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Featuring FanBoyTV's
Gavin Stone as emcee



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- **James Ritter (slow Pokey), Chris Ritter and THE TRAILER PARK SHOW** for providing the event venue at Channel Austin Studio and the broadcast medium with which we can share this unique "Forum" with the community.
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- **Judy and Saffron Parker** for the Artistic Design of the Cover Character.
- **Gavin Stone** for his emcee services.
- **Finally, All the emcees, entertainers, and candidate guests** who have helped to make **FUNNY FORUM** a tradition helping to **KEEP AUSTIN WEIRD**.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH

PHIL JUDAH – ORGANIZER / PUBLISHER

WE ARE PLEASED TO CONTINUE THE EXPANSION of the viewership with this LIVE BROADCAST to THE TRAILER PARK SHOW's audience via Channel Austin's broadcast on Cable Channel 10 and hope it will ultimately motivate a greater number of voters and contribution to the public good. The winners of today's event may not be the choices of our television audience and every attempt will be made to allow an on-line participation with future broadcasts. This and all previous FUNNY FORUMS have been videotaped. The edited for television Funny Forums from 1988, 1993, 1994, 2000, 2002, 2005, 2006, 2008, 2009, 2011, and the live event of 2012 have been broadcast over public access television. The 1989, 1992, 1997, and 2003 Forums were also videotaped and wait editing for a combined program. A faulty camera thwarted FUNNY FORUM 97's television broadcast. FUNNY FORUM 94's attempt to include the television audience's donation participation via a 900 number was rendered difficult by the rules governing ACTV and was found to be cost prohibitive and ineffectual. FUNNY FORUM 93 was broadcast 17 times on ACTV. No attempt was made to include the television audience interactively at that time. DVD's of previous year's events are available on-line and at the check in area. A portion of the price is earmarked to be distributed among the participating candidates' charities. Our advertising sponsors who ultimately make this event possible deserve a hearty round of applause as well. By their participation, these underwriters are in no way endorsing any of the candidates or their platforms; but are helping to defray the costs of this event and make possible a significant benefit available to the worthy causes presented here. **All advertising sponsors were approached solely on the merit of the exposure they receive and novelty of this event and not on behalf of any specific charitable organization. All comments are made in jest and do not seriously reflect the views of any future defendants.**

Our Moderator and Master of Ceremonies



Gavin Stone

Gavin Stone is the founder of Fanboy TV, an Austin based geeky entertainment crew who cover events like SXSW and produce a wide variety of geek shows like Fanservice and Adventures In LARPing. He comes from a political family and has found an interest in entertaining the masses on live TV.

WELCOME

*TO THE 2014 AUSTIN MAYORAL & CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATE RUN-OFF ROAST- **FUNNY FORUM 2014.*** WE at Universal Publishers are happy to host this event again this year and proud to be a part of a continuing Austin Tradition.

We would like to thank the participants without whose help this "Forum" would not be possible. The participants' chosen charities may have representatives here today to receive their share of the proceeds should their candidate win her (or his) group's competition. Otherwise, we will depend on the winning candidate to see to it that his (or her) designated Charity receives its share. All contributions from the door are dispersed along with an award certificate at the end of the "Forum".

The winner of the first "FUNNY FORUM" among the 1988 Mayoral Candidates was former Mayor Frank Cooksey. His winning charitable organization, the Austin Rape Crisis Center, won the donations from the door. The winners of "FUNNY FORUM 91" were Carl "Moot" Hickerson-Bull (Place 2) speaking for Earth First, Hank Gonzalez (Place 5) speaking for Vaughn House, and Austin Teutsch (Mayoral Candidate) speaking for the Salvation Army. 1993 winners were James Cooley (Place 3) for the Battered Women's Center and Bob Larson (Place 4) espousing Youth Advocacy/Austin – Travis County Youth Services. The 1994 winners were Della Green (Place 6) speaking for "For the Youth by Youth" with Daryl Slusher (Mayoral Candidate that year), and James Cooley (Place 5) tying for the lead in their category. They were speaking for "The Gray Panthers" and Battered Women's Center respectively. Ted Kirchner (Mayoral Candidate) speaking for "Austin Free-Net" won "FUNNY FORUM 97". Leslie Cochran (Mayoral Candidate) speaking on behalf of Austin Recourse Center for the Homeless and David "Breadman" Blakely (Place 2) speaking for Acance Victoria won the awards for FUNNY FORUM 2000. Robin Stallings was the recipient of the 2002 award and his beneficiary was the Texas Bike Coalition. The 2003 award was taken by Leslie Cochran again and Wes Benedict ran away with the 2005 FUNNY FORUM Honors. Colin Kalmbacher speaking for MECA (Middle Eastern Children's Assistance) won the 2006 contest. Funny Forum 2008 saw Ken Weis's stand-in (read wife) garner enough votes so that Habitat for Humanity benefited from the donation provided by Austin Home-Grown Productions. We were saddened by the loss experienced by Jennifer Gale's constituency as a result of her passing away. She was a valued member of Austin's political community and brought much thought and a very good routine to the previous Funny Forums in which she participated. Josiah J. Ingalls won the one emceed by the late Leslie Cochran in 2009 benefiting The School for All Children's Act. The winner of the 2011 Funny Forum was Kris Bailey speaking for NORM. Shaun Ireland for The Wounded Warrior Project, and David Conley speaking for The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society were winners of Funny Forum 2012.

Each candidate will have a time allotted for their presentation determined by mutual agreement preceding the Forum. Our special musical guest will warm up the ingredients for "roasting" and perform a "ballot counting shuffle" as we determine the funniest candidate and the chosen associated beneficiary.



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0 Steve Adler speaking for _____
0 Mike Martinez speaking for _____
0 _____ Endorsing speaker for _____

District 1
0 Ora Houston speaking for _____
0 DeWayne Lofton speaking for _____
0 **Michael Cargill** **Endorsing speaker for Austin Pets Alive**

District 2
0 Delia Garza* speaking for _____
0 _____ Endorsing speaker for _____

District 3
0 Susana R. Almanza speaking for _____
0 Sabino "Pio" Renteria speaking for _____
0 _____ Endorsing speaker for _____

District 4
0 Gregorio Casar speaking for _____
0 Laura Pressley speaking for _____
0 _____ Endorsing speaker for _____

District 5
0 Ann Kitchen* speaking for _____
0 _____ Endorsing speaker for _____

District 6
0 Don Zimmermann speaking for _____
0 James Flannigan speaking for _____
0 _____ Endorsing speaker for _____

District 7
0 Leslie Pool speaking for _____
0 J.E. Boyt speaking for _____
0 _____ Endorsing speaker for _____

District 8
0 Ellen Troxclair speaking for _____
0 Ed Scruggs speaking for _____
0 _____ Endorsing speaker for _____

District 9
0 Kathie Tovo speaking for _____
0 Chris Riley speaking for _____
0 _____ Endorsing speaker for _____

District 10
0 Mandy Dealey speaking for _____
0 Sheri Gallo speaking for _____
0 _____ Endorsing speaker for _____

* Indicates elected garnering over 50% of the votes on Nov 4.

** Indicates WINNER OF THE FUNNY FORUM 2014