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## Announcements: *The End of Austin* Featured in 'Life and Letters' Magazine

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We've shared quite a bit of information with you about *The End of Austin*, a digital journal launched by **Dr. Randy Lewis** and a smattering of graduate students in the American Studies department.

And, in that vein, we have more exciting news to share. *The End of Austin* is featured in the Spring 2013 issue of UT College of Liberal Arts's *Life and Letters* magazine, and you can read the article here as well as in the print edition (and we highly recommend you click through for some wonderful illustrations of cyclops-like monsters attacking the city, as they often do).

A brief excerpt:

*So what does the future hold for Austin? Will the city build a better freeway system or buckle under the heavy pressure of rush-hour commuters? Will the skyline be recognizable a century from now, or will it morph into another sprawling megalopolis? The city's fate depends on the decisions that are being made right now, Lewis says.*

*"We have the raw ingredients of a great city based on location, climate and the university," Lewis says. "But the decisions that we make in the next 10 to 20 years will determine whether Austin will be a world-class, great city, or if it will just be another Sunbelt urban zone."*

*The hope for the writers and contributors of the website is to provide a shared brainstorming forum for both the community and the university—and ultimately find possible solutions for Austin's biggest challenges.*

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