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THE WEEK AHEAD

TODAY

'Of Angels and Angles'

Portland indie rock band the Decemberists and country artist Caitlin Rose will perform at Stubbs at 7 p.m.

TUESDAY

Adobe Creative Suite 5.5 Camp

A free class teaching the latest version of Adobe Creative Suite will be offered at the Ragsdale Center from 5:30 to 9 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Jeff Bridges

Austin City Limits TV presents a live music performance by actor Jeff Bridges at ACL Live at 7 p.m. Tickets are limited and available by lottery on the ACL blog.

THURSDAY

Flights of Fancy

The Blanton Museum of Art is screening "Searching for the Impossible," a film about people's attempts at flight, for free from 6 to 7 p.m. in the Blanton Auditorium.

Today in history

In 1974

U.S. President Richard Nixon announced his resignation after the Watergate Scandal.

DT Blogs



DT Life&Arts writer Rachel Perlmutter recently took a vacation and came home to an empty refrigerator and pantry. In her blog "Apron Optional: Tied up with a bow," she adds to her repertoire of recipes by showing how to make a simple dish out of a minimal number of ingredients. bit.ly/dtculture



Quote to note

"We're laid-back and we're hauling ass the whole time. If two guys can lift it, we can move it."

— Paul Land Mover

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Ryan Edwards | Daily Texan Staff

Volunteer Veronica Martinez sorts packages of pasta into a specially marked bin so they can be properly divided and packaged at the Capital Area Food Bank of Texas on Friday afternoon. By distributing food from grocery stores that otherwise would be unfit for sale, food reclamation organizations help families on fixed incomes to have more nutritional options.

HELPING THE HUNGRY

By Katrina Tollin
Daily Texan Staff

Austin grocers and nonprofits work together to bring food that stores can't sell to people who need it.

Through reclaimed food efforts, they salvage goods that would otherwise be thrown out to give to hungry people. In Texas, 17.1 percent of people live be-

low the poverty line — higher than the national average of 14.3 percent, according to information from the U.S. Census Bureau.

"For everything that goes into food productivity in this country, there shouldn't be hungry people," said John Turner, spokesman for the Capital Area Food Bank of Texas.

At the food bank, food that is

past its sell-by date or that is too damaged is discarded, and the rest is sorted.

When a family member loses a job and their food budget goes down, the nutritional quality of the food that family eats also goes down too, Turner said.

"If you're on a fixed income, things that tend to get squeezed first are food budgets," Turner said.

Of the 25.3 million pounds of the food the Capital Area Food Bank distributes, 17 percent is reclaimed from grocers — it can be fruit that has ripened too much for the shelves, or packed food that has been damaged or is otherwise unfit for sale.

Turner said when a store

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Statewide blackouts feared possible after record electricity use

By Allison Harris
Daily Texan Staff

Record levels of electricity use in Texas last week led to concerns about possible statewide rolling blackouts, but such an event would not affect UT because the campus runs its own power grid.

The Electric Reliability Council of Texas, which supplies about 85 percent of the state's electricity, required several large industrial customers to shut down Thursday when the state set a new demand record at 68,294 megawatts during peak hours Wednesday. The company canceled a power watch Friday in response to reduced demand.

Dottie Roark, a spokeswoman

for the council, said high demand could continue if record temperatures persist. The council instituted blackouts in February after extreme cold temperatures led to increased energy use. In high temperatures, people run more air conditioning, which she said strains power generation units.

"The drought is causing some units to have issues with the temperature of the coolant they use for their generation units, which means they may have to run at lower capacity," Roark said in an email.

Rolling blackouts temporarily shut off power to prevent

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TIPS TO AVOID ROLLING BLACKOUTS

- When at home, close blinds and drapes that get direct sun, set air conditioning thermostats to 78 degrees or higher and use fans in occupied rooms to feel cooler.
- When away from home, set air conditioning thermostats to 85 degrees and turn all fans off before you leave. Block the sun by closing blinds or drapes on windows that will get direct sun.
- Do not use your dishwasher, laundry equipment, hair dryers, coffee makers or other home appliances during the peak hours of 3 to 7 p.m.
- Avoid opening refrigerators or freezers more than necessary.
- Use microwaves for cooking instead of an electric range or oven.
- Set your pool pump to run in the early morning or evening instead of the afternoon.
- Turn off lights when not using them.

Tips are taken from Austin Energy and the Electric Reliability Council of Texas

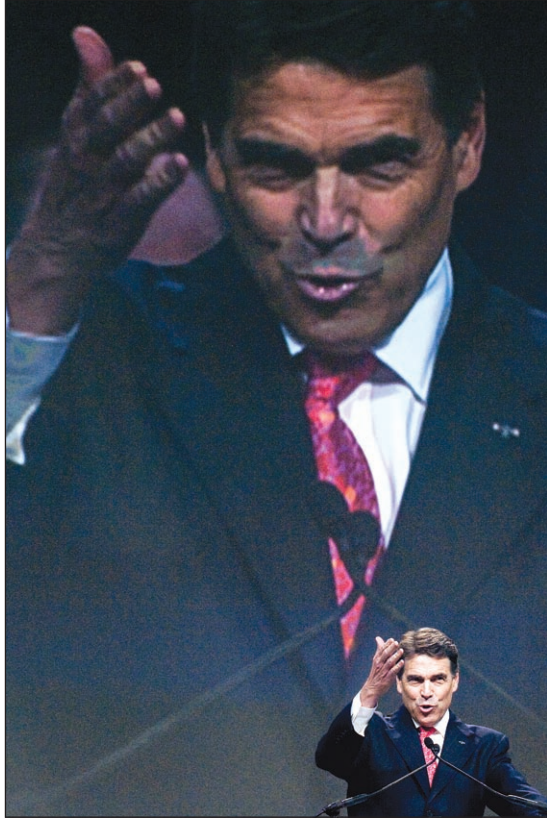
Perry to evangelicals: I'm one of you

By April Castro
The Associated Press

HOUSTON — Gov. Rick Perry sent a strong message to the nation's evangelicals Saturday: he is a member of the important constituency for Republicans that he soon may call upon to help him secure the GOP presidential nomination.

The state's longest serving governor hosted what he called a national day of prayer, an event at Reliant Stadium that drew roughly 30,000 people and that was broadcast on cable Christian channels and the Internet nationwide, including in at least 1,000 churches.

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Governor Rick Perry gives a closing address at the Response gathering at Reliant Stadium in Houston on Saturday afternoon. The event, which Perry promoted, drew a crowd of roughly 30,000 people.

Erika Rich
Daily Texan Staff

Protest rally challenges 'The Response'

By William James Gerlich
Daily Texan Staff

Gov. Rick Perry's "The Response" proved less controversial than expected, but at the state Capitol, protesters drove home a radical message — "Rick Perry: Bad for Texas, worse for our nation."

Hosted by the Travis County Democratic Party, 300 people protested the exclusion of non-Christians from the Houston rally and the governor's potential presidential ambitions. The event started with a march to the Capitol, then includ-

ed a rally featuring diverse religious leaders, U.S. Rep. Lloyd Doggett, D-Texas, state reps. Dawnna Dukes, D-Austin, and Mike Villarreal, D-San Antonio.

"If you think about it, since Rick Perry has been governor, haven't we all had more reason to pray more than ever in recent history?" Doggett asked at the opening of his speech.

Doggett said under Perry, the teen pregnancy rate in Texas has become one of the highest in the nation, the state has ranked 36th in the nation for high school gradua-

tion rates and has almost 4 million Texans without high school diplomas.

With nearly \$4 billion cut from public school education during this past legislative session, rally leaders said Texas' education ranking will continue to drop, possibly ending in dead last.

"We need to tell Perry 'Don't mess with our Texas schools,'" Doggett said. "Perry wants to do to America what he's done to Texas, and I'm announcing today that

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uncontrolled shutdowns, Roark said.

“Those massive blackouts are very hard to recover from and can take days or weeks to restore the units,” she said.

Juan Ontiveros, UT’s Utilities and Energy Management executive director, said lack of wind, which helps supply the council’s power, has contributed to the company’s difficulties during the heat wave.

“Part of their capacity comes from wind,” Ontiveros said. “One of the problems with high temperatures is that in high temperatures you don’t get wind.”

Ontiveros said the UT power plant provides most buildings on the main campus with electricity, but does not power the Pickle Research Campus. Neither the main campus nor the Pickle Research Campus experienced significant problems when the council last required blackouts Feb. 2.

The UT power grid has not had large increases in demand for this time of year like the city and state, Ontiveros said.

If it became necessary to reduce power, the University would turn off the cooling system while chillers would maintain the temperature. A 4-million-gallon cold water storage tank next to the San Jacinto Garage could supply cooling for up to four hours. The University could also use the state-wide grid, if necessary.

“We produce all of the power that we need, but we’re connected to [the council],” Ontiveros said.

Austin Energy reached a record in peak electricity usage at 2,685 megawatts Tuesday, said Leslie Sopko, Austin Energy spokeswoman. If asked to shed usage by the Electric Reliability Council of Texas, the utility would institute blackouts for 10 minutes at a time through 71 of its circuits, while 318 circuits would remain, maintaining emergency services and hospitals.

“We don’t cut off those circuits because those are critical services that we need to keep the lights on,” Sopko said.

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if Perry enters this race for presidency, I will make it my mission to spread the message ‘America, don’t let Perry mess with you like he has messed with Texas.’”

Rabbi Kerry Baker said he was upset Perry’s prayer day was not inclusive of all religions.

“There are no Catholics, Buddhists or Muslims [at the Prayer day],” Baker said. “Even among Christians, there is only a narrow percentage at the event. All religions need to be included because we are all a part of the public domain.”

Baker said most Christians that participated in the Houston rally were ultra-conservative theologians who advocate extremely radical positions that do not appeal to the majority of Christians.

While there were no formal prayers said at the counter-rally, Dukes asked the audience to pray for those impacted by Perry-approved statewide budget cuts, including children who may have reduced educational opportunities and elderly Texans who may be unable to pay for care.

Chase Martinez | Daily Texan Staff

A protester who chose not to be named waits outside Victory Grill on 11th Street to begin marching with other protesters to the Capitol.

“Don’t be fooled by slick Rick. He only showed up when the cameras were rolling, and not when it mattered,” Dukes said.

Much of the controversy around Perry’s prayer day stemmed from the religious-political organization that hosted it, the American Family Association.

The Rev. Eliza Galaher, a gay clergy member for the Wildflower Church in Austin, said the organization is against homosexuality and both Perry and the organization unashamedly perpetuate systems of injustice and oppression

against both the GLBT community and minorities alike.

“Perry is a part of a system where the rich get richer and the poor get poorer, where the employers get greedier and the immigrants working for them get deported,” Galaher said in a speech. “The system we live in is killing young kids that are relentlessly bullied and take their own lives. It is killing Latinos who are seeking a better life, but die of thirst in the desert. It is killing kindness, compassion, and our faith in the idea that a loving community is possible.”

PERRY

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“Father, our heart breaks for America,” Perry said in 12 minutes of remarks that included prayer and Bible passages — but no direct mention of politics or his presidential plans. “We see discord at home. We see fear in the marketplace. We see anger in the halls of government and, as a nation, we have forgotten who made us, who protects us, who blesses us.”

He asked Christians to turn to God for answers to the nation’s troubles, and asked the audience to pray for President Barack Obama — though he did not use his name — as well as for the American troops killed in the weekend attack on a U.S. helicopter in Afghanistan.

The moment gave Perry a national spotlight before a pivotal voting group in the GOP nomination fight — in the early voting states of Iowa and South Carolina in particular — as he nears a decision on whether to run for president. His entrance into the field could shake up the contest because Perry could attract both social and economic conservatives at a time when the GOP electorate is unsettled with the current slate of candidates.

As Perry held court in Houston, for instance, former Minnesota Gov. Tim Pawlenty and Minnesota Rep. Michele Bachmann were holding multiple campaign events each day in Iowa ahead of next weekend’s test vote, a straw poll that is a barometer for a campaign’s organizational strength five months before the state’s leadoff caucuses. Both have a lot riding on the outcome.

Perry has been talking with potential donors, GOP operatives and party leaders about a possible run. But he has been tightlipped about

just when he would announce a decision, though he plans to visit at least one early-voting state over the next week.

He plans to keep what aides say is a long-held commitment to headline a conservative conference in Charleston, S.C., on Aug. 13, as well as meet with activists in the state scheduled to host the South’s first primary. The trip will put Perry in touch with voters and activists who would be influential to a Republican primary campaign, much like the Houston event Saturday did.

Ministers long have been a valuable constituency in the early nominating campaign, especially in Iowa, where they formed an influential network for 2008 candidate Mike Huckabee’s caucus victory, and this year’s candidates are trying to make inroads. Bachmann, for one, announced the endorsement of her by 100 Iowa clergy Friday; the tea party favorite meets regularly with pastors when she campaigns in Iowa.

Perry’s audience Saturday was filled with people who sang with arms outstretched in prayer as Christian groups played music on stage. And Perry huddled on the stage in a prayer circle with several ministers who helped lead the event. It was Perry’s idea and was financed by the American Family Association, a Tupelo, Miss.-based group that opposes abortion and gay rights and believes that the First Amendment freedom of religion applies only to Christians.

“We feel that God moved on him to do this. It will be read by the enemy, the political enemy, as a tool to win votes,” said Gwen Courkamp, who plans to vote for Perry if he runs for president.

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Kamran Jebreili | Associated Press
With the world's tallest skyscraper, Burj Khalifa, in the background, Muslims break their fast at a mosque in Dubai on Sunday.

Muslims in Burj fast a little longer

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — Muslims living in the world's tallest tower will have to wait even longer to break their fast during the holy month of Ramadan.

Mohammed al-Qubaisi, Dubai's top Muslim cleric, said Sunday that Burj Khalifa residents living above the 80th floor should wait two additional minutes to break their dawn-to-dusk fast while those above the 150th floor must wait three extra

minutes because they will be able to see the sun longer than those on the ground.

The half-mile-high tower has 160 habitable floors.

Al-Qubaisi said the decree is similar to those relating to Muslims traveling on airplanes, and harkens back to a time when people living in the mountains broke their fast after those at lower elevations.

— The Associated Press

NEWS BRIEFLY

University of Cincinnati student dies after being hit by stun gun

CINCINNATI — Police say an 18-year-old attending summer classes at the University of Cincinnati was struck by a campus officer's stun gun and died of cardiac arrest.

Officers received a 911 call about an assault at Turner Hall early Saturday. The university's assistant police chief, Jeff Corcoran, tells The Cincinnati Enquirer that the teenage boy approached officers in the dorm hallway, appearing

agitated and angry.

Corcoran says officers ordered the teen to back off, but he refused. He was then hit once by an officer's stun gun.

Afterward, the teen appeared incoherent. He went into cardiac arrest after paramedics arrived and was pronounced dead at University Hospital.

The department has suspended the use of stun guns until his cause of death is determined. Authorities are also investigating the original 911 call.

— The Associated Press

Syrian forces kill 59 in attack on funeral

By Bassem Mroue
The Associated Press

BEIRUT — Syrian troops fired on mourners at a funeral and raided an eastern city Sunday, killing at least 59 people in an intensifying government crackdown on protesters that defies an international chorus of condemnation.

More than 300 people have died in the past week, the bloodiest in the five-month uprising against authoritarian President Bashar Assad. Not all were killed by bullets or tank shells: In the besieged city of Hama, where the government has cut off electricity and communications, a rights group said eight babies died because their incubators lost power.

"The city was bombed by all types of heavy weapons and machine gun fire before troops started entering," an activist in the city said, speaking on condition of anonymity for fear of reprisals.

"Humanitarian conditions in the city are very bad because it has been under siege for nine days," the activist said. "There is lack of medicine, baby formula, food and gasoline. The city is totally paralyzed."

The government's crackdown on mostly peaceful, unarmed protesters demanding political reforms and an end to the Assad family's 40-year rule has left more than 1,700 dead since March, according to activists and human rights groups.



Tara Todras-Whitehill | Associated Press
A Syrian man holds up a poster bearing an image of Syrian President Bashar Assad during a protest in Cairo, Egypt, against the Syrian regime. The Arabic on the sign reads "Get out Nazi."

The regime intensified the crackdown a week ago on the eve of Ramadan. The government has been trying to prevent the large mosque gatherings from turning into more anti-government protests.

The latest attacks have brought a new wave of condemnation.

King Abdullah of Saudi Ara-

bia has said the Syrian government crackdown on protesters is disproportionate.

The 22-member Arab League, which had been silent since the uprising began, said Sunday it is "alarmed" by the situation in Syria and called for the immediate halt of all violence.

In Cairo, Arab League Chief Nabil Elaraby called on Syrian authorities to "immediately stop all acts of violence and security attacks and for a speedy adoption of necessary steps in this regard to preserve the national unity."

Just last month, Elaraby visited Syria and said the country had entered a new era on the road to reform.

Verizon landline workers strike for benefits, pensions

By Deepti Hajela
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Stalled contract negotiations led thousands of workers in Verizon Communication Inc.'s wireline division to go on strike Sunday, potentially affecting landline operations as well as installation of services like FiOS, its fiber-optic television and Internet lines.

The contract for the 45,000 employees from Massachusetts to Washington, D.C., expired at midnight Saturday with the company and the workers unable to come to terms on issues including health care costs and pensions.

The dispute does not affect the company's wireless division. Verizon is the nation's largest wireless carrier.

Verizon employees who are mem-

bers of the Communication Workers of America union picketed headquarters in New York City on Sunday morning.

Vinnie Galvin, 56, said he and his fellow workers are the backbone of the industry.


"Everybody needs to be wired

and we're the people who do that," said the three-decades-plus veteran of the company. "They're trying to bust us. ... This is stuff that it took us 40, 50 years to get."

The affected workers are responsible for maintaining and repairing traditional landlines, as well as in-

stalling FiOS, union spokesman Bob Master said.

The company is asking for changes in the contract because it says its wireline business has been in decline for more than a decade as more people switch to using cellphones exclusively.




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QUOTES TO NOTE

Blurring the line between church and state

Gov. Rick Perry led a crowd of more than 30,000 people in prayer Saturday in Houston during “The Response.” Together, attendees prayed for America, which Perry described as “in crisis,” according to The Washington Post.

“He is a wise, wise God, and he’s wise enough not to be affiliated with any political party.”

— Perry said at the event, according to The Washington Post.

“I don’t think [the event] would have the same effect without the leadership of an elected official.”

— Jorge Hernandez, a McAllen resident who attended “The Response,” according to the Post.

“The governor of Texas should not be initiating a Christians-only prayer.”

— Barry Lynn, executive director of Americans United for Separation of Church and State, according to the Post.

“The scale of this event is new, but the essence of this is familiar to anyone who has followed him. He’s never hesitated to invoke faith in public and for public purposes.”

— James Henson, director of UT’s Texas Politics Project, according to The New York Times.

“Governor Perry isn’t concerned with criticisms that have been made against ‘The Response.’ ... His faith is a part of who he is and plays an important role in the principles he defends and the decisions that have defined his leadership.”

— Perry spokeswoman Catherine Frazier, according to The New York Times.

Pushing for a ban on plastic bags

The Austin City Council unanimously voted Thursday to continue researching a ban on plastic bags at retail and grocery stores. City staffers will begin writing the ban, which will be presented to the City Council in November.

“I think there will be a cost benefit and a benefit to the environment of going down this road and coming up with a reasonable ordinance.”

— Mayor Lee Leffingwell told the Austin American-Statesman on July 24, one day before he and two other City Council members officially proposed the plastic bag ban.

“In India they banned plastic bags, and you can spend up to five years in jail if caught with one. We’re basically criminalizing trash.”

— Austin resident Jenn Studebaker at a press conference held by the Austin Zero Waste Alliance on Thursday, according to The Daily Texan. Studebaker opposes the plastic bag ban.

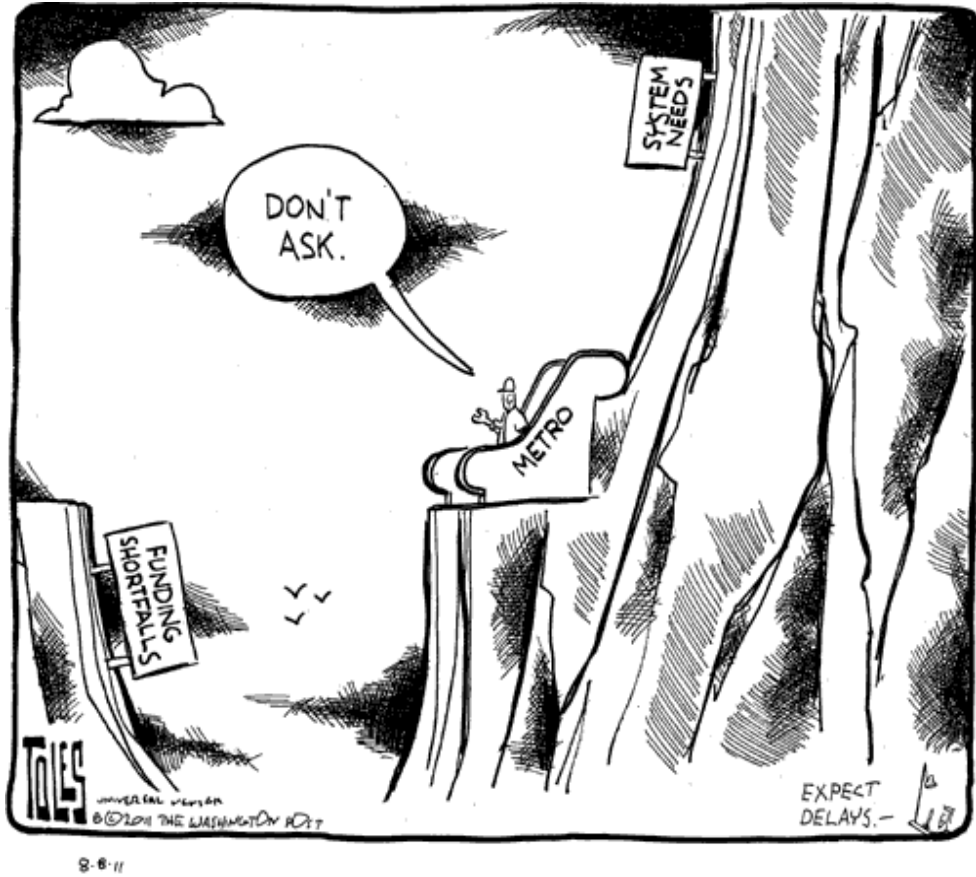
“To earn the green reputation we have [in this] city, we need to take a leadership role. We’re not living up to our reputation, and we need to take more action.”

— Stacy Guidry, program assistant for Texas Campaign for the Environment, a grassroots environmental advocacy organization, according to ABC News.

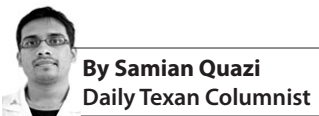
“If you’re trying to collect money from people to fix something, you need an enemy. You need a symbol. The plastic bag has become the symbol. [Environmental activists] have gone to extreme measures to distort facts and create their symbol.”

— Pete Grande, president of California-based plastic bag manufacturer Command Packaging, on the negative attention on plastic bags, according to ABC News.

GALLERY



Perry flip-flops on social policies



Gov. Rick Perry’s all-but-declared presidential bid garnered national attention recently when he characterized abortion and gay marriage as issues best left to states. After consternation from social conservatives, Perry flip-flopped and called for constitutional bans on both. Conservatism only afforded Perry a choice between the incoherent and the extreme.

The Tea Party’s overwhelming influence on the Republican Party since last November’s midterm elections has slowly altered conservative thought. For decades, a coalition of national security hawks, religious social conservatives and anti-tax purists gave Republicans a reliable base to draw votes upon. But the Tea Party’s insistence on state sovereignty and its stringently dogmatic interpretation of the federal Constitution have upended this traditional coalition.

Influenced by libertarian figures such as Rep. Ron Paul, R-Texas, Tea Party members advocate a renewed emphasis on states’ rights vis-a-vis the 10th Amendment. The amendment, which delegates powers not already spelled out for the federal government to the states, implies state sovereignty over social issues. Such an approach suggests one state could have legalized gay marriage, while another could outlaw abortion, and neither state’s decision should be superseded by a uniform status nationwide.

At an Aspen, Colo., speech last month, Perry felt compelled to address gay marriage through the 10th Amendment lens. He noted New York’s recent legalization of gay marriage as well as Texas’ state constitutional ban, which voters approved in 2005.

“Our friends in New York six weeks ago passed a statute that said mar-

riage can be between two people of the same sex. You know what? That’s New York, and that’s their business, and that’s fine with me,” Perry said, according to The Associated Press.

Several days later, the governor doubled down on his 10th Amendment-based views to the enduringly volatile issue of abortion. During his prolonged tenure in politics, Perry has cultivated a persona of an ardent social conservative willing to promote restrictions on abortion as far as possible. In the most recent legislative session, Perry shepherded bills to mandate women seeking abortions be forced to view a fetal sonogram and listen to its heartbeat. Social conservatives naturally assumed he would endeavor to ban abortions nationwide if elected president.

But at a bill-signing ceremony in Houston, Perry indicated that abortion should also remain a states’ rights issue. If Roe v. Wade, the landmark 1973 Supreme Court case that decriminalized abortion nationwide, were ever overturned, he said that each state should be able to decide whether to keep abortion legal.

“You can’t believe in the 10th Amendment for a few issues and then [for] something that doesn’t suit you say, ‘We’d rather not have states decide that,’” he said, according to ABC News.

Socially conservative groups pounced on his remarks, as they found his tolerance for gay marriage and abortion rights in certain states anathema to their long-term goals. Former U.S. Sen. Rick Santorum, R-Penn., a stalwart crusader against gay marriage and abortion rights, opined whether Perry would condone polygamy if a given state legalized it. Joseph Farah, the editor-in-chief of the popular conservative website WorldNetDaily, lamented he had been “fooled” into his infatuation with Perry, whom Farah

described as engaging in “cultural surrender.”

To an extent, these critics have a point. Does anyone truly expect anti-abortion groups to stay content with “murder” of a so-called “unborn child” in Vermont as long as the procedure is banned in Mississippi? Would they consent to libertarian views on interstate commerce, where women seeking abortions could simply cross state lines to clinics awaiting them on the other side?

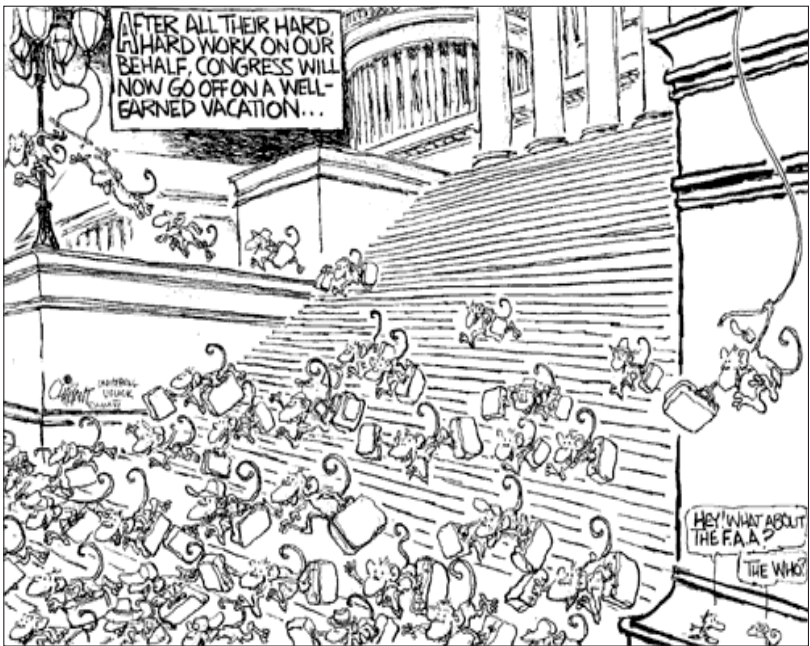
Ditto for gay marriage. Loving v. Virginia (1967) ruled certain states could not ban interracial marriages. If a given state were still allowed to deny gays their civil right to marriage, why would a state no longer be prohibited from refusing interracial marriages? Married gay couples shouldn’t have to live in a country operated as a series of fiefdoms, with variable levels of respect for their union. Neither do straight couples.

Perhaps Perry, ever the political opportunist, sought to hedge his bets to lure socially moderate voters. A recent Harris Poll indicated a new peak for abortion rights, with 36 percent of adults supporting abortion rights in all circumstances and a further 47 percent in some circumstances. And recent national polls have shown more support than opposition for gay marriage, with overwhelming support from young Americans.

Yet under pressure, Perry bowed to the most conservative elements of his party. A contrite Perry told The Christian Broadcasting Network on Wednesday that he would seek constitutional bans of abortion and gay marriage at the federal level, effectively disavowing his earlier remarks. This Faustian bargain may solidify social conservative endearment to his candidacy, but it doesn’t represent the views of America’s sensible majority.

Quazi is a nursing graduate student.

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smokes regularly will die from a tobacco-related illness,” he said. “We feel that is absurd and completely preventable.”

Emily Morris, School of Public Health graduate student, said she worked with Texas Public Health to conduct research on the dangers of tobacco use, and she hopes this work will lead to stronger smoking regulations on campus. Morris said it is important to limit tobacco use on campus because many students are open to experimenting with tobacco and other drugs during college, which makes them more vulnerable to developing long-term addictions.

“Surveys have shown that students think their peers are smoking much more than they actually are,” she said. “The vast majority of students don’t smoke, but the small percentage that do are exposing a huge population to secondhand smoke. We all have to be proactive about our own health, and when people are smoking around us it takes away our options.”



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The Texas Public Health student organization released an online guide Friday detailing tobacco policies of popular off-campus housing options. Members of the organization hope to soon develop a plan for banning tobacco on campus.

Denise Trauth, Texas State University president, said in an announcement April 27 the university would ban the use of all forms of tobacco on both their San Marcos and Round Rock campuses beginning Aug. 1. She said the university provides resources to make the quitting process as easy as possible for students.

“Our decision to become a tobacco-free university is based on

the scientific evidence regarding the harmful effects and health risks of tobacco,” Trauth said in the announcement. “This tobacco-free policy will help to reduce risks and create a healthier and

UT professor to receive national award

Research into presentation of accounting information yields update of standards

By Allison Harris
Daily Texan Staff

A UT professor’s research led to an update in accounting standards this summer, and on Tuesday will receive a national award for his work.

Accounting professor Eric Hirst and Indiana University associate accounting professor Patrick Hopkins led an experiment that showed how the format of financial statements impacts analysts’ ability to use information. UT assistant accounting professor Michael Williamson will present the Distinguished Contributions to Accounting Literature Award from the American Accounting Association, a national accounting research organization.

In the study conducted in 1998, 94 professional securities analysts looked at six mock financial statements. When information about securities transactions was included with the income statement, analysts were more likely to detect when companies attempted to improve their financial appearance by strategically timing security transactions.

“Analysts are busy people,” Hirst said. “They follow a lot of companies, they’ve got all kinds of things they can learn about a company, and as it turns out, that statement of changes in equity is probably one of the last places they look for new information.”

Influenced by this research, the Financial Accounting Standards Board, whose standards the Securities and Exchange Commission follow, updated its accounting standards in June to require corporations to list gains and losses from securities alongside their income statement. Before, corporations could report their security gains and losses in a separate document within 65 days after an income statement.

Hirst said he was pleased with the board’s decision.

“Now all investors will all have access to better, clearer, more transparent information, and that hopefully will help them improve their investment decisions,” he said.

The American Accounting Association selected Hirst’s paper by reviewing nominated papers in a screening committee and then deciding among the four chosen by

that group in a selection committee. Brad Tuttle, chair of the selection committee, said all of the papers he received were excellent, but praised Hirst’s and Hopkins’ methodology.

“After you read it, you don’t think, ‘Oh they messed up, they goofed up, they did that wrong,’” Tuttle said. “They did a very well, very rigorous, carefully done study.”

Paul Newman, associate dean for academic affairs in the McCombs business school, said he was impressed with Hirst’s work as associate dean of the MBA program office. He said he appreciated Hirst’s decision to shorten the core curriculum by changing three-hour classes into two-hour classes, which allowed students to take more electives.

“Instead of loading them up with nothing but required work, it gives them an opportunity to specialize in the field they want to go into,” he said.

Accounting professor Urton Anderson said he was impressed with Hirst’s research activity, given his administrative responsibilities.

“Administration takes a lot of

time, so a lot of administrators haven’t been able to keep up their academic or research interest, but Eric’s done a pretty good job of doing both,” Anderson said.

NEWS BRIEFLY

UC-Davis found non-compliant with Title IX sports regulations

A federal court issued a split ruling in a case that found the University of California at Davis guilty of violating Title IX sports regulations Wednesday.

The dispute came about when university officials cut some sports programs for its female athletes and did not create new opportunities to allow them to stay involved in university athletics.

Members of the university’s female wrestling team sued the school for not complying with Title IX, a federal law that requires colleges and universities to provide the same number of opportunities for male and female athletes to ensure gender equity in athletic programs. Noreen Farrell, the attorney who represented the female athletes, said in a statement that providing women with equal opportunities in sports programs through Title IX is an extension of providing them with equal educational opportunities as college students.

“As the Court’s decision reflects, schools such as UC Davis must make gender equity a priority,” Farrell said. “Generations of young women depend on it.”

U.S. District Court Judge Frank Damrell said in his ruling the University of California at Davis was found guilty because it could not provide sufficient evidence it had worked to expand programs available to its female athletes, but the ruling also cleared four universi-

ty administrators of liability in civil rights claims for discriminating against the female athletes.

“When an institution loses over 60 opportunities in two years and never fully regains all of those opportunities over the next four years, such an institution cannot be held to be Title IX compliant,” Damrell said in the ruling.

— Syeda Hasan

Mexican military chopper lands in Texas instead of Nuevo Laredo

HOUSTON — A Mexican military helicopter has landed in Texas by mistake.

U.S. Customs and Border Protection says the helicopter landed Saturday afternoon at Laredo International Airport after the pilot mistook the airport for a landing strip in Nuevo Laredo, Mexico.

Laredo Port of Entry spokeswoman Mucia Dovalina says customs agents checked out the helicopter’s occupants and let them return to Mexico. She declined to say how many people were on board or whether they were armed.

The Houston Chronicle reports this is the second time Mexico’s military has crossed into Texas in recent weeks. A convoy rolled across the international bridge at Donna in July.

More troops have been deploying in northeastern Mexico as the nation attempts to combat drug gang violence.

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FOOTBALL

TEXAS' MOST IMPORTANT LONGHORNS

Tucker remains integral part of team

Editor's Note: The Daily Texan will introduce one important longhorn football player each issue. Here is No. 9 of the Texan's 10 Most Important Longhorns.

By Christian Corona
Daily Texan Staff

Kickers aren't usually thought of as vital components of a team's framework. When they hit a field goal, it's expected. When they miss, it's like they just forked over the playbook.

But would Texas have played for a national title two seasons ago without Hunter Lawrence and his Big 12 Championship-winning boot? How would the Longhorns have beaten Michigan in the 2005 Rose Bowl if Dusty Mangum hadn't sneaked in a 37-yarder as time expired?

That's where Justin Tucker comes in. The local product from Westlake High School is following in the steps of Lawrence and Mangum. He may not seem like one of Texas' most important players, but when you consider the senior is also responsible for punts and kickoffs, it's easy to see why the Longhorns need Tucker to be at his best.

"I've been working hard on every aspect of the kicking game, especially because I'm going to be called upon to do all three kicking duties," Tucker said.

Now a senior, Tucker showed he can juggle all three duties last season when he made 24 of 27 field goal attempts, averaged 41.2 yards on 35 punts (17 of which pinned Texas' opponent inside the 20-yard line) and had 15 of 65 kickoffs result

in touchbacks. If the Lou Groza Award watch list member has his way, he won't be as busy lining up field goals or trying to make opposing quarterbacks drop back in their own end zone. In 2010, Tucker attempted as many extra points as field goals (27). He and his teammates would probably prefer to be drilling more PATs than field goals this season.

"I just do my job," Tucker said. "When they tell me to put the ball through the post, then that's my job. When they tell me to kick it to the left or to the right or down the middle, I'll put it where they want me to. I've got to be like a surgeon out there."

Tucker first caught fans' attention with his unorthodox punting methods. He split punting duties with John Gold his first two seasons on the Forty Acres and did rugby-style punts, which resembled squib kicks more than punts. They didn't get quite the hangtime Gold's punts got, but were still effective. Most return specialists could do little more than watch the Longhorn punt team down the tumbling pigskin when Tucker punted. He can use traditional techniques as well, which keeps opposing returners guessing and, if he's kicking well, keeps them from going anywhere, too.

"What Justin's been able to do is get so where he can do a regular punt as well as a rugby punt," said head coach Mack Brown. "That gives us advantages. He can punt from the regular formation, he can rugby punt to his right and he can sprint to his right and then rugby punt all the way across the field to his left."

Kickers might not expend the kind of energy other guys on the team do, but they can be just as crucial to a team's success as anyone else. Who knows? Tucker might actually break a sweat this year.



JUSTIN TUCKER
Kicker

Receiving corps takes another blow

By Sara Beth Purdy
Daily Texan Staff

With the 2011 season right around the corner, several question marks surround Mack Brown's revamped team, but the corps of wide receivers was never supposed to be one of them.

Just a few months ago, the Longhorns were in line to return several experienced receivers to go along with several hot shots in the new recruiting class.

On the first day of fall workouts, senior Malcolm Williams became the fourth Longhorn receiver this summer to announce that he will not return to the field for the 2011 season. In a press conference, Texas head coach Mack Brown cited family issues as well as academics as the reason for Williams' departure.

"We decided that he needed to focus on academics and his family, and get those things back in order," Brown said. "He's had some tough things happen, things that would be tough for all of us, and then got

tougher this summer?"

Juniors Brock Fitzhenry and Marquise Goodwin, along with sophomore Greg Timmons, are the other three receivers not returning to the team. Goodwin has elected to redshirt this season in order to pursue track and field in hopes of earning a spot on the U.S. Olympic team.

Timmons announced in June that he would be transferring in order to pursue different opportunities elsewhere. The coaches have yet to give a reason for Fitzhenry's departure, thought it's unlikely the former Giddings quarterback would have seen much playing time this season.

Last year, Williams connected with quarterback Garrett Gilbert 24 times for a total of 334 yards and two scores. In 2009, he grabbed 39 receptions for 550 yards.

"[He was a] good leader, one of the best special teamers we had," Brown said. "A great smile, one of the guys who worked hard for us."

Williams would have been the

only senior receiver on the roster. His experience and leadership on and off the field will be sorely missed by his teammates.

"Malcolm's a great guy to have around," said junior defensive end Alex Okafor. "You're always going to have a good time around him. It's sad."

Only seven receivers remain on scholarship. Of those seven, only three have seen playing time — sophomores Mike Davis and Darius White and junior DeSean Hales. Bryant Jackson, a redshirt freshman, is rumored to be making the switch to wideout after being recruited as a defensive back, while Jaxon Shipley and Miles Onyebule might be asked to play big minutes as true freshmen because of Williams' departure.

"It's one of those things where you pray for him and wish him the best," said senior running back Fozzy Whittaker. "I'm sad, but I know that everything happens for a reason. He can always depend on us if he ever needs anything."



Corey Leamon | Daily Texan file photo

Alex Okafor, No. 81, has moved back to his natural position at defensive end after spending last season as a defensive tackle. Okafor was one of many standouts during this summer's workouts.

Gideon, Robinson continue to impress as fall camp begins

By Nick Cremona
Daily Texan Staff

The summer is coming to an end, but that doesn't mean the Longhorns aren't still working hard in preparation for the season opener against Rice on Sept. 3. Texas strength and conditioning coaches met with the media Friday to discuss how the team has progressed this offseason.

"The guys pushed themselves hard," said Jeff "Mad Dog" Madden, the assistant athletic director for strength and conditioning. "We had a little lack of leadership last year and these guys really stepped it up and did a great job in being accountable and making themselves accountable and making sure everyone was there handling their business."

Madden also noted players who have stepped up as team leaders.

"Blake Gideon has done a tremendous job," he said. "David Snow has done a tremendous job. Keenan Robinson has done a great job. All those seniors have really stepped up, and some of the juniors have stepped up to help us as well. We've got some great kids, and everybody's embarrassed over what we did last year, so we're looking forward to winning some football games again."

The offseason also marked the arrival of new football strength and conditioning coach Bennie Wylie, who has gathered a sort of cult-like following after reports that he participates in all the grueling workouts he puts the players through.

"I call him the Energizer Bun-

ny," Madden said. "He keeps going and going and going. He's got tremendous endurance. He works out all day long. We usually run four groups a day, and he's working out with every one of them. They like him a lot. He's got a great personality. He's a great guy."

Okafor settling in on outside

One of the many standouts this summer has been defensive end Alex Okafor. He was moved to defensive tackle a year ago, but has returned to his natural position on the outside.

"Alex last year didn't get a chance to do what he wanted to do because he's so unselfish, we put him inside and he just had to hang in there. He had a great spring," said head coach Mack Brown. "It's refreshing to be back at end, doing what I've been doing my whole life," Okafor said. "I'll take on a tight end any day compared to a guard."

Texas No. 24 in Coaches Poll

The USA Today Coaches Poll was recently released, and Texas checks in at No. 24 in the preseason rankings — a far cry from the top-10 preseason rankings the Longhorns have grown accustomed to in years past, but a bit generous considering they went 5-7 last season.

"Twenty-fourth?" Brown asked "Oh they've got us high. I can't tell you where we were ranked to start last year, it was obviously too high."

Malcolm Williams, No.9, recovers a fumble against Rice last year. Williams will forego his senior season to focus on family and school.



Derek Stout
Daily Texan file photo

Williams never able to reach full potential

By Trey Scott
Daily Texan Columnist

Malcolm Williams should have been dominant. He would have been a future NFL receiver. He could have been big this year.

Shoulda, coulda, woulda.

Williams' four-catch, 182-yard, two-touchdown game, the only silver lining in a 2008 loss to Texas Tech, was no small introduction. It had people buzzing; here's the second coming of Roy Williams, and

Texas' best big receiver since Limas Sweed. The perfect compliment to Jordan Shipley. He can be a quarterback's favorite toy. Look at that body. Look at that speed, that leaping ability.

What happened?

Williams' career unfairly became not a story of what he did, but what he could do. Oh, we saw flashes after his performance as a redshirt freshman against Tech. He caught nine balls for 132 yards as a sophomore in a big Texas A&M game, snagged a long Hail Mary versus Florida Atlantic last year, was always monster

on special teams. Each of those games showed he had the ability to make an impact game-by-game and not be just a one-game-a-season force. He never tied it all together, despite offseason after offseason in which we heard murmurs that Williams was ready to break out.

He could not match that breakout performance against Tech — though that would be pretty tough to do, considering his 182-yard performance ranks sixth in UT's single-game record books. But

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not much ever came close either. It's not necessarily Malcolm's fault, just the nature of the expectations beast: "I've seen you do it once. Now, do it again. And again."

The news that his Longhorn career is over is uncomfortable (Williams is doing the right thing in dealing with his family situation and his academics, those should always come before football). He was going to be an offensive factor as a senior this upcoming season, but not a big one. He was not to be confused with the team's top pass-catcher, and was going to be a halfback — so he wouldn't have even ended his career as a true wide-out. The Longhorns will miss his leadership and great special teams ability, but it's not an absence that will be lamented. In 2008, Williams finished sixth on the team in receptions. In 2009, his best year, he ended the season as the Longhorns' fourth-leading receiver. The 2010 season saw a regression of sorts with just 24 receptions.

He was a great big-play threat, with a career average of 15 yards per catch. On the other hand, Williams had career-long problems with dropped passes with three crucial ones against Alabama. If he could have put it all together — the 6-foot-3 body, excellent athletic ability and toughness — he could have been more than a one-trick pony. Let him beat his defender, throw it long and pray he catches it.

Perhaps senior runningback Fozzy Whittaker spoke best on behalf of Longhorn Nation the day it was announced that Williams had decided to hang 'em up:

"We thought Malcolm could hopefully be one of those NFL-type receivers for us this year."

Didn't pan out like that. Never quite has.

Texans' secondary undergoes offseason changes

By Chris Duncan
The Associated Press

HOUSTON — Houston Texans defensive backs coach Vance Joseph offers words of encouragement after almost every practice snap, even if one of his players is beaten on a route.

Joseph may have the biggest challenge of any position coach on the staff — fixing a secondary that ranked as the league's worst in 2010.

"You've got to stay positive, because it's a hard assignment and bad things happen, even when you're playing good," Joseph said Sunday. "Somebody's got to be there supporting them, and it's got to be me, as their coach.

"This is a young group, they want to do well, they want to be great," he said, "so there's no reason not to be positive."

The Texans allowed 267.5 yards passing per game and 33 touchdown passes last season. They drafted cornerbacks Brandon Harris and Roc Carmichael, then picked up free agents Johnathan Joseph and Daniele Manning to bring experience that the group lacked in 2010.

"They've been around good secondaries, they know how it should look," Vance Joseph said. "They can push these guys, show them how to practice, show them how to prepare, how to think through it.

"We've also got two guys who are in the primes of their careers," he said. "That's strange. Teams drafted

these guys pretty high, and now we get them at only the second stage of their careers? All the bad things, the bad habits are behind them. All their good football is still ahead."

One of Johnathan Joseph's first directives when he arrived was talking to cornerback Kareem Jackson, last year's first-round pick who often took the sharpest criticism for the secondary's problems.

Joseph, a first-round pick by Cincinnati in 2006, reassured Jackson that just about every NFL rookie struggles and that cornerback is one of the hardest positions for a young player to learn. Joseph did not intercept a pass in his first season, but has 14 picks in his four seasons since.

"We've all had those same growing pains," Johnathan Joseph said. "I'm sure, from talking to him [Jackson], that it's behind him. He comes out here every day confident, and it doesn't bother him at all. In this league, you have to have a short memory, which he understands."

Jackson doesn't want to forget 2010 entirely. If anything, he says remembering the backlash from fans and media provides perfect motivation.

"For having a year like that last year, no one wants to go through that," Jackson said, "so everybody is committed to what we're doing. So we're just coming out and working hard every day just trying to get it done."



Houston Texans cornerback Johnathan Joseph catches a ball during an NFL football training camp practice Friday in Houston.

David J. Phillip
Associated Press

Scott wins WGC-Bridgestone with Williams as caddy

By Doug Ferguson
The Associated Press

AKRON, Ohio — Adam Scott hit all the right shots Sunday in a round that was close to flawless and earned him his first World Golf Championship title.

He celebrated with a caddie who has won quite a few more.

Steve Williams, fired last month by Tiger Woods after a 12-year partnership, felt like a bigger winner when Scott rolled in one last birdie for a 5-under 65 and a four-shot victory in the Bridgestone Invitational.

It was Scott who hit the shots, such as a chip-in for birdie on the 12th and a birdie putt just inside 30 feet on the 14th that enabled him to pull away from 19-year-old Ryo Ishikawa over the final hour at Firestone.

Even so, Williams became part of the show this week, especially since Woods was playing for the first time in nearly three months. Williams took a jab at Woods in an interview off the 18th green by saying that of his 145 wins in his 33 years as a caddie, this WGC title with the affable Australian

made it the "the greatest week of my caddying in my life."

That would include 13 majors, including an unprecedented four in a row through the 2001 Masters.

Fans chanted Williams' name as he walked toward the 18th green, and Williams smiled back. One fan shouted out, "How do you like him now, Tiger?"

Scott played the final 26 holes without a bogey, and he couldn't afford to drop any shots.

He finished at 17-under 263 for the lowest winning score at Firestone since Woods won at 259 in

2000. Rickie Fowler and world No. 1 Luke Donald each had a 66 and tied for second.

Scott became the third Australian to win a world title, joining Geoff Ogilvy and Craig Parry. He won for the 18th time in his career and moved back into the top 10.

While his old boss was on the mend, Williams agreed to caddie for Scott at the U.S. Open, miffed that he had flown from New Zealand to America before Woods told him he would not be at Congressional. Williams worked for Scott again at

the AT&T National, the tournament that benefits Woods' foundation, and Woods said he fired him after the final round.

Woods said he told him face-to-face. Williams said Sunday that Woods fired him over the phone.

The theatrics took away from Scott's big win.

He played so well he could have gone even lower except for missing two birdie putts inside 12 feet on the 16th and 17th holes.

"Today, I was on," Scott said. "To win here at this place, a World Golf Championship, it's huge."



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MOVIE REVIEW
RISE OF THE PLANET OF THE APES



Courtesy of 20th Century Fox

'Apes' prequel shines among list of summer films

By Alex Williams
Daily Texan Staff

It's surprising what 20th Century Fox has pulled off this summer. The studio took two franchises that had been derailed by abysmal films and brought them back with a pair of prequels that no one really wanted to see. With both "X-Men: First Class" and "Rise of the Planet of the Apes," they made it into smart, adult science-fiction films that tackle big, interesting issues with heart and ambition. And these two big summer event films are among the most memorable of this year's offerings.

"Rise of the Planet of the Apes" dives headlong into the muddled chronology of the original franchise, and it's never quite clear if this film fits into the continuity of the previous films. But that doesn't really matter, because this film isn't really about apes overtaking the world.

It's simply the story of Caesar (Andy Serkis), an ape whose mother was injected with a drug developed by scientist Will Rodman (James Franco). The drug's intended effect is to repair brain cells, but it actually

ends up causing hyperintelligence in apes, a trait passed on to Caesar.

Much of the film's early section is its most affecting, where Caesar grows up with Rodman, Rodman's Alzheimer's afflicted father (John Lithgow), and his girlfriend Caroline (Freida Pinto). Director Rupert Wyatt knows just which notes to hit in depicting Alzheimer's, spelling out the devastation the disease causes its victims and their families, but keeps things from being too manipulative. Even more heartfelt is the relationship between Caesar and Rodman, as Rodman raises the animal as a son.

Once Caesar is stripped away and sent to a primate sanctuary run by John (Brian Cox) and his sadistic son ("Harry Potter's" Tom Felton), the film shifts gears as Caesar learns some brutal lessons about nature and things begin heading toward their inevitable conclusion. Many of these scenes are entirely free of human characters, and it's here that the film's CGI work is truly the star.

Without overstating it, the effects

in "Rise of the Planet of the Apes" are insanely great. Entire characters are created by motion capture performances, and it's fascinating to watch the handful of primate characters develop into intelligent killing machines.


As Caesar, Serkis continues to fill computer-generated characters with heart and soul, after previously playing Gollum in "The Lord of the Rings" films and King in the 2005 remake. This is better work than either of those two films,

an almost entirely non-verbal performance brought to life by Serkis and some truly astonishing effects work. Serkis always lets us know what Caesar is thinking entirely with his

eyes and body language, be it the scared concern as Rodman's father slips into the abyss of dementia or the pure joy when Rodman takes him into nature for the first time. It's without a doubt one of the best performances of the year, and it's not outside the realm of possibility for Serkis to start generating some genuine

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Rise of the Planet of the Apes
Rupert Wyatt

Genre: Action
Runtime: 105 minutes
For those who like: Planet of the Apes, King Kong

Grade: A-

awards buzz for his work here.

It's interesting how the film makes it for a human audience to root for the apes as they begin their climactic rampage. While entirely too many of this final scene's money shots (and a bit too much of the film's plot) have been given away in trailers, it's still a thrilling, frightening climax filled with great moments for each of the apes we've gotten to know over the course of the film. The impressive large-scale destruction of the final moments doesn't end quite as you'd expect, but the possibility for a sequel is set up by a darkly ironic mid-credits coda.

What really sets "Rise of the Planet of the Apes" apart from many other summer films is just how sincerely moving it is. From Rodman's relationship with Caesar to the wrenching transformation we see our central ape undergo, the film never fails to move you, and even when the human characters become perfunctory and the apes take over, it's easy to invest in everyone onscreen. "Rise of the Planet of the Apes" went from an unwanted prequel to a film series dead in the water thanks to Tim Burton's disastrous reboot, and became one of the most heartfelt, exciting experiences of the summer.

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sometimes you just get the right blend of people together and it works ...

Darvin Jones: Chemistry.
Puorro: Chemistry. I feel like this time, for me at least, it is the right mix.

DT: So what does that mix include?

Chris Mietus: I think our personalities. We all get along really well and that makes it really easy to work together. We've all been through the pace, just in terms of being in bands for so many years that we've all sort of kind of gone through the growing pains. Now that we found kinship in the mu-

sic, we are able to get pass all those little weird ego things that happen in bands where everyone's got to be the writer or the star guitar player or whatever. We're all sort of humble and just pretty low maintenance in terms of getting along. Past experiences I think have conditioned us to be that way.

DT: So Darvin and Beth, you two met in a hot tub and that's how it all started ...

Puorro: That's what's crazy. It's true. That's how we met. I think when we started we were like, 'Let's do this crazy band' and at least for me, it's let's get together and see if we can write well because I was brokenhearted over a band breakup. Like with any breakup, it was the best thing that ever happened to me, but at the same time it was hard ... I just needed to play with

someone and it just happened [to be Darvin].

DT: And how did it go from a duo to a foursome?

Puorro: We didn't want to be a duo, you know. We wanted to be a band after we started realizing that our music was good. When you get just two people, to me it gets kind of acoustic and I think we both really wanted a drummer and a bass player that's really talented with layers and just added a dynamic to the music.

Jones: And I think that we just got to a stage in our writing, to evolve to what we are now, we needed to bring in other people.

Puorro: And it wasn't just like let's find a drummer or find a bass player ... it was like a specific kind of drummer and bass player, one that was tasteful. When Chris came in he was just really tasteful and

he listens and he adds to the music and Giuseppe is the same way. He doesn't just come in with root notes, he comes in with melodies.

DT: OK, so what was the inspiration behind Go Fly?

Jones: I would say life, personally. I think for me the inspiration was just music, loving to play music.

Giuseppe Ponti: Yeah, pretty much. We all love to play music and without doing it, we wouldn't be happy.

DT: What do you think makes you stand apart from other local artists?

Puorro: I don't think we are necessarily going 'Hey, the Strokes are popular, let's play songs that's like them.' I feel like that happens a lot. This is my opinion: Bands do well ... and 20,000 other bands try to

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things would complicate a simple process.

"It's like calling your friend to help you move," Land said. "If you need help moving something, we're two guys who have a truck. We're not a company. People are paying us for our labor. It's like you pay a regular guy to mow your lawn. That's pretty much how we are."

In turn, the friendly interactions with customers sometime result in perks that movers who work for a licensed moving company most likely wouldn't be permitted to accept.

"Some people offer us beer and we'll kick back and have one," Land said. "One of our repeat customers baked us a cherry pie the last time we were at her place."

Land and Duvall advertise their service on Craigslist, which is where Land got the idea for Two Movers and a Truck in the first place. He said his friends would buy things off of the site and they wouldn't have a way to move it. Being the guy with the truck, Land is the one usually called for the job. That's when he realized that he could use that guy-with-a-truck status to make a little money.

"I was doing it as a part-time thing — just a little extra money on the table," Land said. "And then it just blew up. Now I'm getting about 30 to 40 calls a week, give or take. It's been so busy I've had to give some up."

Land, who had been laid off from his job at DHL before he started Two Movers and a Truck, said that he had been looking for an occupation with a flexible schedule so he could spend more time with his 3-year-old son. The new moving service provided that flexibility.

When Land first started, he was working with his brother-in-law, but that partnership didn't work out because of scheduling and conduct mishaps. He was introduced to Duvall in early July when Land helped Duvall's friend move. Duvall, who was looking for a job at the time, was immediately on board.

The two agree they make good partners. Duvall, a tattooed, easy-going guy from Myrtle Beach, S.C., adds some energy to the equation. Land said whereas before he would have to keep an eye on his former partner to make sure the work got done, now he's the one who has to keep up.

"He's always jumping off railings and sliding around and doing cartwheels," Land said as the duo prepared to depart with their latest haul. "He'll have a box in his hand and he'll be flipping over stuff"

Duvall, who has played live music since he was 13, said loading band gear has made him good at fitting stuff in tight spaces.

"It's like second nature," he said, maneuvering a vacuum cleaner into the last available space in the bed of the truck. "I'm just really good at tetris-ing shit into the back of trucks."


Editor's Note: The Daily Texan reminds readers that listings on Craigslist carry no guarantees or insurance for services rendered, and employing unlicensed movers comes with a number of risks.

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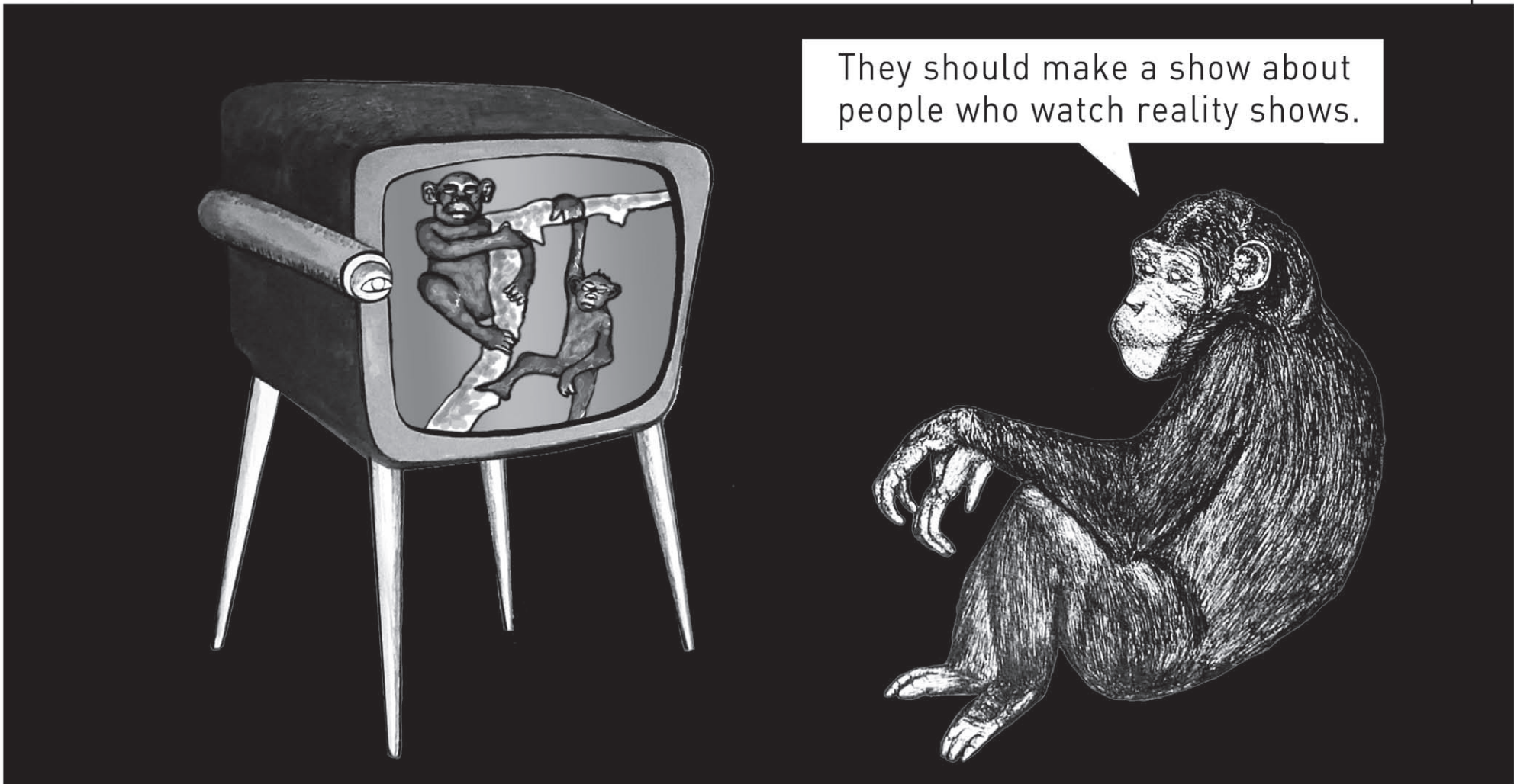
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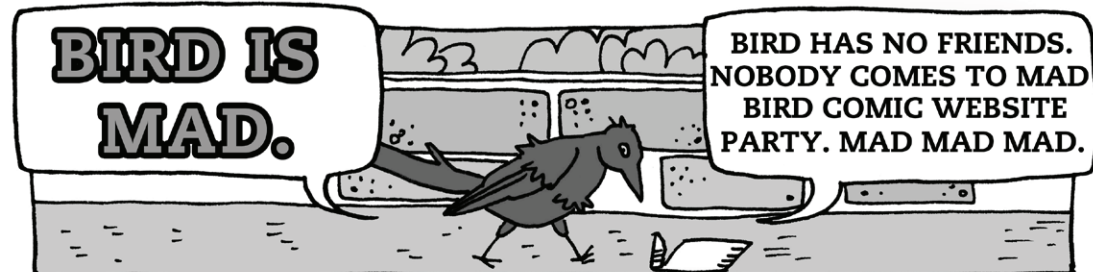


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 - 11 Waitress at Mel's Diner
 - 14 Blossom part
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 - 19 ___ and yang
 - 20 Rug, so to speak
 - 21 Movie, informally
 - 23 Prosper
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 - 27 "60 Minutes" pundit Andy
 - 28 Type who's always causing trouble
 - 30 Diarist Nin
 - 31 Playwright Edward who wrote "The Zoo Story"
 - 32 "If only listened ..."
 - 35 French seas
 - 36 Universal picture?
 - 37 Western tie
 - 38 Next-to-last Greek letter
 - 39 Library book stamp
 - 40 Crooner Mel
 - 41 Hangmen's tools
 - 43 Drink after a shot
 - 44 Dannon product
 - 46 White House family after the Fords
 - 47 Prefix with task or grain
 - 48 Less well off
 - 50 CBS forensic drama
 - 51 Columbia picture?
 - 56 From ___ Z
 - 57 Speechify
 - 58 Less than 90°, as an angle
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 - 60 Cowell formerly of "American Idol"
 - 61 "Heavy" music genre

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 - 8 Worker's pay
 - 9 Extreme degree
 - 10 Release
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 - 13 Sounds from sties
 - 18 Nephew of Donald Duck
 - 22 Chicken drumstick
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 - 31 On the safe side, at sea
 - 33 Big name in glue
 - 34 They aren't just talkers
 - 36 Sudden wind
 - 37 Regatta
 - 39 Chips with a Cool Ranch flavor
 - 40 Early morning hour
 - 42 Publicly gay
 - 43 Low-___ diet
 - 44 Places to swim or play b-ball
 - 45 Gives the boot to
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Patrick Duvall, one of the Two Movers and a Truck, loads furniture into the back of his truck Saturday afternoon. Two Movers and a Truck is simply composed of two hard-working guys and a Chevy Silverado.

TWO MOVERS AND A TRUCK

By Aaron West
Daily Texan Staff

Paul Land crouches over the bed frame he's been hired to move and unscrews the headboard from the sides, wiping the sweat out of his eyes as he works.

"What do you want to put in there first?" asked Patrick Duvall, Land's coworker.

"Headboard, then the side rails," Land replied. He picks up the headboard and takes it outside the house to where his white Chevy Silverado is parked in the driveway. He quickly slides the piece into the back of the truck and walks back inside to grab more furniture, passing Duvall and the sides of the bed on the way.

Land, Duvall and the Chevy comprise Two Movers and a Truck, a local moving service Paul Land started a year ago. They help people who need their belongings hauled somewhere — not necessarily a novel idea considering the hundreds of moving companies in Austin that do basically the same thing. What sets Land's operation apart, however, is that it isn't actually a moving company. It's simply two guys loading beds, dressers, armoires and most anything else (no hazardous materials). They charge \$50 for the first load and \$25 for each additional haul. Also, if customers need their own truck unloaded, Land gives them the option to hire the two movers without the truck for \$20 an hour per mover.

"It's cheaper to call us to move a pool table or an armoire than a big moving company," Land said. "We're laid-back and we're hauling ass the whole time. If two guys can lift it, we can move it."

Lindsay Taraban, who recently hired Land and Duvall, agreed. She said she had called a couple moving companies before getting



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Paul Land, founder of Two Movers and a Truck, holds back a mattress so his co-worker can 'tetris' some more furniture into the bed of his truck.

in touch with Land, but the minimum charges were too expensive for what she needed moved.

"I'm not going to pay \$200 to move my bed," Taraban, a liberal arts honors student, said. "The

personal property are classified as household good carriers and must have the required permits and insurance and register with the Department of Transportation's Motor Carrier division. However,

Land said.

"It's like when you buy something on Craigslist: buyer beware, you know," Land said in regard to possible concerns about insurance or scams. "People ask us [about insurance] a lot. I tell them that we're not liable for any damages."

Land straps the disassembled bed frame into the back of the truck. "But we tie down everything like it was ours," he said.

"Like it was our grandmother's," Duvall adds, tying down his side.

The informality that comes with being unofficial is what makes it worth it to Land. Two Movers and a Truck doesn't have a storefront, there isn't any paperwork involved and there isn't even a website. Land said those types of

I'm just really good at tetris-ing shit into the back of trucks.

— Paul Land, Mover

other thing about [Two Movers and a Truck] is that they charge by the load, which is good because I just had like two pieces of furniture."

In Texas, commercial moving companies that transport people's

er, since Land and Duvall's truck isn't considered a commercial motor vehicle (defined as a vehicle that weighs more than 26,000 pounds), they can operate without the legal formalities — a freedom that has its ups and downs,

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Blanton Art Museum receives new pieces from lottery drawing

By Rachel Perlmutter
Daily Texan Staff

The Blanton Museum of Art acquired 12 new works of contemporary art for their permanent collection through a lottery organized by the Dallas Museum of Art and on behalf of art collectors Nona and Richard Barrett.

The paintings, sculptures and works on paper, all by Texas artists, is an expansion to the museum's collection of regional art.

According to Kathleen Brady Stimpert, Blanton director of public relations and marketing, the Barretts have one of the state's most comprehensive and celebrated collections of art by Texas artists. Their collection of regional art spans from the late 19th century to today. Wanting to enhance the reputation of this region and augment the holdings of Texas museums, the Barretts donated many of their works to the Museum of Fine Arts Houston and, more recently, the Dallas Museum of Art, Stimpert said. Both museums integrated some of the works into their collections and set up a lottery to distribute remaining works to other regional museums.

The Dallas Museum of Art extended invitations to the Blanton, The Old Jail Art Center, the Austin Museum of Art and several other museums to participate in their lottery to distribute remaining works from the Barrett's 2010 donation. This is the second lottery organized to distribute works from the Barrett collection to Texas museums across the state. The Blanton, along with other museums across the state, received an invitation to participate at no cost.

Assistant curator Risa Puleo attended the lottery on behalf of the Blanton, where all representatives drew numbers to determine the order in which they would select works

for their museum. Puleo drew No. 1, so the UT museum was entitled to first choice.

Puleo used the opportunity to obtain an oil-on-linen painting by former UT professor Melissa Miller, titled "One Rabbit Feeling the Pain of Another." Stimpert said the Blanton was hoping to add this specific piece to their collection.

"We have one of Miller's works in the collection already, and it is a favorite among visitors," Stimpert said.

Among other pieces acquired for the Blanton was an untitled mixed-media work by Jesse Amado. The piece will go on display Aug. 19 next to his 1995 installation piece currently on display in the museum's Lowe Gallery. Amado, a San Antonio native who received his master's of fine arts from UT-San Antonio, is known for his minimalist interpretation of Chicano art.

Puleo chose those pieces on behalf of the Blanton because they allow the museum to present a more comprehensive picture and history of art from this region, Stimpert said.

"They deepen our holdings of Texas art," she said.

As of now, the Blanton has no specific plans for unveiling these new acquisitions besides Amado's piece, and according to Stimpert, the Blanton does not yet know where or when the works will be displayed in the museum.

"It is all under discussion, and will be decided within the context of our current and future exhibition schedules," Stimpert said.

The acquisition is an exciting expansion for the museum's collection of Texas art, as it showcases more regional art and brings in new artists.

"It will provide UT students, faculty and the community at large an opportunity to research and enjoy works from many of the state's most celebrated artists," Stimpert said.



Courtesy of Blanton Museum of Art

Boy+Kite shares insights, experiences

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Released less than two weeks ago, local indie alternative rock-pop band Boy+Kite's debut album *Go Fly* is already riding high on reviewers' top lists. Pronounced "boy plus kite," the band has been especially well-received locally — *Go Fly* is currently on stand at one of Waterloo Records' listening stations and the band has an upcoming performance at Dia De Los Toadies in New Braunfels in August.

After meeting in a hot tub at a friend's birthday party in February 2009 and bonding over the recent break-ups of their former bands, singer-guitarists Darvin Jones and

Beth Puorro's friendship quickly went from trading mixtapes to brainstorming song and lyrics to forming Boy+Kite. Following their three recorded songs for the 10-track LP, the duo were joined by drummer Chris Mietus and bassist Giuseppe Ponti, completing what Puorro describes as the right mix.

During The Daily Texan's weekly music blog series "The Basement Tapes," the Texan spoke to the band about its formation and the new album.

The Daily Texan: I recently saw *Go Fly* on Waterloo Records' listening station and was so ecstatic. What is it like to be a local band?

Beth Puorro: All of us have been in bands. I have been in bands for

WHAT: Boy+Kite at Dia De Los Toadies

WHERE: Whitewater Amphitheatre

WHEN: Saturday, Aug. 27 from 3 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.

TICKETS: \$27.71

years and Austin is just saturated with artists. There's just a lot of musicians, so it's good on two levels. The fact that you get to play with some really great musicians — you have to weave through some really bad musicians — and then there's all these bands trying to play the same places. You get to play good stuff, but then there's always a ton of it. I feel with us, we just got the right mix. It's like

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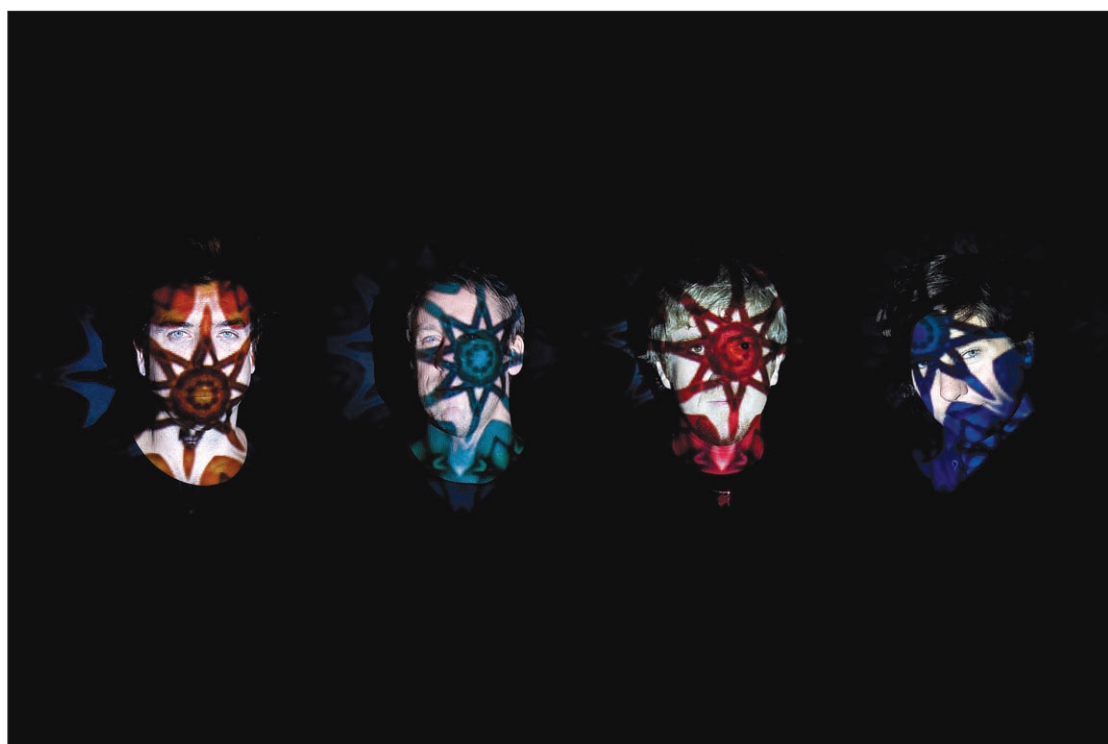


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Boy+Kite features the musical stylings of Darvin Jones, Chris Mietus, Giuseppe Ponti and Beth Puorro. The band's debut album, *Go Fly*, is currently available at Waterloo Records' listening stations.

ON THE WEB:

Chill out and watch to a video of Boy+Kite

bit.ly/boykite