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CAMPUS

Board reviews ban on gay clergy

By Rabeea Tahir
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After spending seven years working to become an ordained minister, Mary Ann Kaiser of the University United Methodist Church was suddenly removed from candidacy because of her sexual orientation.

"I was very surprised when I found out that the board met and decided to remove me from the ordination process, even though they had not yet interviewed me or otherwise met me, solely on the basis of my identity as a lesbian," said Kaiser, a youth director and justice associate at the church on UT's campus.

The Board of Ordained Ministry decided in June to remove Kaiser from the ordination process. Kaiser had previously been voted and recommended for ordination in full acknowledgement that she is gay. The decision to remove Kaiser from the ordination process wasn't made locally, but instead by church leaders who oversee multiple churches in Texas.

The United Methodist Church's policy forbidding openly gay clergy to be ordained was met with opposition from Austin churches. In addition, the board has been accused of mishandling Kaiser's process of removal from ordination.

The final decision could have a lasting impact on the church's relations with the Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender community and it could cause greater divisions among the liberal and conservative elements within the church.

Rev. John Elford, the pastor at University United Methodist Church, argued that Kaiser should be ordained. He said the board failed to follow proper procedures that are outlined by United Methodist Church's own rulebook, the Book of Discipline. Elford said the Book of Discipline requires the board to interview all candidates before denying them ordination.

Kaiser was scheduled to meet and interview with the Board of Ordained Ministry in January 2014, although she was removed in early June.

Bishop James Dorff, the area provost of the North Texas Conference, has 30 days to investigate the matter and revise his previous decision to remove Kaiser.

"My decision will be based on my understanding of the Book of Discipline, which I have pledged to uphold," Dorff said in a statement.



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Mary Ann Kaiser, youth director and justice associate at University United Methodist Church, was removed from candidacy to become an ordained minister because of her sexual orientation.

After the 30-day period, Dorff's ruling will be posted on UMC's Annual Conference website.

"The ordination of gay clergy members is a really hot topic that has fractured the church," said Eileen Flynn DeLaO, a former religion reporter for the Austin American-Statesman.

The Book of Discipline has a few lines declaring that "homosexuality is incompatible with Christian teaching" and that a "self-avowed practicing homosexual" cannot be ordained.

"A woman who privately identifies as a lesbian, but does not pursue a same-sex relationship would likely be eligible for ordination, according to church policy," DeLaO said.

Back in April, however, Kaiser announced that she would marry her partner, Annanda

Barclay, in August. Because of her public relationship, Kaiser is not subject to the exception anymore.

DeLaO said some liberal Methodists are working to overturn the ban on gay clergy, but some feel the Bible is clear in its teaching on homosexuality.

Supporters of gay ordination have a different biblical interpretation. They believe that if a person feels called by God to the ministry then that call should be answered, DeLaO said.

Kaiser believes acceptance of the LGBTQ community in the church has shifted greatly over the years.

The board's decision also resulted in a call for action by Kaiser's supporters. Many have taken to social media to show their support and others have written letters and emails to Dorff.

“The ordination of gay clergy members is a really hot topic that has fractured the church.”

—Eileen Flynn DeLaO,
Former Austin American-Statesman reporter

Kaiser is currently awaiting the bishop's decision.

"It is hard to imagine, if this decision is upheld by the bishop and the judicial council and made final, the vocation I have spent years, money, school and passion working toward being thwarted," Kaiser said. "I can still work in churches as someone who is not ordained, as I do now, but it is limiting — both vocationally and theologically."

VIEWPOINT

Longhorns must fight for their voice

If you voted in last November's election, you are likely aware of the geographic topsy-turvy that a panel of San Antonio judges imposed on Austin's congressional districts last year. Part of a series of maps drawn for the state house, state senate and Congress while legislators worked out a way to comply with a federal court order to increase minority representation, the congressional district lines sliced the Austin area up into five districts, two of which were not even based in the metropolitan area. In other words, the Austin portions of those districts were just a sliver of the ground their representatives had to cover. Nowhere was the tightrope more visible than in the University area, which was split over two districts (three, if you count the J.J. Pickle Research Campus in North Austin): one for the campus itself and North Campus. While the student vote is admittedly a small part of the Travis

County vote, there is symbolic importance to having all of the UT area in the same congressional district; it would strengthen not only the voice of the University community, but also its solidarity. Gov. Rick Perry and the Legislature had a chance to bolster us up during the special session, which was established specifically to deal with redistricting, but on Sunday, the Legislature waved through the interim congressional map with nary a change, keeping the local student voice divided between two districts flanking out into the more conservative suburbs to the north and west of the city. Now, with the future of the district boundaries uncertain, it is imperative that students take it upon themselves to encourage one another to make up for this setback through greater civic participation and political awareness.

The problem with the current configuration of districts is best illustrated by precinct results from last year's election. In the race for president, Precinct 208, which covers the

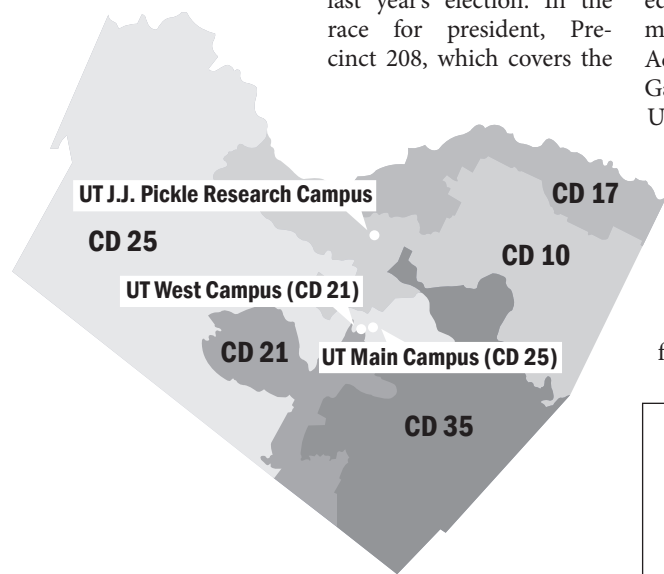
part of campus west of San Jacinto Boulevard and extends north to 29th Street, recorded 69 percent of the vote for then-Sen. Barack Obama and 27 percent for former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney, while Precinct 277, which covers much of West Campus, went 59 percent for Obama to Romney's 37 percent. In those same precincts, the respective Democratic candidates for the U.S. House, Elaine Henderson and Candace Duval, won more than 50 percent of the vote, but lost their races because of the different political leanings of the districts' suburban residents. While many students are not registered to vote in Austin, the University would benefit from having a single representative in Congress.

Now that the Legislature has signaled its acceptance of this situation, it behooves the student body to inspire one another to kick up about the issues that affect them most, including federal funding for higher education and visa requirements for foreign students. According to UT spokesman Gary Susswein, "One of the University's core missions is to help develop an educated and engaged citizenry. We do this both in the classroom and by promoting an open culture on campus where there is a free exchange of ideas and

opinions." However, it will take more than an absence of barriers to keep the student voice relevant in the current political geography. Student-initiated action in the form of rallies and get-out-the-vote efforts is crucial to achieving this goal, but spreading the word about the most important issues facing the University is the most important task of all.

While we understand the logistical difficulties of getting the word out to a student body as large and diverse as UT's, the campus' political organizations should strive to regularly inform students, or give them the option of being regularly informed, of the debates occurring in Washington pertaining to higher education. We agree with Payton Mogford, vice president of Libertarian Longhorns, who said, "If the University is going to propose a greater political awareness for the student body, their only goal should be to educate in a factual, unbiased manner. No opinion should be extracted by students as they should be able to form their own." Ultimately, the hard work of stirring UT students to political action falls to the students themselves. With such a clear visual representation of the fractures in UT's political identity, it's time the UT community took a more active role in making its voice heard.

Editor's note: At the time this paper went to press, the debate in the Texas House of Representatives over several controversial abortion bills, including SB 5, HB 16 and HB60, was ongoing. Go to dailytexanonline.com for op-ed pieces submitted by students engaged in the debate.



COLUMN

Student entrepreneurs need space on campus

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Former UT-Austin President Robert M. Berdahl wrote in the University's most recent master plan, "Linking people to a place through a shared sense of commitment is what building a community is all about." Looking at entrepreneurial epicenters like Austin and Silicon Valley, you'll see Berdahl's quote rings true. These epicenters possess powerful communities of people with a commitment to startup life. While our diverse campus represents communities from across the world, we only recently began to witness the emergence of a student community of entrepreneurs.

For the past year, I have served as the founding director of Student Government's Longhorn Entrepreneurship Agency (LEA). LEA's mission is to grow the entrepreneurial community at UT, and to do that, we need space on the 40 Acres dedicated to student entrepreneurs and their ventures. Given this space, I believe we could turn our budding community of entrepreneurs into a Texas-sized network of new businesses.

But how do we justify spending money and space to provide world-class facilities for the use of the admittedly small subset of students who call themselves "entrepreneurs"?

Consider the Texas athletic program: The costly preparation, game-day theatrics and world-class facilities that go into Longhorn football games are astonishing. And yet the

University funds our football program, and all of our athletics programs because in actuality these programs fully fund themselves and provide returns. According to USA today, which obtained this information through an open records request, in 2011-2012 our athletic program brought in more than \$150 million in revenue, including a \$25 million operating surplus. In short, the University allows athletic facilities to take up substantial space on campus because athletics are financially beneficial.

If we support our entrepreneurs like our athletes, Longhorn entrepreneurs will match the Longhorn athletics program in financial benefits for the University and for the community. Once successful, Longhorn entrepreneurs will build companies that employ hundreds or thousands of people, in the process creating personal fortunes, like Michael Dell's, that they will share with public institutions like UT-Austin.

Michael Dell may have launched a company from his bathtub in Dobie, but a community of entrepreneurs needs an entire pool of space. And locating this space in the center of campus would only help to bridge the lifestyle gap between being a student and being an entrepreneur. The result? More students graduating with honest experience as successful (and unsuccessful) entrepreneurs and fewer students struggling in bathtubs to become the next college-dropout success story. *Spiller is a rhetoric and writing senior from Michigan.*

UNIVERSITY

UT initiates candidate search for Dell Medical School dean

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UT administrators are scouring far and wide to find an inaugural dean for the Dell Medical School — a position that will fundamentally shape the school and determine its role in the Austin community.

A search committee of UT faculty, students and industry leaders began accepting applications and nominations for the dean position this month. Applications will be reviewed this fall and officials expect the position to be filled by early 2014. The school is set to begin classes starting in fall 2016.

A dean has his or her hand in everything from shaping general policy to providing insight on specific student and faculty situations.

“On a typical day, I might have a meeting with a small group of [senior officials or faculty], hold a series of conversations with individuals about any number of relevant and immediate issues — for example, hiring of a new senior faculty member — approve a number of faculty actions, such as salary changes, and discuss, in general terms, curricular changes,” said Francisco González-Scarano, the dean of the UT School of Medicine in San Antonio.

UT’s Dell Medical School is seeking a dean with previous

academic medical experience who has a record of interdisciplinary research, management experience in running medical schools and experience communicating with political actors, private sector leaders and the media, according to a job posting released this month.

“The inaugural dean will have a tremendous opportunity to define the culture, priorities and strategies of the school in a way that doesn’t exist anywhere in the country,” said Robert Cullick, spokesman for the Dell Medical School. “It’s not only a new medical school, but one with a tremendous commitment to research.”

The dean will also be responsible for managing partnerships between UT, the Seton Healthcare Family and Travis County Central Health. Seton runs several hospitals in Austin and has committed \$245 million to build a teaching hospital for students enrolled at the new medical school.

Central Health is a county organization that works to ensure Austin’s poor have access to health care. Voters last year approved a property tax increase to support the new medical school and teaching hospital, among other health projects.

Robert Messing, vice provost for biomedical sciences and chair of the search

committee, said some work now being done to get the school running would be postponed until the new dean is hired.

“Several decisions will need to be made in the meantime to keep the project on schedule, but we are planning for flexibility to allow the inaugural dean plenty of opportunity to shape the program,” Messing said.

Cordell Cunningham, a medical student at the UT Medical Branch in Galveston, said the most successful deans are the deans who work with students, such as UTMB’s Dean Danny Jacobs.

“He’s had a couple of sessions where he talks to students and listens to them,” Cunningham said. “I think stuff like that’s important.”

There is palpable excitement in Austin for this school and everyone wants it to succeed, González-Scarano said. Although maintaining active community participation is vital in running medical schools, this can also lead to challenges.

“All medical schools have multiple missions, and the stakeholders often have slightly different orders of priorities,” González-Scarano said. “The most important challenge the new dean will face is negotiating through these nuances and maintaining all of the constituencies happy while at the same time advancing the school.”

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GEARING UP



Mechanical engineering senior Raul Molina and members of the UT Solar Vehicle Team prepare the TexSun for a morning of test drives at The Circuit of the Americas racetrack.

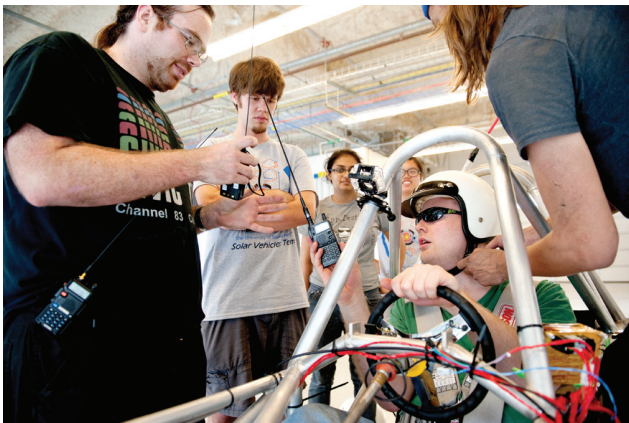
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Left: In the two years it took to complete The UT Solar Vehicle, the team had the chance to reinforce the education they received at UT.

Right: Helmets, handheld transceivers and cold beverages were important accessories for the morning of test drives.

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Above: Electrical engineering alumnus Alex Burgess test drives the TexSun at The Circuit of the Americas racetrack. Top Left: Benton Greene, aerospace engineering graduate student, adjusts his helmet before test driving the TexSun. Bottom Left: Members of the UT Solar Vehicle team assist electrical engineering alumnus Jerome Powell moments before he test drives the TexSun.

Students charge up for Formula Sun Grand Prix

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Two years and thousands of dollars later, the UT Solar Vehicles Team is geared up and ready to race its car, called the TexSun, at the Formula Sun Grand Prix this week.

Beginning Monday and ending Saturday, the Formula Sun Grand Prix features solar cars built by college students nationwide. The winner of the race is not the car that passes the finish line first, but the car that completes the most laps without running out of power.

The race will be held at the Circuit of the Americas racetrack, which hosted the U.S. Formula 1 race last year. There are 12 teams registered to compete.

UT students who worked

on the car say building it gave them the opportunity to use the skills they learned in class. Building the car is not cheap, and students faced challenges buying parts for the car.

Overall, students say the spotlight is on renewable energy. If solar energy can be harnessed to make cars run, it may eventually go mainstream and be used in aspects of everyday life.

"I like a challenge," said team member Benton Greene, an aerospace engineering graduate student. "It is fun to design something, to meet some problem and see it actually work and get to compete against other people who designed for the same problem but had different creative ideas for how to make things work."

The UT Solar Vehicles Team

is made up of 50 students who worked on the car's mechanical, battery, electrical, software, and body and wing teams. The team spent \$100,000 constructing the car, said Neda Abdul-Razzak, the team's president and a mechanical engineering and psychology senior.

"To be able to finish making the car is itself a huge accomplishment," Abdul-Razzak said. "The main thing is that it is a learning process and a really good way to apply all the engineering theories we learn in the classroom by building an actual car."

Built low to the ground, made of aluminum and mounted with a solar panel, the UT car weighs slightly less than 200 pounds. Computer systems, including a user interface

and battery protection, are also used to conserve energy while the car is not in motion.

Abdul-Razzak said the first four days of the race are dedicated to scrutineering, a process where officials test the car and make sure it is up to safety regulations. The on-track competition takes place the last three days. The teams charge their solar panel twice a day at a specific angle so that the sun directly hits the components of the solar panel that convert solar energy to electricity. The car runs as long as the battery packs last.

The team got a significant donation from a UT alumnus to finish the TexSun. Bobby Epstein, chairman and founding partner of the Circuit of the Americas racetrack in Austin, contributed \$50,000 to

the UT Solar Vehicles Team.

Team members said the money was used to buy the most expensive and critical components of the car, including the carbon fiber, the solar panel array and motor.

Budget, unfortunately, often plays a significant role in the outcome of a car, Epstein said. Because of this, he said the solar car challenge has much in common with Formula 1 races because car design, rather than driver, is often the key factor in determining victory.

"I visited the workshop where the UT car was under construction, and I was impressed by their enthusiasm and depth of understanding," Epstein said. "I also am certain there is no waste and that resources are maximized."



It is fun to design something, to meet some problem and see it actually work...

—Benton Greene,
team member

Win or lose, at the end of the day the purpose of building the TexSun was to promote research into the use of renewable energy, Greene said.

"This event is a way to get more local people to learn more about solar energy and hopefully consider installing solar panels in their house," Greene said. "Get the word out for green energy."

FOOTBALL

Football player Nate Boyer was named the Big 12 Sportsman of the Year last week. Boyer walked on at Texas four years ago after spending time in the army as a Green Beret.



MARISA VASQUEZ
Daily Texan
file photo

Boyer named Sportsman of Year

By Sara Beth Purdy
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Last week, senior Nate Boyer was named as one of the two Big 12 Sportsman of the Year for the 2012-2013 academic year. Boyer, who is best known for his past service as a Green Beret, walked onto the football team as a deep snapper before earning a scholarship position and becoming the Longhorns' go-to guy on field goals and point-after attempts.

Kansas State's Whitney Pyle, a senior golfer, was named as the other conference Sportsman of the

Year. The award recognizes a student-athlete who exhibit a high level of sportsmanship and community service. Boyer is the fourth Longhorn to receive the honor, following football's Ahmard Hall (2004-2005) and Sam Acho (2010-2011) and soccer's Kylie Doniak (2011-2012).

Four years ago, Boyer walked onto the team as a long snapper without ever having played football. While in high school, Boyer played both baseball and basketball because his school didn't field a football team. He originally

started out with Texas as a defensive back on the scout team, but moved to deep snapper in an effort to make a larger contribution to the team.

Boyer enlisted in the army when he was 20 in response to the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. He then joined the Army Special Forces, the Green Berets, before serving on active duty for six years. During his time in the Middle East, Boyer earned the Bronze Star for his service to the United States.

While a student at Texas, Boyer remained active in the Texas National Guard and

spent his summers abroad on active duty in service to his country. In May, he earned a bachelor's degree in physical culture and sports, but did not attend commencement ceremonies because of his deployment overseas.

Boyer earned a 4.0 GPA as a Longhorn, was named a 2012 First-Team Academic All-Big 12 and earned a spot on the Athletics Director's Honor Roll. He also earned the Lorene L. Rogers Scholar-Athlete Award for his high grade point average.

Earlier this year, Boyer

received the 2012 Disney Spirit Award as college football's most inspirational figure, according to Disney Sports. He also received the Armed Forces Merit Award in November, presented by the Football Writers Association of America. He was given the Distinguished Young American Award by the National Football Foundation's Austin Chapter. Last October, UT President William Powers Jr. named him a member of the Darrell K Royal-Texas Memorial Stadium Veterans Committee.

TRACK

Thornton retires after 31 years of coaching

By Shay Hoffman
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The athletics department announced June 17 that Bubba Thornton, Texas' men's track and field head coach, will not be reprising his position next year, as he and men's athletics director DeLoss Dodds reached a mutual agreement to terminate the last year of his contract.

"It has been a singular honor to serve as track and field coach for the University of Texas men's indoor and outdoor track teams, as well as oversee the cross country team, for the past 18 years," Thornton said after the announcement was made. "It was a privilege to serve this great university with its extraordinary heritage of developing scholar athletes."

Thornton arrived at Texas after coaching at Texas Christian University, spending 18 of his 31 seasons of coaching with the Longhorns. While a head coach, Thornton produced 26 NCAA champions, one relay champion and 19 NCAA top-10 finishes, while leading 94 student-athletes to 222 All-America honors.

This past season, the Longhorns finished No. 6 with two individual championships. Thornton finished his career with 12 conference championships. At Texas, Thornton's athletes hold 18 of 29 indoor school records and 14 of 29 modern

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outdoor school records.

"Not only has he amassed a notable record here at UT, but his capabilities have been recognized internationally when he was named head coach of Team U.S.A.'s 2008 Olympic Men's Team," Dodds said.

In addition to his work at Texas, Thornton worked on the Olympic and World Championship circuits. He served as an assistant coach for Team U.S.A. at the 2000 Summer Olympics in Sydney, working with athletes competing in the 400-meter dash, the 400-meter hurdle and the 4x400-meter relay. He coached athletes to three gold medals and one silver medal.

In 2008, Thornton was selected as the head coach for the U.S. track and field team at the Beijing Summer Olympics. The U.S. finished with 14 medals overall, including four gold, at those games, more than any other country. Thornton was awarded the Order of Ikkos medallion for his service to the United States Olympics Committee for his work as a coach.

Following Thornton's retirement, which becomes effective Aug. 31, Dodds and women's athletics director Chris Plonsky will be restructuring the track and field program, combining the men's and women's programs under one head coach for the first time at Texas. Merged track programs have been on the rise and Texas is currently the only Big 12 Conference school with a split program. Texas announced Thursday that the new, combined head coaching position would be filled by Mario Sategna. Sategna, who has spent the last 10 seasons as an associate head coach under Thornton, ran track for Louisiana State University and has experience coaching on both the collegiate and Olympic level.



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Men's track coach Bubba Thornton talks with an athlete during a meet. Thornton is retiring after 18 years at Texas.

"Mario's a really hard worker," senior hurdler Keiron Stewart said last week. "He's been here for a while, he's worked in Bubba's shadow for a long time. He knows the ropes, he knows the institution, he knows what it stands for and he will push everyone to do their best, to give the most that they can give to the team."

Thornton's decision to step down comes on the heels of women's track and field head coach Beverly Kearney's departure this past January, after the revelation of her relationship with a student-athlete in 2002. Kearney resigned upon learning that Texas was prepared to begin the termination process.

Based on documents obtained from 2004, Kearney filed a complaint with Dodds, stating that Thornton tried to undermine Kearney and

accused her of breaking NCAA rules. The two head coaches had a history of friction and Thornton spoke openly about eventually hoping to take control of both programs.

"With everything that happened here, the good, the bad or the ugly, he always remained Bubba," Stewart said.

According to a statement released by Texas, in retirement Thornton plans to take a greater role in community interests and spend more time with his wife of 43 years, Kay, daughters Courtney and Piper and his two grandchildren, Sam and Sophie.

"I think it was time," Stewart said. "Bubba's been here for 18 years. He's done his time, put in a lot of work and now he gets to relax. He gave me great opportunities here."

Thornton, who is currently on vacation, could not be reached for further comment.

NBA

Spurs' Finals loss to Heat painful

By Christian Corona
Daily Texan Columnist

Did you feel that?

That kidney shot, that dagger to the heart, that excruciating experience that was watching the Spurs fall to the Heat in this year's NBA Finals?

When Tony Parker hit that wild turnaround over LeBron James to seal a Game 1 win, the shot clock seemingly stuck at 0.1 seconds for an eternity, it became the Spurs' series to lose.

After responding to the Game 2 loss with a 36-point shellacking of the Heat in Game 3, it seemed like they were well on their way to locking up their fifth NBA championship.

The teams exchanged

victories in Games 4 and 5 before returning to Miami for Game 6. One more victory was all the Spurs needed.

How sweet would it be for Commissioner David Stern to hand the trophy over to the same Spurs he fined \$250,000 last November for sitting its players in the only regular season meeting against Miami?

It would be the perfect ending for Stern to hand the trophy over to the same Spurs he fined \$250,000 last November for sitting its players in the only regular season meeting against Miami.

But it wasn't meant to be.

The Spurs imploded in Game 6. Popovich proved even the best coaches make mistakes when he sat Tim Duncan on the last two defensive possessions before the

Heat forced overtime with back-to-back three-pointers from James and Ray Allen.

At the end of overtime, Manu Ginobili couldn't finish at the rim. Danny Green was blocked by Chris Bosh at the buzzer.

It's the kind of Game 6 loss that predetermines the outcome of Game 7.

But if there was any team that could bounce back from such a demoralizing loss, it was the Popovich-led Spurs. Yet, they never took control of the game.

The Heat triumphed, as James and Co. celebrated their second straight title.

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MUSIC

Rappers not afraid to shed tears

By Jay Egger
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“Sheddin’ tears is what I’m about” is not the typical machismo line you would expect from a hip-hop artist. Little Pain (who uses the name Sobbin Williams for inquires over email), a 21-year-old rapper from Brooklyn, is a pioneer of a new subgenre of hip-hop called sad rap. With songs like “SMH (Broke Boyz Anthem),” “High Cry” and “Love Tears,” it’s obvious that Little Pain isn’t afraid of hiding any of his emotions in his songs.

“I’m sad for many reasons, but the main one is because we live in a sad world and I really don’t remember a time when I wasn’t sad,” Little Pain said. “I just try to relate my music to things that reflect on me as a person.”

In the great age of the Internet, it’s no surprise that such a niche subgenre has the possibility of taking off. Lil B, a slapstick rapper who has videos with over 1 million views, is the founder of “based” music, which he defines as being yourself and staying positive.

This typically turns into stream-of-consciousness rapping, where the strive for perfection is almost looked down upon.

“Lil B influences my music in the sense that he made it possible for someone like me to even be able make sad rap,” Little Pain said.

It isn’t just hip-hop songs that are sad. There are plenty of tearjerkers in the broad genre. For example, there’s the hip-hop classic “Stan,” by Eminem, which tells the story of a fan committing suicide after Eminem didn’t reply to



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fan mail, which, ironically, was answered after his death.

The emphasis of sad rap actually appears to be the act of crying. There are no real narrative in these songs, Little Pain is just always sad.

In an interview with Pigeons & Planes, Little Pain claimed to have cried after he stubbed his pinky toe about 20 minutes before the interview.

Is sad rap something that we can take seriously? Probably not. But the artists in the subgenre appear

to think we should. James Prudhomme, also known as Suicideyear, is one of the producers for Little Pain.

“Sad rap doesn’t need to ‘take off,’” Prudhomme said. “There will always be sad rap, even after Little Pain.”

It’s a nice breath of fresh air to see hip-hop artists experimenting with something new. Kanye West’s “Yeezus,” which isn’t exactly avant-garde, isn’t a set of cookie-cutter raps over a set of 808 drums. Maybe we should look at this as the

experimentation the genre needs to push the edge a bit. Or maybe it’s just something fun that doesn’t need to change a thing. Either way it’s all in good (or sad) fun.

In the meantime, Little Pain is currently performing shows without very much promotion. Instead of the usual fliers and Facebook events, Little Pain opts to promote his shows with tweets in his classic style: “My performance is going to be horrible :(”

TECHNOLOGY

Apple rises to challenge, introduces new changes

By Andrew Huygen
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Apple’s iOS 7 is a game-changer for the smart phone. While many doubted that it was possible, Tim Cook and his crew over in Cupertino breathed new life into the iPhone.

In mid-June, Apple officially announced iOS 7, the refresh of the iPhone operating system. While previous iPhone operating system updates have only seen incremental changes to phone operation, the seventh iteration is the most radically different system update thus far.

What sets iOS 7 apart from previous releases is that it delivers more of a visually appealing display, while making it easier and more intuitive for the user. When you are on the home screen, swiping up from the bottom of the screen will bring up “Control Center,” which allows the user to toggle on or off a multitude of settings. Control Center also has brightness and volume sliders, as well as a dedicated camera button and a flashlight application. When you tilt the home screen, the background moves as a separate layer from your apps, giving a three-dimensional view.

Adding to the new visuals is a slimmer font and newly redesigned application icons. Jony Ive, the head of hardware and software design at Apple, worked with the Apple marketing team in redesigning the application icons, which

seemed to be more congruent with the visual language of Apple’s advertising campaigns. Apple has also done away with the “skeuomorphism” that Steve Jobs loved, which is where applications mimic the appearance of real world objects such as a notepad or rolodex.

Outside of the visual refresh, Apple has also added minor changes to the operating system, making the user experience less tedious. Among these changes is the ability to automatically update your applications in the background, which is a refreshing change. You no longer have to go into the Application Store and press “update all” every day. Another addition is the ability to have an unlimited amount of apps in a folder. While this seems like a no-brainer, Apple had previously capped the folders at 12 applications.

Apple also launched “iTunes Radio” with iOS 7, which is its version of Pandora Radio. With it, you are able to purchase any song through iTunes directly on your phone.

Can Apple take back some of the mobile phone market share with iOS 7? Only time will tell. The changes Apple decides to make with the inevitable iPhone 5S will determine whether or not they can truly compete with the likes of the Samsung Galaxy S4 or the HTC One, which both run their own unique, skinned versions of the Android operating system.



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By DAVID OUELLET

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CAFFEINE MAKES ME HYPER

Solution: 6 letters

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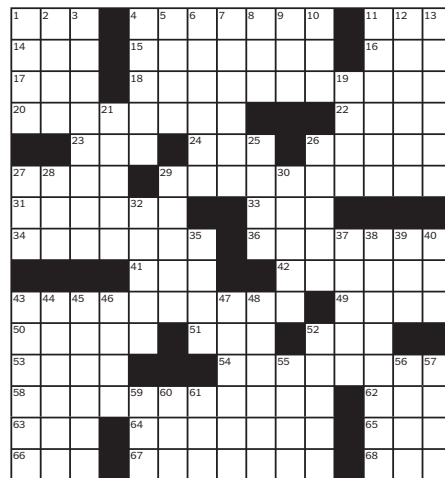
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Digital readout, in short
 4 So-called "Crime Dog" of public service ads
 11 Emergency PC key
 14 Debtor's note
 15 Certain spray can
 16 1960s chess champ Mikhail
 17 "De-e-licious!"
 18 Caribbean resort island
 20 2008 Tina Fey/Amy Poehler comedy
 22 Yale students
 23 ___ good deed
 24 ___ Day (third Mon. in January)
 26 Divas' solos
 27 Creature that goes "ribbit"
 29 Many a 1930s soap opera
 31 Piquant triangular snack chip
 33 Failure
- DOWN**
- 34 Desert of Chile
 36 3-D art project
 41 Oomph
 42 Place to analyze some crime evidence
 43 White House girl
 49 Winery tubs
 50 ___ Rock (Australian site)
 51 Place with thermal waters
 52 One of 100 on the Hill; Abbr.
 53 Nevada gambling mecca
 54 "He's a priest," per Ogden Nash
 58 First explorer to sail directly from Europe to India
 62 System of connected PCs
 63 Optometrist's focus
 64 Crunchy bit ground up in pesto
 65 "Reeling in the Years" rockers Steely ___
 66 Guitar innovator Paul
- DOWN**
- 1 Arm or leg
 2 Unconscious state
 3 Stereotypical airhead of old
 4 Underground molten rock
 5 Michael of "Superbad"
 6 Parent's mom, informally
 7 President Reagan
 8 Amer. money
 9 Watch chain
 10 Tallahassee's home; Abbr.
 11 And others
 12 Green eggs and ham purveyor, in "Green Eggs and Ham"
 13 Minor-league baseball level
 19 German "Mr."
 21 Like some meditative exercises
 25 Captain ___ legendary pirate
 26 Build a new wing, say
 27 Org. that approves new pharmaceuticals
 28 Go bad
 29 Juliet's beau
 30 One-named author of "A Dog of Flanders"
 32 Snacks at a Spanish bar
 35 "Be on the lookout" alerts, for short

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PUZZLE BY TIM CROCE

- 37 Entangle, as yarn
 38 Hawkeye Pierce's portrayer
 39 Welcome ___ (doorstep item)
 40 Muscles that benefit from crunches
 43 Publisher of Spider-Man and X-Men comics
 44 "Yes, captain!"
 45 Microscope parts
 46 Classic '80s Camaro
 47 Orbital high point
 48 Tomorrow, in Tijuana
 52 Dull blue-gray
 55 Birds appearing on Australia's 50¢ coins
 56 "Yes, ___" (gent's reply)
 57 Actress Paquin
 59 Choose (to)
 60 Italian "god"
 61 12 months; Sp.

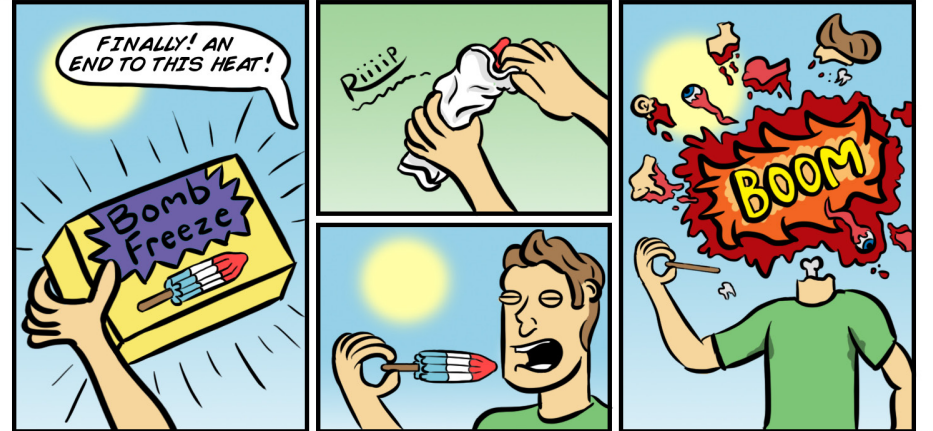
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