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The Alamo Drafthouse at the Ritz hosts a Justin Timberlake Sing-Along at 10 p.m. Tickets costs are TBA at the door.

The original Girl Talk?

DJ Z-Trip, whom SPIN magazine dubbed "the original Girl Talk," plays Republic Live at 9 p.m. Tickets cost \$25.

Slaid Cleaves

The Austin songwriter plays Threadgill's World Headquarters with Graham Weber at 9 p.m. Tickets cost \$15.

'Sorry, love, I'm sentimental.'

The Harry Ransom Center's Making Movies Film Series presents Alfred Hitchcock's 1959 classic "North by Northwest." The show starts at 7 p.m. and admission is free.

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The U.S. Supreme Court rules obscenity is not protected by the First Amendment in Roth v. United States.

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"All the artists who made [absinthe] popular — who claimed to see things — were also alcoholics. When you have a bottle or two a day of something that's 60 to 70 percent alcohol, you're going to see things. That's not a symptom of absinthe; it's a symptom of alcoholism."

— **Carter Wilsford**
bartender at P  ch  

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CRUISING ON THE WINGS OF VICTORY



Nasha Lee | Daily Texan Staff

Soccer fans cheer on the street Wednesday after the U.S. team won the World Cup match against Algeria. The Americans will face Ghana on Saturday at 1:30 p.m. in the Round of 16.

INSIDE: Read more about the United States' progress in the World Cup [on page 6](#)

UT student group bank faces closure

By Destinee Hodge
Daily Texan Staff

After almost 60 years of operation, the Student Organization Bank — which serves every student organization on campus — is slated to close in January.

Although there has not been a formal announcement about the bank closing, the main reason for the impending closure is the cumbersome nature of completing transactions with the bank in comparison to private banks.

"It was determined that we really couldn't keep pace with the technological improvements that private institutions had," said assistant dean of students Mary Beth Mercatoris, who oversees Student Activities and Leadership Development and has been integral in the decision to close the bank.

All registered student organizations at the University are required to place the funds made on-campus into the bank. The bank's closure will allow student organizations to be thoroughly responsible for the funds they acquire.

"There is an institutional rule that will be changing, which will allow student organizations to choose,"



Nasha Lee | Daily Texan Staff

Because of an institutional rule change, the Student Organization Bank is scheduled to close in January after almost 60 years of operation.

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Alumni associations admit to selling data

Texas Exes gains revenue from contract with bank, credit card solicitations

By Collin Eaton
Daily Texan Staff

Both UT-Austin and UT-San Antonio alumni associations have affinity contracts with Bank of America to sell alumni information, such as names and addresses, to supply the bank with a marketing base.

On June 18, 1992, Texas Exes entered a contract to sell alumni information to the predecessor of Bank of America, MNBA, and later to the bank itself, to solicit credit cards to former students of the University. The bank is expressly prohibited from sharing the information with other entities or persons.

For every \$1 million Texas Exes makes from the contract on an annual basis, \$125,000 funds the athletics department and \$875,000 funds the alumni association's programs, said Bill McCausland, chief operating officer of Texas Exes.

McCausland said the revenue comes into Texas Exes operations, so it supports all of the group's programs and activities.

"A piece of our revenue goes to the athletics [department]," McCausland said. "We provide Bank of America with alumni

on a periodic basis so that they can do marketing."

McCausland said the contract with Bank of America has been private since its inception and became public earlier this year when a federal law required Texas Exes and entities across the country to make credit card and other information agreements public.

McCausland said The Credit Card Accountability, Responsibility and Disclosure Act of 2009 required Texas Exes to make the information public as of this February, but as an entity independent of the University, it is not obligated to disclose the information.

"However, we think in fairness and for the sake of transparency — I don't have a problem sharing this information with [the public]," he said.

The current six-year contract, signed July 10, 2006, with Bank of America, is set to end June 30, 2012. Texas Exes earns \$40 for every account opened, and is guaranteed by the contract to accrue \$6 million by the end of the contract. If Texas Exes does not amass the full amount after the bank's telephone and mail-marketing campaigns by the end of the contract, Bank of America will supply the

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City Council to consider urban rail system

By Nolan Hicks
Daily Texan Staff

The Austin Transportation Department will brief the City Council about the city's new urban rail plan, which aims to ease congestion through downtown and central Austin, at its meeting Friday.

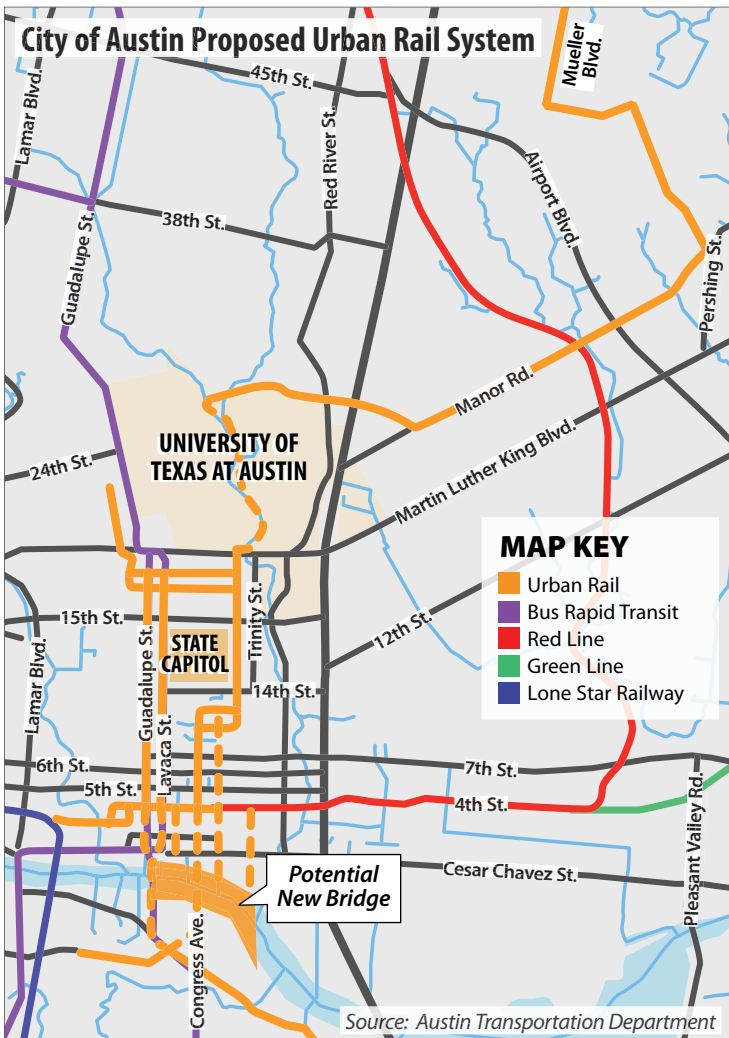
The plan, which calls for two main rail corridors to be built, would link Austin-Bergstrom International Airport to other parts of the city, such as downtown, the UT area and East Austin. City officials project the service would carry more than 30,000 people a day.

David Dobbs, a mass-transit advocate, says that such a system is key to Austin's efforts to contain sprawl.

"Do you want Austin's land to be taken up by lots of parking lots, or by buildings, which are worth significantly more?" Dobbs asked.

One route would run along Riverside Drive, linking Bergstrom International Airport to downtown Austin and eventually terminating at the intersection of San Antonio and 23rd streets, in West Campus. The other route would run on Congress Avenue and San Jacinto Street through the UT campus — linking downtown to the University, and the University to the new Mueller developments in East Austin.

The transportation department hasn't decided which way the Riverside route should take to cross Lady Bird Lake and enter downtown, department spokeswoman Karla Villalon said.



MAP KEY
Urban Rail
Bus Rapid Transit
Red Line
Green Line
Lone Star Railway

Source: Austin Transportation Department

Illustration by Thu Vo | Daily Texan Staff

The urban rail plan, as previously detailed to the City Council, includes two main corridors — one connects UT with East Austin and the new Mueller developments, and the other connects Austin-Bergstrom International Airport with downtown Austin and West Campus. The dashes on the service map signify possible routes the new rail system might use to cross Lady Bird Lake.

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CORRECTION

Because of an editing error in Tuesday's story about the Simkins Hall Dormitory forum, a quote from Tom Russell should read that there may be up to three other buildings named after Klansmen in the U.S.

Because of a reporting error, Monday's story about the CANPAC meeting should read that the proposed zoning alterations would impact several of the other neighborhoods surrounding the University Neighborhood Overlay Plan in the CANPAC region, but not UNO itself.

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TODAY'S WEATHER

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"I named him after JFK"

Texas Exes debuts website commemorating UT's past

By David Colby

Daily Texan Staff

To mark the 125th anniversary of the Texas Exes alumni association, the UT Heritage Society launched the first version of UT History Central, a website designed to preserve and share the University's history.

The website is organized into three sections that allow users to browse photos of the University and campus life from the 1880s to the 1980s, listen to historic audio clips and read articles explaining the origins of well-known Longhorn traditions.

"We are really hoping to have one central location for all the history and traditions that we have been compiling through the years," Texas Exes spokeswoman Erin Huddleston said.

Other features of the site include a comprehensive list of UT buildings, traditions, organizations and individuals who have played a significant role in the University's history.

The Heritage Society plans to continue adding content, including video, to the site on a regular basis.

"Right now I have film from

"We are really hoping to have one central location for all the history and traditions that we have been compiling through the years."

— Erin Huddleston

Texas Exes spokeswoman

the 1950s that is being turned into digital," committee staff liaison Jim Nicar said. "We're

going to be putting up samples of correspondence, mostly from the University archives. We are also going to be creating a nostalgia section with things like football schedules from the 1920s."

The Heritage Society plans to upgrade the site by the end of the summer, making it more user-friendly by improving search capabilities and creating special sections of the site for use by different members of the Longhorn community.

"We also want to create a special page just for incoming freshmen that lets them learn about the basics — the mascot, the colors, those kinds of things," Nicar said.

The Heritage Society is looking for volunteers to contribute submissions from all members of the UT community. Those interested in adding content can visit the "Contact Us" page on the UT History Central website, located at texasexes.org/UTHistory/.

FUNDS: SG plans to help with bank transition

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Mercatoris said. "[The current rule is that] any money collected on campus has to be deposited to the Student Organization Bank or University account."

The bank operates out of one account with Frost Bank that the University has compartmentalized to service the funds of 700 to 750 student organizations. This has made modern bank amenities, such as electronic funds transfer and debit cards, difficult to implement because it would be nearly impossible to attribute a transaction to one group or the other.

Mercatoris said that in her time with SALD she has re-

ceived comments on the archaic nature of the system, but because of the singular account, it was impossible to change the system without completely doing away with it.

Student Government has been involved with the decision-making process and said the new rules should allow student organizations to take more responsibility for their funds.

"From our perspective, basically, we're trying to be more accountable," SG Internal Financial Director Aryele Bradford said. "So, by them moving off-campus, they'll be able to do withdrawals faster [and] do online banking faster because our banking system right now is outdated."

SG has also been instrumental in planning a fair that will help student organizations make the transition to private banks smoothly. The fair, which will be held in the fall, will allow local banks to come to the University and present their services to students.

"The advantage to that is that banks are competing with themselves," SG Vice President Muneezeh Kabir said. "That will kind of pressure the banks to offer better services [to students]."

Student organizations seem optimistic that the change is for the better.

"We've always kind of joked about having [the bank close]," said Melanie Schwartz, president of College Republicans, an organization that has worked with the bank for almost 50 years. "[Because] in other places you can have some type of debit card."

Mercatoris said the function of the bank is primarily "transactional," and that advisory services will still be available to student organizations.

"We take very seriously the contributions of student organizations on campus," she said. "They significantly add to the educational fabric of the University."

BUDGET: Some say selections could cause faculty tension

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In an e-mail announcing the change to a one-time pay increase sent to the UT community late Tuesday, Powers said, "While not ideal, we believe this plan is our best course of action. We will continue to look for creative ways to deal with budget challenges in the future."

Individual colleges and departments will determine the criteria for the merit pay increases and how much of an increase faculty and staff will get from the merit pool. Not every staff or faculty member will get a pay increase in November.

Research accounts that are fully funded by research grants will be eligible for permanent pay increases. Contracts for coaches in the athletics departments or other self-supporting units such as UTIMCO will also obtain permanent increases to honor contract obligations.

The one-time merit increase will also be considered in calculating retirement benefits in UT's retirement plans.

Associate Spanish professor Héctor Domínguez-Ruvalcaba said the merit pay increase should be instituted to keep faculty from leaving UT.

"I think the University of Texas has a very big [budget] crisis, and it's very possible that faculty would leave to go to other places where the situation is better," Domínguez-Ruvalcaba said.

Jacqueline Dana, former vice chair of the Staff Council and an academic adviser in the Department of Sociology, said while it is commendable for the University to institute the merit pay-increase

program, the fact that many will not get a raise could breed resentment between co-workers.

"[One person might say], 'Hey, what are you doing with your bonus?' [Another might respond] 'Oh, I didn't get one.' I'm a little concerned about that," Dana said. "From what I gather, a lot of staff would rather forgo the [merit pay increase] to see their area of work remain whole."

Benjamin Bond, Staff Council chair and training specialist in the McCombs School of Business, said he is thrilled about the merit pay increases.

"I absolutely applaud [Powers] for working in these difficult economic times to pull something together to award our faculty and staff that have been working hard through the years and haven't been rewarded through merit raises," Bond said. "This is not a cost-of-living adjustment, where everyone gets a raise because of the increase in the cost of living. This is based on performance."

Student Government Vice President Muneezeh Kabir said the UT administration needs to take a proactive approach to receiving student input, such as adopting a budget advisory board.

"Inherently, these cuts are not going to be vetted. A lot of these decisions are going to have to be very quick, like this one. We ought to have some mechanism in place so that when these [decisions are made] there's an immediate way to vet them," Kabir said. "There needs to be a [much] more proactive approach to input — especially for students — on budgeting, rather than a reactive [approach]."

BANK: Contract increases funding

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missing difference.

In 2002, the UTSA Alumni Association entered a similar contract with Bank of America, selling names, addresses and other information to the bank to support student scholarships and alumni programming.

"Every opportunity we can find to fund more scholarships and to help support alumni programs is a good opportunity for us," said David Gabler, associate vice president for communications and marketing of the UTSA association. "Our partnership is exclusive with Bank of America. It's very clear in the contract; the bank permits entities handling those mailing lists to use them for any other purpose."

The association made \$450,000 from the contract this year: 0.5 percent of all retail purchase transactions generated by the alumni customers using a Bank of America credit card account, \$1 for each bank account that is opened by an ex-student and \$1 for each year the customer pays the annual fee for that account.

Jonathan Estill, a recent UT-Austin alumnus, said he would have no objections to an agreement between Texas Exes and Bank of America if the revenue only went to student scholarships, but that he has reservations about the contract.

"Selling names is always a bad practice. It removes our ability to control what comes to us and who has our information," Estill said.

RAIL: Red Line faces light-rail comparisons

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She said the city is contemplating the use of either the Ann W. Richards Congress Avenue Bridge, the South First Street Bridge or building a new rail bridge.

"The key to this system's success will be how much of it they can keep out of traffic," said Mike Dahmus, a former member of the Urban Transportation Commission. "If you can't keep it out of traffic, then the service won't be quick enough or reliable enough for people to want to take it."

Dahmus, who was an important booster of the 2000 light-rail plan that was defeated at the polls and a fierce critic of Capital Metro's Red Line commuter train, said he was "cautiously in favor of the plan."

City leaders initially thought the matter could be put before voters as part of a bond package for the 2010 election, but Mayor Lee Leffingwell announced June 16 that the issue would hopefully be put on the 2012 ballot instead.

"The Red Line is a failure," Dahmus said, citing Cap Metro's ridership statistics. "[The vote] has been pushed because the city wants voters to forget about it."

The light-rail system proposed on the 2000 ballot would have cost about \$1 billion and carried about 45,000 people a year, Dahmus said. The Red Line has cost more than \$100 million to build, carries 450 people a day and opened more than two years late.

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OVERVIEW

UT history database should mention Simkins' affiliation with Klan

The Texas Exes website recently launched "UT History Central: A Comprehensive Guide to University of Texas History."

It's a collection of UT facts and trivia, ranging from explanations of major traditions — such as the "Hook 'em" hand sign — to random minutiae.

The collection is also notable for what it's missing: complete information about William Simkins. Simkins is described in laudatory terms as a UT law faculty member who was promoted to professor emeritus "after 24 years of service" and "responsible for the organization of the Texas State Bar Association."

From that description, one would never guess that a 21-member panel was formed to discuss re-christening the dorm that bears his namesake.

The Texas Exes UT Heritage Society, which compiled History Central, culled information from The Alcade, a 1983 publication that celebrated the University's 100th anniversary. Although the society considers the archive a work in progress and urges readers to send in any items they would like added to the collection, it is strange that it did not preemptively edit the entry on Simkins to reflect his involvement with the Ku Klux Klan. It's a widely-publicized fact, even nationally, that Simkins co-founded a chapter of the Klan in Florida.

The question of how UT should preserve its history, even its most unsavory and reprehensible aspects, is a recurring theme in the Simkins renaming debate. But one thing should not be controversial: In a database purporting to represent the history of UT, Simkins' entry should reflect his character in full, even if his character reflects poorly on the University.

UT bonds with the IRS

As UT-Austin is audited for executive compensation and matters associated with taxable income unrelated to the University's educational mission, the University of Texas System sold \$516.2 million in Building America Bonds, Bloomberg Businessweek reported Wednesday.

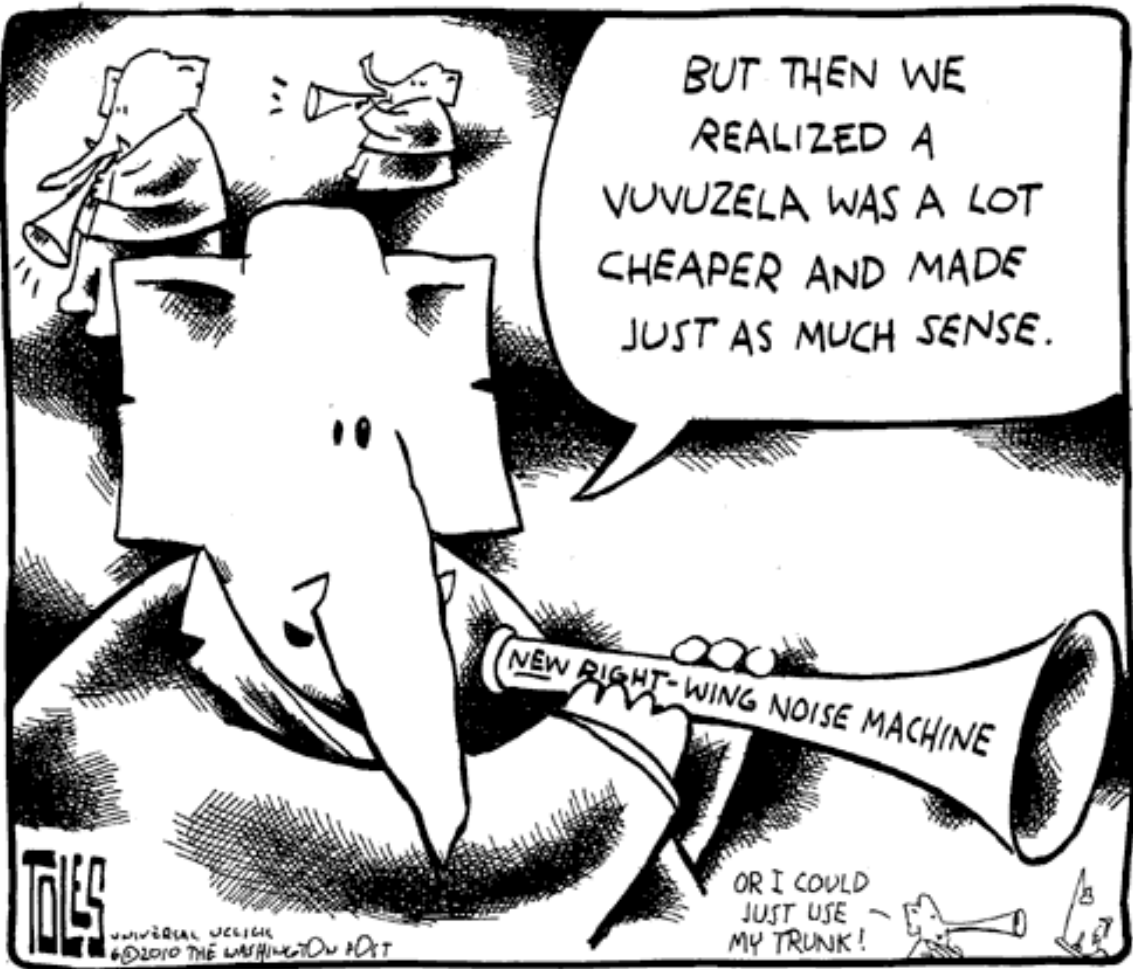
For those of us who aren't well-versed in financial jargon, a bond is a kind of debt that operates very similarly to a loan and is generally used as a financing tool. Whoever issues the bonds (UT in this case) pays interest to the bondholders (whoever buys them) for a principal amount that often has a payment deadline. Depending on the agreement, many bonds can be sold by the initial purchaser to third parties.

Building America Bonds are available through President Barack Obama's stimulus package. They were designed to offset borrowing costs of state and local governments as well as schools. The federal government will subsidize 35 percent of all interest payments for Building America Bonds sold by these institutions.

The catch is that the government will withhold payments if an institution has left some of its federal tax debt unpaid. The IRS recently withheld a payment of \$617,284 from the Austin Municipality over a dispute regarding unpaid payroll taxes.

If the IRS finds that UT hasn't paid up, the University could find itself in a sticky situation. The Austin municipality had enough extra cash to make its payment on time without government support, and we sincerely hope that the UT administration has planned appropriately.

GALLERY



Remember to reduce

By Emily Grubert
 Daily Texan Guest Columnist

The University of Texas doesn't have a particularly systematic recycling program. Facilities Services recycles basically any paper that tears but isn't contaminated with food (or your runny nose, etc.), but the rest of the campus recycling relies on student volunteers. This basically means that we don't recycle on campus during school breaks.

When I first arrived at UT, I wasn't sure whether to be audaciously horrified by this lack of a recycling program or to nod approvingly in my room where no one could see me admitting that recycling might not be the right move. Welcome to environmentalism, once again: Pretty much everything is situation-specific, and recycling is no exception. If there's no market for recyclables, or if recyclables need to be trucked long distances to facilities that can handle them, or if recycled materials get landfilled anyway because they aren't sorted right, then recycling might not be the right move.

I admit that I recycle. Those long CVS receipts drive me nuts, and I dig aluminum foil out of the trash — if you recycle nothing else, recycle aluminum to recover 95 percent of the energy that goes into processing — but I'm always on the lookout for evidence that we're paying too much attention to recycling. Because, frankly, recycling is the wrong "R" to remember from the "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle" mantra.

I guess we're just built to remember the last word we hear, and recycling does have a rather romantic ring to it. Use something, then throw it away and use it again. It's a cycle! But wait a minute. Isn't it better to use something, then use it again without throwing it away and spending a lot of effort making it

desirable again? Here we focus on reuse, which is better than recycling, but still not as good as the king of the "R's" of waste management.

Reduce. Don't generate trash in the first place. Lower the amount of packaging on things we want. Make plastic bottle walls much thinner while retaining functionality. In general, reducing the amount of waste we generate is much cheaper and more effective than recycling: It doesn't require sorting, transportation and large industrial facilities to process less trash, so if we can lose the trash without losing the valuable product, we should focus on reducing the waste we generate long before we focus on recycling.

Some things are genuinely recyclable and should be processed between uses: having single-use aluminum cans is a pretty good move from a "keep the carbonation in the soda" perspective, and aluminum can be used repeatedly without degrading the quality of the material, also known as "downcycling." That's what happens when you recycle a plastic bottle and it becomes a plastic bag, which then becomes filler in insulation or something else that eventually gets thrown away. The quality gets lower and lower.

A particularly intriguing 1996 article by The New York Times' John Tierney attacks recycling as a wasteful process. I am in total agreement that there are better ways to cut down on waste — namely, reducing sources. But Tierney makes a few anti-recycling arguments that seem to miss the point that, once a waste stream exists, it's worthwhile to try to recover as much usefulness as possible.

A fairly common argument against doing things such as using a reusable cup instead of disposables is that the energy

and other resources it takes to make a reusable cup outweigh those necessary to create a disposable cup by enormous amounts. Tierney's figures suggest 900 styrofoam cups are needed before a mug becomes worthwhile. What this argument overlooks is that most people probably own a reusable cup or mug already. So while I don't like the environmentalist trend toward giving people resource-intensive canvas bags and metal water bottles that they wouldn't have had anyway and probably won't use often enough to justify their environmental virtue, I also think that it's important to realize we've often already made the resource investment into longer-lived goods without noticing.

Along with this argument is the idea that the cost of disposable products is so low relative to the cost of reusables that the disposable products must be less resource-intensive. Even ignoring the fact that many environmental costs aren't accounted for in the price of goods, this actually argues for reusables in many cases. For example, I can buy a 12-ounce styrofoam cup for about \$0.02, and I can buy an 11-ounce ceramic mug for about \$0.57. If the ceramic mug is 900 times worse for the environment than the styrofoam cup, it's clearly not reflected in the price.

Recycling can be problematic, certainly. But in a lot of cases, depending on whether the goal is cutting costs, using space more efficiently, using less energy or other factors, it can be appropriate with the right infrastructure. But we spend way too much time and energy thinking about recycling when we should be focusing first on how to reduce the amount of waste we'll try to recycle later.

Grubert is an energy and Earth resources student.

GALLERY



Fashion: it's not rocket science

By Paige Hale
 Daily Texan Guest Columnist

When you came to UT, you were probably really excited about the classes you were about to take and all the information your eager little brain was about to absorb. I suppose that's the case for most people, but if you plan to pursue a degree in retail merchandising, you'll probably end up beating your brains out for a break.

The degree pathway of retail merchandising is the second degree option in the division of textiles and apparel, part of the School of Human Ecology in the College of Natural Sciences (CNS). I know, it's pretty buried. This would all be fine if the brave students pursuing this degree weren't required to take the same biologies, chemistries and calculi as the CNS students who are studying, you know, science. But for students anxiously working their way through a degree that throws them into the business world, it seems like a waste of time and money.

Last summer I spent time at a

buyers' market in New York City. I learned the retail trade and how to effectively communicate and enter contracts with some of its top businesses. Nowhere in that hectic, exciting world did I need anything resembling natural science.

The textiles and apparel website introduces the program by claiming, "The options of specialization emphasize the application of principles from the arts, sciences and humanities as they apply to career interests in retail merchandising, apparel design and conservation."

I'm not arguing with CNS; it does a lot of great things for students of science. However, many students enter CNS to pursue science, math or technology, while most of the students in textiles and apparel want to work in a dynamic business-oriented field. The textiles and apparel

courses are well-suited for the major and are valuable to students, but shouldn't more time be spent learning important business skills directly related to retail? These lessons would be infinitely more valuable than two semesters of cellular and molecular biology.

Textiles and apparel should be in any college but CNS. I did most of the science and math coursework that the major requires and finally gave up. When I was pummeled with courses that were of little interest or relevance to me or my goals, my degree in retail became pointless. I am a casualty of a misplaced program.

I've spent many hours with fellow students complaining and worrying about the handful of science courses left and how we would ever manage to perform even remotely well in them. Any college degree comes

with stress, life lessons, challenges and courses that you will truly hate, never use and never need. But when the stress and worrying become part of an everyday, every-semester, every-course routine for a degree that would never come with such anxiety at any other school, it becomes a problem.

Many students have graduated from UT with a degree in textiles and apparel, and I applaud them. Completing the daunting tasks associated with this degree is no small feat, and I am truly impressed with each and every one of them. However, these tasks make students turn their backs on a degree that they might have enjoyed otherwise and search for one with a more relevant and useful timeline.

There is a science to retail, but that science is about consumer relations, business and a basic understanding of style. Natural science is valuable, but it is not necessary, or very useful, for most students pursuing fashion.

Hale is an undeclared senior.

THE FIRING LINE

Texas needs new leadership

In response to Wednesday's anti-Bill White letter from Ms. Schwartz, I offer this perspective on the incumbent, Gov. Rick Perry, who is seeking re-election again as her party's candidate. As I see it, Perry is also running for "the least effective governor" that Texas has had in decades — at least since I moved here 22 years ago. His main areas of responsibility as governor, public education and state services, have foundered during his time in office, and too many times he has brought derision upon our state. By embracing such extremist views as weakening science education so that a religious belief (creationism) can be put on the same footing as one of the foundations of modern science (evolution), and by permitting similarly extreme acts by state officials, such as rewriting textbooks to favor a political viewpoint, Perry has lost the authority he once had to be a leader in education. As for government services, his incredible lack of concern for the state's inability to distribute food stamps in a timely manner to Texans struggling with the recession is disheartening, to say the least. That this occurred while he was building a personal fortune from sweetheart land deals shows just how far he has fallen. I have never seen a time when new leadership at the helm of state government was needed more than it is right now.

— David Herrin
 Molecular biology professor
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Get adventurous with absinthe

THIRSTY THURSDAY
By Gerald Rich

Despite all its misconceptions, drinking absinthe, which resumed commercial production in the U.S. in 2007, provides a great way to relax with friends and start the weekend off right.

Although the bold, licorice-flavored drink was never specifically banned, thujone, a component of absinthe that is present in small amounts, is deemed poisonous by the FDA.

In large quantities, the chemical has been known to cause convulsions; however, recent studies found that many pre-ban bottles contained far less thujone than was originally believed. As for seeing dancing green fairies, many absintheurs say that's false.

"All the artists who made it popular — who claimed to see things — were also alcoholics," said Carter Wilsford, bartender at Austin's only absinthe bar, P  ch  . "They had something called 'd  lirium tremens.' When you have a bottle or two a day of something that's 60 to 70 percent alcohol, you're going to see things. That's not a symptom of absinthe; it's a symptom of alcoholism."

Most people say they experience an entirely different kind of drunkenness from absinthe, feeling clear-headed and articulate.

"The botanicals act as stimulants," said Gregg Tunningly, another bartender at P  ch  . "You can't walk straight, but you can think and speak clearly. It's a lucid kind of drunk."

At the height of its popularity in France, absinthe was considered the perfect drink for artists or raconteurs, and quickly replaced wine after a blight wiped out the grape crops in the mid-1800s. It wasn't long before 5 p.m., generally known now as the start of "happy hour," became known as "the green hour." Historians believe that the drink was only banned because wine lobbyists were angered by the "green fairy" taking up too much of their market.

Absinthe's rapidly growing popularity also led to many unregulated brewing practices, such as adding strychnine and turpentine to flavor the drink before storing it in leaded glass.

Although most countries have safe, traditional absinthe, Wilsford warned against some foreign countries that don't exactly regulate this small industry.

"I had a friend who had some absinthe in Portugal, and he said it looked like antifreeze and tasted like sucking on a penny," Wilsford said. "He had a couple of



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Ice water drips into an absinthe pontarlier glass, diluting the alcohol content to make a traditional and cool summer drink.

shots and woke up on the ferry to Morocco a day later."

Have no fear, though. Quality absinthes, such as the classic Pernod, are made after distilling and adding organic botanicals to the basic absinthe recipe of anise, fennel and wormwood.

Top-shelf absinthes, such as St. George or Germain-Robin, can take years to perfect and require more discipline and dedication than a Trappist monk.

A good absinthe drip in the most traditional preparation, where you dilute it with ice water, will have a very dense

louche. One drop of water will delicately spiral down through the emerald liquid, leaving a cloudy white trail. Well-made absinthes will eventually turn a milky, opaque green as the water molecules combine with the botanicals and have a great complex or floral flavor.

Although the relatively small market has been growing since 2007, just a handful of bars in Austin sell it, including P  ch  , the East Side Show Room and The Good Knight, and costs about the same as a good, inexpensive glass of wine — just with more interesting effects.

EXHIBIT PREVIEW LIONS, TIGERS AND MORE

Wildlife art exhibit raises money for animal sanctuary

By Kate Ergenbright
Daily Texan Staff

"I just love animals," artist Debra Barton said when asked about her exhibit at Austin Art Space Gallery & Studios entitled, "Lions, Tigers and More."

Barton's exhibit is composed of 11 oil paintings and 32 framed photographs that depict animals from the Austin Zoo and Animal Sanctuary, a nonprofit rescue organization that houses 300 animals and 100 different species. All proceeds from the sale of Barton's art in "Lions, Tigers and More" are being donated to help the Austin Zoo animals.

Barton — who studied art at the Art School of the Austin Museum of Art — focuses mostly on organic images, such as animals, people and nature. Her artistic mediums are varied, as she creates impressionistic and abstract contemporary work in her illustrations, photography and paintings.

Her interest in art began at an early age, and she credits her success to her mother and the nurturing and encouraging environment she was raised in.

"I got such joy from it, even as a little kid, that I just did it as much as I could," Barton said.

Although she has always been an animal lover, Barton began working seriously with zoo animals as subjects three years ago. After visiting various zoos to photograph their inhabitants, she began entering her work into contests, such as one hosted by the National Wildlife Federation, and started donating her finished pieces to various animal and zoo organizations.

Although it may seem that photographing wild animals could pose difficulties because a photographer has no way of controlling his or her subject, Barton views this as a welcome challenge rather than a burden.

"I love the challenge. That's just the fun of it," Barton said. "Each of the animals have their own personality, and the magic that happens when you're behind the lens is that you have the opportunity to

WHAT: Debra Barton's "Lions, Tigers and More" exhibit

WHERE: Austin Art Space Gallery & Studios, 7739 Northcross Dr. Ste. Q

WHEN: Thursday-Saturday through June 27, 11 a.m.-6 p.m.; opening reception Friday, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

see the animal in a different way."

Even though Barton enjoyed her time visiting other zoos, the Austin Zoo and Animal Sanctuary remained closest to her heart.

"I love the other zoos, but the Austin Zoo — well, it was home for one thing, and it's got a special uniqueness, I think, because the animals are all rescue animals. So, each animal has a special story," Barton said. "They just touched my heart, and when I saw what the staff has to do out there ... these people just work so hard because they love it. They're doing what they can with what they've got, but can you imagine what it takes to feed one tiger a week?"

Barton explained that the size of the lion enclosure at the Austin Zoo is only large enough for two lions to come out into the open at time, forcing the other four lions to stay behind the scenes.

"These animals timeshare every other day. They can't all be out at once, and that really hit home. And then the economy bottomed up for everybody, globally. It takes a community willing to support this treasure that we've got here," Barton said.

Inspired to make a difference, Barton approached Patti Clark, president and executive director of the Austin Zoo, to organize a fundraiser. Clark said the money raised will be used to fund an expansion of animal enclosures, including the addition of a run and exercise yard for Northern Timber Wolf Joy and Wolf Hybrid Bandit. Any additional money raised, Clark said, will be used to fund the construction of a new climate-controlled primate enclosure and house.

AROUND AUSTIN

Sample beer, keep city weird with weekend lineup

Great Austin Beer Festival

The first Great Austin Beer Festival will take place Saturday at the Austin Music Hall.

"The purpose of the event is to expose Austin beer lovers to an opportunity to try beers 4 ounces at a time," festival coordinator Blake Richards said. "It is also [gives] new craft and import drinkers the opportunity to learn more about beers and the different styles."

The festival will feature beers from several Texas breweries, including (512) Brewing Co., Spoetzl Brewery, Saint Arnold Brewing Co., Live Oak Brewing Co., Real Ale Brewing Co. and Independence Brewing Co.

Other well-known brands, such as Dos Equis, Newcastle Brown Ale, Sierra Nevada and Samuel Adams will also have a presence at the festival.

And though the ticket prices are a little steep for most students, the sheer variety of beers offered makes the sticker price reasonable.

WHAT: Great Austin Beer Festival
WHEN: Saturday, 4 to 8 p.m.
WHERE: Austin Music Hall, 208 Nueces St.
COST: \$40 at Waterloo Records or greataustinbeerfestival.com

— Addie Anderson

East Side Sampler

To celebrate the opening of The East Village, a vibrant and geometrically designed mixed-use building, Rare magazine is hosting a sampling of events that epitomize East Austin culture. The East Side Sampler will feature Team Fabrication — a fashionable duo that fuses disc jockeying with visual art — fog machines, light shows and Indian dancers. The event is worth checking out if only for the complimentary cocktails, featuring Austin-made Deep Eddy Sweet Tea Vodka, Cavalino Tequila and TRU Vodka.

WHAT: East Side Sampler
WHEN: Friday, 7 to 10 p.m.
WHERE: The East Village near East 11th and Lydia streets
COST: Free if you RSVP at rareaustin.com

— Madeleine Crum

Keep Austin Weird Fest and 5K

Deemed "the slowest 5K you'll ever run," the Keep Austin Weird Fest and 5K showcases the city's unconventional culture.

Held in the evening, this race is a nice deviation from the typical early-bird runs. Instead of awarding participants with the fastest times, the or-



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Rare magazine will host the East Side Sampler, a party to celebrate the opening of The East Village, on Friday at 7 p.m.

ganizers will hand out prizes to those with the weirdest costumes. Show up early and you can enjoy live music from local bands such as The Bright Light Social Hour and White Ghost Shivers.

WHAT: Keep Austin Weird Fest and 5K
WHEN: Saturday, 7 p.m.
WHERE: Cesar Chavez and South First streets
COST: \$40 at keepaustinweirdfest.com

— Madeleine Crum

Teenage Cool Kids, Cruddy, Wild America and Rayon Beach at the Mohawk

Austin's own grungy punks — Cruddy, Wild America and Rayon Beach — are playing alongside Denton natives Teenage Cool Kids this Friday at The Mohawk, a night that is primed to be a lo-fi, punk-lover's paradise. Rayon Beach's sound has already been dubbed "exotic punk

psychedelia" by indie bloggers at HoZacRecords.com and the Teenage Cool Kids have been getting quite a bit of attention since the release of their second full-length record, *Foreign Lands*, earlier this month, so expect a dirty, sweaty, punk dance party.

WHAT: Teenage Cool Kids
WHEN: Friday, 10 p.m.
WHERE: The Mohawk, 912 Red River St.
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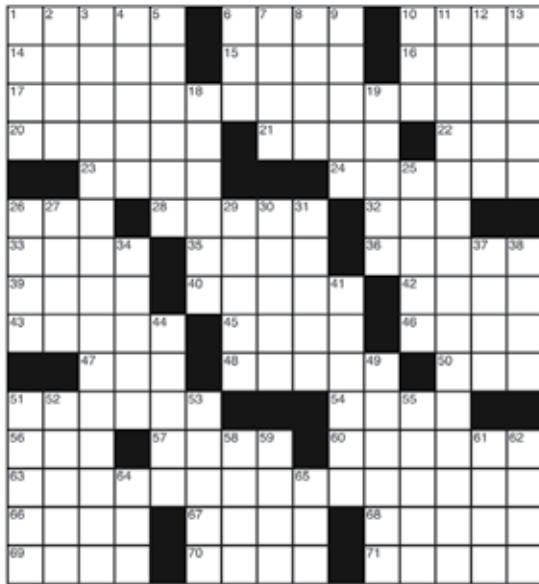
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- Across
- 1 Brimless hat
 - 6 Chinese vessel
 - 10 Prankster's look
 - 14 Arboreal critter
 - 15 Like many limericks: Abbr.
 - 16 Italian bread
 - 17 Grocery leisure?
 - 20 To be sure
 - 21 Dancer in Jabba the Hutt's court, in "Return of the Jedi"
 - 22 Calendario unit
 - 23 "Guernica," e.g.
 - 24 Like some lore
 - 26 Fall off
 - 28 Common hotel room features
 - 32 Some modern donations
 - 33 Baseball All-Star, 1954-73
 - 35 Word often cried after "Go"
 - 36 Explosive stuff
 - 39 Narrow strip of land: Abbr.
 - 40 Dropping the ball, e.g.
 - 42 "A Yank at ____," Mickey Rooney flick
 - 43 "The Merry Widow" composer
 - 45 Drama intro?
 - 46 Elisabeth of "Hamlet 2"
 - 47 Bird with two sets of eyelids
 - 48 Item on a chain, maybe
 - 50 ____ roll (sushi item)
 - 51 Bone below the femur
 - 54 What many audiences face
 - 56 ____ rush
 - 57 Dr. Schneider of "Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade"
 - 60 Undermine

- Down
- 1 Singer Amos
 - 2 Escape route city in "Casablanca"
 - 3 Interview near an inn?
 - 4 Hypnotized
 - 5 Wetlands fowl
 - 6 Swing bandleader Garber
 - 7 Billy Graham's ____ the Hills
 - 8 It's west of New York's East Village
 - 9 Showed reverence, in a way
 - 10 Factor in a scholarship grant, maybe: Abbr.
 - 11 Soul music over a financial institution's sound system?
 - 12 Neighbor of China
 - 13 Neighbor of China
 - 18 Conceive
 - 19 Sorkin who created "The West Wing"
 - 25 Penn and others

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Puzzle by Jim Hilger

- 26 Viennese-born composer von Reznick
- 27 ____ 10
- 29 Physics unit
- 30 Ending with dog or long
- 31 Young salmon
- 34 Big name at SeaWorld
- 37 Lothario
- 38 First-year Harvard law student
- 41 One who works with speakers?
- 44 Wore the crown
- 49 Queen's ____
- 51 Let go
- 52 Silly
- 53 Overhead
- 55 Bucky Beaver's toothpaste
- 58 Winter fall
- 59 Longfellow bell town
- 61 "And When ____," 1969 Blood, Sweat & Tears hit
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By DAVID OUELLET

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Solution: 7 letters

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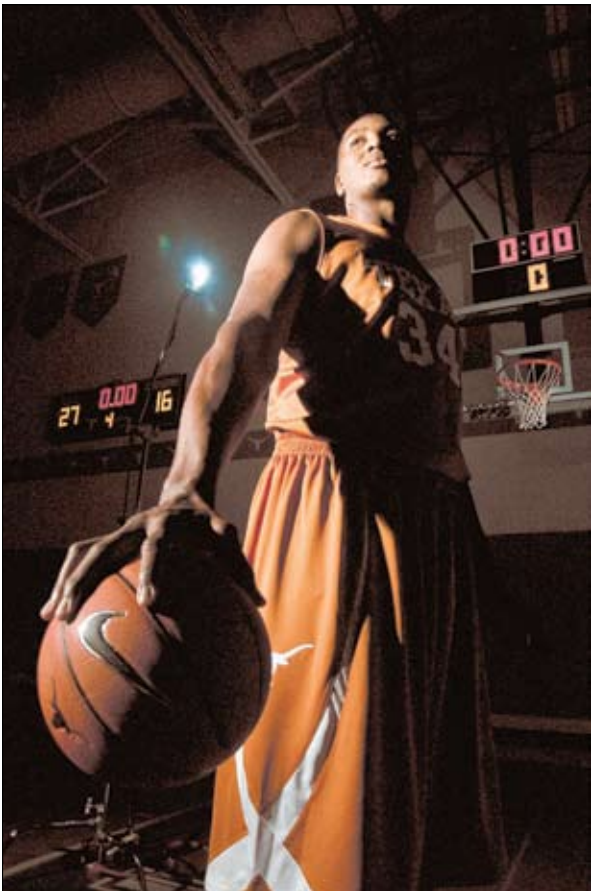
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NBA DRAFT

Longhorns set sights on NBA draft



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Dexter Pittman is projected to be a second-round pick on Thursday.



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Avery Bradley shoots over an Aggie defender in the Feb. 27 game. Bradley could go as high as 17th overall.



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Damion James is expected to be picked in the first round of the draft.

Trio of former Texas players looks forward to Thursday with differing expectations

By Will Anderson
Daily Texan Staff

The 2010 NBA draft begins tonight, which means basketball fans all over the country will be tuning in to see which prospect their favorite team picks to build a future with. Meanwhile, Texas fans across the southwest will be watching to see who snags the three former Longhorns in this year's draft.

Avery Bradley is considered by many to be the alumnus with the highest draft stock, and some analysts, including ESPN's Chad Ford, predict Bradley going as high as 17th overall. If Bradley does get picked in the top 30, he will be the ninth Longhorn to go in the first round in the past 10 years.

Bradley played one year at Texas before leaving for the pros. He was named to the Big 12's All-Freshman and All-Rookie teams while averaging 11.6 points per game, second-best on the team and first among guards. He was also second on the team in steals with 44. The dual-threat guard is attracting attention because of his ability to play multiple positions and score from mid- and long-range.

Bradley entered his name into consideration for the 2010 NBA draft in early April but did not hire an agent as he considered whether to return to school for his sophomore season. He had until May 8 to pull out, but decided to stick with his original plan and enter the draft.

Forward Damion James is also consid-

out of the draft to return to Texas for his senior season, where he averaged 18 points and 10.3 rebounds per game and was a third-team All-American. He was also a unanimous All-Big 12 selection and finished with the most rebounds and double-doubles in conference history. Like Bradley, he is also a utility player who can come in at multiple positions.

when the team was still located in Seattle.

"Kevin Durant wants me here, too," James told ESPN Magazine. "We came in together at Texas. It's great he and Nick [Collison] think so highly of me."

Dexter Pittman is the last Longhorn in this year's draft. Pittman loses out to the more popular big men in the draft, such as DeMarcus Cousins of Kentucky and Cole Aldrich of Kansas, but is still projected to go somewhere near the middle of the second round because of his 6-foot-10 size and shot-blocking ability. Pittman could turn into a steal if he's picked up by a team in need of a reliable center off the bench, such as Miami or Milwaukee.

Pittman also flirted with the 2009 draft but returned for his senior season to average 10.4 points and 5.9 rebounds per game. Pittman underperformed for much of the season, including a 12-game stretch where he averaged just 5.75 points per contest, but he finished fourth in the Big 12 in blocked shots and helped the team earn its 12th straight NCAA tournament birth despite falling out of the national rankings in week 16.

“Kevin Durant wants me here, too. We came in together at Texas.”
— Damion James, Forward

ered a likely first-round pick. If both Bradley and James are picked in the first round, it will be the first time since 2006 that multiple Longhorns went in the NBA draft when LaMarcus Aldridge, P.J. Tucker and Daniel Gibson were all selected.

James hired an agent in 2009 but pulled

Oklahoma City has the 21st and 26th overall picks in this year's draft and reportedly has shown interest in James. If the Thunder pick James, he would rejoin former Longhorn Kevin Durant, who came to Texas in the same recruiting class as James. Oklahoma City selected Durant second overall in 2007,

WORLD CUP

Yanks defy referees, odds to make it to Round of 16



By Dan Hurwitz
Daily Texan Columnist

The United States was not supposed to advance to the knockout round of the 2010 FIFA World Cup.

Yes, it was a favorite to join England in getting past the group stage prior to the tournament. But after two full games and 91 more minutes of play, the Yanks were supposed to go home in disappointment following their match with Algeria.

That is why after five seconds of jumping hysterically in my pajamas with a belly full of donuts and kolaches following Landon Donovan's game-winning goal against Algeria, I had to pause before celebrating any further.

"Did it count? Was offside called? A foul? Handball? Anything?"

Finally, when the zero on the scoreboard changed to a one, all questions had been answered.

No American can be too sure in this year's World Cup. After all of the questionable calls that had been made against the U.S. in its three matches, why wouldn't the officials remain consistent and screw over Bob Bradley's squad again?

At times, it really did seem as though the officials were supposed to keep the red, white and blue out of the Round of 16.

But the goal counted. And only seconds after Slovenia had endured defeat at the hands of the English, the U.S. handed the team another loss — which the Slovenians should have suffered Friday.

And when it appeared that we would have to wait another four years to get excited about the



Elise Amendola | Associated Press

Landon Donovan, left, celebrates after scoring the decisive goal against Algeria on Wednesday.

world's sport, goalkeeper Tim Howard made a great throw, starting the counterattack that ended with a deflected shot sent from Clint Dempsey and the finish from Donovan, America's all-time leading scorer.

The miraculous last-second win not only advanced the Yanks to the knockout stage but also put them atop their group, making it the first time the U.S. has done so in 80 years.

With the Group C championship in hand, there are no more excuses. We don't have to worry about attacking the country of Mali for its terrible referee's mistake. No one will have to see any more replays of the goals that weren't, and no one will have to wonder about what could have been for this U.S. team.

It is time to look ahead. Ghana managed to advance out of Group D, setting the scene for a rematch of the game that eliminated Team USA from the 2006 World Cup.

The U.S. should have the advantage over a Ghana squad that

sneaked through one of the weaker groups in the World Cup. But Donovan, Dempsey & Co. will not be able to let chances slip by like they have in the previous games.

They need to take advantage of their opportunities. Two American heads can't go after one ball when the net is empty, which happened yesterday. The defense also needs to step up. You can manage to make a big mistake or two against Slovenia or Algeria, but when Brazil or Argentina is given a gift, they are going to accept it and seize that opportunity.

If the U.S. keeps winning, it will have to wait a couple of games to face one of the world powers as Ghana and a potential matchup with either Uruguay or South Korea loom ahead.

At times, this group of Americans looked like one of the best teams in the World Cup. At other times, it seemed like the worst.

Which will show up against Ghana? We will find out after 90 more minutes of play on Saturday. Or maybe it will take 91.

US team takes advantage of last chance to advance

Donovan's goal launches Americans to top of group; England finishes in second

By Naishadh Bhonsle
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United States 1, Algeria 0

In a pulsating match full of chances, emotion and ecstasy, the U.S. soccer team made fans wait until the 91st minute for the decisive goal. The U.S. needed a win or a draw against Algeria, depending on England's result in the other group game, if it was to qualify.

The U.S. team, hit by a controversial disallowed goal in the last game, went out with passion and attacked the Algerian goal throughout the game.

On an excellent attack, Clint Dempsey's goal in the 21st minute was wrongly disallowed for being offside, a horrible moment of deja vu for the Americans.

That wasn't the end of the drama, though, as the news that England was winning came in at half-time, which meant that if the U.S. tied it would be out of the World Cup. American coach Bob Bradley made changes, fielding a more offensive lineup looking for the winning goal.

The entire second half was a back-and-forth affair with each team looking for a goal. Clint Dempsey thought he had scored (again) in the 57th minute, but after hitting the post, he failed to convert his rebound into an open goal. With time slipping away, Michael Bradley almost scored in the 79th minute when he bent a free kick around the Algerian wall, but the keeper made an powerful stop.

Time was running out for the U.S. team, and a handful of great chances were missed as it looked more and more like the

referees had robbed the U.S. of a place in the last 16 minutes after two wrongly disallowed goals in each of its past two games. There were just four minutes of World Cup football left for the United States if the scores in both games stayed the same.

Then, in one of the most dramatic moments in the history of American soccer, U.S. keeper Tim Howard made a save from an Algerian header to quickly release Landon Donovan down the right side. Donovan streaked up the field with his electric pace and passed to Jozy Altidore, who raced toward the penalty area and then crossed to Dempsey, whose shot the Algerian keeper couldn't hold onto. The rebound fell kindly to Donovan, who finished into the bottom corner, sending the U.S. team into celebration and guaranteeing it a place in the next round and the top spot in its group for the first time in 80 years.

England 1, Slovenia 0

England produced the win it needed against Slovenia thanks to a Jermain Defoe goal that sent the Brits through to the next round.

England dominated much of the possession, and its goal came in the first half after James Milner's cross was volleyed into the goal by a splitting Defoe.

The goal was Defoe's first on the international stage and justified his first start in the tournament. England continued to control the game in the second half as Wayne Rooney found himself alone in the box — only to hit the post with his shot.

The miss would not be decisive in terms of the final result as England held on to win by one goal. However, the missed opportunity did mean that England would finish second in Group C because the U.S. scored more goals in the first round.

SIDELINE

MLB

National League

San Francisco 3
Houston 6

Florida 7
Baltimore 5

St. Louis 1
Toronto 0

San Diego 5
Tampa Bay 4

Pittsburgh 3
Texas 13

WORLD CUP

Group A	W	L	D	P
Uruguay	2	0	1	7
Mexico	1	1	1	4
South Africa	1	1	1	4
France	0	2	1	1

Group B	W	L	D	P
Argentina	3	0	0	9
South Korea	1	1	1	4
Greece	1	2	0	3
Nigeria	0	2	1	1

Group C	W	L	D	P
U.S.A.	1	0	2	5
England	1	0	2	5
Slovenia	1	1	1	4
Algeria	0	1	2	1

Group D	W	L	D	P
Germany	2	1	0	6
Ghana	1	1	1	4
Australia	1	1	1	4
Serbia	1	2	0	3

Group E	W	L	D	P
Netherlands	2	0	0	6
Japan	1	1	0	3
Denmark	1	1	0	3
Cameroon	0	2	0	0

Group F	W	L	D	P
Paraguay	1	0	1	4
Italy	0	0	2	2
New Zealand	0	0	2	2
Slovakia	0	1	1	1

Group G	W	L	D	P
Brazil	2	0	0	6
Portugal	1	0	1	4
Ivory Coast	0	1	1	1
North Korea	0	2	0	0

Group H	W	L	D	P
Chile	2	0	0	6
Spain	1	1	0	3
Switzerland	1	1	0	3
Honduras	0	2	0	0