

# THE WEEKENDER

This Week's Weather and Events

February 3, 2012

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<http://www.facebook.com/TexasIntensiveEnglish>

Fri, Feb. 3



76° | 56°  
Mostly Sunny

Sat, Feb. 4



61° | 45°  
Mostly Sunny

Sun, Feb. 5



56° | 38°  
Mostly Sunny

## Conversation Partner Sign-Ups

If you would like to make an American friend and have an opportunity to practice your English outside of class, then you should sign up for a conversation partner. TIEP students will be put in groups of 2-3 people and matched up with an American volunteer. You can meet together weekly with your group to talk and do activities together.

**Sign up for a conversation partner at Meghan's desk in the Lobby before Feb. 8.**

If you sign up for a conversation partner, you will need to attend the Conversation Partner Party on Wednesday, Feb. 15, from 5:30—6:30 p.m. at TIEP. You will meet your conversation partner for the first time at the party!

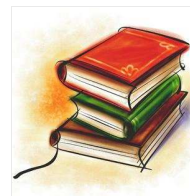


## University Admissions

If you are planning to attend a community college or university in **summer or fall 2012**, you should submit your applications soon.

If you have questions about university requirements and would like help with the admissions process, you can make an appointment to talk with Brooke or Meghan about your plans.

They can only help you and answer questions when class is not in session. Don't skip class to make your appointment!



## SUPER BOWL SUNDAY

**Superbowl XLVI  
Sunday, Feb. 5  
New York Giants vs. New England Patriots  
5:30 p.m. on NBC**

The Super Bowl is the most popular single-day sporting event in America. The two best teams in the National Football League (NFL) will play each other for the championship. Many Americans host parties on Super Bowl Sunday that include lots of food. The commercials that air during the Super Bowl are known for being funny and the half-time show features a famous band or singer. Madonna will be performing at half-time this year. You should watch the game with your friends!



## Upcoming Events:

TIEP Class Photos—Wednesday, Feb. 8

TIEP 4-week session ends—Friday, Feb. 10

Valentine's Day Party —Tuesday, Feb. 14

Conversation Partner Party—Wednesday, Feb. 15



## Hospital Tour

Are you curious about what American hospitals are like? Take a behind-the-scenes tour at **University Medical Center Brackenridge** and find out what goes on in the operating room. There will be hands-on demos and you will be able to talk to doctors and nurses.



Tours:  
Saturday, Feb. 4  
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
1400 N. I-35  
Free.



## Bob Schneider Concert

Friday, Feb. 3  
8:00 p.m.  
McCallum High School (5600 Sunshine)  
Tickets are \$25  
<http://www.mactheatre.com>

Local music star Bob Schneider will give a concert to help raise money for the McCallum High School choir to perform at the Lincoln Center in New York City. Dessert will be served before the concert.



## Austin Farmers' Market

Shop for locally grown produce, meats, cheeses, and more, and enjoy live music at one of Austin's farmers' markets.

### Downtown Market:

Republic Square Park, 422 Guadalupe,  
Saturdays, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
[www.austinfarmersmarket.org](http://www.austinfarmersmarket.org)



### Barton Creek Market:

Barton Creek Mall, 2901 Capital of TX Hwy. S.,  
Saturdays, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
[www.bartoncreekfarmersmarket.org](http://www.bartoncreekfarmersmarket.org)

## Basketball Game



Texas Vs. Texas Tech  
Saturday, Feb. 4  
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.



@ the Frank Erwin Center  
Buy tickets online:  
<http://www.texasboxoffice.com>



## Groundhog Day

Yesterday was Groundhog Day. **Groundhog Day** is a holiday celebrated on February 2 in the United States and Canada. According to folklore, if it is cloudy when a groundhog emerges from its burrow on this day, then spring will come early. If it is sunny, the groundhog will supposedly see its shadow and retreat back into its burrow, and the winter weather will continue for six more weeks.

The groundhog saw his shadow yesterday, so that means there will be 6 more weeks of winter.



## Idiom of the Week

**“Spill the beans.”**

Definition: If you spill the beans, you reveal a secret or confess something.



Used in a sentence: Brooke didn't want anyone to know that today is her birthday, but Meghan spilled the beans.