

SYSTEM

\$118 million land lease sale funds UT, Texas A&M systems

By Maria Mendez and Jenan Taha
Senior News Reporters

A recent \$118 million lease sale of state lands to oil companies will continue funding UT and Texas A&M universities through oil and natural gas wells.

The lease of approximately 44,000 acres of land was announced last Thursday by University Lands, an entity that manages the surface and mineral interests of West Texas state lands that fund UT and A&M Systems through the Permanent University Fund. The Texas Constitution mandates two-thirds of the fund to the UT System, at least 45 percent of which goes to support maintenance and administrative costs at the UT-Austin campus.

Karen Adler, director of media relations and communications programming of UT System, said the fund helps the UT System's many students by fulfilling facility costs.

"Money from the Permanent University Fund directly benefits students by funding state-of-the-art classrooms, labs and clinical facilities at UT institutions," Adler said in an email.

Each year the UT System Board of Regents dispenses 4 to 7 percent of the current \$19.5 billion Permanent University Fund to UT and A&M universities. The lease added the \$118 million to the fund and could lead to future revenue from oil drilling.

University Lands CEO Mark Houser said over the past few years, the lease of the oil-rich lands have generated millions, which have contributed to projects like UT's Dell Medical School. Funding through oil fields proves to be one of the most sustainable sources of University income, since University Lands' 2.1 million acres "sit on top of great oil," Houser said.

"There is still more oil left to be produced in West Texas that has already been produced," Houser said. "If we do it right we should have a good predictable revenue source for a long time."

This year's land lease to 25 oil and gas companies was the University Lands' fourth largest sale, Houser said. Although recent oil price decreases led to a slightly less-successful lease sale, Houser said the development of new oil wells on the leased West Texas lands will bring in additional revenue at no cost to the UT System.

Oil companies must pay well and drilling costs but

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Left to right, Daniel Ramirez, Montserrat Garibay and Julieta Garibay protest U.S. Sens. Ted Cruz and John Cornyn outside of Hogg Auditorium on Sunday morning. Cruz and Cornyn were speaking on a panel at the Texas Tribune Festival.

Succeed Act's Big Challenges

New DREAM Act alternative proposes bipartisan compromise

On Monday night, three GOP U.S. senators introduced a new version of the DREAM Act which provides a 15-year pathway to citizenship for Dreamers, individuals brought illegally to the

U.S. as minors.

This bill is the latest round in a 16-year effort to provide a route to citizenship. The new bill, known as the Succeed Act, co-opts immigration reform for those trying to obtain citizenship with increased border security funding.

"These are kids that literally do not have a home anywhere," said James Lankford, U.S. senator and co-author of the bill, in a press conference. "We don't want to promote illegal immigration. We don't want to say to adults, 'If you bring a child with you when you cross the border illegally you get some sort of award.' But we do want to speak out on how do we want to handle an unresolved issue in America right now."

U.S. Senators Thom Tillis, R-North Carolina, James Lankford, R-Oklahoma and Orrin Hatch R-Utah introduced the bill as a compromise between Republican desire for an increase in border security and Democratic demand for immigration reform.

The Succeed Act starts by allowing eligible Dreamers to apply for conditional permanent residency. After five

years, if they do not violate the conditions of the visa, they are allowed to reapply. During this time, the applicant must also pursue one of three tracks: postsecondary or vocational education, employment or U.S. military service.

After the first 10 years under the program, the applicant can then apply for legal permanent residency, also known as a green card. They must then spend five years as a legal permanent resident before they are eligible to apply for citizenship.

Unlike most other green card holders, applicants will not be allowed to use their legal status to bring over non-U.S. resident family members, regardless of the family members' status. This includes both family members who are currently undocumented in the U.S. and family members still residing in their home country.

To begin the process toward legal permanent residency or citizenship, all applicants must sign a waiver revoking their right to challenge potential future deportations in court should they lose their status at any point.

"I understand that the opposition might say that a good immigrant shouldn't have to worry about being deported," said Vanessa Rodriguez, undocumented student and government sophomore. "But the real situation

"We don't want to promote illegal immigration ... but we do want to speak out on how do we want to handle an unresolved issue in America right now."

—James Lankford, U.S. Senator

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT

SG urges Fenves to accept Longhorn EMS as UT-sponsored agency



ALEXANDER THOMPSON | DAILY TEXAN STAFF

Public health junior Gavin Sussman advocates for Assembly Resolution 16, a resolution asking UT President Gregory Fenves to approve changing the Longhorn Emergency Medical Services into a University-sponsored organization, at a SG meeting on Tuesday night.

By London Gibson
Senior News Reporter

Student Government representatives proposed a resolution for UT President Gregory Fenves to approve Longhorn Emergency Medical Services' transition to a University-sponsored organization last night, three weeks after he declined the same request.

Assembly Resolution 16 declares support for Longhorn EMS and calls for an annual University-funded budget for the organization and two reserved on-campus spaces. Longhorn EMS is a SG agency of certified student first responders on campus.

"My hope is that with the passage of this legislation, we will be able to have another talk with the president's office ... so that we can further address any concerns that they might have," said Natalie Engel, resolution co-author and social work senior.

Austin-Travis County EMS has a current campus emergency response time of about 9.2 minutes, chief of Longhorn EMS Gavin Sussman said. Sussman, a public

health senior, said Longhorn EMS could reduce response time to a third of the Austin-Travis County EMS time.

"We foresee that ... being a campus-dedicated resource, we'd be able to get that 9.2 minute response time down to two-and-a-half to three minutes," Sussman said.

The organization petitioned to become a University-sponsored, on-campus organization earlier this month but was declined by Fenves.

Aside from policy conflicts between an existing EMS organization at the J.J. Pickle

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CITY

Mexic-Arte raises funds for victims of Mexican earthquake

By Maria Mendez
Senior News Reporter

Staying true to its "We are all Mexico" mural, Austin Mexic-Arte Museum sent donations on Monday to survivors of Mexico's earthquakes.

Three major earthquakes and various aftershocks have shaken central and southern Mexico in the last month, moving Austin residents and UT students to seek ways to send help across the border.

The local Mexic-Arte Museum collected donations to be shipped without cost to Mexico City, which was struck by a 7.1-magnitude earthquake last Tuesday. The weekend donation drive of medical supplies, nonperishable food and clothes was organized by Sara Palma, a Mexic-Arte graphic designer from Mexico City.

"When I saw the news I (felt) horrible," Palma said. "All my family are in Mexico City. I just kept feeling like I need to do something."

The recent earthquake occurred on the 32nd anniversary of an 8.0-magnitude earthquake that struck Mexico City in 1985. Palma lived through the 1985 earthquake and said the damage from Tuesday's earthquake was not as severe, but still toppled many buildings, including homes in her past neighborhoods of La Condesa and Roma.

"For me, it's very important to help my Mexico City, my people," Palma said. "Some of them don't have anything right now. They lost everything. That's why I feel like I need to create this movement to help Mexico."

Mexic-Arte also collaborated with other local businesses. Designers and photographers made portraits of donors in front of the museum's "We are all Mexico" mural Sunday. Local food truck Churro Co. donated all of its earnings on Saturday to affected communities in Mexico.

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Theatre studies freshman Chris Coffey records a song at the Fine Arts Library. Chris is co-founder of the music group ZILBO.

MUSIC

Butler strings together Harvey benefit concert

By Zachary Guerrero
News Reporter

Students and faculty joined together Tuesday night for a Butler School of Music benefit concert for the victims of Hurricane Harvey.

The four-hour concert held at Bates Recital Hall featured more than 30 songs, consisting of genres such as jazz, mariachi and classical music. It was free to the public, and donations were encouraged to help raise funds. Concert organizers Darlene Wiley, a professor of voice, and Hanan Alattar, an alumna, said they wanted to use the event to benefit a campus-wide fundraiser that was previously organized by the Student Emergency Fund, the Registrar's Office and the Dean of Students to assist Harvey victims.

"We were all distressed because such a large percentage of our students come from the Houston area, and we knew that some were much worse off than others," Wiley said. "We have students who



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Brian Lewis and members of his violin studio perform at a benefit concert to raise money for individuals affected by Hurricane Harvey on Tuesday night.

have a foot of water in their home, and a lot of (them) were here for the start of school, but nonetheless, we were concerned."

Last month, Hurricane Harvey hit the Texas coast less than a week before classes were scheduled to begin. More than half of all UT-Austin students are from areas affected by

“We can help and support each other, so I think this music will send that message to the people.”

—Beibei Sheng,
Music performance graduate student

the storm, according to J.B. Bird, UT director of media relations.

The concert was streamed online, as multiple soloists and ensembles were performed by students playing alongside faculty.

Skyla Lowery, development associate in the College of Fine Arts, said the

money will go directly to the students through financial aid, allowing them to spend the money depending on their situation.

"The Student Emergency Fund on campus helps students in any emergency that comes up in their lives, but specifically now, it's Hurricane Harvey," Lowery said. "They said they have about 1,500 requests a year for excused absences, and the week of Harvey they had over 1,000 requests just that week alone."

Music performance graduate student Beibei Sheng said his song is about living a beautiful life, and he hopes the victims of Hurricane Harvey find peace in their daily lives.

"I want to send them a message that everything is going to be fine," Sheng said. "I want to give them hope. We can help and support each other, so I think this music will send that message to the people."

Donations for students effected by Hurricane Harvey are still being accepted online.

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is that sometimes people are mistakenly taken by ICE ... By waiving (that right), it puts a lot of people in danger."

This is not the first piece of legislation to be introduced this year for Dreamers. In July, a coalition of representatives from both parties and chambers of Congress introduced their own version of the DREAM Act, without border security funding attached.

"It's disturbing to see a contingency of the conservative members of Congress come together and try to propose an alternative that tacks on restrictive immigration provisions when there is a clean DREAM Act that members of both sides have introduced,"

said Elissa Steglich, clinical professor and attorney with the UT immigration clinic.

Rodriguez said the earlier bill is what the undocumented community has been pushing for years, a "clean" DREAM Act. The other bill also does not deprive applicants of the ability to use their legal residency status to bring over family members.

"The Succeed Act doesn't seem responsive to the situation," Rodriguez said. "In the Succeed Act, a person would have to wait 15 years ... I've been in the country for 14 years now, (and) 15 more years would mean that I would be 35 before I'm actually able to call myself an American."

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Research Campus in North Austin, Fenves expressed worry that students might be less likely to call for assistance if they know students will be responding and liability concerns with student responders being injured on the job.

Sussman said the proposed implementation plan includes an insurance budget in case of injury on the job. He also said in research, his team has noted that students are actually more likely to call for assistance knowing that students would be among the first responders.

Ben Solder, College of Natural Sciences representative, authored the resolution with Engel. Solder said SG is meant to serve as a voice for the students and this resolution reflects campus wishes.

"I guess in this way, (SG is) going to serve as kind of a megaphone," neuroscience junior Solder said. "It's not necessarily that they're going to listen to us for sure, but we want to bring up all of the counter-arguments to the University's concerns, and we want to bring them up through our giant megaphone."

The resolution was referred to the Student Affairs Committee for later debate.

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give University Lands about 20 percent of the profits from every barrel of oil sold. With one square mile of land typically holding 20 to 30 wells, according to Houser, potential barrels of oil are numerous.

"West Texas is one of the largest oil fields in the world," Houser said, adding that University Lands expects the creation of at least

300 new wells on the newly leased land.

Kari Ross, a campaign organizer for environmental advocacy group Environment Texas, said University Lands could do more to reduce methane emissions from oil drilling in West Texas.

"I feel like a lot of people know that oil and gas operations are happening on land owned by UT, but they don't know really know that there are sustainable

measures that can be taken," Ross said. "UT doesn't require that of companies."

Houser said University Lands also leases land for solar energy, but renewable energy could not fulfill energy and university revenue needs alone.

"Education is being funded through oil and gas development, and (it's) lowering energy costs for everybody," Houser said. "Oil and gas, frankly, is a good thing."

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CAMPUS

Award-winning poet performs inaugural reading at HRC

By Sara Schleede
News Reporter

Five hours before he was slotted to take stage, Roger Reeves was in his cluttered, unpainted office scribbling an idea for a poem in the margins of a book. He had no idea what he was going to read that night.

“I want to read new stuff,” Reeves said. “I want to put into the air the element of risk.”

Reeves, award-winning poet and associate poetry writing professor, gave his inaugural reading at the Harry Ransom Center on Tuesday. The event was co-presented by the Department of English and the New Writers Project.

“The difference between going to a concert and listening to an album online is that you actually see a bit of what it is to make a song,” Reeves said. “You go to a poetry reading because you want to go to a good concert.”

Reeves returned this semester to teach as an alumnus, having attended UT for his Masters of Fine Arts and doctorate. When the Harry Ransom Center approached him a few months ago about reading his poetry, Reeves said he was thrilled.



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Roger Reeves gave a reading from his most recent book, “King Me,” to a full house at the Harry Ransom Center on Tuesday night. The audience was brimming with students, faculty and his family.

Lisa Olstein, director of the New Writers Project, introduced Reeves. She said she admires his mastery of language and lyricism and his ability to tackle nuanced political issues.

“I think (that) is always why I leave Roger’s poems different than I entered them,” Olstein said.

English graduate student Calaandra Mazcuri said she intends to take Reeves’ poetry class next semester, and she

appreciates his ideas about what it means to be a writer.

“Being a poet is not an identity,” Mazcuri said. “It’s always good to be reminded that poets are people who work really hard every day.”

The theater was filled with students, adults and even children, but everyone fell silent when Reeves walked onto the stage singing James Weldon Johnson’s “Lift Every Voice and Sing.” He said the song is considered an anthem for the African-American community.

“The reason I sang that is we’re having all this debate about national anthems,” Reeves said. “I wanted to put these two songs into conversation.”

Reeves selected some old poems and some new ones to read. In particular, he said he chose to perform poems tied to his time as a student in Austin as a way to celebrate his return.

“Sometimes you feel like Obed a little bit,” Reeves said, referring to a character in the Bible. “You get thrown out, asking, ‘Can I come back home?’ It’s nice to be back.”

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Palma said people have been eager to help Mexico, even through small efforts.

“This is a good movement to help these people,” Palma said. “Maybe it’s not really huge, but it’s something and means something for those people.”

Following a similar urge to help her home country, finance junior Alejandra Chavira held a bake sale Friday to fundraise for the post-earthquake rescue brigade called Los Topos.

“I have a lot of family in south and central Mexico, many of which were affected by the earthquake,” Chavira said. “Instead of sitting around watching videos about it, I feel like this is a better way to channel my feelings about the events.”

Chavira sold Mexican pastries, horchata and aguas frescas with her friends in the UT Sailing Club. Mexicans left homeless by the major earthquakes and numerous aftershocks will need help



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Sara Palma and Ryan Barker fill boxes with donated goods to send to Mexico City. Palma who has family in Mexico, organized the donation drive and hopes to continue collecting more goods to send to the areas affected.

rebuilding in the following weeks, Chavira said.

“(For) a lot of people with limited resources, their homes have been destroyed,” Chavira said. “So it’s a situation that requires a lot of cooperation and unity from Mexicans, whether in the country or outside of the country like us.”

Management senior Swietenia Palacios said she and her friends were looking to donate to nonprofits for earthquake relief. Austin’s Mexican Consulate suggests donating to the Red Cross.

Palacios said the UT community and Mexico have close ties, including study abroad programs in Mexico City.

“There are so many students from Mexico at UT ... they’re Longhorns,” Palacios said. “And they are hurting and worried, as we should be too, in solidarity.”

CAMPUS

TX Votes puts on trivia night to promote political involvement

By Emily O’Toole
News Reporter

TX Votes, a nonpartisan civil engagement student organization, hosted a political trivia night Tuesday as part of their initiative to increase University-wide political involvement.

While sporting their “ask me about voting” pins, TX Votes members hosted the trivia event at The Pizza Press. The questions covered topics such as Texans’ voting habits, voter turnout and presidents at turning points in history.

Marco Guajardo, civic engagement alliance chair of TX Votes, said the organization exists to encourage young people to be involved in the political process, as younger demographics tend to be less politically informed.

“We help people understand their rights and why it’s important to vote,” said Guajardo, a marketing sophomore. “A lot of young people feel disenchanted with their leaders or politics or what not because they aren’t as civically engaged as other groups.”

Sarah Herzer, TX Votes president, said the organization hosts and partakes in other activities with this goal in mind, such as registering people to vote, recruiting speakers and partnering with nonpartisan and partisan organizations.

“Our primary goal is to increase civic engagement on campus,” said Herzer, a political



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Zoe Long, IRG and theatre sophomore, and Margaret Siu, Plan II sophomore, consult teammates on a political trivia question. Nonpartisan organization TX Votes hosted the event to encourage civic engagement and voter registration.

ical communication and ancient history junior. “Last year we hosted an election night watch party which was a great success, and we do election brackets when elections come around so that people can try to guess who is going to win.”

TX Votes partners with other civic engagement groups on campus as a part of the Civic Engagement Alliance, Herzer said.

Zoe Long, international relations and global studies and theatre sophomore, said she thinks people may not vote because their vote seems insignificant.

“When you vote, it’s one of the most correct ways that, as a citizen, you can have your voice be heard,” Long said.

Margaret Siu said she thinks everyone should have a say and be aware of their surroundings given today’s political climate.

“We’re so privileged to be in a country where citizens’ voices do matter,” Siu said. “It’s a right to exercise your beliefs, even if you’re just one person.”

According to the alliance’s website, the CEA registered 4,376 students to vote during the 2015-2016 school year.

TX Votes does not advocate for a specific cause or candidate because the importance of voting exists regardless of political alignment, Guajardo said.

“One of the easiest things to do to effect change in your government is to vote,” Guajardo said.



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COLUMN

Americans must show solidarity by helping their neighbors in need

By Jacob Kunz
Columnist

On the morning of Sept. 19, an earthquake measuring 7.1 on the seismic scale hit Mexico City and the surrounding areas. This came after a string of natural disasters hit North America, from Hurricanes Harvey and Irma to another earthquake in the southern Mexican state of Oaxaca.

As the dust settled after an earthquake in Mexico City that killed at least 330 people, thousands of Mexican citizens volunteered and offered aid to their fellow man. Though still reeling from our own natural disaster just 750 miles away, the people of the United States must rise to the occasion to support their southern neighbors.

The reaction worldwide has been staggering, with foreign leaders, celebrities and the American government sharing condolences and sending money, supplies and rescue workers to affected areas. But there seems to be a disparity in how some Americans view this tragedy.

"I completely disagree with this! Let them take care of their own," said Reddit user jeepergurl in reaction to Trump sending rescue teams to Mexico. "We can send back the 11,000,000 illegals that we've been taking care of to go help."

Reading through public comments on this news and seeing this sentiment shared by many on the far right is not only infuriating in its lack of empathy, but also in its ignorance of precedent. The president sent a response team to Mexico through the Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance, which was created in 1964 and has sent aid to Haiti following the 2010 earthquake and Japan after the 2011 earthquake and tsunami.

While there are increasing tensions between Mexico and the United States surrounding issues of immigration, that has not gotten in the way of a shared value of cooperation in times of disaster. Much like when they provided over 184,000 tons of supplies to Katrina survivors in 2005, Mexico offered to send paramedics, equipment for food and shelter and 25 trailers of supplies to victims in Texas in the wake of Harvey — the same day that President Donald Trump tweeted that Mexico was "one of the highest crime (nations) in the world."

Partisanship has its limits, and to see this tragedy through the lens of personal politics is misguided and reprehensible. No matter what you think about Mexico, its people are in dire need of help, and it's only just that we — as an American people — unite to offer our support.

There are a number of resources to help in sending aid to victims, such as UNICEF or Project Paz. For those still apprehensive on how to treat Mexico in this time of need, perhaps the president's words to the people of Mexico City are enough: "We are with you and will be there for you."

Kunz is an English freshman from New Braunfels.

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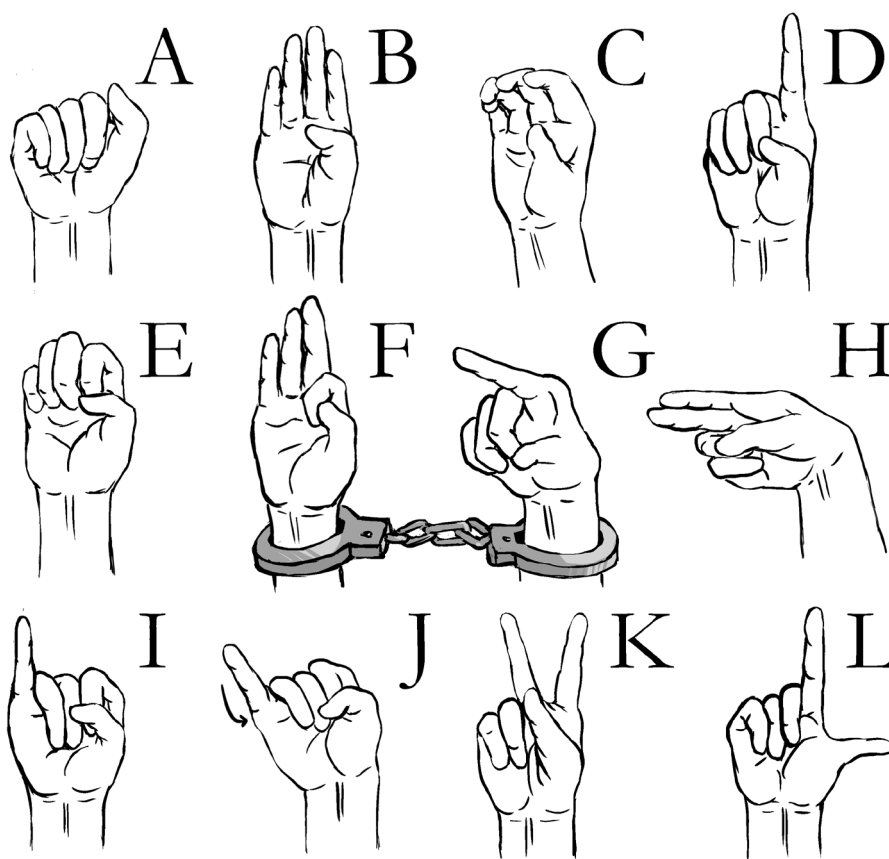


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Police should be trained to protect disabled community

By Jeff Rose
Columnist

The recent killing of an Oklahoma deaf man by police has brought national attention to a highly uncovered issue in the media: police killings of disabled people with communicative issues. This is a national issue that needs to be addressed, and the Austin Police Department should take necessary steps, such as proper training and policy enforcement, to avoid similar situations happening within our city.

People with disabilities rightly fear death at the hands of the police. According to a study by the Ruderman Family Foundation, up to a quarter or half of those shot and killed by police between 2013 and 2015 were disabled. This is an absurd number of deaths that could've been prevented. "Police forces need better practices, policies and procedures when interacting with people with disabilities so that harm ... is prevented," said Jay Ruderman, president of the Ruderman Family Foundation, which advocates for and advances the inclusion of people with disabilities throughout our society.

35-year-old Magdiel Sanchez was on his front porch when Oklahoma City Police pulled up in response to a call about a hit-and-run a few blocks away. One of the two police officers told Sanchez to put down the pipe he was holding, which one of his neighbors reported he used to ward off dogs. Sanchez came towards them with the pipe, attempting to communicate with them, but the officer fired his taser, and seconds later, another officer shot him several times. He was pronounced dead in his front yard.

As someone who is deaf, this is a terrifying reality to live in. The thought that a brief misunderstanding with the police could be all

that stands between life and death for myself or any other disabled person is appalling. No one should have to die or fear death at the hands of the very people sworn to protect them because of a miscommunication related to their disability.

A 2012 report cites Austin as having 48,763 deaf or hard of hearing people living here, the second highest in population among seven selected U.S. cities. While APD is trained to handle mental health crises and have training related to hearing-impaired people, these statistics only further highlight the importance of APD being properly trained to handle situations involving disabled people who have communicative issues. APD also has policies in place regarding providing interpreters for hearing-impaired people, but — according to an investigation by the Austin Chronicle — it is rarely used and not enforced.

"With mental health, or any disability, officers have to look for signs that aren't always obvious," said Lauren Gleason, director of public relations and media for the National Alliance on Mental Illness. This is obvious in the case of Sanchez and many others before him, thus why specialized training is needed to prevent the unnecessary loss of lives.

If APD wants to go on to inspire and set an example for other police departments across the nation, they should train officers to communicate better with disabled people, and enforce their policies already in place.

If our police were trained and provided the tools to protect our community to the fullest extent, disabled people like myself would no longer fear death because of miscommunication. We deserve a future where we can trust police to protect us, rather than kill us.

Rose is an English sophomore from the Woodlands.

COLUMN

Replacement of Red River shuttle brings welcome improvement

By Ryan Young
Senior Columnist

"I'm a Daily Texan columnist doing a story on Capital Metro," I shouted to a group of UT students waiting at a bus stop. "Next year, they want to get rid of the 653." Everyone grumbled. How could the loss of a bus possibly be a good thing?

Route 653 is a UT shuttle route that serves Red River Street between UT and 51st Street. Capital Metro, which operates the UT shuttles, proposes phasing out the 653 in June 2018. Though it may appear the transit agency is parking a bus that Longhorns have relied upon for years, this change will actually benefit the 653's North Campus patrons.

The June service changes are part of Connections 2025, CapMetro's ongoing effort to restructure Austin's bus network to be more efficient and convenient. The big idea is to massively increase the amount of frequent bus service available throughout Austin.

When a transit line comes often enough — every 15 minutes or better, seven days a week — riders can depend on it without needing to consult a schedule. Think of the UT shuttles; they're convenient because you don't need to wait long before the next bus arrives. Connections 2025 hopes to provide that kind of service to as much as 80 percent of CapMetro's current riders.

However, CapMetro has limited resources. To accomplish such an ambitious expansion of service, the agency has to carefully examine duplicate and unproductive bus lines and determine whether that service could be provided more efficiently.

In the case of the 653, nearly the entire route through North Campus is already served by route 10, a bus line that travels along Red River Street between downtown and Highland Mall. Because of this redundancy, CapMetro plans to replace the 653 with an improved 10 that would serve both markets, according to Connections 2025 planning documents.

The 10 would be realigned for faster service via Mueller and transformed into a frequent bus line. Today, route 10 is slow and inconvenient, arriving only every 25 to 30 minutes and taking a meandering trajectory north of 51st Street. Starting next June, 653 and 10 riders would be able to catch a route 10 bus every 15 minutes throughout most of the day, even on weekends.

For UT students in North Campus, that's a big deal. Unlike the current route 653, the new route 10 would provide convenient transportation to campus on Saturdays. It would also connect to the Rutherford Lane Walmart and downtown, where one could catch other frequent bus lines to reach anywhere else in Austin.

After the ailing fleet of UT-branded buses was retired last year, it looks like another key piece of UT shuttle history is on the chopping block. But in return, we'll receive much better and more convenient service, even if it won't be on a bus numbered "653."

So long, route 653 Red River. You won't be missed.

Young is a computer science senior from Bakersfield, California.

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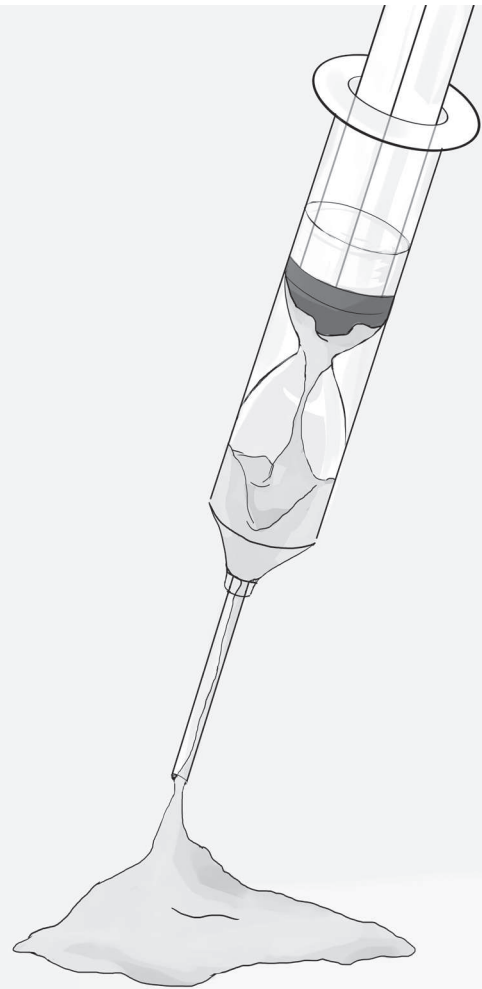


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Austin workers deserve paid sick leave

By Audrey Larcher
Columnist

Austin is a desirable place to work and live. By every Californian's account, our city is a liberal oasis in a conservative desert, teeming with diversity. Developers will let you know: dining is top notch, lakes are — mostly — clean. We've got everything! Everything, except for appropriate low-wage labor protections.

While some Austinites earn a living in progressive work environments with understanding bosses, the majority of Austinites aren't young professionals who write code for start ups. Currently 37 percent of our city's workers are not guaranteed paid days off when they have to deal with sickness, mental health or other unexpected circumstances. This subset of the working population mostly represents construction, maintenance and service employees, the people who build Austin and keep it running every day.

Our city has developed rapidly, but as big tech companies grew their profits, most workers' wages remained static. To help bridge this income inequality, Austin must reconsider its labor laws and look for ways to tangibly improve workers' lives. Guaranteeing sick leave is one of those ways.

Our city may tout its quirky liberal status, but we have yet to implement some of the most basic progressive legislation points.

Already 30 different cities across the United States have implemented laws increasing sick leave accessibility, and the results suggest positive effects. Economies that provide sick leave experience improved health and productivity, two virtues Austin identifies with.

The industries that rely on these workers will not feel negative repercussions from sick leave legislation. In fact, they will gain from it — studies reveal that markets at-large improve with these provisions for workers, which yield greater stability and efficiency.

So if all parties benefit from sick leave, the lack thereof isn't a sole consequence of economics. The reason workers don't enjoy this basic accommodation stems from cultural attitudes toward workers. Our state actively ignores workers' conditions, as evidenced by anti-union laws and a low minimum wage. Austin can claim it is liberal, but our city has not removed itself from this line of thinking. The only pathway to progress is when those who experience these conditions firsthand stand up for themselves.

The common narrative promotes Austin as a liberal paradise where people of all backgrounds are treated with respect. This narrative is a falsity built on the backs of low-wage workers. Many of us are happy to enjoy our city's live music and culture without really considering what made all our fun possible. We can partake in the Women's March and

pass a few gay nightclubs on the street, but we don't need to think about who serves drinks or picks up trash.

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If Austin is truly as progressive as it advertises itself to be, we must recognize the people in our community who suffer due to poor labor laws.”

That thought pattern isn't healthy, according to labor rights activist Andi Flores. "We tend to think of workers as separate and abstract people, but they're our friends, our neighbors. They're like everybody that you see in HEB," said Flores, who organizes with the coalition spearheading the fight for sick leave, Work Strong Austin.

If Austin is truly as progressive as it advertises itself to be, we must recognize the people in our community who suffer due to poor labor laws. Our city needs to extend a hand to the workers who have always been here. We have to see them as humans, and enact legislation that recognizes this truth.

Larcher is a Plan II sophomore from Austin.



STEPHANIE MARTINEZ-ARNDT | DAILY TEXAN FILE

Junior Steven Chevrony crouches down on the green before a putt. Chevrony finished the Forest Invitational with a score of 66, leading Texas to fourth place.

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Costello concluded with a tie for No. 29 at 3-over par, while freshman Kristoffer Reitan finished at a tie for No. 36 with Scottie Scheffler at 4-over par.

Though the Longhorns left several good opportunities on the course this week, head coach John Fields said he was encouraged by the low rounds from Ghim and Chervony on Tuesday.

“We didn’t have our best golf this week, but we had some great individual performances,” Fields said. “Chervony’s 66 today was great, as was Ghim’s 69. Better golf is ahead for the Longhorns.”

The Longhorns return to action next week when they head to Pumpkin Ridge Golf Club for the Nike Collegiate Invitational in Portland. Play will begin on Oct. 1.



JUAN FIGUEROA | DAILY TEXAN FILE

Junior Maddie Luitwieler attempts a drive. She tallied her first career hole-in-one in Norman.

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par for a solo No. 54 finish. Sophomore Greta Voelker shot back-to-back 1-under par 70s in the final two rounds to finish

tied for No. 26 individually. Sophomore Maren Cipolla tied for No. 55 at 10-over-par.

The Longhorns will now look to carry their momentum to Minneapolis at the

Annika Intercollegiate, beginning on Oct. 1. Senior Sophia Schubert and freshman Agathe Laisne are set to return to the lineup after competing in France the past two tournaments.

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on the road, the Longhorns are back home. Texas is set to host a red-hot Baylor team on Wednesday in its Big 12 Conference home-opener.

The Bears enter the match on a seven-game win streak highlighted by an upset win over No. 9 BYU on Sept. 9.

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Still no moral victories from USC loss

Herman made it clear following Texas’ 27-24 double overtime loss to then-No. 4 USC on Sept. 16 that the Longhorns weren’t going to take away any moral victories. And just for good measure, Herman pushed that message again on Tuesday — only this time with a little extra flare.

“I can’t tell you how many times I heard the word ‘congratulations,’” Herman said.

Senior outside hitter Katie Staiger leads the team with 264 kills on the season, and will pose yet another challenge for a battle-tested Longhorns squad.

“Wait until you see Baylor tomorrow,” Elliott said. “They can put up some offensive numbers, so our focus right now is to take it one point at a time.”

“And it made my skin crawl. Congratulations for what? For showing up and playing hard?”

Update on quarterback situation

Herman didn’t give anything away about the state of the Longhorns’ quarterback situation on Tuesday. Herman said that sophomore quarterback Shane Buechele has looked “good ... other than it taking him a little bit longer to warm up,” in practice.

Buechele missed the last

two games due to a bruised throwing shoulder suffered in the season opener against Maryland. Freshman quarterback Sam Ehlinger has stepped in for Buechele, completing 53.7 percent of his passes for 520 yards, three touchdowns and two interceptions.

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FOOTBALL

Herman talks Lone Star Showdown renewal

By Trenton Daeschner
Assoc. Sports Editor

Texas head coach Tom Herman met with the media on Tuesday as the Longhorns prepare to open Big 12 play on the road against Iowa State on Thursday night. Here are three notes from Tuesday's media availability.

Herman addresses student vote on Texas A&M rivalry revival

On Tuesday morning, Texas student body president Alejandrina Guzman and vice president Micky Wolf sent out an email to students advocating a vote on reinstating the Texas-Texas A&M rivalry football game. "For generations, UT students enjoyed the Texas v. Texas A&M Rivalry game before it was stopped in 2011," the email said. "Now, you have an opportunity to help bring it back. You elected us as Student Body President and Vice President to reinstate this game on our nonconference schedule. We have had conversations with University leadership throughout the summer, and now it is your chance to have your voice heard and help bring back this UT tradition!"



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Texas head coach Tom Herman watches from the sideline at Darrell K. Royal-Texas Memorial Stadium. Herman will face his former program in Iowa State on Thursday. He spent three seasons as the Cyclones' offensive coordinator from 2009-11.

The vote takes place online at utexasvote.org on Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The email also included a link to a survey, which will be used as "data for President Fennes, Athletic Director Perrin, and other key decision makers," according to the email.

On Tuesday night, Herman was asked about the significance of the student vote taking place. "Any time the student body rallies around a cause, I think the powers that be listen," Herman said. "Now, the powers that be are in that position because they have

to make decisions." As for whether the Longhorns will ever revive the Lone Star Showdown with the Aggies on the gridiron, Herman believes that day is coming, but not anytime soon. "Do I think it'll ever happen? Yeah, I do," Herman

said. "When? I don't know. That's one of the most historic rivalries in college football history. I do think it will happen, but I don't have any details. That's well outside of my scope of influence."

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WOMEN'S GOLF

Texas surges to fourth place finish at Schooner Fall Classic

By Hicks Layton
Sports Reporter

Texas clinched its first top-five finish of the season at the Schooner Fall Classic in Norman, Oklahoma, over the weekend, finishing No. 4 overall behind the play of freshman Kaitlyn Papp and sophomore Emilee Hoffman. Both players ended their weekend tied for No. 6. After rocky first- and second-round performances, Papp and Hoffman fired off twin scores of 64, good for 7-under-par, at the Belmar Golf Club in the final round, setting personal

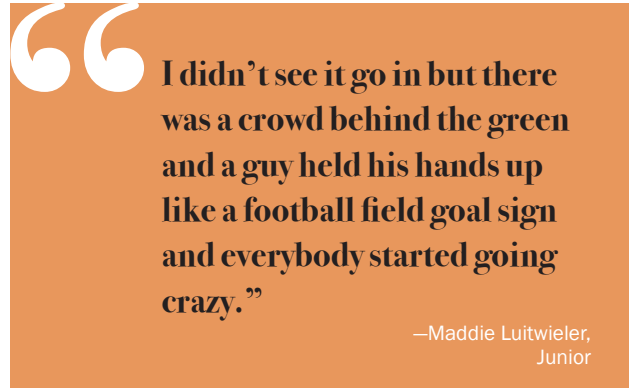
collegiate low-round records. The performances also broke the school record for the best 18-hole score after Hoffman birdied six of her last seven holes to tie Papp. "I played great today and had a lot fun," Hoffman said. "It was just a solid round. I had a lot of chances at birdie today and a lot of putts fell. It's a great feeling to put together a low round like this. When everything clicks, it's a nice feeling to see that hard work in certain areas is paying off." Papp's 64 was her second bogey-free round this season. The first was in her first collegiate round

ever, when she shot a 2-under par 70 at the Dick McGuire Invitational. "I didn't make any bogeys so I was really happy with that," Papp said. "I just played steady all day and if I faltered a little bit, I made it up and down." In round one of the tournament, junior Maddie Luitwieler had her first career hole-in-one on the par-three 17th hole. There was a sizable gallery present to witness the feat. "I didn't see it go in but there was a crowd behind the green and a guy held his hands up like a football field goal sign and

everybody started going crazy," Luitwieler said. "I could see Emilee (Hoffman) in the other fairway and she freaked out too. The chain reaction of our spectators and teammates was

really awesome." Luitwieler tied her best college round with an even par 71 on day one, and ended the tournament at 9-over

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—Maddie Luitwieler, Junior

MEN'S GOLF

Chevrony powers Longhorns in Dallas

By Robert Larkin
Sports Reporter

Junior Steven Chervony usually isn't one for the spotlight. Playing alongside two of the nation's best players, seniors Scottie Scheffler and Doug Ghim, he prefers to sit back comfortably in his No. 3 role. But that wasn't the case this weekend. On Tuesday afternoon, Chervony came out of his comfort zone and claimed the spotlight for the Longhorns, firing a final round score of 66 to propel Texas to a fourth place finish at the Trinity Forest Invitational in Dallas. The Longhorns finished with an overall score of 5-under par, which trailed tournament winner Florida by 12 strokes. The Longhorns' final round of 279 tied for the fourth-best round alongside Pepperdine. Along with Chervony, the Longhorns' final day efforts were also helped by a 2-under par 69 from Ghim, who made his return to the course for the first time since his dazzling play at the U.S. Amateur and Walker Cup this summer. Ghim led Texas in individual scoring this week at 3-under par and grabbed a top-10

finish with a tie for No. 8. Sophomore Spencer Soosman ended as Texas' second best scorer from of the week after finishing Tuesday with an even 71. The talented sophomore proved to be a consistent contributor for the Longhorns all week, finishing at 2-over par. Scheffler started his week with high hopes

We didn't have our best golf this week, but we had some great individual performances."

—John Fields, Head coach

after leading the individual leaderboard after day one with an opening round 65. However, those hopes were quickly extinguished after disappointing rounds of 74 and 78 on Monday and Tuesday, resulting in a tie for No. 36. for Scheffler. Finishing his week with a 72, sophomore Nick

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WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Sun's immediate stardom boosts No. 5 Texas' championship hopes

By Justin Martinez
Sports Reporter

Freshman Lexi Sun still remembers stepping foot on the 40 Acres this past summer as the new kid. It was just three months ago that the California native put on the Texas practice jersey for the first time, met her new teammates and walked onto the burnt orange court at Gregory Gymnasium. Now, just 11 games into the season, Sun is the centerpiece of a team with hopes for a national championship. "It's been an awesome experience," Sun said. "I'm excited just being able to finally be here and play with the girls and the coaches." The 19-year-old outside hitter has emerged as a leader on the Longhorns, tallying a team-best 132 kills this season. She's also the only Longhorn to rank in the Texas roster's top-five in kills, assists, service aces, digs and blocks. It's this versatility that's launched No. 5 Texas into the national championship conversation. But Sun and the Longhorns know their work is far from finished. "It's still really early," Sun said. "We have a lot of room to grow as we get used to playing with each other, but I'm excited to see how far we'll go by the end of the season." Texas leaned on its star freshman in Saturday's road



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Freshman outside hitter Lexi Sun spikes the ball during a match at Gregory Gym. Sun leads the team with 132 kills.

match against West Virginia after getting pushed to the limit in Morgantown. The Mountaineers had their sights on a statement win after claiming an early 9-4 lead in the decisive fifth set, but the Longhorns responded to the adversity. Sun sparked the run with a pair of back-to-back kills, and Texas stormed ahead for a 15-12 victory to avoid the upset. Sun finished with 13 kills

and 11 digs on the night, marking her fourth double-double performance in her college career. "It was a battle," head coach Jerritt Elliott said. "When you're Texas you don't get nights off, but I was proud of how we responded in the fifth." Now, after three away games and almost 1,600 miles

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Yankees Hall of Fame first baseman Lou Gehrig hits first career home run. He would finish his career with 493.

SPORTS BRIEFLY

No easy victories for Texas at night in Ames

On Thursday night, the 1-2 Texas Longhorns will test their talents in Ames against the Iowa State Cyclones. The weeknight matchup will be the 15th meeting between the two Big 12 programs. Despite the close spread of Texas (-6) heading into Thursday, the Longhorns have a firm grip on the series against the Cyclones. Texas has won 12 of 14 contests, including last year's 27-6 triumph in Austin. But last outing in Ames in 2015, Iowa State dominated the Longhorns in unprecedented fashion on Halloween night, 24-0. Texas fared 2-of-13 on third down and only achieved 204 yards in the shutout loss — one that locked the eventual 5-7 Longhorns out of post-season play. Iowa State's defense forced nine Michael Dickson punts, causing Texas' punting yardage to double its offensive output. Chaos ensued in Ames during 2013's Thursday night matchup. The Longhorns escaped with a 31-30 road victory, but the win did not come without controversy. With 1:08 remaining, Texas running back Johnathan Gray was stripped right before the goal line. Iowa State recovered the fumble and attempted to run the ball back for a touchdown, but the referees blew the whistle, citing Gray's forward progress was stopped. Former Iowa State coach Paul Rhoads expressed his displeasure in the call during his post-game press conference. The play mirrored Sam Ehlinger's double overtime fumble against USC, but in this situation, the offense earned the benefit of forward progress. Despite Texas controlling the series history, the Cyclones have shown competitiveness in night games against the Longhorns at Jack Trice Stadium. At 2-1 with a high-scoring offense, Iowa State — even after failing to attain bowl eligibility since 2012 — has shown impressive capability of landing a statement win over Texas in Ames.

—Steve Helwick

ALUMNI

LGBTQ activist Randy Wicker revisits the 40 Acres

By Pierson Hawkins
L&A Reporter

As the first openly gay man to talk about homosexuality on the radio and the organizer of the first gay-rights demonstration protesting the treatment of LGBTQ in the military, Randy Wicker found himself at the crux of the 1960's gay-rights movement. Despite his critical role in bringing mainstream attention, he was ultimately cast out as a radical.

It all started for Wicker during his junior year at UT in 1958. He first became politically active by affiliating himself with the Young Democrats and riling up media attention by calling upon then-Sen. Lyndon B. Johnson to show editorial support for civil rights in Texas. The next year, Wicker ran for student body president on a platform of integration, free tuition and state congressional lobbying for students.

"I organized a march on the (state) capitol to protest a bill proposing to raise in-state tuition from \$50 to \$100," Wicker said. "The march started on University Avenue, and suddenly, a group of frat-rats opposing me in the election picked me up and threw me in Littlefield Fountain."

Wicker's rebel-rousing made him a dorm-hold name on campus, frequently finding himself on the front page of The Daily Texan.

According to a Texas Ranger article published in 1960, "(Wicker) created a publicity success out of a dismal failure."

According to Wicker, he was called



COURTESY OF BILL HELMER

Randy Wicker gives a speech after being thrown in Littlefield Fountain.

into the dean's office and told if he was found to be homosexual, he could not be student body president. Wicker believed a fellow student had disclosed information about Wicker's sexuality to a school counselor who relayed the information up to the dean.

"Back then, if you were found to be a homosexual, you would be given the option of dropping out of school without anything on your record, or you would be kicked out," Wicker said. "We

were considered criminals, we were considered sick, we were caricatured — the idea of gay marriage wasn't even on our radar."

Wicker never had to face these consequences but ultimately lost the election. After graduating, Wicker moved to New York City, soon becoming one of the most vocal and visible gay-rights activists. However, in the wake of the Stonewall riots, Wicker was deemed too radical by many gay-rights groups,

including the Mattachine Society, and Wicker became less directly involved in the movement.

"He was, let's say, a disturbing acquisition for the movement," said Arthur Maule, then-president of the Mattachine Society, in John Loughery's 1998 book "The Other Side of Silence."

Randy Wicker continues to advocate for gay and civil rights, most recently associating himself with the Radical Faeries movement and

promoting the documentary "The Death and Life of Marsha P. Johnson," which premiered at Tribeca Film Festival.

"One day, my roommate asked if one of his friends could crash at our apartment," Wicker said. "That was how I came to meet Marsha P. Johnson, and she became my roommate for the next 12 years."

Marsha P. Johnson, an outspoken transsexual, co-founded the Street Transvestite Action Revolutionaries, modeled for Andy Warhol and was a prominent figure in the Stonewall riots. Her unexpected alleged suicide in 1992 came as a shock to the LGBTQ community, many of whom believe she was murdered.

"The Death and Life of Marsha P. Johnson," directed by Academy Award nominee David France, recently showed at Austin Gay and Lesbian International Film Festival on Sept. 9 and is headed to Netflix on Oct. 6. Wicker, who visited Austin to promote the film, revisited the 40 Acres, where he stumbled upon a LGBTQ group and gave an impromptu speech.

"I said, 'When I joined the movement in 1958, there were not as many activist(s) in what is now the LGBTQ movement,'" Wicker said. "The future is yours, and I know you will continue the work we started in the 1950s. You will make the world a better place for the generation that comes after you, the way we left the world a better place for you.' I came here to resolve my unfinished business on this campus, and in a way, I did."

ART

New exhibit takes light-hearted brush to art

By Kirthi Dronamraju
L&A Reporter

Somewhere between the refined realm of fine art and informal illustration lies the whimsical world of Fun Art.

For artist Theresa Bayer, whose declaration Fun Art Manifesto served as the inspiration for Recycled Reads' Fun Art exhibit, Fun Art's ultimate goal is to elicit pleasant emotions in the viewer.

"Unlike fine art, Fun Art does not take itself seriously," Bayer wrote in Fun Art. "There are no weighty ponderings about symbolism or realism or abstract outsiderism or any other kind of ism — there are no isms in Fun Art, yet Fun Art embraces all isms."

At the exhibit on display through Oct. 28 at the Recycled Reads Bookstore, the movement's inclusivity will be celebrated with a collection of works that underscore the importance of personal expression in Fun Art.

"It's about being an individual, having something interesting to say, and saying it in your own voice," Bayer wrote.



COURTESY OF KEVIN MIDDLETON

Through art, Recycled Read's Fun Art exhibit's main goal is to generate pleasant emotions.

One of the local artists showcasing her work spends much of her time painting custom pet portraits. Svetlana Novikova, who trained as a contemporary and impressionist artist in her hometown of

Moscow, Russia, has been painting these portraits for 20 years and commissions from around the world.

"When I paint animals, my goal is to capture each pet's personality," Novikova said.

According to Novikova, her customers, who usually comment on her ability to capture animals' emotive expressions, include the son of the famous Sphinx from the film "Austin Powers." Novikova said that while she does not have a favorite piece, this style of art appeals to her because of its seemingly limitless possibility for creativity.

"Even though I can do very realistic pet portraits, I often gravitate to making animals look funny and cute by exaggerating their features," Novikova said. "The eyes are my favorite thing to paint in an animal because they are expressive and emotional. I usually leave them for last."

Bayer said that Fun Art is allowed to be playful, even commercial.

"Fun Art is joyful, even when (it) veers toward dark and edgy," Bayer said. "There is a zingy energy to it that doesn't depend on gravitas; its finest examples express a genuineness that goes beyond any commercial concern, even if the subject matter happens to be highly salable."

Additionally, Bayer wrote that while Fun Art does not require a maxim, it can often tell a story.

"Fun Art can stand alone and without a story or product to enhance it, although it can also be narrative," Bayer said.

Local artist Kevin Middleton uses Fun Art for a unifying message with his piece "Faces of Humanity." Though first appearing as a political cartoon, he instead describes the work as a caricatural mix of faces representing the diversity of humanity.

A professional artist for the past 30 years, Middleton said Fun Art is valuable in itself even when it lacks symbolic meaning.

"Art historians seem to have a low opinion of 'illustration' let alone 'cartoons,'" Middleton said. "There are many ways to put a value on a work of art — dollar value, technical execution, time spent to create, size, effectiveness of communication of intended message — so why not simply fun?"

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Wonder Woman creator biopic soars as love story

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PROFESSOR MARSTON AND THE WONDER WOMEN

RATING: R

RUN TIME: 120 minutes

SCORE: ★★★★★

Stan Lee. Jack Kirby. Bob Kane. The legendary creators of Spider-Man, Captain America and Batman have their names written in history. Wonder Woman creator William Moulton Marston, on the other hand, is shrouded in mystery — but "Professor Marston and the Wonder Women" seeks to change that.

The film by "The L Word" veteran Angela Robinson tells the story of Marston (Luke Evans) and the two women who inspired him to create the greatest female superhero of all time.

Initially, Marston was a Harvard psychology professor, assisted by his wife Elizabeth (Rebecca Hall). Their teaching assistant, the beautiful Olive Byrne (Bella Heathcote), helps the two with their research and instruction and initially has some awkward sexual tension with Marston.

The three of them go on to invent the lie detector machine using breakthroughs in biology and their studied fields. Late nights of testing one another's honesty creates an intense bond between the three, heightening the tension between them. The open-minded Marston couple welcomes Byrne into their marriage, and all fall in love with one another. Handled with any less sensitivity and tenderness, "Professor Marston and the Wonder Women" would slip into sexual fantasy, but the film crafts an earnest, loving relationship that just happens to include three people.

This earlier segment of the film includes some clunky references to the character Marston would go on to create, including a lie detector test that wraps around one's body exactly like Wonder Woman's

lasso of truth and even silver bracelets that Olive always wears.

The three eventually get into BDSM, initially as a test of Marston's DISC theory, the idea that all relationships begin with either domination, inducement, submission or compliance. It all takes off from there, and climaxes in a beautiful scene that features Olive trying on a burlesque outfit that is nearly identical to Wonder Woman's costume.

While an awesome scene, this moment is a jarring reminder to the viewer — this is not just a drama about a kinky polyamorous relationship, it's about the creator of Wonder Woman. It takes a hard turn into focusing on Marston's creation of the character, and how he was influenced by many small details of his psychological studies and his relationship with Elizabeth and Olive.

When "Professor Marston and the Wonder Women" focuses on a loving romantic relationship between three people, it's an amazing, groundbreaking film. But when it's actually about Wonder Woman, the film hits the brakes and tells a story it seems like Robinson feels obligated to tell, rather than something she wants to tell.

Crafting a believable, emotional and highly sexual relationship between three individuals is a nearly impossible task, and on that front, the movie miraculously succeeds. It is only when the film cares more about comic books that it suffers and falls into the arena of conventional historical biopics.

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