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Texas Wushu hosts a free tai chi class for faculty, staff and students. UT Administration Building, noon to 12:45 p.m.

Bevonomics

Bevonomics 304 discusses student living, renting off-campus and the rights and responsibilities of being a tenant in Texas. WEL 3.402, 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Let's sing it

Performance by the Butler School of Music's African American Vocal Ensemble at the Music Recital Hall 2.608, 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Islamic forum

The Muslim Students Association presents a forum on Islam followed by a Q-and-A with a local religious leader. WCH 1.120, 6:10 p.m. to 8:10 p.m.

Battle for health

Third Annual Corporate Battle of the Bands 2010 benefiting the Health Alliance for Austin Musicians. Antone's, 6 p.m.

Today in history

In 1999

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"The gringa taco is a dish of bright, spicy, red al pastor meat melded with gooey cheese between two layers of tortillas."

— **Andrew Kreighbaum**
Daily Texan Staff

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Karl Rove ignites audience at UT

Republican political strategist draws applause, criticism during speech on campus

By **Audrey White**
Daily Texan Staff

Both applause and jeering remarks frequently interrupted leading Republican political strategist Karl Rove during his speech at an event hosted by College Republicans at the Texas Union Ballroom on Monday night.

Many recognize Rove as the architect of the George W. Bush administration, during which he served as the deputy chief of staff. He also led Bush's two gubernatorial and two presidential campaigns, in addition to campaigns for other Republicans such as former Sen. John Ashcroft of Missouri and Texas Sen. John Cornyn. Others criticize him for behavior they call unethical, including involvement with the Iraq war and alleged torture at Guantanamo Bay.

UT associate government professor Robert Luskin offered introductory remarks to welcome the famous — or, as some said, infamous — speaker. Luskin taught graduate courses that Rove took while he was an undergraduate student at the University. Rove did not graduate from the University and has never received a college degree. Luskin also worked with Rove when Rove taught

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Photos by **Tamir Kalifa** | Daily Texan Staff

Above, Leading Republican political strategist Karl Rove speaks to Daily Texan reporters before addressing a crowd at the Texas Union Ballroom on Monday. **Below,** Code Pink member Heidi Turpin yells in dissent during Rove's speech moments before being removed by police from the event.



Rove answers questions on textbooks, young voters

Editor's note: The Daily Texan spoke with Karl Rove during a 10 minute sit-down interview prior to his speech in the Union Ballroom Monday night. The full transcript of the interview is available at dailytexanonline.com.

The Daily Texan: What are your thoughts on the State Board of Education's social studies revisions, which many people consider conservatively biased? How do you think this reflects the polarization of

conservatives and liberals throughout the state and nation?

Karl Rove: I've been out of the state for much of the last three months, but these things need to be done with care and accuracy because we buy so many textbooks, and we drive the coverage for the rest of the country. We want to have a fair and balanced depiction of historical events. It's easy for these things to be captured by the textbook writers and not be

truly reflected. In recent years, elementary school textbooks have omitted reference to any of the founders, and that's just not appropriate. There are deep divides in the country, philosophically. Part of the reason there are deep divides is that the new president did not run on a program that prepared people for what he has done in office.

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GLBT rights group lauds Obama, calls for equality

By **Alex Geiser**
Daily Texan Staff

A University student group said it considers President Barack Obama's recently issued memorandum supporting same-sex partner hospital-visitation rights a small success in the fight for GLBT rights and vowed to continue working for more.

Michael Schwarz, a member of the University chapter of Join the Impact, said that while the memo is a step in the right direction, the fight for equality is far from over.

"We are very glad that [Obama] made that decision, and we are going to keep fighting to get full equality across the board," Schwarz said. "A lot of it is dependent on the pressure of activists."

In the memo issued Thursday, Obama extended visitation privileges to same-sex partners at hospitals participating in Medicare or Medicaid. He also asked the secretary of the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services to provide him with recommendations on the steps the department can take to further address the issue in the next 180 days.

Join the Impact Austin, a grassroots organization focused on gaining full equality for the GLBT

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City records eighth robbery of 2010

By **Bobby Longoria**
Daily Texan Staff

Austin's eighth bank robbery this year occurred Monday afternoon at the Wells Fargo at Guadalupe and 21st streets only days after the seventh, which happened Friday at the same location, police officials said.

The suspect in Monday's robbery walked into the bank at 1:31 p.m. wearing a green polo shirt, blue jeans and a baseball cap with the Longhorn logo on the side, according to bank security footage. He is described by police as a man in his mid-30s, between 5'10" and 6'0" with a medium build. He did not wear a mask during the robbery.

With no displayed weapon, the man demanded cash and left with an undisclosed amount. Austin Police Department officers responded at 1:37 p.m. and concluded that no one was injured.

"The robbery detectives are inside and gathering as much information as they can to make sure we bring this suspect to jail," APD Sgt. Keith Bazzle said at the scene.

The suspect in Friday's 4:04 p.m. robbery wore a full black face mask and a dark blue backpack. He was dressed in a dark blue shirt, a yellow traffic vest, a white undershirt, dark jeans, black gloves and a white- or cream-colored hard hat with a logo. APD officials could not confirm that the man was armed but said that he fled the scene with an undisclosed amount of cash. The bank has experienced three robberies in less than four months.

Bazzle said the suspect from Friday's robbery is not the same suspect from Monday's, and so far, there have been no leads or arrests.

The Wells Fargo branch was also the victim of Austin's first bank robbery of the year on Jan. 29.

"Obviously, it's a concern, but we wouldn't be able to go into safety and security details," Wells Fargo spokeswoman Helen Bow said. "We do not tolerate criminals, and we use



Tamir Kalifa | Daily Texan Staff

Above, APD Sgt. Keith Bazzle prepares for a press conference following a bank robbery at a Wells Fargo on Guadalupe Street yesterday. **Below,** Images of the alleged perpetrators are captured by a security camera at the Wells Fargo location on Guadalupe Street.



the full force of our technology and planning to thwart and catch them."

The question of whether APD will provide the bank with additional security observation could not be answered because APD cannot discuss tactics, Bazzle said. The department's robbery unit will deal with issues relevant to the series of robberies at that location, he said.

Bow said policies and practices are developed to ensure customer and team member safety. The robberies have not put customers' funds in jeopardy, and discussing security procedures could compromise the bank's ability to prevent future robberies, she said.

APD's robbery unit detectives will continue to investigate the two robberies. Police of-

ficials ask anyone with information to call either the robbery tip line at 974-5092 or Crime Stoppers at 472-TIPS or text "Tip 103" with a message to CRIMES. If a person's tip leads to an arrest or charges being filed, he or she may be eligible for a cash reward of up to \$1,000.

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ROVE: Republican provides political insight

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undergraduate and graduate level courses at the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs in the 1990s.

"I have known Karl for many years, since before he was quite Karl Rove, although you could see even back then that he was going to become Karl Rove," Luskin said. "He is one of the smartest, most erudite people I know. He knows a lot about a lot of things — literature, history and art, not just politics."

During Monday's event, Rove discussed healthcare, the war in Iraq and what he said was a failure by the Obama administration to deliver on its promises. His speech was followed by a question and answer session moderated by College Republicans President Ryan Ellis and University Democrats Vice President Jeremy Yager.

"If you care about the country and you care about the party, you need to focus on 2010 and put off worrying about 2012," Rove said during his speech. "When we talk about healthcare, it's not enough to say kill that bad bill, it's to say 'What is it we are going to do?' When we talk about spending, it's not simply to say 'You let spending get out of control,' it's to lay out their agenda on each of the big issues that faces the country. It's important for bright, young Republican thinkers to step forward and say 'Here's my idea.'"

Organizers expected protestors and organized security accordingly, Ellis said. He offered a disclaimer at the start of the event that after three spoken warnings, anyone who caused a disturbance would be removed and possibly arrested.

His expectations were fulfilled. Protestors from women's peace organization Code Pink; grassroots justice group We Are Change; and UT Chicano civil rights group MEChA lined the back of the room with signs accusing Rove of war crimes, and many individuals in the audience yelled comments



Peter Franklin | Daily Texan Staff

Alan Sager, former chairman of the Travis County Republican Party, and Karl Rove visit during a book signing after Rove's speech Monday.

and insults at Rove throughout the course of the evening.

During the first moments of Rove's speech, one citizen stood from the audience and hurled an extended diatribe at the stage accusing Rove of war crimes and treason. Some applauded while others in the crowd stood and yelled their disapproval of the protestor. After an administrator offered three verbal warnings from the stage, University of Texas Police Department officials escorted him out.

A total of nine protestors were removed from the ballroom. Two were arrested, and seven were cited for criminal trespassing, UTPD spokeswoman Rhonda Weldon said.

"We are firm believers in free speech, but it cannot disrupt other people's free speech," UTPD Chief Robert Dahlstrom said.

We Are Change also set up a display of bloody dolls on the steps to the West Mall that mem-

ber Mark Couillard said represented the innocent deaths in "illegal wars" that are taking place due in part to Rove's input in the Bush administration.

Rove did not ignore the protestors, referring to them as "malcontents" and telling several to "shut up and sit down." However, he also invited them to ask him a question after the official Q-and-A. The question heard was "Have you washed your hands today?" Rove answered that he had and expressed the importance of washing your hands after using the bathroom.

Although the protestors were vocal, so were Rove's supporters, who filled the majority of the 600 seats in the ballroom. Marsha Farney, a Republican from Williamson County, was one of the many community sponsors of the event and said she was excited by the opportunity for discourse the event provided, as well as the

chance to hear Rove speak.

"I am in support of students getting first-hand exposure to someone who has made such a huge difference in American politics," Farney said. "It seemed that most of the hecklers were not students, and I was glad to see University Democrats represented. Many people only want to hear their side of the story, so I was very impressed by the inquisitive questions students offered."

Ellis said that despite some disruptions, he considered the event a success and an important example of how complicated and important free speech and dialogue are to the political process.

"Having Jeremy up there sent a strong message to protestors who would rather see free speech silenced," Ellis said. "Yes, we may disagree, but we do agree that we all have the right to be heard."

Additional reporting by Alex Geiser.

GLBT: Group plans march, rally at Capitol for tolerance

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community, has joined with Equality Across America and other local activist groups to organize a march and rally at the state Capitol on May 22.

"We want to have rallies to make sure Congress does the right thing," he said.

The May march and rally are part of the Equality Across America-Texas Regional Conference, where attendees will participate in workshops and discussions relating to GLBT rights, Schwarz said.

The May rally will coincide with Harvey Milk Day. Milk, who in 1977 became the first openly gay man to be elected to public office in California, became a symbol for the gay community in San Francisco and across the country, even after his murder at the age of 48. On the night of his assassination, thousands of mourners gathered on Castro Street in San Francisco for a candlelight vigil.

Some Austin hospitals already abide by the policy outlined in Obama's memo and allow individuals to designate a surrogate, regardless of marital status.

Adrienne Lallo, spokeswoman for Seton Family of Hospitals, said the extension of rights to same-sex partners will not change the way business is done at Seton's 31 health care facilities across Central Texas.

"The president's order was completely in line with what we do at Seton Family," Lollo said. "The important thing is if you are estranged from your family and you want to control how your medical decisions are made if you lose capacity, then you need to be proactive in filling out paperwork."

Lallo said individuals can fill out forms designating certain people as their surrogates in the event of a tragedy, but difficulty arises when an individual fails to do this, in which case the hospitals — following state law — revert to family members.

Kathryn Combs, member of the University chapter of Join the Impact, said the lack of equality for the GLBT community is a pressing issue that merits the recent attention it has been given.

"Obama has done a really good thing in acknowledging that there has been a problem," Combs said. "Marriage is the only guarantee that we will have visitation rights. But if you are married to the person, it is pretty hard for the hospital to deny you rights."

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DT: What do you see as the role of young people, specifically college

students, in politics today after the upsurge in the 2008 elections?

KR: Go back and take a look at the Michigan Survey Research Center exit polling, and you will find that young voters represented essentially the same percentage of the electorate in 2000, 2004 and 2008. What mattered is not that we had a surge of young voters. We had a surge of all kinds of voters. There was a surge across the board, which is why younger voters, 18-29, represent roughly the same

percentage, but the numbers are larger. What mattered was that while going barely for [John] Kerry, [young people] went dramatically for [Barack] Obama in '08, so they had an impact. One analysis shows that for five out of the seven votes that John Kerry didn't get and that Obama did get were black and brown, and most of the other two were young, white voters. The question is whether, in 2012, those same young people will say the hopes and aspirations for American politics in the age of Obama have been fulfilled or not.

DT: What is it like to speak at an institution where you have roots as a student and professor but where most current students very much disagree with your politics and actions over the last 20 years?

KR: I go to UC Santa Barbara, Yale, Harvard, University at Albany, University at Buffalo, [and] Washington University in St. Louis. I'm willing to make the argument. You can't win the argument unless you're willing to make the argument.

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Two top al-Qaida leaders killed in Iraq, US attack

By David Rising

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — The U.S. and Iraq claimed a major victory against al-Qaida on Monday, saying their forces killed the group's top two figures in the country in an air and ground assault on their safehouse near Saddam Hussein's hometown.

Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki announced the killings of Abu Omar al-Baghdadi and Abu Ayyub al-Masri at a news conference, and U.S. military officials later confirmed the deaths, which Vice President Joe Biden called a "potentially devastating blow" to al-Qaida in Iraq.

"The death of these terrorists is potentially the most significant blow to al-Qaida in Iraq since the beginning of the insurgency," Gen. Raymond Odierno, the top U.S. commander in Iraq, said in a statement.

Al-Qaida in Iraq has remained a dangerous force as the U.S. prepares to withdraw most of

its troops. The terror group has launched repeated attacks on civilians in Baghdad in an attempt to exploit political deadlock in the wake of the inconclusive March 7 parliamentary elections.

But Biden, President Barack Obama's point person on Iraq, said the deaths of the al-Qaida leaders underscored the country's overall improvement.

"The Iraqis led this operation, and it was based on intelligence the Iraqi security forces themselves developed," Biden said to reporters in the White House briefing room.

U.S. military officials have been highlighting the role of Iraqi security forces as American forces draw back. Under a plan outlined by Obama, all combat forces will be out of Iraq by the end of August, and then about 50,000 U.S. forces will be left behind with roles such as trainers and support personnel. Those forces will leave the country entirely by the end of 2011.



Craig Ruttle | Associated Press

The family of Marcelo Lucero, who was stabbed in November 2008, mourns at the site of the incident. The Suffolk County Courthouse charged Jeffrey Conroy with manslaughter as a hate crime but acquitted him of murder Monday.

Teen charged with hate crime

Long Island court sets manslaughter verdict in death of immigrant

By Frank Eltman

The Associated Press

RIVERHEAD, New York — A 19-year-old man was convicted Monday of manslaughter as a hate crime in the killing of an Ecuadorean immigrant, a case that sparked a federal probe of police investigations of bias attacks against Hispanics.

Jeffrey Conroy was one of seven teenagers implicated in the November 2008 stabbing death of Marcelo Lucero in what prosecutors say was the culmination of a campaign of violence

targeting Hispanics on Long Island. The teens described the activity as "beaner-hopping" or "Mexican hopping."

Conroy was acquitted of two counts of murder, including one count as a hate crime, but was convicted of manslaughter, gang assault and conspiracy in the Lucero killing.

He also was found guilty of three counts of attempted assault in an attack on Lucero's friend, as well as two other Hispanic men prior to the stabbing.

Four other defendants have pleaded guilty to hate crime-related charges and two others are awaiting trial.

The killing sent shock waves far beyond Long Island's Suffolk County, where animosity over the influx of thousands of immigrants from Central and South America has been on the rise for nearly a decade.

Latino Justice-Puerto Rican Legal Defense and Education Fund repeatedly lobbied for a federal investigation of hate crimes on Long Island following the killing.

The U.S. Department of Justice announced last fall it would investigate hate crimes and the police response to them. Spokesman Alejandro Miyar said Monday the investigation remains "open and ongoing."



Hadi Mizban | Associated Press

Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki holds pictures of the dead al-Qaida leaders at a news conference in Baghdad on Monday.

NATION BRIEFLY

Gun-rights advocates carry arms at protest outside Capitol

ARLINGTON, Va. — Carrying loaded pistols and unloaded rifles, dozens of gun-rights activists got as close as possible Monday to the nation's capital while still bearing arms. Hundreds of like-minded, unarmed counterparts carried out another rally in the nation's capital.

The gun-carrying protesters in Virginia rallied on national park land, which is legal thanks to a new law signed by President Barack Obama that allows guns in national parks. Organizers said it's the first armed rally in a national park since the law passed.

The District of Columbia's gun laws, however, generally make it illegal to carry a handgun, so rally participants there were unarmed.

Daniel Almond, who organized the "Restore the Constitution" rally in Virginia, said he wanted to convene in a place where "we can exercise our rights." He pointed in the direction of Washington and said, "Over there, the Constitution is being violated in that we cannot bear arms."

Toyota pays record federal recall fine for Lexus SUVs

WASHINGTON — Toyota ordered recalls of nearly 10,000 Lexus SUVs for rollover dangers Monday and agreed to a \$16.4 million fine for slow response in its earlier recall, trying to fix worries that threaten the company's reputation.

The fine, the maximum under law, could hurt Toyota Motor Corp.'s image more than its finances: The penalty is the equivalent of about \$2 for every vehicle the company sold worldwide in 2009. Analysts said it would have little impact on dozens of private lawsuits, which have been combined before a federal judge in Santa Ana, Calif.

Addressing new safety concerns, Toyota said it would recall all 9,400 of the 2010 Lexus GX 460s that went on sale in late December.

For the Lexus recall, Toyota said dealers would update software in the stability control system to help prevent rollovers. Toyota has already begun tests on all of the company's other SUVs.

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"I'm going to take this back to the students."

-President William C. Powers

February 2, 2010

President Powers, the students have spoken:

"No attempt was made to systematically garner any student opinion on the matter, outside of the student representatives on the [Texas Union Board], or to allow discussion on any alternative options".

-Statement by 18 College Council Presidents
February 11, 2010 in *Daily Texan*

"The Graduate Student Assembly at UT Austin believes the Cactus Cafe is a cultural icon and an important bridge between the University and the Austin community; and furthermore, the GSA recognizes the profound impact the Cactus Cafe has on the University's stated mission to develop new knowledge, promote education, and advance society through creative activity and the arts"

-from unanimously passed GSA resolution
February 9, 2010

"Student Government believes that the Cactus Cafe is a staple of Texas musical heritage which provides the University with a powerful means for community engagement and an iconic brand that is recognized by numerous musicians and music fans around the world"

-from unanimously passed SGA resolution
March 30, 2010

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QUOTES TO NOTE

Karl Rove, the deputy chief of staff for George W. Bush and so-called architect of his administration, spoke to a crowded Texas Union Ballroom on Monday night as a guest of the College Republicans. Here are some notable quotes from the event.

“It hardly needs saying that Karl is a conservative and a Republican. What may be less obvious is that he is thoughtful and open-minded.”
— Robert Luskin, UT government professor who introduced Rove

“You are a criminal, Karl Rove! You are a criminal!”
— Protester who was escorted from the Union Ballroom

“This is what passes for liberal intellectualism in America.”
— Rove, in response to the protester

“Whether you voted for him or not, the election of Barack Obama was a historic step for our country. Whether you voted for him or not, it says something good about America.”
— Rove, prefacing his discussion of the Obama administration

“I think they let Jeff Skilling [an Enron executive] out of jail to figure out how to finance [health care reform].”
— Rove, on Obama’s recently signed health care law

“[Obama] is doing what he should do in Iraq by standing up to the lunatics in the fringe.”
— Rove, on what Obama is doing right

“Look, look, shut up and sit down.”
— Rove, to a disruptive protester

“Why is it that the Republican is wearing a tie while the Democrat is comfortable without one? I wish I were you.
— Rove, to University Democrats representative Jeremy Yager when Yager went on stage to ask a question in a button-down shirt and khaki pants. Ryan Ellis, the College Republicans representative, was wearing a suit and tie.

“Exactly.”
— Yager, responding to Rove

“We’re a nation of laws, not lunatics. ... The laws, in this instance, were laws I observed and upheld.”
— Rove, on his involvement in Valerie Plame affair

“Blah, blah, blah, blah, blah.”
— Rove, imitating a protester

“[Saddam Hussein] was a danger to the U.S., and the world is a better place for him being gone. We did the right thing in Iraq by removing Saddam Hussein from power.”
— Rove, on the war in Iraq

“It’s important for bright, young Republican leaders to step forward and say, ‘Here’s my idea.’”
— Rove, on leadership in the Republican Party

“Ron Paul! Ron Paul!”
— Protester, expressing support for Paul in the 2012 presidential election

“Perry has come through a contentious primary. ... Because Bill White was the only halfway decent candidate, he got the nomination.”
— Rove, on his support for Gov. Rick Perry in the Texas gubernatorial election

“One malcontent, one question.”
— Rove, offering to take a question from a protester

“The difference between a really good year and a really fantastic year will be whether or not Republicans can articulate a positive message.”
— Rove, on the 2010 congressional elections

“I’m willing to make the argument. You can’t win unless you make the argument.”
— Rove, during an interview with The Daily Texan before the event, on what it is like to speak to hostile audiences

“He better stay focused on 2010.”
— Rove, to The Daily Texan, on whether Perry will run for president in 2012

GALLERY



Pot for our pocketbooks’ sake



By Joshua Avelar
Daily Texan Columnist

Though the states are comparable in terms of population, economy and ego, most residents of California and Texas would like to think they have nothing in common. But one thing Texans share with the Golden State is a gaping budget shortfall.

The shortfall for Texas is predicted to be between \$11 billion and \$15 billion. In California, the budget crisis is almost twice as bad, with estimates putting it at about \$23 billion.

In an attempt to save their economy, Californians will vote this November on an initiative to legalize recreational use of marijuana for adults ages 21 and up, giving the state government the ability to tax and regulate the sale of the substance.

California’s State Board of Equalization estimates that marijuana taxes will bring in \$1.4 billion annually while cutting costs in other departments, such as law enforcement. For a state so deep in debt, that would be a respectable start.

While California’s budgetary problems seem much more dire than Tex-

as’, there are several reasons why it may be in our state’s best interest to follow California’s lead on this issue.

Because Texas shares a much longer border with Mexico than California does, it is more vulnerable to the effects of border violence related to drug trafficking. According to the White House, there are two high-intensity drug trafficking areas on the Texas border but only one in California.

Josh Schimberg, director of the Texas chapter of the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws, has said that more than 60 percent of drug trafficking in Mexico is marijuana-related. Legalizing the substance would be a positive step toward a safer border.

The Texas Department of Public Safety reported in 2008 that more than 70,000 Texans were arrested for marijuana possession, accounting for 55 percent of total drug possession arrests. Arresting people for holding is a costly endeavor; the Marijuana Policy Project has reported that each arrest costs Texas taxpayers \$2,000.

Though the numbers show that legalizing marijuana would be practical, the Pew Research Center has reported

that 52 percent of Americans are still opposed to legalization, with conservative and older citizens — who constitute the majority of Texas’ voting populace — falling mostly in line with opposition.

People tend to snicker when somebody brings up the idea of marijuana legalization, treating it as a sort of juvenile joke. But the principles behind legalization — such as individual freedom, states’ rights and an economic policy dependent on sales tax rather than income tax — have always been appealing to Texans.

Legalization, in fact, seems to be one of the few options left that could improve the state’s financial situation without implementing a state income tax or making cuts to already underfunded areas, such as higher education.

Politicians are discredited when they bring up marijuana legalization. Texas cannot have the type of ballot initiative that California does, and municipalities can’t make laws without consent of the state government. It is up to us to serve as good constituents by informing our legislators that Texas needs this initiative.

Avelar is a government and journalism senior.

THE FIRING LINE

No to concealed carry

Austin resident W. Scott Lewis wrote a Firing Line on Friday saying that the guns-in-classrooms movement is something more than astroturfing (fake grassroots) by the gun lobby. This claim is particularly ironic given that Lewis is a real estate agent and not a student.

Still, I apologize for my “weak, emotionally charged arguments.” I pointed out that supporters of arming students argue guns are necessary to protect against dangerous people with guns. Clearly it was emotional for me to also point out that those lawmakers consistently blocked or killed legislation like 79(R) SB 869 and 80(R) SB 1755, bills that would have kept guns out of the hands of those who have been ruled a danger to themselves or others, as well as individuals with severe mental retardation. (These bills ultimately passed in the 81st session, as SB 3352.)

The National Rifle Association also opposes congressional efforts to restrict those on the terror watch list from obtaining firearms. Google it: “NRA terror watch list.”

The truth, whether Lewis likes it or not, is that a lobbyist employed by the Texas State Rifle Association — the Texas branch of the NRA — ensures not only that the loopholes in the background check system remain open, but also that bills that would arm students have at least 70 cosponsors.

The truth is that we used to be able to have legitimate discussions about whether those with concealed handgun licenses were more responsible on

average than the average citizen, but then the gun lobby got a bill passed that made most of those statistics confidential.

What Lewis means to say, I think, is that he can’t believe these meddling students still found strong arguments for public safety, even though the NRA keeps playing hide-and-seek with gun trace data.

— John Woods
Biology graduate student
Students for Gun Free Schools

Students for concealed carry

On Saturday, Students for Concealed Carry organized the first-ever on-campus concealed handgun licensing course. It was a great success, attended by 55 UT students, faculty and staff. And while I could go on and on about the event and what its successful implementation means for the constant struggle here at UT to keep concealed handguns off campus, I’ll keep it simple and argue in a language just about everyone can understand: numbers.

On Friday, I had the pleasure of attending John Woods’ anti-gun rally on the West Mall. While I was watching the event, something interesting caught my attention. After taking a brief head count of the protesters, I was shocked to see that the rally consisted of only about 25 dedicated anti-gun enthusiasts.

Now compare this to the on-campus concealed handgun licensing course, which consisted of 55 members of the UT family. That means that more than twice as many Longhorns decided that they would rather receive their right to carry a concealed weapon than Longhorns who wish to keep this campus

gun-free. And you didn’t even have to pay to attend Woods’ rally (unlike the participants in our class, who had to fork over \$45 and a full Saturday of free time).

The language of numbers is a hard one to argue with, and one hopes that a scientist such as Woods will be able to see that. Unfortunately, he probably won’t.

Finally, it is important that the student body understand that Woods’ marriage between gun show law and concealed carry on campus is a red herring, a tactic simply used to spread fear to those who sit on the fence regarding the issue.

Trying to keep concealed carry off of college campuses by attacking “gun show loopholes” will be about as effective as me trying to change the state of American health care by complaining about the magazines in my doctor’s waiting room.

— Kory Zipperer
Psychology junior
Vice president, Students for Concealed Carry

The hypocrisy of the far left

I am shocked by attacks on American civil liberties by those on the far left on our campus today.

A year ago, I attended the John Ashcroft event hosted by Young Conservatives of Texas and College Republicans. I could not believe the audacity of people who protested at the event. Sure, they disagreed with Ashcroft, but they should have let the man tell his side of the story and not denied him his right to free speech.

This is seen with the Tea Party. It is a beautiful, American thing when citizens question

the government in the form of a nonviolent protest. There are nuts who go to every protest, wanting to start a fight or hold up insulting signs, but for the most part, Tea Partiers are concerned Americans.

It is not only our constitutional right but also our duty to question the government and demand answers. The far left has forgotten this. Liberals are the ones who traditionally protest, and in the minds of the far left, it is only their right and their duty. When middle-class Americans concerned with the growing deficit exercise their free speech to question the government, that speech needs to be cherished and listened to.

The far left is out to paint Tea Partiers as extremists and racists. They show clips of members of Congress being shouted down at town hall meetings, not mentioning that they are town hall meetings — a place where Americans can question their leaders and hold their leaders accountable.

The true extremists and anti-progressives were at the Karl Rove event last night, trying to shout him down and deny his right to free speech. They were there denying my right to hear him speak.

You cannot call yourself a progressive when you believe that rights such as the First Amendment are only for you and those with your beliefs. You cannot call yourself American for holding those beliefs. That is not what Americans do. That is not what our founding fathers intended. That is un-American in every sense. That is the hypocrisy of the far left.

— Jeremy Grodin
Government junior

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Psychology senior Jenn Lee comments on a student art piece at Jester, displayed to increase awareness of Asian-American Heritage Week.

Week celebrates Asian-American life

Students enjoy awards ceremony, art show as part of heritage festivities

By Julie Bissinger
Daily Texan Staff

The Asian Desi Pacific Islander American Collective kicked off its fifth annual Asian American Heritage Week with an art show in the Jester Center on Monday.

The show will run through Friday and includes artwork made by Asian-American students. The works range from depictions of dragons to a portrait of family members.

“We are celebrating Asian American Heritage Week to remember our ancestry and to spread cultural awareness here on campus,” said Jenn Lee, co-director of finance for the organization and a psychology senior. “Asian-Americans account for almost 20 percent of UT’s student population.”

Accounting senior Ali Lotia’s charcoal drawing of his aunt holds special meaning for him.

“My aunt was the one who named me as a child,” Lotia said. “I drew this picture of her as a tribute to her and incorporated my culture at the same time.”

In addition to the art show, the organization has three other events planned for this week. All of the events coordinate with the theme of “Asian Americans Today.”

“We are offering commentary on contemporary Asian-American issues such as Asians in the media, interracial dating and achievement,” Lee said.

The organization will team up with Queer People of Color and Allies for today’s “Down with the Swirl” event, which will include a short film and panel discussion about interracial dating issues.

David Jimenez, director of campus and community relations for Queer People of Color and Allies, said this is the first time his organization is working with the Asian-American organization.

“This is our first year to be a part of the Multicultural Infor-

mation Center,” said Jimenez, a studio art senior. “Last year, we held a similar panel discussion, but this is our first opportunity to work with [the Asian-American organization].”

The purpose of the event is to examine stereotypes and how they relate to interracial dating, Jimenez said.

“[The film includes] interviews of different students involved in interracial relationships, and they talk about their thoughts on the issue,” Jimenez said.

The event will be held today in room 4.224 in the Texas Union from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

The Asian-American organization will partner with the Asian/Asian-American Faculty and Staff Association to present an awards ceremony on Thursday. The ceremony will take place in the Texas Union Santa Rita Room from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

“We will be giving awards to Asian groups and leaders [at the University],” said Victoria Chu, co-director of campus relations and accounting sophomore.

A committee chooses the winners, and award categories include best academic, best freshman and best rising leader.

Chu said the organization is expecting at least 80 people to attend the ceremony.

The organization will close the week with a comedy show Friday as part of the Festival of India, an event organized by the Indian Students Association and Delta Epsilon Psi Fraternity.

The show will feature South Asian comedians such as Akaash Singh, Paul Varghese, Sadiq Samani and Ramin Nazer, according to the event’s website, and will be held in the Texas Union Theatre from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Friday.

Earth Week events attempt to shrink carbon footprint

By Audria Choudhury
Daily Texan Staff

During the first day of UT’s Earth Week, students received reusable aluminum water bottles in exchange for signing a pledge to give up their plastic ones. The pledge will be sent to the University administration at the end of the school year to request a more efficient campus-wide recycling program, which would bring UT up to par with other large universities.

Earth Week, hosted by the Campus Environmental Center, will focus on carbon neutrality, raising awareness about environmental concerns and small steps that can help reduce and offset the campus’ carbon footprint, said Drucilla Tigner, the center’s co-director and a government and communication studies senior.

Protection Agency is the carbon emissions blowing in from the nearby Fayette coal plant.

On Wednesday, the Orange Bike Project will be located on the West Mall for students to bring in their bikes for on-site repairs. The event is meant to encourage students to use their bicycles more than their cars.

Net Impact, the McCombs School of Business’ sustainability organization, will sponsor a fair and art show Thursday to highlight green businesses, such as hybrid limousine services and organic event planning, said Bijal Mehta, business honors and Plan II senior and former president of the organization.

Earth Week culminates in Thursday’s “cUT The Carbon” concert that will mark the 40th anniversary of national Earth Day. The concert will feature musical acts, such as Mobley and Channel One, as well as speakers from the center encouraging attendees to become involved in improving their environment.

“It’s [the students’] world, their environment, their air that they are breathing,” said Alyssa Flores, co-event chair for the center’s outreach committee and government junior. “Becoming green isn’t difficult — just little things you tweak in your habits that make your life-style easier.”



Psychology senior Allyson Miller walks by the Campus Environmental Center stand at the West Mall on Monday.

Engineers offer aid to Panama tribe

By Katherine Noble
Daily Texan Staff

UT students partnering with Engineers Without Borders will travel to Panama this summer to work with a local village to implement clean water systems and to teach the community about hygiene.

Engineers Without Borders is a nonprofit organization working to meet people’s basic human needs by providing necessities such as clean water, power, sanitation and education, according to its website. The organization has more than 12,000 members and is currently facilitating 350 projects in more than 45 developing nations. This summer, the Greater Austin chapter is participating in two projects, one to install solar-powered computers in northern Mexico and the other to supply health education and water systems to Sieykin, Panama.

Two engineering professionals from Austin and 12 UT students will spend July and August on the third phase of the Engineers Without Borders’ project with the Naso tribe in Panama. Rahul Mitra, project health education leader and electrical engineering senior, said the Panama project focuses on supplying water and health education to the

community. The participants will teach the community simple tactics to minimize water contamination.

“But we don’t just show up in villages and take over,” Mitra said. “That’s why we go twice before ever starting to implement new systems or build things. We want the community to trust us, believe our promises to bring clean water and electricity and to see us as partners and not as tourists.”

Tracy Beavers, the chapter and member services manager for Engineers Without Borders-USA, said an important goal of each team is to try to make as little negative impact on the community as possible. Each group spends time learning the customs and the indigenous language while living with members of the community, Beavers said.

“All program proposals come directly from the communities themselves,” she said. “They decide what their own community’s needs are.”

Beavers said what makes Engineers Without Borders unique is that its commitment to each community is at least five years long. The groups continually return to make sure that the various improvements, such as water systems, are still functioning.

The education factor of the organization is another important distinction from other nonprofit groups in developing nations, Beavers said. Throughout the program, community members receive training regarding the maintenance and operation of their infrastructure, and a financial mechanism is established to ensure long-term economic sustainability, according to the program’s website.

“Engineers Without Borders is committed to teaching locals the simple engineering tactics we use in their villages so they can take ownership,” Mitra said. “We do not want to just show up, build things quickly and then leave.”

The students all agree that although they are giving back to their communities, these project trips impact their lives, as well. Mitra said that the professional engineers on the trip are the students’ mentors, and it gives students real-world engineering experience.

“Right now, we live in a very international world,” Mitra said. “We are more connected than ever before, and that gives us a responsibility to not just use our skills to benefit ourselves, but to help resolve international social problems firsthand.”

Patrick Dunlap, Natalie Craik, Russell Beaumont, Corrie Thompson, Rahul Mitra and Liliana Espinosa make up a few members of Engineers Without Borders, a group which travels to Panama to educate villagers on health education.



Shannon Kintner
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Birth-control study weighs over-the-counter option

US prescription policies trigger across-the-border contraceptive purchases

By Chris Thomas
Daily Texan Staff

Demand for over-the-counter birth-control pills is increasing as American women, frustrated with the need to obtain a prescription for the pills, head south of the border, according to an ongoing study.

A study conducted by researchers from UT-Austin, UT-El Paso and Ibis Reproductive Health revealed that American women who live along the Mexico-U.S. border regularly purchase over-the-counter oral contraceptives from pharmacies in Mexico be-

cause they don't need a prescription and can send someone else to get them. The purpose of the study was to determine whether there is a demand for over-the-counter oral contraceptives in the United States.

"One thing this study has shown us is the large amount of importance placed upon the ability for anyone to pick up the pills," said Joseph Potter, a sociology professor in the Population Research Center at UT-Austin. "It's a big deal for most of the women to be able to send someone else to get the pills, especially those who are undocumented and are unable to cross the border themselves."

Researchers surveyed 1,000 female residents of El Paso and

found that half of the women surveyed purchased their birth control in Mexico, while the oth-

traceptives on the U.S. side of the border said they trusted their health clinic to give them good

traceptives in Mexico said that they trusted the information they received from Mexican pharmacies.

Because the United States requires prescriptions to obtain oral contraceptives, the main reason for the across-the-border trend is the availability and convenience of the pill in Mexico, where it is sold over the counter, Potter said. The contraceptives in Mexico cost about the same and are of similar quality as those in the United States.

The study also showed that those with relatives in Mexico and those without health insurance were more likely to turn to Mexican pharmacies for their contraceptive needs.

"The study took a long time

to set up," UTEP researcher Jon Amastae said. "It was difficult to find a sample of people who obtain their oral contraceptives from Mexico."

The researchers who organized the five-year study, now in its final year, interviewed the participants four times in nine months to determine several factors, including if they had become pregnant and if they were satisfied with their birth control.

"The study shows us that there is significant demand for an over-the-counter option in addition to the family-planning clinics already available," said Daniel Grossman, a senior associate at Ibis Reproductive Health.

“It’s a big deal for most of the women to be able to send someone else to get the pills, especially those who are undocumented and are unable to cross the border themselves.”

— Joseph Potter, sociology professor

er half purchased their birth control in the U.S. According to the study, about 90 percent of the women who obtained their con-

information and they liked the additional health services provided. Only 46 percent of women who purchased their con-

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NFL DRAFT

Texans look to increase pool of talent

Editor's note: This is the first story in a series previewing and recapping the NFL Draft

By Sameer Bhuchar
Daily Texan Staff

Houston Texans head coach Gary Kubiak has the unfortunate task of trying to fish out the good players in a draft with an average pool of talent in the positions he needs. Assuming it does not trade away picks, Houston is going to make every one count, trying to fill in the final pieces of its puzzle to finally legitimize a playoff run.

And with the 20th pick in the NFL Draft, the Houston Texans may select a ...

Safety

In a postseason press conference, owner Bob McNair said the Texans "could use another safety." No joke. Houston ranked 18th against the pass in 2009 and 20th in interceptions.

To complete the defensive backfield, the Texans need to pick an intelligent safety who can still be developed. Because of the hype surrounding him, Houston will most likely lose coveted safety Eric Berry to a team drafting higher. Luckily for both Longhorn and Texan fans, the probable outcome of a first-round safety selection is Earl Thomas. All of the college quarterbacks who faced the unfortunate task of throwing against Thomas know just how hard it is to make a play around him. He is fluid in his coverage, and his quick feet keep him a step ahead of even the



Mary Kang | Daily Texan Staff

Former Texas safety Earl Thomas celebrates a 16-13 victory over Oklahoma in last season's Red River Rivalry. Thomas expects to have his name called by NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell in the first round of Thursday's NFL Draft.

fastest receivers. He recorded an impressive 63 tackles and eight interceptions last season with the Longhorns.

Other notable safeties up for consideration are Utah's Robert Johnson and Nate Allen of South Florida. They are powerful safeties who aren't afraid to butt heads with receivers. Both have more noticeable flaws than Thomas,

but picking either one of them up in a later round would be a steal for the Texans if they lose out on Thomas.

Cornerback

Safety is not the only position the Texans will want to sure-up come next season. With the loss of premier cornerback Dunta Robinson, the Texans will need

to replace his talent at cornerback. Jacques Reeves and Fred Bennett spent much of last season getting burned by opposing receivers. That is why the best pick for Houston is someone who can handle his own in bump-and-run coverage.

Joe Haden is the draft's top cornerback pick, so the Texans probably won't get him. However, if CB Devin McCourty

from Rutgers is still available, Houston will most likely select him. McCourty is a physical cornerback who seemingly cloaks opposing receivers. He is not only speedy and physical — he is extremely long. He also has the uncanny ability to frustrate special teams. He blocked a total of

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MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL



Scott Squires | Daily Texan Staff

Round Rock Express fans look on from behind the centerfield wall at Dell Diamond for the Express' home opener Friday night.

Minor league club gives fans a major league experience



By Blake Hurtik
Daily Texan Columnist

ROUND ROCK — Baseball may be America's pastime, but in order to see it in its purest form, you need to look past the millionaires of the MLB and instead head to a minor league ball game.

Luckily, UT students don't have to travel far to get an authentic baseball experience.

Just a short 30-minute jaunt up Interstate Highway 35 — depending on traffic, of course — resides the Round Rock Express, the Houston Astros' Triple-A affiliate.

The Daily Texan made the trek out to the Dell Diamond for the drizzly season opener on Friday to see the Express take on the New Orleans Zephyrs, the Florida Marlins' affiliate.

Fortunately, the stadium more than made up for the dreary weather.

For minor league baseball, it's all about the stadium. The Express' Dell Diamond delivers on this front.

The Diamond, like many minor league stadiums, features plenty of quirks. The area beyond the outfield fence feels

more like a carnival than a ballpark, complete with a basketball court, rock-climbing wall, swimming pool and Jacuzzi. Fans can also take in a game from lush and spacious grass berms that line the outfield. Hopefully, it doesn't rain on you.

But the greatest asset of the Diamond is its ability to be big (it holds around 9,000) while still feeling small. Texans who have visited Rangers Ballpark in Arlington and Minute Maid Park in Houston know that it's easy to feel detached from a game unless you spend more than \$50. In Round Rock, my \$12 ticket put me 14 rows directly behind home plate.

For the of-agers, just know that beer isn't at major league prices. The Diamond offers a surprising number of imports and microbrews, but if you're looking for a true Texas experience, Shiner Bock (and even Hefeweizen) flows in abundance, with a 16-ounce cup going for less than \$5. Domestic run a bit cheaper.

On the culinary front, you can't go wrong with a sausage dog with all the fixings, classic ballpark nachos slathered in yellow cheese product and a bag of peanuts. My nose also told me that

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BASEBALL

UT-Arlington at No. 3 TEXAS

Horns pull out all stops for wins

Whether it's last inning nail biters or blowouts, Horns extend streak

By Chris Tavarez
Daily Texan Staff

You name it and Texas can do it.

Win close, one-run games? Check. Rely on defense to carry the team when bats aren't hot? Done. Use big swings when the gloves have gone cold? Next.

Texas has found every possible way to win games that it easily should have lost.

"All the kinds of things that we've counted on all year long weren't the things that we could count on," head coach Augie Garrido said after Friday's 4-3, 11-inning win over Texas State.

Texas' 10th-straight win should have been its first loss in nine games, but on a day when the unexpected happened — Chance Ruffin giving up three runs in two innings and Brandon Loy making just his fifth error of the season — Texas still found a way to win: a hard-hit grounder to third base that Caleb Shofner unexpectedly fumbled, allowing Sam Stafford to score.

"That's why I don't have expectations. I do not," Garrido said. "I don't buy into them."

The Longhorns' ability to win in any way possible stems from that one thing: They don't expect anything. They don't expect to hit home runs, they don't expect complete game shuts and they definitely don't expect to win.

Texas' lack of preconceived notions allows the team to enter games with a clean slate,

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— Augie Garrido
Head coach

taking the positives along with the negatives, without either of the two having any effect on it. That's what has helped Texas.

"Again, they can see that they don't have to be perfect," Garrido said. "The things that kind of went sideways, we picked ourselves up. We find ways to win. That brings trust and respect from player to player."

Of the Horns' eight Tuesday-night games, four of them have been decided by one run and two have been losses. Those close games have generally come against inferior opponents. Texas-Pan American has a record of 12-20, Texas State owns a 21-13 record, Rice claims 23-15 record and Oral Roberts has 18 wins on 16 losses. All four teams have double-digit losses, but all four have either beaten or played Texas in a close, one-run game.

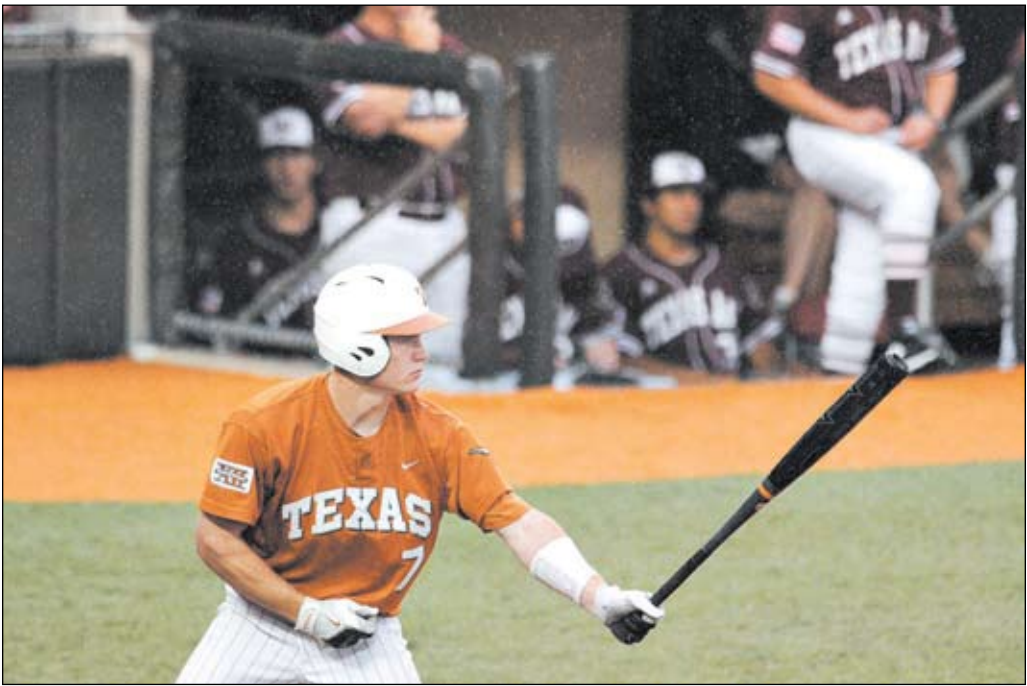
If today's game against UT-Arlington follows the trend of recent Tuesday games, Texas will have to rely on that trust and improvisation to find a way to pull out its 13th-consecutive "W."

The Mavericks enter today's game fresh off their first series win since the start of the month. But right fielder Kevin Keyes knows that no matter what UTA's record or momentum is like entering the game, Texas just has to worry about one thing.

"You just have to control what you can control," Keyes said. "Grind it out, and do the best you can, and do your part, and that will be good enough."

Stafford, Texas' usual Tuesday

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Bobby Longoria | Daily Texan Staff

Sophomore Jordan Etier prepares for the next pitch in Friday night's extra inning win against Texas A&M. Etier and the Longhorns are currently riding a 12 game win streak.

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SPORTS BRIEFLY

Lebron's 40 point night extends Cavaliers' first round lead to 2-0

CLEVELAND — The Cleveland Cavaliers made sure Joakim Noah went home without having any fun.

LeBron James scored 40 points and took over in the fourth quarter as the Cleveland Cavaliers, fueled by a rabid home crowd that booed every move by Noah, maintained home-court advantage by beating the Chicago Bulls 112-102 on Monday night to take a 2-0 lead in the Eastern Conference playoffs.

James added eight rebounds and eight assists for the Cavs, who led 96-93 with 4:30 left before the league's soon-to-be-two-time MVP decided to dominate. He dropped a 3-pointer over Noah that he capped with a quick dance move and wink toward Chicago's bench, made two free throws, a layup and two jumpers, scoring 11 straight as Cleveland opened a 107-98 lead with 1:36 left.

Noah, who criticized Cleveland's lack of downtown activity between Games 1 and 2, had 25 points and 13 rebounds. Derrick Rose added 23 points and Luol Deng had 20 for the Bulls.

Game 3 is Thursday night in Chicago.

Rays complete rare four-game sweep of struggling Red Sox

BOSTON — With two swings, Pat Burrell turned around a slow start in less than an hour.

Burrell homered to help Tampa Bay win the completion of a suspended game, then had a three-run double in the first inning of Saturday's scheduled game to lead the Rays to a 6-5 victory over the Boston Red Sox.

In the completion of the game suspended because of rain in the ninth inning Friday night, Burrell homered with two outs in the 12th to lift the Rays to a 3-1 victory.

"I figured at some point I was going to be able to drive in a run," Burrell said after the scheduled game Saturday. "I was trying to go get back to some of the things I have done in the past. I'm supposed to be a run producer. It's nice to get up and live up to the challenge."

Burrell was hitting just .185 with no homers or RBIs entering the day.

"It's great. It's going to mean a lot for his confidence," Rays manager Joe Maddon said.

Evan Longoria connected in Saturday's game for Tampa Bay, which won its fifth straight.

Dustin Pedroia hit his fifth home run — a two-run shot — and Kevin Youkilis had a two-run homer for Boston.

Marco Scutaro hit his first long ball for the Red Sox, but made an error that led to one of five unearned runs.

James Shields (1-0) pitched 6 2-3 innings, allowing four runs and nine hits.

DRAFT: Texans look to address running game this weekend

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seven kicks in college and hurried countless others.

The Texans will probably take a cornerback in the second or third round.

Running back

The gaping hole in an otherwise outstanding offense is the Texans' running game. Last season, Houston was ranked 30th in run offense. That statistic can be blamed on two things: a lack of healthy, skilled guards; and a deficiency at the running-back spot. The run game is the only part of the Texans' offense that is clearly missing something. With speedy Steve Slaton and Arian Foster controlling most of the backfield snaps, Houston lacks a traditional, hard-nosed running back who can do the nitty-gritty work.

Enter dream running-back picks Toby Gerhart and Montario Hardesty. Gerhart wowed the nation when Stanford played Notre Dame last season, trampling the Irish for 205 yards and three rushing touchdowns. In his final year at Stanford, Gerhart amassed close to 1,900 yards and 28 touchdowns, all while averaging a ridiculous 5.5 yards per carry. He is a no-frills player — what you see is what you get. He would be ideal for the Texans, helping to shake up the idea

of a "finesse team." Gerhart would complement the unparalleled speed of Steve Slaton well. With the two of them splitting time in the backfield, the Texans could run a variety of different schemes with each respective player, keeping defenses on their toes.

If Gerhart slips through the cracks and into the hands of another fortunate team, which is highly possible, the Texans have a strong second option in Hardesty. The former Tennessee Volunteer rushed for 1,345 yards and 13 touchdowns last year. He is also a physical runner, though he lacks speed. However, he would easily fit into the Texans' one-cut zone system.

Other directions

The above positions are what Houston needs to address the most, but they aren't the team's only options. The Texans could benefit from the acquisition of another offensive guard to solidify an injury-prone offensive line.

Whatever happens, Houston Texans fans know this: Coach Gary Kubiak is not one to be predictable when it comes to the draft. Houston fans will remember being outraged as Kubiak selected a certain Mario Williams over Vince Young and Reggie Bush three seasons ago. But that didn't turn out so bad, did it?

WOMEN'S TENNIS



Rachel Taylor | Daily Texan file photo

Senior Sarah Lancaster tosses the ball for a serve in an April 10 win over fifth ranked Northwestern. Lancaster and the Longhorns head to College Station today to take on the Aggies.

Aggies await red hot Longhorns

Texas attempts to secure another conference win and point in Showdown

By Alexandra Carreno
Daily Texan Staff

Rivalries never fail to bring excitement to a team's schedule. The Texas and Texas A&M rivalry is no exception, even if the Longhorns have continually dominated the Aggies' squad, winning their last seven matchups.

Fans decked out in burnt orange and maroon will be on hand to cheer for their respective teams this evening at the George P. Mitchell Tennis Center in College Station as the Horns go up against the Aggies for not only another conference win but also a hotly sought-after team point in the annual State Farm Lone Star Showdown. Texas (12-4, 7-1 Big 12) currently holds

the lead over Texas A&M by a seven-and-a-half to five count.

Texas arrives in College Station on the heels of a great few weeks of tennis, as the Horns have won all five of their recently contended April matches. Shutting out their latest opponent, Iowa State, proved the Horns' dominance in Big 12 conference play, even after the match was postponed for three hours due to weather. The Longhorns could easily have been thrown for a loop with the testy weather but instead stayed composed.

"The weather issues threw a wrench into things, but I was pleased with how this group responded," Texas head coach Patty

Fendick-McCain said. "I give my kudos to Iowa State. They gave us a great battle, and it was just what we needed to get ready for Texas A&M."

This evening, senior Sarah Lancaster will be looking to push her Big 12 singles-match record to a perfect 9-0 for the season. In her fourth and final season on the squad, Lancaster holds an impressive 36-1 record in regular-season matches against Big 12 opponents.

Tonight's match marks the final home match of the season for the Aggies, who are battered and bruised after a disappointing defeat against Nebraska this past weekend. The loss pushed Texas A&M's

TODAY: No. 20 Texas (12-4) at No. 34 Texas A&M (11-7)

WHERE: College Station

WHEN: 5:30 p.m.

record to 11-7 for the season. The Aggie squad knows that this match means a lot to the season and its ultimate morale.

"It is going to be a gut check for us," Texas A&M coach Bobby Kleinecke said. "We're under the gun, and it is going to depend on how we respond. We better be mentally tough, and if we are not, it is going to be a problem."

But conference play has been a strong point for Texas A&M.

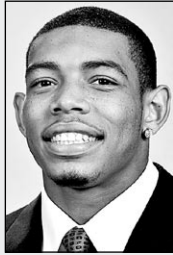
"The Aggies have been playing some great tennis, and it should be a great match," Fendick-McCain said.

"It is going to be a gut check for us."

— Bobby Kleinecke
Texas A&M coach

Future Texans?

Joe Haden



Position: Cornerback
School: Florida

Toby Gerhart



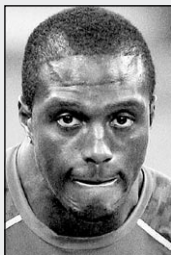
Position: Running back
School: Stanford

Earl Thomas



Position: Safety
School: Texas

Devin McCourty



Position: Cornerback
School: Rutgers

HORNS: Pair of shutouts boosts confidence of Texas pitchers

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starter, is projected to be on the bump again for Texas. Stafford's longest start this season has been just 4.1 innings of work against Texas A&M-Corpus Christi. The very next week, though, Stafford lasted just one inning and gave up three runs.

While Stafford is coming off the heels of his worst outing to date, Texas' pitching staff is coming off its best. Against A&M this past weekend, the starters combined to pitch 25 innings of shutout baseball and gave up just seven hits.

Texas' pitchers never enter games feeling any of the expectations the fans have of them, but

they do go into their starts knowing there's some competition in the bull pen.

"Of course, every time," Workman said with a smile when asked if there's ever talk about out-performing each other amongst the pitching staff. "Every time. It's always talk like that before the game."

TODAY: UT-Arlington (17-20) at No. 3 Texas (30-7)

WHERE: Disch-Falk Field

WHEN: 6:05 p.m.

ON AIR: 1300 AM



Scott Squires | Daily Texan Staff

A New Orleans Zephyrs outfielder gets ready to catch a pop up as a teammate watches on from the bullpen in the Zephyrs' 7-3 win against the Express on Friday night. The Round Rock Express offers Central Texas baseball fans a major league experience for a minor league price.

EXPRESS: Zephyrs spoil home opener

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there were garlic fries around, but my wallet kept me from indulging.

And what's a minor league game without novelty between-inning entertainment? The highlight of Friday's game was an epic bat-spin race between a pair of drunken friends that ended with one dizzily giving over the other to claim the grand prize — an Express T-shirt.

It almost makes you forget that an actual baseball game is

being played in front of you. The players on the field are a crucial part of what's appealing about the minor leagues. Veterans on their last legs play with hotshot prospects on the verge of breaking into the majors. Unfortunately for Astros fans, the Express boast a lot of the former.

Guys like first baseman Chris Shelton and reliever Gary Majewski take up most of the roster space. The Astros' lone top prospect, 22-year-old catcher Jason Castro, rode the pine in Friday's

7-3 loss to the Zephyrs, replaced by 32-year-old vet Kevin Cash.

But just because Houston has a lackluster farm system doesn't mean you can't see some top-notch baseball. Much to my dismay, Astros star Lance Berkman suited up for the Express on Saturday and Sunday for a rehab assignment. On Sunday, the Big Puma slugged a homer and a double with two RBIs.

Just my luck. I'll have to catch him next time — and I'd much rather it happen in Round Rock than in Houston.

INTERNATIONAL SOCCER

United's win narrows gap with first place Chelsea

By Manesh Upadhyaya
Daily Texan Staff

The Premier League title race took a sharp turn this weekend, with Manchester United beating rivals Manchester City 1-0 in another thrilling derby and Chelsea losing 2-1 to Tottenham Hotspur.

A late goal from veteran midfielder Paul Scholes at the City of Manchester Stadium snatched a vital win for United, putting pressure on Chelsea, who played later in the day. Manchester United captain Gary Neville gave Scholes a big smooch, which was published in The Star, to show just how much the win meant to him and the team.

Chelsea started on the back foot at White Hart Lane, with Tottenham earning an early penalty after Chelsea captain John Terry handled the ball in the penalty area. Spurs striker Jermaine Defoe converted the spot kick, and left-back-turned-winger Gareth Bale beat poor Paulo Ferreira to put Tottenham in the driver's seat. Terry was sent off after a lunge on Bale. A late consolation from midfielder Frank Lampard was all Chelsea could manage.

After the loss to Spurs, Chelsea manager Carlo Ancelotti told BBC Sport he is still confident that his team will win the league.

"We have two games at home

and one difficult game away. A one-point lead is not bad at this stage of the season," Ancelotti said. "I am always confident. I am less confident than yesterday, but we are still in the best position."

Arsenal's hope of being crowned champion took a shattering blow. The Gunners let a 2-0 lead slip in the final 10 minutes, handing Wigan a 3-2 victory at the DW Stadium. Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger told BBC Sport that he rued the team's lack of discipline to seal the win.

"It's difficult to understand what happened in those final minutes. We lost focus, discipline, and we were caught. It was not like us," Wenger said. "It is the most disappointing defeat of the season, but we have to swallow it."

The loss leaves Arsenal trailing leaders Chelsea by six points, bringing the Premier League trophy hunt to a two-horse race and making for an exciting run-in to the end of the season.

Chelsea still have to face under-performers Liverpool on the league's penultimate day of the season in a game that could make or break the Blue's trophyless campaign.

United trouncing City and Spurs shocking Chelsea left the Red Devils one point adrift the

Blues at 76 points.

The two games had an impact on more than just who would win the league. Spurs and City are vying for the fourth and final Champions league spot. The former lead the blue half of Manchester by two points with four games remaining. In less than three weeks, the two will come face-to-face in what looks to be a fourth-place showdown.

"It's been an incredible week," Spurs manager Harry Redknapp told BBC Sport after unlikely victories at home to Arsenal and Chelsea.

It made amends for Tottenham's FA Cup semi-final exit at the hands of bottom-of-the-league Portsmouth. The Spurs played a major role in how the title race would finish, as well as putting themselves in good stead for fourth place.

"To start the week with such a disappointment at Wembley but come back and show character to beat Arsenal and Chelsea has been amazing," Redknapp said. "United did us a favor earlier in the day against City, but we had to take advantage of that ... We had to make sure we won to reap the benefit of that, and it's a tough task to beat Chelsea — not many teams do it."

Tottenham will continue to torment the top of the table with a trip to Old Trafford this weekend.

Symposium on Haiti explores human rights issues

By Gabrielle Cloudy
Daily Texan Staff

Three panel speakers, including a human rights lawyer for the United Nations, detailed Haitian human rights issues at the Glob-

al Leadership Center's Symposium on Haiti on Monday.

The symposium is a weeklong event featuring a variety of national speakers and documentaries to inform students about

Haiti's history and remind them of Haiti's struggles in the aftermath of the earthquakes that hit the country earlier this year. There were two speaker events and a documentary screening

Monday.

"Haiti is a special case that has been left out in the relations of the West, and in the past, [it] has been a forgotten nation," said Alex Ecenia, an associate direc-

tor of UT's Global Organizations Council. "We want to keep Haiti fresh on [leaders'] minds."

The symposium, partly sponsored by the Global Health Project, was moderated by English professor Barbara Harlow and featured William O'Neill, a human rights lawyer for the U.N.; Thomas Griffin, a Pennsylvania human rights lawyer; and Carole Charles, a scholar of women's and gender empowerment in Haiti.

In addition to detailing Haiti's status in the aftermath of the Jan. 12 earthquake, the speakers discussed the country's poverty and state of crisis prior to the natural disaster.

"Haiti didn't start with the earthquake," Barlow said. "That earthquake has been called a tragedy on a tragedy."

The speakers said that before the earthquake, Haitians were already facing poor living conditions, extreme poverty, a corrupt government and gender and education inequality.

"Criteria [for choosing speakers] was based on experts in the nation, whether that be development, health care, human rights or politics," Ecenia said. "We also looked to teachers who are experts in the field, but we found that there was a lack of expertise within UT."

Ecenia said the lack of UT researchers studying the country is further evidence that Haiti is a forgotten nation. Even months and years after the emergencies, there is still a lot of work and help needed, she said.

"Haiti has miserable records of government," O'Neill said. "Their ministry of health and education didn't inspect and make sure that buildings were safe. Haiti did not provide its citizens basic human rights of health care, shelter and education."

O'Neill presented a slide of three pictures showing a collapsed school that had been built with lousy materials on a narrow street and a steep cliff. The school has also been overcrowded.

"This happened 14 months before the earthquake, in November [2008]," he said. "Because of how it was built and due to overcrowding, it collapsed, and 87 children were killed."

The reconstruction efforts and decision-making process following the earthquake may allow women, who currently do not have representation, to get involved in Haitian institutions.

Donna Barry, scheduled to speak today on "Health and Human Rights," came to the panel and said the United States is obligated to help its "sister country" due to the stark differences between the two countries. While students may not be able to provide financial assistance to organizations, they should be involved and knowledgeable of Haiti's problems and history, Barry said.

"While interest has already waned in the past three months, in three years, we are going to need [students] to still be looking at Haiti, studying up on foreign policy and staying engaged," she said.



Fanny Trang | Daily Texan Staff

Human rights lawyer Thomas Griffin discusses the Haitian situation at Garrison Hall on Monday. The symposium will take place throughout this week and will focus on the historical context of Haiti prior to the earthquake in January.

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By DAVID OUELLET

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Katie...

WTH is that?

OH! This is my bearded dragon, Draco!

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Watch this.

Hiya!

That is so friggin' weird...

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- Across**
 - One "in the woods"
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 - Tiny light that's here and gone
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 - Radames's love, in opera
 - Something that swings
 - Keyboard key
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 - Show ____
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 - Film bomb of 1987
 - "You can't make me!"
 - Sch. with home games at Pauley Pavilion
 - Speediness
- 27 Kwame ____, advocate of pan-Africanism and the first P.M. of Ghana
 - 31 Stewed to the gills
 - 33 Pronto
 - 34 Half-off event
 - 35 Lucy of "Kill Bill"
 - 36 Period of low activity
 - 39 Bamboozle
 - 40 Sell
 - 42 Buff thing
 - 43 Figure-skating figures
 - 45 Dressed to the nines
 - 47 Computer data acronym
 - 48 Makes public
 - 49 Gasoline additive
 - 52 What 3-, 13-, 14- and 28-Down may be
 - 55 Soft white cheese

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Puzzle by Paula Gamache

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33 Third degree?

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41 Expressionless

44 Scala of "The Guns of Navarone"

46 Fizzle

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I DON'T KNOW, JUST GOOGLE IT.

WHAT? I HAVE NO IDEA HOW TO MAKE A CHAI LATTE... WHY WOULD I DO THAT? JUST LOOK IT UP YOURSELF.

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so what if no one gets it, I'm tired.

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Alright, you heard the order! We are to transport 150000 men across the sea for this operation!

UK

FRANCE

We shall call it "Operation sea lion"!

Get back to work.

JOHN TIDEN'S RABBIT RUN TO GRADUATION

HEY JOHN, LET'S GO OUT TONIGHT JESSE'S THROWING A PARTY. SAYS HE GOT A KEY OF DOZ EQUUS.

WOULD LOVE TO BUT GOT WORK ON THIS PAPER FOR MY EUROPEAN HISTORY CLASS. NOT OF MY LEAD.

HITLER'S 'STA

YOU KNOW, I HEARD A RUMOR THAT PAPER ARE FASTER IF YOU TYPE THEM

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HARSH, YOU CAN ALWAYS HOPE TO SEE THE ALBINO SQUIRREL

WHAT?

YEAH, YOU'VE NEVER HEARD OF THE ALBINO SQUIRREL? CROSS PATHS AND YOU FIND YOURSELF WITH AN A ON YOUR NEXT TEST OR PAPER

WHAT HAPPENS IF YOU CAPTURE IT?

OH, NOTHING

I DON'T KNOW ITS A SILLY LEGEND, BUNCHA PREENEDS SEARCH FOR IT COME MATE

WHY? WHAT ARE YOU THINKING?

ALBINO SQUIRREL SAGA PT 1

AFTER TWO DAYS LOOKING FOR YOU, AND 80 DOLLARS FOR A NET GUN (THANK YOU, INTERNET) LATER, I'VE FINALLY FOUND YOU.

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BOOK REVIEW

Musician’s cookbook just same song, second verse

By Layne Lynch
Daily Texan Staff

Aside from her fame as a Grammy Award-winning country music artist, Trisha Yearwood also has a self-proclaimed gusto for making delicious Southern comfort food.

With her mother and sister serving as her co-authors, Yearwood released her second cookbook, “Home Cooking with Trisha Yearwood,” earlier this month.

Her previous cookbook, “Georgia Cooking in an Oklahoma Kitchen,” served as a simplistic and basic approach to Southern cooking.

In this book, we see Yearwood creating recipes so similar to those in her first book that “Home Cooking” could almost serve as a second volume to her first cookbook. She manages to belt out a few culinary high notes with her desserts and eats, but the overall commonality and blandness

of the recipes makes this a disappointing cookbook.

Typically, when someone buys a cookbook, it’s with some faith that the author is both a connoisseur of and expert on the methods the book is preaching.

Yearwood herself says in her introduction, “We all tend to stick to what we know, and I’m usually a bit wary about trying something new on my family.”

A theme of safety over risk and complication rings true throughout most of her cookbook. But if Southern cooking is something you aren’t well-versed in, this book is a perfect initiation into Southern hospitality.

Another thing that needs to be acknowledged is the lack of commentary throughout this cookbook, which is disappointing. Yearwood seems to believe in the idea that basic instructions and beautiful photos serve as enough for her readers. Above the recipes

are short introductions and explanations of the roots of the recipes, but they barely skim the surface.

Yearwood missed an essential step — she needed to explain why it is that she loves the art of Southern cooking and not just country music.

With that said, this book is for the beginning- to intermediate-level cooks. Her recipes are suited to three P’s: picnics, potlucks and parties. The hearty casseroles, decadent desserts and succulent meats will undoubtedly please the masses.

Yearwood could have improved her book by including a healthy section, however, expanding on her recipe explanations and taking risks on recipes that are much too traditional for a reader’s taste.

All in all, the book is better left on the shelf.

Grade: C-

RERUNS: Old favorites aid procrastination attempts

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exploits of Jim and Pam.

‘Friends’

Although I personally think “Friends” is one of the most obnoxious sitcoms of the 1990s, I can’t help but watch it when it’s on. Maybe there’s nothing else on at the time, or maybe I have some sort of strange connection to Chandler Bing (we’re both devastatingly unfunny, although we also both think otherwise), but everybody’s favorite group of, well, friends provides an entertaining distraction at the very least.

‘Home Improvement’

Tim Allen’s sitcom pretty much defined what the early 1990s were about: family, flannel and Bob Vila. “Home Improvement” launched the career of Jonathan Taylor Thomas, outlined the interests of every suburban father (cars, sex and food) and became one of the easiest-to-syndicate television shows of all time.

Anything on Bravo

Outside of “Top Chef,” I’m not a big fan of Bravo, but my

girlfriend is, and based on the fact that her television is tuned to that network around 90 percent of the time, I’ve found that the channel has a wealth of interesting programs to choose from. Personally, I’m intrigued by the “Real Housewives” series. That may be embarrassing to admit, but when it’s on, I can’t look away.

‘Leave It to Beaver’

“Leave It to Beaver” is the epitome of the post-World War II sit-

com, when life was full of money, increasing house sizes and the nuclear family. Ward and June Cleaver are the ideal parents (he’s a businessman, she’s a housewife), they sleep in separate beds and no matter what their kids do, they’re available to turn it into a lesson and provide unconditional love. It’s a pretty unrealistic view of the world, but it’s hilarious — even in black and white. And in a time of uncertainty about everything from safety to the economy, we could use a little idealism.

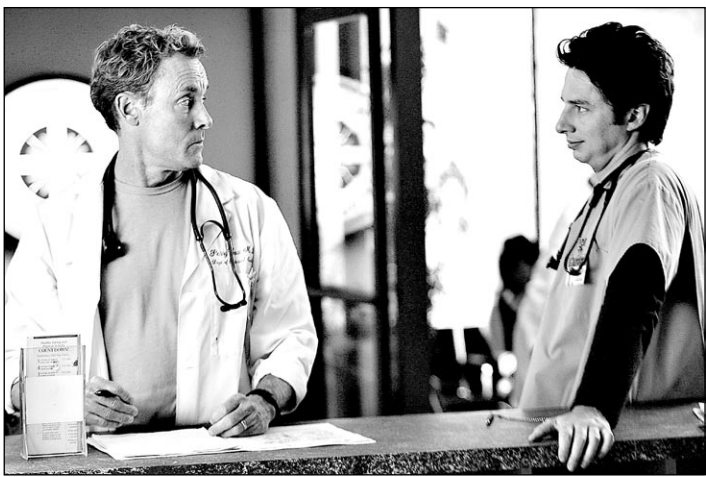


Photo courtesy of Scrubs

“Scrubs” has been syndicated for reruns on multiple cable channels and offers an option for laughs outside of primetime television.



Taylor Swift performs at the 45th Annual Academy of Country Music Awards in Las Vegas on Sunday.

Matt Sayles
Associated Press

Swift’s loss creates twist in predictable routine

Country music darling’s CMA snub recalls flawed performance with legend

By Ben Wermund
Daily Texan Columnist

The Academy of Country Music Awards ceremony had little to offer in terms of surprises Sunday. The same pedal-steel-laden pop acts put on the same sparkling spectacle as every other year. The same four or five acts swept up most of the awards (Carrie Underwood won Entertainer of the Year for the second year in a row, Brad Paisley took home the top male vocal award and Miranda Lambert won the female equivalent).

The Academy didn’t stray very far from the elite few who dominate mainstream country radio but did resist welcoming

one expected newcomer into the inner circle — Taylor Swift, who took home several Grammys earlier this year and has a multi-platinum album still selling, was snubbed completely.

This is kind of shocking considering the amount of success Swift has had both commercially and critically as well as the domination of much of the press that her awards have received. And most of the articles I have seen about Swift’s shortcomings continually mention another blonde songstress — the black-magic-gypsy woman, Stevie Nicks.

Nicks sang with Swift at the Grammys, where Swift remained off-key for the majority of Nicks’ Welsh-witch ballad “Rhiannon.” The juxtaposition of the teenage pop star with the gold dust woman shows a clear

shift in the expectations in popular music from 30-plus years ago to today.

Nicks crafted songs with the ability to enchant the snobbiest of music elitists (Pitchfork named Fleetwood Mac’s *Rumours* one of the greatest albums of the ’70s), whereas Swift writes pop tunes able to keep the heads of preteen girls and soccer moms bobbing in the Starbucks line.

Granted, straight pop songs aren’t all bad. There’s a place for Swift’s music — it’s the perfect soundtrack to preteen fairy-tale dreams.

When Swift sings, “It’s a love story, baby, just say, ‘Yes,’” it’s easy to feel the exhilaration of high-school romance. It just doesn’t hit as hard or reach as deep as when Nicks sings, “I’ve been afraid of changing, because I built my life around you.”

ART: Jefferson Airplane star follows ‘white rabbit’ to new ventures

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Balenciaga. She said that although the clothes were beautiful, the modeling job wasn’t interesting to her.

After watching the then-local band Jefferson Airplane perform at a small club, Slick decided that it was time for a career change.

“I thought, ‘My mother was a singer, I can be a singer!’” Slick said.

Shortly thereafter, she and her husband, Jerry, formed the band The Great Society and began touring with Jefferson Airplane. In 1966, Jefferson Airplane’s lead

singer, Signe Anderson, left to start a family, and Slick was asked to fill the position.

“We were both dark-haired, low-voiced Norwegians, only I was more flamboyant,” Slick said.

After headlining three of the festivals that shaped the ’60s, both musically and culturally — Monterey, Woodstock and Altamont — Slick’s band achieved international fame. Their U.S. Top 10 singles “Somebody to Love” and “White Rabbit” are both listed among Rolling Stone’s “500 Greatest Songs of All Time.”

After nearly three decades of

success in the music industry, Slick decided to broaden her artistic horizons. In 1998, she chose to put down her microphone and pick up a paintbrush.

“You’d be surprised how many guitarists can paint, or how many set designers have a knack for, you know, producing interesting smells. We can jump around because it all comes from the same part of the brain,” Slick said. “Painting is like music, but more solitary.”

Slick claims to have always taken some interest in visual arts, designing her family’s Christmas cards at age 3 and creating line

drawings for CD inserts. However, her painting career did not truly blossom until her agent suggested that she depict what she is famous for — music.

“I thought, ‘A musician painting musicians? That’s too cutesy!’” Slick said.

Her vibrant, flowing portrayal of Jimi Hendrix proved to be a popular piece, however.

“When I use colors, you know it. Rock ‘n’ roll isn’t obscure; it’s blatant, it’s in your face. That’s what my paintings are,” Slick said. “I don’t want to make something so obscure that people don’t know what to think of it.”

Another recurring motif in Slick’s artwork, which she describes as “elaborate cartoons,” is the white rabbit from “Alice in Wonderland.”

Claiming that the rabbit represents curiosity, Slick says that no one should be afraid to follow it wherever it may lead.

“Everyone has fears — they’re a survival mechanism that dates back to when people lived in caves,” Slick said. “But we don’t live with lions outside our doors anymore. If you’re afraid to do something, do it anyway.”

Though the rabbit pieces are popular among fans who enjoy

the hit song with a similar message, Slick identifies with the character on a more personal level. Slick was born in the year of the rabbit and grew up next to a rabbit farm. She likens the rabbit in “Alice in Wonderland” to her own experiences in the music industry.

“‘Alice in Wonderland’ was written in Victorian England, and I was born in the ’50s, when women were expected to wear medium heels and wait at home for their husbands. Boring!” Slick said. “The ’60s, sort of like ‘Wonderland,’ were nuts by comparison.”

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Classic TV reruns offer most reliable work escape

TV TUESDAY
 By Robert Rich

As college students, most of us have mastered the art of procrastination. It takes a special talent to ignore a mound of homework, assignments, projects and papers while they stare at you from your desk. Unquestionably, television has helped us develop the skills we need to be true procrastinators. But what happens when we're procrastinating and it isn't prime time? We rely on that oh-so-genius invention known as the rerun.

These are the shows that have proven their brilliance and stood the test of time. This week in TV Tuesday, we celebrate such shows.

'Scrubs'

Without a doubt the greatest of the syndicated comedies, "Scrubs" has become a mainstay on Comedy Central, WGN and other networks, with its first eight seasons providing a wealth of content for programmers to choose from. The zany, off-the-wall antics of Zach Braff and company make for easy viewing and easier laughs, whether or not you follow the show regularly. I started watching "Scrubs" in its third season, thanks, in large part, to reruns.

'The Office'

Despite audience misgivings as of late and the steady decline in quality the show has experienced, "The Office" still has its early seasons, which are full of laugh-out-loud moments and the heartwarming "will-they-or-won't-they"

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Kari Rosenfeld | Daily Texan Staff

Adrian Cervantes, owner and founder of El Taco Norteño, talks with Ana Diaz at his trailer on Manchaca Boulevard. The idea behind the unique menu is to provide "quality 100 percent authentic north Mexican style tacos," Cervantes said.

Flavorful tacos hide in bland stands

TACO STAND BY ME
 By Andrew Kreighbaum

Editor's note: This is the fifth in a weekly series searching for the best undiscovered taco stands in town.

There's nothing particularly distinguishing about the appearance of El Taco Norteño. The red and white taco stand sits unassumingly in the parking lot of a Conoco gas station off Ben White Boulevard and Manchaca Road.

What you will remember about this stand is the tacos. Norteño carries all of your tradi-

tional options — there's nothing too out-of-the-ordinary about its carne asada or bistec tacos. But what really makes the drive to South Austin worth it are the gringa and pirata tacos, which sell for \$2.50 each.

The gringa taco is a dish of bright, spicy, red al pastor meat melded with gooey cheese between two layers of tortillas. The pirata consists of strips of steak with cheese, served in a flour tortilla with two big slices of avocado.

If you're a connoisseur of breakfast tacos, get there before 10 a.m. But you won't want to miss out on the trompos al pastor, small tacos that come in plates of five for \$5.50. After tasting your first bite of the rotisserie pork wrapped in corn tortillas, one of them won't be enough.

Norteño doesn't make a splash with style or presentation but instead focuses on the food you came there looking for.

Five minutes east of campus, at Ben White Boulevard and South Congress Avenue, you'll find our second pick of the week. Tuesday through Sunday nights, Taquerias Olivas competes with restaurant options like Wendy's to serve the late-night crowd in the St. Edward's University area.

Their bestselling item, the bistec taco, is a juicy marinated steak taco topped with cilantro and onions.



The pirata and gringa tacos and the taquitos al pastor, are traditional northern Mexican tacos. The flour tortillas at El Taco Norteño are imported from Mexico.

Kari Rosenfeld
 Daily Texan Staff

WHAT: El Taco Norteño

WHERE: 1913 W. Ben White Blvd.

HOURS: Mon - Fri 8 a.m. - 3 p.m., 6 p.m. - 11 p.m., Sat-Sun 8 a.m. - 3 p.m., 6 p.m. - 12 p.m.

WHAT TO GET: Gringa taco

WHAT: Taqueria Olivas

WHERE: Ben White Boulevard and South Congress Avenue

HOURS: Tues - Sun 7 p.m. - 3 a.m.

WHAT TO GET: Bistec taco

Olivas is another stand unremarkable in appearance, just a short drive from the flashier (and pricier) food stands in the SoCo

shopping district. But readers of this column know by now that the best dining experiences are often had at these hidden gems.

Gallery exhibits Woodstock singer's latest artistic effort

By Madeleine Crum
 Daily Texan Staff

A girl in a bohemian dress sways to the rhythm of her favorite song. Shirtless 20-somethings yell and tussle in the August heat. Thousands of music lovers engage in a mutual dance, despite being surrounded by mud.

This is not the Austin City Limits Music Festival but rather a painting of Woodstock by Grace Slick, the lead singer of the 1960s rock band Jefferson Airplane.

Slick, who wrote and performed Jefferson Airplane's hit "White Rabbit," will display her collection of psychedelic paint-

ings at Art on 5th through April 24.

Slick became interested in the music industry while working as a fashion model in San Francisco, where she represented designers such as Christian Dior and

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Grace Slick, lead singer of Jefferson Airplane in the 1960's, is displaying her artwork inspired by "Alice in Wonderland" at Art on 5th through April 24.

Shannon Kintner
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