perry."

One White campaign spokeswoman said the framing for the fall would come down to whether voters buy the Democratic campaign mantra that Perry is in it for himself.

Perry campaign spokeswoman Catherine Frazier said the campaign is happy where it is.

We're confident that we're well on the way to winning reelection," she said.

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INION

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VIEWPOINT UT, race and the Constitution

In 2008, two Texas students ranked outside the top 10-percent of their high school class applied for admission to UT. Both were rejected.

The reason? They're white.

At least, that's what Abigail Fisher and Rachel Michalewicz are claiming in a lawsuit against UT that will be heard by the US Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals on Aug. 3.

According to the plaintiffs, UT's admissions policy violates the 14th Amendment because it "benefits African-American and Hispanic students and consequently works to the detriment of white and Asian-American students."

If the "I-was-rejected-from-UT-because-I'm-white" refrain sounds gratingly familiar, that's because it is.

In 1992, Cheryl Hopwood was rejected from UT's School of Law and filed suit, claiming the admissions policy favored minority applicants over white applicants, including herself and three other white plaintiffs. Hopwood ultimately won on appeal five years later when the Fifth Circuit Court ruled that UT could not use race as a factor in admissions.

In 2003, Hopwood's case was overturned by the Supreme Court in Grutter v. Bollinger, a case involving affirmative action admissions at the University of Michigan Law School. After Grutter, UT conducted a diversity study and determined that minority representation at the University was insufficient and proposed that race and ethnicity be considered as one of many factors in admissions.

When UT claims that race is one of many factors considered in admission, it's almost an overstatement. Under current admissions standards, race is only considered if an applicant is not ranked in the top 10 percent of his or her high school class or if the applicant is an out-of-state or international student — and that's a pretty small pool. In 2008, students ranked in the top 10 percent of their high school class filled 92 percent of the slots reserved for Texas residents in that year's freshman class, meaning race was only considered as a factor for the remaining 841 slots.

UT evaluates the students who didn't qualify for automatic admission by using both an academic index and a personal achievement index. The academic index takes into account quantifiable factors such as the applicant's SAT or ACT score, class rank and the completion of UT's required high school curriculum, including whether the applicant exceeded the requirements. The personal achievement index evaluates a student based on two essays, leadership, extracurricular activities, work experience, service and "special circumstances." The "special circumstances" include a variety of factors, such as the language spoken at home, family responsibilities, whether the applicant is from a singleparent home, the socioeconomic status of the school from which he or she graduated and, yes, race.

Realistically, UT's consideration of race is more like a factor of a factor of a factor of a factor.

For Fisher and Michalewicz to claim they were rejected because they were white is to bring victimhood to astounding and precipitous heights. Race is not used as a single and absolute criterion; there is no point value assigned to specific races, and race is not used to fulfill a quota. Rather, the use of race is narrowly tailored and evaluated in the context of a student's entire application. In other words, it's completely constitutional.

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Hey robbers, stay away from my stuff

By Jonathan Rienstra Daily Texan Columnist

Do not rob me. Please.

By the time you read this, robbing me won't even be worth it, as I will have moved all of my stuff out of my apartment. I'm not paranoid that you (yes, you) are going to steal all my belongings, I'm just moving out. But after reading the Texan article "West Campus falls short on security," I thought maybe I should be more paranoid, or at least a little more cautious.

In the article, APD officer Kelly LaHood says that "burglaries occur probably 300 times more in West Campus than the rest of Austin." Now, I don't know if there are actually 300 additional burglaries in West Campus a year or if it is a multiplication issue, but either one is troubling. Good thing I'm moving out this week and no longer in any danger.

mates and I have never been robbed. After all, we leave our front door unlocked at all hours, even at night. We are also loud, so that when our room is quiet, a competent thief would know we are not around. Burglars should love my room.

After all, as the article points out, the apartment complex I live in is constantly creating security lapses that invite potential robbers: unlocked front doors, garage gates left open for weeks at a time and gate codes with the technical sophistication of a Tamagotchi, just to name a few. True story: As freshmen, my friends and I would party on the top of The Block at 25th, so each of us knew the building's code even though none of us lived there. If you really want to get in these buildings, you will find a way, and that goes for any apartment complex in West Campus.

Another true story: Earlier this year, several of my friends had everything in break into and theft is so prevalent in their living room stolen while they slept. West Campus, the easiest thing to do is Oh, wait, LaHood also "said the region They went to bed with a TV, Xbox 360, can be particularly vulnerable this time of DVDs, speakers, all of it. When they year, when many students are moving in woke up, it was all gone, except for the Nintendo 64. Apparently, these thieves Shit. OK, listen: I have nothing valuable were smart — steal everything but "Mario Kart." But my friends were also stupid, as I and most citizens of West Cam-To the others out there who do not wish and, in the dead of the night, that's an Nintendo 64. open invitation to anyone strolling the

After the robbery, a mere two stories above my apartment, my roommates and I made a resolution to lock our doors. Of course, as most resolutions go, we returned to our old ways after a few weeks, which is really stupid. After all, it is the miniscule task of turning the deadbolt 45 degrees to the left.

What I think will happen, and this is a scary thought, is that I won't take these threats seriously until I am a victim. I've had my car broken into twice, neither time in Austin, so I know the sickening feeling of walking up to see shattered glass and stolen belongings. So, I am diligent now about hiding my valuables (of which I have none, remember) and turning on my car alarm. My track record has been clean ever since. I should really take the same precautions with my apartment.

If all these apartments are so easy to

Applicants are not rejected merely because they are white. They are rejected because they do not fit UT's admission criteria — which includes race, among a multitude of other factors.

Fisher et al. argue that UT's use of race is unconstitutional because Grutter stipulates that race only be considered in the admissions process as a "last resort," and they claim the University's current use of race does not meet that requirement because the top 10 percent law has successfully increased diversity while being a facially race-neutral option.

UT disagrees, noting in its brief that the top 10 percent rule has not in fact achieved the level of diversity to which the University aspires, and that actually, Grutter doesn't require the use of race as a "last resort."

We're not sure how the plaintiffs are measuring "success" and why they feel they are qualified to make that assertion. Promoting diversity is one of UT's core missions and, ostensibly, the University should be the one to measure its own success or lack thereof.

Now, it's up to the court to decide how UT measures up to its goals of diversity and whether it's constitutional for the University to include race in its admissions process. We hope that like the district courts before it, the Fifth Circuit will conclude that UT is completely within its constitutional rights.

- Lauren Winchester for the editorial board

and out of apartments."

in my room. Do not attempt to find where I live — it will be a waste of time. Wipe the thought from your mind.

me harm, heed LaHood's words. I wonder now just how lucky I am that my room- halls looking for hot spots to hit.

LEGALESE

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lock my door. The second is to sleep with a shotgun under my pillow, but I do that anyway. So, as most people are moving, remember that a locked door or a shotgun can make all the difference between getting robbed and not being a victim.

And don't rob me. I mean it. I have pus are. They left their door unlocked nothing worth your time, not even a

Rienstra is a journalism junior.

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The little things add up for energy policy

By Emily Grubert Daily Texan Columnist

The University of Texas and the Texas A&M systems announced university-branded renewable-energy companies this week. Customers in made efforts to regionally limit greenhouse gasareas of Texas served by competitive electricitymarkets will be able to purchase renewable electricity that also includes benefits for the schools. This is an innovative move that, for the time being, is difficult for most other schools to do. In most of Texas, people can choose their electricity providers. Most Americans are served by public utilities that are not competitive, but have designated service areas where prices are set by long-rate cases. Notably, Austin does not have competitive markets. Like some other big cities, such as Los Angeles, we are served by a municipal utility — an electric utility that is part of government operations and serves all of Austin.

Entities larger than universities are also moving forward on energy and climate issues while federal action remains stalled. Ten states in the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative, a organization of Northeastern states aimed at reducing house gases and renewable portfolio standards. greenhouse gases, have had a utility-only cap-

and-trade system for greenhouse gases since January 2009. Carbon prices are low because of potential permit overallocation and the recession, but the market exists.

The Western Climate Initiative similarly has es, with seven Western states and three Canadian provinces planning to launch a cap-andtrade system in 2012.

Six states and a Canadian province in the Midwest are signatories to the Midwestern Greenhouse Gas Accord, a third American effort to establish a nonfederal cap-and-trade system for greenhouse gases.

Other states and provinces are observers to these major efforts, which may expand.

Outside of cap-and-trade, many entities also have renewable portfolio standards, which require that a certain amount of energy be produced from renewable sources (and sometimes efficiency). These entities include states, cities and companies.

Federal movement on climate and energy was (and perhaps still is) expected to include efforts to construct a cap-and-trade system for green-State and other action in these directions in part it costs almost nothing to produce power.

reflects this expectation, as both carbon markets and renewable source requirements can have large impacts on energy-related investments. As subfederal action continues, American lawmakers will have to be careful not to destroy the progress that has already been made while preventing existing structures from reducing the clarity and functionality of a larger system.

Do we need federal action? It's an interesting question. Like all mandates and programs, subfederal mandates are only as good as their enforcement, and not all interested entities have the capacity to enforce their energy and climate laws. Energy is a much-traded commodity, which makes it difficult to run good policy in many fragmented pieces. Some of the regions of the country where more guidance might be needed to spur clean-energy development will not act on their own.

Clean energy is not simply a way to protect the environment and human health. It's also an investment in a potentially more sustainable pathway, both economically and otherwise, as many clean-energy technologies are expensive to build but very cheap to run. Once a wind farm is built,

The United States needs more direction on clean-energy investments, both because climate change is a real and present danger and because clean energy is becoming a superior good. Fuel is cheap, external risks to the environment are usually lower than with conventional energy and resource scarcity and price fluctuations are not large problems.

Subfederal entities are making their own way on cap-and-trade and renewable portfolio standards in many cases. While a uniting federal policy could be useful for some of the clean energy action, the most important action is simply supporting clean energy as a truly superior good, one that competes in its own right without subsidy. Investment in research, development, demonstration and deployment remains important for many clean technologies, including software and organizational strategies. Federal action has so far been slow and disjointed for cap-and-trade and renewable portfolio standards. Federal investment in making clean energy cheap and attractive could be an easier sell, and a more valuable one.

Grubert is an energy and Earth resources graduate student.



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Etsy pairs artisans with buyers

By Kiersten Marian Daily Texan Staff The fast-growing online trading

site, Etsy, gives Austinites the ability to explore the best the Internet has to offer while keeping business within the city limits.

Home to thousands of virtual vendors, Etsy is a combination of eBay-style shopping with the aesthetics of DIY crafts, handmade specialty products and one-of-akind vintage.

Etsy is an outlet for local artisans to reach potential customers all over the world while allowing savvy buyers to skip the middleman and purchase straight from the producer.

The site offers the option to "shop local," giving Etsy users the opportunity "to reduce their carbon footprint, support small businesses in their community or to benefit their local economy."

Much like boutique hunting, Etsy is based on stumbling upon great finds, so the "shop local" option is still limited as buyers are only able browse the last 100 recently updated shops.

To sort through the clutter and find the virtual gems of Austin, I have searched Etsy to bring you three notable, local Etsy shops that have been praised by shoppers.

Letterpress Delicacies

Letterpress Delicacies is the Etsy business of Thomas and Heather Hollifield. Since July 2008, the husband-and-wife duo have used Etsy to promote their handcrafted paper goods and are quickly approaching their 1,000th sale.

Letterpress Delicacies offers a multitude of designs that combine elegantly simple images with fresh typography. But, it's the Hollifields' devotion to making products by hand that distinguishes Letterpress Delicacies from similar vendors. Each of the Hollifield's prints is made using a 1,400-pound midcentury-era letterpress that is housed in their garage-turned-studio.

"Every card is painted by hand [and] run once through the press for each color and fold. This is a much slower method than traditional offset printing, but we ReCovered Vintage, in October. think the results are quite unique Incontrera specializes in top-of-



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Megan Briggs and Ian Mailhot display various handcrafted plant products that the couple sells on Etsy, a site dedicated to selling handmade products with the option to shop locally or worldwide.

A vintage 1980s sundress

source of their Etsy shop name clothes with classic silhouettes but also the distinctive characterand timeless prints. istic of their meticulously crafted paper goods.

One notably Austin-themed Letterpress Delicacies product is the "Ombre Balloons and Skyline Print." Featuring a scene depicting hot-air balloons above

with a traditional floral design and an unusual cut — with a high neckline and open back -

is just one of the unique pieces sold at ReCovered Vintage. "Most of all, I look for things

the Austin cityscape, "Ombre that are unusual and things

Most of all, I look for things that are unusual and things that are versatile that you can kind of just put with anything."

-Misty Incontrera, **Owner of ReCovered Vintage**

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a solid selection of statement

jewelry pieces, such as heavily

adorned bracelets and earrings

with colorful stones and mid-

With each order, she adds her

thing," Incontrera said.

Balloons" is a simple blue sky with white-silhouetted images.

ReCovered Vintage

Misty Incontrera's longtime love of vintage goods inspired her to open her own Etsy shop, century aesthetics. Plaid Pigeon Couple Megan Briggs and Ian Mailhot of Plaid Pigeon have been

selling plants and related products on Etsy for only four months, but have already listed 207 sales. Unlike most Etsy vendors, Briggs and Mailhot focus on plants - specifically succulents, a variety of plants that can retain water and

Succulents are drought tolerant

vera and many cacti. one-of-a-kind planters made from recycled toy animals are some of Plaid Pigeon's specialty products. Their moss terrariums are ideal for "bringing the beauty of the out-

even with very little light or care. ReCovered Vintage also has selling terrariums that are filled

with pillow moss. It's very easy to take care of and it's great for any kind of office or dorm room or anywhere that doesn't get a lot of natural sun," Briggs said.

Guinness drinkability goes beyond the pint

THIRSTY THURSDAY

By Mary Lingwall

"James Joyce, redheads, sheep,

that weird leg-flailing dancing,

but mostly beer," my friend Dan-

ielle said when I asked her to

name things that come from Ire-

land. Exactly — mostly beer. And

Guinness is undeniably the most

notable of beers exported from

Ireland. Brewed at St. James's

Gate since 1759 and touting a

reputation that makes it one of

the best-selling beers worldwide,

Guinness is a Dublin craft that

hasn't lost popularity in more

to find. But Guinness's potentially

rich flavor is wasted when poured

at some subpar bar, and if you're

trusting a less-than-seasoned bar-

tender, you might get a Black and

Tan that has much to improve

upon. Known for its thick, heady

flavor, Guinness is a versatile beer

with a mixing potential that enables

it to pair well with anything from

As a lover of both Bloody

Marys and Guinness, I was in

awe of the idea that the two

could be mixed. I saw this union

for the first time at ZAX Restau-

rant and Bar (312 Barton Springs

Rd.). ZAX's Bloody Marys are

a subtle play on the tradition-

al mix of vodka, spicy season-

ing and extravagant garnishes,

but the bartenders go even fur-

ther by topping their Bloody

Marys with a bit of Guin-

ness. While not necessarily al-

tering the familiar flavor of a

Bloody Mary, Guinness enhanc-

nitrogen to Baileys Irish Cream.

Bloody Mary with Guinness

In Austin, Guinness is not hard

than 300 years.

The perfect pint

Fadó Irish Pub and Restaurant (214 W. Fourth St.) downtown prides itself on pouring the perfect pint of Guinness. Only poured into an imperial pint and always with the customary nitrogen, Fado's perfect pint of Guinness is bubble-free and has an exquisitely creamy head.

"It's damn near perfect," Fadó bartender War Luedecke said. "Every beer is best when you drink it in the town it is brewed in, but our Guinness is about as close as you can get if you're not in Dublin. It's Duncan Hines fresh, if you will."

When served at the right temperature and with the necessary patience — it takes approximately two minutes to pour the perfect Guinness pint — the beer is incredibly smooth and full of earthy, almost chocolatey, flavors.

Bombed and snake-bitten

Tasting like a chocolate milk shake, aside from the alcoholic afterglow, the Irish car bomb is one of Guinness's classier offerings. Traditionally made with half a pint of Guinness and a shot of Baileys topped with Jameson Irish Whiskey thrown in, the Irish car bomb is, unfortunately, one of the easiest drinks to chug. Recalling flavors from childhood, and a lingering feeling that can only be associated with adulthood, the car bomb is a dangerously wonderful fusion of flavors. Over at The Parlor (4301-B Guadalupe St.), the car bomb is a great starter for some of its other Guinness mixers, such as a Snakebite or a Black and Tan. The Parlor's Snakebite is half a glass of Guinness finished with a halfglass of Ace Pear Cider. Some places make a Snakebite with any hard cider, but according to The Parlor's Jasmine Mayberry, Ace's pear flaes the thickness of the drink. vor is "the best combination."

> The Snakebite and Bloody Mary with Guinness are two of the available

thrive in severe Texas climates.

and good for the environment, which appealed to the couple, who prioritize sustainability and have a deep-rooted love of succulent plants, such as mosses, aloe

Self-sustainable terrariums and doors in" because they stay fresh

"We really have gotten into

Plaid Pigeon's animal planters are a modern twist on Chia Pets. Briggs and Mailhot plant their succulents in hand-painted, animalshaped gardening pots (some

way," Thomas Hollifield said.

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BIG 12 MEDIA DAYS GILBERT: Young quarterback speaks with media

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how much he learned from former Longhorn McCoy, now with the NFL's Cleveland Browns.

He was the youngest player brought to Irving for the three-day press conference by any team.

"It's obviously an honor," Gilbert said. "The other guys that are here have been able to prove themselves on the field for the past few years, and I'm hoping to get to do that this year and just try and do the best job I can as the quarterback.'

Gilbert now has two full games of experience in a Texas jersey. The Longhorns' new starting quarterback threw for 165 yards and three touchdowns in the spring's Orange-White scrimmage on 10of-17 passing. That performance was slightly better than Gilbert's 15-of-40, 186-yard game against Alabama in last season's national championship game.

"When Colt got hurt and we turned to Garrett and I said, 'Garrett, get your helmet,' his eyes were as big as silver dollars," Texas coach Mack Brown said. "He looked at me like, 'You got to be kidding."

Still, the green sophomore earned his stripes in that game against the Crimson Tide and threw the first two touchdowns of his collegiate career.

"It was definitely a positive experience for me, looking back, being able to go through something like that. And now, I've got that under my belt," Gilbert said.

Gilbert completed just one pass before the halftime whistle but came out in the last 30 minutes to score twice and nearly lead a comeback.

"After the game, I walked up and

Texas defensive

tackle Kheeston

Randall will be

a key member

of the team's

this year.

defensive line

real tough spot," Brown said. "His heriting a team from an immenseanswer was the proper answer. He said, 'Coach, that's not a problem. The problem was I turned the ball over, or we would have won the

Gilbert took two weeks off from football before he was finally able to sit down and watch the tape of the 37-21 loss to Alabama.

Now he steps into the same sit-

ly talented and well-liked quarterback fresh off an appearance in the national championship. But, Gilbert does have one distinct advantage over his predecessor.

"Unlike Colt, who hadn't taken a snap when he stepped in that huddle, Garrett has," Brown said. "And I do think his presence in the national championship game

the older kids."

part of the Longhorns' plan to generate more downhill running. But, as offensive lineman Kyle

Sooners hope bad luck translates to experience

By Dan Hurwitz Daily Texan Staff

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Texas scraps two-game series with Minnesota Gophers

Minnesota's goal to upgrade those nonconference football schedules has taken a hit, with two games against Texas canceled because of a disagreement over video rights.

The Gophers' athletics department confirmed the cancellation Wednesday. The Longhorns were scheduled to play at TCF Bank Stadium in Minneapolis on Sept. 19, 2015. The Gophers were slated to visit Darrell K Royal-Texas Memorial Stadium in Austin on Sept. 17, 2016.

"It's extremely disappointing," Minnesota athletics director Joel Maturi said. "The kind of agreement we could not come to is the same agreement every other school on our schedule agreed to. Every other school in the Big 12 agreed to this."

Texas officials didn't immediately return phone calls seeking comment. The schools have not met in the sport since 1936.

Bengals head to training camp; Terrell Owens to join them later

A flamboyant Cincinnati Bengals receiver has the whole team talking, and this time it's not Chad Ochocinco. He's overshadowed by a player

who has yet to arrive. Terrell Owens was headed to the area Wednesday while his teammates-to-be tucked pillows and sound systems under their arms, unpacking for the start of training camp at Georgetown College. Owens wasn't expected to arrive until a day later. The anticipation was already there. "This just shows that we are building this team to go all the way this year," offensive guard Bobbie Williams said. "That's all you can ask an organization to do. So bring on T.O.! I'm excited." Adding the 36-year-old receiver who has a history of clashing with quarterbacks came as a surprise. The Bengals had a chance to sign him after a tryout in March, but gave Antonio Bryant a fouryear deal instead to line up opposite Ochocinco. With Owens still available on the eve of training camp, the Bengals made a move that will affect them in a lot of ways. One receiver will lose a job; other receivers will get fewer passes thrown their way; and Ochocinco and Owens will be challenged to keep their egos in check.

national championship."

said, T'm sorry if we put you in a uation McCoy faced in 2006 — in- gave him instant credibility with

passing game.

Sophomore quarterback Garrett Gilbert looks downfield and prepares to throw the ball in a game against Oklahoma State in October. Gilbert

completed just one pass for 5 yards against the 'Pokes in 2009 but will bear the brunt of offensive responsibility this season.

Offensive coordinator Greg Davis worked specifically on getting Gilbert more comfortable under center during spring drills,

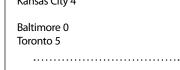
as will still rely heavily on its Texas quarterbacks Major Apple-"We're really not switching to a and McCoy.

more pro-style offense. We're still going to be passing and shotgunning," Hix said. "Garrett's a great leader, he's a great player and he takes command of the huddle just like Colt does."

Bruno Morlan | Daily Texan file photo

So, expect to see Gilbert put his arm to good use this season as he Hix pointed out Wednesday, Tex- attempts to follow in the line of white, Chris Simms, Vince Young





SPORTS BRIEFLY





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Randall finds new role on defense

Senior defensive tackle will assume pivotal role as linchpin in trenches

By Austin Ries Daily Texan Staff

IRVING — He, like the rest of his teammates, found one lying in his locker a week ago during summer workouts.

Walking into the Texas locker room, junior defensive tackle Kheeston Randall picked up a deep forest-green bracelet with a white Nike insignia and one word spelled out in all caps: "FORWARD."

At first glance the brace- messed-up play, go forward." let seems meaningless — just another piece of smooth rubber around an athlete's wrist with a team-rallying message or creed — but this one word defines Texas' defensive line and Randall's newfound leadership role filling a long list of the position is for his team. successful and dominant Texas tackles.

"I'm stepping into a new role and new phase of life," Randall said. "I'm accepting it with open arms. That's why we come to UT, to carry on the tradition."

It's a tradition Randall and the other defensive tackles are well aware of at Texas. They hear about it. They talk about it. Coaches preach it. They've quarterbacks. They even look at past Longhorns' pictures hangfacility every day.

Shaun Rogers. Casey Hamp-

minder of the great role defensive tackles assume when they come to the 40 Acres. A history of greatness and leadership.

That's why we recruit players, even if they're not on the field. When the opportunity comes, they are ready," Randall said.

After losing a defensive cornerstone like Houston, the message inscribed on Randall's wrist has as many meanings as realignment questions thrown at Big 12 coaches this week.

"It's open for interpretation," Randall said. "For me, it's 'Go forward.' Whether it's an area you need to get past or a

It's something Randall and the rest of the defensive line will have to do for Texas to make another run at a conference championship.

And Texas coach Mack Brown is well aware of how important

"It's our true key on defense, and Kheeston Randall needs to step up and play like Roy Miller and like Lamarr Houston from last year," Brown said.

Playing like Miller and Houston means two things: tackles and sacks.

In his senior season, Miller had 49 tackles, 11 for a loss and 5.5 sacks for 53 negative yards. Last season, Houston played in watched players in front of them 14 games with 60 tackles, 16 for terrorize opposing offenses and a loss and six sacks for a loss of 40 vards

It's a role Randall's teaming on the wall in their training mates feel he is comfortable in and ready to fill.

'Each year we have a new ton. Roy Miller. Lamarr Hous- team, and new freshmen, ton. All current NFL players, and sophomores and juniors maall hanging on the wall as a re- ture and step up," senior de- play on Saturday," he said.

fensive end Sam Acho said. "Kheeston has done a great job of maturing and working hard. He realizes there is a lot of tradition at Texas and it's an opportunity to succeed."

The polite and soft-spoken Randall proved last year he could make an impact, racking up 23 total tackles, 12 solo in the 14 games he played in. His breakout game was when the Longhorn defense needed him the most against Texas A&M at Kyle Field where the 6-foot-5-inch, 295-pound junior had four tackles and two sacks.

Randall also played with and learned from Houston last season.

Heading into the first day of practice on Aug. 7, there is still a lot of uncertainty about who will be lining up with Randall because of the lack of experience, and it's something Brown talked about as key to the preseason.

But despite the questions and uncertainty, Acho and Randall are ready to do whatever defensive coordinator Will Muschamp asks of them.

"You can't really stress out about anything, so when it happens, it happens," Randall said. "My confidence is great because Muschamp believes in us. He's a great coach, great leader, a great friend, and he knows what's best for us."

Randall will get a chance to answer some of those questions on Sept. 4. Until then, Randall moves in sync with the word on his bracelet, "FORWARD."

'I'm ready for whoever we

bad luck that Sam Bradford suffered a severe injury in the season opener and that tight end Jermaine Gresham got injured before seeing a snap. More injuries and bad luck over the course of the season led the Sooners to an 8-5 record in 2009 — their worst since 1999.

So, is the bad luck over for the Sooners?

"I sure hope so," Stoops said. "I didn't go to Vegas last year after the season. I know that."

Although Stoops lost players to the NFL draft, he is confident about replacing Bradford, Gerald McCoy and Trent Williams.

"The guys we have replacing them replaced them a year ago, Stoops said. "So, they gained a lot of experience a year ago."

Landry Jones will start after replacing Sam Bradford last year. Replacing Williams are tackles Eric Mensik and Donald Stephenson, and Jeremy Beal is expected to fill in for McCoy.

No transition for Texas

Colt McCoy is gone. Earl Thomas, Sergio Kindle and Lamarr Houston have moved on to the NFL as well. But Texas head coach Mack Brown has refused to call this a transition year.

"We are just changing our personality," Brown said. "I don't like that word ["transition"] because it gives the kids and coaches an excuse not to be good."

Brown expects to compete for a national title again, citing his sense of deja vu.



Mike Fuentes | Associated Press Sooners coach Bob Stoops speaks at a press conference Wednesday.

IRVING — Some may call it building year, that we may only win seven games, and the kids wound up playing for almost a conference and national championship."

"This year is like '08," Brown

said. "Everyone thought it was a re-

Brown is confident that players will step up, especially with their level of playing experience.

"We have got receivers that have all played, but somebody has to step up and be the guy," Brown said.

As for running back, Brown is still searching for a worthy starter.

"We don't have the guy to step up and run the ball right now," Brown said. "Is it going to be Tre' Newton? Is it going to be Fozzy [Whitaker]?"

Texas begins summer practices on Sunday, Aug. 8.

KU's leadership switch

The Todd Reesing era is over. After leading the Jayhawks to their first BCS bowl in 2008, he finished his career at Kansas with seven consecutive losses.

Also out is former head coach Mike Mangino. Replacing him is Turner Gill, who expects the onfield leadership to come from somewhere other than the quarterback because of a relative lack of experience at that position.

"I think the leadership is probably going to be coming from a little bit more other positions at this point in time," Gill said. "Probably more from the offensive line."

One of the offensive linemen taking a greater leadership role is senior Brad Thorson.

"That's what I'm here to do," Thorson said. "I'm counting on the season going really well."

Feds subpoena Dallas company for records on Lance Armstrong

Federal prosecutors investigating cheating in professional cycling have subpoenaed documents from a 2004 case in which a Texas company tried to prove Lance Armstrong used performance enhancing drugs.

Jeffrey Tillotson, the attorney who handled the case for Dallasbased SCA Promotions Inc., said Tuesday that his office will send the documents to federal prosecutors in Los Angeles.

The records include depositions from former Tour de France winner Greg LeMond, former Armstrong teammate Frankie Andreu and his wife, and testimony from Armstrong and his business associates. The Wall Street Journal first reported the subpoena Tuesday.

Armstrong has not received any subpoenas or official requests from federal investigators, according to his attorney, Bryan D. Daly, a criminal defense lawyer and former federal prosecutor based in Los Angeles.

'Truthfully, I don't have any idea how Lance Armstrong fits into this whole thing," Daly said.

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