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### STATE

## Seven Senators named to education committee

By Joshua Fechter

On Friday, Lt. Gov David Dewhurst named the seven members of the Senate Higher Education Committee, which is expected to deal with topics that will directly impact the University.

UT spokesman Gary Susswein said the University will

keep an eye on the committee, which consists of four Republicans and three Democrats. He said the University expects the committee to address a fixed-tuition bill, which would require universities to offer students fixed-rate tuition over a four-year period. The bill proposing fixed tuition has been filed in the Texas House

of Representatives.

“We look forward to working with them this semester on issues that are important to the University,” Susswein said.

State Sen. Kel Seliger, R-Amarillo, replaced state Sen. Judith Zaffirini, D-Laredo, as chair in October 2012. Zaffirini, who chaired the committee since its inception in

2009, will serve on the committee as a member.

Jenifer Sarver, spokeswoman for the Texas Coalition for Excellence in Higher Education, said she believes Zaffirini will continue to advocate for higher education and said she views Seliger as a friend of UT.

“Under [Seliger’s] leadership, we hope the Legislature

will restore funding for higher education, stand for quality, good governance and transparency from our governing boards, and stand against ideological meddling and untested ‘reform’ efforts on our campuses,” Sarver said.

Seliger has not filed any bills related to higher

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### STATE



BY CHRISTINE AYALA

## Professionalism, population change dilutes Texas English

**T**alking like a Texan doesn’t sound like it ‘usta’ as Texas English is becoming less distinctive from mainstream American English, according to UT researchers.

English assistant professor Lars Hinrichs compared the pronunciation of central Texans in recent decades, using data collected at UT from 1980 to 1985 against data collected in 2010 and 2011, in a research paper submitted for review in late December.

Hinrichs said the data collected included people reading aloud words similar to “goose” in various American dialects. The data showed that people spoke less often with a Texas dialect than they had in the past. Hinrichs said the changing demographics of the state are impacting the language causing dialect leveling, meaning the characteristics specific to that region is less noticeable.

“The regional accents are no longer as pronounced and different as they used to be,” Hinrichs said. “The degree of distinctiveness is being lessened and the linguistic local identity is being diluted. There will

always be some local form of speech in Texas and it will always be noticeably different from other parts of the country — but not as much.”

Hinrichs said although dialect leveling can be seen in other parts of the country, because Texas urban areas are among the fastest expanding in the nation, the dialect is changing.

“Phrases like ‘might coulda,’ ‘usta could’ and ‘might oughta’ are rapidly dying out,” Hinrichs said. “Every semester I ask my students ‘who knows what a pole cat is?’ and every semester it’s one [fewer] student that

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### STATE

## Fight leads to gunfire at Texas college

By Juan A. Lozano & Michael Graczyk

Associated Press

HOUSTON — A fight between two people erupted in gunfire Tuesday at a Houston-area community college, catching a maintenance man in the crossfire and leaving students and others cowering in classrooms.

No one was killed, but the volley of gunshots heard shortly after noon on the Lone Star College campus sparked fear of another campus massacre just more than a month after 26 people were killed at an elementary school in Newtown, Conn.

The shooting happened outside between an academic building and the library where Luis Resendiz, 22, was studying on the second floor. An employee called police and then herded the 30 to 40 people in the library into a small room and told them to crouch down, he said.

Keisha Cohn, 27, was in a building about 50 feet away and began running as soon as she heard the shots.

“To stay where I was wasn’t an option,” said Cohn, who fled from a building that houses computers and study areas. All the students eventually were evacuated, running out of buildings as police

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### SYSTEM

## UT appoints co-chairs to oversee medical school

By Jordan Rudner

The University has named both co-chairs of the steering committee that will oversee plans for the recently announced medical school, which Travis County voters approved to partially fund via a ballot initiative in the November election. Dr. Susan Cox, UT Southwestern’s first regional dean for the Austin area, will serve alongside Dr. Robert Messing, a neurobiologist from the University of California, San Francisco. Messing will also join as the new vice provost for biomedical sciences at UT Austin.

The steering committee the pair will co-chair is responsible for the development of the budget, curriculum, research and clinical training programs and community engagement efforts of the new medical school. Messing said a significant amount of work must be done before the school can move past the

initial planning stage.

“There is no dean, no building, no staff, virtually nothing except a concept,” Messing said. “So much needs to be set in motion to make this happen.”

Though the steering committee will take responsibility for a wide range of issues, a dean hasn’t been named yet. Messing said the search is tentatively scheduled to begin in the spring of this year.

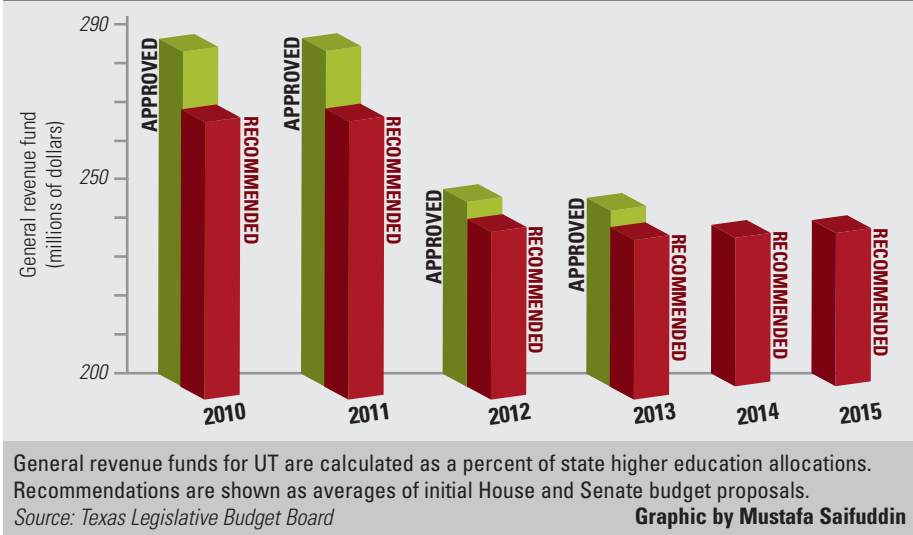
“There has been general talk about hiring someone before the end of the year,” Messing said. “But if you want to have a dean search, you have to be able to bring the candidates out here and show them all the things what we have available, that we have general plans, that accreditation is underway, that there is a lot we can build on. Only then you hire the kind of person you want.”

Messing said he and Cox will each focus on different aspects

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### UNIVERSITY

## State funding for UT over time



## UT faces possible budget cuts

By Joshua Fechter

The University would face a cut of almost 3 percent in state funds if Texas legislators follow budget recommendations released last week, although the budget may change during the legislative process.

The Texas House of Representatives would

allocate \$478.8 million in state general revenue funds to the University during the 2014-15 biennium, while the Senate would allocate \$483.8 million over the biennium.

Both of the initial proposals are about \$9 to \$14 million less than the \$492.5 million the Legislature allocated to UT in the last biennium.

The Legislative Budget Board prepared the proposals. The board is a permanent joint committee of the Legislature that drafts budget and policy recommendations for legislative appropriations. Legislators use the proposals as a foundation for determining a final amount to allocate

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“The culture is becoming more diverse with many different people from all over the world coming to Texas, specifically UT, which I think contributes to the loss,” Chavana said. “Since I talk with some Texas twang that is unintentional, I talk differently in a professional setting.”

"I was just worried about getting out," Harris said. "I called my grandmother and asked her to pick me up."

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Knight said the Legislature's funding recommendations are preliminary and may not accurately indicate how much legislators will approve in their final budget.

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He has also expressed opposition to the state's Top 10 Percent Law, which requires public universities to automatically admit students who graduate in the top 10 percent of their high school class. The Legislature modified the automatic admission program for UT in 2009, allowing it to automatically admit enough students to fill 75 percent of its total

"I think it's all very do-able," he said.

In 2011, the House recommended allocating \$473.2 million to UT for the 2012-13 biennium and the Senate proposed \$493.3 million before the

State Sen. Kirk Watson, D-Austin, will serve as vice-chair. Last year, Watson led a citywide campaign to pass Proposition 1, a ballot initiative that raised property taxes collected by Central

Under both House and Senate proposals, UT's budget makes up about 3.2 percent of the state's total higher education budget, which is slightly above the 3.1 percent of Texas A&M's proposed allocation. The two flagship universities received almost 1 percent more than the University of Houston and Texas Tech University, which are the next two largest public universities in the state.

Duncan, Patrick, Seliger, West and Zaffirini will also serve on the Senate Finance Committee, which will analyze proposals for the state's higher education budget for the 2014-15 biennium when it begins to meet Wednesday.

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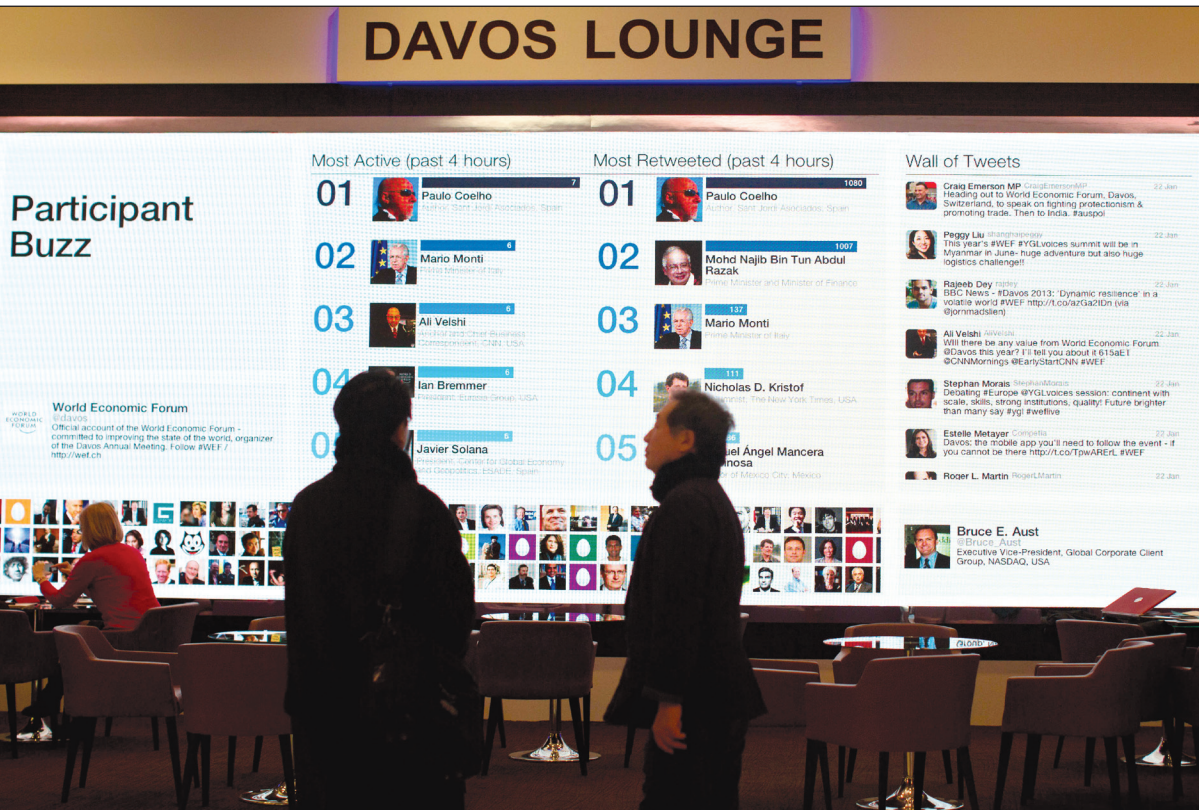
Foul-smelling gas wafts across Europe

PARIS — A foul-smelling cloud of gas escaped from a factory in northern France on Tuesday, making life unpleasant from the outskirts of Paris to Britain's shores and prompting scores of emergency calls. France's Interior Ministry released a statement saying the mercaptan gas escaping from the Rouen chemical factory is harmless. Among other uses, mercaptan is added to otherwise odorless municipal gas to alert people of leaks. The factory has been shut down, and environmental authorities are carrying out tests.

Midwest bundles up as cold affects region

MADISON, Wis. — Waves of frigid Arctic air began sweeping south from Canada on Saturday night, locking the Midwest in a deep freeze that has left a section of the country well-acquainted with winter's pains reeling. Authorities suspect exposure has played a role in at least four deaths so far. The coldest location in the lower 48 states Monday was Embarrass, Minn., at 36 below. On Sunday it was Babbitt, Minn., at 29 below, according to the National Weather Service. The bitter conditions were expected to persist into the weekend in the Midwest through the eastern half of the U.S., said Shawn DeVinny, a National Weather Service meteorologist in suburban Minneapolis.

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Anja Niedringhaus | Associated Press

People gather at the 'Davos lounge' inside the Congress Center and follow the latest tweets of participants on the eve of the opening of the 43rd Annual Meeting of the World Economic Forum, WEF, in Davos, Switzerland on Tuesday.

CEOs pessimistic about 2013

By John Heilprin  
Associated Press

DAVOS, Switzerland — As high-powered CEOs flock to the snowy Swiss resort of Davos, they are loaded down with baggage — not just skis and iPads but concerns about the global economy, public mistrust, disappearing jobs and a heap of other challenges. New survey results Tuesday showed a steady drop in the number of CEOs worldwide who are "very confident" that their companies will grow this year. The number fell from

48 percent in 2011 to 36 percent this year. Amid this pessimism, most of them are carefully sticking to a few investments in tried-and-true markets, according to the survey by accounting firm PricewaterhouseCoopers. "The degree of confidence across the board is really down, regardless of whether you're in a developing market or a developed market," PwC chairman Dennis Nally said. He called the survey results a strong message to governments that they must fix economic problems, including disputed

regulations, government deficits and tax issues. Uncertainty about tax and spending policies is at the root of the gloom, said John Veihmeyer, CEO of accounting firm KPMG's U.S. operations. He called it frustrating that U.S. government solutions "seem to be within our control" but still out of reach. "I think we have an opportunity for the U.S. to lead the world onto a path of stronger economic footing and very robust economic recovery over the next five years," Veihmeyer told AP. Nearly a quarter of the

CEOs surveyed plan further job cuts — yet more than half of them say they have trouble finding people with the right job skills. The U.N. labor agency said this week the jobs crisis has worsened; there were 197 million people who couldn't find a job in 2012 and another 39 million who have given up on looking for one. Neely worries about a "lost generation" of job seekers and encourages young people to focus on gaining skills that are in demand — skills in areas such as the sciences, math, engineering and other technical areas.

Teenager planned random shooting

By Susan Montoya Bryan  
Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — The teenager accused of gunning down five family members over the weekend ambushed his father, then reloaded his rifles and planned to go to a Wal-Mart and randomly shoot people, authorities said Tuesday. Instead, 15-year-old Nehemiah Griego texted a picture of his dead mother to his 12-year-old girlfriend, then spent much of Saturday with the girl and her family. That evening, the teen went to the church where his father had been a pastor, and confessed to killing his parents and three younger siblings. Bernalillo County Sheriff Dan Houston said Griego had planned the shootings for at least a week. The sheriff said he didn't know if Griego's contact with his girlfriend avoided further bloodshed but she apparently knew what had happened. Officials are investigating whether she should be charged with failing to report the crime. Griego apparently had told others of his plans, but whom and when was still under investigation. The teen waived his right to arraignment in adult court Tuesday on charges of murder and child abuse resulting in death, and a judge ordered him held without bond.



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VIEWPOINT

## Is that a gun in your backpack?

Yesterday, at the North Harris campus of Lone Star College in Houston, Joshua Flores stood outside a cafeteria when a group of students ran towards him, yelling, “The guy has a gun — run, run!” Later, Flores told The New York Times: “I couldn’t believe this is happening.”

We don’t believe or understand school shootings, but we have come to expect them.

On Aug. 1, 1966, nobody expected shootings on a school campus until Charles Whitman pointed a “deer rifle” over the ledge of the UT Tower’s 27th floor and “started shooting people,” which is what he told a doctor at the campus counseling center he was thinking about doing days before he killed 13 and wounded 30. In the half century that has passed since that day, public shootings — school shootings, in particular — have cast us far away from our grandparents’ notion of what to expect when in the outside world. Tucson, Aurora and Newtown. And before those, on our campus, in 2010, Colton Tooley, a 19-year-old mathematics major wearing a suit and ski mask and toting an AK-47 walked east on 21st Street and shot ten bullets at the

ground. Bearing his weapon and a crazed smile, he ran past a window and waved at the students inside. On the street, a girl, hearing gunshots behind her, turned and saw him and started to run, tripping to the ground as if in a nightmare, before getting up to run again. Alerted, the campus and city police chased Tooley into the Perry Castañeda Library, where most spectators froze, according to a professor who had sought shelter and run into the library before he realized the AK-47 had followed. Tooley ran up to the sixth floor of the library and shot himself.

The public discussions since Newtown, deemed the most profoundly disturbing of these school shootings because of the tender age of the first-grade victims, have been unrelenting. Reporters rush unapologetically from survivors to lawmakers. Many of us, truly horrified, gaping and attentive in the days immediately after Newtown, have grown wary of a debate that offered no original ideas. Then yesterday, it happened again on another campus just three hours from our own.

You have no choice but to pay attention. Prior to the Lone Star College shooting on Jan. 17, State Sen. Brian

Birdwell (R-Granbury) filed Senate Bill 182. If passed, the law would allow concealed handgun license holders to carry weapons on public university campuses in Texas. It is not the first time such a bill has been introduced in this country or in the Texas Legislature. During previous legislative sessions, heated debate filled this Opinion page and the bills never passed. Many students and voters believe passing such measures would make us safer by deterring potential snipers or even stopping them, while others, us included, reject that as false logic. We don’t believe concealed handgun licenses qualify our peers or our professors to calmly use firearms if a killer came to campus.

In 2010, those on 21st Street or in the library when Tooley passed them repeatedly remarked how the addition of a gun would not have made the circumstances any less destabilizing or dangerous.

That memory in mind, we urge those who would not normally speak out or engage in a debate as disenchanting as the current gun control discussion to overcome their disgust and voice their opinions if they want to stop lethal weapons from entering their classrooms.

GALLERY



Lauren Moore | Daily Texan Cartoonist

## Armed matriculation

Roy Cathey

Guest Columnist

After the recent tragedy in Newtown, CT, in which 20 students and six educators were murdered at a public school, the country has entered a heated debate over how to make schools safer. States such as New York have already passed new laws to decrease the probability of gun violence, and the president has issued an executive order for heightened federal gun control. Texas, a state with some of the most lax gun laws in the country and a governor who most likely has the Second Amendment pinned to his bedroom wall, has plans of its own this legislative session: inject more guns into the public school system. Members of the Texas Senate have wasted no time in churning out a concealed carry on campus bill to be debated for the second legislative session in a row. If the objective of this bill is safety, then the question must be posed: Would campus carry be beneficial or detrimental to campus security?

Cody Wilson, a UT law student currently working on a project that aims to allow anyone to download a file and print a fully operational firearm from a 3D printer, believes the campus carry bill doesn’t fully comply with the constitutionally-enshrined right granted by the Second Amendment. Instead of a concealed handgun — one of the few bars Texas law places on bearing arms — Wilson believes we should be allowed to carry a pistol in plain sight to “better make the point.” The idea is that if everyone is strapped to the teeth with firepower, potential shooters would be far too intimidated to act on their homicidal tendencies. This belief would imply that campus law enforcement doesn’t quite cut it in warding off possible threats. Following that logic, armed students would be a service to the police, giving them the power of thousands of vigilantes on their side.

Travis County Deputy Sheriff Derrick R. Taylor, who stressed that his opinions are his own and by no means reflect those of Travis County or the state of Texas, is unconvinced by that argument. Deputy Taylor would be

If you hear the alarming crack of gunfire and start seeing people around you fall to the ground, what kind of mental fortitude are you going to be able to sustain in order to judiciously operate a firearm?

anything but comforted by campus carry, listing reason after reason with a stern look in his eyes. “Our job is to protect,” he said. “Are you trained and ready to live with the guilt and pain of taking a life?” He also wondered what kind of individuals with what levels of responsibility were wearing guns to school and the myriad consequences that could arise from common carelessness.

The idea of armed matriculation is a terrifying one, and I can’t help but be reminded of the Charles Whitman shootings on campus 47 years ago. If you hear the alarming crack of gunfire and start seeing people around you fall to the ground, what kind of mental fortitude are you going to be able to sustain in order to judiciously operate a firearm? As much as everyone wants to be John Wayne, it takes countless hours of training to act accordingly in this type of situation — training you don’t receive by attaining a concealed handgun license.

I asked over 100 UT students via a poll in the “Class of 2015” Facebook group whether they would feel safer knowing their fellow students are armed. Eighty-nine percent said “no.” Whether you champion the Second Amendment or not is irrelevant when weighing the risks of a campus carry bill. While it may be a constitutional right for me to have a gun, it is also within the rights of my classmates to attend a lecture without worrying about the guy in front of her with a Colt .45 strapped to his waist. The simple fact of the matter is this: Not everyone takes the sight of a gun lightly. UT is composed of an eclectic blend of students, and I can guarantee many of them associate guns with chaos — which is exactly what this bill invites.

Cathey is a journalism sophomore from Dripping Springs.

## Gunning for trouble

Pete Stroud

Associate Editor

On Tuesday, Jan. 15, five state representatives filed a bill, HB 553, that openly flouts the authority of the federal government, declares any federal regulation of gun availability to be unconstitutional and proposes to prosecute any police officer or state official who attempts to enforce those federal regulations.

The five Republican state representatives — John Otto, Jim Pitts, Jimmie Aycock, Drew Darby and Tony Dale — are attempting to pass legislation asserting that their authority over Texas supersedes that of the federal government. That is expressly prohibited by the Constitution’s Supremacy Clause, which declares that federal laws, whether acts of Congress or executive orders, are the “supreme law of the land.” According to UT law professor Sanford Levinson, HB 553 is “idiotic ... because states have no authority to invalidate federal law. Simple as that. End of discussion.”

If the Legislature did end up passing this, Levinson says, “[The federal government] would laugh out loud and say it has no consequence, no operative authority whatsoever. And if anybody was stupid enough to disobey a relevant federal law and say ‘well, the Texas Legislature says I don’t have to,’ then that person might very well be prosecuted.”

Never mind that the bill, which the authors have dubbed “The Second Amendment Preservation Act,” disregards portions of that particular amendment to suit their own purposes. In case the readers need reminding, the text of the bill helpfully includes the Second Amendment in its entirety: “A well-regulated militia being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed.”

But it seems the authors of HB 553 neglected to read the first half of that succinct constitutional mandate. The Second Amendment clearly states its intention to facilitate the sort of state-sanctioned, well-regulated militias of soldiers that contributed to the American victory in the Revolutionary War. The modern equivalent to that force is more commonly known as the National Guard, and the government does not infringe on the right of those citizen-soldiers to bear arms in the defense of the “security of the free state.”

Instead, the five state representatives who wrote HB 553 interpret the amendment as a sweeping endorsement of the most extreme, far-right philosophy of gun availability: that any private citizen can carry any kind of weapon he or she wants, no matter how dangerous, with no regulation or oversight of any kind. They even say as much:

“Resolved ... that all federal acts, laws, executive orders, agency orders, and rules or regulations of all kinds with the purpose, intent or effect of confiscating any firearm, banning any firearm, limiting the size of a magazine for any firearm, imposing any limit on the ammunition that may be purchased for any firearm, taxing any firearm or ammunition therefore or requiring the registration of any firearm or ammunition therefore, infringes upon Texan’s [sic] right to bear arms in direct violation of the Second Amendment to the Constitution of the United States.”

The representatives’ reasoning is unfounded. After decades of court precedent, Levinson says, “there is really no serious argument that any of the federal laws involving guns are unconstitutional.” “Well-regulated” isn’t a complicated phrase.

Introduced on the same day President Barack Obama announced his plan for national gun control, this bill was and remains a cheap political stunt. So far, similar bills have been filed by Republican representatives in at least one other state legislature, suggesting that it’s more of a national GOP publicity and fundraising move rather than a brave stand for liberty.

Gov. Rick Perry has a history of signing similar legislation aimed at making a political gesture rather than policy. In 2011 he signed a bill that purported to nullify an uncontroversial national regulation phasing out inefficient incandescent light bulbs and talked a big game about state nullification of Obamacare. If the “Second Amendment Preservation Act” gets through the Legislature and across Perry’s desk, it wouldn’t be the first time far-right conservatives in the Capitol and the Governor’s Mansion made a national laughingstock out of our state.

It’s disappointing that, just one week into the 83rd Legislative Session, we’ve already witnessed elected officials performing radically ideological publicity stunts disguised as fulfilling their prescribed duties.

Stroud is an international relations and global studies sophomore from San Antonio.



BUSINESS

# Livestrong continues work despite conflict

By Sebastian Herrera

The Livestrong Foundation is attempting to move on following Lance Armstrong's admission that he used performance-enhancing drugs during his cycling career, and affiliated organizations and former interns remain supportive of its cause.

The foundation began in 1997 and is based in Austin, where Armstrong lives. Armstrong headed the organization's board until he stepped down in November after the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency produced a report with evidence of his doping practices.

The organization released a statement in response to Armstrong's on-camera interview with Oprah Winfrey, where he admitted to using performance-enhancing drugs during every one of his seven Tour de France titles.

"We at the Livestrong Foundation are disappointed by the news that Lance Armstrong misled people during and after his cycling career, including us," the foundation stated. "We look forward to devoting our full energy to our mission of helping people not only fight and survive cancer, but also thrive in life



Chelsea Purgahn | Daily Texan Staff

LIVESTRONG event planning and development intern and UT sport management senior Lane Follmar works on a project at the LIVESTRONG office Tuesday afternoon. Questions have been raised about how the internship department could be affected with recent news.

after cancer."

Livestrong also sponsors several organizations that raise money for cancer research, such as Texas 4000. Texas 4000 is a UT student organization that organizes annual charity bike rides from Austin to Anchorage, Ala.

Biomedical engineering senior David Martin, a member of the Texas 4000, is planning to ride on the 2013 team this summer.

"The main fight, regardless

of what other people have done or what has been said about Livestrong, is to fight cancer and to raise hope, knowledge and charity," Martin said.

"If anyone is passionate about fighting cancer or has thought about interning at Livestrong, it's a wonderful opportunity for growth," psychology senior Jamie Hill, who interned in Livestrong's navigation services department, said.

Public relations senior

Mackenzie Neel interned with Livestrong last semester and also agrees that the foundation impacted her positively.

"I loved being there," Neel said. "The atmosphere was wonderful. They kept any negativity out of the intern room. Despite whatever is going on, Livestrong has helped millions of people and I have been proud to be a part of it."

The foundation has raised more than \$400 million dollars since its inception.

STATE

# Senator proposes fewer tests in Texas schools

By Hannah Jane DeCiutiis

Texas high school students may have the opportunity to graduate with fewer required standardized tests and more concentration in career pathway courses because of a bill proposed Tuesday in the Texas Senate.

State Sen. Kel Seliger, R-Amarillo, filed the bill as a member of the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor & Pensions. The bill would require participating public high school students to pass only five standardized tests in core subject areas in order to graduate in addition to earning 26 required credits.

Local educators would also be able to grant "endorsements" to students who complete five credits in any one discipline. The selected disciplines are humanities, business, human service, science, technology, engineering or math.

These endorsements would allow for much-needed workforce preparation early on in a student's education, Seliger said.

"They are kind of like high school majors," Seliger said. "[They] allow career and technical pathways and STEM pathway concentration. There's a healthy dose there of workforce preparation and college preparation. That's what educators and employers say

they need."

Seliger said there are currently fifteen standardized exams required of students to graduate. The bill would require students to pass only five standardized tests in biology, algebra II, U.S. history and English reading & writing, according to the text of the bill.

The other exams would be used for varying levels of course assessment at the discretion of local educators as a way to determine student progress, Seliger said.

A positive effect of the bill could include increased graduation rates from students who drop out due to high-stakes standardized testing, Seliger said.

Seliger said he represents

82 Texas school districts and files legislation directly based on the needs of educators in those districts.

"I don't do public education legislature without the consultation of educators," Seliger said. "This is very much an educator's bill."

NATIONAL

# Former UT Chancellor returns to teaching law

By Mark Carrion

Former UT System Chancellor Mark Yudof announced plans Friday to step down as president of the University of California and to return to teaching law at UC-Berkeley after serving the University of California for five years.

"While the decision is my own, the moment comes with a mixture of emotions," Yudof said in a personal statement issued Friday. "I was both honored and humbled to serve as [the UC System's] president for what has been nearly five years now."

Yudof served on the boards and faculties of several large universities prior to his induction as the president of the University of California, including the University of Minnesota, UT and the law schools of the University of Michigan and UC-Berkeley.

Yudof came to UT in 1971 and started work as an assistant professor at the law school, eventually earning the position of dean of the School of Law, which he served as for 10 years until 1994.

From 1994 to 1997 he served as executive vice president and provost at UT. In June 2002, the UT System Board of Regents appointed Yudof as the ninth chancellor of the system, before Yudof took a job as president of the University of California in June 2008.

UC System spokeswoman Brooke Converse said Yudof was offered a dual appointment as both the president of the UC System



Mark Yudof

Former UT System Chancellor


and a professor at the UC Berkeley School of Law.

Yudof's term as president began within challenging circumstances, including a declining economy and severe cuts in funding from the state of California for higher education. To counter the decrease in funding, Yudof nearly doubled tuition rates over the next five years, a move that was met with considerable opposition from students.

Yudof's resignation came with what he calls "a spate of taxing health issues" and a need to "make a change in my professional lifestyle." Converse said that it is "possible he has other reasons" but she said she could not speak for him personally.

Randa Safady, vice chancellor for external relations at the UT System, said despite Yudof's challenges, he leaves a lasting legacy.

"While there were periods of tumultuous activity during his leadership [at UC], I think the history books will refer to Mark Yudof as one of the greatest academic leaders of all time, both in California and in Texas," Safady said in an email.




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FOOTBALL

SIGNING DAY  
DRAWS NEAR

Texas working to fill spots with talent, currently has 14 commits in 2013 class

By Michael Marks

By Jan. 23 2012, Texas had put together a veritable recruiting masterpiece. 24 out of 28 members of the class of 2012 had already verbally committed to Texas, including a slew of hand-picked blue chip recruits.



Malcolm Brown  
Sophomore defensive tackle

"I feel like we took a huge step forward toward where we want to get with this class," head coach Mack Brown said of the 2012 class during his Feb. 1 National Signing Day press conference. A year later, however, the glowing enthusiasm for Texas recruiting seems to have largely diminished. With two weeks until National Signing Day, Texas has struggled to fill the last remaining spots for the class of 2013. Monday's verbal commitment of offensive tackle Desmond Harrison, a highly-regarded junior college prospect, marked a first for the Longhorns after three months of decommitments and lost recruiting battles. The energy and momentum of the 2012 class has fled, replaced by an emerging, uneasy sentiment that Texas' vaunted position as the state's flagship football school is slipping away.

When juxtaposing the 2012 and 2013 classes as a whole, however, a very different picture comes into focus. Despite the obvious differences in size and public perception, on balance, the two classes are more alike than different. Notably, both the 2012 and 2013 classes are concentrated around linemen and defensive backs. Fifteen out of 28 commitments in the 2012 class and eight out of 14 in the 2013 class play either on the line or in the secondary. The two classes are also rated to be similar in quality. According to *rivals.com*, the 2013 class' average star rating is 3.71, compared to 3.64 for the 2012 class. It's important to note that while *rivals.com* ranks the 2012 class as the second-best class in the nation, respectively, the 2013 class clocks in at 19th by the same service. The difference in size between the two classes accounts for this disparity, as *rivals.com* considers the total number of commitments into its rankings, rather than the average rating of each player. Even if this year's class is just as talented as last year's,



Johnathan Gray  
Freshman running back

that doesn't mean that the class of 2013 will see the field as often as the 2012 freshmen did. Twelve players from the 2012 class were listed on the two-deep for Texas' last regular season game against Kansas State, with several others seeing significant playing time throughout the season. Consequently, the state of the depth chart makes it unlikely that as many members of the incoming class will play during their first year at Texas. Even if the 2013 class fails to make an impact as quickly as the 2012 class

did, history hints that big things are in store for it nonetheless. Of the 15 members of the class of 2005 (the last time Texas recruited a class of less than 20 players), seven have played in the NFL — the highest percentage of any class in the Mack Brown era. Members of the class of 2005 were freshmen or redshirted during Texas' most recent championship season. This isn't to say that the 2013 class will assuredly reach the heights of its 2005 or even 2012 predecessors. Just a reminder, rather, of the class' potential — and that doom and gloom before any of them have played a down may be a bit unwarranted.

Strong recruits needed to bolster Longhorns' success

By Christian Corona  
Daily Texan Sports Editor

Mack Brown better make the most of the nine days between now and Signing Day and be glad that he'll have a wealth of starters returning next season. Because, while he will still welcome plenty of highly-touted, wide-eyed freshman soon, this February's haul won't do for him what last February's did. The quality is there, but the quantity isn't. Half of the players committed to play for Texas next year

are in the Rivals 250, something that couldn't be said of last year's recruiting class. Then again, this year's haul is half the size of last year's. So the fact that Texas has nine starters returning on both offense and defense bodes well for the Longhorns. They have the potential to get more impact out of the new class than they did from the 28 they recruited last year. There are currently 14 players verbally committed to play for Texas next season, making for a class that's rated as the 19th-best in the

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NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL
Chevoski Collins	ATH	Livingston
Antwaun Davis	CB	Bastrop
Deoundrei Davis	LB	Cypress Woods
Desmond Harrison	OT	Contra Costa Community College
Naashon Hughes	LB	Harker Heights
Erik Huhn	S	Cibolo Steele
Darius James	C	Harker Heights
Jake Oliver	WR	Dallas Jesuit
Kent Perkins	OT	Dallas Lake Highlands
A'Shawn Robinson	DT	Fort Worth Arlington Heights
Geoff Swaim	TE	Butte Community College
Tyrone Swoopes	QB	Whitewright
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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL



Elisabeth Dillon | Daily Texan Staff  
Sophomore forward Nneka Enemkpali launches a shot against Oklahoma State. Enkempali and sophomore guard Chassidy Fussell will miss Wednesday's game due to a violation of team rules.

Struggling Horns go to Kansas

By Garrett Callahan

One month ago the Longhorns were hoping the New Year would push them in the complete opposite direction than they are going right now. Texas (7-10) has gone

0-8 since late December with six straight conference losses. Currently sitting in the Big 12 cellar, this has been the worst start in conference play that the Longhorns have had in school history. LOSSES continues on page 7

WHAT TO WATCH  
Texas @ Kansas

Date: Wednesday  
Time: 7 p.m.

BASKETBALL COLUMN

UT basketball squads nearing all-time lows

By Wes Maulsby  
Daily Texan Columnist

If you haven't noticed that basketball season has started, don't worry. There haven't been many good reasons to watch. Fans of the San Antonio Spurs have a title contender to cheer for and Houston Rockets followers have a team in the playoff hunt that's hosting this year's All-Star Game. But there are many Austinites who can't fully appreciate basketball this season because the Longhorns have failed to produce much spark on the court. Texas basketball is in a bit of a rough spot right now. Combined, the men's and women's teams are 0-11 in conference play this season. Not very good. The men's team is 8-10 on the season while the women are 7-10. At this rate, it seems that the fastest way for either team to get a win

would be to play each other. They couldn't both lose that game, right? The numbers don't get better. Texas hasn't won a true road game this season. It is 0-7 on other teams' home courts. It only has three neutral site wins to cobble together a 3-14 record away from Austin. At this rate, the best basketball the Frank Erwin Center will see will come in March as it hosts NCAA tournament games. In the frantic search for answers, one stat stands out more than any other: turnovers. The men's team averages 16 per game while the women average a whopping 21 per game. That's not a winning formula. The men are 315th in the country in turnovers this season while the women are 312th. Both are last in the Big 12 in turnover margin

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SPORTS BRIEFLY

McCoy, Hicks case now officially over

No charges will be filed against junior quarterback Case McCoy or junior line-backer Jordan Hicks, who were accused of sexually assaulting a woman in San Antonio on Dec. 28, Catherine Babbitt, Bexar County chief assistant criminal district attorney, told The Daily Texan. "Where it stands now, the San Antonio Police Department is not going to file a criminal case with our office nor is my office going to conduct any additional investigation," Babbitt said Tuesday. Hicks and McCoy were suspended and sent home one day before Texas beat Oregon State in the Valero Alamo Bowl on Dec. 29 for an undisclosed violation of team rules and reinstated to the team last Sunday. — Christian Corona

Jonathan Holmes out against Tech

After injuring his hand during the Longhorn's battle against Oklahoma, it was determined that Jonathan Holmes broke a bone in his right hand. Holmes, a top rebounder for the Longhorns, has had 127 rebounds this season in addition to 138 points. The disgruntled Longhorns have lost their last three games and are currently 0-5 in the Big 12. It is currently not known when Holmes will return, but the injury is not said to be season-ending. Holmes will not play against Texas Tech on Saturday. — Rachel Thompson

LONGHORNS IN THE NBA

Kevin Durant - 32 points - 7 assists THUNDER  
Tristan Thompson - 21 points - 5 assists CAVALIERS  
Avery Bradley - 7 points - 1 assist CELTICS





Elisabeth Dillon | Daily Texan Staff

Sophomore guard Julien Lewis sits on the bench during Monday's loss to Oklahoma as blood drips to the floor from his lip. Lewis scored seven points on 2-for-10 shooting in the defeat as Texas slipped to 0-5 in Big 12 play, its worst start in conference play since 1976.

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with the men's side marking the only team with a negative margin.

Despite all this, there are some good things happening. The men's team still plays stingy defense and is a solid rebounding team. The women are the top of-

fensive rebounding team in the conference while also being second to Baylor in blocked shots.

They've had some close losses, both losing at least one conference game in overtime. But there are not many positives that can be

taken away from what these teams have produced. The men's team cannot find a way to close out a game, constantly giving up late leads while the women have struggled to top the 60-point plateau, lately.

Perhaps if they could

hold on to the ball, the Longhorns could score a few more points. There is one silver lining left when discussing the disgusting state of basketball at the University: both the men and the women still get to play TCU twice.

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However, they get another shot to turn it all around this evening as they face another conference foe, Kansas, in Lawrence.

Texas will be without its leading scorer, Chasidy Fussell, and leading rebounder, Nneka Enemkpali, both of whom will sit out against Kansas due to an undisclosed violation of team rules. Fussell, who is averaging 15.9 points per game this year, scored 21 points in a loss to Oklahoma last Saturday. Enemkpali

is averaging 9.8 rebounds per game, the second-most in the Big 12.

Kansas is coming off of a three-game losing streak, making its record 2-3 in Big 12 play. The Jayhawks are 9-1 this season at Allen Fieldhouse, their home court, and look to take advantage of this struggling Texas team.

In its 23 meetings, Texas leads the series, 14-9, winning 10 of the previous 14 matches. In its most recent meeting last February, Kansas overwhelmed

Texas, taking a commanding 85-61 victory.

"They take turns making mistakes when they're young," head coach Karen Aston said. "A lot of times you can put one freshman out there with older players and they'll help them through their mistakes and they'll reset when there is a mistake, or they'll help them get where they're supposed to be. But in our situation, we have freshmen telling freshmen a lot of the time, or a sophomore telling

a freshman."

They haven't just been taking steps backwards, however. A lesson comes out of each game but consistency just hasn't been a strong point of theirs.

"I think we've made progress," Aston said. "Guards learned a lesson in the Texas Tech game and they were better today, but we haven't put forth a total team effort. Right now, we've got the guards doing really good but no presence in the paint, and then it flips."

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country by *rivals.com*. If it stays that way, the Longhorns would sign their worst recruiting class since 2005, when *rivals.com* had Texas' class ranked No. 20.

As far as offensive skill position players go, about as many prospects have pledged to play for the Longhorns as those that have spurned them. Texas nabbed Whitewright quarterback Tyrone Swoopes but lost out on junior college stud Nick Marshall.

Swoopes, a 6-foot-5-inch, 229-pounder that has drawn comparisons to Longhorn legend Vince Young, went 1-9 as Whitewright's starter this year. ESPN reclassified him as an athlete, rather than a quarterback, although Swoopes, one of four to enroll early at UT, seems eager to prove he can be an elite college quarterback.

Jake Oliver and Jacobrey Warrick should be solid wide receivers, but the Longhorns could have used Bastrop's Robbie Rhodes, who committed to Baylor, or Ra'Shaad Samples, who chose Oklahoma State over Texas. Losing former Texas pledge Ricky Seals-Jones to Texas A&M really hurt.

Jones made it the second straight year that the nation's top receiver prospect, according to *rivals.com*, turned down an offer to play for the Longhorns. Dorial Green-Beckham, who *rivals.com* labeled the top prospect at any position, picked Missouri over Texas. Jones de-committed from Texas last June and has since pledged to play for Texas A&M.

Tight end play has been a major weakness for the Longhorns, lately. Butte Community College tight end Geoff Swaim is a nice addition, but Belton tight end Durham Smythe recently joined Jones among those to decommit from Texas.

The Longhorns should improve along the line of scrimmage, thanks to pledges like A'Shawn Robinson, Jake Raulerson, Darius James, Kent Perkins and 6-foot-8-inch junior college offensive lineman Desmond Harrison.

Those players will fill big needs but leaves only nine players to contribute elsewhere. Thankfully, Texas has brought in plenty of blue-chippers over the last two years. But the Longhorns can't make 14-member recruiting classes a trend.

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**HUMP DAY**  
By Milla Impola

On January 22, 1973, the 7-2 Supreme Court decision regarding *Roe v. Wade* established a nationwide right for a woman to be able to decide on the personal choice that is abortion. Recent polling suggests that support for *Roe v. Wade* is growing and despite any personal, religious or moral objections, a majority of Americans recognize that abortion is a complex issue based on a numerous, and often complicated, set of circumstances.

A poll released by the Pew Research Center found that 63 percent of Americans opposed overturning *Roe v. Wade*, compared with 29 percent who said it should be overturned. The researchers say such opinions have stayed virtually unchanged from previous surveys.

NBC News and The Wall Street Journal reported similar results through a survey that found seven out of 10 participants do not want *Roe v. Wade* overturned, saying it is the highest percentage of support this question has generated since 1989.

Despite majority support for keeping *Roe v. Wade* in place, America continues to be divided on the morality of abortion. Pew reports that 47 percent of Americans say they personally believe that it is morally wrong to have an abortion, 13 percent find it morally acceptable, 27 percent say it is not a moral issue to begin with and nine percent says it depends on the circumstances.

These findings suggest that even though various personal and moral beliefs exist when it comes to abortion, a majority of Americans ultimately recognize the decision is far too complex than simply two mutually exclusive sides of "life" versus "choice."

As op-ed columnist Gail Collins wrote for The New York Times, "Americans are permanently uncomfortable with the abortion issue, and they respond most positively to questions that suggest it isn't up to them to decide anything."

While polls such as Quinnipiac University's annual voter survey suggest support for *Roe v. Wade* is growing, Gallup found that posing the question in terms of labels of "pro-choice" versus "pro-life" resulted in the exact opposite trend. Gallup reports that the percentage of voters who identified as "pro-life" rose from 46 percent to 50 percent in the past two years with "pro-choice" percentages falling respectively.

With opposing trends emerging merely based on how the question is posed, how can

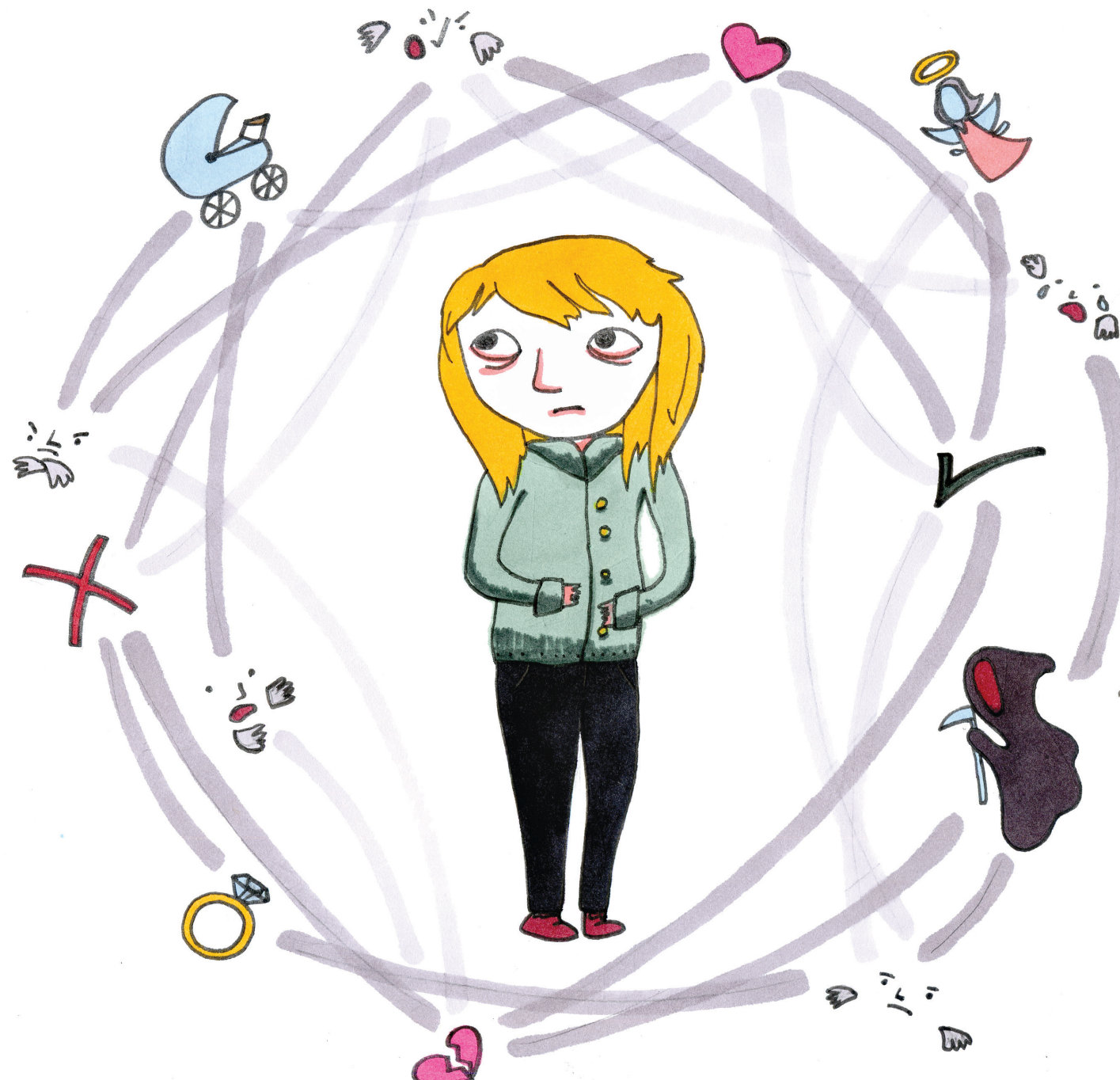


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we reconcile the differences in results? Results from polls such as Gallup highlight that despite labels, Americans believe there are circumstances, such as to save the life of the mother or in cases of rape and incest, in which abortion may be more acceptable than in others.

Such opinions transcend the restricting labels of "pro-choice" versus "pro-life" because those labels do not take into account the various life circumstances and situations many women encounter when facing this difficult

decision. After all, we can be "pro-choice" or "pro-life" for certain circumstances, yet feel the opposite for another set of circumstances.

In a Planned Parenthood poll, one woman who identified as "pro-life" told researchers there should be three labels: "pro-life, pro-choice and something in the middle that helps people understand circumstances ...it's not just black or white, there's gray."

With abortion continuing to be a divisive issue in legislation and politics, it is important to

note that most Americans fall somewhere in the middle. In addition, Pew Research Center found 53 percent of respondents said abortion "is not that important compared to other issues," up from 48 percent in 2009 and 32 percent in 2006.

Because the issue of abortion is so complex and entwined in individual circumstances, most Americans would rather see political attention shifted to other important issues facing our nation rather than focused on the private medical decisions of others.

MUSIC



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Beyonce sings the National Anthem at the ceremonial swearing-in for President Barack Obama at the U.S. Capitol during the 57th Presidential Inauguration in Washington, D.C. Monday.

## Beyonce accused of lip syncing anthem

By Alexandra Hart

News broke mid-Tuesday morning that national treasure Beyonce Knowles-Carter's rendition of the Star Spangled Banner at the presidential inauguration may have been lip synced, compromising the very foundation of America itself. Rumors that bald eagles fell out of the sky and the Lincoln Memorial shed a real tear have yet to be confirmed or denied as the country stood, united in shock, at this stunning betrayal of trust in the nation's capital.

The inauguration, starring Beyonce and featuring celebrities such as Kelly Clarkson, drew both crowds and criticism. The First Lady Michelle Obama debuted controversial new bangs and presumably "wowed" in some designer dress. Cheez-Its were part of the culinary offerings. James Taylor proved he's still doing stuff. The highlight by far was Beyonce's performance of the national anthem, which spawned endless praises on

my Facebook news feed. The emotion! The flawless vocals! That infamous removal of the earpiece! It seemed too good to be true.

Perhaps it was.

A mere 24 hours later the social media world had done an about-face and was plagued with lamentations of the pop culture queen's supposed inauthenticity. Surely if the president is being sworn in with a hand on the Bible, the performers, too, should be held accountable, right? Did Kelly fake it too? And let's reopen the whole Beyonce-faked-her-pregnancy can of worms while we're at it.

Maybe we're blowing this whole thing out of proportion. As news broke, I couldn't help being reminded of an episode of "Hey Arnold," one I had co-incidentally watched that very morning, in which Eugene finds out his favorite TV action hero doesn't do his own stunts. Poor Eugene is heartbroken when he sees that actor Maurice, clearly based on a pre-Gubernatorial Arnold Schwarzenegger, has a stunt double,

and writes him off as a phony. In the end, Maurice redeems himself and proves that even though he does fake his stunts, he's still a decent person.

Are we skewering Bey as Eugene did Maurice? Have we built her up so much as a culture goddess that we can no longer accept reality? Performers are just that, performers. They entertain, often at the cost of authenticity. We should be used to it by now. And face it: that national anthem was entertaining. Lip synced or not, it's still Beyonce's voice singing and it still sounded incredible. Though that whole earpiece bit, in light of recent knowledge, was definitely taking it too far.

I understand, we're all still so hurt about Lance Armstrong lying to us and Photoshopped CoverGirls and Kristen Stewart still being allowed to act that we feel like we deserve to have something real. Beyonce denied us that. It's natural to feel betrayed; I do too. But I choose to stand by Beyonce in this difficult time, and I hope you will too.

BOOK REVIEW | 'THE AVIATOR'S WIFE'

## Novel spotlights oft-forgotten Mrs. Lindbergh, lady aviator

By Bobby Blanchard

In "The Aviator's Wife," Melanie Benjamin shines a light on the rarely told story of author and aviator Anne Lindbergh, whose accomplishments and personality often fall in the shadow of her husband, Charles Lindbergh.

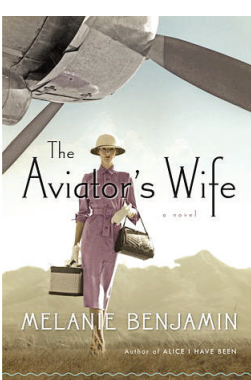
Benjamin's historical fiction novel focuses on the marriage of Anne and Charles Lindbergh. According to the book's accounts, Lindberghs' marriage may have begun blissfully, but their relationship slowly descended as time and tragedy wore on them. One of the strongest points of this novel is Benjamin's ability to sharply contrast the high and low points of the couple's marriage. After all, the narration begins at the story's end. In just the first few pages of "The Aviator's Wife," Anne Lindbergh learns of Charles Lindbergh's multiple affairs and Charles is approaching his death. But in the next chapter, Benjamin illuminates the days when Charles and Anne first met: a period full of innocence, flirtation, sweet gestures and hope.

The two marry quickly, and Anne is forced to adapt to a new lifestyle, which includes a persistent American press and a demanding husband. With the press stalking their every move, Charles requires that Anne learn how to fly a plane, and she becomes the first woman to earn a first class glider pilot's license. In her efforts to please Charles,

Anne loses her shyness and becomes more independent and competent. Yet she stays dependent on pleasing Charles, often doing exactly what he says and following his every direction. It is not until later in their marriage that Anne begins to defy and resent Charles. Benjamin writes the novel from Anne's point of view, and her frequent heartbreak and rage is displayed perfectly on the page.

The Lindberghs' lives are mixed in with complicated and detailed historical events that they often play a major role in. From the kidnapping and murder of their first child (the "crime of the century") to the Lindberghs' self-exile to Germany, Benjamin follows the history with expert eyes. She gives each event appropriate detail and equal coverage. For instance, it would have been easy for Benjamin to focus too much of the novel on the kidnapping of Charles Lindbergh, Jr. Instead, Benjamin gives the incident proper play and does an excellent job referring to it throughout the rest of the novel, illustrating the devastating effects it had on Anne and Charles' marriage.

Throughout her life, Anne accomplished many things that were ignored and tarnished by her husband. She was a successful aviator and a novelist, yet these accomplishments tend to get lost in the shadow of her husband. "You're just a mom now," one of Anne's children remarks to her during her later years of life. "That's



**THE AVIATOR'S WIFE**  
**Author:** Melanie Benjamin  
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all I can imagine you as." With scenes like these, Benjamin does an excellent job showing how Anne's successful life is often overlooked.

It is frustrating that the novel focuses on telling Anne's life story through her marriage with her husband. If the point of "The Aviator's Wife" is to focus on a historical figure who is often ignored, then is it not self-destructive to Benjamin's purpose to tell that story through the lens of the institution that tied Anne to the man that left her in the shadows? Benjamin could have made the novel stronger if she made the focus more on the aviator's wife herself and less on the aviator. She could have done this by spending more time on Anne before she met Charles and after Charles died. However, this one weak point is not enough to bring the novel down as a whole, and "The Aviator's Wife" is still an enjoyable read.





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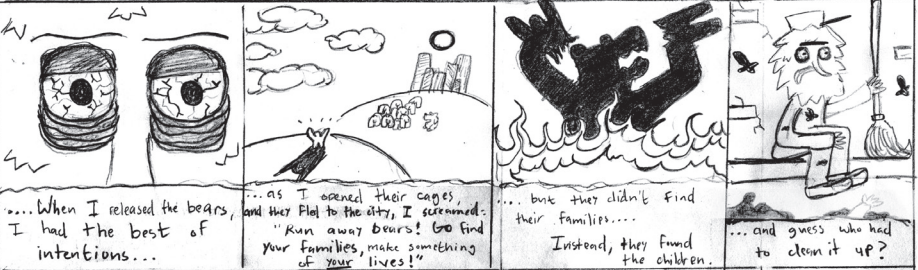


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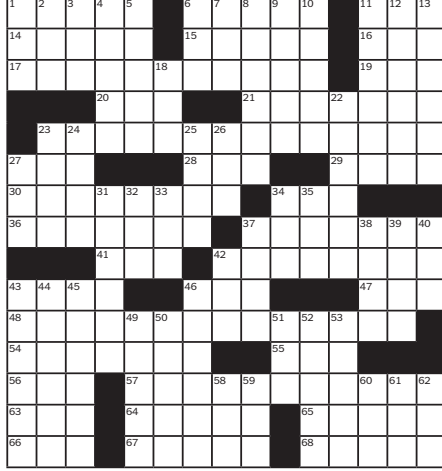
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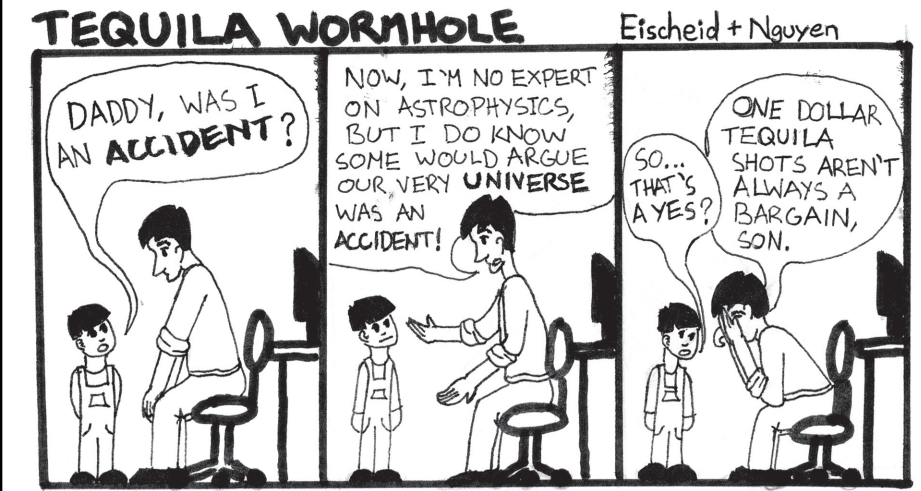
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  - 4 BBC time-traveling series
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  - 6 Insensitive sort
  - 7 Heart chart, briefly
  - 8 Eye lustfully
  - 9 Poet whose work inspired "Cats"
  - 10 Low man on stage
  - 11 Calculus, familiarly
  - 12 Pie-eyed
  - 13 San Castle site
  - 18 Country music's Young Band
  - 22 Actor Estevez
  - 23 Commercial ending for Sun or Star
  - 24 Warm, so to speak
  - 25 "JAG" spinoff with Mark Harmon
  - 26 \_\_\_ reaction
  - 27 Frank McCourt memoir
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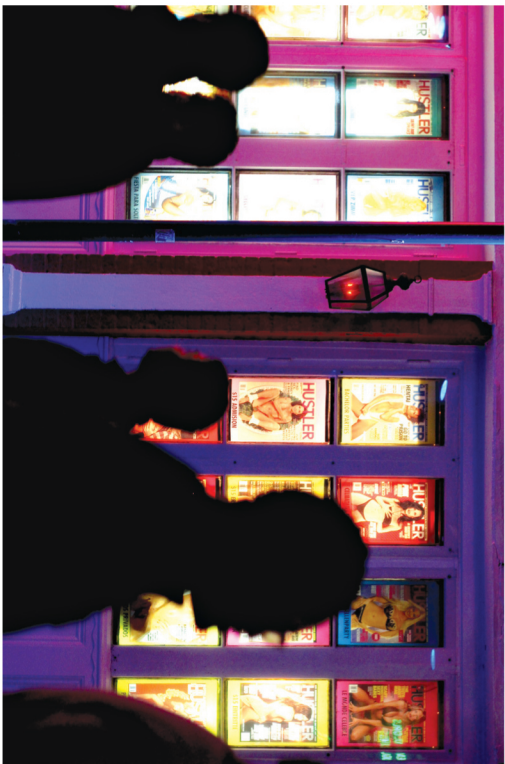
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# TRAIN TREKS

BY JORGE CORONA

*Daily Texan videographer takes to the rails, documents travels, adventures in northeast*

On the way back from my 14-day train voyage across the East and the Midwest of the country, I left Chicago with a man named Mennu. Mr. Mennu, a sexagenarian of Ethiopian origin, was also heading to San Antonio on the long, 32-hour journey. He spoke with a calm, wise voice, the kind you would expect from a philosopher or a favorite librarian. I caught a cold in New York two nights before and the train had not even arrived in Lincoln, IL, when Mr. Mennu also started to sneeze.

"I think you are giving me your cold," he said. I apologized profusely. He denied my pleas with his slow, slightly accented voice.

"It's OK. I have won a new friend. From San Antonio," Three weeks prior, the north-most point I had ever been to was a small town called Goldthwaite, some hours north of Austin. Furthest east, probably Houston; and never outside of Texas within the United States. For someone who daydreams and fantasizes about travel, this was an embarrassing track record. As soon as a trip to New York City was possible, I made sure to book the most adventurous mode of transportation available. Since I couldn't find the right bear to ride all the way there, I settled for the train.

My first train to Chicago was canceled, and I was really too sleepy to be disappointed; the only trains that leave San Antonio do so very early in the morning, with check-in around five, boarding around six. But I tried again the next day, successfully, with a train going to New Orleans, where I would transfer for New York.

Once aboard, I met a seemingly incessant amount of passengers who, like me, were not afraid to exchange hours of their time for exploration and experience; people like Mennu. It's not that they were trying to save money on fares as one often does with Greyhound or Megabus; a USA Rail Pass runs you about \$440 for eight segments usable within a two week period, and individual tickets for long distances can be in the \$200 dollar range, add an extra \$200

for the most basic sleeper car if you're feeling fancy.

On the train from New York to Chicago, I sat next to Jacob, a vivacious Physics student from The University of New Mexico. He asked me the question he asks everyone he meets on board: "Why the train?"

When you fly on a plane, you see the country from a distance, a sort of existential form of watching. When you ride the train, you go through the country; you are there. You go through the Texas plains, through the Louisiana swamps and lakes, through the Mississippi and Alabama forests, the golden fields of Virginia, the snowy woods of the Northeast. You see Houston, New Orleans, Birmingham, Atlanta, Greensboro, Charlotte, Washington, Philadelphia, Trenton, Newark, New York, Albany, Syracuse, Chicago, Lincoln, Springfield, St. Louis, Little Rock, Dallas, Fort Worth, Temple and back to Austin and later San Antonio. That's why.

Photojournalism professor Dennis Darling once told the truth: that when it comes to any kind of voyage, whether professional or geographical, our generation is destination-heavy and journey-light. Had I ridden on a plane, I would have simply arrived in New York. But I think that on the train I had a journey, after which I ended up in New York and then I had a journey back. It was different. It was longer. It was worthwhile.

Now that I've seen all of these other places, I'm curious about what I will see when I come back to the familiar. The filter of experience is irremovable; suspendable perhaps, but never removable. It is often said that travel creates growth, though I'm still not sure how. Amtrak sells it as a visual experience, offering the beauty of the countryside as a feast for the eyes. The experience was so satisfying that the Chinatown vendors I saw in New York City could probably offer it as an aphrodisiac.

If anything, I feel more mature — without any new wrinkles — and though I'm not quite ready to hop on another long train ride, I can't wait for the next long break when I get a chance to do so.

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