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Longhorn Lights Out celebrates earth
UT Facilities Services launches Longhorn Lights Out on April 24 as part of the University's Earth Month commemoration. The department is asking the campus community to turn off any lights that can be easily controlled on campus (without negative impact on safety and research), from noon to 1 p.m.

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CRIME

Jones' charges reduced to misdemeanor

By Alberto Long

Texas wide receiver Cayleb Jones' felony charge was dismissed and will be reduced to a misdemeanor to be tried by the county attorney, according to officials from the Travis County District Attorney's Office and the Travis County Attorney's Office.

Jones punched UT

tennis player Joey Swaysland on Feb. 22 outside a downtown nightclub after confronting Swaysland and UT volleyball player Khat Bell, according to police. The blow fractured Swaysland's jaw. Jones was charged with felony aggravated assault on March 12, a criminal offense punishable by up to 20 years in prison.

Bell told police she had

previously been in a relationship with Jones, who had threatened Swaysland before and was jealous of Bell seeing other men — specifically Swaysland.

According to Nick Valdez, an official at the district attorney's office, the case was dismissed as a felony and submitted as a reduction to the county attorney's office on April 12.

Corby Holcomb, assistant director for the trial division at the county attorney's office, said the county attorney will examine the case and decide whether to prosecute after the case is filed. As of now, the case has not been filed.

"Nothing will happen for a while," Holcomb said.

At a hearing at the 167th

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Cayleb Jones
Texas wide receiver

CITY



Becca Gamache | Daily Texan Staff

Michael Hicks, volunteer for the Ministry of Challenge, assists in delivering food to an apartment on 12th Street on Tuesday afternoon. The non-denominational ministry serves as a drug rehabilitation center as well as a gathering place for the nearby community.

Cleaning the corner

Community members serve crime-ridden 12th and Chicon streets

By Alberto Long

The immediate area surrounding the corner of 12th and Chicon streets is often described as a hub for rampant drug distribution, gang activity, homelessness and prostitution. A short bus ride from campus to the area will

show the corner's problems remain, yet nestled inside one of Austin's most underprivileged neighborhoods is a bustling network of tightly-knit community support and altruistic social outreach.

According to sociology professor William Kelly, new development in the area has brought a changing

demographic and a relatively stronger sense of safety than the corner had before the shift, when the area had an oft-publicized history of widespread crime.

The influx of new residents to the area has caused property-tax rates to increase — a social phenomenon known as gentrification — thereby displacing and exploiting many of the neighborhood's original residents who struggled to afford

housing prior to gentrification. Despite gentrification and a renewed demand for public safety from residents in the area, Kelly said such developments have not come without their pitfalls.

Queen Lola, a neighborhood preacher who owns a struggling restaurant called Nubian Queen Lola's a block away from the corner of 12th and Chicon streets, spends

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SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

UT professor develops app to navigate Austin traffic

By Amanda Voeller

Using public transportation efficiently can be tedious, but UT military science professor Joseph Kopser's new app RideScout makes it easier to navigate Austin by combining all the public transit options into a simple interface.

RideScout presents ride options organized by arrival time and estimated cost, as well as linking to Facebook to allow people to offer friends rides based on location.

"The future we see is giving someone the tool in their hand to be able to make decisions to hopefully leave their car at home or keep it parked," Kopser said.

According to Kopser, this will allow people to avoid the high costs of fuel and parking as well as lessening carbon dioxide in the air and clearing up roads.

"When I moved here to Austin and saw UT Austin's campus and the ecosystem for entrepreneurs and all the talents of graduate students here ... I realized if I was ever going to make this idea [into an app], Austin was the place," Kopser said.

Kopser pitched the app idea at a South By Southwest pitch contest in 2012 and

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CAMPUS



Students, faculty and staff dance at Fandango, an event by Grupo Flor y Canto that includes dances, theater performances and educational displays related to Latino dance.

Mikaela Locklear
Daily Texan Staff

Latin group hosts Zumba party

By Amanda Voeller

Latin music filled the room as students, faculty and staff danced Zumba at a Tuesday dance party sponsored by Grupo Flor y Canto.

"We usually do a lot of educational events related to Latino dance, like Mexican folkloric dance," said Eliseo Jacob, a representative of Grupo Flor y Canto. "This semester, we've been doing a

focus on Zumba."

The group, which has been at UT since 2004, meets once a week to increase student interest in fitness, Jacob said. Membership fees are required to be part of the group, but this specific event, called Fandango, was free to UT students, faculty and staff, according to Jacob. Throughout the event, Grupo Flor y Canto members randomly drew names of participants who won various prizes such as

T-shirts, earbuds and pom poms.

Petroleum engineering graduate student Maryam Mirabolghasemi said she has had a positive experience since she started practicing with the group last summer. She said the group is consistently trying to recruit new members.

Each spring the annual Fandango has a different

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CAMPUS

Panel hopes to raise citizen involvement

By Alexandra Dubinsky

Hoping to increase civic engagement, experts and community members weighed in at a panel Tuesday to discuss city representation and Austin's 10-1 proposal.

KLRU, KUT and the Annette Strauss Institute for Civic Life hosted "Why Bother?" a TV series dedicated to engaging Texans in democracy and addressing local political issues. The episode will be broadcast on May 16.

The panel focused on the city's 10-1 proposition, which Austin voters passed in November. The proposition splits the city into 10 districts with one representative from each district elected to serve on the Austin City Council. Currently, the council has six members who represent the entire city.

“
... Are we going to have as much voice as the real estate developers? Is the representative going to beholden to [its citizens] or to the rich and powerful?”

— Carl Webb,
East Riverside resident

Kathryn Flowers, public affairs graduate student and research technician at the institute, said 10-1 will have a greater effect on neighborhoods because

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Shelby Tauber | Daily Texan Staff

William plays at a park near Central Market during the Texas Community Music Festival on Tuesday evening.

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Criminal District Court on Monday morning, the case was reset for May 20. Valdez said the reset is misleading due to a lag between computer systems at the two offices, calling the reset "insignificant" because the decision to prosecute is out of the district attorney's hands.

UT head football coach Mack Brown issued a statement saying Jones will not participate in team activities until his charges are finalized.

"We are aware of Cayleb's situation and disappointed any time one of our players is accused of wrongdoing," Brown said. "We have talked with Cayleb and his family, and he has been suspended from all team activities pending the completion of the legal process. Any further action will be handled at the conclusion of the legal process."

Jones' attorney Rickey Durante Jones could not be reached for comment.

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her off-time providing free meals to more than 1,500 people from the back of a bus she was given. Lola said the area is much safer than it once was, but she was quick to deny that her life-long neighborhood is safe or stable by any means.

Inside a colorful, albeit lonely restaurant, Lola entertained a single customer. People on the street — Lola's "brothers and sisters" — frequently stopped to exchange hellos and warm embraces with "the Queen."

"My whole life I been here," Lola said. "I raised my children right up there on Hungry Hill. I was here when it was really bad ... I woke up one morning and seen what shouldn't have been 30 years ago, and I've been fighting like a dog ever since. I been right here in this community for 30 years blessing, touching and healing."

Lola's daily visits to several projects in the area is a personal commitment to social outreach among several, larger organizations' efforts to provide for the impoverished neighborhood.

FreeStore Austin, an outreach initiative of the United

Methodist Church, provides clothing and other necessities entirely free-of-charge to residents in the area. The modest building is situated across from 12th and Salina streets — now the most notorious drug-exchange spot in the neighborhood.

Matt Cardona, a FreeStore specialist who manages the store, said the community respects and cares for those who genuinely try to help.

"I even left the doors unlocked one day, and nothing was taken," Cardona said. "When the people see that you're here for them and that you care for them, they respect. I got homeless guys that sleep on the back porch. Nothing happens to the building. They care about the people that care about them."

Also located in the heart of the neighborhood is a non-denominational ministry called the Ministry of Challenge, a drug rehabilitation and housing center that opened in 1993.

Grady Howie, Ministry of Challenge program director, said the area is not as plagued by crime as it once was, but maintains that the community needs more outside support.

"We're the only church in this neighborhood that provides for these people,"



Becca Gamache | Daily Texan Staff

Queen Lola, owner of Cajun restaurant Nubian Queen Lola's, provides free meals to families of the community on a daily basis, feeding approximately 1500 people a week.

Howie said.

John Bailey, participant and resident at the Ministry of Challenge, agreed with Howie, but said the Ministry's program is very strict. Bailey even called the program "exploitative," citing the lack of pay for the work thrust upon the Ministry's residents.

Lola had similar concerns and has long been suspicious of other outreach organizations in the area.

"I promise to God none of these outreach organizations are providing for these people," Lola said of major initiatives like "Mission: Possible!," a non-denominational Christian organization that focuses outreach at the inner city. "They came to the neighborhood lying, talking about how they been helping for 20 years. And I know that's a lie because if they really were, I wouldn't be doing all that I'm doing."

Lola, who will often park her bus outside FreeStore Austin in solidarity, said she hopes to turn her struggling restaurant into a soup kitchen.

"I'm just not the kind of person to just sit and watch somebody in a situation and do nothing," Lola said. "You give someone something they need they gonna praise God ... then they gonna thank God for you, and you just got blessed — and that's what it's all about."

THE DAILY TEXAN

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Austinites will see more changes from the council.

"You have someone that's just looking at interest in neighborhood rather than city as a whole ... but there are problems that come with that too, because districts often fight with each other over what issue they want," Flowers said.

Ryan Robinson, city demographer and one of the panelists, said the proposition will help to alleviate low voter-turnout rates in

Austin. Texas has one of the lowest civic-participation rates in the country, with voter turnout in Austin's 2012 mayoral election at 10.5 percent, and voter participation in the last city council member election at 7.5 percent, according to Robinson.

The panel also featured Sherri Greenberg, director for the Center for Politics and Governance at the LBJ School of Public Affairs, and Carol Lee, president

of Austin Neighborhoods Council. Kevin Foster, associate professor of African and African diaspora studies, anthropology and education administration, moderated the event. KLRU also invited 10 neighborhood representatives to voice their opinions about 10-1.

Individuals on the panel discussed balancing representing specific neighborhoods with the overall interest of the city. Carl Webb,

a resident from Southeast Austin, said he is skeptical of geographical representation.

"I live along East East Riverside," Webb said. "As they start to build condos, which they already have, are the thousands of people that live there now that have affordable rent ... are we going to have as much voice as the real estate developers? Is the representative going to be beholden to [its citizens] or to the rich and powerful?"

57th Annual Sylvan Beach Day Festival. Sponsored by The La Porte - Bayshore Chamber of Commerce. Saturday ~ April 27, Sylvan Beach Park ~ La Porte, TX. Festival Gates Open - 9:00 AM. Admission (9 AM - 5 PM - \$5.00) (5 PM - 11:30 - \$10.00). Senior Citizens \$2.00 - Children 10 & Under W/Adult FREE. 281.471.1123 ~ www.laportechamber.org. Performers: Jason Cassidy (5:00 - 6:15 PM), Brian Evans (3:00 - 4:30 PM), Stoney Larue (10:00 - 11:30 PM), Bart Crow Band (8:00 - 9:00 PM), Mark 4 Band (1:15 - 2:30 PM).

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theme, Jacob said. Last year's dances were based out of Veracruz, Mexico. The group recognizes the Spanish holiday Dia de los Muertos by hosting an educational event called Las Calaeas.

The event includes dances, theatre performances and educational displays about the significance of the day, while incorporating other groups such as Texas Latin Dance, UT Ballet Folklorico and several Latino fraternities.

Roxanne Hall, UTPD staff member, said she went to the event to see if she enjoyed Zumba before committing to paying for classes.

"I just got through a big move and a lot of traveling and stuff like that, so it's time to start focusing on me again," Hall said.

NEWS BRIEFLY

Hackers compromise AP Twitter account

NEW YORK — Hackers compromised Twitter accounts of The Associated Press on Tuesday, sending out a false tweet about an attack at the White House.

The false tweet said there had been two explosions at the White House and that President Barack Obama was injured. The attack on AP's Twitter account and the AP Mobile Twitter account was preceded by phishing attempts on AP's corporate network.

The AP confirmed that its Twitter account had been suspended following a hack and said it was working to correct the issue.

The false tweet went out shortly after 1 p.m. and briefly sent the Dow Jones industrial average sharply lower. The Dow fell 143 points and then quickly recovered.

Gay marriage riot becomes violent

PARIS — Clashes have broken out between protesters and riot police near France's National Assembly building hours after the country legalized gay marriage.

Some protesters opposed to the measure legalizing same-sex marriage hurled Molotov cocktails, and riot police responded with tear gas at the Invalides memorial and museum complex, near the National Assembly.

Hours earlier, French lawmakers legalized gay marriage in the Socialist-majority Assembly, 331-225.

Following the vote, members of the gay and lesbian community flocked to a square in central Paris, just behind City Hall, to celebrate.

Sandusky charity to transfer programs

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. — A judge has ruled that the Pennsylvania charity for troubled youths started by convicted pedophile Jerry Sandusky can transfer \$200,000 and other small assets to a Texas ministry, which will assume operations of some programs.

Arrow Child & Family Ministries of Houston says in a release Tuesday that it will assume operations May 1 of some programs that were run by The Second Mile.

The State College-based charity concluded last May that it could not continue operating after the Sandusky scandal.

— Compiled from Associated Press reports

Suspect in derailing plot denies charges

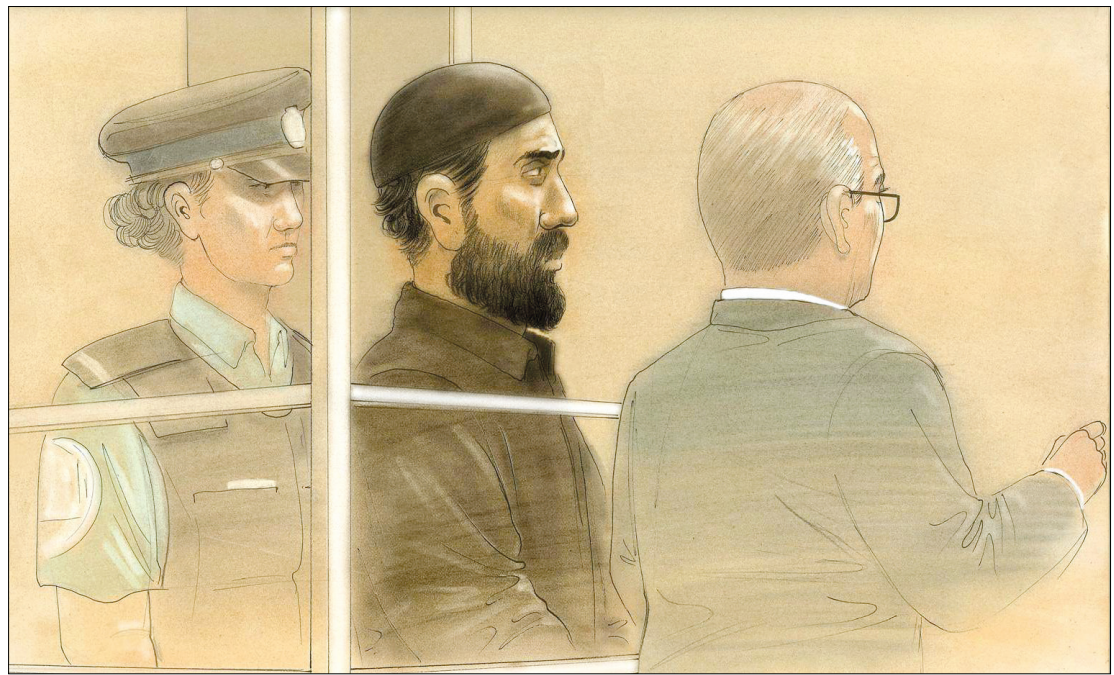
By Rob Gillies

Associated Press

TORONTO — A man accused of plotting with al-Qaida members in Iran to derail a train in Canada rejected the charges and said Tuesday that authorities were basing their conclusions on appearances. Law enforcement officials in the U.S. said the target was a train that runs between New York City and Canada.

Canadian investigators say Raed Jaser, 35, and his suspected accomplice Chiheb Esseghaier, 30, received guidance — but no money — from members of al-Qaida in Iran. Iran released a statement saying it had nothing to do with the plot, even though there were no claims in Canada that the attacks were sponsored directly by Iran.

"We oppose any terrorist and violent action that would jeopardize lives of innocent people," Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman Ramin



In this courtroom sketch, Raed Jaser appears in court in Toronto on Tuesday. Jaser, 35, and Chehib Esseghaier, 30, were arrested and charged Monday in what the RCMP said was the first known al-Qaida terror plot in Canada.

John Mantha
Associated Press

Mehmanparast said Tuesday.

Charges against the two men in Canada include conspiring to carry out an attack and murder people in association with a terrorist group. Police said it was the first known attack planned by al-Qaida in Canada.

Law officials in New York with knowledge of

the investigation told The Associated Press the attack was to take place on the Canadian side of the border.

In a brief court appearance in Montreal, a bearded Esseghaier declined to be represented by a court-appointed lawyer. He made a brief statement in French in which he called

the allegations against him unfair.

"The conclusions were made based on facts and words which are only appearances," he said in a calm voice after asking permission to speak.

Jaser appeared in court earlier Tuesday in Toronto and also did not enter a plea. He was given a

new court date of May 23. The court granted a request by his lawyer, John Norris, for a publication ban on future evidence and testimony.

Norris refused to say where Jaser was from, saying that revealing his nationality in the current climate amounted to demonizing him.

Defense for suspect faces uphill challenge

By Sharon Cohen

Associated Press

There are photos of the suspect at the bomb scene, video footage of him dropping a knapsack at the site of one of the blasts, and perhaps most incriminating could be the written words of Dzhokhar Tsarnaev himself during questioning in a Boston hospital. A case with evidence like this may be the toughest challenge a lawyer can

face: defending someone accused of an act of terror so horrific a nation cries out for swift, severe punishment. Attorneys who handle terrorism and other notorious cases say public opinion is stacked against the defense for obvious reasons. Acts of terrorism unleash an outpouring of anger from the public, including potential jurors.

Some lawyers say that in this case, the surveillance evidence and a police shootout make a "he wasn't there" innocence claim untenable — and keeping Tsarnaev out of the execution chamber may itself be a triumph.

"The reality is you just try to save his life," said Thomas A. Durkin, a Chicago lawyer who


has defended several terrorism suspects.

Durkin said there are several steps the defense can take: Hire top-notch investigators, look for possible psychiatric issues or brain damage and scour for potential vulnerabilities in how the government collected evidence. But he said the biggest hurdles for lawyers, clearly, are the bombings and the ensuing horror.

"It's just an unspeakable crime," Durkin said. "It strikes at the heart of a free society. It strikes fear into everyone. It's just an awful, awful situation — people standing, watching a race one second and having no feet after that."

Frank Rubino, a Miami defense attorney, agreed it wouldn't make sense to deny the younger Tsarnaev's involvement, but attorneys could try to spare his life by focusing on his age — 19 — and possible coercion by his older brother, Tamerlan, 26, who was killed Friday in a fierce police shootout.

Tsarnaev was charged Monday with using a weapon of mass destruction to kill in the April 15 bombings. He could face the death penalty if convicted.




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VIEWPOINT

Texas needs to know numbers

Most Texas public high school students take Algebra II when they are 16 years old. The class' curriculum covers a wide range of topics, offering an intentionally superficial survey of complex ideas that are developed later in more rigorous coursework. Students learn about logarithms and complex numbers. They solve polynomials with obscure techniques like factoring and the quadratic formula. Not everyone finds these exercises thrilling, but we generally accept them as necessary. According to a study from the Educational Testing Service, the nonprofit responsible for administering the GRE and other standardized assessments, a student's performance in Algebra II is a better predictor of college success than any other high school class.

Lawmakers in the Texas House of Representatives, however, are questioning the importance of Algebra II with a new bill that would reduce the required math and science courses for high school graduation. House Bill 5, authored by Reps. Jimmie Don Aycock, R-Killeen, Joe Deshotel, D-Beaumont, John Davis, R-Houston, Mike Villarreal, D-San Antonio and Bill Callegari, R-Houston, with more than 60 co-authors, has been approved in the House and awaits a vote in the Senate. If passed, it would remove Algebra II as a high school graduation requirement in Texas public schools by the 2013-2014 school year.

The proposed legislation is a mistake. Students will learn less under less-demanding curricula, which bodes poorly for this University and for the state as a whole.

Specifics learned in Algebra II, which rarely come in handy for students not pursuing math or science degrees, may be forgotten, but no English or history undergraduate is any worse

for having taken the class in high school. On the contrary, work completed in 10th grade algebra and further quantitative classes teaches students to engage parts of their brains that might otherwise atrophy. If nothing else, we learned in Algebra II that we could learn something.

HB 5 would backtrack on Texas' recent success in mathematics education. A 2013 report by the National Assessment of Educational Progress indicates that Texas eighth graders made a 32-point gain in math scores between 1990 and 2011. Texas Education Commissioner Michael Williams told The Dallas Morning News in February that he attributes the achievement "to an emphasis Texas has placed on a critical core subject [math]."

The bipartisan nonprofit Achieve, which promotes higher academic standards nationwide, agrees with Williams. Achieve disapproves of HB 5 and considers it to be counterproductive to the success of future Texans. Its policy experts contend that students would fare better under legislation that requires additional emphasis on math as a core subject, not less. According to the Achieve policy agenda, "For high school graduates to be prepared for success in a wide range of postsecondary settings, they need to take four years of challenging mathematics."

Supporters of HB 5 argue that the bill will provide flexibility. Students, they say, will have more room in their schedules to pursue classes of more immediate relevance to their career plans. A Senate analysis of the bill echoes that sentiment: "Many in business and industry are frustrated with the lack of applied core curriculum courses to prepare students for the growing labor demands in this state."

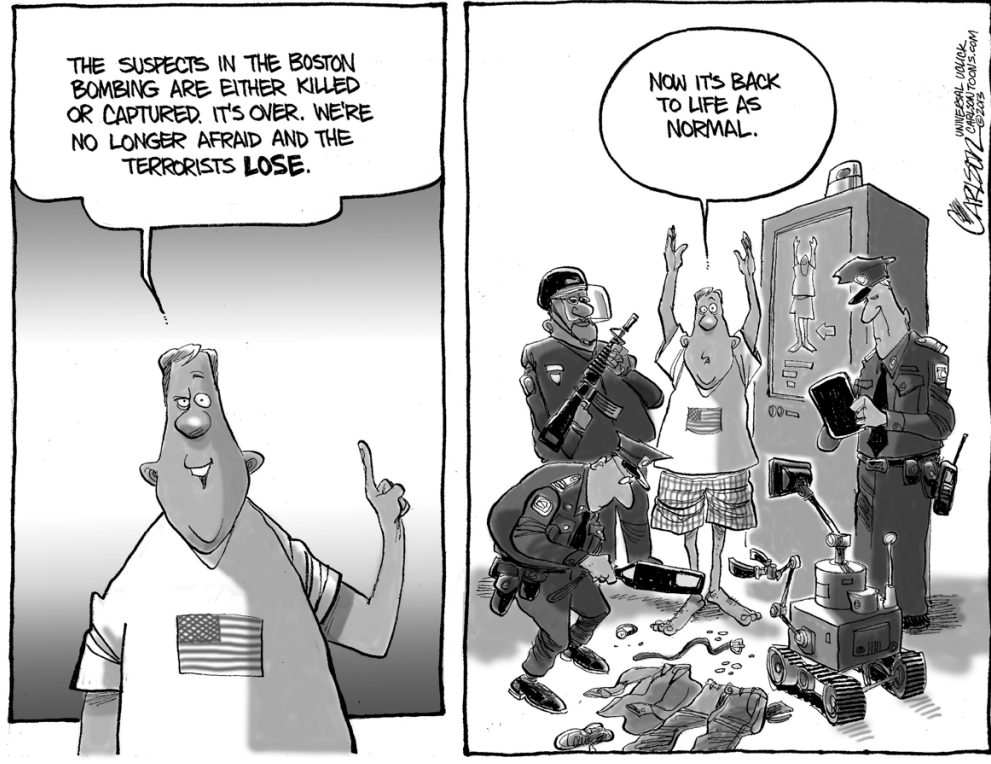
But high school isn't supposed to be about marketing oneself to prospective employers. Instead, students should learn to engage in — and develop an appreciation for — the wealth of career paths available to them. Learning to master concepts that don't come easily is always relevant to a young student. No 16-year-old knows the specific skills his or her later career will require, but all 16-year-olds would benefit from a diverse set of problem-solving capabilities. Moreover, as Achieve's president Michael Cohen asked the Houston Chronicle, "What kind of technical training doesn't require some kind of advanced mathematics?"

It is especially unwise to discourage students from engaging in quantitative learning at a time of significant global competition in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) fields. Eliminating math and science requirements could effectively limit many students' career paths. A student can always drop off the STEM track, but it is much more difficult to get back on. A college student whose last math course was 9th grade geometry would have to learn three years or more of math just to begin pursuing an engineering degree. Even more difficult would be to finish that degree in four years, a goal the University has aggressively adopted in recent years.

When Texas high schools fail to prepare their students, the onus of remedial education efforts and their associated costs fall on UT.

Texas students demand and deserve high academic standards. HB 5 threatens to deteriorate recent progress in Texas public education for no compelling reason.

GALLERY



Don't rush to judgment

Travis Knoll

Daily Texan Columnist

Last week, the United States suffered the first successful domestic terror attack since Sept. 11, 2001. As of this writing, one suspect is dead and the second is in custody and has just recently awoken. Although this attack was not on the scale of 9/11, we can still reflect on our response to terror and the areas in which society can improve. Are we more measured or just desensitized? What have been the effects of similar, but unsuccessful, attempts, such as the Times Square car bomber or the underwear bomber, on our perceptions of terrorism? How should we evaluate the media's response to the bombings? How do we deal with a widespread, irrational fear of Muslims, of the "others," a fear that prevents us from understanding the complexities of the Middle East and moves some politicians to suggest trying our own citizens as "enemy combatants" (a position that the Obama administration has rejected)?

I interviewed Saif Kazim of the Society for Islamic Awareness, a campus student organization that attempts to foster awareness of Muslim issues. He points to the media's emphasis on the nationality of an initial person of interest, a Saudi national injured in the blast. The Saudi national was questioned but quickly released after he showed no connection to the attacks. Kazim insists that the narrative was based on false assumptions. "That there are statistical probabilities [that Muslims commit the majority of terrorist acts] is not evident." He believed the media rushed to a quick judgment that would fit more easily into the general narrative. "When you hear the story about why he was picked up, he was running [from the area], and he was reported as looking suspicious." It's worth noting that The New York Post, which ran the story, quickly withdrew it.

UT journalism professor Robert Jensen has seen significant improvement on the coverage of this event as opposed to the coverage of 9/11. "We don't know the circumstances around this one person of interest, but we can certainly see the difference between a single episode and a pattern of invidious discrimination." Although we must constantly be vigilant, Jensen says most of the media has "learned from the past" and journalists are slower to buy into the "mob mentality" that led to more systematic discrimination after 9/11.

When I asked Kazim about whether the detention and quick release of one person of interest could lead to more general profiling, he pointed to a story reported by Boston's FOX 25 News on April 17 in which two Arabic speakers were asked to remove themselves from a Chicago-bound airplane because passengers, many of them Boston Marathon runners, were uncomfortable. No further details were given. Indeed, the USA Today story reported last week that Muslim organizations were particularly worried about an "irrational response" to the Boston Marathon bombings. The story cited comments made by conservative media mogul Pat Robertson: "Don't talk to me about 'religion of peace'...no way!"

After the attack, a Muslim woman in Malden, Mass. was allegedly harassed while walking with her child by a man who screamed, "You are terrorists! We hate you!" according to the Malden Patch, a local newspaper. Malden Mayor Gary Christenson later called the woman who had been the target of the attack to say that he "would not tolerate" hate speech. But Kazim sees improvement as well. "There is more awareness of the discrimination now. The discriminatory governmental policies are still in place, but there were several opinion pieces that ran calling out discrimination."

Many in the media should also be applauded for their initial restraint in considering a variety of different possible motives for the bombings. As we continue to learn the details of the investigation, let us keep in mind the words of President Barack Obama, who on April 19 said, "The American spirit includes staying true to the unity and diversity that makes us strong. And that's why we take care not to rush to judgment — not about the motivations of these individuals; certainly not about entire groups of people."

Knoll is a Latin American Studies senior from Dallas.

Adapt to inaccuracy in social media

Larisa Manescu

Daily Texan Columnist

It's a common sight at concerts nowadays: Instead of freely embracing the moment, the members of the smartphone-equipped crowd are more concerned with having their phones in the air, ready to document the experience for the social media realm.

But besides providing a new source of distraction, this attachment to our phones can also prove useful. In an emergency situation, an ordinary spectator has the technology to transform into a citizen journalist that documents not just concerts but also highly valuable information.

Chances are that you first heard about the Boston Marathon explosions through social media, whether from a Reddit post, a tweet, a Facebook status or some combination of the three.

While UT students were sitting in class or at work or taking a nap at home, spectators at the Boston Marathon were suffering fatal wounds, rushing fellow runners to receive emergency care and desperately looking for loved ones, while simultaneously producing written and visual updates on the unfolding activity.

Within an hour of the attack, both traditional and alternative news sites began accumulating and organizing information about the bombing provided by those at the site of the tragedy to create a cohesive narrative.

Live coverage of the Boston explosions by both amateur and professional journalists served many purposes. It kept people around the world informed by capturing developments as they occurred, including heartwarming acts of heroism and empathy. It also captured the raw emotion of the atmosphere and provided valuable primary photo resources that the FBI later used to identify the suspects.

UT journalism professor Robert Quigley, the former social media editor at the Austin American-Statesman, believes you cannot overstate the importance of new technology as a platform for journalists.

"You're out there, you're scraping, you're breaking things as they go and you're using Twitter," Quigley says. "If you're not comfortable in that world, this is a difficult profession for you right now."

However, as journalists increasingly use social media to reach the public, the repercussions of mistakes become more severe. It's not that there are more errors; it's that those errors stick. The mass of information shared after the Boston explosions caused mistakes in professional reporting and media coverage which were then carried rapidly across social media, triggering a vicious cycle of regurgitated misinformation. It was overwhelming, frustrating and sobering to see how an injured witness evolved into a Saudi suspect in the news, or how a Brown University student who has been missing since March became a target of suspicion on Reddit, resulting in the online harassment of his already-grieving family. That piece of misinformation was also picked up by major news

organizations such as Politico, Buzzfeed and Newsweek, which then spread it across the web.

Scrutiny, however, can be a difficult skill for journalists to maintain when they are wrapped up in the adrenaline of sharing the latest update.

Andy Carvin, the senior product manager for online communications for National Public Radio, gave a talk about social media and the Boston explosions at the International Symposium for Online Journalism in Austin last weekend.

Carvin highlighted mistakes made by the press in coverage of the April 15 attack under the pressure to keep social media consistently updated.

"It's never been easier to spread rumors," Carvin said.

However, instead of criticizing social media for distorting the ethics of journalism, as some journalism professionals do, Carvin urged the media to think progressively about their relationship to the public. Instead of merely informing the public by telling it what the media thinks it should know, Carvin made the distinction that the media should create a more informed public, or "better consumers and producers of information."

Instead of merely slapping "breaking news" on the latest tweets, examples of engagement included organizations being more transparent about what they know by actively addressing rumors on social media platforms instead of pretending they don't exist and talking to the public about where they came from, even if this means a major news organization admitting its own factual error.

"We should help them to understand what it means to confirm something. Confirming is not just sharing something you heard on Facebook from a friend or brother-in-law," Carvin said. "Reporting is no longer enough."

The public needs this wake-up call in order to become skeptical, active consumers instead of passive re-tweeters. Just yesterday, I saw not only friends but fellow journalists re-tweet breaking news from the Associated Press that the White House had been bombed and President Barack Obama was injured. The tweet was false; the AP Twitter account had been hacked. They may be forgiven for trusting the AP as the credible source it normally is, but the fact remains that they didn't hesitate to verify the information, even in light of recent bomb-related misinformation. We must acknowledge the journalistic problems of social media before we can move forward.

My suggestion: Don't hate the game, train the players. Social media isn't just one aspect of the news process; it is intrinsically wrapped up within the news cycle and it's not going away. Surely, the platform will change, but the effects of information dissemination persists. It is a force that cannot be ignored or detested. Instead, its relationship to journalism should be analyzed and better understood.

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UNIVERSITY

UTPD chief candidate from Ohio defends qualifications

By Amanda O'Donnell

of how much effort the city and the University put into working together.”

McCandless also spoke on the importance of department relationships with University organizations and staff. He said his experience and accomplishments at Miami University have done a lot to prepare him for a position at a bigger university.

“I obviously come from a smaller community,” McCandless said. “But at Miami, we worked diligently to gain resources that bigger surrounding departments did not have.”

The committee will consider both campus-wide and sector-specific concerns when evaluating candidates and their fit for UT.

Doug Bolin, artistic director and director of operations for University Events, said one of his department's concerns is choosing a candidate who can maintain the balance between the safety of events and their adherence to UT tradition.

“Our office works very



Marshall Nolen | Daily Texan Staff

John McCandless interviews for the open UTPD chief position Tuesday. Employed at the Miami University in Ohio, McCandless sets his sights on Texas to continue his career.

closely with all the safety and security offices on campus in programs that are all about a sense of a community and the culture that is unique to this institution,” Bolin said. “There are a lot of traditions, and it's important that we uphold those while keeping our

UT community safe.”

Luis Quintero, coordinator of Student Emergency Services, said his department relies directly on UTPD for information during investigations to fulfill its duties.

“We as a department need that cooperation,” Quintero

said. “Although I would have preferred some of the questions be answered more directly, [McCandless] spoke of a lot of varying experience, and some of the examples of issues he's had experience with are very common here.”

STUDENT GOVERNMENT

SG protects continued LGBT funding

By Amanda Voeller

and Sexuality Center and its educational value, Queer Students Alliance director Kent Kasischke said.

All members voted in support of the bill, with the exception of John David Roberts, a finance senior and McCombs representative.

“Today I represent the constituency that isn't okay with the minority being forced to pay for something that they might have a moral problem with,” Roberts said.

Roberts said he is a supporter of the gay community and was a sponsor for another bill that supports Ally Day. The difference is that the

Ally Day bill is about support while the Gender and Sexuality Center bill is about money, Roberts said.

“Just because we are a Texas school does not mean we are going to do the same actions [Texas A&M and the Texas Legislature] have,” said Janet Yang, an author of the Gender and Sexuality Center funding bill.

Yang said the bill also addressed the possibility of people around the nation categorizing UT into the beliefs Texas A&M and the Texas Legislature have set forth recently. The bill will not make any changes, but was an



Jonathan Garza | Daily Texan Staff

Finance senior John Roberts was the only representative to vote against the bill supporting the continuation of funding the Gender and Sexuality Center.

expression of Student Government's stance on funding the Gender and Sexuality Center, according to Yang. “It's the visibility of it all,”

Yang said. “Just to make sure that the stance of UT is being seen, we want to put something in writing explaining our viewpoint.”

NEWS BRIEFLY

UT investment funds reach record value

UT System endowment assets hit a new high at the halfway point of the current fiscal year with a combined worth of \$21.7 billion on Feb. 28, according to documents from the University of Texas Investment Management Company's most recent meeting.

The Permanent University Fund, a public endowment made up of 2.1 million acres of land located in West Texas, earned 8.4 percent in investment returns in the latest 12-month period ending in February. Meanwhile the General Endowment Fund, largely made up of donations from alumni and others, earned 8.5 percent in investment returns over the same period, according to UTIMCO CEO Bruce Zimmerman. UTIMCO is the nonprofit corporation that oversees the UT and Texas A&M systems' investments.

Zimmerman said he hopes investment returns on the endowment continue to increase, but stressed the importance of taking a long-term view when gauging the returns' success.

“We certainly hope there will be gains, and we actually hope to make more than what gets distributed [to the System],” Zimmerman said. “Specifically with respect to investment returns, what we will expect is ups and downs, because we are in a period of volatility in capital markets.”

According to figures Zimmerman provided, the various funds managed by UTIMCO have grown overall in the last 10 years. For the 10-year period ending Feb. 28, the Permanent University Fund's returns hovered at an average of 9.1 percent growth annually, while the General Endowment Fund had an annual average return of 9.2 percent over the same decade.

—Jordan Rudner

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won second place. Kopsper began working on the app in 2012 with Kate Ronkainen and Ryan Black, both of whom graduated from UT in spring 2012.

Black said RideScout did well in different competitions in the fall, which gave them more confidence and market validation.

RideScout has been funded by employees' friends and family as well as angel investors — people who aren't professional investors but are willing to financially support an idea — and is working on online marketing and co-marketing with the car-sharing service Car2Go.

The group hired a development team in August and launched RideScout in the Apple App Store in February 2013.



Mikaela Locklear | Daily Texan Staff

RideScout creators Kate Ronkainen, Joseph Kopsper and Ryan Black launched RideScout in the Apple App Store this February.

“It's a huge testament of the strength of the student body at Texas,” Kopsper said. “It's a huge testament to the ecosystem of Austin in general in terms of their ability to get technology off the ground.”

Austin has the highest smartphone-adoption rate per capita in the country, and although the app can be used by anyone, the target market is “millennials” — tech-savvy 18

to 34-year-olds, Black said.

Kopsper said RideScout is currently optimized for Austin, and it plans to expand to Washington, D.C. next. The company also plans to broaden its app's platform to Android this summer.

“We're pretty excited about not only what it'll do for Austin, but it'll be another great success story for the university itself,” Kopsper said.

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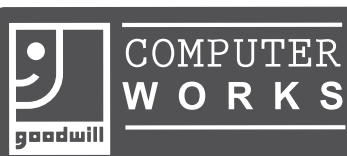
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FOOTBALL

Vaccaro prepared for NFL

By Rachel Thompson

Ask Kenny Vaccaro what he hopes the outcome of this week's NFL draft will be, and the answer is quick, confident and smoothly spoken.

"I want to be the first safety taken," Vaccaro said. "I don't care if it's the first or second round, I just want to be the first safety off the board."

The draft prospects are looking bright for the Brownwood native, who played for four years and started at safety in every game during his junior and senior years. In his four-year career, Kenny Vaccaro managed 264 tackles, five interceptions and four forced fumbles. Many analysts have listed Vaccaro as a first-round pick, citing his size, speed, hard-hitting grit, flexibility and instincts on the field.

"I think I was explosive on my breaks," Vaccaro said at Texas Pro Day, where he went through drills but skipped the 40-yard dash due to a hip flexor injury. "I was really happy with how my hip held up. I thought I did a good job today."

Vaccaro ran through private workouts for the Dallas Cowboys and the Tennessee Titans, though a bevy of other coaches seem to have their eyes on him too.



Marisa Vasquez | Daily Texan file photo

Former Texas safety Kenny Vaccaro is a highly ranked prospect in this week's NFL Draft. Vaccaro was one of only 23 players invited to New York City to attend the draft and is a projected first-round pick.

"I'm fired up to go anywhere," Vaccaro said at Pro Day. "This has been a dream my whole life. Wherever I go, I'll excel at that team."

Even if that team isn't his home state.

"I'm from Texas, I played

for the best university in Texas," Vaccaro said. "To play for America's team would be great, but I just want to have the opportunity to play for any organization."

Despite last season's oftentimes listless defense, Vaccaro

shined, leading the team in tackles and earning lauds including a first-team All-America selection by Pro Football Weekly. He duked it out in October with West Virginia's speedy receiver Tavon Austin and tallied 11 tackles during the game.

Beneath Vaccaro's tattooed skin, football runs deep in his blood. Vaccaro's uncle, A.J. Johnson, played in the NFL with both the Washington Redskins and

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BASEBALL | TEXAS 4, HOUSTON 0



Shweta Gulati | Daily Texan Staff

Third baseman Erich Weiss returned to play and hit his first home run of the season after suffering a nose injury Friday.

Weiss back in lineup, Horns topple Cougars

By Peter Sblendorio

It had been a long time since Erich Weiss last made a slow trot around the bases.

In his 38th game and 135th at-bat of the season, the third baseman finally connected on his first home run of the season in the first inning of the Longhorns' 4-0 victory over Houston on Tuesday.

"It was awesome," Weiss said. "I hope it will get me going. It is kind of a weight off, you just got to play the game and take what it gives you."

The home run also marked the first hit by Weiss since he was forced to leave Friday

night's game against West Virginia after a pitch hit off his helmet and broke his nose. Weiss made his first start since the injury on Tuesday after pinch-hitting in Sunday's game.

Neither team scored again until the fifth inning, when C.J. Hinojosa hit a single to right field to drive home Weston Hall and extend his team leading RBI total to 24. Texas would add two more runs in the bottom of the sixth on a run-scoring wild pitch and an RBI double by Hall.

Josh Urban was dynamic in his third consecutive Tuesday start, as he allowed just one hit

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Texas pitchers power Tuesday win

GAME BREAKDOWN

Innings 1-3: Except for Erich Weiss' home run in the bottom of the first, the Longhorns didn't score through the first three frames, though they connected on two base hits. Junior Josh Urban gave up only one hit through three innings as he faced just one hitter over the minimum.

Innings 4-6: The Texas pitching staff continued to dominate on the mound. Freshman Travis Duke came in as relief in the fifth and the Cougars couldn't get a hit until the sixth inning. C.J. Hinojosa had an RBI single in the fifth to plate Weston Hall. The Longhorns took advantage of a dropped third strike to score a run in the sixth. Hall finished off the inning with an RBI double to plate Brooks Marlow.

Innings 7-9: The offense went scoreless in the final two innings registering no hits and two strikeouts. Junior Ty Marlow came in as relief in the eighth and gave up only one hit while striking out three to close the game for Texas.

—Sara Beth Purdy

BY THE NUMBERS

4: The Texas offense recorded four strikeouts in the bottom of the sixth inning. Junior designated hitter Jacob Felts struck out swinging but was able to reach due to a wild pitch on the third strike.

28: Junior Mark Payton reached base safely in his 28th consecutive game Tuesday night. Payton went 0-for-3 against the Cougars but walked in the seventh.

STOCK UP

Erich Weiss: In his first start since breaking his nose against West Virginia this past weekend, Weiss hit a home run deep to right field in his first at-bat in the bottom of the first inning. The junior finished the night 1-for-4.

STOCK DOWN

Contact: Texas offense had trouble making contact Tuesday night against the Houston pitching staff. The Longhorns recorded 11 strikeouts while only coming up with four runs off eight hits. The Texas pitching staff combined for only five strikeouts on the night.



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Junior pitcher Josh Urban combined with fellow pitchers Travis Duke and Ty Marlow to hold the Cougars to a mere four hits.

MLB

Slumping, sluggish Astros necessitate steadfast fan base

By Nick Cremona
Daily Texan Columnist

The Astros have been in the process of taking a massive salary dump in the past few years, and now they are left with a steaming pile of shell-shocked would-be minor leaguers. Not exactly the formula for winning a pennant. Especially in the rejuvenated American League West, where Oakland has shown it has the pieces to give the Angels and Rangers a run for the division crown. Right now the Astros are easily the worst team in the major leagues,

and it's not even close.

It doesn't take much digging to figure out why this team is so terrible. The Astros' opening day payroll for the entire roster was smaller than some individual players' salaries in the league. There are five Astros who are signed to multi-million dollar deals for this season, and those five make a shade under \$10 million combined. Houston has just five wins in 19 games, and there's an argument to be made that it doesn't even deserve that much. With the prices of stadium food now, a tray of hot

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SPORTS BRIEFLY

Addison, Begley bring in awards

Freshman Breanna Addison and junior Elizabeth Begley were designated league champions of their positions, the Big 12 Conference announced Tuesday.

Addison boasts an 8-1 league record and is ranked No. 33 in the nation in women's singles. The Boca Raton native has a 21-6 record in singles this season.

Begley also has an 8-1 league record and claimed the Big 12 title last year at No. 6 singles. Begley's record thus far is 26-14 in singles.

The Longhorns are seeded third and will play sixth-seeded Oklahoma Friday in Norman.

—Rachel Thompson

Rain impedes on tournament

The Longhorns will have to wait to continue their quest to win their first Big 12 Championship after third-round action was canceled Tuesday due to the ice and cold. Play will resume Wednesday at noon. The championship has been reduced from the normal 72 holes to 54.

Play was suspended for an hour Monday in the first round due to the weather and the second round was delayed for 45 minutes later in the afternoon. Six teams have yet to finish their second round due to darkness. Texas leads Oklahoma State by six shots after 36 holes.

—Jacob Martella

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the San Diego Chargers. He aided the Redskins in claiming a Super Bowl victory in 1991.

"Kenny is tough," head coach Mack Brown said. "Kenny is like [Seattle Seahawks safety] Earl Thomas. He's like a [Tennessee

Titans safety] Michael Griffin. It's easy to compare Kenny to the great ones. He plays with passion every day and he practices with passion."

Vaccaro was invited to New York City to attend the draft, one of only 23 players asked to attend.

"We have had a lot of guys that are invited to New York for the draft and it has always been a highlight," Brown said. "It obviously means that

you are going to be a first-round pick and very high on people's list."

Despite the recognition and flurry of praise he's received heading into the draft, Vaccaro is quick to give thanks for his talent, his accomplishments and his future.

"I never thought I'd be at this point," Vaccaro said. "I'm so blessed. I thank God everyday that I got the opportunity to play this game."

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in four scoreless innings while striking out one. Travis Duke pitched three scoreless innings to lower his ERA on the season to 0.64, and Ty Marlow came in from first base to pitch the final two frames.

The Cougars struggled to get anything started on offense, recording only four hits in the game. Only one of those hits went for extra bases, and they went down in order in five different innings.

Following the win, head coach Augie Garrido was pleased with the way his team fought to win the game and acknowledged the urgency to compile wins throughout the rest of the season.

"It was a grind on offense," Garrido said. "We just had to keep grinding it out. Every game is big for us. Every game's a must-win game. There is nothing left for us to do than win every game we possibly can. We all know that and you can't hide from that."

With the win, Texas evened the season series against Houston one game

to one. The Cougars took the first matchup by a 4-3 score on March 19 in Houston.

The Longhorns are now 22-17 on the season and 18-8 at home. That said, they will need to pick up several key wins on the road this weekend at Baylor to improve their standing in the Big 12. Texas is 5-10 in conference play this season and is tied with Texas Tech for last place in the Big 12.

Texas will look to pick up its first Big 12 series win of the year this weekend in Waco, with the first game scheduled to begin Friday at 6:35 p.m.

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dogs and a few soft drinks have just as much clout as the Astros.

New owner Jim Crane has also made a strategic move in selling the team's broadcast rights to Comcast SportsNet Houston, which sounds like something out of a "Terminator" film. If the strategy was to put the team on a network only a handful of subscribers can watch, then bravo Crane, you have successfully shrouded your team from the public eye. It might ultimately be the best thing for fans. There are only so many leads you can see slip away in the eighth and ninth innings before you start to cheer for the Rangers instead.

But if you're a true Astros fan, with fond memories of the Astrodome and those awesome jerseys from the '90s, you won't give up that easy.

There's hope yet for the organization, but it won't likely involve any current player or

staff member. It's never too early to be thinking about next year. Or, in the Houston Astros' case, the year after next. Or maybe even after the next summer Olympics. It hasn't been this depressing to be an Astros fan since we all figured out that Enron was about as viable an enterprise as a Nigerian email scam. No, you don't have an uncle that is urgently trying to wire you \$15 million for the small fee of all your personal information. And no, the Astros are not going to win the American League West any time soon, either. But I did hear about a 13-year-old kid from the Dominican Republic that may be able to help the Astros out in a few years. Just kidding, even with the services of seven studs, the Astros are doomed for mediocrity in the near and distant future.

Jose Altuve excluded, the team struggles to work against opposing pitchers' pitch counts and is collectively striking out at a record pace. As a team, the Astros average nearly 10 strikeouts per game. Most of those whiffs came

from Brett Wallace in the first few games of the year, but he was quickly sent back to Triple-A to fix that. A lot of the team's impatience at the plate has to do with its overall inexperience. The average age is 27 on the team's active roster. The bottom line is that the bulk of this year's roster needs more experience, whether it's down on the farm or with the big boys, even if that means getting roughed up from time-to-time.

So keep your heads up, Astros faithful, and try not to get your feelings hurt when someone makes fun of your team. It's going to happen often, and unless you want to be that guy that changes his baseball allegiance every other year, you're going to have to grow some tougher skin. Maybe you can even try out for the team if you really want to be a part of the rebuilding process. Although I won't be able to watch the team play every night because I am being held hostage by Time Warner Cable, I will keep a close eye on the team's progress in the coming years.



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OFFBEAT

Is puppy love worth the price?

By Hannah Smothers

When my roommates suggested the idea of purchasing a dog for our apartment, my response was a resounding “NO.”

If you can look past the \$500 deposit our complex requires for owning a pet, the logistics of the entire idea were completely ridiculous.

Dogs are not civilized creatures. Dogs do not understand the concept of indoor plumbing. Dogs do not understand the difference between what is and is not edible. Dogs also do not understand the concept of personal space.

Then of course, there is the monetary commitment that dogs demand. Dogs require their own special food, veterinary care, supplies and training. According to raisingspot.com, the average yearly cost of owning a dog can range between \$360 and \$2,520 or more. That's much more than a few college students can reasonably afford.

In a sense, dogs are like newborn babies that never really get past the infant stage. I am 20 years old. I do not want a large, furry infant taking up space in my overpriced apartment or peeing on my craigslist-acquired furniture.

It's not that I'm an insensitive, cold-hearted human being. When I pass by the boxer puppy one of my neighbors owns on my walk to class, I make the same giddy noises and contorted facial expressions that anyone else makes when confronted with a small animal.

The difference between me and my roommates is that I do not see the point of paying hundreds of dollars for a thing that will only take up what little patience I have left at the end of a busy school day.

However, after a particularly taxing week, I found myself craving the company of a dog.

While dogs are uncivilized and do not understand societal norms, they are also



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loving and reliable. They have a strange way of sensing when someone is upset, and they have nice dog-specific ways of cheering people up.

According to a brochure published by Pets Are Wonderful Support, interaction with animals has been shown to lower stress and decrease loneliness and depression. Another study that focused on recently widowed women found that those who owned pets had much fewer symptoms of physical and psychological disease than those who didn't own pets.

The psychological and physical health benefits are not just hearsay — they have real scientific research to



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back them up.

Does the neighbor I commonly see exiting the elevator with a handful of leashes and four small dogs have a lower stress level than I do? Does being tackled by four small dogs at the end of the day help him feel better after a hard test?

Maybe my ritual of visiting the Austin Pets Alive! pop-up adoption spot on South Congress when I'm feeling upset actually makes sense. And maybe this mysterious neighbor that my roommates have come to call “Dogboy”

knows something that I don't.

For now, however, I am happy to live in a domain where dog hair is not embedded into every soft surface, and I can go to sleep knowing that I will not wake up to find pee on my precious square of carpet.

When dogs can be trained to do my statistics homework, I might consider buying one. That will definitely help reduce my stress level.

For now, I'll pack a small picnic and take a bus to Zilker Park when I'm in need of some puppy love.

CAKES *continues from page 10*

necessarily be a bad thing,” Ferrario said. “I hope that people, through pancakes, realize how powerful student organizations can be when they work collectively for a common cause.”

Popularity and support for the program, which Ferrario said he hopes will become more of a tradition,

has grown tremendously over the last few years.

“There aren't many events like this that bring so many different student groups on campus together,” Ferrario said. “From all of those supporting organizations we are able to gather literally hundreds of volunteers who help with everything from mixing pancake bat-

ter to collecting donations from supporters.”

Along with his wife and daughter, Vick has been involved in the event since it first began. After being diagnosed with Parkinson's in 2008, he has been profoundly inspired by the excitement and dedication that underlies events like Pancakes for Parkinson's

on campus.

“I always appreciate student efforts that go beyond the classroom that serve the community and bring people together for a good cause,” Vick said. “I believe that the work the students have done in the past has been quite successful and it's been fun to have my family involved.”

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But now, after a month-long Netflix binge, I have seen the light. I have seen small-town America reconstructed beautifully in Dillon. I have seen God, and he wears No. 33. I have, seven years too late, finally seen the perfect show.

The writers of “Friday Night Lights” did a tremendous job developing 20 or so characters, making viewers care about them and then breaking them down right in front of them. By framing each character as relatable commodities — someone we once were, someone we hope/expect to become, someone we're scared to become and someone we know — “Friday Night Lights” does what “Lost” and “The Office” failed to do: It keeps us caring all the way to the end. The result is tears, fist-pumps and time spent lying in bed thinking, “Damn, what would I do?”

From beginning to end, tough decisions define the show. The choice between the one thing you've worked toward your entire life — with a superteam of an opportunity right on your doorstep — and the thing that would make a loved one the happiest. The sobering reminder that we don't have total control of our lives, that we're a bad break away from some stranger bathing us

with a sponge. The opportunity to sacrifice a year of life so someone could have the father you never did.

This is not a show about football. The sport is ever-present, a driving force behind many of the plot lines, but “Friday Night Lights” is deeper than that. For every cliché streets-to-stardom ascension, there's a dark side, the bullet holes in the back. For each character who outdoes his presumed fate and does something with his life, there is a character who can't make it out of Dillon. For every failed relationship, for every ruined marriage, there are the ones that last, Swedes and TAs be damned.

Don't worry, there is levity. Miracle touchdowns are scored in the final seconds of games, Mack Brown and Rick Barnes make appearances and a spontaneous trip to Mexico awaits.

See if you notice the Matt Saracen-Case McCoy on-field similarities and the inexplicable disappearance of J.D. McCoy. Grab some tissues for the opening episodes of season four. Root hard for Smash and his mother, and prepare to hate Joe McCoy. You'll spend 67 hours of your life binge-watching “Friday Night Lights.” I'd do it again. Texas forever, forever on Netflix.

SEX ED *continues from page 10*

incapable of having a romantic relationship or being loved. It does not make one dirty or forced to live a life of shame.

How can we begin to challenge topics in college, such as slut-shaming, misinformation about sex or stereotypes about gender, if those lessons have been taught to us through our education system?

Luckily, people like Katelyn Campbell, student body vice president at George Washington High School in Charleston, W.Va., exist. She was recently threatened by her principal for standing up against an assembly led by Pam Stenzel, who reportedly told students that, “if you take birth control, your mother probably hates you,” and, “I could look at any one of you in the eyes right now

and tell if you're going to be promiscuous.”

“No one should have to feel alone or afraid of repercussions for doing the right thing,” Campbell told ThinkProgress, an American political blog. “If I was able to succeed in the socially conservative state of West Virginia, then anyone can.”

Rather than invoking shame, lies and pink cardboard hearts, people of all ages deserve information that allows them to make healthy decisions, free of coercion and peer pressure. Whether you start having sex at age 17 or 78, most people will have sex at some point in their lives. Medically accurate sex education — free of stereotypes and stigmas — that promotes healthy relationships, is something we all deserve.

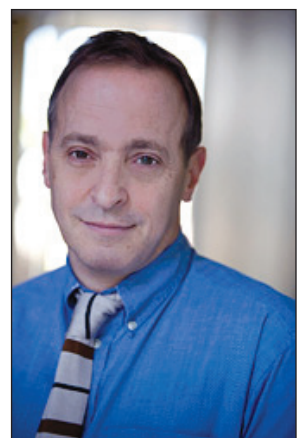
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a hit-and-run and ends up kissing his fellow cellmate only to come to the conclusion that kissing another guy is “really not that bad.”

With more than 20 different pieces, the book has plenty of enjoyable moments and few painful ones. Some of his fictional monologues shine, like “Just a Quick E-mail,” which is a sarcastic, cruel email from a newlywed to a wedding guest that brought pizza coupons as a gift.

But the parts of “Let's Explore Diabetes with Owls” that stand out are Sedaris' personal, non-fiction essays about his interactions with his family. Here, Sedaris is at his best. In “Memory Laps,” Sedaris recounts his struggles to make his father proud, centering on a summer when one of Sedaris' schoolmates outdid him at the local country club's swimming pool. The humor arises as we observe Sedaris' frustrated interactions with his parents and siblings.

Sedaris provides commentary on controversial subjects ranging from racism and social class to victim-blaming in

David Sedaris
Author

sexual-assault cases. In the section on health care and President Barack Obama, Sedaris mocks those who may disagree with him and the political polarization surrounding these issues.

“Let's Explore Diabetes with Owls” does not really explore diabetes with owls, which is probably a good thing. Instead of discussing the health issues of nocturnal birds, Sedaris does what he does best — he makes you laugh.

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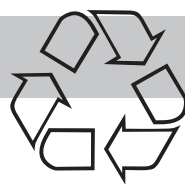
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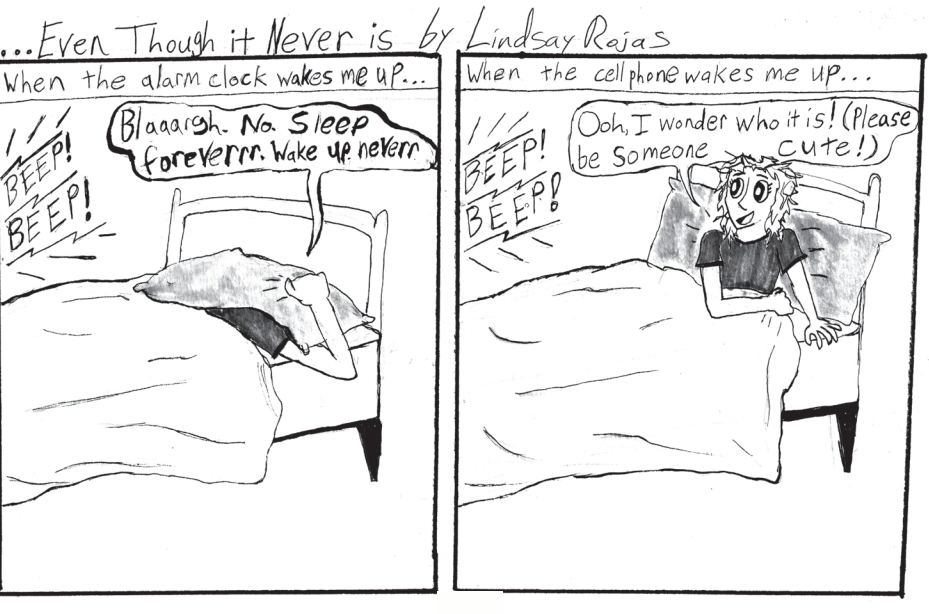
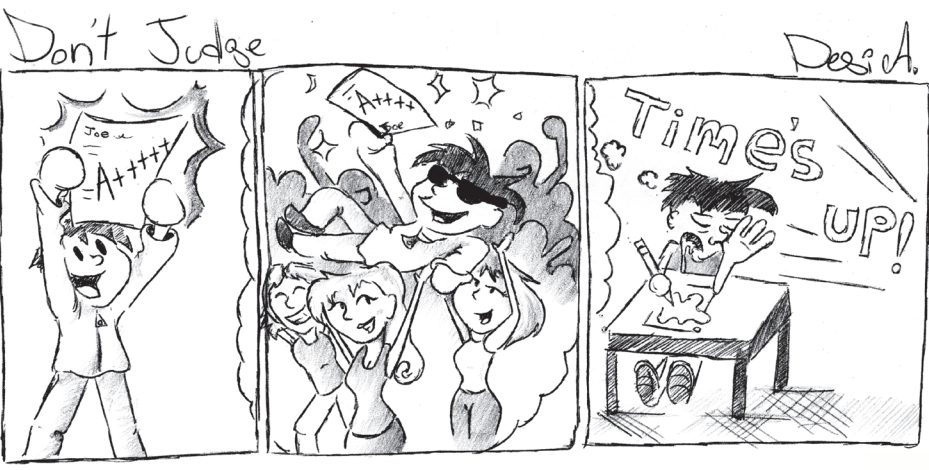
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- 5 "___ Stop the Rain" (1970 hit)
- 10 "I" movies: Abbr.
- 14 "Whoops!"
- 15 Ganja smoker
- 16 Arthur Ashe Kids' Day org.
- 17 Canseco who wrote "Juiced"
- 18 Sweepstakes mail-in
- 19 Twix units
- 20 Paper view?
- 22 Step on, as a bug
- 24 Fun house cries
- 25 Minimum number of times each letter of the alphabet appears in this puzzle's solution
- 26 Tequila sources
- 29 Upside-down-sleeping mammal
- 32 Candlelight event, perhaps
- 33 Softens, as tone
- 34 Hard-to-comb hair
- 36 Dove soap shape
- 37 Bandleader Kay
- 38 Foreign Legion hat
- 39 Pince-___
- 40 Harsh cries
- 41 Add to a film, as music
- 42 Women with esposos
- 44 Lee Ann who sang "I Hope You Dance"
- 45 Likely to break out into fighting
- 46 Half of dix
- 47 Rihanna's record label
- 50 Yellow blooms
- 54 Sch., that publishes the Daily Bruin
- 55 Draw ___ on (aim at)
- 57 Having a tiff
- 58 Looney Tunes animator ___ Freleng

DOWN

- 1 Skater Starbuck
- 2 Breakfast restaurant chain
- 3 Mislaid
- 4 One to speak of?
- 5 Creates, as havoc
- 6 Pends
- 7 Bone: Prefix
- 8 Printer tray size: Abbr.
- 9 Stops for a while in the course of a journey
- 10 Many a commuter's home
- 11 Morales of "Jericho"
- 12 N.F.L. divs.
- 13 Cumberbund, e.g.
- 21 Banana waste
- 23 "Jeopardy!" response: Abbr.
- 25 Cloth and sisters
- 26 ___ lady (doorbell ringer)
- 27 "What ___?"
- 28 Goggle-eyed
- 29 Zodiac borders
- 30 Amorphous creature
- 31 Debate basis
- 33 Sinatra standard
- 35 Birth announcement
- 37 He wrote "Capital is dead labor"
- 38 Orange fruits
- 40 Posture-improving exercises
- 41 Rum named for a Spanish literary hero
- 43 Genre pioneered by Miles Davis
- 44 Popular glass cleaner
- 46 Cousin of a raccoon
- 47 Keister
- 48 Pantyhose shade
- 49 Move like a hummingbird
- 50 ___ d'esprit (witticisms)
- 51 Slanty type: Abbr.
- 52 Co-star of Joel in "Cabaret"
- 53 Pack in the overhead bin, say
- 56 Be a pugilist

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ALEPH	ACNE	ENCL
LASS	NUTCAKE	
GREENTEA	VIOLE	
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ABE	OFFICE	BLOCK
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Puzzle by Raymond C. Young

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COLUMN | 'FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS'

Clear eyes, full hearts, must see

By Trey Scott
Managing Editor

I was both the perfect candidate to watch and not to watch "Friday Night Lights."

The show, which premiered in 2006 and ended in 2011, centers around life in the fictional town of Dillon, Texas. High school football is the heartbeat of Dillon, and right from the get-go the pressure is on new Panthers head coach Eric Taylor (Kyle Chandler). Win, and he's the toast of the town. Lose, and he and his wife Tami (Connie Britton) will be moving again.

Growing up in football-crazed Austin put me in the show's target audience. As a fan of both the book and the movie, however, I was initially wary of the show — why ruin a good thing? By the time I had come to my senses, "Friday Night Lights" had moved to NBC's Friday slot, which was a silly thing for producers to do because those who cared about high school football spent that night in a stadium and not on a sofa.

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SEX

Sex education falls short in Texas

HUMP DAY
By Milla Impola

Pam Stenzel is an abstinence-only educator notorious for her yelling, slut-shaming and claims without a factual basis. But her scare tactics are only one example of how young people are being taught about sex in the state of Texas.

"If you have sex outside of that context, you will pay," Stenzel said in one of her speeches. "No one has ever had more than one partner and not paid. That drug, that hormone, that pill, that shot that this girl is taking has just made her 10 times more likely to contract a disease than if she were not taking that drug."

I still remember sitting through an abstinence-only presentation in my ninth-grade health class. The presenters lined up 10 boys next to a girl, and one-by-one each boy tore a piece of a pink cardboard heart. "This is what will happen to your heart if you have sex with 10 people," said one

of the presenters as the girl, embarrassed and confused, held up the remnants of her "heart." No consideration was given to the boys' hearts, nor was there a discussion of healthy relationships or safe sex.

A 2007 report from the Texas Freedom Network Education Fund — Just Say Don't Know: Sexuality Education in Texas Public Schools — showed that sex education in Texas regularly contains factual errors, perpetuates lies and distortions about condoms and sexually transmitted infections, uses shaming and fear-based instruction and promotes stereotypes and biases based on gender and sexual orientation.

After speaking with UT students, the general consensus was that they had received little to no sex education in school or that teachers had tried to shame them into not having sex. This lack of information about sex and learned stereotyping can continue into adulthood.

Those students that grew up in Texas and

remembered some sort of sex education told me about exaggerated photos of sexually transmitted infections that are often used as scare tactics to discourage teenage sexuality. Not only do those photos and the tone of the lessons unfairly shame students in the class who may already be living with a sexually transmitted infection, but they also create a world where students assume they will know if they've been infected.

I frequently hear students say they would know if they've been infected and thus won't get tested. Despite what those slide shows may have portrayed, most sexually transmitted infections have no symptoms. For example, chlamydia, which is easily curable with antibiotics, is known as a "silent" infection according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention because most infected people don't show any symptoms.

In all actuality, having a sexually transmitted infection does not make one

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BOOK REVIEW | 'LET'S EXPLORE DIABETES WITH OWLS'

Sedaris imparts unsweetened wit

By Bobby Blanchard

David Sedaris does not stray from his typically sarcastic style in his latest book "Let's Explore Diabetes with Owls," in which he writes about politics, rednecks, a husband-stealing sister, gay marriage, kookaburras and owls.

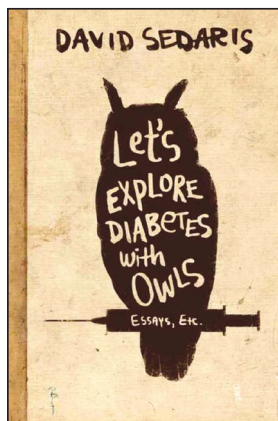
"Let's Explore Diabetes with Owls" is a collection of short essays, fictional monologues and even a poem, and Sedaris' humor is consistent throughout.

There's a laugh at the turn of every other sentence, and Sedaris does not hold back any punches — even against himself. Beneath the layers of humor and sarcasm, Sedaris produces serious depth in his writing.

Similar to his previous works, Sedaris also has short, fictional pieces sprinkled throughout his book. But unlike Sedaris' previous titles that were divided into two different sections, in this book the fiction and nonfiction works are mixed together.

Sedaris' non-fiction essays and reflections are much stronger than his fictional monologues, some of which read as preachy, heavily exaggerated and ridiculous. One of the monologues, "I Brake for Traditional Marriage," is about a conservative who goes crazy after gay marriage is legalized in New York. The conservative kills his family, gets caught in

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LET'S EXPLORE DIABETES WITH OWLS

Author: David Sedaris
Publisher: Little, Brown and Company
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CAMPUS



Gabriella Belzer | Daily Texan Staff

Mathematics professor James Vick was one of the inspirations behind Pancakes for Parkinson's when he was diagnosed with degenerative muscular disease.

Students sell pancakes to fund Parkinson's disease research

By Stuart Railey

The wafting aroma of pancakes will guide students and faculty through a gauntlet of spatulas, griddles and pancake mix Wednesday in the Gregory Gym Plaza. Pancakes for Parkinson's, an annual fundraising event put on by the Texas Round Table, will donate all of its proceeds to the Michael J. Fox Foundation, which researches cures and treatments for Parkinson's disease.

The Texas Round Table, a group of current and former presidents from 14 campus spirit organizations, first introduced the event on campus in 2011 in honor of James Vick, a UT mathematics professor who was diagnosed with the degenerative muscular disease. Pancakes for Parkinson's represents a collective school effort to procure donations and raise awareness.

Parkinson's disease is a neurological disorder that manifests itself in painful motor dysfunction in its later stages. Because the disease is so difficult to identify early in its progression, victims often

remain undiagnosed until a severe decrease in muscular coordination occurs. The Parkinson's Disease Foundation, a leading research organization that studies the pathology of Parkinson's, claims that nearly 1 million people in the United States currently live with the disease.

Over the last three years, Texas Round Table has succeeded in raising \$140,000, according to Katie Koehler, the committee's treasurer. The organization aims to collect at least \$20,000 this year by selling more than 4,000 pancakes.

"From the initial event in 2011, we have pledged that 100 percent of the money raised will go to the Michael J. Fox Foundation to further its goals in finding a cure for Parkinson's and generating awareness about the disease," Koehler said in an email.

Supplies for the event, including pancake mix, griddles and syrup, are contributed by a number of local businesses and organizations including H-E-B and the Division of Housing and Food Service. Because all of these supplies will be returned or recycled, Pancakes for Parkinson's is a low-cost,

PANCAKES FOR PARKINSON'S
When: Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Where: Gregory Gym Plaza

green event.

In previous years, Texas Round Table volunteers relied heavily on Batter Blaster, a pressurized can filled with pancake mix. Dominic Ferrario, a Texas Round Table co-committee chair, explained that Batter Blaster is similar in style to Cheez Wiz, allowing student chefs to cook hundreds of pancakes in a short period of time. But the Batter Blaster company has since gone out of business.

This time around, student volunteers will be improvising with the help of H-E-B, which offered to pick up the program's batter costs. Instead of Batter Blaster, chefs will use a combination of empty ketchup bottles and Aunt Jemima pancake mix.

"We have never run out of pancakes yet, but doing so would not

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