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Texas legislators meet at the Capitol to discuss potential financial and academic implications of Texas' Big 12 commitment.

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The Black Arts Movement Festival spotlights works from nationally recognized black artists. The festival goes through June 19 at The Off Center.

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Guy Forsyth leads a round of Tai Chi at Ruta Maya beginning at 1 p.m.

### Today in history

#### In 1858

"A house divided against itself cannot stand," Abraham Lincoln declares at the Illinois Republican Convention after he is nominated for the U.S. Senate.

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"People lose touch with the seasons when you can have peaches from Chile in January."

— **Janet Fletcher**  
author of  
"Eating Local: The Cookbook Inspired by America's Farmers"

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## UT will remain with Big 12 peers

### Conference to go on without Colorado, Nebraska; Pac-10 invitation declined

By Dan Hurwitz & Collin Eaton  
Daily Texan Staff

With the final seconds of the clock ticking and a desperate Hail Mary as his only option, Big 12 Commissioner Dan Beebe found the University of Texas in

the end zone to secure the future of the conference.

Texas and the remaining nine universities in the Big 12 will remain in the conference, following Beebe's plan, which was announced Sunday and agreed upon Monday.

With television revenues driving negotiations of further conference realignment, or the lack thereof, Beebe's proposed plan to double each team's television revenue through a new deal caught the eye of Texas, which would be able to pursue its own television network.

Texas will make between \$20 million and \$25 million annually with the acceptance of the proposed plan, according to *Orange-*

*blooms.com*. Texas A&M and Oklahoma will also make roughly \$20 million each.

Beebe's plan involves the conference staying put with the 10 teams left after Nebraska parts for the Big Ten and Colorado joins the Pac-10. Also, there will not be a Big 12 championship football game because the NCAA's rule that allows only conferences with at least 12 uni-

versities to have a championship game. In football, the sport that is dominating discussions, each team would play the other nine teams every year. The changes would not take effect until 2011, when Nebraska begins playing in the Big Ten. Colorado is expected to start participating in the Pac-10 in 2012.

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## OFF TO THE RACES!



Bruno Morlan | Daily Texan Staff

Canadian Grand Prix winner Lewis Hamilton leads through the first lap of the race held in Montreal. The win was Hamilton's second at the track; his first career Formula One victory came in 2007.

**INSIDE:** More photos from Montreal [on page 3](#)

## University's fund drive lags behind expectations

By Collin Eaton  
Daily Texan Staff

A major UT fund drive is nearly halfway through its projected time frame, but has met only 35 percent of its donation goal of \$3 billion to colleges within the University, according to a 43-university survey by the Chronicle of Higher Education.

UT's capital campaign, titled Campaign for Texas, has been reaching out to alumni and companies for donations since 2006 and is projected to stop the drive August 13, 2014. The eight-year drive, aimed at raising money for general scholarships, professorships, construction, research and endowments, has received \$1.1 billion since it began Sept. 1, 2006. In the first quarter of this year, the drive raised \$77 million across campus.

David Onion, associate vice president of the University Development Office, said the goal of the fund drive is to elevate UT into the stratosphere with top public research universities. Onion said the campaign is not where it should

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## Tunnel project may pose threat to Red River clubs

By Skyler Sanchez  
Daily Texan Staff

A plan to lower the flood risk of Waller Creek may have a direct impact on local businesses along Red River Street with a potential threat to a number of music hot spots.

The Waller Creek Tunnel Project is currently in the final design phase, with construction set to begin in November, said Carolyn Perez, a city spokeswoman with the project.

According to the designs on the city's website, the project would entail constructing an underground tunnel nearly 60 to 70 feet below street level. The tunnel, which will extend about a mile, will bring about 28 miles of the lower Waller Creek watershed out of the 100-year-old floodplain.

The estimated cost of the tunnel is \$127 million, which will

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Derek Stout | Daily Texan Staff

South Dakota visitors Sonja Merrigan, Amber Olson, Sophie Merrigan and Jay Merrigan peer into Waller Creek next to the Habana Restaurant and Bar on Red River Street.

## GOP aims to attract Latinos, youth

### Policy positions adopted to boost party appeal conflict with poll results

By Nolan Hicks  
Daily Texan Staff

Part of the platform that newly elected GOP chairman Steve Munisteri ran on at the Republican convention in Dallas was an effort to increase the appeal of the Republican Party to groups that typically don't vote Republican — such as Latinos and younger voters.

However, the platform passed by the Republican convention contains a number of policy positions, better known as planks, that poll poorly among the voters they are trying to reach.

"Angering growing voter groups generally isn't a policy for success," said Steven Luo, political director for the news organization California Beat.

California's state Republican Party backed Proposition 187 in 1994 — which banned the state and local governments from providing social services to illegal immigrants — angering Latino voters.

"With the Latino vote growing from 10 percent of the electorate in 1992 to 18 percent in 2008, [the party] is increasingly boxed in and unable to appeal to a growing part of



Tamir Kalifa | Daily Texan Staff

A man dressed as Uncle Sam poses for a photo with delegates at the Texas Republican convention in Dallas on Friday. The convention serves as a forum for party activists to debate policy.

the electorate in the manner which allowed President George W. Bush to be elected in 2000," Luo said.

In Texas, exit polling data shows the Latino vote has expanded from 11.5 percent of the electorate in 1980 to more than 20 percent in 2008. According to the Texas Data Center, 78 percent of Texas' population growth over the next 30 years will come from Latinos. Anglo-Americans will only contribute about 4 percent to the population boom.

The Texas Republican Party plat-

form, as approved by the party's convention in Dallas, contains language similar to Arizona's controversial immigration bill, S.B. 1070, which allows law enforcement officers to pull over individuals and demand they show their papers if the officers suspect them of being in the country illegally.

They also approved language making it the official party position that there should be no way for

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## FUND: Better economy will increase alumni donations

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be monetarily because of the slow state of the economy and the stock market, but it earns a victory with numbers comparable to last year despite the economy.

“Anytime you have instability in the stock market, individuals slow up their gifts to the universities,” Onion said. “On a positive note, last year we had more transactions than we’ve ever had in the history of the University, and this year we’re tracking very closely to last year’s numbers. That tells me that the alumni are active and they want to get involved.”

Onion said he expected substantial increases in dollar amounts of donations once the economy improves.

The University of Pittsburgh and Pennsylvania State University at University Park, which also have 2014 deadlines, received \$1.45 billion and \$900 million, 73 percent and 48 percent of their respective goals.

According to an Oct. 17, 2008 press release, the \$3 billion goal was recommended by a commission of more than 200 alumni and civic leaders who reviewed the University’s finances from 2002-2004.

Each college approaches its alumni in a specific manner, and each developed a monetary goal independent of the development office. But the central office provides an overarching strategy for fund driving and provides gift-planning and research strategies.

On May 19, business, engineering and geosciences programs at UT received the majority of a \$1 million 3-to-1 match gift donation from Exxon Mobil Corp. Over several decades, the company has given the

University a total of \$44 million.

Mark Blount, director of development at the University Development Office, said the money went to areas all over campus, “from the law school to the LBJ School [of Public Affairs], for all kinds of different things.”

Karen Matusic, media relations adviser for Exxon Mobil, said the company gave \$36 million in match gifts to 911 universities around the country.

The School of Law set a goal of \$200 million, at least \$27 million of which will be devoted to student support and at least \$33 million of which will be used for new academic centers.

Carla Cooper, assistant dean of development and alumni relations at the School of Law, said the school has raised \$61 million, but that the funds have not yet been allocated.

In May, the law school received a single gift of \$5 million from Stephen Susman, a lawyer and alumnus from 1965. According to a May 13 press release, Susman said three generations of his family have studied at the School of Law.

The UT System Board of Regents agreed to name the law school’s new academic center after Susman in honor of his gift.

The Susman Academic Center will open in August and will have 92 faculty offices, new classrooms, student-group workspaces and skylights highlighting an atrium.

“Due to the economy, we’re really a little bit behind as far as time goes,” said Carolyn Connerat, executive director of the University Development Office and logistics manager for the campaign. “But we feel [UT’s Campaign for Texas] is actually doing very well at this stage.”

## WALLER: City plans to revitalize area

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be funded by the Waller Creek Tax Increment Financing Zone, or TIF. According to the TIF, the city is mandated to contribute 100 percent of the tax revenues that it generates from the projects, whereas Travis County is required to supply 50 percent.

City Council will convene June 24 to review the Waller Creek District Master Plan, which will take effect once the tunnel has been completed. The plan is a vision for revamping the area around Waller Creek.

Perez said once the tunnel has been completed, property values in the area will increase. If the values increase, it is up to the owners of the clubs to decide whether they will raise the rent.

Ron Flores, owner of the Habana Restaurant and Bar, leases out the building but owns the lot across the street, which

means that one of his businesses could be directly affected by increased property values. Flores said he is concerned about the uncertainty of having to pay a higher price to keep his business.

George Adams, assistant director of the Neighborhood Planning and Zoning Department, said there are a number of measures — such as incentive programs and raising awareness to support the value of music venues to Austin — that are designed to help small businesses cope with higher rent.

“None of those options are a silver bullet that will magically make the issues vanish,” Adams said.

Recent years have produced a number of redevelopment projects geared toward cleaning and refreshing parts of the city, including Waller Creek.

Michael Shelton, owner of Es-

ther’s Follies, welcomes that aspect of the project.

“The area is full of both transients and people doing drugs,” Shelton said. “It is a terrible blight on the downtown community, and it would be great to clean it up.”

However, Shelton said it would be a shame if the redevelopment came with the loss of a number of local favorites.

Not all of the venues are located in the TIF zone, such as Esther’s Follies, which lies west of Red River Street. As a result, they will not be affected by the tax and their property values will not rise. But Shelton said that some of the smaller, lesser-known clubs located within the TIF zone may struggle to make it.

“If their rent goes up dramatically, that will definitely change what is now a hip area of clubs,” Shelton said, “causing a bad effect that no one wants to see.”

## GOP: Platform toughens up on homosexuals

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illegal aliens to become legalized in the United States — either by amnesty, the currently proposed immigration overhaul in the Senate, or even by military service.

The White campaign blasted the Perry campaign for refusing to state if it supported the Texas Republican Party platform policy planks on immigration.

A poll conducted by Arizona State University showed that 81 percent of Arizona Latinos opposed the bill.

The Texas GOP platform also contained provisions about homosexuality, stating that attacks on family values include “well-

funded vigorous political and judicial attempts by powerful organizations and branches of the government to force acceptance, affirmation and normalization of homosexual behavior upon schoolchildren, parents, educational institutions, businesses, employees, government bodies and religious institutions and charities.”

The document also reads in part: “We also believe that no homosexual or any individual convicted of child abuse or molestation should have the right to custody or adoption of a minor child, and that visitation with minor children by such persons should be prohibited, but if ordered by the court, limited to supervised periods.”

Voters between the ages of 18 and 29 overwhelming voted against Proposition 8 in California, which banned gay marriage.

Gallup polls show that about 70 percent of Americans think that “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” should be repealed, up from 63 percent in 2004. Gallup polling also shows that 52 percent of Americans view same-sex relationships as morally acceptable, up from 38 percent in 2002.

“Don’t doubt [Munisteri’s] powers of persuasion with moderates and independents,” said Tyler Norris, chairman of Young Conservatives of Texas at UT-Austin. Norris’ group supported Munisteri’s campaign to become Texas GOP chairman. “Munisteri’s had the best plan to turn the party around.”

“The Second and 10th Amendments will attract voters to the Republican Party,” Norris said about how the party could overcome these significant shifts in social attitudes.

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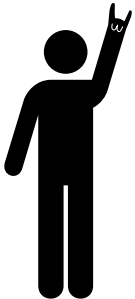
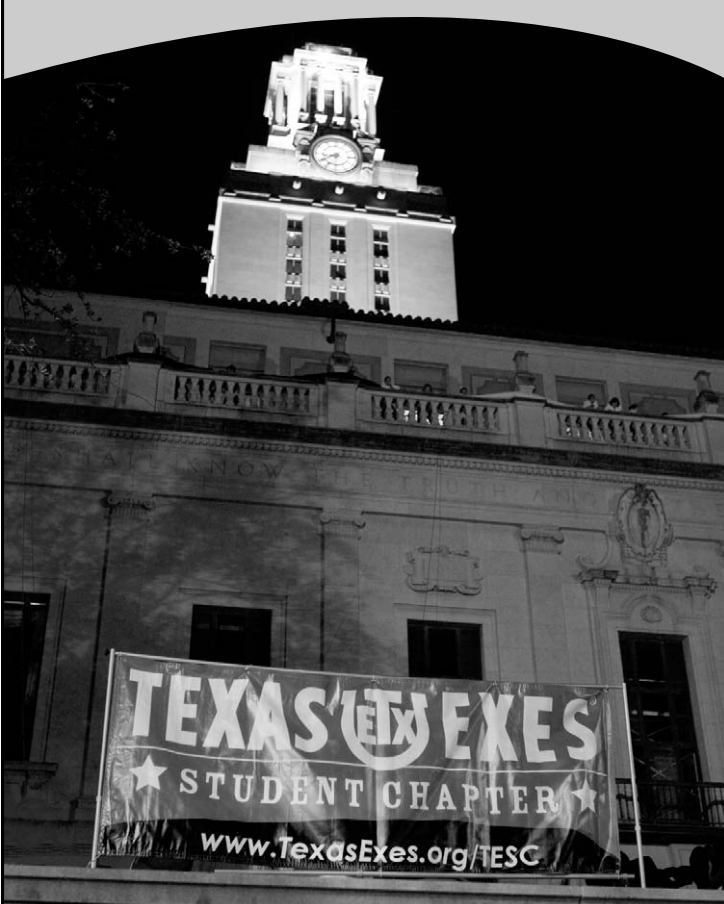
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Travelers are greeted at the arrivals gate of the Montréal-Trudeau Airport on Friday evening.



Race fans cheer and take pictures of McLaren Mercedes teammates Lewis Hamilton and Jenson Button as they finish the Canadian Grand Prix in first and second place, respectively.

## Formula One speeds along in Montreal

**48 HOURS** Photos and text by Bruno Morlan

*Editor's note: This is the third in a series of stories and photos bringing the U.S. and the world to UT.*

MONTREAL — Montreal possesses many qualities of a city with an international atmosphere. If it's not the bilingual population, then certainly it's the many events that Montreal hosts that attract visitors from all over the world. Of these events, such as the World Film Festival and Quebec City Summer Music Festival, none attracts more visitors or international attention than the Canadian Grand Prix.

This past weekend I attended the Grand Prix, which served as the eighth round of the 2010 Formula One season. I was one of an estimated 300,000 people from all over the world attending the Grand Prix over a three-day period, some of whom proudly bought along flags from their respective countries to cheer on the drivers. Such a turnout would not have been possible with-

out the efficiency and range of Montreal's subway system in transporting everyone to the Circuit Gilles Villeneuve, located on an island in the St. Lawrence River.

The race took place Sunday afternoon, and after an eventful 70 laps filled with lead changes, 2008 world champion Lewis Hamilton emerged as the race winner. Hamilton's McLaren Mercedes teammate, Jenson Button, followed in second with Ferrari's Fernando Alonso in third.

The Grand Prix's absence from the 2009 season was given as a possible reason for the large turnout throughout the weekend. Currently it is one of two races held in the Western Hemisphere, along with the Brazilian Grand Prix in Sao Paulo, out of a total of 19 races. This is set to change in 2012, when Formula One returns to the United States with a Grand Prix to be held in Austin.

It remains to be seen whether Austin will adopt the changes that have made the Canadian Grand Prix successful. A track has yet to be built, but according to *Formula1.com*, a track will be constructed specifically for Formula One racing. Austin will host the United States Grand Prix from 2012 through 2021, giving the city time to study and emulate successful host cities like Montreal.



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VIEWPOINT

Let’s talk about race

Last week, a panel organized by the Office for Diversity and Community Engagement met to discuss the fate of Simkins Hall, a dormitory named after William Simkins, a former UT law professor and Klansman.

The 21-person committee is composed of students, faculty and community leaders who will advise President William Powers Jr. and the UT System Board of Regents on the prospect of renaming the dorm. Unfortunately, this excitement was quickly mitigated when officials announced that the meetings would be closed to the public and the press, and only one member would speak on record about the issue. Many, including this editorial board, subsequently criticized the closed-meeting decision.

Officials claim closed meetings facilitate a “frank discussion,” but this discussion needs to happen in the open.

A large part of the controversy hinges on UT’s racist history, from which many believe we have not completely exorcised ourselves. A dorm named after a Klansman is not the only racist act in which UT has been complicit. Heman Sweatt fought a prolonged battle in the 1940s just to be able to enroll in UT’s law school as a black student, and the University was one of the last college football teams to integrate.

The controversy gives the University an opportunity to demonstrate that it recognizes the degree to which it engaged in horrendous practices of racism. A public discussion would show that although the administration and faculty who honored Simkins did so 50 years ago, we are acknowledging a shameful part of our past and its consequences.

The administration, by closing a meeting that is intended to calm apprehensions about UT’s racial prejudices, is essentially silencing discussion on the issue, or at least trying to do so.

If the press were allowed into the meetings, they would most likely publicize unsavory parts of UT’s history, such as how former administrators made a yearly event of Simkins’ KKK-honoring speeches or sent out various directives advising admissions officers to not comply with Brown v. Board of Education.

Additionally, while most students did not know about Simkins’ past until recently, Russell’s academic paper, which sparked the current debate, explains that UT staff and faculty have been aware of Simkins’ KKK ties since the dorm was named in 1950 and upheld its name.

In a public meeting, the administration would need to face students and explain why it took a 48-page report by a former law professor and many news articles to spark the current review, and why we should believe they actually care about it now. It would also give students an unambiguous assurance that the issue is being discussed in the depth and detail that it deserves.

Furthermore, those who want to keep Simkins’ name on the dorm will need to explain why. Believing that Simkins Hall should not be renamed does not automatically make one a racist. There are several legitimate arguments against changing the name: Some say renaming it would be a form of revisionist history, and others want to keep Simkins on the dorm to tarnish his name as a form of punishment by continuously reminding people that he was a racist and Klansman. But those who are offended by Simkins’ ties with the KKK deserve the chance to hear these viewpoints carried to their logical end.

So far in this controversy, UT is only willing to discuss its racial history in private and on its own terms, but this does nothing to show the public that the University recognizes the importance and atrocity of its prejudiced past, and is doing everything possible to make amends.

Admirably, UT has taken steps to improve diversity, such as establishing the Office for Diversity and Community Engagement. But nothing can substitute for legitimate and authentic public communication about an uncomfortable topic.

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GALLERY



Google sells out

By Joshua Lee  
Daily Texan Guest Columnist

Earlier this year, Google made a valiant stand against China’s Internet policies, encouraging other corporations and governments to join its fight against the superpower’s human rights violations and its use of censorship.

Google’s tenacity is praiseworthy — in this instance. However, before we credit the multinational corporation for its visionary work, we should realize that even Google is not infallible.

On June 9, reporters Tom Bergin and Sarah Young ran a story for Reuters revealing that Google sold various search terms to BP as sponsored links on its search engine, including “oil spill” and “volunteer” in order “to help direct Internet users to its website as it attempts to control the worst oil spill in U.S. history.”

While it’s not unusual for search engines to sell terms to companies such as BP for better ad placement, what separates Google from other search engines is that it claims to care about “the integrity of its results.” The company claims it “sell[s] advertising, not search results, [and presents] information as objectively as possible.” Yet despite this claim, because of the ads’ prime placement, users will see these results before any of the other search results. Type “oil spill” in Google, and try it out.

It seems contradictory that last March, the company’s co-founder Sergey Brin rejected “the notion that any company should make any sort of decision other than to maximize profit,” adding, “I would hope that larger companies would not put profit ahead of all else.” Yet, Google’s recent transactions with BP seem to stand in stark contrast with one of their fundamental ethical values: “You can make money without doing evil.” My question is:

Why would Google refuse to allow censorship in China, yet sell premium online real estate to the biggest eco-polluter in history?

It’s blatantly obvious that one of Google’s main motives in challenging China’s censorship policies is to end those limits on fair trade online. This restriction hurts companies such as Google and Microsoft, which are eagerly trying to expand their businesses into the country’s blossoming Internet economy. Subjecting China to the

*With corporations, we must never stop asking, “What’s your motive?” As Enron and so many other cases have taught us, corporate rhetoric can rarely be taken at face value.*

same fair trade rules followed in the U.S. would only help with these companies’ expansions.

My point is that profiteering corporations can’t be trusted at their word — not even Google. With corporations, we must never stop asking, “What’s your motive?” As Enron and so many other cases have taught us, corporate rhetoric can rarely be taken at face value.

Granted, many companies have done fine philanthropic work. For instance, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

is a prime example of how corporate profit can be used to benefit society at large. Yet, as recently as this past April, Microsoft has been caught up in allegations of outsourcing production to China, where hundreds of child laborers work upwards of 80 hours per week making hardware for the technology company.

While I agree that free-market systems are best, at least currently, much emphasis needs to be placed on stronger ethics in business. Companies (especially those with the power to influence global politics) must be held to a higher standard and held responsible for their actions.

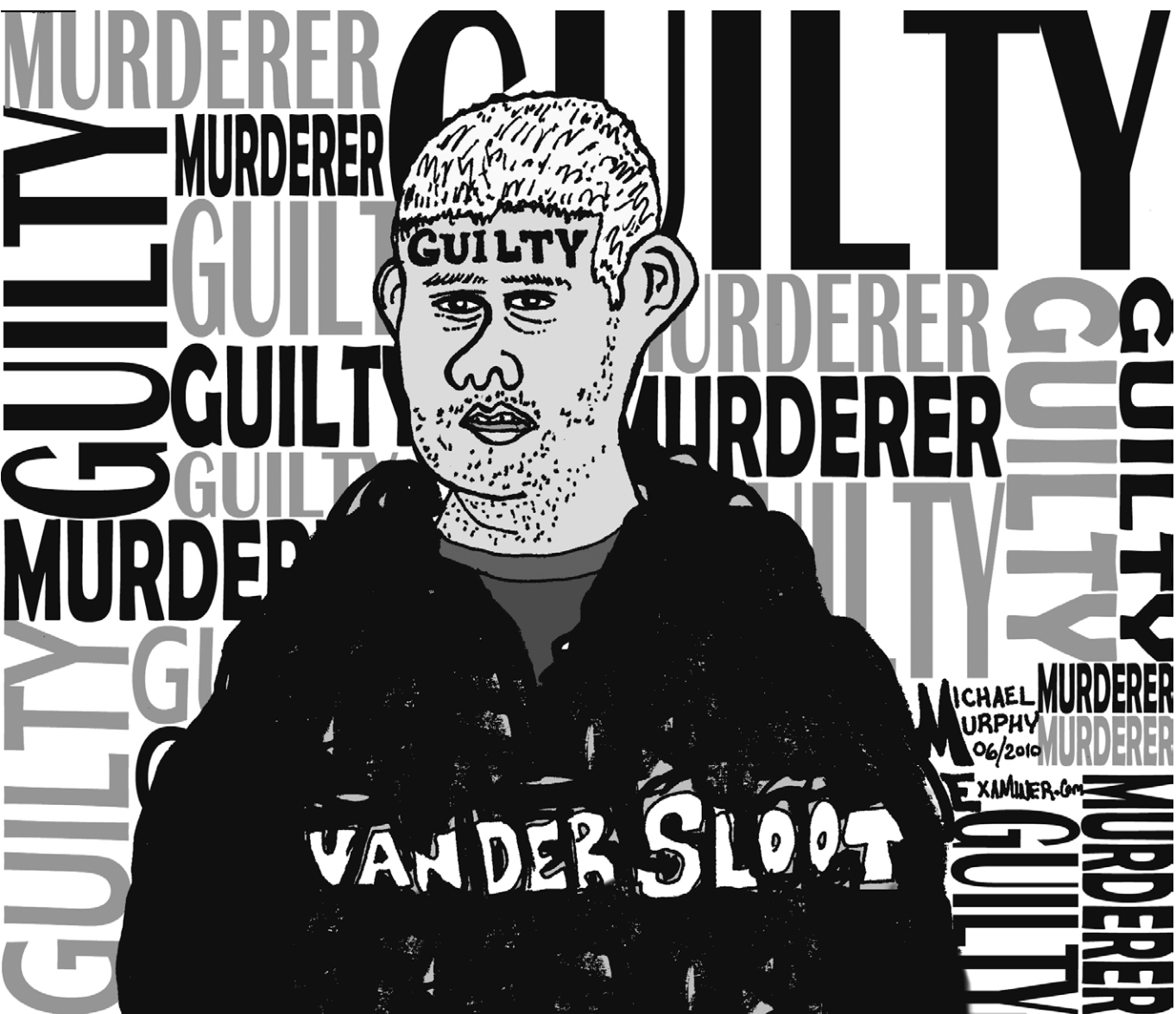
BP has recently spent about \$50 million on commercials to help bolster its crumbling public image. I urge you: Don’t let its overpriced propaganda sway you from the truth. BP must be held accountable and deserves all of the anger that a catastrophe of this scale should foster. And Google deserves at least as much criticism for helping BP skew the facts.

Giving BP the best advertising space available to spread its propaganda is evil. Google should stick to its claim of objectivity and let people discover information about this natural disaster for themselves, without biasing them with “sponsored links.”

BP’s egregious crimes against North America merit the 30,000-plus lawsuits it’s facing, and much more. Now that the Justice Department is beginning its criminal investigation into BP’s gross negligence and the suspected cover-up of its safety violations, hopefully some of the people hurt in this environmental catastrophe will receive some small measure of justice. The masses of dead marine life and the thousands of people whose squashed livelihoods relied on a healthy Gulf will not be so lucky.

Lee is a UT alumnus.

GALLERY





# Vince Young given assault citation for Dallas club brawl

**By Michael Sherfield**  
Daily Texan Staff

Tennessee Titans quarterback and Texas legend Vince Young was issued a Class C assault citation by police in Dallas after a confrontation in a strip club early Sunday morning.

Young was caught on film in a scuffle with Club Onyx employee Creiton Kinchen in one of the club's offices. The film, released by Dallas police, shows Young talking to a group of people and leaving the room.

He then returned and began pushing people in an effort to get to Kinchen, who mocked the UT "Hook 'em Horns" hand sign by putting it upside down and insulted Young, the quarterback told *ESPN.com*.

The website reported that Young apologized to teammates after the first day of minicamp in Nashville yesterday.

"I just made a mistake. I made a mistake even being there, and I let that guy provoke me into doing what I did."

— **Vince Young**  
Titans quarterback

Titans themselves.

Young's former teammate Adam "Pacman" Jones was suspended for an entire season in 2007 after repeated off-field problems during his time with the Titans.

However, Young has no history of off-field problems, and it is unclear if he will be suspended at all.

Another quarterback, the Steelers' Ben Roethlisberger, was suspended for six games this season after multiple allegations of sexual assault.

"I'm disappointed. He's taken responsibility for it. I like to think he's learned a lesson. He had no business making the decision that he made, and obviously he's got to deal with those consequences," Titans head coach Jeff Fisher told *ESPN.com*. "The league will look into it. The commissioner is very strict about these types of things, and I am sure we'll hear from him after we get more information."

After an up-and-down four-year career in Tennessee, Young established himself as the starting quarterback last season, almost leading the Titans to the playoffs after a 0-6 start with veteran Kerry Collins at quarterback.

Young took over for the final 10 games, leading Tennessee to eight wins in that stretch.

In his career, Young is 26-13 as a starter in the NFL after leading the Longhorns to the BCS title in 2005, and losing only two games as a starter in his Texas career.

# Solar power plans lay unfinished

Land for year-old project awaits historical analysis; deadline remains unclear

**By Pierre Bertrand**  
Daily Texan Staff

Nestled between what appears to be endless fields and the gentle bend of the Colorado River lies the town of Webberville. On March 4, 2009, a City Council decision put the small town, located roughly 15 miles east of Austin, in the limelight when city officials approved the construction and location of the nation's largest solar photovoltaic power plant on a 320-acre parcel of land next to the small town.

More than a year after the solar project was approved, however, the plot of land slated for development, which is owned by the city of Austin, has yet to be cleared despite a looming project deadline.

Originally, the plant was expected to be completed and on-line by the end of this year, according to Gemini Solar Development Company's portfolio. But officials from Gemini Solar Development, the San Francisco solar firm contracted to build the plant, announced Friday that any construction will be delayed for six months as the solar company surveys the land and conducts a historical analysis.

Ed Clark, a spokesman for Austin Energy who specializes in the utility's power plants, said in April that the solar company was waiting for its building permits and was working on the final layout of the site, which included a survey of the land.

When approved, the solar plant was hailed as one of the many steps Austin Energy would take to meet the goals outlined in the city's climate protection plan. The utility hopes to have 100 megawatts of solar power and 30 percent of the city's energy usage come from renewable resources by



Pierre Bertrand | Daily Texan Staff

Austin Energy plans to purchase solar power from a plant to be built near Webberville in an effort to provide more renewable resources to Austin residents. The 320-acre plot of land has remained vacant since March, and a recent announcement has delayed construction for another six months.

the year 2020, an initiative the city wants completed to help combat poor air-quality readings by the Environmental Protection Agency. Council members stressed the importance of the plant, saying it would help play a key role in supplementing Austin's coal-generated energy at peak hours.

Clark said the plant's delay will not affect the city's overall benchmark of providing solar energy by 2020.

"Everything has to be pretty much be perfect so that when this project is ready to go up, it can go unimpeded," Clark said. "There are no hurdles that cannot be undone."

The solar company was expected to present its final draft plans for the facility this month. Project specifications pulled from the solar company's project portfolios stated the facility would eliminate 30,000 tons of the greenhouse gas carbon dioxide. At its operational height, the plant will produce 30 megawatts of power on a clear sunny day — enough electricity to power 5,000 homes at the cost of \$10 million per year. The city's utility agreed to purchase the power generated by the plant for a total of 25 years.

When completed, the power plant should have 170,000 solar panels equipped with a mounted tracking device, allowing the panels to pivot with the movement of the sun.

By all appearances, Webberville looks like any other small Texas town. Signs advertising hay sales and propane tank distributors dot the side of the highway. No signs, however, indicate the planned site of the solar project, and were it not for an online project outline on the solar company's website, no one would ever know the plan to build the plant existed.

When originally announced, the projected plant drew a slew of media attention, but local residents whose properties reside just next to the parcel of land in question admit they know very little about the plant, although many can point out where the facility will be built.

Several residents said that no representatives from the city of Austin, the town of Webberville or the solar company approached them to explain what was going to happen to the land they lived beside, which mirrored the way the city approached the town years earlier, proposing to place a city dump where the power plant will stand.

Theresa Eckert, who lives on a parcel of land bordered by Austin's property, said she and her family have not heard any news regarding the planned power plant.

"When it gets closer to being in place, I think we'd like to know when it is going to take place," Eckert said. "I'd rather have a bunch of solar power [panels] than a dump. That's certain."



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BASEBALL

2010 in the rearview mirror



Bobby Longoria | Daily Texan Staff

Brandon Workman works from the stretch in the Longhorns' season-ending 4-1 loss to TCU on Sunday at UFCU Disch-Falk Field in the Super Regionals.

Baseball provided writer chance to fulfill dreams



By Austin Ries  
Daily Texan  
Columnist

The first rule I learned about sports writing is a simple one — no cheering in the press box.

Even when it's your team, your school, your alma mater, it can't happen.

Words like "we" and "us" have to be eliminated from your vocabulary, and no matter the results and ups and downs along the way, you aren't a fan — you are a reporter.

So as I watched Texas' season end Sunday afternoon and the team with the pitching staff and talent to supposedly close out Rosenblatt Stadium with Texas' seventh College World Series championship, I had to pretend not to care. I had to look away from the purple dogpile on the burnt-orange Longhorn in center field and block out the sound of TCU cheers on the field — and around me — and remember that even though I write for a student newspaper, I consider myself a professional.

Inside, it killed me. Not anywhere near the way it killed the players who stood scattered around and inside the Texas dugout. Not like it killed Sunday starter Brandon Workman, who kneeled in front of the guard-rail with his head down, or Kevin Lusson in the postgame press conference, whose thick eye-black was smeared down his face from sweat and possibly tears.

Lusson said the wrong team was going to Omaha, and while it's easy to argue that both teams were talented enough to belong there, for that weekend, the right team was moving on and the Horns will now have to watch from their living rooms and wonder what could have been.

Chance Ruffin called it a bad dream. But this is one that he and the rest of the Horns won't wake up from for quite a while. It's reality.

Even with the failure to reach Omaha, it was an unbelievable experience covering one of the top teams in the nation in a sport I have loved since I was born. I watched almost every game in one of the nicest facilities in the country. I talked weekly

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Bobby Longoria | Daily Texan Staff

Brandon Loy dives for a ball in Texas' 3-1 loss to TCU in Friday's Super Regional opener. The Horns' Super Regional loss was the first series they lost at home since the season opener against New Mexico.

On the cusp of greatness

For all that the 2010 baseball season was, it wasn't enough. If Texas doesn't win the national championship, or at least make the College World Series, no matter what else it accomplishes that season, it'll never be enough.

Texas baseball, over the course of its six national championships and 33 CWS appearances, is about greatness. But it's a level of greatness that can only be attained on college baseball's biggest stage in Omaha, Neb.

While Texas was unable to reach its summertime mecca, it was still great through 50 wins, and even in its 13 losses.

The highlight of Texas' season was, arguably, the month of April, where it was perfect for 21 straight games. During that stretch, Texas swept five consecutive conference series, outscored its opponents 157-37 and earned head coach

Augie Garrido his 600th win at Texas.

The Longhorns even showed greatness when they lost. When Houston beat the Horns 1-0 in the Houston College Classic, Brandon Workman pitched a great game, allowing only four hits in nine innings after giving up the game's only run just two pitches in.

When Texas fell to Oral Roberts 3-2 in a halfhearted effort that was a Tuesday night trend, the Longhorns used that loss as the turning point in the season and never looked back.

Below, we take a look at that night and some of the other great moments in a Texas season that just missed out on greatness.

— Chris Tavaraz

The season that almost was ...

**February 19** Texas opens the season against New Mexico as the unanimous No. 1 team in the country. Horns get their first win, 6-2.

**March 30** Oral Roberts beats Texas 3-2 in a typical midweek game for Texas. It would be Texas' last regular-season home loss.

**April 24** Augie Garrido wins his 600th game at Texas in a 5-0 win over Oklahoma State at UFCU Disch-Falk Field.

**May 8** Texas clinches the Big 12 regular-season title with a 17-2 win over Kansas State.

**May 26-29** Texas loses three games in a row for the first time all season at the Big 12 Tournament.

**June 11-13** TCU ends Texas' season after winning Friday's and Sunday's games 3-1 and 4-1, respectively. It's the first time Texas would lose the Super Regionals. Texas ends its season with 50 wins and 13 losses.

**February 21** The Longhorns lose their first series of the season to New Mexico after dropping games two and three.

**April 1** The win streak begins. Texas shuts out Oklahoma in Norman and starts Texas' longest win streak in more than two decades.

**May 7** The 21-game win streak is snapped in Manhattan, Kan., when Kansas State beats Texas 2-1.

**May 23** Cohl Walla's home run against Missouri breaks the school record of 69 for team homers in a season. Texas would finish with 81.

**June 4-6** The Longhorns blow through the Austin Regional in three straight games to advance to the Super Regionals.

Veronica Rosalez | Daily Texan Staff

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SPORTS BRIEFLY

Oklahoma beats Virginia to earn its first CWS berth in 15 years

Bobby Shore pitched four-hit ball for eight innings, Cody Reine hit two three-run homers and Oklahoma pounded Virginia 11-0 on Monday night to earn its first trip to the College World Series in 15 years.

Reine, who also homered twice Sunday, went deep in the first and eighth. The Sooners (49-16) also got solo shots from Cameron Seitzer and Tyler Ogle.

Shore (10-4) did not allow a base runner past first base. He struck out five and walked two.

The Cavaliers (51-14), seeded fifth nationally, lost consecutive games for the first time this season and were denied a second consecutive trip to Omaha.

The Sooners are 10th overall and will head to the College World Series for the first time since 1995. They won it all in 1951 and 1994.

Tim McGraw to headline NFL's start-of-the-season concert

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# REVIEW: Baseball beat brings once-in-a-lifetime moments

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with the greatest college baseball coach in history and heard him sprinkle his wisdom on baseball and life in every conversation. I think I learned more from him than from any philosophy class at UT. He knows everything there is to know about baseball, and there is no doubt that his players respect him tremendously.

I got to talk with future Major Leaguers, hang out at practice and, as strange as it may sound, fulfill a microscopic part of my childhood dream to play baseball at UT.

I saw a 21-game win streak, utter domination in Big 12 play, a slew of home runs, complete

game shutouts and walk-off wins. I met a lot of people in the industry, took road trips around Texas and formed a lifelong friendship

ing, I shook the hand of the guy I looked up to as a young ballplayer, and told him I wore No. 5 through high school, even tap-

“One of the biggest demons in this whole business is expectations.”

— Augie Garrido, head coach

with my fellow beat writer, Chris Tavaréz. I even met my childhood baseball hero, Nomar Garciaparra, last weekend at the Super Regionals. With my heart pound-

ping my toes and pulling on my batting gloves at the plate like he did until I was 12 years old.

Still, the season didn't end the way I expected, and I can just hear

Garrido's voice now reminding me why I shouldn't expect anything.

“One of the biggest demons in this whole business is expectations,” Garrido told me at the beginning of the season and repeatedly until the season ended Sunday night.

I should have listened. Who knew that would be the mantra of a season that was so close to making it to what TCU head coach Jim Schlossnagle called

the “pearly gate”?

Texas had history on its side. The Horns had never lost a Super Regional series going into last weekend.

They had omens. The first two teams into the CWS this season were South Carolina and Florida, the two teams Texas beat for the title in 2002 and 2005.

But in the end, maybe the Horned Frogs' fight for their first-ever CWS berth was just a lit-

tle too much for Texas to handle. And though I maintain that sports writers should never cheer in the press box, I don't ever want to become so formulaic or aloof from sports and emotion that I lose my love for competition.

It may not have been a season to remember for Texas fans who expect nothing less than a national championship, but for me it was a season I will never forget.

Omaha or not, I had a blast.



Bobby Longoria | Daily Texan Staff

Tant Shepherd slides into second as TCU's Taylor Featherson throws to first for the double play in Texas' only win from the Super Regionals. Shepherd hit the game's only home run in the Longhorns' 14-1 win.

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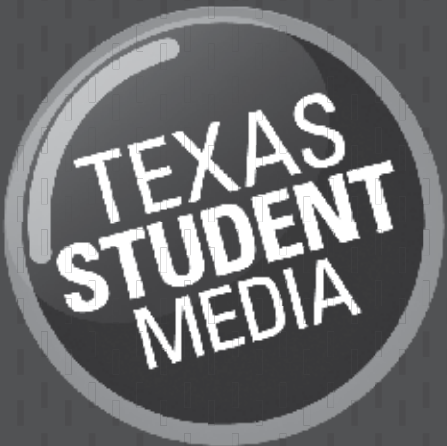
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# BIG 12: State reps to discuss implications of conference shuffle

From page 1

“Texas A&M is a proud member of the Big 12 Conference and will continue to be affiliated with the conference in the future,” A&M President R. Bowen Loftin said in a statement. “As athletic director Bill Byrne and I have stated on numerous occasions, our hope and desire was for the Big 12 to continue. We are committed to the Big 12 and its success today and into the future.”

President William Powers Jr., men’s athletic director DeLoss Dodds and women’s athletic director Chris Plonsky have scheduled a news conference for 10 a.m.

Meanwhile at the Capitol, the House Higher Education Committee will hold a public hearing Wednesday to discuss the financial implications of the conference alignments of UT-Austin, Texas Tech and Texas A&M.

“The Legislature needs to be sure to monitor the situation and think about its impact on the universities and the people in the

state of Texas,” said state Rep. Joaquin Castro, D-San Antonio, vice chair of the House Higher Education Committee. “I imagine that this is an issue that impacts many of our state universities and, so, to the extent that it impacts revenue for the universities, student scholarships, any kind of financial aid, those are overseen by the committee. Every school needs to assess what’s best for the school, the athletics programs and the students.”

State Rep. Dan Branch, R-Dallas, who chairs the committee, said the purpose of the hearing is to provide some transparency on the conference alignments for the public and elected representatives.

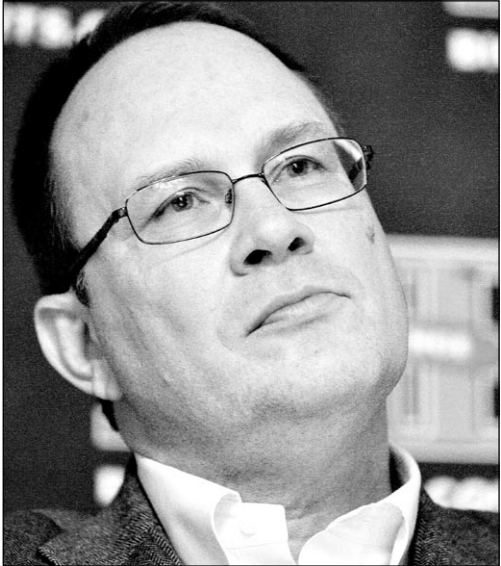
“We will still have a hearing,” Branch told Sports Illustrated. “This sounds like a promising result. We’re grateful for all the good work done by our schools today. We look forward to having a dialogue Wednesday, but this looks like a very promising development for the state of Texas.”

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| ACC            | \$67 million       |
| Pacific-10     | \$58 million       |
| Big East       | \$33 million       |

Source: ESPN

Big 12 Commissioner Dan Beebe listens to a reporter's question during a news conference following Big 12 Conference meetings.



Orlin Wagner  
Associated Press

# \$1.35 billion plan could transform Astrodome

By Sarah Portlock  
The Associated Press

HOUSTON — The iconic Houston Astrodome could become a convention and science center under a \$1.35 billion proposal unveiled by county officials and complex operators Monday, if taxpayers are willing to pay at least a third of the cost.

“This is a great landmark for the city of Houston,” said Edgar Colon, chairman of the Harris County Sports and Convention Corp. “We would like to see it stay that way and hopefully see it returned to its rightful place as the ‘Eighth Wonder of the World.’”

Officials’ three-option plan also includes a proposal to level the building — the nation’s first indoor air-conditioned, multi-use stadium — and replace it with a plaza, although even that project carries a hefty price tag at \$873 million, said Mark Miller, general manager of SMG-Reliant Park.

Miller and others at the park, which includes the dome and the adjacent larger and more luxurious Reliant Stadium, said no less than a third of any renovation cost would have to be picked up and approved by Harris County taxpayers in a referendum vote. Many public costs in Monday’s proposal were uncertain and listed as “to be determined.”

The \$1.35 billion plan, which Miller called a “dream property” named Astrodome Renaissance, would include a science center, conference center, planetarium and county and city museum. A hotel would be privately

financed along with the possibility of a movie studio.

An intermediate plan, at \$1.13 billion, would be to “repurpose” the dome, make it a science and technology center and a place for storage.

Miller wants to add a 10,000-seat arena, exhibition space, a garage and other meeting space connected by skywalks to any renovation plan.

Harris County Judge Ed Emmett has said the county should adopt a plan for the Astrodome by the end of the year. The public will be asked to vote on a favorite plan, but the final decision ultimately comes down to finances, said Willie Loston, executive director of Harris County Sports and Convention Corp.

Opened in 1965, the Astrodome now sits deteriorating, idle and costing Harris County officials about \$2 million a year in insurance and minimal maintenance and millions more in debt and interest payments, the fallout after the National Football League Houston Oilers left for Tennessee in the 1990s after renovations demanded by the team’s owner.

The Houston Astros left a decade ago for Minute Maid Park, a \$250 million baseball-only field downtown that features a retractable roof and 42,000 seats.

In 2005, the dome served as shelter for more than 23,000 evacuees from Hurricane Katrina where doctors and other volunteers greeted the newcomers from Louisiana with medical help, clothing, toys and food.

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By DAVID OUELLET

**HOW TO PLAY:** All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and **CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD.** The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

**THE HORSEHEAD NEBULA** Solution: 9 letters

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Yesterday's Answer: Schumacher

### The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz No. 0511

**Across**

1 Defeat, barely

5 Word on a bar worker's jar

9 Gam

14 Pasta or potato, for short

15 Saviole

16 Still in the game

17 Brag

18 Beekeeper played by Peter Fonda

19 Recurring melody

20 Tiger and Elin Woods's 37-Across order?

23 Super, slangily

24 Sign on a locked lavatory

25 Vast amounts

27 It might start "E FP TOZ LPED"

30 Party that's a wow

31 Posh

32 One pitted by Mr. T

33 Doo- music

36 Actor's rep: Abbr.

37 Cocktail called "the elixir of quietude" by 4-Down

40 1950s campaign nickname

41 "easter"

42 Apple originally marketed to schools

43 New car sticker fig.

44 Figure of Greek myth with a statue at Rockefeller Center

46 1889 statehood achievers, with "the"

49 Ringloss game

51 A marathon has about 26 of these

52 Runnin' Rebels' sch.

53 Paula Abdul's 37-Across order?

58 "Later, amigo!"

60 French cleric

61 Foot: Prefix

**Down**

1 Shoe company founded in Denmark

2 "Phooey!"

3 Small cavern, in poetry

4 "The Elements of Style" updater

5 Sign after Aries

6 "Please help me with directions"

7 Jigsaw puzzle element

8 Be "it," in a game

9 Wing it, musically

10 Skips the dos before the I do's?

11 O. Henry's 37-Across order?

12 Aquafina rival

13 Some turns and boxing punches

21 Opposite WSW

22 Wise old Athenian

26 City known as Colombia's sports capital

27 Pizazz

28 "Car Talk" dubbed it "the worst car of the millennium"

29 Popeye's 37-Across order?

30 Avril Lavigne's "Sk8er —"

32 Consumer protection agcy.

34 Vegetable in Cajun cuisine

35 Livers, with "up"

37 Cheesy sandwich

38 Collect

39 Dorm figures, for short

43 Frenzied place at a rock club

45 Recorded for later viewing

46 Cisco Kid's horse

47 "The X-Files" figures

48 Big beer buy

49 Hearty drink

50 Hypnotized or anesthetized

51 Head honcho

54 Help oneself to

55 Garr of "Tootsie"

56 Noodles with tempura

57 Medium-rare steak color

59 B'way success sign

Puzzle by Keith Talon

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# FLETCHER: Cookbook recipes enhance flavor of produce

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by the main ingredient in each dish. As a result, readers can easily locate recipes for whatever they find in their CSA box each week, or what's in season at their local farmers market.

The majority of the recipes in "Eating Local" were developed by Fletcher through her experiences as a chef and home cook, although some of them are from CSA members and employees of the farms highlighted in the cookbook.

"These are recipes for people who cook at home, so they are simple," Fletcher said. "I don't believe when you get beautiful produce like you get in your CSA box that you should really fuss with them. So, I just try to give it a little twist to make it interesting and enhance the flavors that are there and not cover them up."

Fletcher said there is a debate within the food community about whether it's more important to eat local or eat organic. Although she notes that in a perfect world, consumers would not have to choose be-

tween one or the other, Fletcher argues that sustainability is more important.

"Sustainability also looks at how you treat your employees. Are they making a sustainable wage? It looks at the environmental consequences of what you're doing and it looks at the economical consequences," Fletcher said. "If you can't stay afloat as a business, it doesn't matter how organic you are. So, I prefer the concept of [sustainability], which allows farmers to sometimes do a treatment that might not be technically organic, but allows them to solve a problem on their farm in an environmentally sustainable way."

Another important perk of eating local, Fletcher said, is the ability to build a relationship with your local farmer.

"I think it's important to maintain that link to how our fruits are grown," Fletcher said. "One farmer said to me, 'We all have family doctors. Why don't we have a family farmer?' That kind of relationship is really nice to think about bringing into your life."

# AWARDS: 'Joyous' spirit emerges as tradition, new wave combine

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Sure, their performances were missed, but change isn't necessarily a bad thing.

If anything, there was a joyous, albeit awkward, spirit that was created between the traditional and new-wave thespians. During the ceremony, Douglas Hodge dressed in drag for "La Cage Aux Folles," flirting with Matthew Morrison from "Glee" before Morrison jokingly slipped him \$20, and even "Broadway Mark" Sanchez from the New York Jets enthusiastically introduced the musical number for "Memphis."

In a broad sense, things aren't what they used to be, but consider the expansive world of entertainment. With more and more comic books adapted as movies (sorry, all you die-hard "Jonah Hex" fans out there) and actors becoming fashion designers (the Olsen twins' latest collection is more impressive than their tear-jerking performances on "Full House"), it's become the norm for artists to experiment and bleed into different creative realms.

Translation: It's "Bye Bye, Birdie" and hello, red-and-blue spandexed web-slinging.

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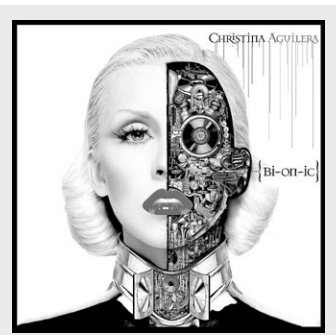
# Aguilera's latest album sounds like 'hot mess'

By Jordan Bodkin  
Daily Texan Staff

After listening to the new Christina Aguilera album, *Bionic*, one can only wonder why a woman with such vocal talent would continue to produce such trash. After going *Back to Basics* in 2006, Aguilera decided she would take it to the future in her new "electronic" album.

But she completely failed. The lead single, "Not Myself Tonight," was produced by Polow da Don, who isn't really topping the charts with any hits right now and hasn't even worked with any other notable artists. The single has only reached moderate airplay success worldwide. Many of the tracks on the album deviate much too far from the electronic sound that Aguilera aimed to accomplish, and others seem forced.

Songwriter M.I.A. worked with Aguilera on an album track titled "Elastic Love," which basically sounds like Aguilera being chained down and forced to do vocals for an M.I.A. produc-



Christina Aguilera  
*Bionic*  
Grade: C-

tion. This is, strangely enough, one of the catchiest tracks on the album.

The electro powerhouse Ladytron also worked with Aguilera on a few songs, which have sadly been banished to the bonus release. Whoever's calling the shots on Aguilera's musical production needs to be fired. This album is a hot mess of a release and will be lucky to brush the Top 25.

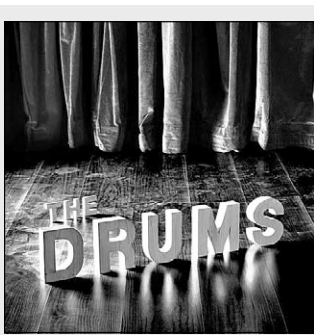
# Indie-pop newcomers release successful EP

By Mary Lingwall  
Daily Texan Staff

Known for lead singer Jonathan Pierce's David Bowie-style live performances and a brand of indie pop that is as simple as it is youthful, The Drums were underground blog stars for the bulk of 2009 before blowing up at this year's South By Southwest. The Drums' self-titled debut LP lives up to the hype of their blog reputation and the success of their debut EP, *Summertime!*.

In fact, *The Drums* LP has two repeat tracks from the EP, the 2009 single "Let's Go Surfing" and standout "Down By the Water." But unlike *Summertime!*, their latest album features tracks that reflect a larger variety of themes. From break ups to boredom, The Drums' debut album shows they can do more than just write carefree anthems such as "Let's Go Surfing."

Blogs have already praised "Best Friends" and "Me and the Moon" as the album's catchiest tracks. While these songs are easy to dance to and feature the kind of



The Drums  
*Summertime!*  
Grade: A

electro-pop that made The Drums notable to begin with, my personal favorite is "There Will Be Tears," which combines their fresh-faced ebullient spirit with mature lyrics such as, "I don't feel sorry for you when you cry."

This collusion of youthful attitude and more grown-up themes makes *The Drums* a salient collection of songs — one that can remain accessible and meaningful long after Pitchfork loses interest.

# Drake reflects on fame with sarcasm, sensitivity

By Iris Zubair  
Daily Texan Staff

*Thank Me Later* is essentially a reflection on hip-hop newcomer Drake's success in the music industry this past year. Featuring big name artists such as T.I., Jay-Z, Alicia Keys, Lil Wayne and Young Jeezy, Drake's *Thank Me Later* continues his reputation for collaborating his way to fame.

In tracks such as "Light Up," featuring Jay-Z, and "Resistance," Drake tries to solidify his place in the rap game while projecting a wariness of the overwhelming fame that he has already acquired. As Jay-Z hauntingly warns him in "Light Up," "I once was as cool as the Fonz

was/But these bright lights turned me into a monster."

"Fireworks," the album's uplifting standout track featuring Alicia Keys, Drake tries to communicate the details of his rise to success and the changes that occurred internally and externally in his life. In the song, he admits that "my 15 minutes started an hour ago." The fact that Drake openly addresses the obvious critiques of his rise to popularity demonstrates a lyrical self-awareness that comes to define the album. Throughout *Thank Me Later*, Drake keeps his lyrics light, sarcastic and a little cocky — something he's famous for. In "Resistance," he defends his lack of "hood status," saying, "I avoid-

ed the coke game and went with Sprite instead."


But despite the lyrical appeal of the album, many songs — such as "Shut It Down," a track produced by The-Dream, and "Show Me A Good Time" — tend to blur together because of their droning melodies. It's disappointing to hear what unnecessary harmonizing can do to a great beat, and this happens throughout the album.

*Thank Me Later* is an interesting perspective of the music industry from an overnight celebrity with a cocky yet sensitive persona. Drake proves his talent in hit songs such as "Up All Night," "Fancy" and "Unforgettable." Ul-



Drake  
*Thank Me Later*  
Grade: B-

timately, the album's good songs outweigh the bad ones.




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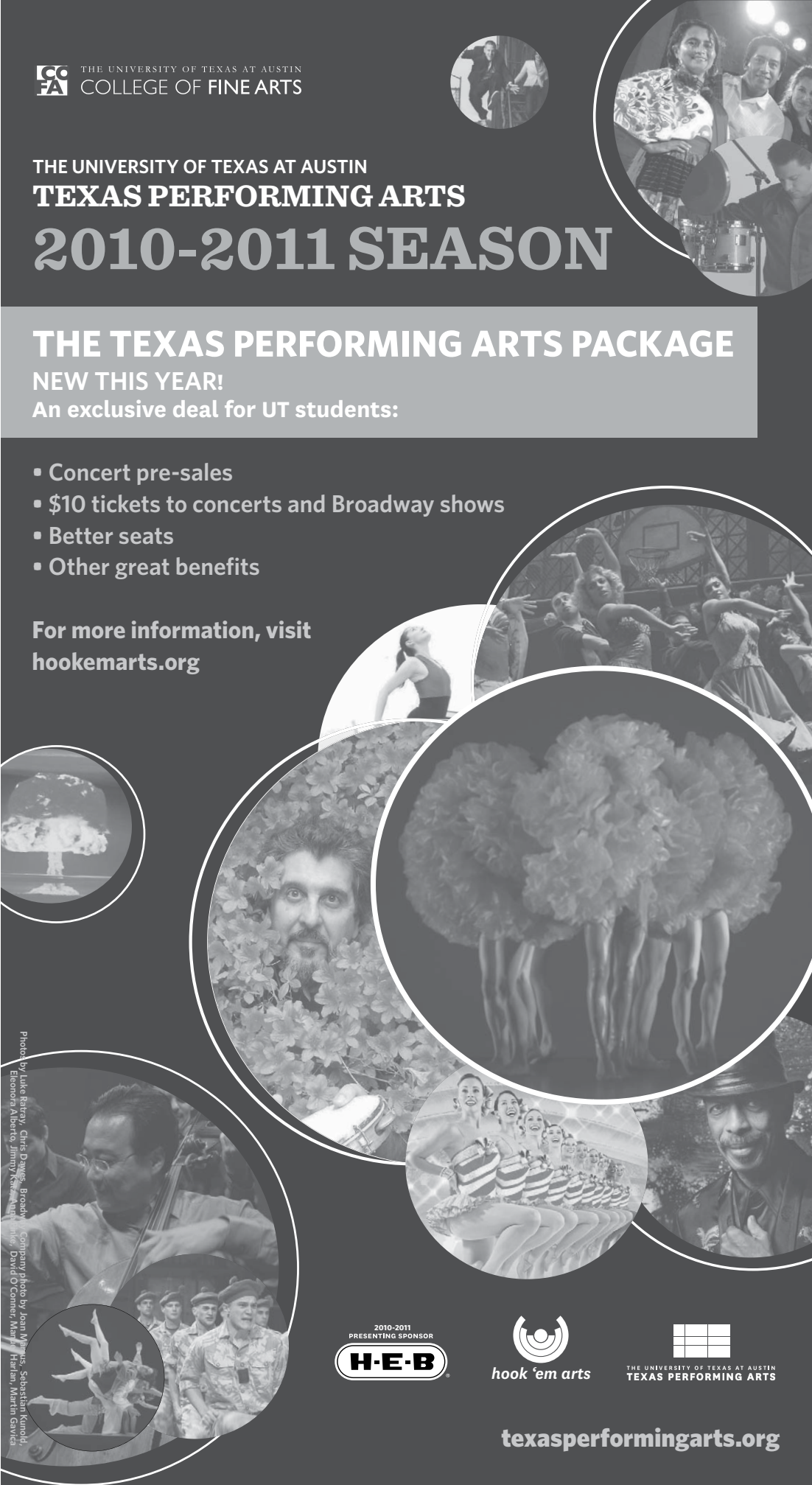
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## Tony Awards skip theater tradition for popular appeal

**TV TUESDAY**  
By Gerald Rich

The 64th annual Tony Awards were held Sunday, and after the curtain had fallen on another ceremony, I couldn't help but notice the massive leap that Broadway took to seduce a new, younger demographic of "twit-faced tubers" into the world of theater.

While the interracial love-based musical "Memphis" and the biographical play "Red" — about abstract expressionist painter Mark Rothko — left with the most awards, Green Day's musical adaptation of "American Idiot" caught the audience's attention with the band's punk-rock guitar-shredding and nonstop strobe lights.

"TV viewers expecting the usual showtunes on the CBS broadcast from Radio City Music Hall in New York got a shock to their cable systems at the top of the show Sunday night," the Chicago Tribune's Chris Jones said. "The familiar drag queens of 'La Cage Aux Folles' were suddenly replaced, first by intense young actors and then by Green Day — the real Green Day, whose show 'American Idiot' has be-

lately introduced a punk sensibility to Broadway."

Now, traditional theatergoers may lament Green Day's lack of musical complexity: Its lyrics don't feature an intricate triple meter like Sondheim's "Send in the Clowns," and it definitely wasn't trying to copy Twyla Tharp's choreography for "Come Fly Away" as the chorus chaotically thrashed about the stage. But Broadway hasn't been that kind of Broadway, with dapper men tap-dancing and swanky gals belting out high notes, for a while now.

Let's have a look around Midtown and Sunday night's Radio City Music Hall, shall we? We've got "Shrek: The Musical" and will soon have "Spider-Man" with music and lyrics by Bono and The Edge. Scarlett Johansson and Denzel Washington won a Tony, and even the cast of the musical television show "Glee" performed twice during the awards.

As for the more familiar faces, Bernadette Peters, known for her vocal performances, only presented the best musical award, while Angela Lansbury was named the first-ever honorary chairman of the American Theatre Wing.

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Cast members from the play "Memphis" celebrate onstage after winning the best musical award during the 61st annual Tony Awards in New York on Sunday.

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## From local food to global action



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Janet Fletcher greets fans and customers during a book signing at Sur La Table at The Domain on Saturday. Her latest book, "Eating Local: The Cookbook Inspired by America's Farmers," focuses on how to cook with fresh, local ingredients and documents 10 small farms across the country that illustrate the artistry and dedication of sustainability.

### Cookbook author emphasizes importance of supporting small farms

By Kate Ergenbright  
Daily Texan Staff

"Eating Local: The Cookbook Inspired by America's Farmers" is the latest book by Janet Fletcher, a James Beard Foundation Award-winning food writer for the San Francisco Chronicle and author of numerous cookbooks. "Eating Local" primarily focuses on the local-food movement and showcases various small farms across the country, including Green Gate Farms, which is located just within Austin's city limits.

A longtime proponent of the local-food movement, Fletcher was approached to do this project by Sur La Table, an upscale chain specializing in premium kitchen utensils and appliances.

In "Eating Local," Fletcher showcases the importance of supporting local agriculture.

"We have had an incredible loss of farmland in the last generation. We need to step in now and support small farms, or we won't have them," Fletcher said. "You will never have fresher produce than produce that's grown within

a few hours of an urban market." Although many people had never heard of the local-food movement until recent years, Fletcher is no stranger to the concept.

"This has been a longtime passion for me. I came out of Chez Panisse, a very well-known restaurant in Berkeley,

produce to be easily transported across the world. As a result, seasonal fruits and vegetables are now available year-round. But, Fletcher argues that this is not necessarily a good thing.

"People lose touch with the seasons when you can have peaches from Chile in January," Fletcher said. "It's certainly not very envi-

lows consumers to bypass many of these problems.

"If you buy it in season, locally, you're going to get maximum nutrition. You're going to be attuned with the seasons and you're going to get riper fruits and vegetables," Fletcher said. "Also, part of the pleasure in fresh fruits and vegetables is the anticipation. So, when tomatoes are no longer in season in September or October, we have to wait several months again before we get the local vine-ripe tomatoes. They taste that much better because we had to wait for them."

All 10 of the farms highlighted in "Eating Local" are members of Community Supported Agriculture, an organization that allows consumers to purchase harvest shares from local farms. As with a magazine subscription, each week shareholders receive their portion of the farm's harvest, allowing farmers to sell their products at retail value.

"Eating Local" is organized

*"You will never have fresher produce than produce that's grown within a few hours of an urban market."*

— Janet Fletcher, cookbook author

[Calif.], that's a leader in the small-farm movement," Fletcher said. "Before everybody was talking about it, the people at Chez Panisse were, so I was indoctrinated a long time ago."

Since the popularization of containerized shipping in the 1960s, it became possible for

ronmentally sensitive to be shipping things from the Southern Hemisphere. The produce just doesn't have any taste because it had to be picked underripe to get it here in good shape, and it loses a lot of nutrition en route."

Fletcher said buying fruits and vegetables from local farmers al-

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