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ARLINGTON

Karbhari continues UTA, Arlington relationship

President will join Mayor Cluck in parade to show his support.

> BY LINDSEY JUAREZ The Shorthorn staff

Arlington Mayor Robert Cluck has memories of a friendship sitting on a shelf in his office. Pictures show him and former UTA President James Spaniolo shaking hands, riding in a golf cart and posing with students.

Since Spaniolo retired in May, Cluck said he misses his friendship.

"When somebody leaves that's been a friend for a long time, often you wonder if he can be replaced," Cluck said. "He can. In this instance, I think Dr. Karbhari will do a great job at being the head of the university."

UTA President Vistasp Karbhari has met with Cluck several times, and both agreed on one thing: the relationship between Arlington and UTA must continue.

Karbhari, who is a grand marshal at Thursday's Fourth of July Parade, has talked with several civic leaders, including Tarrant County Judge Glen Whitley, during his first month at UTA.

"I'm making a concerted effort to meet as many people as I can in my first few months here to get a sense of what's important to people, to listen to their impressions of UT Arlington and to see how the university can enhance its partnerships and build on the important relationships that have been established," Karbhari said in an email.

In the past, officials at UTA and the city have collaborated on projects. Cluck said the

city contributed approximately \$18 million to help build UTA's College Park Center. UTA also offered to contribute \$230,000 to help the city pay for the Metro Arlington Xpress bus system.

Cluck said he and Karbhari did not discuss plans for

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STREET CLOSURES

Roads, parking lots to close for July 4 parade

Arlington's Independence Day Parade will cause streets near campus to close, starting in Lot 49 and heading out at West and Mitchell streets toward Center Street, all the way to Abram Street and back down Spaniolo Drive to Lot 49.

"All lots inside of the parade route will close at approximately 7:30 a.m. Thursday and reopen at approximately 11:30 a.m.," university spokeswoman Kristin Sullivan said in an email.

UTA has notified the public via e-newsletters to residents and businesses in the area and signs in the College Park District parking garages, she said.

"Patrons can enter the College Park District garages until 7 a.m., but they cannot leave the parade until about 11:30 a.m., or as soon as the parade has cleared the area," Sullivan said. "This is to ensure safety of pedestrians in the area."

Krysten Brooks, a student assistant for the parking office, said parking on campus for the parade is open anywhere except for residence hall lots.

Anyone who lives along the route and plans to leave their home in a vehicle is advised to do so before 7:30 a.m. because the route will be closed until 1 p.m., Sullivan said.

PARADE ROUTE

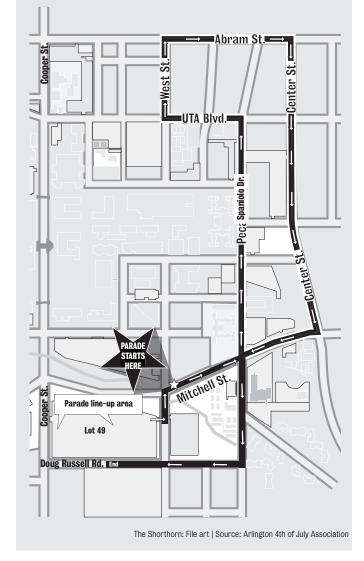
When: 9 a.m.

Where: Parade will begin and end in lot 49 at West and Mitchell

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Alumni, floats to celebrate at annual Parade

Independence Day Parade kicks off at 9 a.m. with UTA's Blaze leading the way



Texas and U.S. flags lift and fall in the wind as they stand on the university's July Fourth parade float on Tuesday at the Arlington ISD bus barn. Along with two pairs of flags, the parade includes university colors, depictions of university mascot Blaze and a replica of the university's Gateway structure.

BY HEBA SAID

UTA's orange and blue float has a 3-D tower going into the air on the back, and Blaze, the UTA mascot, on both the right and left sides of the front of the float.

With "UTA" in blue glitter on the bottom, and the University of Texas at Arlington in gold glitter, the entire float shimmers from afar. Sure to be noticed among the many red, white and blue floats, the orange and blue will be recognized by all who see it as a gathering of Maverick emblems to represent Maverick pride.

The theme of this year's Arlington Independence Day Parade is "Emblems of the land that I love," and the parade is dedicated to education.

The float was built by Lone Star Parade Floats, a family-oriented company established in 1984, which also built last year's float, as well as several floats for this year's parade.

"It was built between Granbury and Dallas," university events director PK Kelly said.

Kelly said the Arlington Independent School District donated its Bus Barn, where the city's public school buses are kept, to house the floats until the day of the parade. The UTA float was transported from Dallas to the Bus Barn on Monday, along with several other floats awaiting the parade.

The Independence Day Parade will begin at 9 a.m. Thursday in Lot 49 at West and Mitchell streets.

"Ten to 20 floats will have a police escort from here to Lot 49 in a mini parade at about 5 a.m. on the morning of," Kelly said.

Jennifer Fox, assistant director for university events and former Student Congress president, saw the float for the first time and said she thinks it looks great, and she was excited to see it.

"I'm not actually going to be at the parade this year, so I am glad I got to come and see the float," Fox said.

She said she has an unusual feeling transferring from a student in the parade to a staff member arraigning the

"I've been a part of all these things as a student, and now as a staff member, I get to appreciate all the things that go into it," Fox said.

Kelly said the Student Affairs department decided to go with UTA colors because of the prevalence of red, white and blue-themed floats and decorations, and UTA colors will stand out in the parade.

"One thing I miss about being in the parade is seeing

INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE:

Date: July 4

Location: Starts and ends in Lot 49 at Mitchell and West

streets.

Contact: Arlington 4th of July Association at 817-330-9USA or 817-330-9872

The Independence Day Parade is an annual parade that Arlington celebrates the Fourth of July with. Representatives from many organizations and local business march around downtown, near UTA.

Source: Arlington 4th of July Association

all the floats," Kelly said.

He said he'll be at the parade, just not in it.

He also said that in the past the Independence Day Parade has been used to help generate ideas for UTA's Homecoming Parade.

Ann Still, whose husband owns Still Brothers Realtors in Arlington, said they have participated in the parade for almost 19 years.

"It's a good community event," Still said. "We've been doing it for 18 or 19 years and the same people come every year, and they're always in the same spot, and it's really become a family community event."

She said she feels UTA represents a large portion of the parade crowd, especially now because UTA is becoming a larger more prevalent part of Arlington.

"So many people from UTA are there, and they are such big supporters and the parade goes right through the campus," Still said.

A large part of the crowd is alumni who come each year to support UTA, said Fox. Hundreds of alumni watch the parade, said Stephanie Thompson, associate director of the Alumni Association.

"Definitely from riding in the parade and seeing all the alumni, people will shout 'I graduated from there,' or, 'That's my Alma Mater,' "Fox said about the most memorable part of the parade. "It is really great to see them all and see how proud they are of UTA."

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METROPLEX

Stage 2 restrictions unlikely

Officials say potential rainfall, restrictions will keep city in Stage 1.

BY SHELLY WILLIAMS

Though officials at the Fort Worth National Weather Service said the Arlington area will remain in moderate drought conditions at least for the next month, Arlington Water Utilities officials said the chance of raising Stage 1 water restrictions to Stage 2

"Barring emergency situations, like a plant goes down or a major water line breaks, we should not reach Stage 2 this summer and perhaps even the fall," said Dustan Compton, conservation program coordinator for Arlington Water Utilities.

On June 3, the city of Arlington implemented Stage 1 water restrictions. Stage 1 means Arlington's water supplier, Tarrant Regional Water District, has reservoirs that are 75 percent full, and people are only allowed to water twice a week on designated days, according to the city's 2008 Drought Contingency and Emergency Water Management Plan. Only the city manager, water utilities director or the water supplier can initiate water restrictions, Compton

Summer 2011 is known as being one of the hottest summers with multiple 100-degree days, Compton said about the last time the city reached Stage 1 water restrictions.

We were losing a percent a week," Compton said about summer 2011. "Today, we're at 73 percent, and we're not in that situation now. Assuming we'll get a couple of rain falls, and people are following restrictions, we could probably be at 67 maybe by the end of August, but Tarrant Regional Water District measures that."

The Tarrant Regional Water District supplies about

ONLINE

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370,000 people in Arlington with water, pumping it in from more than 100 miles out at Cedar Creek and Richland Chambers water reservoirs, Compton said.

"It's unlikely that we would reach Stage 2 storage levels before the end of summer, but it all depends on our climate and whether or not we get any rainfall," said Mark Olsen, Conservation and Creative Manager for the water district.

"One thing that's really important to emphasise with regards to these restrictions is our lawns will survive on a twice-per-week schedule. Even though the restrictions are in place, we're doing nothing more than being efficient with what we're using," Olsen said.

Stage 2 is 60 percent storage capacity for Tarrant Regional Water District reservoirs, Olsen said.

"Water conservation is working, but this current drought restriction situation occurred because of no rain in October, November and December," Compton said.

Moderate drought conditions are caused by how much water is in the ground and rivers, said Jamie Gudmestad, meteorologist at the Fort Worth National Weather Service office.

"It has to do with conditions that go back basically at least couple of years. There hasn't been much rain, and the vegetation is dry," Gudmestad said. "The hotter it is, the more evaporation you're going to get. It's more about the moisture. If the air is dry, then you're going to get more evaporation.

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STAGE 1 DROUGHT RESTRICTIONS INCLUDE:

-Two-day allowable watering schedule based on service address.

Wednesdays and Saturdays: residential addresses ending in even

Thursdays and Sundays: residential addresses ending in odd numbers

Tuesdays and Fridays: all non-residential locations (apartments, businesses, parks, common areas, etc.)

-Outdoor watering isn't allowed between the hours of 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Hand-held watering, drip irrigation and soaker hoses may be used any day and any time.

-Foundations and new shrubs and trees can be watered up to two hours every day with soaker hoses or drip irrigation.

-Water waste is prohibited. Inspect irrigation systems for broken sprinkler heads, runoff and leaks.

-Hosing of paved areas and buildings is discouraged at this time.

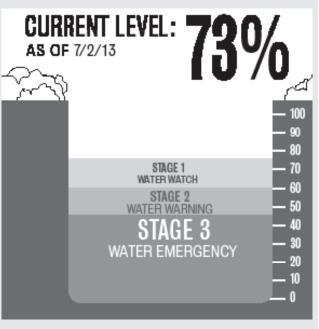
-Washing of any vehicle is limited to the use of a hand-held bucket or hand-held hose with a shutoff nozzle. Vehicle washing may be done at any time at a commercial car wash.

-Draining and refilling of swimming pools is discouraged, but not prohibited at this time.

Source: http://www.arlingtontx.gov

WATER RESTRICTION

Stage 1 means Arlington's water supplier, Tarrant Regional Water District, has reservoirs that are 75 percent full, and people are only allowed to water twice a week.



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METROPLEX

West Nile virus remains summer concern

Wearing long clothing and staying indoors can prevent disease.

> **GUS CONTRERAS** The Shorthorn managing editor

Last summer, the West Nile virus swept through North Texas, affecting many people living in Tarrant County, including the city of Arlington. But it's hard to tell what will happen with West Nile this year, said Vanassa Joseph, Tarrant County senior public information officer.

The first case of West Nile virus reported this year by Tarrant County Public Health was found in Grapevine on June 14, involving a woman in her 40s with a mild case of West Nile fever. Symptoms of West Nile fever include disorientation and neck stiffness that can last for weeks, according to www.tarrantcounty.com.

"We have only had one positive trap in Grapevine," Joseph said. "We have not done any aerial spraying, but Grapevine has sprayed on the ground."

The city of Arlington is larviciding, which means they will be trying to prevent mosquito larvae in areas with

standing water from developing into adult mosquitoes, which carry the virus. As of now, the city has no intention of spraying and views spraying as a last resort, a city of Arlington spokesperson said.

Last year, Tarrant County reported its first case of West Nile on June 20, and finished the season with 11 deaths and 280 cases related to West Nile, according to www.tarrantcounty.com. A "West Nile season" typically spans from mid-spring through late fall when cooler temperatures arrive, Joseph said.

The first reported positive test pool sample of West Nile was found on June 27, also in Grapevine. There have been 1,430 samples collected as of June 27, according to www. tarrantcounty.com. The first sample testing positive for West Nile in 2012 was collected June 4.

There is an ongoing investigation about a possible case in Dallas County, but it is still unclear whether it is related to the West Nile virus, according to a Dallas County Department of Health and Human Services news release.

"While we don't know if

TIPS TO STAY SAFE FROM THE WEST NILE VIRUS

-Stay indoors around dusk and dawn, because that's when mos-

quitoes are most active. -Look for insect repellent containing DEET (N,N-diethyl-metatoluamide), which helps repel disease-carrying insects, according

-Drain any standing water from your property, which can be breeding sites for mosquitoes.

West Nile virus symptoms include:

-Symptoms occur within 3-15 days of being bitten -Mild fever

-Head and body aches

Source: http://www.tarrantcounty.com/

the county has its first confirmed human case or not, Dallas County wants to alert the public that the mosquitoes that carry West Nile virus are here and they're active," said Zachary Thompson, Dallas County Department of Health and Human Services director in the release. The Shorthorn reached out to health and human services for an update, but did not receive a response by press time.

With the concern of West Nile spreading, Carter Blood Care Centers test every donor's

samples for the virus, said Yesenia Olide, Carter Blood Care public relations spokesperson.

So far, there have not been any cases of West Nile virus in donor samples, but in 2012 there were 72 donor samples carrying the virus, Olide said.

With the virus in the area, Joseph said the public needs to make sure the little things are taken care of.

"We still encourage people to take preventative measures," Joseph said.

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Amount the average UTA graduate owes in federal student loans

Student loan interest rates double

Federal student loan rates jumped from 3.4 percent to 6.8 percent on July 1, after Congress failed to act on freezing the rate. The estimated cost increase for students would be around \$2,600, according to Congress's Joint Economic Committee, based on calculations of the average federal student loan rate of \$3,385 times 6.8 percent, read the full story online at www.theshorthorn.com/news.

"The new campus director will practically be the face of Campus Rec, and the MAC is basically the face of the campus now."

Tak Momose former intramural sports cordin-

Dax Kuykendall to take over as Campus Rec director

Dax Kuykendall takes over as Campus Recreation director Aug. 5, replacing his father. For the full story, visit www.theshorthorn. com/news.

"Her strong foundation with the Arlington PD is invaluable to her new position."

> Mike Headingsfield UT System police director

Chief of Police Kim Lemaux is sworn in

Newly appointed UTA Police Chief was sworn into duty July 1. Watch her being sworn in online at www.theshorthorn.com/news.



Boxing showcased in College Park Center

Featherweight boxer Heron Saucedo dodges as featherweight boxer James Deherrera takes a swing during the Bud Light Pro Fight Series on June 28 at the College Park Center. Fight #4 of the boxing series will take place Aug. 24. The Bud Light Pro Fight Series showcased seven fights June 28, at the College Park Center. The highlight of the night was when Mike Tufariello knocked out Kyle Fancher in the first round. Check out the photo gallery at www.theshorthorn.com/sports.

"I like that it's basically another source for Scantrons. If the P.O.D. has long lines or they run out, and you don't want to walk all the way to the Bookstore, you can come here."

> Kai Steussy information systems junior

New vending machines to provide everyday **supplies**

New vending machines that offer students the ability to purchase school supplies have been placed in three different spots around the UTA campus. To find out more, visit www.theshorthorn.com/

CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

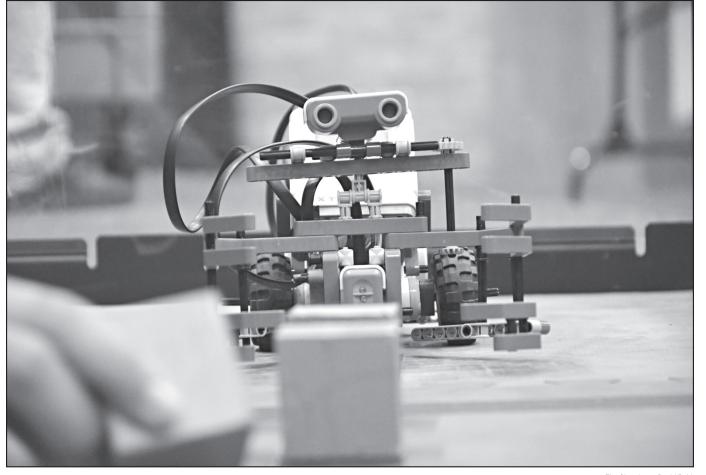
The headline on the article "Texas voter ID requirement could become law," originally published on June 26 should have said, "Texas voter ID requirement to take effect immediately."

On the calendar originally published on June 26, the item titled "Bud Light Pro Fight Series #3" had information cut off. The description should have read, "World Class Professional Boxing is coming to College Park Center, featuring seven bouts, pre-bout entertainment and giveaways.'

On the calendar originally published on June 26, the item titled "Soul Food Part for Spirit, Soul and Body" had information cut off. The description should have read, "Show off your cooking skill by entering the Soul Food Party for the Spirit, Soul & Body, hosted by Koinonia Christian Church. Contestants can enter for free in any of these three categories: Southern Fried Chicken, southern mac and cheese or southern dessert. The event also will feature an Open Mic Contest with these following categories: Song, Poetry, Christian Rap or Comedy.'

On the calendar originally published on June 26, the item titled "Mid-Year Muse and Motion X 5K/1 mile Run/Walk" had information cut off. The description should have read, "Join River Legacy Parks for a one mile run, walk or stroll through the Elm Grove Pavilion. Net proceeds from the race and books that are suitable for kids from third through eighth grade will go to benefit the H.O.P.E. Reading/Tutoring program."

Bring factual errors to *The Shorthorn's* attention via email to editor. shorthorn@uta.edu or call 817-272-3188. A correction or clarification will be printed in this space.



LEGO ROBOT

A robot made of Legos makes its way down the track to move blocks Tuesday in Nedderman Hall. Students were tasked with building a robot that had to move a series of blocks from one area to another while being controlled by a pre-programmed set of commands.

NATION

College students invent app for scholarships

BY SUSAN SNYDER

PHILADELPHIA Christopher Gray couldn't even afford college application fees, let alone tuition. His single mother was out of work, and there were two siblings to think about, then ages 2 and 3.

But with a passion for entrepreneurship, the Birmingham, Ala., student dreamed of attending a college in the Northeast so he could be close to New York City and other major business centers.

"So the onus was really on me. I had to deal with it myself," recalled Gray, now 21 and a rising junior at Drexel University.

For three months, he holed up in the local library – he didn't have a computer at home - and searched out and applied for more than 70 college scholarships. Gray, an A-B had served in leadership roles and started his own nonprofit company, had astounding success.

He received 34 scholarships worth \$1.3 million enough to get his bachelor's, his master's, and his doctorate, plus cover his living expenses with some left over to invest.

Now, Gray — since dubbed "the Million Dolsince lar Scholar" — has found a way to help other teens find scholarship money. He and two associates have developed a mobile app called Scholly — shorthand for "scholarships" — for both the iPhone and Android.

The app has been available for only about a month, but several thousand downloads have sold. Gray and his colleagues decided to keep the price at 99 cents because their intent is more public service than profit.

All proceeds at this point are going back into the com-



MCT: Luke Rafferty/Philadelphia Inquirer

Christopher Gray and Nick Pirollo, students at Drexel University, have worked to develop an app and website to help students find scholarships. (Luke Rafferty/Philadelphia Inquirer/MCT)

one of Gray's partners. He had all three.

is a computer and electrical engineering major from New Jersey who graduated this month. He updates the app and manages the www. Myscholly.com.

wanted He to apply to Harvard and other top schools, but could not afford the application fees.

His guidance counselor suggested he apply for six scholarships. He got all of them, but knew he needed more. He scanned

hundreds of websites, poring through criteria. Many scholarships had narrowly defined qualifications that he didn't meet: "It was frustrating."

But many looked for top-notch academics combined with leadership and

pany. said Nick Pirollo, 23, community service. Gray

"I had 600 volunteer hours. And because I started a nonprofit. that made

me stand out." Christopher

Gray **Drexel University** junior

"I had 600 volunteer hours," he said. "And because I started a nonprofit, that made me stand out." Gray's biggest

coup was the Gates Millennium Scholarship, which covers tuition and room and board from a bachelor's to a doctorate. A \$20,000 scholarship from Coca-Cola followed, and fortuitously put him in touch with Bryson Alef, a rising senior

at Amherst College, his other partner on the Scholly app. He also received a \$20,000 Horatio Alger Scholarship and the \$10,000 Axa Achievement Scholarship.

Smaller awards came from Wal-Mart and Lowe's. And they just kept coming.

STORY HIGHLIGHTS

-Christopher Gray, a 21-yearold junior at Drexel University, created an app for smartphone users called Scholly.

-The Scholly app costs 99 cents and helps other students find scholarship money.

-Gray was dubbed "the Million Dollar Scholar" after applying for more than 70 college scholarships.

-He received 34 scholarships worth \$1.3 million.

-Gray said the cost for the app, which can used for iPhones or Androids, is kept low because the intent is for public service, not profit.

"My mom was elated. I did a little jumping around," Gray said.

ARLINGTON

New bill puts historic district up for grabs

UTA has permission to buy land between Third and Mitchell streets.

> BY HEBA SAID The Shorthorn news editor

A bill giving UTA permission to buy land has The Historical Society of Arlington and The Heart of Arlington neighborhood association worried about a National Historic District between First and Third streets.

Gov. Rick Perry signed a bill on June 14 giving permission to UTA to buy land across the street from College Park District, between Third and Mitchell Streets, and across Center Street to Mesquite Street, as it becomes available. However, the area is currently not in any of the university's building plans.

"It's a futuristic plan right now, so if it ever becomes available we can purchase it if we wish to," UTA spokeswoman Kristin Sullivan said.

Grace Darling, the president of the Heart of Arlington Neighborhood Association, or HANA, said UTA could always buy the land, but the bill will allow them leeway to purchase the land quicker than without the bill.

"UTA always could buy it, the bill just made it easier to bypass the regents. Basically to fast track the one-by-one move in," Darling said.

The National Historic District from First Street to Third Street ends just before Mitchell, said Geraldine Mills, director for the Arlington Historical Society.

"All we did was request that historical districts between first and third are excluded so we can have a little time to prepare any historical prop-

erties," Darling said. "We would like to have them re-purposed, like we did on West Abram Street. We were able to keep the façade the same and much of the interior design and just re-purposed the buildings. That would be better then a parking lot.

There are two really lovely homes on First Street, and they are protected because it is a National Historic District area, Mills said.

"I understand their need for growth, but I would hate to sacrifice the historical district for a parking lot or an apartment building," Mills

Sullivan said the bill is in place so that if UTA does see fit to develop in the area, they can.

"There is not a specific plan in mind. It would be an analogy to College Park District's 20-plus acres," Sullivan said.

Before the College Park District, there were parking lots and older apartments. There was an old 7/11 when UTA planned for development, she said.

Darling said that when West Abram was rezoned and the façades were maintained, everyone was happy with the results.

"National historic recognition in the HANA area right now, that's the only one - no legal protection but it would create a pause because they'd have to ask permission," Darling said. "And it would complicate the transfer of the property deeds."

Currently both Darling and Mills hope that, if UTA does purchase any land in the historic district, they re-purpose rather then tear down.

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STUDENT LIFE

Bookstore to host 4th of July fest

The Bookstore is hosting its first ever Independence day festival on July 3.

The "Happy Fourth on the Third" celebration will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. alongside an all-day sale. The festival will include activities such as bounce houses, obstacle courses, food and more.

Individuals can donate blood to the Carter Blood Care, which will be giving blood donors a free pint of Blue Bell ice cream.

UTA Radio will be providing music and producing live broadcasting through out the celebration.

Monster Truck, the Monster Energy Drink truck, will be handing out free samples to participants.

"I know a lot of people come down for the parade on Pecan Street and Levitt Pavilion," Bookstore director Paul Beaulieu said. "We want to give the people visiting downtown Arlington an opportunity for a sale and a fun time."

There will be no cost for people to join in the events unless they buy something, said Beaulieu. Participants can park in Lot 38, which is south of the UTA Bookstore at South Oak and West First streets. Drivers can also park in the retail College Park Center spots on Spaniolo Drive.

- Tanasia Curtis







METROPLEX

Personal fireworks legal 5,000 feet outside of cities

showing

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July 4th

events

Students can enjoy firework shows or pop their own outside of city.

DAVID KLINE The Shorthorn staff

Loud explosions in the sky followed by a dazzling array of various colors, coming from everywhere in the city, can mean only one thing in the summertime: it must be Independence Day.

The UTA community can watch several different professional fireworks For a map displays in the Metroplex, but if students want to set off their own show, it won't be on campus. The city of Arlington does not allow fireworks within city limits unless they are done by professionals.

see page 5 "Fireworks can be popped in unincorporated areas only and on private property with the owner's permission," said Tanya Harughty, manager of the Fire Marshal's office in Tarrant County.

The Tarrant County Fire Marshal's office described unincorporated areas as anywhere 5,000 feet outside of city limits.

Tarrant County fire marshal Randy Renois said fireworks can not be popped within city limits because of the city ordinance that is in place for safety reasons.

"In the city, people live closer together," Renois said.

"Outside city limits, people are spaced farther apart," Renois said. Students will find that the closest places to buy fireworks are several miles away, most of them in rural areas south of Arlington, such as Johnson and Ellis

Speech communications senior Albert Brown said it is unfair to not be able to pop fireworks within city limits.

"I feel like it's an American tradition, an independence tradition," Brown said. "I feel like, especially on the Fourth of July, you should be able to pop fireworks at certain locations."

Brown said he remembers popping fireworks in previous years and that it is an experience that involves the whole family.

"I feel like popping fireworks is art," Brown said. "You see art in the sky, and that's the beautiful

While some students like Brown have to travel farther out from their homes to celebrate July 4 with fireworks, other students like music education senior Jackson Hill do not share the same

"I spend the summer in Weatherford," Hill said. "There are fireworks booths in the vicinity of where I live."

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CELEBRATION

Technology behind the boom

July 3 fireworks show will feature digital firing system.

BY CHASE WILLIAMS

With more than 800 fireworks, two wires and the push of a button, Pyrotex, Inc.'s president and creative director Randy Beckham turns night into day, if only for a few sec-

Beckham is in charge of the fireworks display at Light Up Arlington, which is an annual event on July 3 that celebrates Independence Day. It started

in 2007 at Lake Arlington, but in 2009, Light Up Arlington moved to the current location in downtown Arlington because of the large crowds that attended. Beckham has been involved in Light Up Arlington since it started, except for the year that it moved locations, because they used a different fireworks company in 2009.

start "People setting up their chairs at noon," said Patti Diou, executive director of Levitt Pavilion.

The event will feature live performances by Velvet Love Box, Atlanta Rhythm Section, Young Stars of Arlington and The Spazmatics. Following the performances, the fireworks show will begin at 9:45 p.m. and will last 17 to 20 minutes, said Michael Debrecht, rental and lake services manager.

Debrecht is in charge of organizing Light Up Arlington and maintaining safety by keeping attendees from entering the fireworks area. He said that, between his staff and Beckham's staff, there are 15 to 20 people that work to set up and maintain safety at the event.

Beckham said he will be firing 800 fireworks from the north side of Arlington City Hall, and 32 multieffect boxes from the roof Arlington City Hall. Multi-effect boxes are the

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short-range fireworks seen during shows, and have anywhere from 16 to 600 different effects.

"We use a boom lift to get the fireworks on the roof," Beckham said.

They use the roof so the audience can see the multieffect fireworks clearly. Beckham said he has had people say they could see the display from Rangers Ballpark.

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Randy Beck-

Pyrotex Inc.'s

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Beckham uses a digital system to sync his fireworks with musical cues that are accurate to one hundredth of a second. The computer calculates how far back

it has to light the firework to go off at the right time.

Beckham's process starts July 5 when he gets the call to do next year's show. Even though he has a year to plan, he doesn't start until January, because in July, he is planning for Christmas, which gives him six months to design a show.

"We could plan and do a show in a day," Beckham said. "We just wouldn't want to do that."

Beckham founded Pyrotex, Inc. in 1979, and his first client was The Bee Gees Staying Alive tour. He said he used to travel the world doing shows in cities including Dubai and Tokyo until 9/11, when transporting explosives became more difficult.

From June 29 to July 7, Beckham will do 32 shows in Texas.

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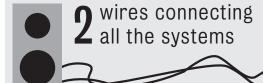
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RULES AND SAFETY FOR THE FOURTH

As listed in Arlington City Council Ordinance 10-068, located on the Arlington Fire Department's Web page, anyone who does not acquire an official permit from the Fire Marshal's office prior to engaging in any fireworks displays, pyrotechnic, special or theatrical effects or flame effects within Arlington city limits will be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction will be given a fine of up to \$2,000 for each separate offense.

SAFETY TIPS

-Never allow children to play with fireworks

-Only use fireworks outdoors, and choose a smooth, flat surface away from people, pets, houses and flammable materials like dry

Never throw or point fireworks at other people and make sure they are out of range before lighting fireworks

-Always have water handy, such as garden hose or a bucket. After a firework has burned out, completely soak it in water

-Never re-light a "dud" firework, as it could go off without warning. Soak the dud firework in a bucket of water Store any unused fireworks in a cool, dry place

These tips could help prevent students from being one of the 200 people on average each year that go to the emergency room each day in July, according to an infographic on the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission's website.

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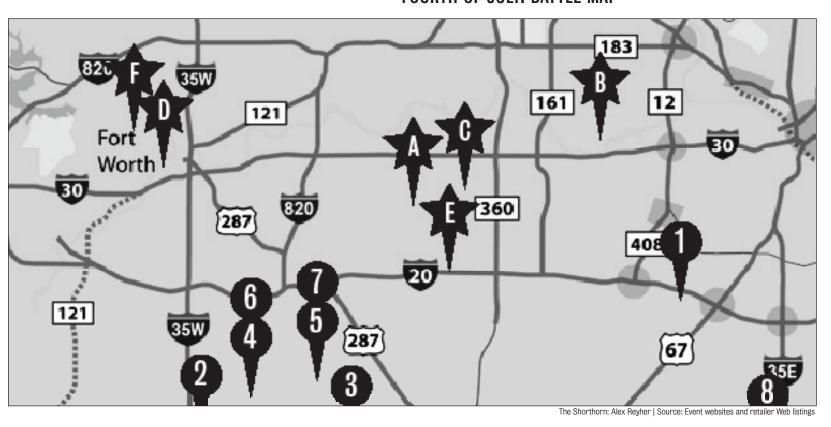
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For students who may not know of places to go for fireworks shows or events happening July 4, or where to buy fireworks for their own fun, this map shows the locations of six July 4 events in Tarrant County, as well as local firework retailers that The Shorthorn was able to verify with locations and hours of operations. This map does not include any unlisted privately owned stands that could be located within the area.

-Ryan Wagoner

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JULY 4TH EVENTS

Arlington Fourth of July Parade When: 9 a.m.

Where: Parade route starts at the intersection of Mitchell and West streets, looping through downtown Arlington (near Abram Street and Spaniolo Drive) Cost: Free

Contact: Arlington 4th of July Association, 817-330-9872

Start your day off with Arlington's annual Fourth of July Parade, featuring the theme, "Emblems of the Land I Love." More than 120 groups will participate in the parade, from Girl Scout troops to local restaurants, vintage cars, motorcycles and more, according to the Arlington Fourth of July Association's website. To learn more, visit www.arlington4th.org.

Lone Stars & Stripes Fireworks Celebration

When: Gates open at 3 p.m., first live race at 5 p.m., July 3-4. Where: Lone Star Park, 1000 Lone Star Parkway, Grand Prairie **Cost**: \$5 for general admission. Contact: Lone Star Park offices, 972-263-7223 or 800-795-7223

If thoroughbred horse racing fits your fancy, Lone Star Park in Grand Prairie has you covered. Featuring family events including pony rides, a petting zoo and bounce houses, the park ends the night with a 20-minute fireworks display, choreographed to music courtesy of 99.5 The Wolf, according to its website. Students can also hear live music from Incognito on the park's Courtyard of Champions stage from 5 to 11:30 p.m. Students 21 and over can also enter the Lone Stars and Stripes Trip Give-a-Way for a chance to win a trip to Las Vegas. For official rules for the contest, or to learn more about the event, visit www.lonestarpark.com.

Texas Rangers vs. Seattle **Mariners with Independence Day Fireworks**

When: 7:05 p.m. Where: Rangers Ballpark, 1000 Ballpark Way Cost: Varies, depending on seat-

Contact: Rangers Ballpark ticket offices, 817-273-5100

Celebrate the birth of our nation with one of America's national pastimes by watching the Texas Rangers take on the Seattle Mariners, with a fireworks show immediately following the end of the game. For more information about the ballpark or to purchase tickets, visit texas.rangers.mlb. com or call 817-273-5100.

Fort Worth's Fourth When: 2-9 p.m.

Where: Panther Island Pavilion, 395 Purcey St., Fort Worth Cost: Free (preferred parking is

Contact: Jeni Bell, jeni.bell@trinityrivervision.org or call the Trinity River Vision Authority office at 817-698-0700

Fort Worth's annual fireworks show this year is celebrating the 25th anniversary of the Fort Worth Sister Cities International Partnership with Nagaoka, Japan, and promises to be the biggest show yet, according to the event's website. Attendees can bring or use free water tubes to relax along the Trinity River, and can also bring water coolers, although no outside alcoholic drinks are allowed. Before the fireworks start, attendees will watch jet-ski shows and live performances from the bands Petty Theft and Downtown Fever. Children have access to many free activities, such as bounce houses, water slides, train rides and more. For more information about the event, visit www.trinityrivervision.com

July 4th Fireworks Extravaganza at Arlington Highlands

When: 9:15 p.m. Where: Arlington Highlands, I-20 at Matlock Road and Center

Street Cost: Free.

Contact: Through Arlington Highlands Facebook account or webpage. Individual venue contact information is listed under the Directory tab on the website.

Arlington Highlands is hosting its annual fireworks extravaganza. Visitors can eat at the local restaurants and pursue the local entertainment venues before the show. For more information, visit the Highland's website at www. arlingtonhighlands.com

Willie Nelson's Picnic

When: 11:30 a.m. to 9:45 p.m. Where: Fort Worth Stockyards, 2520 Rodeo Plaza, Fort Worth Cost: \$35 in advance and \$55 the day of the event Contact: Billy Bob's Texas ticket office, 817-624-7117

For those who might want something other than fireworks for their Fourth of July, Willie Nelson's Picnic offers a full day of concerts at the Fort Worth Stockyards, featuring 24 country music artists on three different stages throughout the day. Only attendees 18 and older are allowed into the show. To find more information or to see the lineup for the event, visit www. williespicnic.com

FIREWORK RETAILERS

Dallas County:

Name: Vip Sparklers Hours: No Hours Given Location: 615 Hustead St., Dun-**Contact:** 407-545-1398

Johnson County:

Name: Deano Fireworks **Hours:** noon to 10 p.m. July 3-4: 10 a.m.-midnight Location: 5715 Conveyor Drive, Cleburne

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Name: Big State Fireworks **Hours**: No hours given Location: 4557 E. FM 1187, Ken-**Contact**: 817-561-2573

Name: Dino Fireworks **Hours:** 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. July 3-4: 10 a.m. to midnight **Location:** 7494 Rendon Bloodworth Road, Kennedale

Ellis County:

Name: TNT Fireworks Supercenter

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STUDENT LIFE

Summer movie series boosts attendance



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Attendees watch Oz: The Great and Powerful on June 6 on the Maverick Activities Center west lawn.

Larger audience may be because of Twitter promotions and nachos.

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The Shorthorn staff

The EXCEL summer movie series, which shows free movies on the lawn behind the Maverick Activities Center every Thursday at 9 p.m., will not be playing a movie on July 4.

The attendance for the summer movie series has been approximately 500 people for each movie, said Anisha John, director of EXCEL University Events.

Attendance has increased since last year's audiences of about 450 participants, EXCEL President Julian Russell said.

Russell said that EXCEL is working on new promotion methods through Twit-

ter, which started about three weeks ago, and he is unsure whether attendance increase can be attributed to the promotion method. He said that he has also put up new fliers around campus and has given them to apartments near UTA.

EXCEL started serving nachos at its last movie, *Admission*, and they were a hit, said Russell.

The largest attendance EXCEL had last year was *The Hunger Games*, with an audience of about 1000 attendees, said John.

The largest crowd that the movie series has had this summer was about 600 participants for *Olympus Has Fallen*, said Russell.

"Last time I went, they weren't bad, they were fun," marketing senior Sarah George said of the movie series. "It was a pretty good crowd."

UPCOMING SHOWINGS

G.I. Joe: Retaliation 9 p.m. July 11

The Croods 9 p.m. July 18

The Big Wedding

9 p.m. July 25

All movies will be located on

Maverick Activities Center west lawn.

Source: EXCEL Web page

George said she has been to a few EXCEL movies and was surprised by how many students showed up.

Russell said that he predicts that *Iron Man 3* will bring in their next big audience.

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Karbhari

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specific projects, but they did talk about what they want to see for the city.

"What we're trying to do, and he says he wants to continue with this effort, is to blur the lines between the city and UTA," Cluck said. "It used to be a straight line. Here's UTA and here's the city. You stay there, and we'll stay here. But it's no longer that way."

Karbhari also said he and Cluck agreed to con-

tinue the Move-In Event tradition where the university president and Arlington mayor help new students move into their dorms.

"That's a very strong, outward show of his support and the great ties between the city and our university," Karbhari said.

Karbhari will have the chance to show his support to Arlington on Thursday when he follows the parade route with the other grand marshals and Cluck. Karbhari said his job at the parade is simple: smiling and waving.

"My wife, Lisa, and I are

honored to be part of this celebration, especially since it is dedicated to education," he said.

Cluck said UTA is possibly the biggest asset Arlington has and he wants to do what he can to help the university.

"There's no reason we cannot become a Tier One university," he said. "Not many mayors can say they have a university in their city that's Tier One. Someday, I hope I can say that."

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YOUR VIEW

Grant will allow learning network

Videoconferencing can be used to share classes

All of us have learned a foreign language. For most of us, it's English — the so-called mother tongue. It's the second language that usually gives us problems. The old adages of, "I'm not very good a math," or "I'm not cut out to learn a second language," are so often the excuse for not learning. Well, UTA and UT-San Antonio may have come up with a solution. They received a grant from the Institute for Transformational Learning that will provide \$204,903 for UTA's Critical Languages and Cultures partnership with UT-San Antonio.

The money will fund faculty and teaching,

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instructional and technical support, administrative coordination and international partnerships between the two UT System institutions and universities abroad.

UTA and UT-San Antonio are offering courses this fall in a new way. So that UTA students will have the opportunity to take first semester Japanese, which we do not offer, UTA students can sign up for a course that UT-San Antonio offers and take the class virtually through videoconferencing. Similarly, Russian students will be



well. Our Russian section is also offering an upper-level course this fall through UT-Austin.

The students will be sitting in a classroom here but will see the UT-San Antonio or UT-Austin students and professors, and

semester Russian through San Antonio as

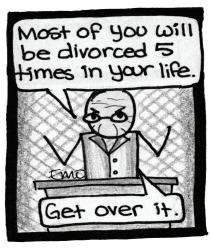
room here but will see the UT-San Antonio or UT-Austin students and professors, and those there will be able to see our students. The same works conversely with Portuguese. We offer it, but UT-San Antonio does not, so their students will be able to take our course in the same way. Technology is allowing this to happen.

Several years ago, I was asked to develop an online German curriculum. We wanted to make sure that students had a "classroom" experience even if taking the course online. Through the Internet, we were able to create a virtual classroom much like a business does with videoconferencing. It has worked very well and has increased the enrollment significantly. Students who have busy schedules and cannot be on campus now have the opportunity to take a foreign language on their time.

Last year, one of my students was shipped to Afghanistan in the middle of the semester but was able to complete his class online. In today's world, it does not matter where you are or what university you are attending or what language you wish to study, you can do it online. This grant will allow the Foreign Language departments at UTA and UT-San Antonio to expand and offer minor languages that are so important on the world stage.

New technology demands new ways of teaching. This program will be only one more tool in the new arsenal of teaching strategies. Hopefully, learning that second language will be made easier through this program, and students will have the opportunity to take minor languages that are not typically offered either at UTA or UT-San Antonio.

THE WORLD ACCORDING TO PROFESSOR SAXE by Elia Madrid-Onofre



Loan rates will discourage students

Being proactive in getting Congress to stay on track is necessary.

nterest rates on subsidized Stafford loans increased Monday by at least \$2,600, according to Congress' Joint Economic Committee, based on calculations of the average federal student loan rate of \$3,385 times 6.8 percent.

College is hard enough to pay for as it is, with two-thirds of UTA's students having at least one job while attending school. Doubling interest rates when the national student loan debt exceeds \$1 trillion, tuition at UTA is about \$1,000 per class and students are only required to have a 2.0 GPA to get accepted, is like someone kicking a puppy. The average UTA graduate owes about \$22,000 in student loans, compared to the national average of \$26,000, according to a university spokesperson. Approximately 15,000 UTA students qualify for subsidized loans, the spokesperson said.

This increase won't encourage others who may only have loans as an option to pay for school, ones who are part of those supposed to be ensuring the future of the nation, to attend college.

Congress has known about the potential increase since November but didn't work to change this possibility. According to an article on the *Washington Post* website, "Efforts to keep interest rates from doubling on new subsidized Stafford loans fell apart last week amid partisan wrangling in the Senate."

However, there is a chance to have rates lowered again when Congress reconvenes after the Fourth of July. Senators have predicted that a compromise could be found before students return for fall.

It's our responsibility to make sure representatives stay focused on the issue at hand — students and families actually affording education and keeping debt levels as low as possible to prevent a domino affect of debt in the future. Write, meet or call to representatives, get involved in a lobbying organization to help influence officials or even start a grassroots campaign to spread information about

THE ISSUE

Congress allowed Stafford student loan interest rates to double.

WE THINK

This increase in interest rates will discourage others to attend college because of the amount of debt that could build.

TAKE ACTION

Be proactive in getting Congress to stay focused on the task at hand: keeping education affordable.

the impact increased interest rates can have on students and colleges. Become proactive, not reactive.

- The Shorthorn Editorial Board





The Shorthorn: Elia Madrid-Onofre

Same-sex marriage shouldn't have been an issue

Biology, religion need to no longer play a part in relationships.

n June 26, the Supreme Court struck down section three of the Defense of Marriage Act, which kept the federal government from recognizing marriages between gay or lesbian couples when it came to federal laws and programs, despite legal status in their home state. This granted same-sex couples all of the rights heterosexual couples have under the law, but only for those in states that already made same-sex marriage legal. Access was given to military family benefits, social security benefits, multiple areas of tax categories, hospital visitation rights and health care benefits, to name a few.

Being bisexual, this made me extremely happy.

This is a major decision, yet I still find myself asking the question of why this action was even needed. It's natural to want to share your life with the person you love.

Marriage is a contract between two or more people agreeing to the terms of it. So where are we getting this male and female being the only way to go idea? From two sources: biology and religion.

First off, biologically, men and women can only reproduce together. Yes, that used to be a valid reason when we needed to reproduce, but now, in the day and age of scientific advance-

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ments, we no longer really need to be paired up that way. In vitro fertilization, Intracytoplasmic sperm injection and adoption are some of the ways to have a child, so really, that argument is done with.

Then, of course, there steps in religion with the "God intended it to be this way" argument. I have even been directed to the Bible by my own family. I remember growing up with the idea that there was a separation of church and state.

I don't subscribe to the mainstream religious ideas, but now my representatives are going against this implicit ideology and trying to use the Bible and God against me.

If you've been keeping up with recent news, you'll know that there have been some comments made by a few political figures since June 26

"We need to confess our sins as a nation, and we need to pray and ask God for his holy intervention, and for his forgiveness," Michele Bachmann, R-Michigan and 2012 presidential candidate, said two days later in an article from *The Huffington Post*. That's a blatant example of representatives trying to lead this country based on their religious convictions.

We are a "melting pot" country. One of the reasons I love America so much is that we have freedom to choose, and we are supposed to be equal. But in 38 states, there is a number of people lacking these basic American and human rights.

Fifty years ago, I couldn't be with the man I love because he's white and too many people at that time thought a white and black together was unnatural. However, our country ruled that as unconstitutional. This follows the same principle.

Our Supreme Court just proved that you can't deem someone's marriage illegal just because it's not your perception of normal with gay marriage, thus showing that it's natural and it's not wrong to allow it.

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SPORTS

Joining the Sun Belt is a good move

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UTA can achieve in athletics, even without football with the growth of the athletic program.

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UTA switchconferences three times in three years seems a bit excessive, but when one looks at the landscape of college athletics, conference realignments are all about foot-

What doesn't UTA offer? Football. And they haven't done so since disassembling the program in 1985.

That's alright, because the Mavericks became official members of the Sun Belt Conference on July 1 in every except sport football, after

being part of the Western Athletic Conference for the 2012-2013 collegiate season. Georgia State University and Texas State University also joined UTA in the Sun Belt.

The Sun Belt could be seen as the right fit for UTA, because the conference's inception in 1976 did not include football and didn't add it until 2001. UTA isn't a football school, but it is a basketball, volleyball, track and field, tennis, golf and softball school.

That shouldn't be forgotten.

UTA's new home has seen recent success with the likes of Western Kentucky achieving success. Last season, Western Kentucky reached the NCAA tournament in men's basketball and volleyball in their respective sport. UTA won the WAC cross-country championship last season and made the NCAA tournament

President Vistasp Karbhari said in a news release that he was excited about the switch.

"I believe this represents an extraordinary opportunity for UT Arlington to continue on its journey to even greater athletic excellence," Karbhari said. "This is a tremendous opportunity for our student athletes.

There have been many changes and additions to UTA Athletics in the past few years, which echo the same sentiments as Karbhari.

This is an exciting time to be a Maverick.

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ATHLETICS

Mavericks join the Sun Belt

UTA plays first game as $\ ^{the}$ Sun $^{Belt\ when\ the}$ member of conference Aug. 30 with volleyball.

> **GRANT MCKINLEY** The Shorthorn staff

A new field of competitors awaits the Mavericks after UTA officially joined the Sun Belt Conference on Monday, which marks the second conference UTA will compete in as many years.

UTA spent the 2012-2013 season in the Western Athletic Conference after leaving the Southland Conference and came away with a conference championship title in men's crosscountry and a share of the regular season championship title for the baseball team.

UTA will play its first game as a member of

volleyball team opens its season at home Aug.

Athletics director Jim Baker said UTA was looking for a more stable conference to join after several teams announced they were leaving the WAČ before last season began.

"There's more leadership, and it's a much more unified conference," Baker said. "It's a perfect fit for us, but the WAC showed us we have to up our game. The Sun Belt is overall more competitive and stronger with all sports across the board."

The Sun Belt had the fifth highest rating percentage index in college baseball last season and sent two men's and five women's basketball teams into the postsea-

The level of competition in the conference and league realignment inspired a new multiyear agreement with ESPN in 2012, which will give the conference more national coverage for all of its sports programs.

ESPN has shown the men's basketball conference championship game for 31 consecutive seasons and will continue to broadcast the game next season.

Baker said UTA has always strived to compete for national titles, and the Sun Belt was the best conference for UTA to join.

Baker added that playing in a new league will also give UTA the opportunity to form new rivalries with different members in the conference.

"The addition of UT

Arlington is tremendous for the Sun Belt Conference," Sun Belt commissioner Karl Benson said to The Shorthorn on June 5. "UTA will help continue the rise of the Sun Belt Conference as a national contender in intercollegiate athletics."

In addition to the inclusions of UTA, Texas State University and Georgia State University, the Sun Belt will continue to expand next season with the inclusion of four more universities.

However, UTA will only compete against Appalachian State University and Georgia Southern University, because the University of Idaho and New Mexico State University will only compete in football.

Both universities are

coming from the Southern Conference and will make the 11 and 12 editions to the Sun Belt or the 2014 season.

Darin Thomas, head coach of the baseball team, said he is anticipating a very competitive league that won't allow many days off for the Mavericks.

Four teams from the Sun Belt advanced to the 2013 NCAA tournament last year, whereas only one team from the WAC competed in the post season.

"Every weekend, we'll be tested," Thomas said. "We're happy with what we did in the WAC, considering we had to travel more and play in places we haven't played at before. But it will be very competitive now."

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WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL

2 Movin' Mavs join US National team

Students to compete in America's Zone World Qualifier.

> **GRANT MCKINLEY** The Shorthorn staff

One former and one current player from the Movin' Mavs were selected to join the U.S. Men's National Wheelchair Basketball Team Monday and will compete in Bogota, Colombia next month in the America's Zone World Qualifier.

"It's always great for a college team, because it gets everyone fired up," said Doug Garner, head coach of the Movin' Mavs. "The new guys get some great international experience, and it says a lot about the program

Jorge Sanchez is the only current player from the Movin' Mavs to join the team and was accompanied by former Movin' Mavs standout Michael Paye.

Sanchez and Paye called, were announced as part changed for him.

of the 20-man roster in June and will compete with the team in August after the squad was cut down to just 12 players.

Sanchez described playing with the team as not only an honor, but a blessing.

"There were some guys from other universities there, and I always talked about playing overseas with them," Sanchez said. "It's a dream come true now."

Sanchez, a former member of the under-23 national team, described playing internationally as a completely different experience than playing college basketball, and the players are much faster and smarter.

During the team meeting Monday when the players were announced, Sanchez said it was a very nerve-wracking experience to wait for his name to be called, and he even started to feel chills.

Once his name was everything

"It was the most exciting moment in my life," Sanchez said. "I called my mother back home in California and she said how proud of me she was, which made me even more excited."

Along with Sanchez, Paye was also selected, making him the oldest player on the team.

Paye graduated from UTA in 2006 and currently plays professionally in Germany.

During his tenure at UTA, Paye won national championships in his freshman and senior years with the Movin' Mays before competing professionally overseas.

Paye said it was great to be back with the team and recall old stories with the guys.

"It's an awesome experience, and it was just really fantastic to be back with everyone," Paye said. "This is really a building process for Rio and the team wanted younger guys. I'm the veteran.

Before the team can be from Aug. 4 through



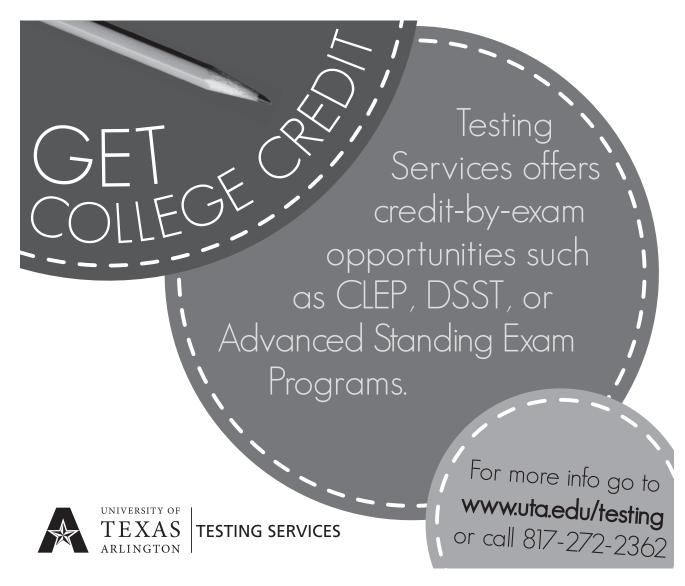
Members of Team USA huddle with the coaches after completing a tryout session during which the athletes played through different scenarios June 27 inside the Maverick Activities Center. Individual player stats, and the scoreboard used for the sessions, were controlled from the table on the right.

compete in Rio de Janeiro, the site of the 2016 Paralympic Wheelchair Games, they will have to compete in Colombia against several other countries for a spot in the 2014 World Championships in South Korea.

The competition will

"U.S.A. had always been a top three or top four team," Sanchez said. "That's not good enough

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Blast off to the big screen

Film student uses fireworks experience for future special effects career



The Shorthorn: Adrian Gandara

Film graduate student Ryan Britton, left, watches as film graduate student Brendan Feltrup-Exum uses a knife to smooth Britton's shirt against a plate on his chest during a special effects demonstration on June 26 on the site of the former Swift meat-packing plant in Fort Worth. A small explosive was attached to the plate on Britton's chest to help simulate a gunshot wound.



The Shorthorn: Adrian Gandara

Above: Film graduate student Brendan Feltrup-Exum prepares to shoot at film senior Cameron Garland during a special effects demonstration June 26 at the site of the former Swift meat-packing plant in Fort Worth. **Right: Feltrup-Exum, next to some of his equipment, laughs** during a Q-and-A session following a special effects demonstration.

BY VALLARI GUPTE
The Shorthorn staff

Brendan Feltrup-Exum started making his own gunpowder when he was 10 years old, said his father, Bruce Feltrup-Exum.

"I enjoyed making my own fireworks and tinkering as a child," Brendan Feltrup-Exum said.

Brendan Feltrup-Exum, a film and video graduate student, is a licensed pyrotechnician who handles fireworks and firework shows. He works for Extreme Pyrotechnics, a company that is putting together a show for Fort Worth's annual Independence Day event on July 4, Fort Worth's Fourth, at the Panther Island Pavilion.

He said putting up a fireworks show involves long hours, hot days and a lot of fun.

"We usually set up in the middle of the night," he

When he started his Bachelor of Fine Arts in film and video at UTA, Brendan Feltrup-Exum became interested in action films and the scenes that involved special effects where things would blow up. He graduated from UTA, and in 2009 he and two business partners started their own production company, Haywire Studios.

For him, the adrenaline rush of being 50 feet away from an explosive is the best part of being a pyrotechnic. Safety is of prime importance when Brendan Feltrup-Exum is on the job.

"I still have all my fingers and toes," Brendan Feltrup-Exum said. "I have always been very safe."

Bruce Feltrup-Exum said that when Brendan Feltrup-Exum was younger, they always tried to be safe when teaching him about fireworks, so he knows his son is concerned about safety.

Bruce Feltrup-Exum said he expected his son to go into something related to pyrotechnics.

"I'm glad to see him do something that he really

likes," Bruce Feltrup-Exum said.

Brendan Feltrup-Exum said that, while working on feature films during his college years, he doesn't ask his actors or crew to carry out a particular effect if he is not willing to do the stunt himself.

"If I'm not willing to put myself through it, I don't want to put my actors through it," he said.

While using special effects in his films, Brendan Feltrup-Exum said he loves to experiment with different things.

"I'd rather do practical special effects than digital," he said.

Brendan Feltrup-Exum plans ahead to give himself enough time to shoot scenes that require gunfire and explosions.

Film assistant professor Ya'Ke Smith said Brendan Feltrup-Exum has incorporated his knowledge of pyrotechnics in his class projects.

"He is still a young filmmaker," Smith said. "He is very receptive and open to learn new techniques."

The first short film that Brendan Feltrup-Exum made for Smith's class involved a fireworks show, Smith said. Another film that Brendan Feltrup-Exum produced involved a character dealing with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, and he used stunts including gunfire and explosions to portray the battle scenes.

Smith said Brendan Feltrup-Exum is great at helping other students use stunts and pyrotechnics in their films.

"He has brought his skills to our students and exposed them to something new," Smith said.

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STUDENT LIFE

International students celebrate Independence Day

BY HEBA SAIDThe Shorthorn news editor

Education junior says learning history of

customs is important.

Economics graduate student Otabek Abdukodirav will be celebrating Independence Day for his first time

this Thursday.

More than 1,700 international students from more

than 10 countries all over the world have joined the UTA community, according to the UTA Fact Book fall 2012 numbers, the most updated information UTA currently has. They learn many things about American culture, one of those being how to celebrate Independence Day.

ebrate Independence Day.

Abdukodiray, originally from Uzbekistan, said he is excited to participate in the celebrations here in Arlington.

"Independence day for the Uzbek people, like America, is a national holiday," Abdukodirav said. "The streets totally change. There is an official ceremony in the national park. It begins with presidential speech and ends with frequency."

with fireworks."

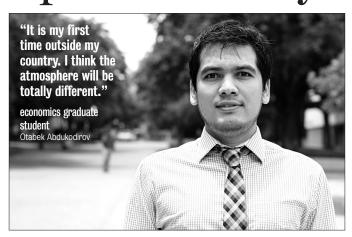
While America will be celebrating it's 237th Independence Day, Uzbekistan will be celebrating its 22nd Independence Day on Sept. 1. Abdukodiray came to America

last August and said this is the first time he has ever left Uzbekistan.

"It's really different to feel and celebrate and see how people celebrate in this country," He said. "It is my first time outside my country. I think the atmosphere will be totally different."

Abdukodirav said he is excited to see how people are preparing and how stores are

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Celebrate

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selling items and decorating. He said he can feel a sense of celebration among the people.

"It feels good because you're part of this country, because you live here. You want to celebrate it. I feel good about it," said Hakan Solak, educational leadership and policy studies graduate student.

Solak plans to attend celebrations for Independence Day in Arlington, but it is not the first time he will experience the American national holiday.

"The first one was different. I did not understand what was going on," Solak said. "We have a day we celebrate in our country, but how is different from ours. In Turkey, we go to soccer stadiums, and everybody goes and there are special ceremonies. "

Education senior Jackie Jauregui said that it is important for international students to understand American culture.

"Integrate and celebrate the culture," Jauregui said. "Learn about the history of the country."

Jauregui said she thinks the important part is knowing why people celebrate before actually experiencing festivities, and then the celebrations are more enjoyable to experi-

"Go to a place where they are celebrating, with family and friends," Jauregui said. "Find a place — most likely downtown, where you can experience it."

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PRICES OF MATERIALS NEEDED

Tie-dye T-shirt

1 package of Rit Dye Scarlet: 1 Package of Rit Dye Royal Blue:

Three-layer patriotic drink 164 fl oz Ocean Spray Cran-

Apple: \$2.49 1 bottle of Cool Blue Gatorade:

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Patriotic streamers

120-gauge wire: \$2.99 1 red vinvl table cover: \$1.99 1 white vinyl table cover: \$1.99 1 blue vinyl table cover: \$1.99

No-bake strawberry and blueberry layered cake

1 box graham crackers: \$2.99 1 pint of strawberries: \$.99 1 pint of blueberries: \$1.19 116 oz. tub of Cool Whip: \$2.69

Source: Aldi, Target, Michael's

Independence Day Pinterest projects under \$30

Viewing explosions of red, white and blue doesn't have to wait until the fireworks shows start. Color the Fourth with these four projects that give a different—and sometimes tasty-spin on showcasing our nation's colors. From a nobake cake to a tie-dye shirt, each of these projects could help make students' Fourth of July celebrations more festive.

Simplicity and affordability were the most important factors in choosing these projects. Each of the projects costs less than \$10 to make, and the combined cost of these four projects is \$30.

Step 1: Assemble all of the materials needed for the project. 1 pint of strawberries, 1 pint of blueberries, 116 oz. tub of Cool Whip, 1 box of graham crackers and a dish to hold the cake.

Step 2: Rinse and cut the stems off of the strawberries and cut the strawberries in half. If the strawberries are too big, slice them in half again





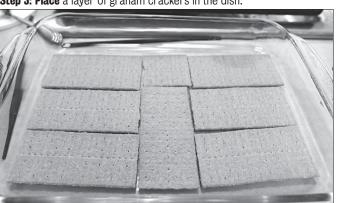
ONLINE

Want to see the other three projects like a red, white and blue tiedye shirt, streamers and drinks? Visit www.theshorthorn.com/gallery for how to spark up your Fourth of July.

Cheer from the side of a parade with a multicolored set of streamers or hang them from your porch to let the neighborhood know you're celebrating the Fourth of July.



Step 3: Place a layer of graham crackers in the dish



Step 4: Cover the graham crackers with an even layer of Cool Whip.



Step 5: Add strawberries on top of the Cool Whip and then cover the strawberries with another layer of Cool Whip. You can also add blueberries along with the strawberries, but be sure to leave at least a cup of blueberries to decorate at the end.



Step 6: Repeat steps 3 through 5 until the top of the dish is layered with Cool Whip. Add blueberries in the





Dr. Ruth

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Syndicate

Q: I am 25 and have been single for almost two years. I don't see anything wrong with me, except that I am a little overweight, but I think I am a sweet

and caring person who has a lot of love to give to that special guy. Can you give me some tips on catching the right person?

A: The best tip I can give you is to keep trying. You'll never meet Dr. Ruth that special someone if you're sitting by the questions to phone waiting for him Dr. Ruth Westheimer to call. You have to c/o King Features pursue every possibility to meet as many single men as possible New York, NY until you find him. That 10017 means you have to tell everyone you know that

you are looking, and you have to get yourself out of the house as much as possible and be in places where you can meet new people. The more people you come into contact with, the odds of meeting the right person will grow and grow. So, make it a priority and don't let a day go by when you're not trying to meet someone. I guarantee you that if you put enough energy into this search, you'll be successful.

Q: Why do women always seem to go for the big-muscled-jock types and not the nice, ukulele-playing guys?

A: The ukulele not being

very popular these days, if I were you I might consider taking up a different instrument. But to answer your question seriously, much of the reason is genetic. Back in the days of the caveman, the bigger brute would be better able to maintain the safety of the woman's offspring, and so women gravitated to the stronger men. While strength is no 235 E. 45th St., longer very important for success in the modern world, there is an in-

> nate desire in women to gravitate toward bigger men that overtakes what might be a more rational choice - the man who has the highest degree of education, which statistics show gives a man the highest income. Of course, since playing the ukulele isn't going to do much to support a family either, that may be another reason to switch interests on your part.



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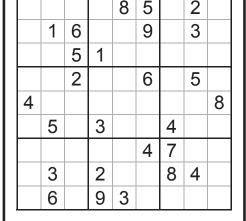
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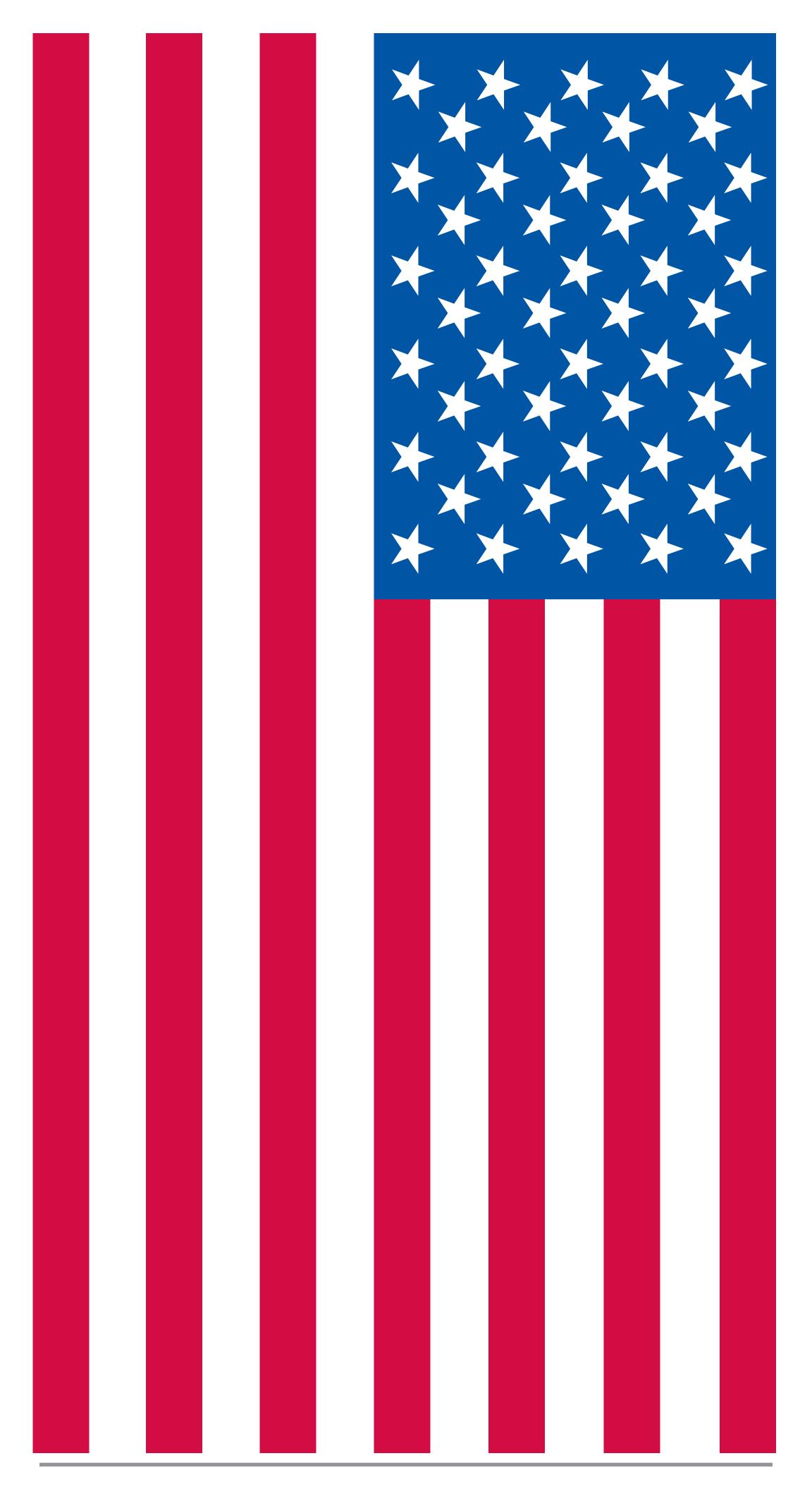
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FRIDAY

J.J. WILLIAMSON

J.J. Williamson, who has worked with comedy icons like Chris Tucker, D.L. Hughley, Rickey Smiley and Steve Harvey, according to the Arlington Improv website, will perform at Arlington Improv starting this Friday and during the weekend. Only 21 and up are allowed into the show. 8 p.m. July 5-6. Arlington Improv. 309 Curtis Mathes Way #147. \$17-\$27 (Depends on available seating). Contact Arlington Improv box office 817-635-5555

FIRST FRIDAYS: A SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

The Grease Monkey will continue its summer concert series, First Fridays, which is a concert on the first Friday of each month, throughout the summer. This week's featured band is The O's. 5-10 p.m. July 5. The Grease Monkey, 200 N. Mesquite. Free (price of food not included). Contact 817-665-5454

DEL CASTILLO

Since they began 11 years ago, Del Castillo has become a symbol of the cross-cultural power of music with its eclectic blend of flamenco, rock, Latin, blues and world music, according to the Levitt Pavilion website. The band will bring its unique blend of genres to the Levitt stage Friday. 8:30 p.m. July 5. Levitt Pavilion. Free. Contact Karen Temple, Administrative Assistant, 817-543-4308.

SATURDAY

THE QUEBE SISTERS BAND

Featuring intricate fiddle play and three part harmonies, Grace, Sophia and Hulda Quebe of The Quebe Sisters Band will bring their Americana-style vintage country sound to the Levitt Pavilion. 8:30 p.m. July 6. Levitt Pavilion. Free. Contact Karen Temple, Administrative Assistant, 817-543-4308.

COREY BROOKS BAND

The Corey Brooks Band, a contemporary Christian band, will perform at Six Flags during its July 4 Fest weekend. 4 p.m. July 6. Six Flags Over Texas, 2201 Road to Six Flags. \$63 (price of admission to the park) or \$48 (online advance ticket). Contact Park Information, 817-640-8900.

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SUNDAY

TERRI HENDRIX & LLOYD MAINES

Terri Hendrix, an award-winning Texas songwriter according to the Levitt Pavilion website, will perform songs from her newest album, Cry Till You Laugh. Along with Terri, country music producer Lloyd Maines will perform. 8:30 p.m. July 7. Levitt Pavilion. Free. Contact Karen Temple, Administrative Assistant, 817-

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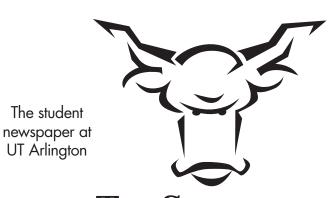
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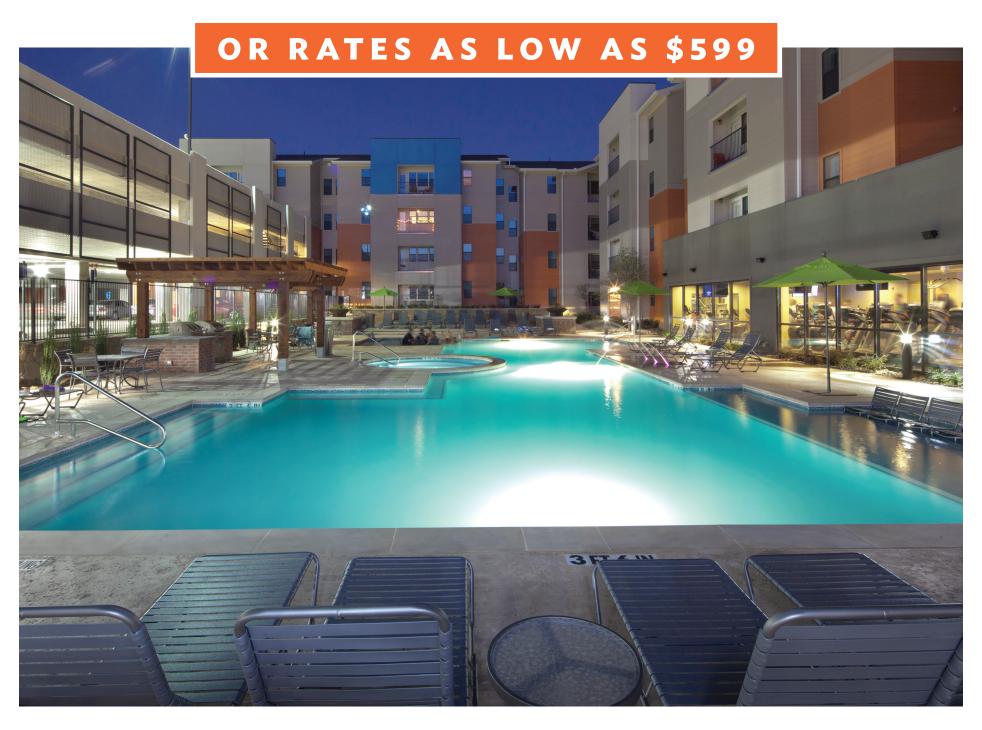
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