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**Anna's Yoga Workshop open to all levels 7 - 8 p.m.** at the Student Activity Center (SAC) 1.118

Stressed or feeling down? Need a relaxer? Reach a new level of harmony and fitness yourself through yoga. Workshops are open to participants of any skill level.

**Photojournalists Diana Walker and Lucian Perkins** Attend an evening with Diana Walker and Lucian Perkins at 6 - 8 p.m. at LBJ Auditorium. The internationally acclaimed photojournalists have spent much of their professional careers covering the White House. Both have work featured in the current Briscoe Center exhibit, "News to History: Photojournalism and the Presidency."

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### UNIVERSITY

## UT considers selling alcohol at games

By **Christian Corona**

More than 100,000 fans flock to most Longhorns football games but, at least for now, aren't allowed to have alcohol at Darrell K Royal Texas-Memorial Stadium.

That could soon change. UT is considering selling

alcohol at football, basketball and baseball games, according to men's athletics director DeLoss Dodds. Texas would become the third Big 12 school to serve alcohol at football games after Iowa State and West Virginia.

"We talk about it constantly," Dodds told The Daily Texan. "If we ever did it, we'd

probably start with baseball. There's something about it that doesn't quite feel right, but there's people telling me that it might be safer to serve it than not serve it. It's an issue. I guarantee you we talk about it at almost every other staff meeting."

The NCAA does not have any rules or policies

regulating alcohol sales at regular season games. About 20 major college venues sell alcohol to general fans — and many more only offer it in stadium suites and luxury boxes — according to a 2011 survey by USA Today.

West Virginia began serving alcohol at football

games in 2011 and at basketball games last year. It generated \$520,000 in revenue from alcohol sales that year, according to an Associated Press report.

Before West Virginia joined Iowa State as the only Big 12 members to permit

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### CAMPUS

## Gates visits campus



Debbly Garcia | Daily Texan Staff

Bill Gates speaks to computer science students and various special guests at the ribbon cutting ceremony of The Bill & Melinda Gates Computer Science Complex and Dell Computer Science Hall.

### Computer science complex opening kicks off with arrival of Bill Gates

By **Hannah Jane DeCiutiis**

Bill Gates touted UT's position as one of the top computer science institutions in the world during festivities for the grand opening of the University's brand new computer science complex, which

the Microsoft co-founder and chairman helped fund.

The Bill and Melinda Gates Computer Science Complex will be a new home for the computer science department. The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation donated a \$30 million challenge grant to help fund the \$120 million

complex. The complex also includes the Dell Computer Science Hall, which was funded by a \$10 million donation from the Michael and Susan Dell Foundation.

Before the building's ribbon-cutting ceremony, Gates said the diversity in the computer science field is a driving force in making UT a top-notch computer science school.

"This university is one of

the best in the world because it combines many things," Gates said in his speech. "It combines scale; it combines a spirit of public service. So not only is it a top-ranked computer science institution, but also is one of the best or the very best at reaching out to get kids into the field."

President William Powers Jr. said the new complex

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### UNIVERSITY

## UT struggles to support veterans financially

By **Amanda O'Donnell**

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even if they are no longer considered dependents. Texas has the second highest number of veterans in any state, and the number of families benefiting from Hazlewood has grown from 43,000 to 76,000 in the past four years.

Amy Yoder, a UT-San Antonio graduate student, spoke at the hearing and said her father's military service has inspired her to further her education following the completion of her bachelor's degree.

"Because of my father's service and the impact it had on me personally, I decided to give back to veterans and pursue a master's degree in counseling veterans," Yoder said.

Chancellors of Texas public universities were all given an opportunity to express how the recent influx of claimed benefits is affecting their university's funding. Universities are currently experiencing the highest acceptance rate of Hazlewood benefited students

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### CAMPUS



Amy Zhang | Daily Texan Staff

Hessan Faraji, biomedical engineering senior, speaks Wednesday afternoon to students gathered in protest of Islamophobia because of an ad that appeared in Monday's issue of The Daily Texan.

## Anti-Islamic ad incites protest

By **Hannah Jane DeCiutiis**

A group of students protested outside Texas Student Media on Wednesday demanding a public apology from The Daily Texan regarding an

advertisement promoting anti-Islamic sentiments that ran on Monday.

The full-page advertisement ran on the back page of The Daily Texan featuring photos of six deceased women overlaid with images of rifle crosshairs. The images

included explanations about the deaths, alleging that all were a result of Islamic violence. The ad was paid for by the David Horowitz Freedom Center, a national organization that directly

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# GATES

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represented a step forward both for UT and for science as a whole.

"The history of civilization can be written in a series of advances in the tools that humans use," Powers said in his speech at the ceremony. "Computation, of course, is the latest step in that long history. Today's dedication of this magnificent complex is a very significant step in the life of the University of Texas and in the realm of computer science."

Gates gave a closed lecture to computer science students, where he spoke about his experiences starting Microsoft and the possibilities for computer science to aid in such endeavors as curing malaria. Gates said the new computer science complex

is much more sophisticated than what he experienced while learning computer science growing up.

"When I was fascinated by computers, they were very big, very expensive and very hard to get to," Gates said. "My local university, the University of Washington, only had a few dozen, and they were locked up because they were so precious, and so I had to find ways to sneak in at night, get tied into some project [and] convince people I could help improve these computers just to get a little computer time."

The computer science department hosted >goto\_GDC, the title of which is a play on the "goto" command found in several programming languages. The event included tours of the new complex, a ribbon-cutting ceremony, a closed lecture by Gates and a party that featured games and free barbecue as well as Amy's Ice Cream.

# CUTS

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may see a larger cut that would fund fewer students as a result of automatic budget cuts. She said she expects to know the extent of the cuts in April.

Morgan said UT's program received \$1.9 million from the federal government this academic year, down from about \$2 million during the previous year. She said the office also received about \$190,000 from the state government to fund recipients of the state's

work-study program for this academic year.

Morgan said the University would fund about 30 to 35 fewer students in 2013-14 compared to this year. She said about 900 students currently participate in the federal program and receive an average award of \$1,500 per semester.

"Per year, it doesn't seem that bad, but if [the federal government continues] the way they have, in just a couple more years, that's more like 100 students," Morgan said.

Morgan said the program awards some incoming students, but tries to

# FRAMES | FEATURED PHOTO



Emily Ng | Daily Texan Staff

After finishing the 27-hour-long Stand for Freedom, UT Students release red balloons to represent freedom from slavery. The stand was held to raise awareness on human trafficking around the world.

# NEWS BRIEFLY

## Senate president-elect Ryan Hirsch resigns

Senate of College Councils president-elect Ryan Hirsch resigned from her position Wednesday night.

Hirsch, a neuroscience and pre-med junior, also left her post as current executive director of Senate because of personal reasons, according to current Senate president Michael Morton.

The re-election process started with nominations March 21 and voting April 4.

"She handled this situation very professionally," Morton said. "This was entirely on her own accord. This was strictly to do with personal reasons."

Senate elected Hirsch on Feb. 22.

"Students deserve a seat at the table," Hirsch said to the councils. "We must continue to grow and develop to better address student concerns and create policy to better the academic lives of students."

Morton said Hirsch has not made it clear if she will continue as a part of the organization.

"We would love to have her come back to the organization when she is ready," Morton said.

Hirsch has not replied for comment.

— Christine Ayala

# VETS

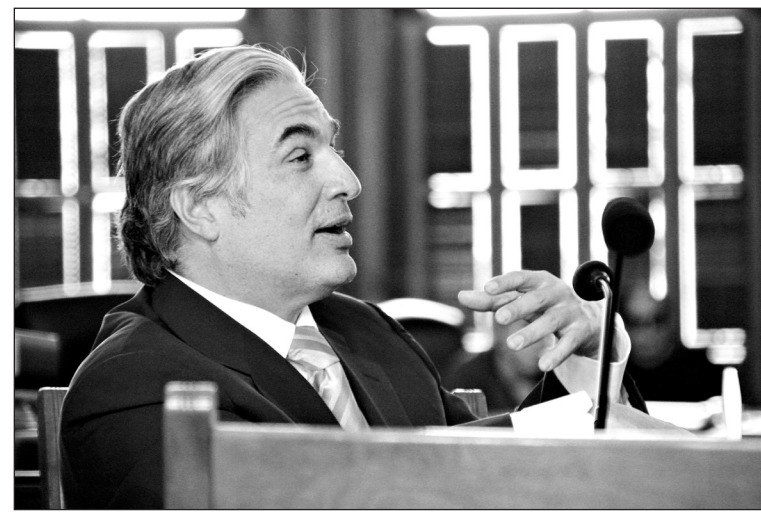
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since the act's introduction. UT System Chancellor Francisco Cigarroa said while the System aims to always offer veterans educational funding, full funding grows more difficult.

"All of our academic communities offer extensive veteran services of some kind, from tutoring to counseling," Cigarroa said.

Kent Hance, chancellor of the Texas Tech University System, said support of the Hazlewood Act is not enough to keep funding it.

"The issue comes up when we try and offer [veterans] the funding we want



UT Systems Chancellor Francisco Cigarroa discusses the difficulties of maintaining full funding for veterans' education at a public hearing of the Senate Committee of Veteran Affairs and Military Installations on Wednesday.

Pearce Murphy Daily Texan Staff

to," Hance said. "We've gone from \$1 million in benefits in 2010 to \$9.3 million in 2012."

Sen. Leticia Van de Putte, D-San Antonio and committee chairwoman, also

used the hearing as an opportunity to discuss the veteran employment rate at Texas universities.

"I have to tell you in looking at how many veterans work in our university

systems, it's not good," Van de Putte said. "All systems have under .2 percent veterans employed. If we don't represent our veterans then we're not representing the population of this state."

# SIA

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opposes "the radical left and its Islamist allies," according to the organization's website.

A group of students, unaffiliated with any one collective organization, gathered at the Cronkite Plaza outside the Hearst building where Texas Student Media is housed. The group held signs and listened to student and faculty speakers expressing disgust with the advertisement, ultimately demanding a public apology on behalf of The Daily Texan's staff.

Saif Kazim, historian for UT's Society for Islamic Awareness, facilitated several parts of the protest and led the group in chants between speakers.

"Today's gathering invokes a rallying together as a collective body of concerned students to send a powerful message that such bigotry has no place on our campus, or anywhere in the world," Kazim said.

Biomedical engineering senior Ehssan Faraji said the

turnout of approximately 100 protesters was positive on such short notice. The protest was organized Monday night through a Facebook event, Faraji said.

"We saw the ad on Monday, and we were immediately concerned and very disgusted and we decided that night, actually, to hold some sort of protest," Faraji said. "It was just some friends that got together."

The Daily Texan's editor-in-chief Susannah Jacob and

managing editor Trey Scott addressed the protesters together. Jacob personally apologized for the offense caused by the advertisement, but said she commended the protesters for their outspoken stance against racism and hate on UT campus.

Jacob published an editorial in The Daily Texan on Tuesday explaining how each potentially controversial advertisement is voted on by student editors and managers with the majority ruling on whether or not to run the ad.

"I think when we talk about the future of The Daily Texan and moving forward, there is room to grow and to build a dialogue to create a student newspaper that does not only function to keep hate out, but functions to directly combat these types of arguments and these ideas," Jacob said.

Scott, who was one of the student editors who voted to run the advertisement, said he did so because he felt his personal disgust with its content was not enough to warrant holding the ad on First Amendment grounds. Scott's explanation was met with booing by several members of the protest.

"I think that there should be an institutionalized response against an organization [whose] sole purpose is to institutionalize hate," Scott said. "At the next Texas Student Media Board meeting in April, I am going to propose an absolute ban on any advertising from David Horowitz and his foundation."

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## NEWS BRIEFLY

### More gun laws mean less deaths by guns

CHICAGO — A 50-state study says those with the most gun laws have the fewest gun-related deaths.

The research doesn't prove that the number of laws makes a difference. And some experts say this kind of comparison is hard to do because states are different in so many ways.

The authors are from Boston Children's Hospital and Harvard University. They analyzed four years of government data and data from a gun control advocacy group.

The study was published online Wednesday in the medical journal JAMA Internal Medicine. It comes as policymakers at every level are weighing how to respond to recent high-profile acts of gun violence.

### Gay marriage ban revisited in Michigan

DETROIT — A lesbian couple's desire to adopt each other's children has grown into a potentially groundbreaking challenge to Michigan's ban on same-sex marriage.

Two Detroit-area nurses filed a lawsuit to try to overturn restrictions on adoption by same-sex partners. But at the judge's invitation, the case took an extraordinary turn and now will test the legality of a 2004 constitutional amendment that stipulates Michigan only recognizes marriages between a man and a woman.

U.S. District Judge Bernard Friedman will hear arguments in the case Thursday.

### Microsoft fined by EU for breaking pact

AMSTERDAM — The European Union has fined Microsoft €561 million (\$733 million) for breaking a pledge to offer personal computer users a choice of Internet browsers when they install the company's flagship Windows operating system.

The penalty imposed by the EU's executive arm, the Commission, is a first for Brussels: no company has ever failed to keep its end of a bargain with EU authorities before.

### Small airports irked by scanner removal

BISMARCK, N.D. — Managers at dozens of small airports have expressed outrage at federal officials for hauling new full-body scanners away from their facilities and sending them to large hubs that haven't yet upgraded older machines criticized for showing too much anatomy.

U.S. Transportation Security Administration contractors were threatened with arrest after officials at a Montana airport said they received no notice before the workers arrived. In North Dakota, the scanners are set to be yanked from a terminal remodeled last year just to fit the new machines.

### Spending cuts cancel White House tours

WASHINGTON — If your public tour of the White House has now been canceled, House Speaker John Boehner says come visit the Capitol instead.

Boehner says tours of that building will continue, despite mandatory spending cuts that led the U.S. Secret Service and the National Park Service on Tuesday to announce that public tours of the White House will end, starting Saturday, until further notice.

The Republican speaker made the tit-for-tat announcement in a letter to his Ohio constituents on Tuesday, following news about the suspension of White House tours.

— Compiled from Associated Press Reports



Muhammed Muheisen | Associated Press

This December 2012 file photo shows Syrian refugees who fled their home in Idlib due to a government airstrike from Syria to Turkey, in Cilvegözü, Turkey. Turkey is home to nearly 200,000 Syrian refugees in camps and has been funding and managing the refugees, whom they have sheltered in 17 camps.

## One million registered as Syrian refugees

By Karin Laub

Associated Press

BEIRUT — Syria's accelerating humanitarian crisis hit a grim milestone Wednesday: The number of U.N.-registered refugees topped 1 million — half of them children — described by an aid worker as a "human river" of thousands spilling out of the war-ravaged country every day.

Nearly 4 million of Syria's 22 million people have been driven from their homes by the civil war. Of the displaced, 2

million have sought cover in camps and makeshift shelters across Syria, 1 million have registered as refugees in neighboring Turkey, Jordan, Lebanon, Iraq and Egypt, and several hundred thousand more fled the country but haven't signed up with the U.N. refugee agency.

The West has refrained from military intervention in the two-year-old battle to oust Syrian President Bashar Assad, a conflict that has claimed more than 70,000 lives, and many Syrians hold the international community responsible for their misery.

"The refugee numbers swelled because the world community is sitting idly, watching the tyrant Assad killing innocent people," said Mohammed Ammari, a 32-year-old refugee in the Zaatari camp straddling Jordan's border with Syria. "Shame, shame, shame. The world should be ashamed."

Despite an overall deadlock on the battlefield, the rebels have made recent gains, especially in northern Syria. On Wednesday, they completed their capture of Raqqa, the first major city to fall completely into rebel hands, activists said.

But with no quick end to the conflict in sight, the refugee problem is bound to worsen, said Pannos Mourtzis of the U.N. refugee agency, UNHCR. The number of uprooted Syrians is still lower than those displaced in other conflicts, including Afghanistan, Iraq and the Balkans, but the Syria crisis will likely be protracted, and widespread devastation will make quick repatriation unlikely.

"We fear that the worst may not have come yet," Mourtzis said.

The exodus from Syria picked up significantly in

recent months, turning into a "human river flowing in, day and night," he added. The number of registered refugees doubled since December, he said, with some 7,000 fleeing Syria every day.

Many refugees moved from shelter to shelter in Syria first before deciding to leave the country, while others were driven out by the increasing lack of basic resources, such as bread and fuel, in their hometowns. In the hardest-hit areas, entire villages have emptied out and families spanning several generations cross the border together.

## Senate Republicans block CIA nomination

By James MacPherson

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A Republican critic of the Obama administration's drone policy succeeded Wednesday in blocking a vote on John Brennan's nomination to be CIA director over questions about the possible use of the unmanned weapons against American citizens.

Sen. Rand Paul, R-Ky., mounted a filibuster against President Barack Obama's pick to lead the spy agency and he demanded that Obama or Attorney General Eric Holder issue a statement making clear that drones would not be used in the United States to kill terrorism suspects who are U.S. citizens.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., said he planned to file a motion to bring debate over Brennan's nomination to lead the spy agency to an end. But he would need 60 votes in the 100-member Senate

to do that. Reid had been pushing for a confirmation vote to be held Wednesday, but those plans were dashed by Paul's lengthy floor speech.

Paul began speaking shortly before noon on what he said was the Obama administration's refusal to rule out the possibility of drone strikes inside U.S. borders against American citizens. Sens. Mike Lee, R-Utah, Ted Cruz, R-Texas, Jerry Moran, R-Kan., Marco Rubio, R-Fla., and Ron Wyden, D-Ore., joined Paul several hours after he began speaking. Wyden has long pressed for greater oversight of the use of drones.

Paul said he would be willing to end his filibuster and proceed to a vote if he received the statement from the president or the attorney general. Holder came close to making such a statement earlier in the day during an exchange with Cruz at a Senate Judiciary Committee hearing, according to Paul.



Photo Courtesy of Senate Television

This video frame grab provided by Senate Television shows Sen. Rand Paul, R-Ky. speaking on the floor of the Senate on Capitol Hill in Washington on Wednesday.



J. Scott Applewhite | Associated Press

Speaker of the House John Boehner, R-Ohio, leaves the chamber after Republicans passed legislation through the House to ease the impact of \$85 billion at Washington on Wednesday.

## Legislation to prevent shutdown

By Andrew Taylor & David Espo

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Republicans pushed legislation through the House on Wednesday to prevent a government shutdown this month while easing the short-term impact of \$85 billion in spending cuts — at the same time previewing a longer-term plan to erase federal deficits without raising taxes.

President Barack Obama pursued a different path as the GOP asserted its budget priorities. He hosted a dinner with a dozen Republican senators at a hotel near the White House in search of bipartisan support for a deficit-cutting approach that includes the higher taxes he seeks as well as savings from Medicare and other benefit programs that they stress. The Republican

leaders of the House and Senate did not participate.

Any such compromise talks were unlikely to yield fruit for months, if then, although Wisconsin Rep. Paul Ryan, the author of the House Republican budget plan, expressed hope that some progress across party lines might be possible later in the year.

For now, the divided government's immediate objectives are to prevent a shutdown of federal agencies on March 27, at the same time lawmakers and the White House look for ways to ease the impact of across-the-board spending cuts that kicked in less than a week ago.

The legislation that cleared the House on a bipartisan vote of 267-151 would do both, ensuring funding through the Sept. 30 end of the budget year while granting the Pentagon and the Department of Veterans Affairs

greater flexibility in implementing their share of short-term spending cuts.

"This is all about whether or not we shut down the government. This is a bill to keep the government operating," said Rep. Hal Rogers, the Kentucky Republican who chairs the House Appropriations Committee.

Minority Democrats appeared torn between a desire to support legislation to keep the government open and their goal of replacing at least half of the spending cuts with provisions to increase revenue.

"Instead of closing tax loopholes for corporate jets, they want to cut 4 million meals on wheels," the party's House leader, Rep. Nancy Pelosi of California, said of Republicans.

The bill passed with the support of 53 Democrats, more than a quarter of those voting.



VIEWPOINT

## Concealed carry at the Capitol: Show up (because they don't want you to)

Spring break is approaching. By Friday evening, the UT campus will resemble something like a West Texas ghost town as thousands of students embark on their seasonal week-long exodus. Others will stay and head downtown for the South by Southwest (SXSW) festivities. But no matter where they end up next week, few will be focused on developments at the Capitol, where the Texas Legislature remains in session. Perhaps not coincidentally, a committee hearing for bills that would allow concealed guns on campus will take place when students are least likely to notice, on Thursday, March 14.

The hearing will focus on bills filed in the Texas House of Representatives, including HB 972 and HB 1313. The lawmakers who authored the bills, all Republicans, have expressed sentiments that

the legislation would be in students' best interest. But speaking on our own behalf, we disagree. We stand with Austin Police Chief Art Acevedo, who testified at a similar hearing in 2011, "The last thing we want to introduce into the college environment — kind of like a bar — is a gun."

Acevedo's comment was made in response to legislation proposed in the House during the previous session. They were joined in the Senate by Jeff Wentworth, R-San Antonio. Wentworth's bill, which came dangerously close to passing, failed only after several senators withdrew support months later under pressure from their constituents.

If anything, the fight for concealed carry on campus will be even more contentious this year. A poll conducted last month by UT and the Texas Tribune found that Texans are split evenly on the issue: 48 percent

support allowing concealed handguns on college campuses, 47 percent oppose it and 5 percent are undecided.

But members of the University community have the most at stake, and we must do all we can to make our case. Scheduling the hearing when most students will be out of town is a cheap tactic to undermine the interests of UT community. It's up to us to fight back to make our voices heard.

University leaders have already spoken out against concealed carry on campus. In February, the University's Faculty Council and President William Powers Jr. reaffirmed their opposition to allowing firearms on UT's grounds. In 2011, UT System Chancellor Francisco Cigarroa wrote to Gov. Rick Perry expressing his concerns that "the presence of concealed handguns on campus would contribute

to a less safe environment, not a safer one." Even Dan Branch, the Republican Chairman of the House Higher Education Committee, has stated his hesitancy about a "one-size fits all" legislative approach to the issue, preferring that individual universities be allowed to make their own decisions.

We oppose the legislation, which we feel will compromise the safety of the UT campus. We hope that those who can attend the March 14 hearing will take a stand against the legislation. But, regardless of your opinion on the issue, we urge you to make your voice heard. Email, write a letter or call state lawmakers. It's time we let the Legislature know that, despite their strategic scheduling to diminish any meaningful student presence, we won't be ignored about concealed carry on our campus.

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## Living without fear

Ainee Athar

Guest Columnist

High school summers for Manuel Ramirez resembled those of many teenagers — he worked with his dad. But what sets Ramirez and his father apart is that, as undocumented day laborers, they were often sent packing without a fair wage when the job was done.

"It was typical," recalls Ramirez, an international relations and global studies sophomore. "While we worked, the people who hired us called us racist things like wetback or dirty Mexican. And when it came time to pay, they pretended like they didn't have the money."

For Ramirez and millions of other immigrants, the exploitative treatment endured by undocumented workers is closely tied to the current push for immigration reform. One out of two construction workers in Texas is undocumented, and problems like wage theft are rampant.

Issues like poor working conditions are often swept aside as the national conversation on immigration reform is dominated by talk of hard-line enforcement. In recent weeks, two marches organized by immigrant rights activists sought to highlight the need for truly comprehensive immigration reform. By putting wage theft and human rights center stage, these Texas activists provide local voices to a national debate.

Ramirez now volunteers with the Workers Defense Project, an Austin-area organization composed of low-income workers fighting for legal rights and job safety. On Feb. 27th, WDP honored undocumented and other vulnerable construction workers who died on the job. The Day of the Fallen had special meaning for Ramirez because of his childhood, and because many undocumented workers refuse to report abuse, assault, wage theft or deadly working conditions for fear they will be reported to immigration authorities. That's why Ramirez believes Texas is uniquely positioned to incorporate worker protections into the agenda of immigration reform.

"Immigration affects families, students, and people's homes. What happens to the kids whose parents die on the job? Austin is one of the fastest growing cities in the U.S., things are being built everywhere by undocumented workers. We need to care about what happens to their families," said Ramirez.

He points out that three workers died building a luxury high rise in West Campus a few summers ago and their families struggled to receive compensation. Last summer, another worker fell off a West Campus construction site after his employers failed to provide him with a proper safety harness. For Ramirez, being undocumented should never be a reason for a worker's death, and Texans cannot turn a blind eye to

the people who are crucial parts of local communities.

Esther Reyes is on the front lines of another obscured problem: the human rights violations that accompany strict enforcement of immigration laws. As the director of the Austin Immigrant Rights Coalition (AIRC), headquartered at UT's Division of Diversity and Community Engagement, she says that a pathway to citizenship represents only one part of the bigger political picture. Strict immigration policies often mean bloody encounters at the border or the systematic criminalization of immigrant families. For example, from 2008-2011, over 2,600 Travis County residents were deported under a criminal migrant program — but more than 80 percent were non-criminals, according to the Austin Chronicle. Many were arrested for minor infractions such as traffic violations.

Despite longstanding ties to the community, hundreds of undocumented immigrants are thrown into Austin jails every year. Criminal migrant programs rarely make the news and are not on Congress' comprehensive immigration reform agenda, Reyes said, but they are responsible for terrorizing immigrant communities and destroying trust between law enforcement and vulnerable migrants.

AIRC is part of a statewide coalition with other activist groups called the Reform Immigration for Texas Alliance. Members of RITA joined business leaders, community members, and government officials on Feb. 22nd to push for accountability in enforcement. RITA emphasizes that humane reform means an end to the militarization of the border and to criminal migrant programs.

As the state with the longest border with Mexico, Reyes said, "Texas is sending a unified voice for humane immigration reform to D.C. Our priorities include keeping families together, respecting human rights and civil liberties, and promoting community security by holding government officials accountable."

During the Texas Legislature session two years ago, Reyes, Ramirez and their activist groups worked to defeat over 80 bills that would harm the immigrant community. This year, they marched to the Capitol and told stories of children taken from their parents or workers who died because of irresponsible employers, and the pressure is even higher.

Ramirez knows the eyes of Texas and D.C. politicians are on Austin: "The way immigrants are treated is not just an immigration issue. It's about not risking your life to put food on the table for your kids. [Comprehensive immigration reform] would allow people to contribute to pay taxes, contribute to the economy and not live in fear of deportation or violence."

Athar is an anthropology senior from Houston.

## Secession: impossible and undesirable

Travis Knoll

Daily Texan Columnist

Two weeks ago, a recently arrived international friend and I took a tour of the Texas Capitol. On our way to see this monument to Texas pride, we overheard two people discussing Texas' right to secede from the U.S. I explained to my friend that, despite their comments, Texas could not secede from the Union.

Although little support exists for secession (18 percent of Texans support secession, according to a 2008 Zogby Poll), significantly more residents believe Texas has the right to secede (31 percent, according to a 2009 Rasmussen Poll). That doesn't come as a surprise. Our state leaders always seem to have secession in their talking points and on their agendas. In January, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst even met with the Texas Nationalist Movement, a secessionist organization.

As a lifelong Texas resident, I've grown up with myths of Texas' grandeur and been reminded constantly of the decade that Texas was its own republic. We should, however, remember that

Texas begged to enter the Union precisely because it realized that the Republic of Texas was not viable. Despite this historical warning, some pundits and politicians defend secession by boasting that an independent Texas would be sustainable. Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives Joe Strauss III boasts that Texas would be the 14th largest world economy, and it's often noted that Texas is a net contributor in federal taxes. The implicit assertion is that the federal government needs Texas more than Texas needs the federal government and that if the U.S. were to somehow accept Texas' secession, we would do just fine on our own.

Students should roundly reject this view. Texas is not self-sufficient. For example, consider what would happen to UT.

Tom Melecki, director of Student Financial Services, estimates that around 21,000 students received some sort of financial aid in 2011-2012. Of that estimated total, 11,569 students, or 55 percent of those receiving aid, received Pell Grants. Of the 21,000 students that received financial

aid, 89 percent of them received a Federal Direct Subsidized Loan. Eighty-one percent of students receiving financial aid take out some sort of federal unsubsidized loan. It's easy to see that students in need rely heavily on federal resources. This trend is likely to continue with the reduction of state financial aid, like TEXAS Grants or forgiveness programs such as B-On-Time.

Other sectors of the University would not be exempt, either, including resources to fund research. According to the 2010-2011 UT Statistical Handbook, around \$262 million, or about half of all University research money, came from the federal government. If all of our out-of-state students (11 percent of the student body) suddenly became international students (now 9.1 percent of UT students), the workload of UT's International Office would double overnight, and new agreements would have to be established to facilitate exchanges with the now-foreign U.S. universities.

There is no guarantee that out-of-state and international students would stay at UT. Out-of-state students can rely

on federal monies to help them defray the costs of out-of-state tuition, but they would now have to attend UT without the subsidy of the federal government, and with the emphasis on balancing budgets in our Legislature nowadays, there is little chance that they would receive Texan federal aid. These students might decide that it is better to go elsewhere. If they were to opt for other more affordable universities, we would not receive their substantially elevated tuition (around \$16,000 a semester as opposed to \$4,900 for in-state students) further strapping the UT system.

Few effectively argue for secession. Gov. Rick Perry's assertion in 2009 that "[W]e're a pretty independent lot" ignores the complicated relationships of our federalist system. Talk of, or allusion to, secession is impractical. But it also fails to recognize harm that secession caused — the death of 600,000 Americans in the brutal Civil War — makes it unconscionable. Secession talk should be replaced with efforts to protect and perfect the Union we have.

Knoll is a Latin American Studies senior from Dallas.



## NEWS BRIEFLY

### Plastic bag ban faces opposition

Austin's recent bag ban could face an early demise if the Texas Legislature approves a bill that would abolish it.

The bill, filed by freshman state Rep. Drew Springer, R-Muenster, would invalidate the bag ban that went into effect citywide last Friday by prohibiting local governments from preventing businesses from offering single-use bags to its customers.

In a statement released Tuesday, Springer said the ban would force citizens with lower incomes to choose between purchasing groceries or purchasing reusable bags to carry those groceries.

"This act is just the latest example of government elites trying to step between the business and consumer in an attempt to push forward a misguided nanny-state agenda," Springer said. "It is all for show, plastic bags make up just .6 percent of Austin's litter and in San Francisco, litter from bags actually increased after enacting their ban."

The Austin City Council approved the ban in March 2012 to encourage retailers' and customers' use of reusable bags, but exempted bags for bulk items, produce, frozen foods, medicine, alcohol and to-go items at restaurants.

— Joshua Fechter

### History coursework requirement debated

Members of the Texas House and Senate are seeking to tighten restrictions on American history classes that count towards fulfilling Texas public universities' core requirements.

Rep. Giovanni Capriglione, R-Southlake, and state Sen. Dan Patrick, R-Houston, filed two bills amending a 1955 state law that mandates six history credits be included in the University's graduation requirements. The amendment would require the American history classes to be a "comprehensive survey."

The two bills follow a report issued recently by the National Association of Scholars, a conservative group that describes itself as committed to fostering intellectual freedom. The January report criticized UT and A&M history classes for over-emphasizing issues of race, class and gender and said the schools "frequently offered students a less-than-comprehensive picture of U.S. history."

In an official response, UT criticized the report and called it "overly narrow" in nature.

"The report attempts to isolate race, class and gender as something distinct and separate from other areas of study, when in fact they are intrinsic to these other areas," a press release stated.

— Jordan Rudner

### UT institutions seek consolidation, funds

Texas lawmakers will consider consolidating UT System institutions in South Texas after two legislative committees unanimously approved it Wednesday.

The bills, approved separately by the House and Senate Higher Education Committees on Wednesday, would combine UT-Brownsville, UT-Pan American and the Regional Academic Health Center in Harlingen into one institution and allow that institution to access the Permanent University Fund, a \$1.3 billion state endowment for institutions in the UT and Texas A&M systems. The Regional Academic Health Center would become a medical school under the proposal.

"We're very pleased with the support legislators have shown toward this transformational plan for South Texas," UT System spokesperson Jenny LaCoste-Caputo said.

The UT System is currently committing \$100 million over 10 years for the prospective medical school and will seek \$10 million in annual state funds for the consolidation.

— J.F.

## SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

# Telescope sheds light on early universe

By Alexandra Dubinsky

Jason Kalirai, astrophysicist at the Space Telescope Science Institute in Baltimore, shed knowledge on the future of his field by travelling through time.

As deputy of project scientist for the James Webb Space Telescope, Kalirai enlightened the audience at his talk Wednesday about the revolutionary instrument expected to launch in October 2018.

"I have the coolest job in the whole wide world," Kalirai said. "Not only do I get to tackle some of the biggest questions that face the universe, but I get to be involved in building really big telescopes about the size of a tennis court."

The telescope features a sun shield with five layers and a 21-foot mirror — the largest mirror ever launched in space. According to Kalirai, the bigger the mirror the more light can be collected and the deeper the picture.

"It's much like building a car," Kalirai said. "The same company that builds the engine isn't building the tires. Different companies are building each part."

By combining efforts from NASA and other space agencies across the world, the purpose is to look back in time at the universe as it



Debby Garcia | Daily Texan Staff

Astrophysicist Dr. Jason Kalirai explains the breakthrough technology of the James Webb Space Telescope that will be launched in 2018, as he presents the "Telescopes as Time Machines" lecture at the SAC Auditorium Wednesday evening.

was 100 million years ago. Kalirai said the James Webb Space Telescope will push the limits of astronomy and exceed the impact of the Hubble Telescope.

"The challenge is to seek the universe's first stars and galaxies, learn how galaxies evolve from early universe to present, how stars and planets form,

measure the chemistry of solar systems and probe the building blocks of life with this new telescope through time travel," Kalirai said.

Steven Finkelstein, astronomy assistant professor and host of the event, said this will have a direct affect on the astronomy department and its students.

"Many users of this telescope are faculty, but then the faculty will teach the students who are essentially doing the main research," Finkelstein said.

A full scale model of the telescope will be featured at South By Southwest from March 8-10 at the Long Center for the Performing Arts.

Astronomy senior Jesus Aguilar-Landaverde said he looks forward to seeing the life size telescope at SXSW.

"It's a great opportunity for the public to know. It's great for Austin and its great for UT," Landaverde said. "It's opening new fields in astronomy and giving light to many unanswered questions."

## HEALTH



Economics junior Cameron Crump sets out spring break kits at Gregory Plaza Wednesday afternoon. The kits consisted of various tools to keep students healthy and safe during the break.

Emily Ng  
Daily Texan Staff

## UHS preps spring survival kits

By Alexandra Dubinsky

Healthy horns know that preparation is key to playing safe.

An initiative by University Health Services aims to keep UT students free of potential harm over spring break by equipping them with a safety kit containing condoms, sunglasses, sunscreen and a water bottle. UHS

tabled at Gregory Plaza Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. to distribute the free kits.

Chemistry and chemical engineering student Katie Madler said she heard about the distribution through word of mouth.

"My friend told me to come," Madler said. "I think it's really realistic. It shows that UT at least knows what's up."

Students provided their EIDs and email addresses in exchange for kits.

Cameron Crump, an

economics senior and healthy sexuality peer educator, said UHS collects students' information and sends out an optional survey inquiring about their behavior during the break.

"We take the answers we receive from these surveys and decide what kind of program we should provide in the future," said Crump.

UHS selects healthy sexuality peer educators to help guide students toward living a healthier college lifestyle. Volunteers for the program must apply and take a credited course to be selected.

Jessica Wagner, manager at University Health Services, said this particular program has become an annual tradition since its start six years ago.

"It's been popular with students each year, and we are constantly evaluating our efforts to make the kit contents relevant and beneficial."

Undeclared sophomore Cody Smith said the tools provided are everything he needs while he spends the week at South Padre Island.

"I think it's cool," Smith said. "I always forget to get the essential stuff. Its especially cool for guys because, you know, we don't normally have lip balm or sunscreen."

The Princeton Review ranked UHS as the third best college health service in the country for 2013. In addition to supplying about 3,000 kits this year, the service reaches out to students by hosting events throughout the year. Crump said they offer fun workshops regarding safe sex, healthy sexuality and sex trivia where students can also learn.

"I think we're bringing about awareness," Crump said. "It's about having these things available instead of acquiring them so they can be safe."

## UNIVERSITY

# Students appreciate top-notch professors

By Amanda Voeller

Faculty Appreciation Week is halfway over, but students can still show appreciation to their professors. Hosted by UT Senate of College Councils, Faculty Appreciation Week is a good time for students to foster relationships with professors, said Yaneli Rubio, marketing sophomore and co-chair of faculty affairs. During the week, the Senate encourages students to write thank-you notes to their teachers.

"This year we have 5,000 [thank-you cards], and we've been going at a good pace to use them all, so I think we're going to reach our goal."

"During Faculty Appreciation Week the University honors a different group of professors in the President's Reception each year," Pickert said. "Last year, the reception focused on tenured woman professors, while this year it honored new professors."

On Tuesday, the Senate awarded George Pollak, UT neurobiology professor, \$1,000 and declared him professor of the year.

Rubio said when visiting professors during office hours, she noticed the cards displayed on the bulletin boards.

Chemistry professor David Vanden Bout said it is always nice to receive

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— Becky Pickert,  
BHP accounting sophomore

feedback from students and he appreciated the random notes from students.

When asked about the challenges of connecting with and impacting students, Vanden Bout said faculty members face both an opportunity and a challenge caused by constant technological changes.

"I think one of the things that we are working on all the time is useful ways to incorporate technology into teaching, because I think we can incorporate online services," Vanden Bout said.

An example of this is Piazza, an online service students and professors can use for homework help. "This allows students to do things at their own pace and on their own time, and it allows professors to answer questions outside of scheduled office hours," Vanden Bout said.

## LEGACY

# UT journalism student remembered the 'man with a plan'

By Alberto Long

James Ashton Braband, a journalism senior and member of the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity, died Sunday, March 3, in Houston. He was 22.

During his time at the University, Braband's friends said he was a natural leader in the classroom and within his social circle. Those who knew him are quick to acknowledge his

hard-working attitude, uplifting personality and altruistic manner.

James Wolfgang Kuntz, an economics senior and close friend of Braband, said "Ash" was wise beyond his years, a loyal friend who always listened, never judged and gave sound advice.

"He was the man with the plan," Kuntz said. "He could walk into a room without you knowing him, and in five minutes you would feel like you could tell him anything."

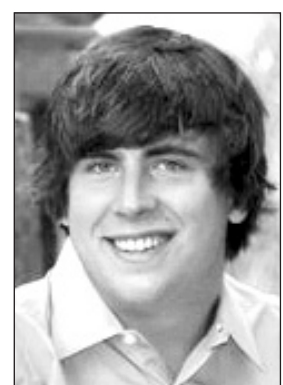
Braband started his journalistic career at The Horn, an online publication that covers UT related news.

Matt Portillo, a consulting editor for The Horn, said Braband had a clear, focused prose, journalistic ability and amicable attitude toward criticism.

"Ash was great to talk to and work with," Portillo said. "He was extremely respectful, a testament to the strength of his character. It was a great working

relationship while we had it." Braband is survived by his parents, Sandi and Dexter Braband, and his two brothers, Kirby and Sloan.

A memorial service is being held Thursday at 4 p.m. inside the Sanctuary of Memorial Drive United Methodist Church in Houston. The family is asking all customary donations be directed to the Cullen Dolphins Special Olympic Swim Team, which Braband coached.



James Ashton Braband  
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FOOTBALL

## Can the Horns win it all?

*Editor's Note: This is the fifth of five burning questions we will ask as spring practice kicks off: Can Texas put together a national title run in 2013?*

Rachel Thompson

It's happened four times: 1963, 1969, 1970 and 2005.

And so, the burning question on the minds of coaches, players and fans this spring is this: Is 2013 the year Texas claims national title No. 5?

The numbers seem to be in the Longhorns' favor. Texas boasts 19 returning starters, more than any team in the country, with 10 on offense, nine on defense.

After several seasons of quarterback flip flops, Texas has found a solid starter in David Ash. While Ash's performances were sometimes varied in 2012, he steadily improved and thrilled with a comeback performance in the second half of the Alamo Bowl.

Texas is also one of only two other Big 12 teams bringing back a starting quarterback in 2013, meaning Ash is one of the key faces to watch as he takes the reins and expands his leadership capabilities as a junior. Texas Tech, Kansas State, West Virginia, Oklahoma and Baylor will all return with fresh quarterbacks in the fall.

"He's confident," senior



Lawrence Peart | Daily Texan Staff

Rising junior Jaxon Shipley makes a leaping catch at one of the Longhorns' open spring practices last week. Shipley is one of 19 returning starters who could provide Texas the tools it needs to fight for a national title.

defensive tackle Chris Whaley said of Ash. "He is coming out and playing and running the offense like a leader. That's what we need. He never really said much, but now he is stepping up and being a leader."

Texas also has a new up-tempo offense, powered by

Ash and offensive coordinator/quarterbacks coach Major Applewhite. Head coach Mack Brown envisions the quick strategy will allow the Longhorns to wear down opposing defenses as they did against Oregon State. The strategy was used previously with Vince Young and also when Apple-

white himself was suited up in uniform.

"There's a lot of good players on this football team," Ash said of playing up-tempo. "We want to get them in the open

field and let them run with the football. I think it's helping the defense get used to playing at a fast tempo. I think it's

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

## Barnes on hot seat, Longhorns need winning season

By Wes Maulsby  
Daily Texan Columnist

Rick Barnes has been good for Texas.

Many of the peaks for the program have occurred under his watch.

Texas has been ranked in the Top 25 for 175 weeks under Barnes since 1999, which is more than triple the amount in the 50 years of basketball played prior to his arrival. Additionally, Texas has spent 84 weeks in

the top 10 since he took over which is a much more than the three it achieved over the previous half a century. He has made Texas relevant on the national scene. At its peak under Barnes, Texas could be spoken of in the same breath as programs like Duke, North Carolina and Kansas. And it only seemed like a matter of time before he took the Longhorns to the mountaintop.

But that was about five years ago.

The program is no longer at its peak.

It's heading in the other direction.

Texas won three NCAA tournament games in 2008 on the way to its last Elite Eight appearance. Since that year, it has reached the program's only No. 1 ranking and it won in Lawrence, Kan., for the first time in the program's history. But in those four trips, it has come away with two wins in four tournament appearances.

That's not going to cut it. The Texas administration

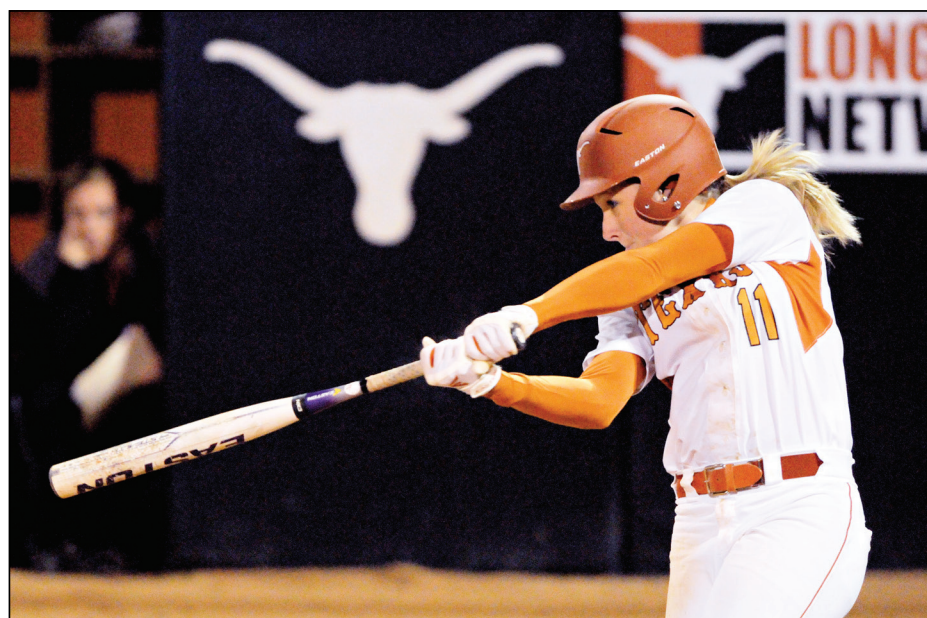
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Shelby Tauber | Daily Texan Staff

Texas head coach Rick Barnes walks off the court after the Longhorns recent 79-70 win over Baylor.

SOFTBALL



Amy Zhang | Daily Texan Staff

Junior Taylor Thom gets a hit against Louisiana-Lafayette Wednesday night. Thom hit two home runs and had five RBI with six runs scored in the doubleheader.

## Longhorns sweep Ragin' Cajuns

By Jori Epstein

Not much has changed since last weekend. Four days after beating Louisiana-Lafayette, the Longhorns swept the Ragin' Cajuns in a doubleheader at home, 9-4 and 7-1, grabbing their third and fourth straight wins over a Top 20 team for the first time since 2007 on Wednesday.

Opening game one with pitcher Blaire Luna in the circle, the top of the first looked like it would be a quick one. Luna struck out her first bat-

ter and Torie Schmidt made a diving catch in left field, but the Ragin' Cajuns seemed unfazed. For No. 15 Louisiana-Lafayette, Matte Haack took advantage of an uncharacteristic walk from Luna for a two-run homer before Sarah Draheim grounded out.

"[Luna]s great with her rise ball and drop ball but needed a different card tonight," head coach Connie Clark said. "When you're playing a great ball club like Lafayette, people are going to make adjustments, and [Luna] stayed very composed."

Texas came back strong with three runs as Louisiana-Lafayette replaced Christina Hamilton in the circle with Kristin Martinez. After Sara Corbello's leadoff home run in the second, Luna refocused to allow only one more run in the seventh. She finished with eight strikeouts, allowing two walks and four runs off five hits. Though not her usual shutout, her 10th win of the season brought her career total to 90, the eighth most in Big 12 history.

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## Offense propels Texas through doubleheader

GAME BREAKDOWN

**Game 1: 9-4 win over ULL** Senior Blaire Luna allowed two homers, accounting for three Ragin' Cajun runs in the first two innings. But Luna settled down soon, allowing just three hits the rest of the way on pace to a 10-0 record for the pitcher.

The Offense did damage with singles and speed. Thirteen hits, 10 of which were singles, propelled the Longhorns to nine runs. Taylor Thom led the offensive effort once again with a 2-for-3 match, as her two RBIs and three runs left her touch on more than half of the team's scores.

**Game 2: 7-1 win over ULL**

A Thom two-run, first-inning homer was all Kim Bruins needed as she allowed just one run to the Ragin' Cajuns for a 7-1 win. The Longhorns were in control the entire game, from beginning to end. The Longhorns had already scored five runs before the Ragin' Cajuns were able to send a ball over the center field fence for their first run. Schmidt reached on a fielder's choice in the fifth before Thom closed the game the same way she opened it—with a homer.

BY THE NUMBERS

**24:** Number of consecutive games Taylor Hoagland has reached base, giving her a touch in each game this season to tie her single-season high set in 2010.

**90:** Number of game Luna has won giving her sole possession of eighth place the Big 12 all-time list.

**4:** Number of games in winning streak against Top 20 opponents, a Texas high not matched since 2007.

**5:** Hits by Taylor Thom in the two games in seven at-bats, running her average to .411. She also had six runs and five RBIs for the night.

STOCK UP

**Gabby Smith:** The utility player looks like she has found a permanent spot in right-field and in the line-up for head coach Connie Clark after inconsistent play to start the year. On Feb. 22 at 13 games into the season, Smith was batting .211 and looked like she would only find the field in the circle. In the nine games since, she is batting .423, bringing her season total to .333.

—Evan Berkowitz

SIDELINE

NBA

CHICAGO BULLS 83

SPURS 101

ROCKETS 108

MAVERICKS 112

NCAAM

(13) OK. STATE 76

IOWA STATE 87

WEST VIRGINIA 70

OKLAHOMA 83

TOP TWEET

Marquise Goodwin @FlashGoodwin  
"I live by the 6 P's... Proper preparation prevents piss poor performance!"

SPORTS BRIEFLY

Stone recognized: golfer of the month

Just over week after winning his second collegiate tournament, freshman Brandon Stone was named February's Big 12 Men's Golfer of the Month, the league announced Wednesday. Stone is currently ranked as the top men's golf player in the Golfweek rankings.

In the final round of the Bayou City Collegiate Championship, Stone overcame a four-stroke deficit with a 5-over-67 to take home the individual championship. His score also helped the Longhorns take home their second win of the season.

In the two tournaments in February, Stone led the Longhorns with a 69.2 stroke average. Stone and the Longhorns return to the course this weekend in the Southern Highlands Collegiate Masters in Las Vegas.

—Jacob Martella

Texas pole vaulter freshman of year

Kaitlin Petrillose was named the Big 12 Indoor Track and Field Outstanding Freshman of the Year on Wednesday. Petrillose is a pole vaulter who became the first Longhorn to win a Big 12 pole vault title with a win in February off a career-best height of 14-2.5 feet. She bested her previous school record of 13-9.25 feet.

"This is truly an honor," Petrillose said. "It's been a great season not only for myself, but for my entire team!"

Previous Longhorns who have been named as Big 12 Freshman of the Year include Sanya Richards-Ross and Destinee Hooker, both current Olympians.

Petrillose will be competing at the NCAA Indoor Championships in Fayetteville, Ark. this weekend.

—Sara Beth Purdy



MEN'S SWIMMING | RACHEL WENZLAFF

The American Short Course Championship is the last chance for any collegiate swimmer to qualify for the NCAA Championship meet.

for the NCAA meet with the times they achieved at the Big 12 Championship. Some of the swimmers, such as Craigin and Wenzler, will be swimming again in the attempt to qualify for a different event.

A total of 24 Longhorns will be fighting to qualify for nationals this weekend. However, this is a strictly swimming event and no divers will compete.

The American Short Course Championship is a three-day event beginning

Thursday and ending Saturday at the Jamail Texas Swimming Center. Prelims began at 9:15 a.m. and finals commence at 6 p.m. each day.

AMERICAN SHORT COURSE

@ Texas



Date: Thursday
Time: 9:15 a.m. prelims / 6 p.m. finals
On air: XXX

MEN'S TENNIS | NITYA DURAN

No. 21 Texas opens a three-week homestand today as it hosts both Penn State and Michigan this weekend.

the season and who is boasting a six-match win streak, is a bright spot for Penn State.

For Texas, sophomore Lloyd Glasspool holds an impressive 15-5 overall record; No. 50 Soren Hess-Olesen is 9-5 overall since returning to the team in February from an injury; Andrew Korinek is 14-5 overall; Nick Naumann is 14-5 overall; and senior leader No. 80 Daniel Whitehead is 15-11 on the season.

60 team of Whitehead/Sudanwa Sitaram.

Play begins at 6:00 p.m. at the Penick-Allison Tennis Center versus Penn State on Thursday. Texas will face Michigan on Saturday.

Penn State @ Texas



Date: Thursday
Time: 6 p.m. CT
On air: LHN

SALES

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alcohol sales at football games, Mountaineers fans were allowed to leave the stadium at halftime and drink before returning to the stadium, which would create an unpleasant atmosphere for other spectators.

Union and the Blanton Museum of Art have alcohol permits on campus, according to the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission.

No athletics program generates more revenue than the one Dodds runs at Texas, which recorded \$163.3 million in revenue during the 2011-12 fiscal year, \$103.8 million of that being generated just by the Longhorns football program, according to USA Today.

fiscal year.

The decision to sell at alcohol at athletic events, particularly home football games, would create another revenue stream for the most profitable athletics department in the country.

"The thing I will say is that it's not a money thing," Dodds said. "If we did do it, people would say that they're just doing it for the money. It's not a money issue. It's a do-the-right-thing issue."

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knows it. The fans know it. Barnes knows it.

So with the Longhorns only a week away from missing the NCAA tournament for the first time since 1998 — the year before Barnes was hired — the obvious question has to be asked: Is his job safe? Given 1,500 words, I would be able to come at that question from multiple angles and arrive at a decent answer.

While he most certainly is not on the verge of

termination, he hasn't done himself any favors. Without the raw offensive talent of someone like T.J. Ford, Kevin Durant, Jordan Hamilton or J'Covan Brown, the Texas offense often looks as though it is trying to put the ball through a 10-inch rim. It has no margin for error. The Longhorns still play defense and Barnes can call a heck of an out-of-bounds play, as evident in the dramatic win over Iowa State three weeks ago.

The Jayhawks are the undisputed kings of the conference. They are one win over Baylor away from winning their ninth straight

conference championship. Texas has won three since 1999. Kansas has won the Big 12 tournament six times since 1999 while Texas has never won the tournament.

The door is open. If DeLoss Dodds wanted to — which is a different discussion altogether — there are candidates out there. Miami is winning with a coach who went to a Final Four at a mid-major school. Two coaches with that same resume played on Saturday when VCU throttled Butler.

Rick Barnes can still turn this around. It only takes one good season. But until he does, he is unquestionably vulnerable.

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a win-win."

That talent includes returning running backs Johnathan Gray, Malcolm Brown and Joe Bergeron, whose speed will be used in executing up-tempo.

Co-offensive coordinator/wide receivers coach Darrell Wyatt also has plenty to work with. Mike Davis is striving for 1,000 receiving yards in a season after tallying 939 last season and leading the team in receptions. Jaxon Shipley

also had over 50 receptions in 2012.

The offensive line will have a returning batch of seniors as well as a string of new additions from its recruiting class with star potential. With Kenny Vaccaro's departure comes a bevy of players ready to step in and fill the safety slot, including Adrian Phillips, Sheroid Evans and Quandre Diggs.

With all that in mind, Mack Brown is confident this could be the Longhorn's year to shine.

"We have got a chance to get the program back to a top

level," he said at a press conference before the start of spring practice. "And with what's happening right now, keep it there."

The outcome of the season rests on many factors: Ash's ability to lead effectively, the up-tempo offense's capability to execute, solving the tackling problem, staying healthy.

But the man in the front seat seems to believe that it can be done. It'll just take some work.

"We are on the brink, and we just need to take this next step to get Texas back with the elite," Ash said.

SWEEP

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"Knowing that they've seen me one time, I'm just playing chess with them," Luna said. "They're a really great ball club and can hit really well so it was about keeping them off balance."

As Luna kept the Ragin' Cajuns at bay, Stephanie Ceo's drive, sent her to third and brought home Torie Schmidt and Gabby Smith in the fourth. Taylor Thom remained a strong offensive presence, finishing with two RBIs and three runs on two hits. Every Longhorn starter had a hit on

the night. Martinez (2-2) took the loss for the Ragin' Cajuns.

Starting for Game 2, Kim Bruins (6-0) assumed her role in the circle, keeping Louisiana-Lafayette scoreless through four innings. A signature Thom homer in the first kept Jordan Wallace (8-4) from doing the same. The Longhorn offense stayed strong throughout, finishing with seven runs off eight hits. Thom's sixth-inning homer brought her night's count to six runs off five hits with five RBIs.

"Last year was a struggle, so this year, I try to be more mentally tough and get back to the way I know I can play," Thom said. "I go up to the plate with

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— Taylor Thom, Junior shortstop

a plan, I look for a certain pitch and I'm more prepared. Hits are contagious. When someone hits a home run, you get pumped."

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## WORLD



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In this Feb. 8, 2013 photo Krzysztof Baumiller, right, and his wife Joanna, longtime inhabitants of a Finnish-built wooden house in Warsaw, Poland, stand in their kitchen as they discuss plans by the city to destroy the home. Such homes, erected as temporary housing in the destroyed capital just after World War II, have dwindled in number over the years from 90 to about 25.

## Historical homes threatened in Poland

By Vanessa Gera

Associated Press

WARSAW, Poland — Nearby the big city rumbles, but one feels almost transported to a quiet forest village when standing amid a colony of Finnish wooden houses in Warsaw's government district.

The homes, erected as temporary housing in the destroyed capital just after World War II, have dwindled over the years from 90 to about 25. Now the surviving structures have become a point of contention between their inhabitants and a city government keen on tearing them down to make way for new developments.

It's a story being played out in various ways in Warsaw these days, as the Polish capital undergoes a building boom that makes new constructions lucrative for developers and attractive to city officials eager to put their mark on the city. But such change often comes at the cost of old buildings of historical or sentimental value to others.

The Finnish houses, which have served as modest family homes for decades, form a little oasis nestled near embassies, government buildings and a park in one of the most prestigious and expensive areas of the city. Though officials won't say exactly what they plan with the real estate, residents expect to see exclusive housing for lawmakers and other government officials given that the Parliament building is just a short

stroll away.

A dweller of one wooden house, Krzysztof Baumiller, said that he expects to have to abandon his home of 51 years so the city can have "a very fancy, fantastic parking or something like that, full of concrete, steel and glass."

"Very nice," Baumiller added bitterly. Now 67, he was a teenager when he moved into his place in 1962. He and his wife have filled the home with books, paintings and antiques, and are fighting a city order to leave it. They realize, however, that they face a losing battle since the almost cottage-like homes and the land they are on belong to the city.

Though the situation seems bleak for the residents, salvation for about six of the homes now appears within reach thanks to the intervention of a new Finnish ambassador who has lobbied the city to save some as a historical reminder of an important chapter in Poland's history, and as a symbol of the Polish-Finnish relationship. Many such homes were also built across Finland after World War II for returning soldiers and others who had lost their homes and were trying to rebuild their lives, Ambassador Jari Vilen said.

"In Finland, unfortunately, a lot of these houses were destroyed," Vilen said. "And we have been regretting this decision very much."

Vilen admitted having his own sentimental attachment to the homes: His great-grandfather worked in the production of houses that were sent to Poland and he

cherishes warm boyhood memories with grandparents who lived in one similar to those in Warsaw.

Vilen and city officials say an agreement has been reached in principle to save a few, though the details need to be worked out. Vilen is arguing that the houses, after undergoing renovation, should house a Finnish cultural institute, a Finnish design shop, a sauna and a museum on Warsaw's rebuilding, among other things.

They are "part of the rebuilding of Poland, part of the legacy of Warsaw rising again from the ashes," Vilen said.

The story of the Finnish houses goes back to 1945, when Warsaw was a flattened moonscape of rubble after years of occupation and bombing by the Germans. Temporary housing was desperately needed for the architects, engineers and city planners who would rebuild the city. The wooden homes were prefabricated in Finland and given to the Soviet Union as part of a war settlement. The Soviets, in turn, gave some to Poland, which Moscow had gained control over with the postwar settlement.

Altogether Poland received

about 500 such houses, with 90 of them going to Warsaw, said Andrzej Skalimowski, a historian with the Polish Academy of Sciences who studies Warsaw's postwar reconstruction.

In the little colony today, an unusual stillness reigns, even more so at this time of year, when snow often covers the triangular roofs of the houses and the pine trees that rise high above. Firewood is stacked outside most doors, with smoke rising from chimneys. Though charming, conditions inside are basic and chilly in the winter. When heavy wind blows, it pushes through the wooden slabs of the walls. When snow piles on the roof, the houses creak and moan.

But those who live in them love them.

Skalimowski argues it is worth saving a few as "authentic evidence" of the postwar years.

"Of course keeping them all is not possible in today's times," he said. "But keeping three, four or five houses set in a place that shows their relationship to each other would be extremely valuable, especially for the residents of Warsaw and for the next generations."

— Andrzej Skalimowski,  
Polish Academy of Sciences historian

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really kind of gotten bigger and bigger."

Recently, groups of slackliners have become a staple in Zilker Park on sunny afternoons and weekends. There is a steadily growing community of slackliners in Austin, which is home to Faith Dickey, a world record holder in the sport.

Austinite Kimberly Margaret was introduced to the sport through Dickey, thinking at first that it would be something her children would be interested in. Instead, it was she that fell in love with the sport almost two years ago.

"I guess I got hooked," Margaret said. "Why would I waste my time in exercise classes ever? Why wouldn't I just go out and do something fun that I enjoy and that has a side effect, accidentally, of being a great workout?"

Margaret is one of about 60 slackline yoga instructors worldwide. YogaSlacking, a facet of slacklining, involves holding yoga poses atop the dynamic piece of webbing.

"Anything that you can do on a yoga mat, you can do on a slackline, and it intensifies the practice," Margaret said.

Other facets of slacklining include highlining, which is slacklining at incredible

heights, such as between two cliffs or rock faces.

"Highlining is mostly just fighting with yourself," Margaret said. "If you've slacklined on the ground before, you know that you can walk across the line because you've done it before. But everything in your body is telling you that what you're about to do is not safe, even though you're tethered to the line. It's mostly just a mental challenge."

According to Margaret, the key to slacklining is being able to relax your mind and focus on one still point in front of you.

"That zen point that people talk about in meditation, that's really easy to attain on a slackline because you can't think about anything else," Margaret said. "If you think about anything else, you're not slacklining. You're on the ground."

The focus that Margaret referred to is many slackliners' favorite aspect of the sport. It's what keeps Cameron Felgate, a Texas State University student and slackliner since 2009, coming back to the line every week.

"Slacklining is really peaceful," Felgate said. "When you get on that line, it's just you and the line and nothing else matters."

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themselves, they have sex.

It doesn't just stop there, either: Sex plays a major role in nearly every aspect of the apes' lives. Fighting with another ape? Solve it with sex. And then have more sex afterwards, to make amends.

Naturally, these encounters aren't limited to opposite genders. Males will "penis-fence" (yes, that is the scientific term) with other males and females use sex to form social bonds with each other and establish dominance through numbers.

But bonobos aren't humans and that's where the trouble lies. We use the term "homosexual" as a linguistic shortcut to describe some of their behaviors (which may more accurately be described as bisexual), but is it really appropriate to apply a human concept to non-human animals? An experiment from 2007, for example, induced homosexual behavior in fruit flies by mutating a specific gene. In doing that, the scientists made the male flies unable to distinguish between genders and start mounting other male flies. That's not how homosexuality works in humans.

Science can observe and make predictions. It can also inform our ethical decisions, though the consensus

opinion is that it can't in and of itself make them for us. The flip side, however, is that bad science has provided an excuse for morally reprehensible actions in the past.

Alan Turing was among the greatest mathematicians of modern times. He played a major role in the development of the modern computer and also made significant contributions to breaking the Enigma code during World War II, which led to the Allied victory.

In 1952, he was charged with homosexuality, then a crime in Britain. As punishment, Turing underwent a hormonal treatment that left him chemically castrated until he took his own life at the age of 41, two years later.

We lost a brilliant man, who was by all rights a hero, in our effort to "cure" him — and he's just one example of many who have had to live believing there was something wrong with their sexuality. We humans have mighty brains, capable of unlocking the secrets of the atom and discovering black holes at the edge of the observable universe, but, in at least one area, it looks like the bonobos have us beat.

## SOUND

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having the freedom to explore the galleries of the museum while interacting with the musicians.

An event that is a blend of aspects from traditional concerts and the customary museum visits, Bennett said "SoundSpace" affects an audience at a different level than other artistic or musical events.

"SoundSpace" is not a concert with a fixed location, like other concerts in Austin. It's partly a musical concert, focusing on the sound, but it also focuses also the space," Bennett said. "The performances are very visual as well. They are somewhat theatrical and are a blend of performance art and concert, rather than just a band playing while the crowd cheers."

Andrew Sigler, a PHD candidate at the Butler School of

Music at UT as well as one of the musicians being featured at "SoundSpace," said this event offers a more welcoming experience for those who don't understand classical music or traditional art.

"What's interesting about 'SoundSpace' is that it puts the audience in a position to experience the music on their own terms in a way I don't think they are able to in a concert setting," Sigler said. "Especially with classical music. This concert is post-classical, so the music draws a lot from pop and rock; immediately the concert might be more accessible to someone who doesn't listen to the sometimes more difficult classical music."

While the museum setting is a novel place to listen to music, Parker said it's an exciting and rare experience for the performers as well. A trombone player, Parker has performed at past "SoundSpace" events and understands the

## SOUNDSPACE

**Where:** The Blanton Museum of Arts, 200 E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

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experience firsthand.

"The space is an incredibly inspiring venue in which to perform. I like that audiences can observe the performance just inches away, and have the freedom to inspect the performance from a variety of angles," Parker said. "I find it much easier to connect with listeners that way, in contrast to a recital hall or concert stage."

Sigler said this interaction between the performers and the audience is what creates such a compelling experience for the viewer



Photo courtesy of Adam Bennett

Steve Parker, the director of SoundSpace, plays trombone in the Blanton Museum of Art during the art interactive show, SoundSpace.

while absorbing the art and the music.

"I think all art, whether visual or oral such as music, ultimately happens in the head of the listener," Sigler said.

"If you're in a museum, and you have a particular piece of visual art that may stimulate you in a certain way, and music that stimulates you in a certain way, that's going to

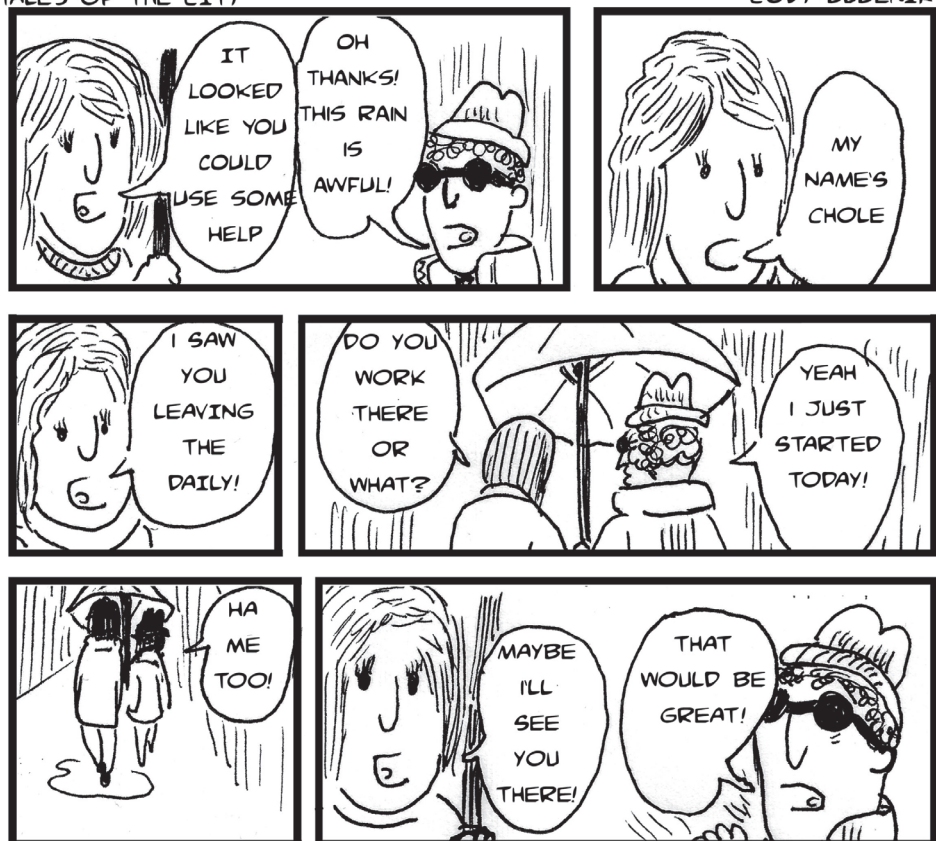
have a completely different impact than if you were listening to the music at home, or if you were at the museum, quietly looking at the artwork alone."



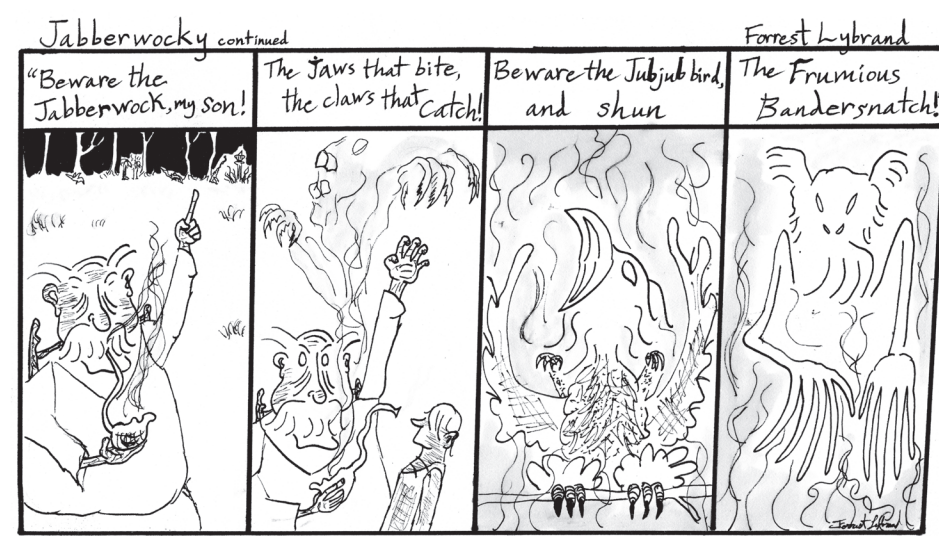
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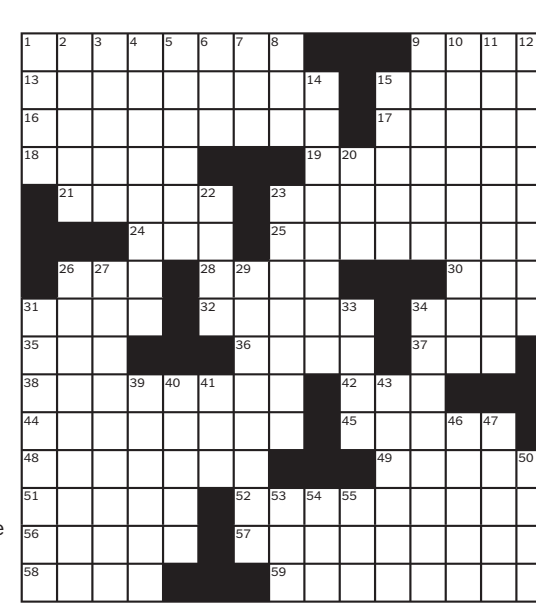
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  - 16 Tragedy-stricken
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  - 18 Torpedo detector
  - 19 Trademarked Intel chip
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  - 23 Take
  - 24 Telegraph suffix
  - 25 Told to come
  - 26 Tripp's rank on "CSI: Miami": Abbr.
  - 28 True: Ger.
  - 30 Tear up
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  - 32 Twit
  - 34 Tiger's bagful
  - 35 Taoism, e.g.: Abbr.
  - 36 Technical work requirement
  - 37 Total
  - 38 Tense, maybe
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  - 45 Tide's ebb, e.g.
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  - 52 Thing that's highly explosive
- DOWN**
- 1 Tosses, as seeds
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  - 4 The Café Carlyle and others
  - 5 Times to start new calendars
  - 6 "The \_\_\_ is up!"
  - 7 Type of dye
  - 8 Target audience of Maxim
  - 9 Ten-spots and such
  - 10 Taken
  - 11 Traveled by Vespa
  - 12 Ted and others
  - 14 Third way, maybe
  - 15 "The House of the Seven Gables" locale
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  - 22 Tadpole's later form, perhaps
  - 23 This puzzle's theme
  - 26 Turn a blind eye, say
  - 27 Turkey or chicken dish served cold
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  - 29 Trig functions
  - 29 Treating all fairly
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  - 29 Taxed



PUZZLE BY MIKE BUCKLEY

- 31 Toned quality
- 33 Tunnel effect
- 34 Trumpet flares
- 39 Treated for preservation, maybe
- 40 Touchdowns: football :: \_\_\_ : rugby
- 41 "That's terrible!"
- 47 Tenor standard "\_\_\_ Mio"
- 47 Tec group in old France
- 46 Terri from the 1980 country hit "Somebody's Knockin"
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OUTDOORS

# Slacklining rises in popularity



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**ABOVE:** Kimberly Margaret carefully maintains her balance as she meditates on a slackline in Pease Park on Wednesday Afternoon.

**RIGHT:** John Robinson, who is known as J-Rob, backflips off of a slackline.

## Sport balances mix of concentration, skill

By Hannah Smothers

The foot traffic on the MoPac Pedestrian Bridge has come to a standstill. Joggers have interrupted their rhythmic breathing to stand along the guardrail. Bikers have removed their feet from the pedals and now stand alongside their bicycles. A small crowd of observers has gathered and is waiting to see if the man on the line is going to fall.

About 20 feet beyond the iPhone camera lenses of

the curious observers, John Wesley Dahle is walking across a line stretched between two of the pillars that help support MoPac Boulevard. He seems to be oblivious to the activity happening all around him. He is focused on a singular point in front of him and has put the panting joggers and the rowing team that passes beneath his dangling toes in the back of his mind. In this moment he has one goal: make it to the other end of the slackline.

Invented by rock climbers in the late 1970s, slacklining

is a relatively new sport. It involves spreading a piece of webbing between two solid points and either balancing on it, walking across it, or even doing tricks or yoga on it. The line is dynamic, unlike a tightrope, and sags under the weight of the user and reacts to the user's movements.

"It's been around but it hasn't really had a lot of exposure," said Dan Daugherty, who has been slacklining for about two years. "Over the past couple of years it's

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SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

## No normal exists in wide realm of sex

SCIENCE SCENE  
By Robert Starr

Despite the persistent myth, men don't think about sex every seven seconds: The truth isn't that simple. The median number of times men think about sex in a given day, according to a study from last year, is 18.6, but the responses ranged from one to nearly 400. In short, human sexuality is too complicated to be reduced to averages and there certainly isn't any such thing as a "normal."

Yet we live in a black and white culture where we want to think that there is, which is why psychologists considered homosexuality a mental illness as recently as 1973.

Today, we acknowledge that homosexuality is a healthy practice, as valid as heterosexuality, but there is still something of a mystery to it. We've done some interesting research on the subject, discovering through twin studies that though there's a genetic component to sexual orientation, it cannot be the full story. Also, having several older

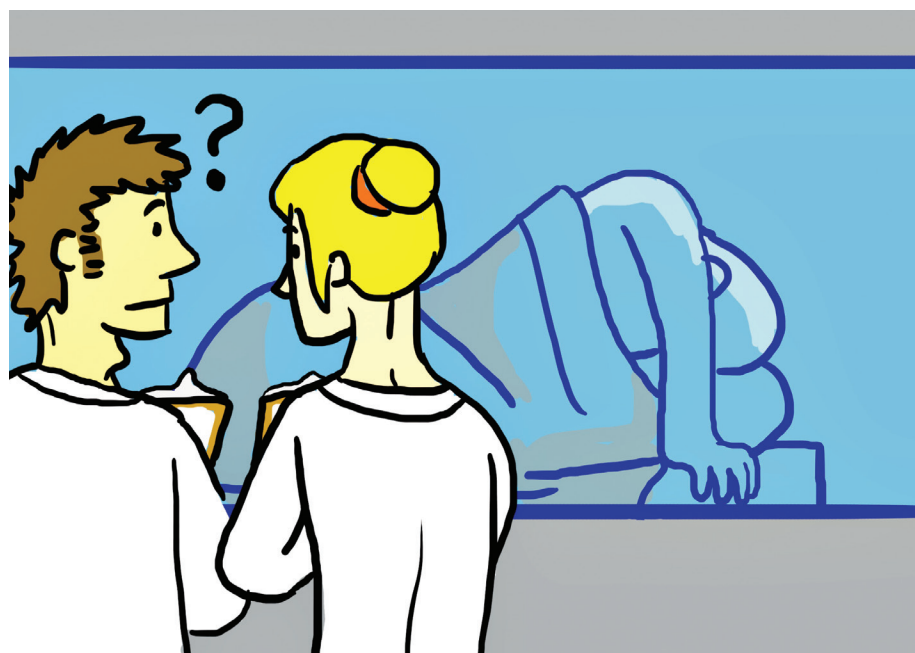


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brothers makes it more likely that a male will identify as gay, but we're not really sure why.

Still, our research is very preliminary at this stage and there are many unanswered questions. However, one thing is clear: Homosexuality is by no means a strictly human activity — it's very common throughout the animal kingdom. A review from 2009 determined that homosexuality pretty much exists anywhere there's sex.

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Perhaps the strongest examples of this (at least in the wild) can be seen in our close cousins, the bonobos. Among living animals, no species is closer to us genetically, but while we humans — more often than not (again, there is no "normal") — consider sex to be a

private affair between two people, the bonobos live their lives in a perpetual orgy. When two humans first encounter each other, they say "Nice to meet you" and shake hands. When bonobos introduce

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ART

## Blanton overflows with musical masterpieces

By Jourden Sander

The halls of the Blanton Museum of Art are normally filled with silent spectators; but on March 10, local musicians will perform live with the art as their backdrop. In the audience interactive show, "SoundSpace," viewers have the opportunity to absorb the Blanton's collection of art while the series of concerts perform around them.

With music played in the untraditional setting of a museum, Adam Bennett, the manager of public programs at the Blanton, said "SoundSpace" can shed light on museums as a positive experience and dispel negative feelings surrounding them.

"I love when we are able to demonstrate that the museum can be a site for creativity to happen — live and in the moment," Bennett said. "A lot of people think of museums as warehouses and memorials to creative works that were created 100 years ago to store. And they are that. But museums can also be places where people find inspiration from the art. The museum doesn't always have

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— Adam Bennett, Blanton manager of public programs

to function as a warehouse. Museums should be alive and fun and places where creativity happens."

Having directed "SoundSpace" since its beginnings in 2011, Steve Parker said "SoundSpace" is different than a typical museum experience because of the cross disciplinary performances playing simultaneously throughout the Blanton Museum. Parker said the audience can gain from this experience by

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