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Mr. Chatterbox Austin



Austin is now the most affluent big city in Texas, according to a breathless story in the [Wall Street Journal](#). See fashion writer **Marques Harper's** [blog take](#) on the article. Social bright lights **Carla McDonald** and **Lance Avery Morgan** won mentions in the story.

The [New York Times](#), meanwhile, is fascinated with a food-and-games organization in Austin that mixes ping-pong with Asian treats. Pictured: Austin Table Tennis Club.

Austin fan **Owen Wilson**, "looking red-eyed and scraggly," is back [home](#) and well after his suicide attempt. Meanwhile, director and friend **Wes Anderson** promoted "The Darjeeling Limited," which stars Wilson, at the Venice Film Festival.

Hawaiian-as-much-as-Austinite these days **Willie Nelson** is the subject of a profile in the [New York Post](#), which tries to bring East Coast readers up to date on his decades-old contributions.

Floridian-as-much-as-Austinite these days **Andy Roddick** won his Monday set at the U.S. Open due to **Tomas Berdych's** withdrawal. He was also chosen to join the U.S. Davis Cup. But first, formidable hurdle **Roger Federer**.

Of course these tidbits ignore some of the biggest news: the Longhorns' narrow victory over predicted pasty Arkansas State (which lowered UT's ranking to No. 7), the impending sentence of **Laura Hall**, and, of course, Austin City Limits, which will bring the biggest name in rock to town since the Rolling Stones visited last fall.

Yes, I'm talking about the only celebrity anyone will care about about next week: **Bob Dylan**. We have plenty of music writers on the case, but if you get a whiff of Dylanesque activities, drop us a line.